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Remembering the Declaration of Independence



Dear Catoctin Residents,

A happy early Fourth of July to you! In less than a week, we will celebrate the 245th anniversary of the founding of our country. It will also be a time to reflect on our Declaration of Independence, which sets out core principles that have profoundly shaped our government and our American identity.

- On June 11, 1776, the Second Continental Congress collected Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston, and gave them [their highest-stakes writing assignment yet](#): Draft a statement explaining the colonies' decision to separate from Great Britain.
- Jefferson wrote the initial draft of the Declaration, which was carefully revised by Adams and Franklin, and then went through more edits-by-committee from the Congress. The final version was formally adopted by the Second Continental Congress on [July 4, 1776](#), although the signing ceremony was not held until August.
- The Declaration of Independence's first public reading in Virginia took place here in Loudoun County. It was read aloud by Sheriff Philip Noland [on the steps of the first Leesburg courthouse](#) on August 12, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence was and is a remarkable document. In brief but powerful language, it explains the purpose for which our new nation and government were founded: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are*

endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

Those are words worth remembering and reflecting on.

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

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner



4th of July Celebrations in Loudoun County



Leesburg, Purcellville, Franklin Park, Ashburn Village, Bluemont Vineyard, South Riding, Visit Loudoun has a great list of activities for this weekend!

Check it out!

Visit Loudoun's List of 4th of July Celebrations

My Proposed Resolution to Recognize July 4 as the 245th Year of America's Independence Join Me in the Board Room on Tuesday, July 6th

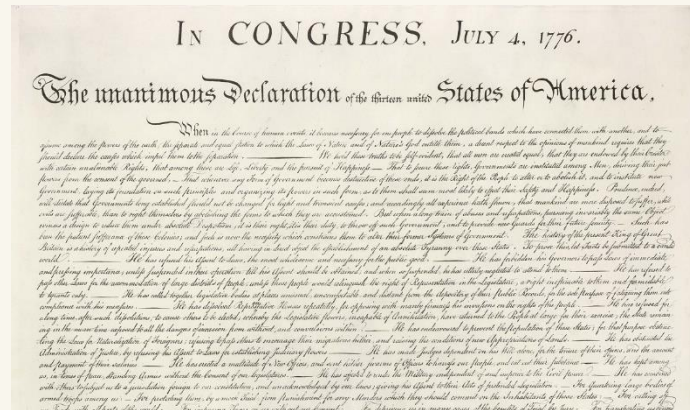


Image Credit: [Image](#) of William Stones's 1823 facsimile of the Declaration of Independence / Public domain

For the Board's next business meeting on July 6, I have proposed a resolution that would recognize July 4th as the 245th anniversary of America's independence. As I mentioned in my introduction, July 4 is the day when the Second Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence. The ideas in that remarkable document are part of our national heritage, and have played a key role in our history.

This resolution will appear before the Board on **July 6. Please consider this an open invitation to join us for that business meeting - we would love to have you there. This would also be a fine opportunity to break out your best patriotic attire and to bring along your American flags to the meeting.**

LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

Recognizing July 4, 2021, as the 245th Year of America's Independence

WHEREAS On June 11, 1776, the Second Continental Congress instructed Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston to draft a statement explaining the decision to separate from Great Britain, which became the Declaration of Independence, and which the Second Continental Congress formally adopted on July 4, 1776; and

WHEREAS The first public reading of the Declaration of Independence was held in Philadelphia's Independence Square on July 8, 1776, and it was subsequently read in Loudoun County by Sheriff Philip Noland on the steps of the first Leesburg courthouse on August 12, 1776, which was the first reading of the document anywhere in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS The Declaration of Independence sets out the core principles on which our government, and our American identity, are founded, in the following words: *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize July 4, 2021, as the 245th Year of America's Independence.

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Hillsboro's Independence Day Celebration!

Congratulations to Mayor Vance, Vice Mayor Amy Marasco, and the Town Council for putting on an amazing Independence Day Celebration last Sunday. I was honored to read a part of the Declaration of Independence and Whitney and I thoroughly enjoyed all the festivities!







PHOTO GALLERY: Hillsboro's Independence Day - Loudoun Now

Independence Day celebrations start early in Loudoun, with Hillsboro putting on a concert and fireworks show the last weekend in June. The first major Fourth of July celebration without COVID-19 pandemic restrictions brought out one of the...

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Join us on Facebook!

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 [that tractor trailer accident on Route 9 near Sagle Road](#), drop by my Facebook page and give it a like.

Go to Facebook

Current Events



Image Credit: [Photo](#) from Route 15 project page, Loudoun.gov

Progress & Activity on Route 15 North

At this writing, we have three different phases of Route 15 project improvements underway simultaneously, Route 15 North – Battlefield Road to Montresor Road, Route 15 North -- Montresor Road to Maryland State Line, and the Spinks Ferry Roundabout design. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on all the activity occurring on the Route 15 North Corridor.

What's Happening Right Now

Currently, three different phases of the project are simultaneously underway

- Route 15 Improvements from Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road
- Route 15 Improvements from Montresor Road to Maryland State Line
- Spinks Ferry Roundabout Design

Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road

This phase involves widening Route 15 from two to four lanes between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road. It will include a slew of road design, land acquisition, and construction tasks, all while following the Journey Through Hallowed Ground guidelines wherever possible.

Here are the main elements for this phase:

- 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.(this portion of the project will be addressed in a separate trail initiative)

Spinks Ferry Road Roundabout

This phase consists of the design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and construction of a roundabout on Route 15 at Spinks Ferry Road and a realigned Newvalley Church Road. At the [December 17, 2019 Board of Supervisor's \(Board\) meeting](#), the Board allocated money to accelerate a portion of the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to advance the design for this phase.

Montresor Road to Maryland State Line

Right now, Loudoun County is pursuing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to amend the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) to reflect the improvements to Route 15 outlined in Concept B, which was unanimously approved by the previous Board on July 18, 2019.

- ***What Concept B Proposes:*** Concept B proposes the following improvements, with asterisks (*) denoting those that require a CPAM (and you can find more details and maps [here](#)):
1. **Four-lane roadway** with median/turn lanes and shoulders between Montresor Road and the vicinity of Spinks Ferry Road where Route 15 will be realigned to bypass the Village of Lucketts*;
 2. **Safety improvements** north of the Village of Lucketts with a two-lane median-divided roadway with turn lanes and shoulders between the northern bypass and St. Clair Lane, and shoulder improvements made to the existing two-lane roadway north of St. Clair Lane to the Potomac River*;
 3. **Traffic calming** within the Village of Lucketts;
 4. **Bypass** of the Village of Lucketts*; (East or West – no location has been determined)
 5. **Roundabouts** at Montresor Road, Newvalley Church Road, and the intersection of Stumptown Road with the Lucketts bypass;
 6. **Realigning the intersection** of Route 15 with Newvalley Church Road at a planned roundabout at Spinks Ferry Road, and realigning intersection of Route 15 with Limestone School Road at a planned roundabout at Montresor Road*;
 7. **Traffic signal** at Lovettsville Road; and
 8. **Bike, pedestrian, and transit service** opportunities.

Milestones Reached So Far

Here are the key achievements and events for the Route 15 North

improvement project, from newest to oldest:

- **September 23, 2021 – Spinks Ferry Roundabout:** Loudoun County will hold a public information meeting at 6:00 pm on September 23, 2021. (More details to come.) **SAVE THE DATE!**
- **June 23, 2021 – Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road:** The 60% design plans for this stretch of road were submitted to the Loudoun County Department of Building & Development and to VDOT for their review.
- **June 23, 2021 – Montresor Road to Maryland State Line:** Staff held a virtual public input meeting to receive input from the public on the Route 15 from Montresor Road (Route 661) to the Maryland state line Comprehensive Plan amendment (CPAM).
- **March 16, 2021 – Montresor Road to Maryland State Line:** The motion to [initiate the Comprehensive Plan Amendment \(CPAM 2021-0002\)](#). This initiative was approved by the Board by a vote of 8-1.
- **February 2, 2021 – Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road:** By a unanimous vote, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the proposed location and major design elements of the Route 15 – Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road widening project as outlined in the [February 2, 2021, Board of Supervisors Action Item](#), and directed staff to proceed with the completion of the final design and construction documents. You can review the staff presentation [here](#). In addition, you can see the design concepts in the action item linked above, as well as the public comments received from the October 29, 2020 Public Input Meeting.
- **November 5, 2020 – Spinks Ferry Roundabout:** HNTB was awarded the contract for design consultant services, and the design work is underway. The design consultant started performing traffic analyses and developing a conceptual layout for the roundabout and relocated Newvalley Church Road. The estimated completion for this project is FY 2026.
- **October 29, 2020 – Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road:** Loudoun County held a virtual public information meeting on October 29, 2020. Members of the public asked questions and provided comments to the project team. The team also posted key project documents to the website, including the [30% Design Plan from Battlefield Parkway to Whites Ferry \(Phase 1\)](#), the [30% Design Plan from Whites Ferry to Montresor Road \(including Realignment of Limestone School Road and Montresor Roundabout \(Phase 2\)\)](#), and the collected [Comments and Responses from the October 29 Public Input Meeting](#).

Steps Taken to Expedite Route 15 North Improvements

Widening the north stretch of Route 15 is a major undertaking. So at every opportunity, I've encouraged staff to look for ways to streamline the process and to cut out avoidable delays. They have responded with the following creative and thoughtful solutions.

To speed up the entire project, Loudoun County has taken the following steps:

- All federal funding was removed from the project in order to avoid additional regulatory burdens. Project funding now only includes state and local sources.
- The project is using task order consultants instead of procuring one prime consultant. That move saved us 9 to 12 months on the procurement process.
- We split the project into phases, so that Phase II right-of-way challenges (roundabout at Montresor Road) wouldn't hold up Phase I (improvements at White's Ferry).
- Discussions with property owners have occurred early in the design process, which will save time in the right-of-way discussions.

They've also focused on nailing down elements of the project that could have delayed construction:

- Locked down the roadway alignment and major design elements as quickly as possible.
- Quickly agreed on how to deal with Little Springs access.
- Prepared separate plan packages for bike and pedestrian trails additions/supplements that are not adjacent to Route 15.
- Secured the Board's design endorsement at the January 19, 2021 Board business meeting.
- Proceeded directly to the 60% plan submission to Loudoun County Building and Development and VDOT.

To expedite right-of-way acquisition, staff tackled several key tasks as soon as the design was confirmed:

- Initial right-of-way research was conducted early on in the process.
- Established a process to acquire right-of-way from Morven Park, other HOAs.
- Determined contacts for properties owned by out of state entities.

Finally, to expedite the utility coordination work, staff has begun work on designations and on contacting the utilities while the 60% plans are still in development. They've also included utility coordination as a part of their regular design coordination meetings.

**STAY UPDATED
CHECK THE PROJECT WEBSITES BELOW**

**Route 15 North - Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road
Project Website**

**Route 15 North - (CPAM) Montresor Road to the
Maryland State Line Project Website**

**Route 15 North - Spinks Ferry Road Roundabout
Project Website**

**Share Your Thoughts About Montresor Road to
Maryland State Line (CPAM 2021-0002)**

CPAM / Concept B Improvements

1. Four lanes: Montresor Road to vicinity of Spinks Ferry Road.*
2. Two lanes with Median: North of Village of Lucketts to St Clair Lane.*
3. Traffic calming within the Village of Lucketts.
4. Bypass around Village of Lucketts.*
5. Roundabouts: Montresor Road, Newvalley Church Road, Stumptown Road/Lucketts bypass.
6. Realigned intersections: Montresor Road/Limestone School Road and Newvalley Church Road/Spinks Ferry Road.
7. Traffic signal at Lovettsville Road.
8. Bike, pedestrian and transit service opportunities.

* Required for CPAM

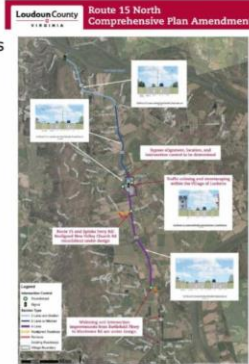


Image Credit: [Screenshot](#) from presentation at the June 23 public input meeting / Loudoun County DTCl

On June 23, Loudoun County Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCl) held a [virtual public input meeting](#) about the Montresor Road to Maryland State Line phase of the Route 15 project. They presented the details of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment that Loudoun is pursuing, and invited members of the public to share their thoughts on it.

Here are links to the video recording and key presentation documents from that meeting:

- [Video of the Meeting](#)
- [DTCl's PowerPoint Presentation](#)
- [Route 15 Congestion Report](#)

You can find additional documents and resources on the [meeting's website](#).

YOUR INPUT NEEDED!

DTCI would love to get your thoughts on this CPAM and/or about this particular segment of Route 15. They are collecting public comments now through July 23. If you'd like to give your feedback, you can:

- Fill out the [Online Comment Form for CPAM 2021-0002](#)
- Take the [Lucketts Potential Bypass Survey](#) (a bypass east or west of Lucketts is one of the potential items for this CPAM)
- Email DTCI directly at dtci@loudoun.gov

RESTORING WHITE'S FERRY SERVICE



In April of this year Loudoun County and Montgomery County agreed to study options for resuming White's Ferry service between the two counties. Loudoun County and Montgomery County began reviewing information and researching the alternatives in spring 2021. A study report providing on the long-term feasibility and reliability of the Potomac River ferry service recommendations is expected in summer/fall 2021.

The joint study is evaluating White's Ferry's past and potential operations, as well as possible land acquisition scenarios to support reestablishing a connection on the Virginia side. The study will evaluate short- and long-term possibilities for resuming ferry service and will include consideration of economic development opportunities and operating scenarios to maximize public access and benefits from the connection.

The joint study will be led by MCDOT and the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure. The study's scope will include:

- Roadway access and ferry use along with any other pertinent transportation issues.
- Identifying legal and regulatory requirements associated with ferry operations.
- Landing site improvements and landing location options.
- Operating alternatives that may include a public/private partnership.

For additional background and project updates please check the White's Ferry Project Website below.

White's Ferry Project Website

Planning Commission Reports Out AT&T Monopole Application

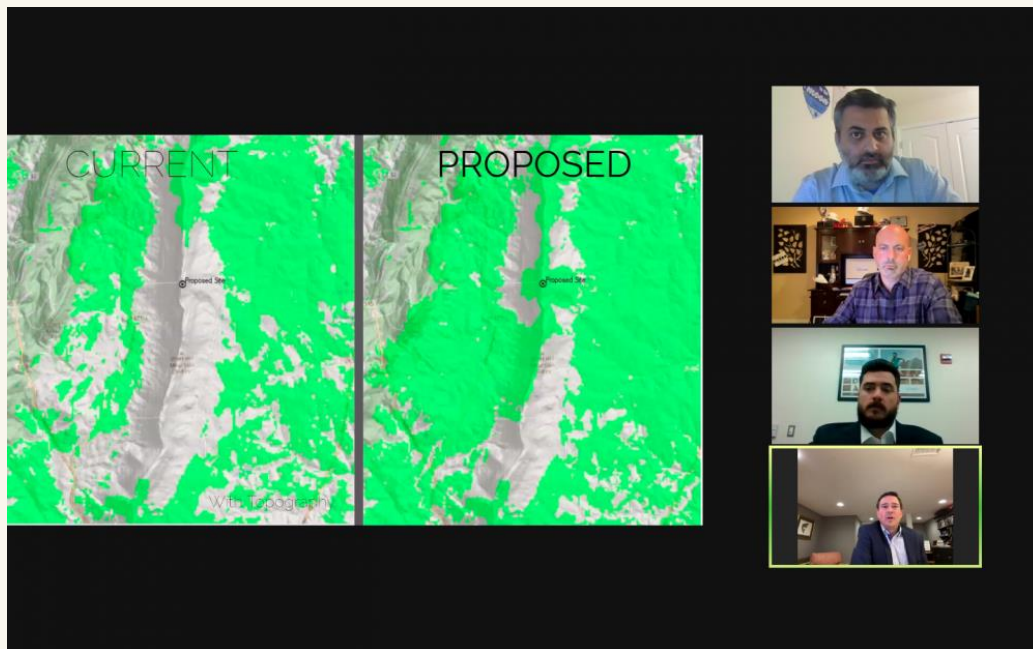
The Planning Commission voted 6-3 to oppose the application for a 125ft tower on Short Hill at their June 22 public hearing. This item has not yet been scheduled for a Board of Supervisors meeting.

For additional information on the project please find the following resources:

[Planning Commission Staff Report.](#)

[Loudoun Online Land Application \(LOLA\) Website:](#) Click on "searchable list" and put in application number CMPT-2020-0005

[AT&T Facts About Short Hill](#)



AT&T Promises Better Service with Short Hill Tower -...

Representatives for telecom giant AT&T promised better cell service in northwestern Loudoun if the company is allowed to build a 125-foot tower on top of Short Hill Mountain. With that, the company's representatives say, will come cell network...

[Read more](#)

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Lingering Local Distrust Fells AT&T's Short Hill Cell...

Distrust and opposition from people living around Short Hill Mountain has thrown up a stumbling block to AT&T's plans for a cell tower on top of the mountain, with the Planning Commission voting down the telecom giant's application June 22. The...

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AT&T Proposes Short Hill Monopole - Loudoun Now

AT&T has returned with new plans for its property on top of Short Hill Mountain overlooking Lovettsville, this time a 125-foot monopole that the company says will improve cell service in northwestern Loudoun. The monopole proposal was first...

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Are You Building a Pool?

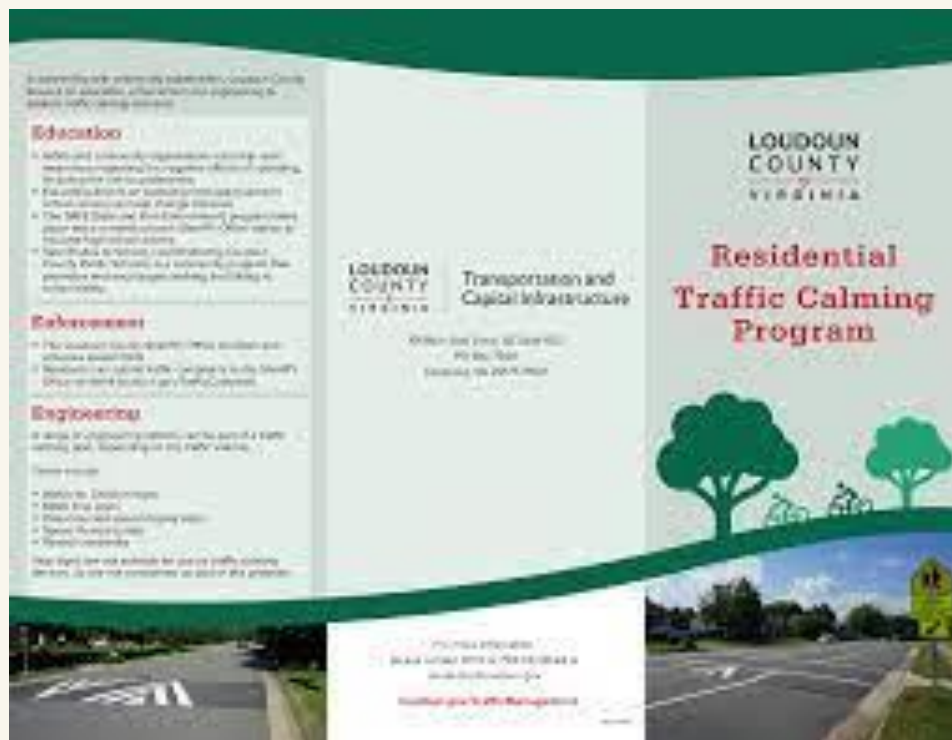
Have you been told you need a VDOT Permit and are required to post a bond?

CONTACT OUR OFFICE!

If you are attempting to build a residential pool and have been told you need to post bond and obtain a VDOT permit, please contact my office at Caleb.Kershner@loudoun.gov

I have received multiple inquiries about this practice occurring in Loudoun County. In my view, this is a completely unnecessary burden to homeowners who want to build a pool on their private property. I am working to address this situation with VDOT and our County Staff.

Please let me know if you are having difficulty with this issue! We can help!



CATOCTIN OFFICE TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS

THE LAKES AT RED ROCKS COMMUNITY

On June 1, 2021, the Board approved \$8,400 from the Capital Improvement Program Contingency account through the Traffic Calming Signs project for the installation of

"Watch for Children" signs. [Item #11 Traffic Calming Measures for the Lakes at Red Rocks](#)

WATERFORD

The Board of Supervisors will receive an update on traffic calming measures for the Village of Waterford at our July 20th Board Business Meeting. The information item will be available on the County website on Thursday evening, July 15, 2021.

IF YOUR COMMUNITY IS IN NEED OF TRAFFIC CALMING PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS [WEBSITE](#) AND CONTACT ME AT CALEB.KERSHNER@LOUDOUN.GOV



Image Credit: [Cover Photo](#) for the 2021 Loudoun County Fair / Loudoun County Fair

2021 Loudoun County Fair is On!

July 28 - Aug 1

The Loudoun County Fair is back in person this year! It will be held on **July 28 - August 1** at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds in Leesburg. They've assembled a fully packed [schedule of events](#), and they have begun selling tickets on [their website](#).

- **Where:** 17558 Dry Mill Rd, Leesburg, VA 20175
- **When:** July 28 - August 1
- **Parking:** \$5 parking fee (pay once, good all week)
- **Tickets for Adults:** Adult One Day \$15, Adult Weekly \$40

- **Tickets for Kids 6-13:** Kid's One Day \$5 Kid's Weekly \$15
- **Kids ages 5 and under are free**

Your admission ticket will get you into the Carnival area. Rides and games will cost extra. Also, July 28 is Children's Day - kids 12 and under are free until 4:00 PM.

The Fair will share more updates as they get closer to July 28. To learn more about the event itself, including sponsor/vendor information, check out the Fair's [website](#) and keep following their [Facebook page](#).

Learn More

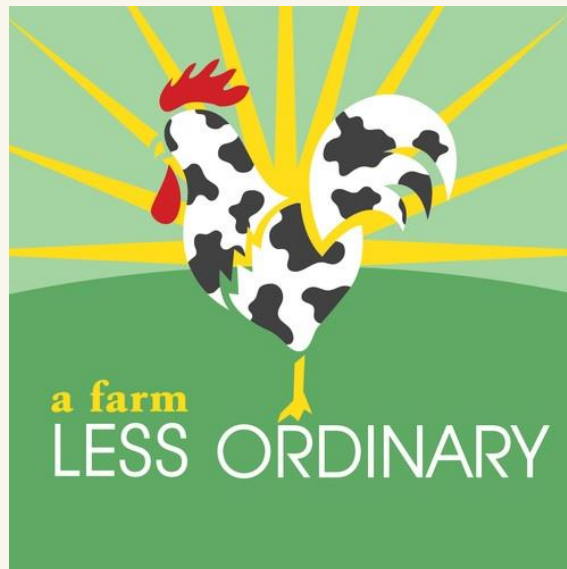


Image Credit: [Logo](#) of A Farm Less Ordinary, afarmlessordinary.org

A Farm Less Ordinary Opens Its Second Location in Lovettsville

It was a pleasure to attend A Farm Less Ordinary's ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 17! This was for the opening of their second location in Lovettsville, where they will provide a welcoming community, employment, and skill training for people with developmental disabilities.

I'm delighted to see this nonprofit put down roots in Western Loudoun and in the Catoctin District. If you'd like to learn more about A Farm Less Ordinary, they've written a great summary of what they're all about, [here on their website](#).

Learn More



Image Credit: [Photo](#) of John Branding, co-owner of Wheatland Springs Farm + Brewery, pouring the new beer / Loudoun Times-Mirror, Graham Cullen

Four Loudoun Businesses Team Up To Produce A 100% Loudoun-Grown Beer

Four rural Loudoun businesses teamed up to produce Loudoun Grown Farmhouse Ale, a new beer made entirely from ingredients grown here in Loudoun. The estate wheat was grown by Wheatland Spring Farm + Brewery. Additional local-grown grain was provided by Hanging Rock Hay and Grain and Three Monkeys Farm LLC, and the hops came from Fabboli Cellars.

Developing this beer was [quite the operation](#). Even the yeast strain was locally sourced. Two years ago, John and Bonnie Branding captured wild yeast on Wheatland Farm using mason jars filled with wort. Those samples were then isolated and stored by Jasper Akerboom, who operates Jasper Yeast in Sterling. Now that yeast is being combined with local-sourced grain and hops to produce this new Loudoun beer.

Loudoun Grown Farmhouse Ale was released on June 23. You can read the whole remarkable story of its creation at the link below.

[Learn More](#)



Image Credit: Logo of the Town of Lovettsville, Virginia / Town of Lovettsville

Upcoming Events At Lovettsville From Mayor Nate Fontaine

Some of these events were mentioned last month, but were scheduled to take place in July or later. So here they are again:



2021 Lovettsville Summer on the Green Series

<u>June 18th</u> – Captain America Civil War (PG-13)	<u>July 30th</u> – Moana (PG)
<u>July 2nd</u> – Sgt. Stubby (PG)	<u>August 13th</u> – Princess Bride (PG)
<u>July 16th</u> – Top Gun (PG)	<u>August 20th</u> – Sing (PG)
<u>July 23rd</u> – Elf (PG)	

Movies start at Dusk
FREE ADMISSION

Fridays at the
WALKER PAVILION

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 schedule for those upcoming movies:

- **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)

When we last checked on this, the event committee was hoping to line up a military band and add that to this list of events. Still no word on whether that came to fruition.



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.

Major Road Projects

Important Upcoming Project Meetings

Save the Dates
Check the Project Websites Below
for Updates

[Route 9 Safety and Operational Study](#)

Focus Group will be held on
Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

[Route 15 North - Lucketts Safety and Operational Improvements](#)

Public Information Meeting
hosted by Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be held on
Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

[Route 15 South Safety and Operational Study](#)

Focus Group will be held on
Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

[Spinks Ferry Roundabout](#)

Public Information Meeting
hosted by Loudoun County DTCl on
Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm



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.

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.

Latest Updates

VDOT sent over its comments on the roundabout concept on May 11, and staff is updating the design in response to those comments. The floodplain study is currently being scoped.

Visit Project Website



Safety and Operational Study West Virginia to Route 7

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 project was approved at the Board Business Meeting on December 3, 2019.

Latest Update

The project is 66% complete. Work teams have been pouring concrete for the bridge deck, and that part of the project will go on through July. The contractor is continuing to do earthwork and install drainage structures.

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

This Quarter: At the February 16 business meeting, the Board voted 9-0 to award the design contract to Dewberry. A design kickoff meeting was held in March.

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.

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.

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

This Quarter: Since this project was not selected to receive SMARTSCALE funding, DTCl and DFB staff are re-evaluating design procurement strategy.

Next Quarter: DFB and DTCl 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.

This Quarter: The Town issued the Notice to Proceed (NTP) and construction work is underway.

Next Quarter: The construction work will continue, and it is expected to be completed 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

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.

Next Quarter: Volkert will address the 30% design comments, will finalize the NEPA document, and DTCL 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 is updating the design plans to include the drainage revision that they discussed when they met with VDOT on April 20. VDOT, Building and Development, and the Town of Purcellville have begun reviewing the roadway plans, structures plans, geotechnical

report, and support documents. VDOT's Materials and Hydraulics Design divisions, and their Quality Assurance Coordinator (QAC), have already provided their comments on the submission; Dewberry is currently waiting on comments from Building and Development and from the Town of Purcellville.

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

No change since last time. Construction is still underway.

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 NVTVA.

Latest Update

Construction is still underway. The new interchange is tentatively scheduled for an interim opening on June 25, weather permitting, and a ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned.

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 sent back its comments about drainage on May 6. Staff is currently addressing those comments, while also preparing the final floodplain documents. Verizon and Dominion have both turned in their plans and estimates (P&E). A second submission of the plats should occur in early June.

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

No change since last time. The consultant is still investigation potential ways to phase 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.

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.

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.

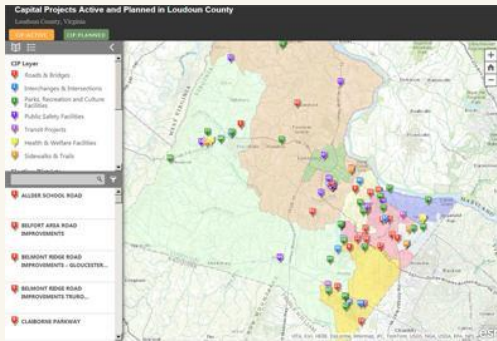
Latest Update

This project is managed by the [Town of Lovettsville](#).

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.

Next Quarter: Design work will continue, along with Right-of-Way acquisition.

More Road Resources



Loudoun's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

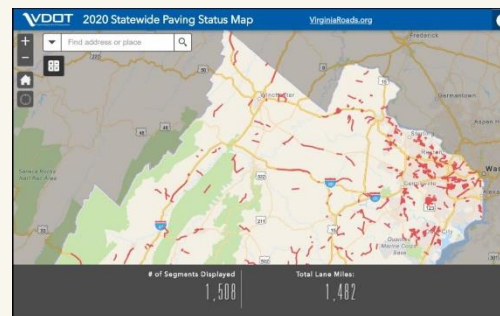
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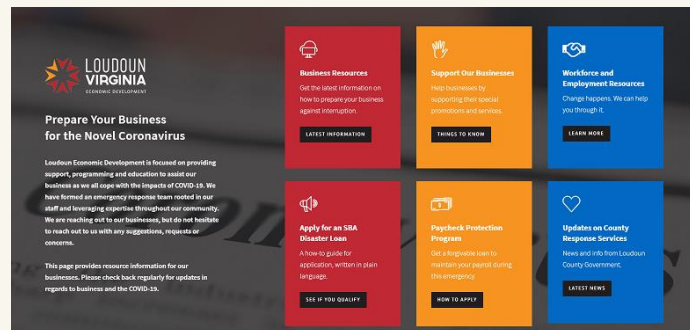
Business Resources



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:

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- [Workforce Resources for Businesses](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Employees & Job Seekers](#)

General Business Resources

- [Rural Business Educational Resources](#)
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