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Wishing You All A Happy Memorial Day

Dear Catoctin Residents,

I hope you had a peaceful and happy Memorial Day. It was a chance to reconnect with loved ones, some of whom we haven't seen face-to-face since this pandemic began, and to enjoy the freedom and security that we have in this country.

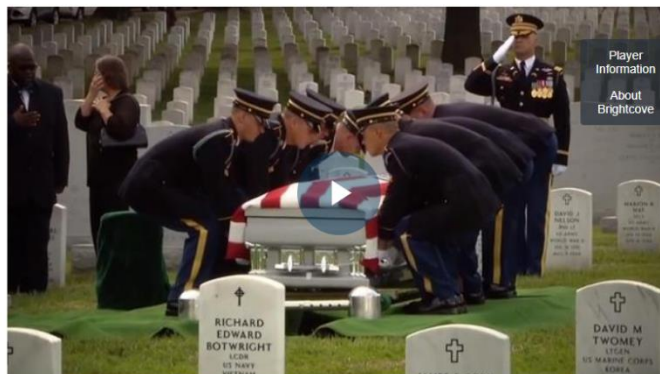
It was also a good day to [pause and remember the members of our armed forces](#) who died to secure those blessings for us. We are deeply grateful for their sacrifice - more than words can say. In light of that, I wanted to share this video, published by Hillsdale College. It's a tribute to those fallen soldiers that I found particularly moving:



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MEMORIAL DAY

A Memorial Day Tribute to Those Who Sacrificed Their Lives for Our Freedom



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National Police Week also took place this month. This is an annual event to commemorate the law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. COVID-19 threw a wrench into last year's ceremonies, but I'm pleased to report that this year, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial held a [virtual candlelight vigil on May 13](#), and more in-person ceremonies have been scheduled for October 13-17 in Washington, D.C.

Speaking of National Police Week, I would like to personally thank Sheriff Chapman for his efforts in coordinating with the DEA and the US Attorney's Office on Operation Angels Envy. According to the Sheriff's Office, this operation stemmed from an investigation that began in Loudoun County in 2017, and culminated in [the largest seizure of illegal drugs in Loudoun's history](#). I've shared their press release below.

On a less solemn but still interesting note, May has a special historical significance for Loudoun, because our county was formally established in May 1757. I ran across the full story and thought I'd share the highlights with you.

In 1757, the Virginia House of Burgesses (the [predecessor](#) to our House of Delegates) was asked to divide Fairfax County into two separate counties. This wasn't the first time they had granted such a request - Fairfax County itself had been created [just 15 years earlier](#) by splitting it off from Prince William County. And in this case they thought the request was also reasonable. The House of Burgesses passed the bill on May 2, and the governor [signed it on June 8](#).

Loudoun County was so named in honor of John Campbell, the Fourth [Earl of the Loudoun parish of East Ayrshire, Scotland](#). And while I'd like to tell you he was a widely loved and respected man, he [really, really wasn't](#):

- According to James W. Head's *History and Comprehensive Description of Loudoun County, Virginia*, writers and fellow British officers described John as someone "[whom a child might outwit, or terrify with a pop-gun](#)."
- John earned his dismal reputation fair and square. He made his debut fighting against the Jacobite Rising in Great Britain, where [his army of 1,500 soldiers got outsmarted and chased home by a local blacksmith and four buddies](#).
- A decade later, John became commander-in-chief of British forces in North America, and the titular Governor of Virginia ([though he never visited our state](#)). True to form, he was [thwarted repeatedly by the French](#), angered the colonists by [forcibly \(and illegally\) quartering his troops in private homes](#), [alienated the militia commander](#) by demanding that his troops report to the British regulars, and somehow managed to [get crosswise with Benjamin Franklin](#).

Despite all that, John was (at least on paper) the governor of Virginia when Loudoun County was created, so we wound up with his name. Personally, I think we've done a great job of rehabilitating it. "Loudoun" now conjures images of peaceful communities, sunsets and wineries, and the great outdoors, rather than a nobleman getting chased across the Scottish highlands.

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

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner



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, including [the Colonial Pipeline shutdown](#) and [its rapid reboot](#), drop by my Facebook page and give it a like.

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Current Events



Image Credit: [Cover image](#) from Governor Northam's announcement, shared on YouTube.com

What's Changed in Virginia's COVID-19 Rules

This month we saw two major changes to Virginia's statewide COVID-19 restrictions. Both of those changes loosened or eliminated rules that were no longer needed at this point in our public health situation. By the end, our statewide rules were closer to normal, or at least normal-ish, than they've been since the pandemic started in March 2020. That is good news on many levels.

Change #1 – Mask Rule Lifted for Vaccinated People

On May 13, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) told the public that it was now safe for people who'd been fully vaccinated to [take off their masks in most public settings](#), both indoors and outdoors.

The next day (May 14), Governor Northam announced he would follow the CDC's guidance. To do that, he issued [Executive Order Seventh Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine](#). This order ended the old rules that required everyone over age 5 to wear a mask in public settings. Instead, it said to follow the CDC's latest guidance, as [published here on the CDC's website](#).

The CDC's latest guidance says that vaccinated people can get back to mostly normal life, because they have a greatly reduced risk of catching COVID-19 or transmitting it to other people. At this point, the CDC has given the following guidance for fully vaccinated people:

- They can stop wearing a mask or socially distancing, whether indoors or outdoors, unless some other law or regulation requires them to do so.
- They can travel domestically or internationally without doing testing or self-quarantining, unless the destination requires it.

- In most situations, they don't need to get tested or self-quarantine after being exposed to COVID-19, unless they show symptoms.

Important Note About Schools: The order does require people to keep wearing masks while on school grounds. It lists certain exceptions to that rule, such as while eating or drinking, exercising, or playing an instrument that you have to breathe into (like a woodwind).

Wearing a Mask Anyway: Can a fully vaccinated person keep wearing a mask if they want to? Yes, they can. The governor has specifically waived Virginia's law that normally prohibits people from wearing masks in public. That waiver is currently scheduled to expire at 11:59 PM on June 30, but could be extended by another Executive Order.

Change #2 – Capacity/Distancing Rules Lifted for Businesses

On May 14, the governor also announced that because Virginia had made enough progress on vaccinations, he would lift the restrictions on social distancing and capacity that had been placed on businesses during the pandemic. That change would take effect at midnight on May 28.

He did this by issuing [Executive Order Seventy-Nine and Order of Public Health Emergency Ten](#). This new order specifically terminates the previous Executive Order Seventy-Two, which contained all of the restrictions on businesses – how they had to set up physical distancing, follow [the guidelines for their specific industry](#), and so forth. But the new order doesn't create any new business restrictions to replace those. They simply vanish.

Can businesses continue to follow some of those best practices if they like – especially the enhanced cleaning, or those plexiglass barriers between you and the cashier? Yes they can. But they'll be doing so because they want to, not because they're legally required to.



Image Credit: [Photo](#) of (from left to right) Assistant Special Agent in Charge Shane Todd, of the DEA Washington Division; Sheriff Mike Chapman; Special Agent in Charge, Jarod Forget, of the DEA Washington Division; and Major Bobby Miller and 1st Lt. Paul Loconti of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office | LCSO Photo

Largest Drug Bust in Loudoun County's History on May 26 - Thank You, Sheriff Mike Chapman!

On May 26, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office was finally able to tell the public about Operation Angels Envy, a multi-year investigation they participated in, and which ultimately led to [the largest seizure of drugs in Loudoun County's history](#).

The Sheriff's Office joined forces with the DEA and the US Attorney's Office to [break up seven drug trafficking groups](#) in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area. These groups were part of a larger drug supply and distribution network that had direct ties to the infamous Sinaloa Cartel. By the time they wrapped things up in February 2020, law enforcement officers had seized \$6.5 million in drugs, firearms, and cash, and their investigation led to criminal charges against 33 people.

I'm sharing the Sheriff's Office's full press release below; it tells the story better than I can. The only comment I will add is **job well done**.

LCSO Press Release

In February 2020, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office detectives assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force seized 6.5 million dollars' worth of drugs, guns, and cash connected to the Sinaloa Cartel in Mexico.

Items seized during the investigation included 50 kilograms of cocaine, 2 kilograms of fentanyl, 1 kilogram of heroin, 6 pounds of marijuana, 150 grams of crack cocaine, 100 fentanyl pills, 7 firearms (including one assault rifle), and \$1.4 million in U.S. currency.

Last year, an estimated 90,000 people died from drug overdoses nationally, mostly from opioids -- an increase of around 27% from the previous year. "Unfortunately, Maryland,

Virginia, and Washington, DC accounted for almost 5,000 of those opioid overdose deaths.

We seized enough Fentanyl to kill every man, woman, and child in Loudoun County- two times over,” said Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman. In Loudoun County, there have been five suspected opioid fatalities in 2021 (as of April 15), with two opioid fatalities investigated during the same time-period in 2020.

Since May 2017, investigations under Operation Angels Envy led to the identification and takedown of seven independent, violent drug trafficking organizations operating in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area; their Los Angeles-based transportation network, which used tractor-trailers and shipping crates to move ton quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, and other drugs across the country; and their Sinaloa Cartel supply cell.

These drug trafficking organizations would then transfer profits and trafficked firearms back to the Sinaloa Cartel. Investigations into the takedown of the transportation network and supply cell led to the identification and takedown of other violent drug trafficking organizations in California, Missouri, Ohio, New England, and New York.

These drug trafficking organizations distributed hundreds of kilograms of deadly drugs, like fentanyl and methamphetamine, throughout the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, monthly. Their transportation network supplied them with ton quantities of methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl, and other deadly drugs, which they shipped into D.C., Maryland, and Virginia communities by way of tractor-trailers and shipping crates. In return, these drug trafficking organizations returned profits and trafficked firearms back to the Sinaloa cartel.

“Much like these drugs having a far-reaching impact in our country, I am proud to say the work of our detectives in Loudoun County in combination with other DEA Task Force members had an even further impact on the operations of the Sinaloa Cartel,” said Sheriff Chapman. “Our law enforcement community must continue to fight this scourge and protect our citizens, and I am glad that we have such dedicated partners in our law enforcement profession that put their lives on the line every day to do just that,” Sheriff Chapman added.

Operation Angels Envy culminated in one of the largest cumulative takedowns in the area – with 33 individuals charged, and seizure totals of 473 pounds of methamphetamine, 42 kilograms of fentanyl (enough to kill over 21 million people – more than the population of D.C., Maryland, Virginia and surrounding countries, combined), 9 kilograms of heroin, 129 kilograms of cocaine, 5,100 pounds of other drugs, over \$5.3M in US Currency, 114 firearms (many of which were assault-style weapons), and over \$700,000 in jewelry and vehicles.



Image Credit: [Logo](#) of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, YEAUSA.org

Young Entrepreneurs Academy Is Taking Applications Through June 12

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) program is accepting applications through June 12. Organized by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, this program gives middle and high school students a chance to cultivate their real-life entrepreneurial talents.

During the 7-month program, each student will be mentored by local business owners, who will help them develop their business ideas and write real business plans. By the end, these students will be ready to launch their own fully formed companies and social movements.

You can learn more about the program at the [YEA program webpage](#).

Apply Now



Image Credit: [Photo](#) of John Beatty, School Board Member for the Catoctin District / LCPS

May Update from John Beatty, Catoctin's School Board Rep

I hope your school year is coming to a quiet close. Well, as quiet as the cicadas will allow.

This weekend, I am filled with gratitude. Firstly, for all of the brave men and women who gave their lives in service of our country; secondly, for all of our teachers and administrators who have done their best to get the schools open and keep them open this school year; and finally, for all for the parents who have spoken up about their child's education. There are many needs in our community, and the board can only make the best decisions possible when we hear from everyone.

Next year's restoration to 5 days a week in the classroom will be a welcome return for many families. However, LCPS will continue to support those families that need the distance learning option. You should receive information from your principal on how you can take advantage of this program. Please let me know if you have any problems signing up.

I wish everyone a rejuvenating and restorative summer.

Thank you again, and please let me know of any concerns you have.

Sincerely,

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Upcoming Events At Lovettsville From Mayor Nate Fontaine

Lovettsville Summer on the Green

Lovettsville is once again featuring its Summer on the Green Series of outdoor movie nights. This year they will be happening on Friday evenings. Here's the almost-final schedule for those upcoming movies:

- June 18th – Captain America: Civil War (2016)
- July 2nd – Sgt Stubby: An American Hero (2018)
- July 16th – Top Gun (1986)
- July 23rd – Elf (2003)
- July 30th – Moana (2016)
- August 13th – Princess Bride (1987)
- August 20th – Sing (2016)

The event committee is turning this into a finally-finalized list. They are also working to coordinate with a military band and hope to add that to the summer event lineup.



Gold Star Memorial

Lovettsville currently has the only Gold Star Families Memorial in the North Virginia area. These monuments help us remember the sacrifices of our military servicemembers who gave their lives for our country. They also remind us of the Gold Star families, and in turn let those families know that we have not forgotten them or their sacrifice.

I was honored to visit this memorial. If you haven't had the chance to do that yet, I'd encourage you to do so. The memorial is located south of Lovettsville on the Berlin Turnpike, just south of West End Motors.



National Night Out

National Night Out has returned to Lovettsville, thanks to the efforts of Vice Mayor Hornbaker, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, and the Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. This is an annual community event, where neighborhoods across the US hold block parties, cookouts, and other get-togethers that let them spend time with their local police officers.

Lovettsville's National Night Out will be on **Tuesday, August 3, at 6:30 PM**. The exact details are still being worked out – and they're trying to expand it to include all first responders as well as law enforcement.



Image Credit: All Points Broadband [logo](#), Fiber.AllPointsBroadband.com

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All Points Broadband Survey

[All Points Broadband](#) is building a list of areas in Loudoun that are underserved by broadband. This is a vital part of their proposed fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network expansion in Loudoun, because it will help secure the VATI grant funding for their project. To find those underserved areas, All Points has created a short survey, and they are asking as many people as possible to take it.

One of my staff aides, Jonathan Bales, took the survey a few days ago and confirms that it's simple and short. When you get to [the survey page](#), just fill in your address, confirm your location on the map, and then answer a few questions about your current broadband access (or lack thereof).

Troubleshooting Note: We've heard back from some constituents who ran into confusing notifications or screens, which stopped them from finishing the survey. Jonathan was kind enough to deliberately steer his survey into those problems, so we could reproduce them, see what was going on, and come up with solutions.

Here are the two reported issues, and how to solve them if you encounter them.

Issue 1 - Address is Already Registered

- **The Problem:** When you enter your address, the survey may tell you "A registration already exists for this address." This isn't a bug – it just means this address has already been entered into the survey, and it's preventing a duplicate response for that address.

- **The Solution:** If you remember registering your address, great! You can click the “Go to my dashboard” button, sign in, and go to your dashboard. If this wasn’t you, or you don’t remember what email address you registered with, click the “New registration” button and it’ll let you re-take the survey fresh.

Issue 2 - Contact Information Issue

- **The Problem:** When you get to the Contact Information section and type in your email address, a notice may pop up, telling you that an account already exists and asking you to enter your password. This happened to Jonathan when he filled out the survey partway but went back to the homepage before clicking Submit.
- **The Solution:** Go back to the homepage, click the “Already registered? | Sign in here” option in the top right corner, click “Forgot password?” and reset your password. Then go back to the survey, fill it out again, and when the notice pops up, enter your new password. It should let you finish the survey at that point.

The rest of the survey appears to work just fine. It's short, it's simple, and every new response brings All Points one step closer to securing the funding for their broadband network expansion.

Take the Survey



Image Credit: Wheatland Spring Farm + Brewery [logo](https://www.wheatlandspring.com), [WheatlandSpring.com](https://www.wheatlandspring.com)

Land Beer Fest at Wheatland Spring Farm + Brewery on June 12

I got the chance to [tour Wheatland Spring Farm + Brewery](#) earlier this month. They're a farm brewery in Waterford who will be celebrating their second year as a brewery, and their third harvest of estate grain, in June.

To mark the occasion, they're holding a Land Beer Fest on **June 12**, where they'll unveil three of their new beers and give people a behind-the-beer tour of the farm and their brewing process. Tickets are going for **\$38** right now, and you can purchase them at the [Land Beer Fest webpage](#).



Image Credit: [Photos](#) from Wheatland Spring Farm + Brewery's Facebook post about my visit

The Fest will be spread out across the Wheatland Spring Farm. Visitors will get to walk through their grain fields and tour the grounds. At three different stops, they will get to try a 6 ounce pour of a new beer and learn about the farm's approach to farming for fermentation, craft malting, and the brewing process.

Food will be available for direct purchase at the Fest. When I last checked, Wheatland Spring was planning to offer whole pig roast and a full Puerto Rican menu, courtesy of [Borinquen Lunch Box](#), as well as frozen deserts from [Moo Thru Ice Cream](#). And they hinted that there might also be an additional "surprise amazing food vendor," though they're playing coy as to who that might be.

[Learn More](#)

Major Road Projects



The Route 15 North Widening Project

Summary of the Project

The Route 15 North Widening project involves expanding Route 15 from two to four lanes between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road. This will involve a slew of road design, land acquisition, and construction tasks, all while following the Journey Through Hallowed Ground guidelines wherever possible.

Among other things, the widening project will include:

- A signalized Continuous Green "T" (CGT) intersection at North King Street to allow through traffic to continue north on Route 15 without stopping,
- An updated signalized intersection at Whites Ferry Road,
- A two-lane hybrid roundabout at Montresor Road,
- A realigned section of Limestone School Road to connect with the Montresor Road roundabout,
- A shared use path on the west side of Route 15 from Tuscarora High School to Montresor Road, *and*
- A shared use path along the entire length of Whites Ferry Road

Current Status

The design team continues to work on the 60% design plans. Survey and field investigations have begun for the shared use path along North King Street from Route 15

to the Tuscarora High School main entrance. Geotechnical and geophysical investigation work for the project has also begun.

Visit Project Website



The Route 9 Safety & Operational Study

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

No change since the last update. Work is still 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, 2020. More meetings were held virtually on July 16 and September 30. There will be up to five such meetings throughout this study, which will wrap up in the summer of 2021.

These focus group meetings 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.

You can check the [project website](#) for further information. Please feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

Visit Project Website



Safety and Operational Study Leesburg to Prince William County

The Route 15 Safety & Operational Study

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.

From October 2020 - January 2021, the study team worked on preliminary concept designs, incorporating [feedback that the focus group offered](#) at the October 1 meeting. Now the team has made enough progress on those preliminary draft alternatives to start collecting more feedback.

Public Survey Finished Up On May 21

Loudoun County held a virtual public input meeting on April 22, 2021, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. After the meeting, the team published a public survey to the project's website, which collected more thoughts on their proposed road designs and on the current conditions at these key intersections. That survey ended on May 21.

The whole study is expected to wrap up this summer. The [project website](#) 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.

See Project Website

Other Key Road Projects

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

Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment B

Summary of the Project

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.

Latest Update

Construction has started on both bridge decks. Work teams have also started installing curb, gutter, and base asphalt on the west side of the project.

Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment C

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the planning, design, ROW acquisition, and the construction of a four lane median divided road as a Major Collector between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway on a 120 ft. wide ROW. The project also includes shared use paths on both sides of Crosstrail Boulevard and a bridge over Sycolin Creek.

Latest Update

In this quarter, the Board at its February 16 business meeting voted 9-0 to award the design contract to Dewberry. A design kickoff meeting was held in March. In the next quarter, field investigations will begin and work will start on developing a design schedule.

Evergreen Mill Road Widening – Town of Leesburg

Summary of the Project

This project adds two lanes to the two existing lanes on Evergreen Mill Road from South King Street to the eastern entrance of Heritage High School. This project is managed by the Town of Leesburg.

Latest Update

This project is managed by the Town of Leesburg. In this quarter, the 30% Preliminary Design Plans were reviewed by the Town, VDOT and Loudoun County and a meeting was

held to discuss the closing of scoping. VDOT suggested revising the design schedule to take into account the need for additional surveys, VDOT approval for land acquisition, and beginning of utility relocation. As a result, the completion of the design phase has been delayed from fall 2022 to summer 2023. In the next quarter, additional survey and the environmental assessment will continue. Also, pavement testing will be conducted and an initial public outreach will be held.

Route 7 Improvements, Phase 3

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the planning, design, Right-of-Way acquisition, and construction to widen Route 7 eastbound from two lanes to three lanes between Route 9 and the Dulles Greenway (267), and Westbound from two lanes to three lanes from South King Street to West Market Street. It includes reconstructing/widening the following bridges: West Market Street over Route 7, Dry Mill Road over West Market Street, Children's Center Road over Route 7, W&OD Trail over Route 7, and Route 7 over Route 15.

Latest Update

Since this project was not selected to receive SMARTSCALE funding, DTCI and DFB staff are re-evaluating design procurement strategy. In the next quarter, DFB and DTCI will implement the updated design procurement strategy in order to get design initiated.

Town of Hamilton Pedestrian Improvements

Summary of the Project

This project provides drainage improvements and repair to the existing pedestrian sidewalks along Route 7 – Colonial Highway adjacent to the Town's western limits.

Latest Update

This project is being managed by the Town of Hamilton. In this quarter, the Town issued the NTP and construction work is underway. In the next quarter, the construction work will continue, and it is anticipated to be complete by summer 2021.

Route 7 & Route 287

Summary of the Project

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.

Latest Update

In this quarter, the design consultant, Volkert, submitted 30% plans to Building and Development and to VDOT. VDOT approved the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) concurrence form, and Volkert is preparing the NEPA document. In the next quarter, Volkert will address the 30% design comments, will finalize the NEPA document, and DTCI staff will schedule a public information meeting.

Route 7 & Route 690

Summary of the Project

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

Latest Update

Staff met with VDOT on April 20 to discuss the drainage plans. They emerged from the meeting with a revised approach that would address VDOT's comments; the plans are currently being updated to incorporate that new approach. The Commonwealth Transportation Board approved the Limited Access Control Change (LAAC) at its April 21 meeting.

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

Summary of the Project

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.

Latest Update

Construction work is continuing. On April 9, the bridge's truss was lifted from its abutments for rehabilitation.

Route 7 & Battlefield Parkway

Summary of the Project

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.

Latest Update

The project is 75% complete. The Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway interchange interim opening is tentatively scheduled for June 1, weather permitting.

Route 9 & Route 287 Roundabout

Summary of the Project

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

Latest Update

VDOT's comments on the 100% design plans are still pending. Staff expected to resubmit their plats to Building and Development by the end of May, and they are continuing to coordinate with Building and Development to secure a floodplain easement waiver. They are also coordinating with utility providers to obtain plans and estimates (P&E).

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

Summary of the Project

This project includes the design and construction of grade separated interchanges at Route 15/Edwards Ferry Road and Route 15/Fort Evans Road.

Latest Update

The consultant is investigating potential options for phasing this project.

Town of Lovettsville Broadway Streetscape, Phase 2A

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the design, ROW, and construction of sidewalk improvements along Broadway Street from Park Place to Light Street. This project is managed by the Town of Lovettsville.

Latest Update

This project is managed by the Town of Lovettsville. In this quarter, the 30% modified plans were revised based on comments received from VDOT, ROW, temporary and permanent easements were identified and plans for holding public hearing (online meeting) on April 15, 2021 are underway. In the next quarter, the design work will continue and preparation for ROW acquisition will begin. The last quarterly report noted design phase completion as 60% in error and it is corrected in this report to show the actual design phase progress.

Town of Lovettsville, Church Street & Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

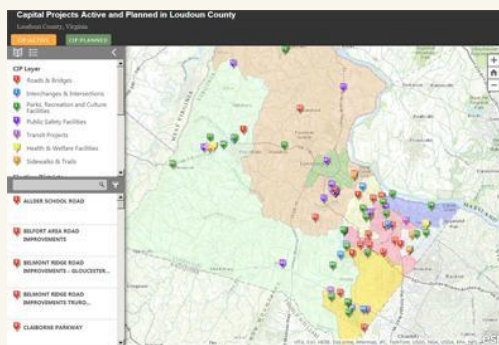
Summary of the Project

This project provides for improvements to the sidewalk at South Church Street and East Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition to sidewalks, improvements include roadway widening, storm water management, and street lights.

Latest Update

This project is managed by the [Town of Lovettsville](#). In this quarter, the 30% modified plans were still under review by VDOT. The 30% modified plans were revised based on comments received from VDOT on 30% plans and identified Right-of-Way, temporary and permanent easements. The plans for holding public hearing (online meeting) on April 15, 2021 are underway. In the next quarter, design work will continue, along with Right-of-Way acquisition.

More Road Resources



Loudoun's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Use the county's interactive map to track capital improvement projects in Loudoun. It will show you active projects (currently funded) and planned projects (part of a later budget plan).

[View the map](#)

VDOT's Road Paving Projects

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.

[View the map](#)



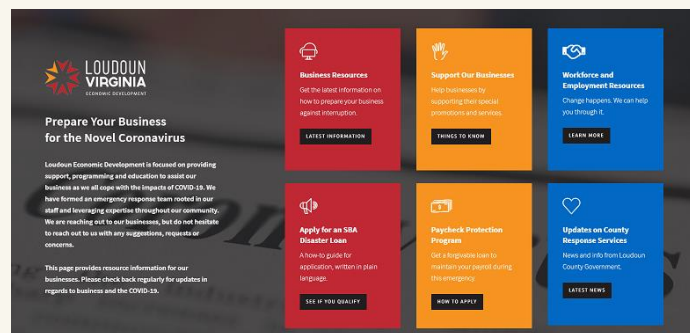
Business Resources



The Official Guide To Starting Your Rural Business In Loudoun

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.

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Guides & Resources

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:

COVID-19 Resources

- [Join The Take Loudoun Home Campaign](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Businesses](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Employees & Job Seekers](#)

General Business Resources

- [Rural Business Educational Resources](#)
- [Financing and Loans](#)
- [Business Training & Education](#)
- [Digital Business Resources](#)

Neat County Resources



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](#).

[Ask A Question](#)

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VOLUNTEER CENTER



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.

[Volunteer Now](#)



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My office is working to ensure as many Catocin 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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