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October 2020

Dear Catoctin Residents,

The October weather has been magnificent here in Western Loudoun. My family and I have been out enjoying it, hiking and visiting some of our great rural establishments. We went to the [Harvest Gap Brewery](#), where we enjoyed their beer, food trucks, live music, and of course the giant corn maze, and we also spent time at [Temple Hall Farm](#), where we picked out our pumpkins and my kids got to ride behind a tractor.

It's been good to slow down a bit and take in the crisp fall air. And it was a timely reminder that Western Loudoun's rural scenery is a real business asset as well as a source of beauty in

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our lives. It's not always easy to balance those two uses - but I think you'd agree that it is well worth the fuss.

Another thing I love about Loudoun is how our residents take care of each other. I recently got to meet Donnie Peyman, who just founded a nonprofit to raise money through road rallies and help veterans pay their medical bills and mortgages. We've included an article about this remarkable nonprofit, and I encourage you to give it a read.

Turning to the regular business of the county, the Board has authorized a Selma Estates Flooding Relief Project, which will bring some help to those residents at last. We've sent our initial budget guidance to the County Administrator; I've included a summary that's worth reading in full. And I've been picked to represent Western Loudoun on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)'s FARM Committee, where I'll help them connect farmers with consumers and policymakers.

Please keep sending us your thoughts. We'll be posting regular updates for the Catoctin District on [my Facebook page](#), and will keep adding more information and resources to [my webpage](#).

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner

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If I tried to put all the interesting news from the Catoctin District into one monthly email, you'd be scrolling the rest of the month before you hit the bottom.

Which is why I also have a Facebook page.

So stay tuned to these newsletters for the big-picture news from the Catoctin District. But for the other day-to-day stories and updates, like [the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum finding a vintage butter churn hidden in their collection](#), drop by my Facebook page and give it a like.

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Status Update on Broadband

Our five-point [Emergency Broadband Implementation Plan](#) is moving forward. As I wrote in September, the goal is to speed up broadband deployment to the underserved areas of Western Loudoun County.

Staff is currently working on their response to this plan. We've met repeatedly with them since September 15, and they should have their proposal ready for the Board in the near future. (They were originally aiming for October 20, but didn't quite hit that deadline; we're hoping to see their proposal in November instead.)

My office has also talked with multiple entities that have brought forward possible options for point # 5: building out the remaining towers identified in the county's 2014 Wireless Gap Analysis, and/or any other impactful broadband solutions that the Board should consider.

I'll have more updates for you in November, and hopefully a detailed proposal from staff. In the meantime, please feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts and questions.

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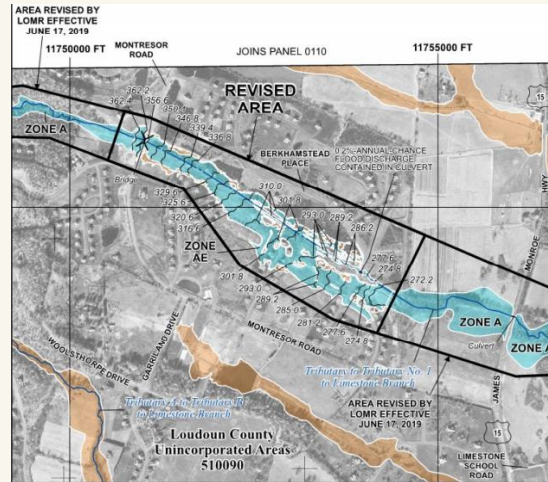


Image Credit: Draft revised floodplain map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on August 10, 2020.

Some Relief at Last for Selma Estates (But No Thanks to the Builders!)

I'm pleased to report that the Board voted with me on October 20 to approve the Selma Estates Flood Mitigation Project! It was my pleasure to move this through FGOEDC on October 13

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(the committee approved it 5-0) and then to vote for it again with the full Board.

Loudoun County has now committed \$3.4 million in matching funding for this project. That will allow us to pursue a Flood Mitigation Assistance grant from FEMA and offer a voluntary buyout for most of the affected homes. The County will also separately evaluate six homes that couldn't be included in the grant application; we will look for ways to minimize potential flooding impacts on those homes, come up with a project scope and cost to accomplish that, and bring that forward during the FY 2022 budget deliberations.

I also want to address the behavior of the two businesses who led to this mess in the first place.

County staff reached out to the original Selma Estates design consultant, Christopher Consultants, and to the homebuilder, Stanley Martin. This mess started due to their erroneous engineering study, so our staff asked them to help contribute funds for the FEMA application. To our surprise (and more than a little anger), both companies flatly refused to help.

Loudoun is a business-friendly county. We want businesses to come to Loudoun and to the Catocin District, and to grow prosperous alongside us. But when a business makes a mistake, and that mistake costs people their money and their homes, the business needs to step in and make things right.

Stanley Martin and Christopher Consultants made a mistake, but they've refused to help. Instead they're spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on attorneys to fight the homeowners' claims. Stanley Martin has even filed a countersuit against the homeowners for pursuing this in court in the first place!

We don't want or need businesses who behave like that here in Loudoun County.

I will continue to follow the litigation against Stanley Martin and Christopher Consultants, and I will keep calling on them to stand up and do the right thing. In the meantime, Loudoun County will be helping its residents out of this mess.

Preliminary Budget Guidance For FY 2022

Every year, the Board sends the County Administrator their guidance and policy parameters, which helps him prepare a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. We usually start by giving preliminary guidance, which is proposed and sent from the Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee (FGOEDC) late in the year. Then we refine that into final guidance in December, and have the whole Board vote to confirm it in January.

The guidance this year is looking good. On October 13, FGOEDC recommended that the Board direct the County Administrator to prepare the FY 2022 proposed budget at the estimated equalized real property rate, and to also provide options that would raise the rate by \$.01 and decrease the rate by \$.03. Chair Randall proposed this guidance, and I gladly voted for it, as did Supervisor Letourneau.

Using the equalized tax rate is a great way to set our financial expectations. The equalized rate is the rate that will keep tax bills stable. If we stick to that, people will pay the same total amount in taxes that they paid last year. That keeps our taxes from inching upwards (Loudoun's tax burden is high enough already, thanks) while still giving us enough tax revenue to keep the County's operations running.



Image Credit: Rallye For Vets (used with permission)

**New Nonprofit Raises Funds For
Veterans' Medical Bills & Mortgages**



I recently got to meet Donnie Peyman, who just founded this new nonprofit that raises money through road rallies to help veterans pay their medical bills and mortgages.

"I basically wanted to pair my love of cars and wanting to give back," Donnie explained, "because I've been very fortunate as a veteran, and I know that there are those who aren't."

His concept is to take drivers, who paid an entrance fee or donation to the nonprofit, and team them up with navigators who are also disabled veterans. The funds raised will be used to pay what Donnie calls "M&M": medical and mortgage. They will take applications from veterans, find out who's most at risk or in dire need, and make direct payments on their behalf.

Rally for Vets is a brand-new nonprofit, but Donnie plans to grow it into a larger network to help veterans. He'd like to expand it to include a dream cars series, and potentially partner with specific manufacturers, who would put up funds for special events that would feature only their cars. In time, he wants to start chapters in all the major military areas in the US.



From left to right: Delegate Dave LaRock, Donnie Peyman, Desiree Peyman, Supervisor Caleb Kershner. Image Credit: Rallye For Vets (used with permission)

Delegate Dave LaRock and I got to join these fine folks at their launch event on October 13. They raised \$4,100 that evening. Donnie hopes to reach \$20,000 in donations by the end of their opening campaign.

This is a great way to give back to our veterans. You can click the button below to visit their donation campaign page. And if you'd like to learn more about Rallye for Vets, you can check out their [Facebook page](#) or follow them [on Twitter](#).

Donate



Image Credit: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Representing Rural Loudoun on the COG's Agriculture Committee

I will be representing Loudoun County on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)'s new Ad Hoc Committee on Food and Agriculture. It is a privilege to serve on this committee, and I'm grateful to Chair Randall for nominating me.

The FARM Committee will help COG look for ways to strengthen our region's food and agriculture systems. That's become an even more crucial task as we recover from the disruptions and aftershocks of COVID-19 and the lockdowns.

Click the Learn More button for an article by the Council about how they're trying to connect farmers with consumers,

policymakers, and other key groups, and how the FARM Committee's work will help support those efforts.

[Learn More](#)

Precinct Locations Change For November 2020 Election

Loudoun County election officials remind voters of precinct changes that will affect the location of in-person voting in three precincts on November 3:

- **Precinct 819 - Heritage Church** in the Ashburn Election District has been moved to Broad Run High School, 21670 Ashburn Road. The precinct's official name is Heritage Church, which reflects the previous voting location of Heritage Baptist Church. A new, permanent location for the precinct will be sought after the November election.
- **Precinct 118 - Moorefield** in the Dulles Election District has been moved to Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge Road.

- **Precinct 401 - West Lovettsville** in the Catoctin Election District is returning to its original location of the Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station, 12837 Berlin Turnpike.

The Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration has sent notices to voters in the affected precincts.

More information about where to vote in Loudoun County is online at loudoun.gov/polls and more information about the upcoming general election is available at loudoun.gov/NovemberElection.

Update on the Lovettsville Community Center

Preparations are being made to start construction on the Lovettsville Community Center.

- **Collecting Bids:** Loudoun County extended its invitation for a bid to October 13, so potential general contractors could tour the existing facility, examine the stored construction materials, and respond to bidder inquiries.
- **Relocating Utilities:** Work is already being done on some minor underground utility relocations at the

community center site. That work should be finished by the end of October.

The overall project will design and build a new community center in the Town of Lovettsville, which will replace their existing community center. The new one will be over 15,000 square feet, with the following:

- Full-size gymnasium
- 5 classrooms
- Multipurpose room
- Kitchen
- Administrative offices
- Meeting space
- Storage areas

The project will also include a 600 square foot addition and renovation to the existing Pool House.

To learn more about this community center's status, check out the [project website](#).

Update on the Lovettsville Community Park

The Town of Lovettsville is getting a new community park! Located near East Broadway, Lovettsville Road, and Milltown

Road within the town, this project will involve the construction of 90 acres of park facilities, including:

- Equestrian trails and an equestrian area
- Walking trails
- Off-leash areas
- Pond
- Amphitheater
- 4 softball/baseball fields
- 3 soccer fields

The project will also make improvements to the southern entrance (and add a new asphalt play area) at Lovettsville Elementary School.

Loudoun County awarded its construction contract for the Lovettsville Community Park to Dustin Construction Inc. in July. Since then, the following work has been completed:

- Site clearing work
- Utility infrastructure that services the park
- Excavation of temporary sediment basins, and all other erosion and sediment control measures

The contractor is currently working on earthwork for the park's features, including parking lots and ball fields. They are also installing utility infrastructure throughout the whole park, including storm water piping and water and sewer lines.

To learn more about this community center's status, check out the [project website](#).

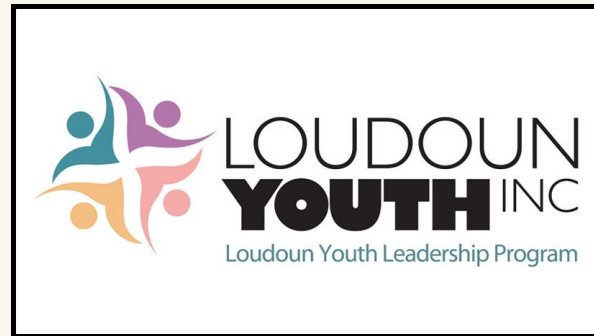


Image Credit: Loudoun Youth, Inc.

Register Now for the 2021 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition

You can register right now for the Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition. It's a program that lets middle and high school students identify an issue in their school, neighborhood, or community, then research it, create and implement a plan to fix it, and evaluate the effect on their community.

Students work on their own or in teams to make a difference. The top ten teams (including solo student teams) win prizes from \$250 up to \$1,000.

Registration Period: October 1 - December 18, 2020

Registration Fee: \$25 per person

Virtual Competition Dates: March 8 - 12, 2021

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Local Nonprofit Highlight: The New Ag School

The New Ag School was started to bridge the gap between Loudoun's thriving farm industry and students who might be interested but haven't ever been exposed to it. It gives these

students a hands-on introduction to gardening, farming, raising livestock, and what it takes to run an agricultural business.

This approach is a good stretching experience for our students. It introduces them to a whole field of study (no pun intended) that they may come to enjoy and pursue professionally. And at the same time, it helps to raise up leaders who understand, appreciate, and can do the work needed to support agribusiness today and into the future.

A great example of this hands-on approach is the school's newest program, [Think Outside](#). This is a new 6 week program for high school students; they started on October 19, and will meet for six weeks, on Mondays from 9 AM to 12 PM, at the Fabboli Cellars Farm in Leesburg. Students will learn from industry mentors about general horticulture, equipment, safety, leadership, and more. They will receive hands-on training, and at the end they will get a certificate of completion.

Check out the New Ag School's website for more details about Think Outside and the school's other offerings.

[Learn More](#)



Image Credit: US Census Bureau

Thank You For Taking the Census And Supporting the US Constitution

Loudoun County did a great job of responding to the 2020 Census. The US Census Bureau's data says that 82.3% of us sent in our responses. (That number is even bigger for the folks in Lovettsville, who [absolutely crushed it](#) this year.)

What's interesting about the census, by the way, is why our country has one in the first place.

The US Census is actually a fundamental part of our Constitutional system. It is written right into Article 1, Section 2. And it's necessary because when our Constitution was written, it included an important compromise to balance the political power of the larger states and the smaller states: Each state gets the same number of Senators, but they get different numbers of Representatives in the House based on the state's population.

To figure out how many Representatives each state gets, the Constitution ordered a national census (the exact word is "enumeration") to be taken every 10 years. We started conducting that census shortly after the Constitution was ratified, and have kept doing so ever since.

Since then, of course, we've added more things that rely on the census. Many state and federal spending programs connect their funding amounts to the census's population numbers. That's often one of the main reasons that people are encouraged to take the census; we want Loudoun County to get every dollar that it can from those programs, and not miss out on funding because someone forgot to mention that they live here.

But underneath all of that, the old Constitutional reason still remains. When we take the census, we are participating in a civic duty that goes all the way back to our nation's founding, and that makes a crucial part of our Constitutional structure keep ticking. And that is a thing worth doing.



Fifth Round of Grants Goes Out From COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund

Good news: we secured more funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund! The Board voted to send another \$4.3 million to the Fund on September 1. \$1.3 million of that money was set aside to fund the 249 certified businesses that qualified for the last round, but weren't chosen in that random drawing to receive a grant. The rest was used to give a \$5,000 grant to each of the 660 certified businesses who qualified for the fifth round.

Loudoun's Department of Economic Development surveyed the grant recipients and learned that most of them plan to use their grants on payroll and rent/mortgage. 93% of respondents said they felt more confident about their business's viability because of the grant they got. The survey feedback included these statements from business owners:

"As a small woman veteran owned business [owner], this funding enables me to continue business operations and to adapt to doing business in a pandemic. I'm grateful to Loudoun County for making these funds available for small businesses."

"I am open more hours to make less, this helped me because I was down to my last 2k."

"Missing out on the lottery the first time around caused some concern, but this recent grant came at a crucial time to keep us heading in the right direction. Thank you!"

I'm grateful that we were able to help so many of these local businesses. Loudoun's business community is a vital part of our county, and these grants have helped them stay out of the red during the ongoing economic disruption from COVID-19.



Main Updates

- **Design Process:** In March 2020, J2 Engineers, Inc. updated the initial concept design and developed 30% design exhibits that showed the draft roadway alignment. Staff is currently working on the signal justification report for the traffic signal at Route 15 and Whites Ferry Road.
- **Design Public Input Meeting:** An online public information meeting was held on Tuesday, October 29, to review the project's design. **Comments are now open! Send in your feedback by November 30.**

- You can [read the materials](#) from the meeting and then submit your comments at the [online portal](#).
- Just remember to send in your comments by **November 30.**



Safety and Operational Study West Virginia to Route 7

The Route 9 Safety and Operational Study (SOS) is reviewing Route 9 from the West Virginia border to Route 7 to identify safety and traffic operational issues along the corridor. As with the Route 15 South Safety and Operations Study, public and focus group meeting will be held.

Ongoing Evaluation: Work is currently underway to evaluate existing conditions along Route 9, including roadway and intersection safety, roadway design and traffic.

Focus Group Meetings: The [first Route 9 focus group meeting](#) was held on February 13. More meetings were held virtually on July 16 and September 30.

These focus groups are intended to allow discussion with property owners whose use or activity generates significant traffic, business owners, and representatives of civic organizations located in the area. There will be up to five focus group meetings throughout this study, which will wrap up in the summer of 2021.

The [project website](#) was updated in September - Please check there for further information, and feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.



The purpose of the Route 15 South Safety and Operational Study (SOS) is to identify safety and traffic operational issues along the corridor. The goal of the proposed improvements is to ensure that this segment of Route 15 continues to carry local and commuter traffic safely and efficiently while still preserving the unique context of the historical roadway.

Work is underway to evaluate existing conditions along Route 15 South, including roadway and intersection safety, as well as roadway design and traffic.

The latest Route 15 South virtual public input meeting was held on July 30. And the most recent focus group meeting was held

via Webex on October 1. The focus groups are intended to allow discussion with property owners whose use or activity generates significant traffic, business owners, and representatives of civic organizations located in the area.

There will be up to five focus group meetings throughout the study. The study is expected to wrap up in summer 2021.

The [project website](#) was last updated in September, and it now includes all the documents from the focus group and public input meetings. Please take a look at it for further information, and feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

Road Project Updates

The latest on County and VDOT projects that impact Catoclin District residents

Crosstrail Boulevard

Segment B - the design and construction from Kincaid Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway. A contract award for construction of this proffer item was approved at the Board Business Meeting on December 3, 2019.

Work crews have been blasting, handling grading activities, installing storm pipes, and doing bridge pier work. The Town of Leesburg and Fire Marshall have been doing more coordinating and monitoring on this project, since the construction is being done close to existing utilities.

Route 7 & Route 287

This project provides for the planning, design, and construction of improvements for the Route 7 and Berlin Turnpike (Route

287) interchange. The project is funded using local tax funding and VDOT Smart Scale funding.

As of May 2020, the revised Environmental Assessment had been approved, and work had begun on the final design plans, which are expected to be complete in fall 2020. Land acquisition is ongoing and is expected to be complete by spring 2021. Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2022.

Route 7 & Route 690

This project funds the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of an interchange at Route 7 and Route 690 in Purcellville.

The Limited Access control panel is currently being reviewed. The right of way and easement plats are also still being reviewed, and coordination is being done for the utility field inspection (UFI).

John G. Lewis Memorial (Featherbed Lane) Bridge over Catoctin Creek

The purpose of this project is to develop conceptual bridge alternatives to address the existing historic truss bridge. VDOT presented three options to the State Department of Historic Resources. The DHS chose option 2A: building a new structure from the deck down, allowing the trusses to remain as ornamental.

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge (Route 673 - Featherbed Lane) over Catoctin Creek is a single span steel pin connected Pratt through truss with a timber deck and asphalt overlay, supported on stringers and floor beams. The bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 25, 1974. It is 157 feet long, has an overall width of about 14 feet and clear roadway width of 11.16 feet. It carries one alternating traffic

lane. The bridge was originally erected in 1889 on the Leesburg & Alexandria Turnpike (Route 7) over Goose Creek, to replace a bridge destroyed by flooding. In 1932 the bridge was dismantled and moved to its current location. The bridge was posted 15 tons in 2004 and reduced to 3 tons in 2013 due to insufficient capacity. The existing bridge has an average traffic count of 57 vehicles per day with daily truck traffic less than 3 trucks.

The project was advertised on September 8, and bid letting is scheduled for October 21.

Route 7 & Battlefield Parkway

This project will replace the traffic signal at Route 7 (East Market Street) and Battlefield Parkway with a grade-separated interchange, and remove or modify the signalized intersection at Route 7 and Cardinal Park Drive to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations. Other improvements include accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians, and new interchange lighting. The Town of Leesburg has executed an agreement with VDOT to administer this project on the Town's behalf. The Town has also executed a reimbursement agreement with NVTa.

Work is currently being done on road construction, right of way acquisition, and utility relocations.

Route 9 & Route 287 Roundabout

This project includes design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Charles Town Pike (Route 9) and Berlin Turnpike (Route 287).

VDOT and Building & Development returned their comments about the 90% plan and waiver submission on September 15. Comments on the Floodplain Alteration have been received and are under review now. Utility coordination is being worked on,

and the procurement process to purchase nutrient credits will begin soon.

Route 15 - Route 15 Interchange at Edwards Ferry/Fort Evans Road

This project includes the design and construction of grade separated interchanges at Route 15/Edwards Ferry Road and Route 15/Fort Evans Road. This project is still on hold, pending funding.

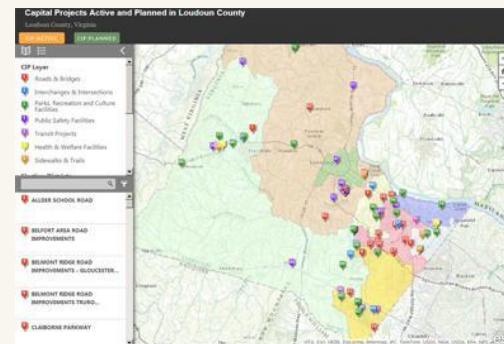
Town of Hamilton Pedestrian Improvements

This project provides drainage improvements and repair to the existing pedestrian sidewalks along Route 7- Colonial Highway adjacent to the Town's western limits. This is a Transportation Alternatives project managed by the Town of Hamilton. A Notice to Proceed was issued and construction began in 2019.

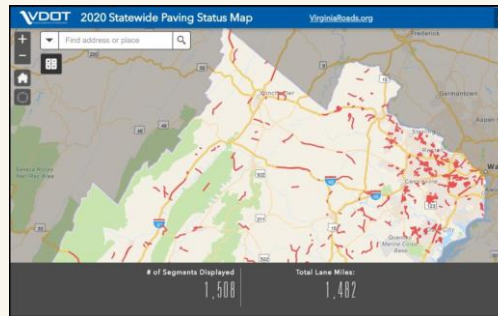
No change on this project. Construction is complete except for landscaping.

Loudoun County Capital Improvement Projects

Use the county's [interactive map](#) to track capital improvement projects in Loudoun. The map provides tabs for 'active projects', which will provide a list of capital projects currently funded and in a stage of design or



construction development, and 'planned projects,' which are the capital projects planned for funding in Fiscal Year 2016-Fiscal Year 2020 as part of the Board of Supervisors's Adopted Capital Improvement Program.

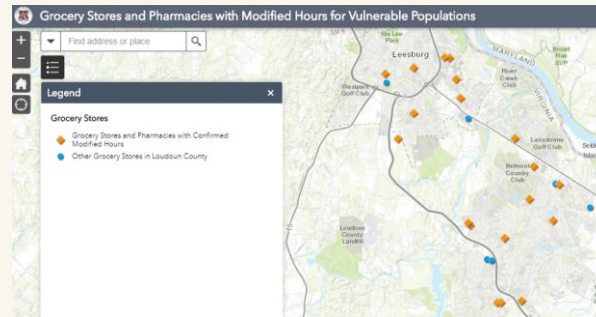


2020 Road Paving Projects Map

Use VDOT's new [interactive map](#) to track the status of all road

paving projects in Loudoun. The map includes roads that are getting all types of treatments, including plant mix, latex, and slurry. Just go to the map and click on a road to see its project status and learn who its point of contact is.

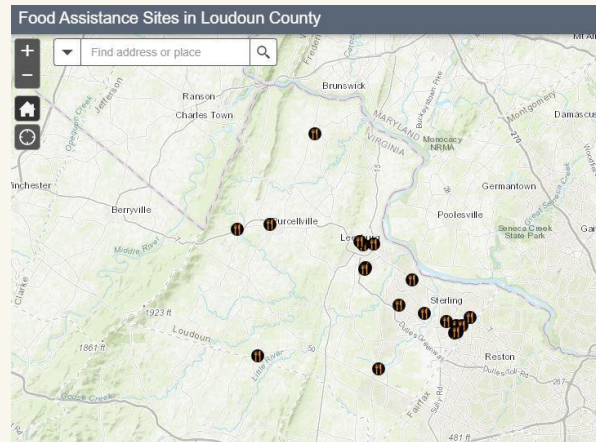
Coronavirus Resources



Grocery Stores With Designated Hours For Senior Residents

Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find grocery stores and pharmacies with designated hours for vulnerable individuals. These shopping hours are designated for older adults, as well as individuals with underlying health issues or compromised immune systems, who are at greater risk of complications from COVID-19.

[View the map](#)



Food Banks, Community Meals, And Other Food Assistance

Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find food assistance sites, including food banks, pantries and non-school meal distribution sites.

The searchable map also links to webpages for the various sites. It will be updated as food assistance sites make service changes.

[**View the map**](#)

Behavioral Health Resources

- [Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Outbreak \(PDF\)](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Stress During COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health \(PDF\)](#)
- [Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

If you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis, Emergency Services are available 24 hours daily, seven days per week at 703-777-0320. For general information questions, email or call 703-771-5155.

Avoiding COVID-19 Scams

Beware of COVID-19 scammers trying to use your compassion or fear of the virus against you. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has created a list of the most common scam techniques so you can recognize and avoid them.

[See the list of typical COVID-19 scams](#)

Stay Informed!

- **Sign up for email and text updates** about Loudoun's response to COVID-19 at loudoun.gov/coronavirus
- **Text LCCOVID19 to 888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19
- **Follow** the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and [@LoudounCoGovt](#) on Twitter



Resources For Loudoun's Local Businesses

We've put together this list of resources for local businesses to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic. As always, we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development (DED), who found them, explained them, or in some cases built them from scratch.



The Official Guide To Starting A Rural Business In Loudoun County

Are you thinking of starting a rural business in Loudoun County? Our Department of Economic Development has put

together this guide just for you. It gives an overview of important information for rural businesses, from farm and breweries to restaurants and bed & breakfasts, and helps you figure out if your specific use is permitted on your property.

[Read the full guide here](#)



Protecting Your Business Against The Coronavirus

Whether you're anticipating interruptions in your supply chain and/or customer sales, there are resources that can help bolster your business. Learn more about financing, education and training opportunities, and what data centers are doing to fuel digital tools.

Here are the top online resources offered by the Department of Economic Development:

- [**How to Apply for an SBA Loan**](#)
- [**How to Apply for the Paycheck Protection Program**](#)
- [**How to Support Our Local Businesses**](#)
- [**Workforce Resources for Businesses**](#)
- [**Workforce Resources for Employees and Job Seekers**](#)
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- [**Financing and Loans**](#)
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Small Business Spotlight

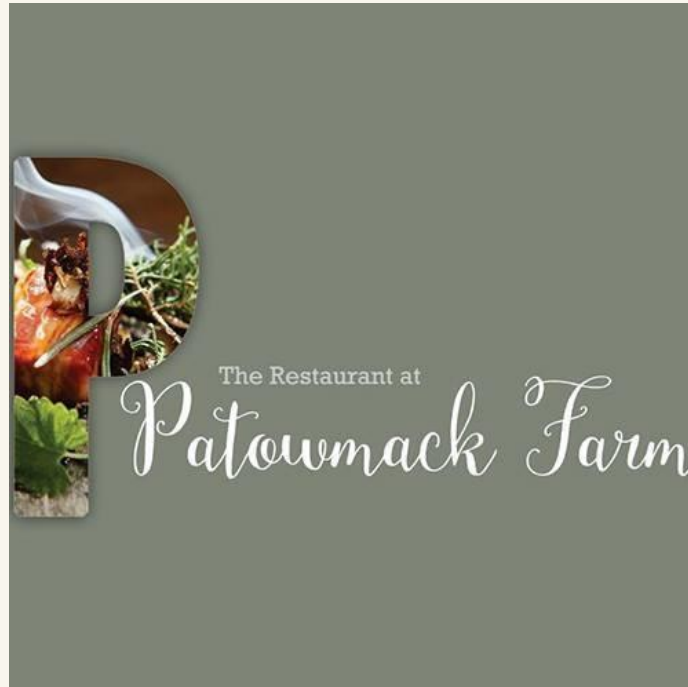


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The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm

The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm presents a venue with a breathtaking view and natural setting overlooking the Potomac River. They get their ingredients straight from the Patowmack Farm, one of the first certified organic farms in Virginia. In addition to a traditional dinner service, they host small dinner parties and special events for 10 or more guests, either at the farm venue or as a private dinner in your own home.

Visit the Website

More Online Resources



If you'd like to keep up or find out more about ongoing or upcoming VDOT projects that affect you, you can check out [the VDOT website](#).

You may be interested in VDOT's [Paving Conditions and Schedule](#).



Loudoun Express Request

Loudoun Express Request is a helpful tool for contacting county staff regarding a wide spectrum of issues. Internet service, property use, environmental health, and much more can be entered on LEX. Enter your question or concern and LEX will contact appropriate county staff! Learn more [here](#).

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Volunteer with Loudoun Cares

It's always a good time to think about volunteering. Check out volunteer opportunities with [Loudoun Cares Volunteer Center](#). The Volunteer Center is the one-stop resource connecting nonprofit organizations in Loudoun County to individuals in the community looking for a place to volunteer their time and resources.

Let Your Friends in on the Latest!

Do you have a friend or a neighbor who would benefit from the information in this newsletter? Then, forward this on!

My office is working to ensure as many Catoctin residents as possible are being informed about important issues - whether those are public hearing notices, road closure announcements, inclement weather advisories, or other updates on issues of importance to the district and to the county.

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Sincerely,

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