



Chair **Phyllis J. Randall** Newsletter



Hello Loudoun:

As our Summer comes to an end, and the school year begins, let's all work together to make this a great year for our educators, parents, and of course, our little ones. I enjoy seeing all the pictures of the children starting school this year. It is times like these that make representing you a true joy, as we can see our community coming together to make Loudoun a place for everyone.

August was a busy month for my office, there were several events across the County, and I think you would be thrilled to hear some of the great things taking place in Loudoun.

As always, if my Office can ever be any of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you, and I hope you all have a safe and smooth transition to the new school year.

"Silence No More" Ceremony



Last month, "Silence No More" a non-profit that serves people who have suffered with domestic violence, or are currently in a abusive situation, held their 4th Annual Honoree Ceremony acknowledging the contribution of eight special people who are working to end domestic violence in our County and the region.

Learn more: [HERE.](#)

Taste of Leesburg!

Kudos to the Town of Leesburg

Thousands of folks came out for "Taste of Leesburg" this year. The event was a phenomenal success. There were great vibes, helpful vendors, amazing music, refreshing drinks, delicious food. Great job to Leesburg!



Dulles Solar Project



Members of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors joined with representatives from Dominion Energy, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and federal, state and local leaders Tuesday for the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Dulles Solar and Storage project at Dulles International Airport.

In December 2022, the Board adopted an amendment to the county's zoning ordinance that rezoned airport property to allow for uses, such as solar generation facilities, in Planned Development-General Industry Zoning Districts. The Board also added solar facilities as a permitted by-right use for properties greater than 500 acres. The Dominion Energy project will be developed across 835 acres in the southwest corner of the airport property.

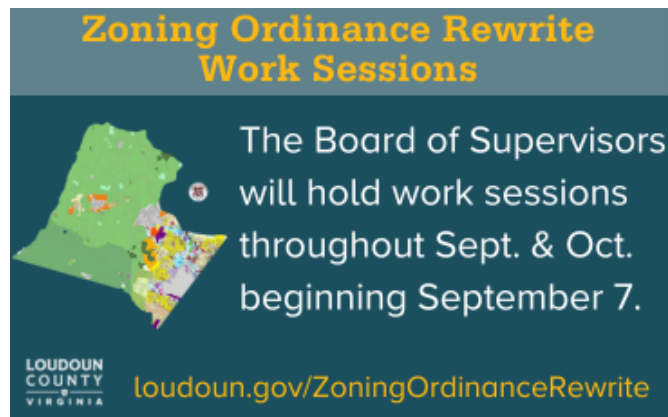
According to Dominion Energy, the Dulles Solar and Storage project is expected to generate up to 100 megawatts (MW) of solar energy and store up to 50 MW of power, making it the largest renewable energy project developed at a U.S. airport. It will provide enough energy to power more than 37,000 homes during their peak output. The energy generated will serve Dominion Energy customers in Virginia.

"I am pleased that Dominion is investing in alternative energy sources at such a large scale," said Loudoun Board Chair Phyllis J. Randall. "As our Commonwealth, nation and world is grappling with extreme weather due to climate change, we know that investing in alternative, sustainable energy sources is the answer to reducing our dependence on fossil fuels."

Dominion Energy plans to develop two 1 MW solar carports that will partially power Dulles facilities, and provide 18 electric transit buses, 50 electric fleet vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations for Dulles operations. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2023 and is expected to be complete by late 2026.

The project received final approval earlier this year after an extensive, multi-year review by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration and Virginia State Corporation Commission, among other state and federal agencies.

Board Business



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will consider potential revisions to the county's Zoning Ordinance during a series of work sessions in September

and October. The work sessions are the next step in the multiyear Zoning Ordinance Rewrite (ZOR) project and follow the Board's July 26, 2023, public hearing, on the Draft Zoning Ordinance.

Schedule of Work Sessions

The Board's first work session is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The sections and chapters scheduled for review are:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Zoning Districts

Documents prepared for the September 7 meeting are posted online here.

The second work session is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and will cover chapters and sections related to uses in Urban, Suburban, Office and Industrial Zoning Districts:

- Chapter 3: Uses
- Chapter 4: Use-Specific Standards
- Chapter 12: Definitions

Documents prepared for the September 11 work session and all subsequent work sessions will be posted on the county's website at least three days prior to the meeting date at loudoun.gov/bosdocuments.

A third work session in September is scheduled for September 26, followed by five work sessions in October. The complete schedule of work sessions is posted online at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite. The dates and times of all Board of Supervisors public meetings are posted at loudoun.gov/calendar.

Attend or Watch ZOR Work Sessions

The Board's work sessions will be held at the Loudoun County Government Center, located at 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg. All of the Board's public meetings are televised on the county's cable channel, Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FIOS 40, and livestreamed online at loudoun.gov/meetings.

Submit Comments to the Board of Supervisors

Members of the public may provide input to the Board of Supervisors throughout their review of the Draft Zoning Ordinance. Comments should be submitted to the Board through [this online comment form](#). Anyone who does not have access to the internet may call 703-777-0246 to submit comments. An additional opportunity for public comment will be available at the Board's second public hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance, which is tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2023.

Review the Draft Zoning Ordinance

The complete text of the Draft Zoning Ordinance being considered by the Board is available for review on the county website at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite. The county's existing zoning ordinance, the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance, is posted at loudoun.gov/zoningordinance. Once adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the new zoning ordinance will replace the existing ordinance.

About the Zoning Ordinance

The zoning ordinance regulates land use throughout the county and is the primary implementation tool for the [Loudoun County 2019 Comprehensive Plan](#), a policy document that provides guidance for elected officials and other governmental decision-makers as to where and how the community will grow over many years.

An update to the zoning ordinance is necessary following adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2019. The new zoning ordinance is intended to be more modern and user-friendly, with new district regulations that reflect the land use policies in the Comprehensive Plan.

More Information

Detailed information about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project, including a history of the process and a link to sign up for email and text updates on the project, is available on the county's website at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite.

LandMARC is Live



Loudoun County's new online
land management system

NOW AVAILABLE!

Sign Up:

loudoun.gov/LandMARC

LandMARC Overview

LandMARC leverages new technology and adds many new online capabilities to better serve the needs of the county's customers. Through an online portal, members of the public are now able to:

- Submit permit, land development and legislative land use applications.
- Submit electronic copies of plans and other required documentation.
- Track the status of applications and land development projects.
 - Request pre-application and pre-submission meetings.
 - Request inspections.
 - Pay application fees.
- Access public records related to permits and plans.

The new system replaces outdated internal and publicly available systems, including e-Permits, LOLA (Loudoun Online Land Applications) and WAIRS (Web Automated Inspection Request System).

Sign up for a LandMARC Account

LandMARC accounts are required to apply for a permit or plan, request inspections, or manage active projects. All customers must create new accounts to do business in the system. Information on how to sign up for an account is available

at loudoun.gov/landmarc. Members of the public can search for and access public records related to permits and plans without an account.

More Information/Resources

More information about the new system, including how-to guides and a link to sign up for updates as the new system is implemented, can be found at loudoun.gov/landmarc.

Events



THE REAL ESTATE AGENT AS AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AMBASSADOR

SEPT. 13, 2023 | 9:30 - 11 A.M. | DAAR

THIS FREE INFORMATIONAL SESSION WILL HELP REALTORS® LEARN HOW TO HELP THEIR CLIENTS SAVE MONEY WITH MORE EFFICIENT HOME ENERGY USE, AND MORE! THIS SESSION WILL ALSO BE OF INTEREST AND IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

PRESENTERS WILL INCLUDE:

- MARC AVENI - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF GENERAL SERVICES, LOUDOUN COUNTY
- JUSTIN RODGERS - VICE PRESIDENT, ICF INTERNATIONAL
- ELENA VERA - SENIOR MANAGER RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS, ICF INTERNATIONAL
- MIKE STUDHOLME - ACCOUNT MANAGER, MOUNTAIN VIEW SOLAR
- RYAN VAN PATTEN - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT MANAGER, LOUDOUN COUNTY

SCAN TO LEARN
MORE & REGISTER





Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, September 9, 2023

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

11:00 am presentation:
Native Plants for Beginners

Morven Park

main parking lot
17195 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg



www.loudounwildlife.org/event/fall-native-plant-sale/

Virginia Cooperative Extension (Loudoun)

Upcoming Events

- Farm to School: Delivery and Distribution – Tuesday, September 5 @ 2:00 p.m.
- Building a Backyard Bird Oasis – Thursday, September 7 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Fall Planting and Landscapes – Saturday, September 9 @ 2:00 p.m.
- Fatherhood Field Day for Soil Health and Conservation – Monday, September 11 @ 6:00 p.m.
- VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Information Session – Thursday, September 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training – Tuesday, September 26 & Wednesday, September 27 @ 1:00 p.m.
- Sign Up for VCE Loudoun's Water Testing Program Waitlist

Farm to School: Delivery and Distribution

Part of the Virginia Farm to School Toolkit Webinar Series

In this session, we will highlight the multiple ways food can be delivered and distributed as part of the farm-to-school value chain. This will include best practices you could use depending on your role in a beginning or established local food procurement program.

Tuesday, September 5 • 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • [Register for virtual event](#)

Building a Backyard Bird Oasis

Part of VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners Lecture Series

Invite a diversity of birds to your garden by planting beautiful native plants that provide both food and habitat. Eileen Boyle, former Director of Conservation & Research at Mt. Cuba Center, will help us learn which trees and shrubs are the best for our local feathered friends. She will discuss how we can create a lovely, dynamic year-round bird oasis in our backyards.

Thursday, September 7, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Virtual Event • [Learn More](#) • [Sign up for Event Announcements](#) • [Log In \(Password: LCPL\)](#)

Fall Planting and Landscapes

Fall is the best time for planting! Come on out and join VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Rachel Healy to learn why and the general considerations needed to be successful.

Saturday, September 9, 2023 • 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Sterling Library - 22330 S Sterling Blvd, a117, Sterling, VA • [Sign up for Event Announcements](#)

Fatherhood Field Day for Soil Health and Conservation

This is your chance to get outside, visit a farm with your kids, and get your hands dirty together. While at the farm, you'll learn from regional experts about soil health and conservation! This event is brought to you by VCE Loudoun, Loudoun Department of Family Services' Fatherhood Initiative, Loudoun Soil & Water, & Northern Virginia Wholesale Growers.

Monday, September 11, 2023 • 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Northern Virginia Wholesale Growers, 40743 Charles Town Pike, Paeonian Springs, VA 20175 • [Sign Up – Registration is Required](#)

VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Information Session

Are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer and joining the class of 2024? Join us virtually for an overview of the VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Volunteer program. The application process will open Friday, September 22.

Thursday,
September 21, 2023 •
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. •

Virtual

Event - Registration is Required • For more information, visit loudouncountymastergardeners.org.

Produce Safety Alliance Grower Training

From beginners to experienced growers, everyone can benefit from taking the time to think about food safety on their farm! Learn about best practices and regulatory requirements as noted by the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. Participants will receive the AFDO Certificate and training manual.

Tuesday, September 26 & Wednesday, September 27, 2023 • 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. • \$35 • Virtual Event • [Register for PSA Grower Training by September 15th](#)

Sign Up for VCE Loudoun's Water Testing Program Waitlist

Did you know that it is the responsibility of the owners of homes with well water to regularly test water quality, maintain the water system and address any problems? Knowledge is the first step – get started by testing your well, cistern, or spring. Be among the first to know when registration opens by signing up for October's Water Testing Waitlist.

Monday, October 16 & Wednesday, 18, 2023 • \$65 • [Household Water Quality Testing Program](#) • [Sign Up for Water Testing Waitlist](#)

Loudoun Symphony Orchestra

Make a date with the LSO! Various Locations

Your season subscription provides a twenty percent discount on tickets purchased individually. Each subscription concert will be performed twice - you will have the option to choose the performance you plan to attend after checkout. Please note that season tickets are not printable. Tickets purchased by September 15th will be mailed. If you order after that time, please plan to pick them up at Will Call!

Doors open 30 minutes before concerts begin. Seating is open, except for the performance at Ion Arena.

Concerts include:

- Fanfare - 7:30 PM, September 30 (St. David's) and 3:00 PM, October 1, 2023 (St. David's)
- Joy (Holiday Concert) - 7:30 PM, December 2 (St. David's) and 3:00 PM, December 3, 2023 (Lightridge High School)
- Truth & Transcendence - 7:30 PM, February 10 (St. David's) and 3:00 PM, February 11, 2024 (Independence High School)
- One Planet, One Community - 7:30 PM, June 1 (St. David's) and Time TBA, June 2, 2024 (Ion Arena*)

*The One Planet, One Community performance at Ion Arena will feature ice dancers. Should you elect to attend the performance at Ion Arena, you will be provided with a discount (\$28 for adults, \$24 for seniors) equal to the value of attending the concert at St. David's. Your discount code will be provided in 2024 when tickets to the performance go on sale.

[Contact Us](#)

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