



July 2020

Welcome to the July edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy and enjoying their summer. July has been a very busy month for County government, and I have quite a few updates below. While my staff and I will still be working, the Board of Supervisors goes on recess in August and will not be meeting. It comes at a good time for our County senior staff who work closely with the Board, as they have been putting in extremely long hours since March in a very stressful environment. I am proud of the work they've done and hope they get some well deserved rest in August.

I want to start by acknowledging the continued positive trends of COVID-19 in Loudoun County. The latest numbers are below. While some areas of the state have struggled, our efforts to flatten the curve and lower the infection rate in Loudoun have largely been successful. We are certainly not out of the woods yet, and most doctors we've heard from believe that there will be a resurgence this fall. We all need to continue to do our part: wear face masks, avoid large gatherings whenever possible, and practice really good hygiene.

As you know, Loudoun County Public Schools made the decision to conduct only distance learning classes

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when school resumes in September. This decision solely belongs to the Superintendent and the School Board. The Board of Supervisors has already provided its annual appropriation to LCPS, with \$60 million withheld due to COVID-related revenue concerns. The County is very aware of concerns from many residents about childcare. We have a team of staff working on this issue. Our first priority has to be to ensure that our own County employees have access to childcare, since many perform essential functions. Our staff is working with LCPS to discuss the childcare needs of their employees. At this time we do not know if we will be able to provide additional options for residents at large, but it is something that is on the table and being worked on. Of course we will share information as we have it on that topic.

This month, I was pleased to address (virtually) the Committee for Dulles' Legislative and Economic Development Committee. I gave an overview of the County's transportation network plans around the airport, and we discussed economic development and airport-related issues such as noise and unemployment concerns due to airline cutbacks.

Finally, as sports continue to resume, that includes our own hometown soccer team, Loudoun United. The team is on the road until August 19 but is hoping to build on last year's introductory season. We don't yet know what the status of Bolen Park will be for matches, but stay tuned to loudoununitedfc.com to keep track of the team and any status updates.

COVID-19 UPDATE

According to the official numbers released today by the Virginia Department of Health, there are 4,995 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Loudoun County. 110 individuals have died from the virus in Loudoun. Virginia now has 89,888 confirmed cases with 2,174 deaths. The number of hospitalized patients in Loudoun remains steady. You can see these numbers

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yourself at the Loudoun County COVID-19 [GeoHub](#). At this point, we are not seeing evidence of a spike in Northern Virginia, but we will continue to watch those numbers carefully. Governor Northam has announced some tighter restrictions related to dining/bar behavior in the Hampton Roads area.

DULLES DISTRICT UPDATES

Tall Cedars Parkway / Stone Springs Boulevard Signal

In early July, Virginia Sign and Lighting completed minor site cleanup. The contractor has been busy obtaining the signal cabinet, electrical service pad, and coordinating sub-contractor agreements. I just got word that the service pad, which had been delayed from NOVEC due to backorders, has been received. Next, the single-phase electrical pad and communications conduit must be installed, which will happen in the next few weeks. The curb ramps will be demolished, new curb ramps will be built, and multi-use path tie-ins will occur. VDOT is coordinating with the contractor on asphalt mill and overlay limits, and VSL is finalizing all sub-contractor agreements. The delivery date for the poles and mast arms is still on track for late August, and that is when you will notice major work at the intersection.

Tall Cedars Parkway / Nations Street Intersection & VDOT Paving Projects

The implementation of restricted left turns at Tall Cedars and Nations Street will be done as part of VDOT's Tall Cedars repaving project to the east. It will be completed during the marking phase after all milling and paving is finished. I don't have an exact date for the Tall Cedars/Nations project because it's weather dependent, but milling and paving on Tall Cedars Parkway between Poland Road and Loudoun County Parkway will begin on August 10 (weather permitting). My Facebook update earlier this week said August 3, but we received late word as this newsletter

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was about to go out that it is being pushed back a week. This work will be completed in the overnight hours. Look for signage to be placed in the area shortly. Work continues on the latex sealing taking place on Ryan Road between Northstar Boulevard and Loudoun County Parkway, Claiborne Parkway, and Mooreview Parkway. The repaving project on Mountain View Drive was completed earlier this month.

Finally, milling and overlay at Tall Cedars and Riding Center has been occurring this week. This is the final piece of the Toll Brothers traffic signal project at this location and will eliminate the bumpy road in this spot; the work will be completed next week due to some weather issues.

Braddock Road / Northstar Boulevard Signal

The signal at Braddock Road and Northstar Boulevard is being constructed by an LCPS-hired contractor as part of the Lightridge High School project. The original plan was to have the signal operational by August when school was set to return. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has pushed back the timeline. (Of course, Lightridge HS will only be opening virtually as it turns out anyway). Long-lead materials were ordered earlier this year, but the material supply chain has been negatively impacted due to the pandemic. As a result, the timeline for the signal has been pushed back and we're now expecting it to be operational in November.

Moorefield Station Community Park Lighting Tests

Follow-up lighting tests will occur at Moorefield Station Community Park's soccer fields on Tuesday, August 4. A County park is being constructed in this location and the field will have lighting. The purpose of the tests is to correctly calibrate the lighting for maximum benefit on the fields while avoiding spillover off the property. The tests will start at dark, and tests on each large field will last for one hour. Tests should be completed by midnight. If inclement weather prevents testing, it will instead occur on Wednesday, August 5 at the same time.

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Completion of the Moorefield Station Community Park is still scheduled for this fall.

DULLES LAND USE UPDATES

To view application materials, visit www.loudoun.gov/lola and enter the application number.

Rollins Property Data Center *SPEX 2019-0028*

At our July 15 Public Hearing, the Board of Supervisors heard a special exception request to allow a data center use on a 9.5-acre property on the south side of Route 50. The property, which is currently zoned Commercial Light Industrial (CLI), is located between the Eastgate shopping center and existing data centers on the north side of Eastgate View Drive.

As I reported in the June newsletter, this has been a difficult and contentious application at the Planning Commission. The site in question is between all the existing data centers and the Eastgate Shopping Center. The parcel of land is an orphan, and it is basically across from the soccer field and well shielded. The point of contention is that the application is for a 55-foot, two story building, which is higher than the surrounding data centers and slightly higher than the King Spa building under construction. As a comparison, the existing data centers are 43 feet tall and the East Gate Marketplace is 35 feet tall, both directly adjacent to this site.

Dulles District Planning Commissioner Jeff Salmon had reservations about the proposed height, and ultimately the Planning Commission made a recommendation of approval only after reducing the height to 45 feet. The Planning Commission height requirement conflicts with County staff, who support the full 55-foot height.

The applicant has made clear that the project is not viable at 45 feet due to the compressed nature of the site. If the project is not approved at 55 feet, they will not build it at all. My sense is that in addition to County staff, the application has support from quite a few members of the Board of Supervisors at 55 feet, given the location of the parcel.

With that in mind, I have had multiple meetings with the applicant and the user of the site (which is covered by a Non-Disclosure Agreement, but is the same as the adjacent data center complex). My goal has been to see what could be done to improve the entire site. As you may recall, the other buildings were built "by-right" without Board approval and quite frankly it shows, as there was not much effort put into how the campus looks. In some cases, I don't get overly hung up on that, but given the prominent location of this property adjacent to residential homes, I've never been happy.

The current state of the discussion is this: in return for approval of the new data center at the height requested by the applicant (55 feet), at my request, the applicant will provide significantly enhanced landscaping and buffering for the entire property, and change the facade of those buildings to make them more attractive and be consistent with the new building. In addition, the applicant will complete construction of a missing sidewalk link at Poland Road. I have also asked the applicant for improvements to the area around the substation which faces Route 50 with relatively minimal buffering, and I'm awaiting their response on what they will agree to there.

At the Public Hearing, the Board ultimately voted 8-0-1 to send the item to the September 1 Business Meeting for action. I will be seeking feedback from the closest adjacent residences on these changes. I think the benefit of this agreement is a matter of debate, but my inclination is that if it can improve the entire area around the data center and the existing buildings themselves, it may be worth allowing the data center. The last parcel left is well shielded and will really never have another viable use. The new data center has

major design enhancements and looks a lot better than the standard warehouse look. Below are some visuals. The first picture shows the design of the new data center, next to the existing campus with no changes. The second picture shows additional plantings along the entire data center campus, along with the new facade of the existing data centers. I do think it is an improvement for those residents living across the street.

View looking west along Route 50



Neighboring Data Center Site



Conklin Community Park Bike Trail

SPEX-2019-0047

At the Planning Commission's July Public Hearing, the Commission voted 9-0 to recommend approval of the Conklin Community Park special exception to the Board of Supervisors. The application is to permit construction of a bike trail (including incidental structures) in a portion of the park that is in the Floodplain Overlay District. The creation of the trail

requires a special exception due to its inclusion in the FOD, but commitments to tree conservation and/or replacement should ease environmental impact. Those commitments are still being finalized.

This project has been a long time coming. The County had to complete an extensive environmental assessment with the Army Corps of Engineers in order to complete the bike trail, which was conceived in partnership between the South Riding Proprietary and Loudoun PRCS. The Conklin Park special exception will likely come before the Board of Supervisors at our September Public Hearing. If you'd like to share your thoughts on the application, please [email](#) me.

H&M Property Data Center

ZMAP 2019-0017 & SPEX 2020-0022

At the Planning Commission's July Public Hearing, the Commission also voted to recommend approval of the H&M Property zoning modification and special exception to the Board of Supervisors. The application is for 1.75 million square feet of data center uses, including a utility substation, in the Suburban Industrial / Mineral Extraction Place Type. The current zoning would allow 3.2 million square feet of by-right mineral extraction, processing, and industrial uses.

This is the data center project that garnered some attention in the media. The most important thing to know is that the location is on the north side of Route 50, abutting Dulles Airport. This area is heavily industrial, and the data center uses are, quite frankly, an improvement over some of the surrounding buildings. This is also a very big project. I know that at this point there is a lot of data center fatigue, but the demand for these facilities continues to grow. I would much rather they be built in an area like this, with no residential in sight, than get intermingled with residential neighborhoods, as the Poland Road data centers were.

Also of importance, the County has been negotiating for right of way for the future Route 50 northern

collector road - the connection between Tall Cedars and Route 28. This application will save us time and money down the road by giving us a stretch of land we'll need to build it.

The application will next come to the Board of Supervisors. The biggest question for me is about power. I want to know details about how exactly the applicant plans on getting power to the site. I don't want to see an extension of the large transmission lines on Route 50. The applicant will need to have answers for me on those questions when we get to the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing in September. If you'd like to provide input on the H&M property ZMAP and SPEX, please [email](#) me or [sign up](#) to speak at a Public Hearing. Right now, it is likely that this application will come to the September Public Hearing.

RETAIL UPDATES

Avonlea / Retail Update

The COVID-related impacts to the retail sector are starting to become clearer, and the picture is pretty bleak. I have been staying in touch with Peterson Companies throughout the pandemic. As you might imagine, the news - for us and for them - has not been encouraging. All movie theater development has pretty much stopped, and there are no movie theater companies willing to make any kind of commitments for the foreseeable future. The entire industry is in limbo. The news from the restaurant industry isn't much better, at least for "sit down" restaurants. Virtually no deals are happening in the commercial sector on anything right now.

With all that as a backdrop, it is inevitable that the Avonlea project will be scaled down even further. At this point, the Toll Brothers portion of the project - located nearest the Home Depot/Giant shopping center - is no longer part of the project. Toll Brothers has terminated their development agreement with Peterson. Whether that is permanent or temporary is unknown.

Peterson still has an active application that is in Round 3 referrals, but at this point they have to re-calibrate back onto the original parcel nearest Pinebrook Road. They have a strong desire to get some components built, which they think will show the strength of the project and give some confidence to potential tenants and bring the Toll piece back into the picture. At this point, they are likely to seek to build some office/medical buildings, an assisted living facility, several automotive uses, and multifamily residential with first floor retail/dining space. They hope to attract some new-to-our-area fast casual dining options into that space, with the residential above serving to support them and also providing some of the basis for the next phase. The design comp I saw maintains the "main street" approach that would be continued onto the other parcel that is back with Toll Brothers. There is still a lot of planning and evaluation to do with this latest version of the plan. I don't think any of us want that parcel to sit in its current state forever, so we're going to have to be open to what the market will support at this time.

Further down Route 50, I am also worried about the hotel site. The hotel industry has also been decimated and demand for hotel rooms has plummeted. We have been staying in touch with the hotel site developer, who had been pretty much ready to begin work this summer but is now in a holding pattern. More updates to come on that.

The retail and dining sectors in general are at great risk. The Board has been talking to Economic Development about potential strategies to try to overcome this, but we're going to be dealing with major vacancies in strip centers and even mixed use projects throughout the County. Even well-established stores and restaurants are really struggling, more than I think the average person realizes. Restaurants have incredibly thin margins to begin with, and the lack of full capacity dining is a big blow. This is probably our biggest revenue risk from a tax perspective as well. Our DED team is working with shopping center owners and retailers to provide as much assistance as

we can to get them through this. The Board approved a new study into Economic Advantage Zones at our last meeting, which provide a series of tax and policy options designed to try to rehabilitate struggling areas. I don't know if this could be used to help us with projects like the Food Lion space, but I'm willing to look at anything that might help.

LOUDOUN UPDATES

Forms of Government / Police Department Discussion

The topic of a Police Department in Loudoun County has generated a great deal of discussion over the past few weeks. When news first broke that Chair Randall would be asking the Board of Supervisors to place a question on this November's ballot asking voters to approve the creation of a PD, I wrote a fairly lengthy statement that was later published in the Loudoun Times-Mirror. This statement covers a lot of the issues, questions that I had, and concerns with rushing this decision. If this is a new topic to you and you haven't been following the discussion, you can read my thoughts [here](#). I don't want to repeat all of that in this space.

Ultimately, my colleagues who were supporting this proposal reconsidered, and instead the Board passed a motion to initiate a study of the forms of government in Loudoun, including law enforcement and the need for a Police Department. I supported this motion, as I said I would, as an alternative to a bond referendum this November. A follow-up motion, which I opposed, would have guaranteed that the question be placed on the November 2021 ballot. That was ultimately withdrawn after debate indicated it did not have majority support. I argued that it was premature to make that decision at this point, before the study has been undertaken.

There are a lot of factors at play here, and many different arguments. Fortunately, there will be time

now for us to have those discussions, and that will include the community. I'm sure that many residents have seen Sheriff Chapman's opposition to creating a Police Department, and he makes some valid points. At the same time, Sheriff Chapman will not always be Sheriff, and there are good reasons why every other large County in Virginia has shifted their primary law enforcement mechanism to a Police Department.

The backdrop to this discussion, of course, is an intense debate happening about law enforcement in general. In truth, these questions in Loudoun have been around for well over a decade - the Republican Chairman of the Board of Supervisors raised them a decade ago, long before Chair Randall. I think there are always legitimate issues to look at with regard to law enforcement, and indeed the Virginia Sheriff's Association and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police have both proposed a package of police reforms. But my motivation and perspective in this debate is not to cut police and law enforcement. I do think there are times when we ask law enforcement to engage in situations that they are not best equipped for, and that is one of many reasons I have supported a significant increase in the County Family Services budget, which includes crisis intervention, mental health and substance abuse assistance, and other important services. While the LCSO budget has increased by 26% over the past 4 years, our Family Services budget has increased by 42%. So, I think we've already acknowledge this issue and have taken steps to correct it in Loudoun.

At the same time, having been on ride-alongs with deputies and seeing their workload - they are busy. We are a big, complex, growing County. The answer is not to give law enforcement less resources, and that is not an outcome I will support. Nor do I support removing School Resource Officers from Middle and High Schools, which some have suggested. These SROs have positive interactions with students every day, and help develop intelligence which prevents acts of violence, bullying and other negative outcomes.

The study the Board is undertaking is not just looking at law enforcement, but the other "Constitutional" positions as well. The elected nature of some of these offices have quite frankly never made much sense to me, as they are purely administrative. Changing this form of government has a very high burden, but it will be part of the study.

I don't know yet what the study will cost, but we do expect the work to be completed by May of next year. The County Administrator will be bringing in outside, independent consultants to look at all of these issues. Even with COVID-19 restrictions, we do have funding available for the study. It's important that this be a quality product, and I'm more concerned with doing this work right than I am with the cost (within reason). Some have questioned why this is happening now. The easiest answer is that at least 5 of my colleagues have indicated in varying degrees their support for change - so given that, I'd rather we have all the information than not. But beyond that, any changes would take place when the current terms expire for the existing Constitutional officers, which is at the end of 2023. Given that timeline, and the work that would need to be done to implement changes, the study has to be started now.

I certainly anticipate having much more discussion with all of you about this topic, including at my town hall meetings.

Leesburg Confederate Statue

In response to pending action by the Board of Supervisors to seek relocation of the Confederate Statue from the Courthouse grounds in Leesburg, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who paid the majority of the cost to install the statue in 1908, approached the Board and requested to remove and relocate the statue themselves. The statue is their property, and thus the Board agreed in a unanimous vote to approve the request. The Daughters of the Confederacy hired a contractor to take down the statue earlier this month. As of now, it is no longer standing

at the Leesburg courthouse and the owners have placed it in storage.

Dulles Greenway Toll Increase / Written Comments Needed

As I have been reporting, the Greenway has come to the State Corporation Commission with a request to raise tolls by over 6% annually for the next five years. At the end of June, the SCC held a virtual meeting to hear from individuals and businesses affected by the toll increases. Here is an excerpt from the comments I presented in my capacity both as an elected official and a frequent commuter:

"The proposal to increase tolls yet again - over 30% over 5 years in the middle of a pandemic that has caused record unemployment claims in Loudoun and around the Commonwealth - is so egregious and such an insult to the residents of Loudoun County - that it is truly as if TRIP II is taunting us. They are confident that there is literally nothing that the Commission won't approve.

"So today, I ask that you stand up for your own authority, for the taxpayers of this Commonwealth, and for basic and fundamental fairness. I ask that you reject the Greenway's request for a toll rate increase. I ask that you say enough is enough."

If you were unable to speak over the phone during the SCC Public Hearing, you can also provide a written comment until August 24. To do so, visit this [link](#), hover over "cases," and click on "submit public comment." Please include the case number in your comment, which is PUR-2019000218. You can also mail a letter containing your written comment to: Hon. Joel H. Peck, Clerk State Corporation Commission C/O Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118 Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. More information, including case documents, can be found on the SCC [website](#).

Route 50 Intelligent Transportation System Update

At the beginning of the year, I talked about our plans to install and use an Intelligent Transportation System comprised of digital message boards on parts of Route 50. The goal of the ITS is to give us better data and allow for more active traffic management from VDOT. I have a progress update to report from the ITS project.

Consultant Kimley-Horn has completed the third submission plans for internal review. These will be sent to VDOT. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of this year. While there are some delays due to COVID-19, the start of construction is on schedule for now. Kimley-Horn is waiting on paperwork from Dominion Power for one of the message board sites. This is not anticipated to cause any major delays. I'll continue to update you as the project progresses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Route 28 / Dulles Toll Road / Greenway Study Public Input

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites the public to learn more about and provide input on traffic operations and safety improvements being evaluated as part of a study to improve the Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway interchange area. Interested residents and travelers are encouraged to [view the online presentation](#), [review supporting materials and maps](#), and [provide input by completing an online survey](#) by August 2, 2020.

Study details, the presentation, and online survey are available on the [project webpage](#). Comments and questions can also be sent by:

- Emailing meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov (reference Route 28 DTR Greenway Study in the subject line)

· Mailing to VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Va 22030 (attention Abi Lerner, P.E., Project Manager)

Metro Expanded Service Begins August 16

Starting August 16, Metro will begin adding more cars to active service, as a ridership increase is anticipated. Metro will operate at about 70% capacity and will also begin adding back more routes on August 23. Full capacity should be achieved by Labor Day. Peak rush hour service will be restored and wait times will be down to 5-8 minutes once again. Operating hours will be from 5 AM - 11 PM on weekdays, 7 AM - 11 PM on Saturday, and 8 AM - 11 PM on Sunday.

Due to COVID-19, Metro service has been operating at about 30% capacity with reduced hours of operation, and wait times have been much longer.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

The next Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste collection events are scheduled for Saturday, September 19 at Harmony Park and Ride (39464 East Colonial Highway in Hamilton); Saturday, October 10 at 751 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg; and Saturday, November 21 at Claude Moore Park (46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling). Stay tuned for event times as the dates get closer. The household hazardous waste program provides a safe and free way for residents to get rid of hazardous material that may have accumulated in their homes. Household hazardous waste is any waste produced in the home that is dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. Please don't bring ammunition, propane tanks, motor oil and car batteries, electronics, medical waste, or paint. Most of these items are recyclable or accepted at other disposal events throughout the year. You can call the County's Waste Management Division at (703) 771-5500 to see if your item can be accepted or if you should seek out an alternate disposal method. The collection will employ all relevant social distancing protocols.

Donations to Local Food Banks

Food banks need help now more than ever!

Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry can be made in person at 24757 Arcola Mills Drive on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM or online at [dsfp.org/donate-money](https://www.dsfp.org/donate-money). The Dulles South Food Pantry provides food assistance up to twice a month to any person who resides in the school attendance zones for Freedom High School, John Champe High School, Independence High School, Rock Ridge High School and Briar Woods High School. Call 703-507-2795 or email info@dsfp.org to schedule an appointment. See the Dulles South Food Pantry's website at <http://www.dsfp.org/> for information on how you can help the food pantry fight local hunger. Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are tax deductible.

Donations to Loudoun Hunger Relief can be made in person at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg or via loudounhunger.org/donate-now.

Blood Donation

The American Red Cross continues to have an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. Donation sites follow the required social distancing during the collection events at this extremely critical time. No drop-in donations are allowed. To schedule an appointment, please visit redcross.org/give-blood.

Inova Blood Services has blood drives scheduled and take donors by appointment. Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/> to schedule and appointments. Residents who have had a positive COVID-19 test and are symptom-free for 14 days may be able to donate plasma. The plasma should be rich in immunoglobulins that may be helpful to patients who are actively fighting a COVID-19 infection. Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/covid19plasma/> for more information.

Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps Volunteering

The Health Department continues to seek volunteers for the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). With the COVID-19 pandemic a reality, the need for Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers - both medical and nonmedical personnel - is greater than ever. The MRC is asking medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dentists, veterinarians, and other medical professionals to consider volunteering their time to help protect the community's health during the pandemic and beyond. For example, medical professionals may be needed to help with influenza vaccination events as flu season approaches and with COVID-19 vaccinations when there is a vaccine, as well as potential testing and other events. Nonmedical professionals can help support testing activities, contact-tracing efforts, operating the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, logistics support, and other nonmedical functions. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/mrc. [Register through the Virginia Volunteer Health System.](#)

Dulles South Neighborhood Closet Giveaway Event

A free community clothing giveaway event will be hosted by the nonprofit Dulles South Neighborhood Closet and Community Baptist Church at 43100 Center Street in South Riding on Saturday, August 22. To maintain social distancing, participants must have an appointment. Email info@dullescloset.org to schedule one. Priority will be given to families with a referral from the Dulles South Food Pantry, a school parent liaison, or a local faith organization. Masks or face coverings are required. Clothing donations will be accepted on August 8 and 15 from 9 - 11 AM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints at 42530 Tall Cedars Parkway, Chantilly. Tax receipts are available. See <https://dullescloset.org/> or [Facebook](#) for information on what donations are accepted and how to volunteer.

Rebuild VA Economic Recovery Fund

Governor Ralph Northam announced \$70 million for small businesses and nonprofit organizations whose normal operations were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funding will be made available through Rebuild VA, a new economic recovery fund, and grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to approximately 7,000 applicants to cover eligible expenses.

Rebuild VA will be administered by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD).

Businesses must certify that they have not received federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds or other funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

For more information about Rebuild VA, eligibility criteria, covered expenses, and how to submit an application, please visit this [site](#).

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