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Dear Broad Run Friends and Neighbors,

The weather is starting to cool and we are now officially in fall! With the beginning of fall also comes the beginning of flu season; a season that could be made worse by the presence of COVID-19. I want to remind everyone to get a flu vaccination this fall and to continue wearing a mask and being socially distant.

With fall comes one of my favorite holidays: Halloween! Halloween will definitely be different this year, but both Loudoun and the CDC have released guidance on how to be safe during the holiday and while treat-or-treating. The first write-up in this newsletter explains that staying home and avoiding trick-or-treating is of course the best

option for staying healthy, but also gives suggestions if you do choose to trick-or-treat this year.

In this edition of the Broad Run Bulletin you will find extensive information on how to vote by mail, vote early and in person, or vote in person on election day for the 2020 General Election. There are also some great opportunities to connect with your community by attending a TED Talk program, hosted by Briar Woods High School students, or by participating in Ashburn Volunteer Fire events (all highlighted in the *Community Organization Updates* section near the bottom of the newsletter). Additionally, there are write-ups on how to make sure you are prepared for a range of emergency situations, a reminder of the personal property tax deadline, and some of the latest COVID-19 updates and resources (COVID information from previous Bulletins and Blasts can also be accessed through the second green button below).

Finally, and for the last time, the 2020 Census will end data collection this Wednesday, September 30. The Broad Run District is at approximately a 78.9% self-response rate, which has remained lower than Loudoun's 81.8% self-response rate. The areas with the lowest response rates are Ashby Ponds, Loudoun Station, and Dulles Town Center. Census-takers have been visiting households for the past few weeks that have not filled out their census. The census is available in 13 languages and residents can request a return visit from a Census-taker who speaks their primary language. Make sure you and all of your friends and family fill out the census online at [2020Census.gov](https://2020census.gov) or via a Census-taker at home. Federal funding for Loudoun is based on the census and affects a variety of services in the County: Head Start, free/reduced-cost lunches for school children, food stamps, affordable housing and health care services that serve as critical resources for residents in times of need. We only have a few days left, so please help spread the final word to get counted!

As always, reach out anytime. Stay safe and stay positive.

Sincerely,
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Loudoun Officials Offer Guidance for a Safe Halloween during COVID-19 Pandemic

Loudoun County officials recommend that residents do not engage in traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating this Halloween or other activities that risk transmission of COVID-19.

Halloween activities that are considered **high-risk** and are **not recommended** include:

- Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Trick-or-treating at houses where individuals are not wearing a face covering and where 6 feet of physical distance is not maintained between individuals.
- Trunk-or-treating where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Events that involve large gatherings, such as crowded costume parties held indoors and any events where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

- Indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming.

For those who are planning to participate in Halloween events, officials urge these precautions:

- Stay home and away from others when sick.
- Stay at least 6 feet from others at all times.
- Wash your hands before and during trick-or-treating or handing out candy. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available.
- Wear a cloth face covering under costume masks. Halloween masks may not fit snugly and may not protect against inhaling respiratory droplets from other people.
- If you choose to offer candy, hand out candy outside and from a distance. Consider setting up a table and placing individually-wrapped treats so that multiple people do not have to reach into the same bowl. For trunk-or-treating, create distance between cars by parking in every other space.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends staying home and away from others when sick. Anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and [has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others](#), has [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or who has been in recent contact with someone with the disease should not participate in Halloween activities this year.

The Health Department considers haunted houses to be particularly risky for spreading COVID-19 because they typically involve people screaming, which is known to increase the production of respiratory droplets. Haunted houses that choose to operate must strictly follow [Phase 3 Guidelines for Entertainment and Public Amusement settings](#).

For more detailed information, including suggestions for low-risk Halloween activities for families, visit loudoun.gov/safehalloween.



KEEP HALLOWEEN SAFE

during COVID-19

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Learn about ways to celebrate, have fun & stay safe
loudoun.gov/safehalloween

Five Days Left to Complete the 2020 Census

The Broad Run District is at approximately a [78.9%](#) self-response rate with only five days left until the September 30 deadline.

The areas around Ashby Ponds, Dulles Town Center, and the future Metro stations have the lowest response rates.

Loudoun County residents who have not yet responded to the census are encouraged to complete it online at 2020Census.gov. All interviews are confidential and responses cannot be shared with anyone outside of the U.S. Census Bureau. The census is available in 13 languages.

According to [U.S. Census Bureau guidelines](#), the workers going door to door will take measures to protect residents' health and information, including:

- Census-takers are required to wear masks, social distance, and conduct surveys outdoors when possible.
- Census-takers will record responses; residents will not need to touch equipment.

- Residents can request a return visit from a Census-taker who speaks their primary language.
- Residents will still be able to respond online if they miss the Census visit. Both door-to-door and the online survey close September 30th.
- There are reports of potential scammers posing as Census-takers asking for Social Security numbers. Census-takers never ask for Social Security numbers.
- Census-takers will have identifiable equipment and a badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census-takers can be verified by calling 844-330-2020.

Census employees will make multiple attempts to collect a response, and will leave information notifying the resident of the visit. The Census Bureau will end its field data collection efforts by September 30, 2020.

An accurate count of Loudoun County residents is important to the community in many ways. The count affects the allocation of federal funding to the county and affects how legislative districts are drawn, which can impact the number of seats Virginia is allocated in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as state and local representation. Federal funding based on the census affects a variety of services in Loudoun, including Head Start, free/reduced-cost lunches for school children, food stamps, affordable housing and health care services that serve as critical resources for residents in times of need.



**It's not too late to be counted
in the 2020 Census!**

Secure Loudoun's future and
respond today.

Visit 2020Census.gov

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2020 General Election Information

Loudoun Election Officials Remind Voters of Three Ways to Vote in the November 2020 General Election

1) Vote at Home By Mail

- All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee and no longer need an excuse to vote absentee
- Request your ballot now:
 - Apply to vote absentee by mail [online through the Virginia Department of Elections](#)
 - [Applications may also be downloaded](#) from the Virginia Department of Elections and, once completed, mailed, faxed or emailed to the Loudoun County [Office of Elections and Voter Registration](#)
 - Deadline to request a ballot be mailed: October 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Return your ballot:
 - You will receive your ballot in the mail with instructions to complete it
 - Fill it out, have it witnessed and send it back.
 - Deadline to return your mail ballot: must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by 12 noon on Friday, November 6, 2020
 - Return postage is provided
- The status of your ballot (applied, approved and received), can be tracked on the [Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal](#)
- Absentee ballots can also be dropped off at any of Loudoun's early voting sites during voting hours: loudoun.gov/voteearly

2) Vote Early In Person

- All registered voters are eligible to vote early in person
- Early voting will be available at the Office of Elections (750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C, Leesburg, VA 20175) starting September 18, 2020 during normal business hours, with extended hours beginning October 17, 2020

- Additional early voting sites open - Saturday, October 17, 2020 [View all early voting sites and hours](#)
- Social distancing measures will be in place at all locations and face coverings are required when entering county facilities
- Curbside voting is available for individuals who have mobility issues
- Last day to vote early in person is Saturday, October 31, 2020

3) Vote In Person on Election Day

- Vote at your normal polling place on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Social distancing measures will be in place at all locations and face coverings are required when entering county facilities
- Curbside voting is available at all polling place for individuals who have mobility issues
- [Find your polling place](#)

The deadline to register to vote, or update your information, is Tuesday, October 13, 2020. Do so here:

vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation

Additional Voter Information From Loudoun's Office of Elections

View your sample ballot with candidates, Virginia constitutional amendments, and Loudoun bond initiatives: [Sample Ballot \(PDF\)](#)

Candidates for President and Vice President:

- [Joseph R. Biden and Kamala D. Harris](#) (Democrat)
- [Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence](#) (Republican)
- [Jo Jorgensen and Jeremy F. "Spoke" Cohen](#) (Libertarian)

Candidates for Senator from Virginia:

- [Mark R. Warner](#) (Democrat)
- [Daniel M. Gade](#) (Republican)

Candidates for Virginia's 10th District Representative:

- [Jennifer T. Wexton](#) (Democrat)
- [Aliscia N. Andrews](#) (Republican)

Read More About The Proposed Virginia Constitutional Amendments:

- elections.virginia.gov/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2020

If you request your ballot by mail, it's important to remember that is your official ballot and to promptly complete and return it. If you've requested a ballot be mailed to you, but change your mind and decide to vote in person, please return your unmarked ballot as soon as possible to the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration to avoid delays when you appear in person to vote.

While some third-party organizations, including the Center for Voter Information, are distributing vote-by-mail application forms, Loudoun County election officials encourage voters to [apply online](#) through the Virginia Department of Elections. [Applications may also be downloaded](#) from the Virginia Department of Elections and, once completed, mailed, faxed or emailed to the Loudoun County [Office of Elections and Voter Registration](#). Officials say anyone who has difficulty downloading the application may use the form they receive in the mail.

Stay Informed

- Text LCVOTES to 888777 to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update category through [Alert Loudoun](#), the county's email and text notification system.
- Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Loudoun County Government also posts general information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)
- Visit loudoun.gov/novemberelection for more information about voting in the November general election in Loudoun.

Second Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is October 5, 2020

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the second half personal property tax is Monday, October 5, 2020.

Payments postmarked after October 5, 2020, will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty. Additional interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum will be assessed. Payments not received within 60 days of the due date will incur an additional 15 percent penalty. The due date will not be extended for bills where assessment questions have been filed with the Commissioner of the Revenue. Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Treasurer's Collections Team at 703-771-5656 for assistance.

Payments can be made using electronic check (echeck), VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Please note there is a convenience fee added to credit card transactions. There is no fee for echeck.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures in place at county government buildings, the county encourages taxpayers to utilize the online payment option.

Payments may be made:

- **Online:** loudounportal.com/taxes
- **Through a mobile device:** The Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store. The app allows access to loudounportal.com/taxes to pay your taxes.
- **By telephone:** 1-800-269-5971 may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call 703-777-0280. Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- **By mail:** County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- **In person: Treasurer's Office Locations:**
 - 1 Harrison Street SE, First Floor, Leesburg, Virginia
 - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling, Virginia

The offices' regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Friday, October 2, and Monday, October 5, offices will be operating under extended business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, 24-hour deposit boxes are located outside each office.

Please contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at 703-777-0280 or email taxes@loudoun.gov if you have not received your bill.

Stay up to date on tax information by subscribing to the Tax Notices category of Alert Loudoun at loudoun.gov/alert. You can also text the word "TAXES" to 888777 to receive text messages about tax-related information, including upcoming deadlines.

The Personal Property Tax Relief Program for the Elderly or Disabled is administered by the Commissioner of the Revenue. Email trcor@loudoun.gov, phone 703-737-8557, or visit loudoun.gov/taxrelief for more information.

'Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.' September was National Preparedness Month

The impact of Hurricanes on the United States, and the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic serve, as reminders to Loudoun County residents and businesses to take time to prepare for all types of emergencies.

Residents should take COVID-19 into account in their disaster preparedness efforts. For example, emergency supply kits should include items that can protect against the novel coronavirus, such as hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant wipes and face coverings. More information about keeping yourself and others safe from COVID-19 during natural disasters is available from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov).

Steps to Prepare for Emergencies

Emergency management officials urge everyone to follow a few simple steps for emergency preparedness. Everything families and businesses operators need to know [is available online](#).

Make a Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan ahead for how to get to a safe place, contact loved ones and reunite once the emergency is over.

- Use [online resources](#) to put together a plan for your family and talk about what you will do in different situations; your plan should include contact information, evacuation routes and meeting locations.
- Include finances in your plan. Keep some cash on hand in case of emergencies, since ATMs and credit card readers won't always be available.
- Discuss [household plans for disasters](#) that may affect your area and plan where to go.
- Include [pets and livestock](#) in your emergency plans.

Build a Kit

Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. Your kit should include:

- Batteries
- Cell phone chargers
- Face coverings
- First aid supplies
- Food and water, including pet food
- Prescription medications
- Soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces

An expanded list of disaster supplies is online at

loudoun.gov/makeakit.

Be Informed

Know the types of [hazards](#) that may occur and how you will receive information before, during and after an emergency.

- Sign up for [Alert Loudoun](#) to get emergency information and other Loudoun County news and information.
- Follow Loudoun County Government on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Monitor local weather forecasts from the [National Weather Service](#). Consider getting a NOAA weather radio.

Follow Loudoun County Government on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for tips on preparing yourself and your family for all types of hazards. For more information and resources on preparing for emergencies, visit loudoun.gov/ready.

Loudoun County Hosts Business Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Friday, October 2

Loudoun County will host a hazardous waste collection event for qualifying businesses and organizations Friday, October 2, 2020.

Pre-registration is required to participate. The program consists of two collection events per year where eligible hazardous waste generators may deliver toxic, reactive, ignitable and/or corrosive materials for proper disposal.

The Loudoun County Business Hazardous Waste Program is offered for businesses and organizations located in Loudoun County that are considered "Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs)" or that do not exceed the following thresholds:

- Less than 220 pounds of hazardous wastes are generated per calendar month.
- Less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous wastes are generated per calendar month.
- Not more than 2,220 pounds (roughly five 55-gallon drums) of hazardous wastes are accumulated on-site at any time.

Hazardous waste disposal through this program typically results in reduced costs for businesses as compared to establishing collection service directly with a hazardous waste management company. The business or organization pays for disposal of the material, but does not pay for waste mobilization or transportation.

Visit loudoun.gov/bhwp for registration forms and event information, or call 703-771-5514.

Loudoun County Publishes Digital Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Story

Loudoun County has published a digital [Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Story](#) that highlights county programs and spotlights some of the ways the county puts tax dollars to work.

In the FY 2021 Budget Story, the county explains how its \$3.0 billion budget affects Loudoun residents and businesses, and how the county government is addressing economic and public health challenges.

The digital publication serves as a companion piece to the county's Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget and provides an additional resource for Loudoun residents and businesses to learn about the county's budget.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the county opted to produce the annual publication online for touch-free distribution.

The Board of Supervisors has balanced Loudoun's continued growth during an unusual budget year. In adopting the FY 2021 budget, the Board recognized the uncertain financial future the county faces due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and took action to give the county government flexibility in managing the unknown economic impacts.

The FY 2021 budget went into effect July 1, 2020. The budget document and more information about the budget process is online at loudoun.gov/budget.

Community Input Needed for Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has contracted for a strategic master planning process with the goal of creating an environment for providing exceptional facilities, recreational opportunities and community services that enhance the health and well-being of Loudoun residents. Input from residents is critical to the success of the master plan. The department and PROS Consulting, Inc. will host a series of virtual public meetings.

The first meeting will be held Tuesday, September 29, 2020, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The purpose is to present an overview of the process that will be taken to create the strategic master plan and provide an opportunity for input on the current use of PRCS resources and where opportunities for improvement should be focused in the next 10 years.

Details about the master planning project and how to join virtual meetings will be available at loudoun.gov/prcsmasterplan. Loudoun residents can also provide input directly by emailing prcsmasterplan@loudoun.gov starting September 10.

COVID-19 Resources and Updates

Board of Supervisors Approves Revisions to Child Care Program

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has voted to revise the county's K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program. The Board's action limits the capacity of the program and lowers the cost to participants.

During the September 15 business meeting, the Board voted to:

- Cap the number of children in the program at 600, which eliminates the need for libraries and community and recreation center locations for the program. The service will continue to be offered at 11 elementary schools and two leased buildings.
- Reduce program fees. The new monthly rate for the five-day, full-day program is \$690, which is 70% of the original rate. The new monthly rate for the five-day, school day program is \$345, which is 50% of the original rate. (Loudoun County Public Schools Free and Reduced Lunch Program participants receive a 50% discount; and employees of Loudoun County Government and LCPS receive a 10% discount.)
- Increase the flexibility of the program by offering it for two or three days a week in addition to the current five-day program at commensurate rates.
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Registration for the K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program continues on a rolling basis. Parents who are interested in the service may find program details and a link to register at loudoun.gov/DLchildcare.

The Board was able to lower the cost of the program by reducing total enrollment, temporarily diverting staff resources within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, which operates the child care program, and adjusting the program's funding formula that includes federal dollars from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, fees from participants, and local dollars from the county's general fund. Funding details are outlined in the [staff report](#) that was presented to the Board.

The Board [asked county staff to reevaluate the program](#) after it launched with lower enrollment than expected. The program was developed to support working parents who have an unexpected need for child care this fall due to the LCPS decision to begin the 2020-2021 school year with all distance learning. The original scope of the county's plan was based on surveys of parents in the community who expressed a significant need for the service.

New Round of COVID-19 Business Interruption Funds Is Now Open

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$3 million in additional CARES Act funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund, to support small businesses adversely impacted by the coronavirus. Loudoun Economic Development will partner with Purcellville and Hillsboro to administer this round, providing more than 690 randomly selected applicant businesses with a \$5,000 grant.

This funding was allocated from the second installment of \$36.1 million in federal funding that was made available to the county through the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The partnerships will allow businesses throughout the county to apply for grants using one standardized application and process, while creating additional opportunities for businesses in those two towns.

The open application window will be from noon on September 23 through noon on September 30. All submissions will be accepted based on the time stamp that the application was received, verified by county employees, and placed into a pool, where businesses will be randomly selected until the funding has expired.

Round 5 applicants are required to demonstrate the following criteria:

- Have between zero and 100 W-2 employees (no limit on 1099 contractors)
- Have less than \$5 million in gross annual receipts
- Have been in operation prior to March 1, 2020
- Have at least a 25% loss in revenue that can be attributed to COVID-19
- Be a licensed and operational for-profit business in Loudoun County
- Applicants that received funding in any previous round of the county's Business Interruption Fund (in the **first, second, third** or **fourth** rounds) or through a similar grant process offered by any of Loudoun's incorporated towns will not be considered eligible for this round of funding

**Loudoun Nonprofits and Faith-Based Organizations
Encouraged to Apply for Round 2 of CARES Act Funding**

Loudoun County is allocating \$2.25 million for eligible nonprofit and faith-based organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The allocation is part of the federal funding made available to the county through the Commonwealth of Virginia from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

These funds will be available to Loudoun nonprofits and faith-based organizations who meet this criteria:

- Are in good standing with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.

- Can provide proof of nonprofit status.
- Can provide copies of IRS Form 990 for the past three years.
- Can demonstrate their services have been affected by COVID-19.

The county will accept funding requests for these programs:

- **Emergency Food Assistance Program:** This program is an extension of the Food Assistance Program that began in April. Organizations may request funding for the purchase of food and food delivery expenses.
- **COVID-19 Service Expansion Program:** This program provides funds to organizations that demonstrate they have significantly expanded their services due to COVID-19.
- **Nonprofit Service Interruption Program:** This program provides funds to organizations that can demonstrate they have had to interrupt their services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Nonprofit Service Continuity:** This program provides funds to organizations that can demonstrate that their level of services and residents served have been maintained at a consistent, stable level but have had unexpected costs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications will be available at loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Loudoun County plans to distribute funds on a rolling basis to ensure organizations have adequate time to spend the funds by December 30, 2020.

In addition to support for nonprofit and faith-based organizations, the county's \$36 million in the second round of CARES Act funding is being used to help support Loudoun County Public Schools, businesses and the incorporated towns to help offset expenses related to the coronavirus pandemic response and its economic impacts.

**Governor Northam Announces Expansion of \$70 Million
Rebuild VA Grant Fund for Small Businesses, Nonprofits
Impacted by COVID-19**

Governor Ralph Northam announced that Rebuild VA, the \$70 million economic recovery fund launched in August, is expanding its eligibility criteria to allow more small businesses to apply. Businesses that received funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and supply chain partners of businesses whose normal operations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are now eligible to receive grants of up to \$10,000. Businesses that have received federal funds must certify that they will only use the Rebuild VA grant for recurring expenses and that the grant will not be used to cover the same expenses as the other CARES Act funds.

Rebuild VA, which is administered by the Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD), successfully launched on August 10. SBSD and its program partners, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Virginia Tourism Corporation, and the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, made the decision to expand eligibility criteria after analysis of eligible and ineligible applications received within the first 30 days of the launch.

Eligible businesses and nonprofits must demonstrate that their normal operations were limited by Governor Northam's Executive Orders [Fifty-Three](#) or [Fifty-Five](#), or that they were directly impacted by the closure of such businesses. In March, Governor Northam took executive action to protect the health and safety of Virginians, which included limiting operations for food and beverage, non-essential brick and mortar retail, exercise and fitness, entertainment and public amusement, personal care and personal grooming, and private campground and overnight summer camps. Expanded business sectors now eligible to apply for Rebuild VA grants include small hotels and bed and breakfasts lodging facilities along with film companies supporting production in the Commonwealth.

Businesses that provide goods or services for those identified in one or more of the eligible business categories previously mentioned are now eligible.

Businesses must also certify that they have not received grant or loan dollars from federal, state, or local CARES Act funded programs, or if they have received CARES Act funding, that they will

use the Rebuild VA grant only for recurring expenses. These businesses must also certify that the Rebuild VA funds will not be used to cover the same expenses as other CARES Act funds.

Rebuild VA still requires that businesses and nonprofit organizations must be in good standing, have annual gross revenues of no more than \$1.5 million, and have no more than 25 employees.

Rebuild VA funding may be utilized for the following eligible expenses:

- Payroll support, including paid sick, medical, or family leave, and costs related to the continuation of group health care benefits during those periods of leave;
- Employee salaries;
- Mortgage payments, rent, and utilities;
- Principal and interest payments for any business loans from national or state-chartered banking, savings and loan institutions, or credit unions, that were incurred before or during the emergency;
- Eligible personal protective equipment, cleaning and disinfecting materials, or other working capital needed to address COVID-19 response.

For additional information about Rebuild VA, expanded eligibility criteria, covered expenses, and how to submit an application, please visit governor.virginia.gov/RebuildVA.

Governor Northam Announces Expansion of Rent and Mortgage Relief Program for Landlords

Governor Ralph Northam today announced the expansion of the Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP), which first [launched at the end of June](#) with \$50 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to assist households facing eviction or foreclosure due to COVID-19. Landlords can now apply to receive financial assistance for current and past-due rental payments dating back to April 1, 2020 on behalf of their tenants who qualify for RMRP. This new application is available in addition to the existing tenant-based application.

Current state and federal eviction protections through the courts do not prevent rent and mortgage payments from accumulating. The Commonwealth is focused on helping eligible households and property owners access resources to maintain housing stability during the COVID-19 pandemic and in the future. Virginians are encouraged to act quickly and work with their landlord or lending institution to understand their rights and responsibilities and seek rent and mortgage relief assistance if needed.

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) administers the RMRP program through approximately 30 local and regional housing-related agencies throughout the Commonwealth. Virginia Housing, the state's housing finance agency, has partnered with DHCD to manage landlord-initiated applications.

Eligible households must demonstrate difficulty in making rent or mortgage payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Monthly rent must be at or below 150 percent of Fair Market Rent (FMR) and eligible households must have a gross household income at or below 80 percent of area median income (AMI).

More than 60 percent of the households served between August 27 and September 9 included children under 8 years old, and 58 percent included children ages 9-17. Of those who identified race, Black households accounted for more than 45 percent of those served, and white households accounted for 30 percent.

The RMRP provides financial assistance in the form of a one-time payment with the opportunity for renewal based on availability of funding, the household's need for additional assistance, and continued eligibility. This includes financial assistance for rent or mortgage payments past due from April 1, 2020 and onward.

A federal moratorium on evictions from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is currently in place through December 31, 2020 and suspends eviction proceedings for households facing eviction due to unpaid rent. The moratorium requires tenants to sign a declaration of eligibility and deliver the document to their landlord, but does not prevent rent payments

from accumulating. Additional information is available at StayHomeVirginia.com/renters.

To submit a landlord-initiated application, visit virginiahousing.com/RMRP. Tenants interested in applying should visit dhcd.virginia.gov/eligibility to conduct a self-assessment for eligibility or call 211 VIRGINIA by dialing 2-1-1 from your phone. Tenants and homeowners are strongly encouraged to know their rights and responsibilities and pay their rent and mortgages on time if they are able and if they are not able, to reach out to their landlord or lending institution along with RMRP. Visit StayHomeVirginia.com for additional information and resources.

Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps Seeks Medical and Nonmedical Volunteers to Help Protect Community's Health

The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps is issuing a renewed call for volunteers to help in protecting the community's health during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. The Medical Reserve Corps serves a key role in the county's fall influenza vaccination campaigns and, should the time come, MRC members will be a critical component for coronavirus vaccination campaigns.



Medical professionals of all types are needed, including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pharmacists, emergency medical technicians, dentists, veterinarians and others.

Nonmedical volunteers are used in a number of ways, including as translators, logistics support, staffing the information line, performing key clinic roles and other nonmedical functions.

MRC volunteers play a vital role in the county's response to COVID-19. For example, they fully support the Health Department's COVID-19 information line and testing events, and act as infection control ambassadors for the county, including assisting with social distancing protocols and other measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 for activities and events such as in-person voting for the

November election and other initiatives. Officials estimate that since the pandemic began, Loudoun MRC personnel have volunteered more than 9,000 hours, providing a cost-savings to the county of more than \$275,000.

More information about the MRC, including an online registration form, can be found at loudoun.gov/mrc.

Loudoun Launches Online Application for Rent Assistance Program

The Loudoun County government has launched an online application for its rent assistance program for Loudoun County households economically impacted by COVID-19. The online application system allows applicants to use a computer, tablet or mobile phone to complete their application, including uploading all eligibility documentation.

The terms of the program include:

- Income eligibility based on household size for households earning up to 80% of the area median income (\$79,600 for a family of four).
- Direct payments made to landlords or property management companies on behalf of residents who qualify for the program.
- Depending on funding availability, the program provides rent assistance for up to six months.
- Residents must be current in their rent payments as of March 31, 2020.
- The program will continue as long as the local emergency declaration is in effect and funding is available.

Residents who were current in their rent payments as of March 31, 2020, and who now need help paying rent, may submit an online application as well as eligibility documentation, such as a current lease and paperwork that shows a job loss, reduced income or hardship due to COVID-19. This documentation will be verified to determine eligibility. Submitting an application does not guarantee financial assistance will be provided.

To view an application checklist and to complete an online application, visit loudoun.gov/limitedrentassistance. To request a paper copy of the application form and checklist, contact the county's Information and Referral program at 703-777-0420.

Unemployment Resources

Are you facing unemployment? For information about unemployment insurance benefits, contact the Virginia Employment Commission at vec.virginia.gov or 866-832-2363. Once you have filed your initial claim, you must continue to file your weekly continuing claims either online or by using the automated voice response system at 800-897-5630 to receive payment. If you are not eligible for regular/traditional unemployment insurance (individuals may include those who are self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, clergy and those working for religious organizations), the CARES Act includes a provision for temporary benefits - called the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. [Learn more about this program.](#)

Job Search Materials Available from the Loudoun Workforce

Resource Center: The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (WRC) is now taking requests for job search materials. To request your custom bag of resources, such as job search tips, how to prepare for a job interview, surviving a layoff, and more, [complete this online Resources To-Go request form](#) and the WRC will prepare a resource to-go bag for you. Your resources will be ready on the day you selected for pick-up from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Find your bag outside the WRC doorway located at 102 Heritage Way, First Floor, Rear Entrance, Leesburg, 20176.

Health Care Job Opportunities: Check out the Health Care Careers web page to explore job opportunities with local employers, find training providers for skills and certifications in various health care jobs, and learn about in-demand careers. Explore [Health Care Job Opportunities](#).

Information and Referral

Loudoun County's Information and Referral Line specialists help individuals and families better understand the range of options to assist them in making informed decisions. Information and Referral specialists assess the situation and together with the caller, help to identify options to meet the primary service/resource needs. Contact Information and Referral Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 703-777-0420 or [online](#).

Transportation and Capital Projects



Ashburn Community Center **No Change**

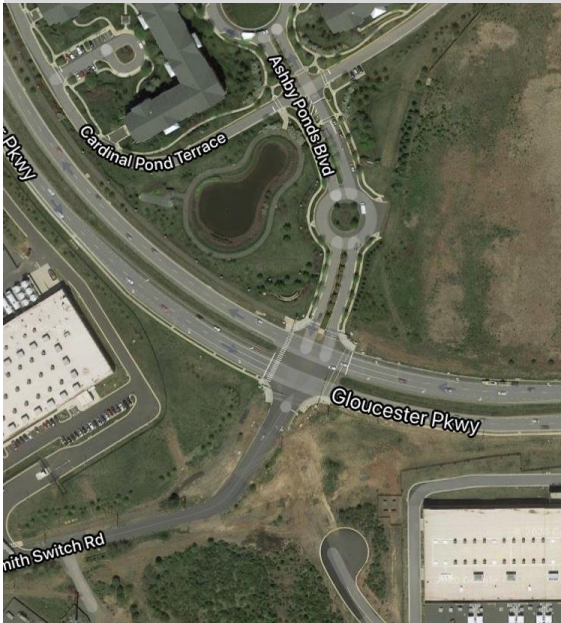
In this quarter, 75% design documents were submitted and reviewed by County departments. A third party peer review was engaged to ensure that the very complex HVAC system design intentions are met and clearly and correctly incorporated into the construction documents. It is anticipated that prequalification meetings for



Ashburn Senior Center **No Change**

In this quarter, foundations and slab construction were completed. Steel and wood framing have been completed along with all underground detention ponds. In the next quarter, roofing will be installed and the rough-in of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing utilities will commence. Construction is about 40% complete and is

General Contractors will occur in the next quarter. Advertisement for construction bids is scheduled for Fall 2020. Read about the center [here](#).

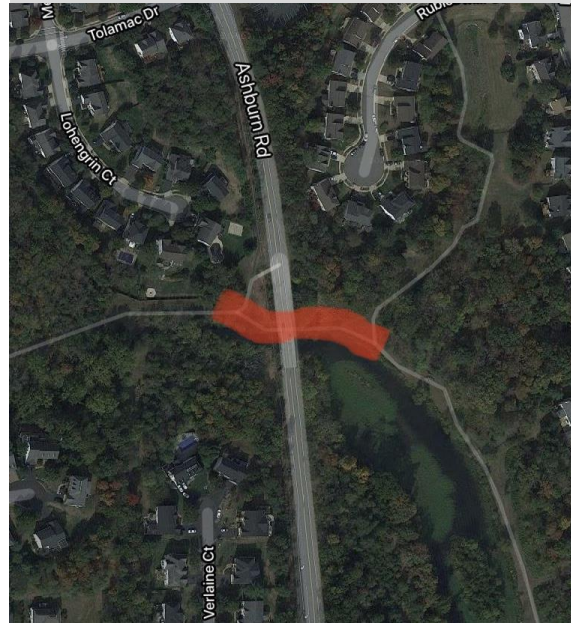


Ashby Ponds Traffic Signal **No Change**

VDOT has approved the signal modification to allow for signalized left turns out of Ashby Ponds Boulevard and Smith Switch Road. Those left turns must currently yield to oncoming traffic. The change will utilize a designated green left turn arrow that will become a yield flashing yellow arrow.

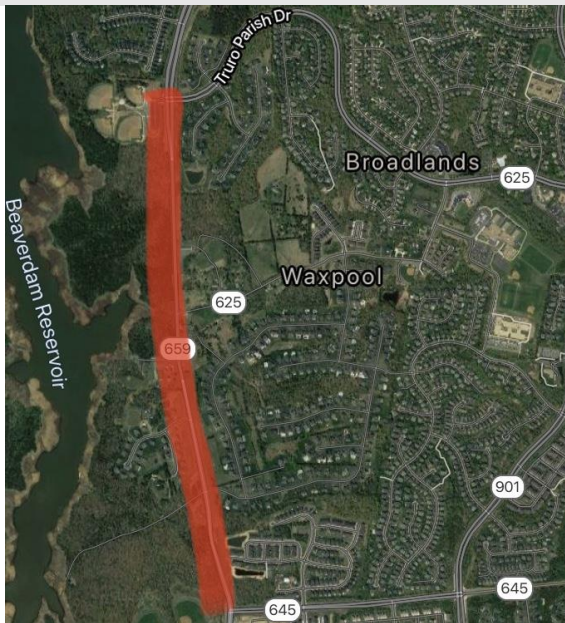
Intersection and signal modifications will take a few months, but should be complete by the end of the year.

estimated to be 100% complete in spring 2021. The facility should open by fall 2021. Read more about the facility [here](#).



Beaverdam Run Trail Under **Ashburn Road** **No Change**

At the September 1 BOS Meeting, Supervisors Glass (Broad Run) and Turner (Ashburn) submitted a Board Member Initiative to have County staff study the feasibility and cost of paving an asphalt trail, under Ashburn Road, connecting the existing trails in Ashburn Village and Ashburn Manor. The study should take a few months to complete.



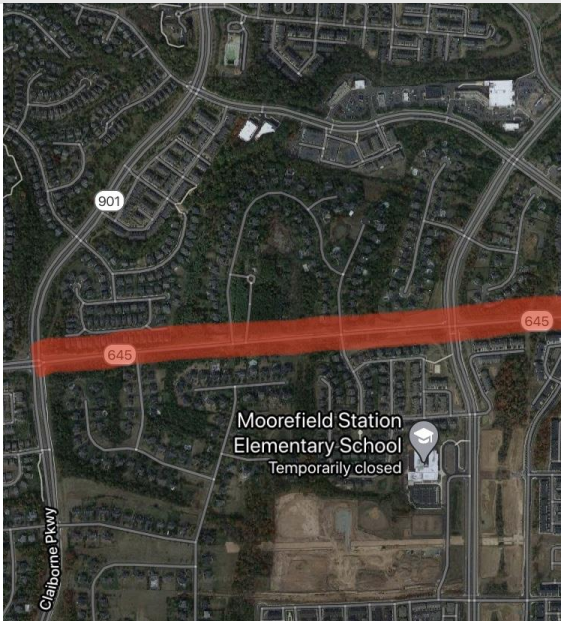
Belmont Ridge Road Widening I **No Change**

The widening of Belmont Ridge Road from Truro Parish Drive to Croson Lane will not be completed as soon as originally thought. Land acquisition and utility realignment are underway and should be completed in fall 2021. Environmental and grading plans have been submitted. The widening now has a target completion date of late 2024.



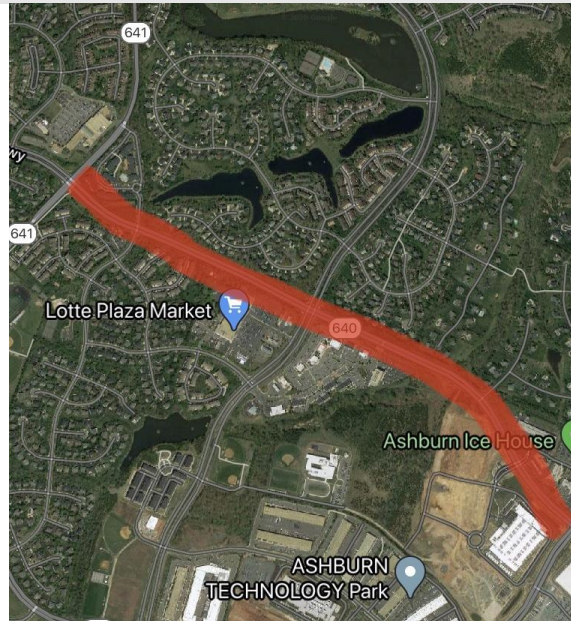
Children's Science Center

The "[First Look Concept Design](#)" video has been released showcasing possible exhibits and experiences inside the new Children's Science Center. The Children's Science Center will be built with both public and private contributions at the Kincora development near the Route 7 and Route 28 interchange. Approximately 88% of project costs have been covered.



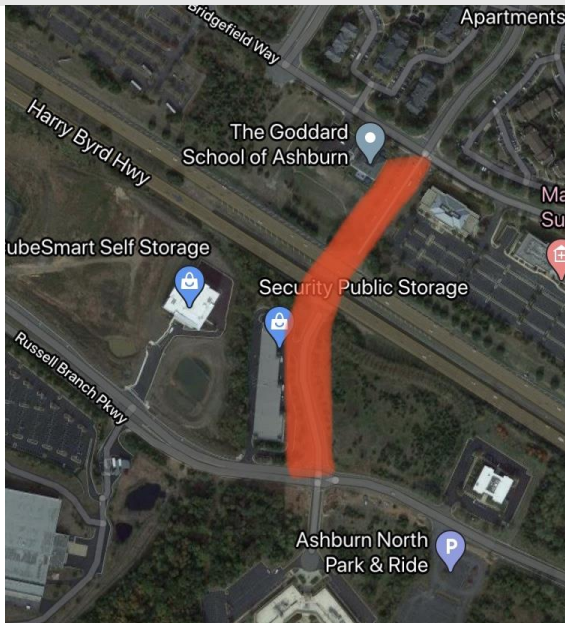
Croson Lane Widening **No Change**

This project provides for the planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction to widen Croson Lane to a four-lane, median-divided roadway from Claiborne Parkway and Old Ryan Road. The project is currently in the planning and design stages and initial plans are being drawn. The project has a budget of just over \$17 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2024 and be completed in 2025.



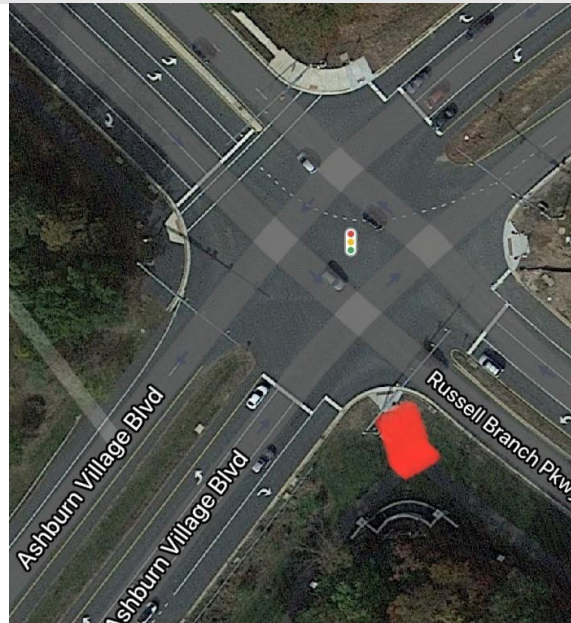
Farmwell Road Intersection Improvements **No Change**

Intersection Improvements along Farmwell Road, from Ashburn Road to Smith Switch/Waxpool Roads are in lieu of widening Farmwell Road to six lanes. Design plans are currently at 30%. An additional engineering study was completed in summer 2020 that guides the 60% design plans. The 60% Design plans are scheduled for submission in October. [You can view initial 30% designs here.](#)



George Washington Boulevard/Route 7 Overpass **No Change**

This VDOT project has a budget of \$27.3 million, financed with federal and state funds. In this quarter, right-of-way acquisition activities continued. Utility relocation activities continued and are substantially complete except for one utility. Finalization of the storm water management strategy and drainage report continued. In the next quarter, preparation of the advertisement package for contractor bids will continue. Construction begins early 2021.



Pedestrian Improvements

On the southern corner of the Ashburn Village Boulevard/Russell Branch Parkway intersection is approximately a 15 foot missing sidewalk link between the existing asphalt trail and the ADA pedestrian ramp. Supervisor Glass is working with the with VDOT and Loudoun County staff to determine if the developer who installed the ramps or the path is also responsible for connecting the missing gap. Once the responsibility is determined, the County will address how to fill in the missing link.



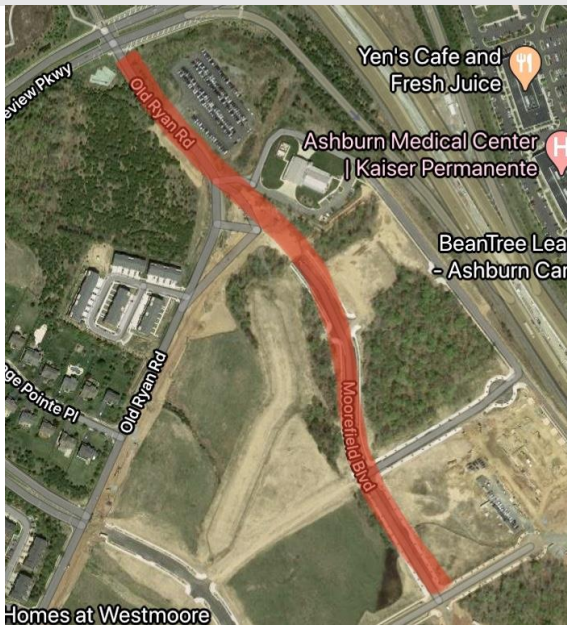
Potomac Green Park No Change

[This project](#) includes construction of a 28-acre park that will contain three multi-purpose athletic fields, one baseball field, an ADA accessible restroom facility, a concession stand facility, pavilions, bleachers, a playground, an off-leash area, two tennis/pickle ball courts, a bocce ball court, sidewalks, and trails. The design phase is complete and the contractor is currently on site to prepare for the start of construction activities. The contractor is required to install a temporary safety fence to separate the public from the work area. Construction is estimated for completion in June 2021.



Metro Silver Line

The opening of Metro's Silver Line Phase 2 extension has been delayed until approximately July 2021. Loudoun County's Dulles District Supervisor, Matt Letourneau, who sits on the Metro Board of Directors, gave a report at the last Loudoun Board of Supervisors Business Meeting about the further delay and provided insight behind the decision. His explanation begins at the 58:45 minute mark of a video that can be viewed [here](#). SmarTrip is now available on iPhone and Apple Watch ([Link](#)), and the Metro Board is also considering service cuts, shorter hours, layoffs, and more to balance its budget if federal funding lapses ([link](#)).



Moorefield Boulevard Construction No Change

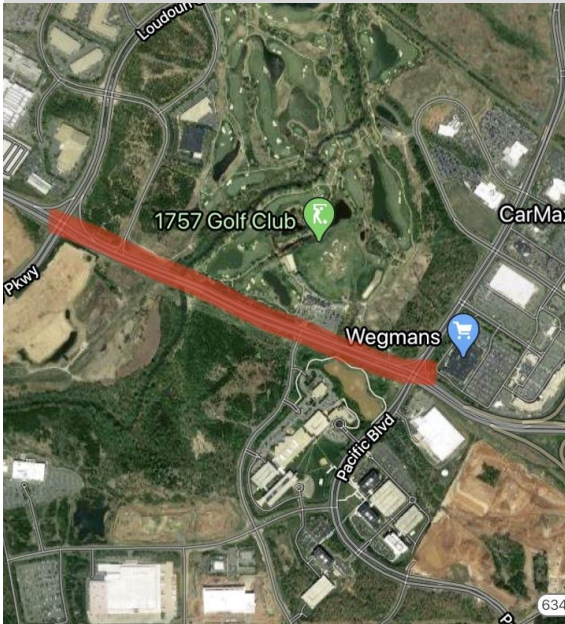
This project provides for the developer funded design and construction of Moorefield Boulevard from Mooreview Parkway to Moorefield Station, the construction of a traffic signal at Moorefield Boulevard and Mooreview Parkway, and the construction of a traffic signal at Moorefield Boulevard and the Moorefield Station Fire and Rescue Station and access gate to Vinegar Hill Drive. The Mooreview Parkway traffic signal has been submitted to VDOT for approval. The Vinegar Hill traffic signal has been approved by VDOT and is being designed by the developer. Design completion



W&OD Trail Crossing at Sterling Boulevard No Change

This project provides for the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of an overpass for the the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail across Sterling Boulevard. VDOT has agreed to perform the project's survey on Loudoun County's behalf using VDOT funds. In this quarter, the contractor completed the initial scope of work and the project is considered substantially complete. In the next quarter, the contractor and Loudoun County's Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure will work on punch list items and obtaining street acceptance from VDOT.

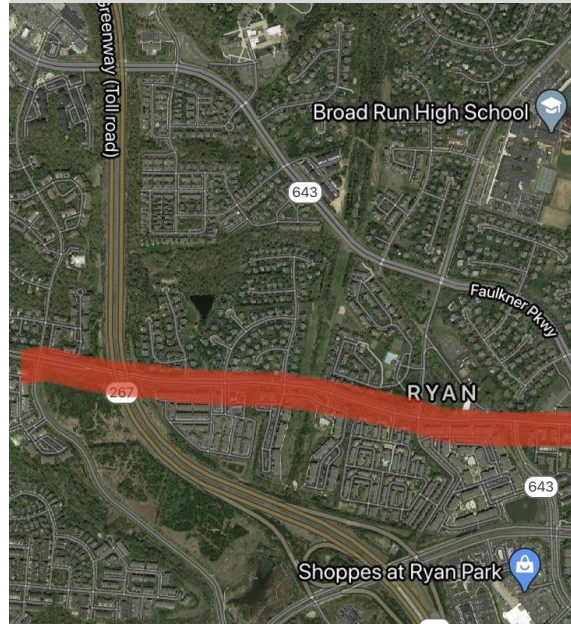
for Vinegar Hill signal is scheduled for winter 2021.



Waxpool Road Intersection Improvements I

No Change

This project funds intersection improvements and turn lanes at Waxpool Road and Pacific Boulevard, intersection improvements and turn lanes at Waxpool Road and Broderick Drive, and intersection improvements and turn lanes at Waxpool Road and Loudoun County Parkway. Right-of-way authorization, land acquisition, and utility relocation are ongoing.



Waxpool Road Intersection Improvements II

[A study \(PDF\)](#) was completed on the safety of intersections along Waxpool Road from Demott Drive to Faulkner Parkway. Both short and long-term solutions for four intersections along the corridor were recommended.

Construction of the improvements will happen in phases as funding is allocated.

Construction of the traffic signal at Demott Drive and Waxpool Road should begin in Spring 2021 with funding from Van Metre.

Community Organization Updates

TEDxYouth@BriarWoodsHS

TEDx enthusiasts across the United States and the world will come together virtually to attend [TEDxYouth@BriarWoodsHS](#), an independently organized TEDx event built around the theme of Making Connections. Anything that makes a connection is part of the event theme, such as an author connecting with readers or a football player connecting a handoff. The event will feature a line-up of exceptional speakers on topics ranging from the logistics of a Mars colony to the unusual history of the country of Nauru.

Wayde Byard, Loudoun County Public Schools Public Information Officer and local celebrity, will deliver an introduction.

The independently produced event, operated under a license from [TED](#), was organized by community volunteers and aims to make connections within the local community.

Speakers include:

- President Lionel Aingimea, 15th President of the Republic of Nauru
- Dennis Blake, Olympic Medalist and Author
- Marshall Brain, Founder of HowStuffWorks and Host of *Factory Floor with Marshall Brain*
- Meher Kalsi, Social Change Advocate and Briar Woods High School Junior
- Andrew Morgan, NASA Astronaut, 21st NASA Astronaut Class
- Manasvi Mothe, Founder of Non-profit *The Gift of Giving*
- Kristina Podnar, Digital Policy Specialist and Author
- Ashwin Prabu, Capitol Hill Lobbyist, Host of *Positive Politics* Podcast, and Briar Woods High School Senior

The event is public and tickets are free; no prior registration is required. To attend, simply go to tedxyouthbriarwoodshs.com on October 3rd at 10AM EDT and be automatically redirected to the event livestream.

For more information about the event, how to volunteer, or how your company can sponsor, please contact tedxbwhspr@gmail.com

or go to tedxyouthbriarwoodshs.com/get-involved. **Closed captioning** is available.

Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department

AVFRD at the Ashburn Village Car Show, Saturday, October 3, 10:00am - 2:00pm: Come out to the car show and support us by visiting our table while you're there. The Lakes Center, 44078 Cheltenham Drive. Free, masks required, social distancing. For more details on the show, go



**Ashburn Village 4th Annual
Car and Motorcycle Show**

CUSTOM ■ CLASSIC ■ STREET ROD ■ MUSCLE

Pre registration is \$10 per vehicle entry, day of \$15 per vehicle entry. All proceeds from the event will benefit Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue.



Located at The Lakes Rec Center
44078 Cheltenham Cr. in Ashburn Village

10/3 Saturday
10 a m - 2 p m



Free to the public. Masks required and social distancing policies will be in place.

The public is invited to come out and show their Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles. This show is open to all makes, years and models. Pre-Register by 10/1 and save! All proceeds benefit the Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Parking starts at 8:30am - Cars/Trucks/Motorcycles to be parked by 9:30am. 1st place prizes will be awarded in each class: Car, Truck, Motorcycle. Voting will be people's choice.
www.ashburnvillage.org/events





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Prospective Members Meeting, Tuesday, October 27, 7:00pm: Learn more about volunteering. Many benefits. See our website for details on how to apply and opportunity for 'virtual' participation
ashburnfirerescue.org/volunteer

Need a special gift for a friend or family member, or maybe for yourself? Help Support us by purchasing a 2020 AVFRD Christmas Ornament. The 1st Annual AVFRD ornament honors The Hahn, the ceremonial fire truck purchased in 1980 from the Hahn Company of

Hamburg, Pennsylvania. It was specially designed by five operational members. Hurry, quantities are limited. To see how good it looks and for more details on how to order go to:

ashburnfirerescue.org/go/ornaments

Founders Hall at Station 6: need space for meetings, conferences, weddings? Check us out at ashburnfirerescue.org/facilities-apparatus/founders-hall

Labor Day Drive-through Chicken BBQ was a sell-out. Thanks to our neighbors for making it such a success. We are already planning for another sometime in March. Stay tuned.

First Responders Receive 50% Off An Annual Lease at BLVD Loudoun Station, Visit: blvdloudoun.com/heroes



You're Our Heroes Now Be Our Neighbors

First Responders Receive 50% Off An Annual Lease.

If you're a First Responder, you have an exciting opportunity to make BLVD Luxury Apartments your newest place to live and relax. You will receive 50% off an annual lease at our newest, extraordinary communities, BLVD Flats and BLVD Gramercy East.

First Responders have worked day and night, for months, helping to save others in this time of crisis. Now, we want to show our appreciation and give back to you.

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Useful Information

Loudoun Alerts

Stay up to date with school closings, traffic updates, and weather information by signing up for [Loudoun Alerts](#), using your email address and/or phone number

Board of Supervisors Information

[Be informed](#) about everything that comes in front of the BOS. Watch meeting videos, view documents, read reports, and sign up to speak

School Board

View School Board, and general Loudoun School information on [LCPS.org](#). Also, get to know Broad Run District School Board Member [Ms. Leslee King](#)

Virginia Real ID

Starting October 1, 2021, a "Real ID" will be needed to board airplanes in the United States. Find out whether your ID already complies by visiting the [DMV website](#)

Crosswalk Safety

As the weather warms and more people are out, remember to be cautious around pedestrian areas. [On roads above 35 mph, drivers are NOT required to stop for pedestrians](#)

Who maintains my street?

Not all streets in Loudoun are maintained by VDOT, as some are privately maintained. See who maintains your street with [this map](#)

Translate Loudoun.gov

by clicking *Select Language* in the bottom right corner of the website. Find out more about Loudoun's translation services [here](#)

Serve on a Loudoun County Advisory Body

Want to serve your community on one of 40 advisory bodies in Loudoun? Visit [Loudoun.gov/Advisory](#) to view vacancies

Evacuation Assistance Registry (CLEAR)

Do you need assistance evacuating your home or workplace in an emergency? [Register with Loudoun's CLEAR](#)

Loudoun Budget

View where Loudoun's tax dollars are allocated every fiscal year (July-June) by visiting [Loudoun.gov/Budget](#). Budget deliberations occur in March

Loudoun Capital Improvements

There are tons of transportation and capital improvement

Report a Road problem

Notice a pothole or fallen street sign? Report the problem to VDOT via their

Make a County Suggestion

[Loudoun Express Request \(LEx\)](#) is a citizen request system

Loudoun County Public Libraries

Libraries are not just a place to read a book. [LCPL](#) offers seminars,

E-Scooters

Loudoun County has enacted an electric scooter [pilot program](#), around the future metro stations, to see

projects happening all around the county. Check them out on an [interactive map](#)

[online form](#). Most roads in Loudoun are maintained by VDOT, not local government

for the public to submit requests for service and report concerns to the county government

classes, and shows for all ages, as well as free spaces for community meetings

how e-scooters will be used in anticipation of Metro's arrival

Hazardous Waste
Not everything should be thrown in the trash. [Find out when, where, what, and how](#) to dispose of dangerous household items. 2020 Waste Days are announced

Sheriff Reports
[Crime reports are posted each regular business day](#). These reports are not all-inclusive for cases reported, but only those noted for media interest

Safe2Talk App
[Safe2Talk is a free app](#) that allows residents of Loudoun County to anonymously report school safety concerns to the County Sheriff's Office

Fire Safety
The effects of a fire can be devastating! Loudoun Fire understands the best way to fight fires and reduce injuries is [by preventing them](#) in the first place

Make A Plan
All throughout the year it is important to have a personal emergency plan. Find out more on how to help your household prepare at [Loudoun.gov](#)

October Loudoun County Calendar

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Month

Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27	28	29	30	1 Legislative Program Virtual P...	2
4 LEF Golf Classic Tournament	5 Finance and Facilities Commi...	6 Human Resources and Talen... Special Education Advisory C...	7 Equity Committee Meeting (V... Gifted Advisory Committee: ...	8	9
11 HOLIDAY (Indigenous People...	12 4 & 6:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday S...	13 School Board Attendance Zo...	14 School-Business Partnership ... Student Support and Service...	15	16
18 Joint Loudoun County School... Technology Steering Commit...	19 Charter School Committee M... Legislative and Policy Commi... Finance and Facilities Commi... Staff Briefing & School Board...	20 Curriculum & Instruction Co... Discipline Committee Meetin...	21	22	23
25 STUDENT HOLIDAY (County-... Communications & Outreach...	26 4th Tuesday School Board M...	27 School Board Attendance Zo...	28 Loudoun Education Foundati...	29	30

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