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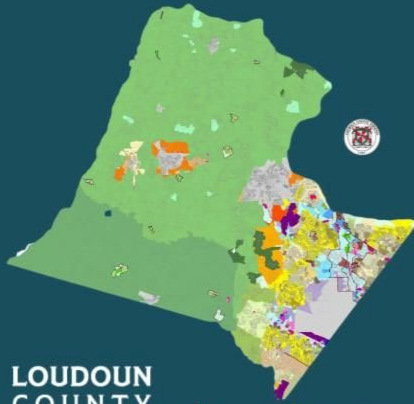
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Planning Commission Completes Draft Zoning Ordinance Review



The Planning Commission
has forwarded the
Draft Zoning Ordinance to
the Board of Supervisors.

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Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Meetings Continue

The Board of Supervisors held the first two Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Sessions on September 7th and 11th. As we work through the draft Zoning Ordinance, the BOS is able to amend specific sections of the Ordinance to establish permitted and unpermitted uses, set clear design standards, and set the overall policy for development in Loudoun County. At Tuesday's Work Session, I successfully passed two motions to limit the growth of data centers in Loudoun County. I appreciate the support from the majority of my colleagues for these changes to our zoning ordinance.

The first motion removed data centers as a Special Exception use in the Town Center (TC) zoning district. The TC district is envisioned to be a mixed-use center with residential and retail uses throughout. Data centers should never be built near residential communities, which is what is envisioned as part of the TC district.

The second motion amended the Planned Development Research and Development Park (PDRDP) zoning district to make data centers a Special Exception use. This will give the BOS managerial control to deny or approve data centers in the PDRDP zoning district, instead of being allowed "by-right". There is a large area of land zoned PDRDP in the western part of the Algonkian District in the GW area. With this change, any proposed data center development would have to go through the legislative process instead of being allowed by-right.

I was also proud to vote against several motions that would have weakened the use-specific standards that apply to data centers in the new Zoning Ordinance and rejected motions that would have allowed for data center development closer to residential communities.

The Zoning Ordinance Rewrite process will continue with a Work Session scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday, September 26th. If you have feedback or suggestions for land use, development, and zoning in Loudoun County, then please reach out to me and my staff! For more information the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite, please visit loudoun.gov/5274/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite



Board of Supervisors Hold Hearing on Dogwood Farm Station Application

On Tuesday, September 13th, the Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on the Dogwood Farm Station application, which proposes the construction of 485 dwelling units, a childcare center, and community-accessible pool on the site of the existing Blue Mount Nursery. In advance of last night's hearing, my office

underwent an extensive public engagement process, regularly speaking with community members and hosting a public meeting on August 22nd.

After hearing from about a dozen speakers and questions from Board members, I made a motion to send the application to the November 15th Public Hearing for action. The applicant has promised to modify the proposal in response to community feedback, which may include changes in density and added open space. I am continuing to negotiate proffers that would benefit the community if this application were approved. Once the changes to the application are made and presented to the Board of Supervisors in November, my colleagues and I will decide on the application.

Thank you to the residents, primarily in Lexington 7 and Potomac Farms, who came to the BOS to speak last night. I appreciate community feedback from so many of our residents and will continue taking that into consideration as I weigh my decision on this application.



Early Voting Begins September 22

Election Day (Tuesday, November 7) is quickly approaching!

The most powerful way to make your voice heard in our democracy is by voting. Here in Virginia, we've made voting easy, with early voting beginning next Friday,

September 22nd. All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote at home, vote early, or vote on election day. No excuses are required no matter your choice.

Not sure where to vote? No problem! [Click here to visit the Virginia Elections Citizen Portal](#) where you can find helpful voting information. Also, here are some important dates to keep in mind as Election Day approaches:

- **Friday, September 22:** Early Voting Begins
- **Monday, October 16:** Voter Registration Deadline
 - *In-Person:* Due by 5 PM
 - *By Mail:* Must be postmarked by 5 PM
 - *Online:* By 11:59 PM
- **Friday, October 27:** Last Day to Request a Mail Ballot
 - Must be requested by 5 PM
- **Saturday, November 4:** Last Day to Vote Early In-Person
- **Tuesday, November 7:** Election Day
 - Voting Hours: 6 AM - 7 PM
 - [Click Here to Find Your Polling Place](#)

More information about the November 7, 2023, general election is online at loudoun.gov/novemberelection.



Community Events

Welcome in the Fall by spending some time out of the house! Here are some great community events over the next week:

Loudoun Recovery Festival

- Saturday, September 16th from 12 pm to 3 pm
- Douglass Community Center - 407 E. Market St., Leesburg, VA
- Hosted by the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun

Come out to celebrate and discover the gift of recovery at this event featuring a wide variety of community resources. Enjoy entertainment, food & beverages, raffle prizes and fellowship.

Fall Festival at Claude Moore Park

- Saturday, September 16th from 10 am to 3 pm
- Claude Moore Park - 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Rd., Sterling, VA

Spend a beautiful fall day outdoors! Enjoy music and pumpkin painting. Shop from hand-made crafts for sale by local artists. View the amazing work of entrants to the Friends of Claude Moore Park's 14th Annual Photo Expo. Food is available for purchase.

Cascades Senior Center - Advisory Board Breakfast & Coffee

- Thursday, September 21st from 10 to 11:30 am
- Cascades Senior Center - 21060 Whitfield Pl., Sterling, VA

Join the Cascades Senior Center community for their monthly Breakfast & Coffee event. New and prospective Senior Center members are all welcome to attend!

Latino Heritage Celebration of Sterling

- Saturday, September 23rd from 12 to 5 pm
- Sterling Community Center - 120 Enterprise St., Sterling, VA

Sterling Community Center will celebrate the history and rich culture of Latinos living in Loudoun and across the world. Enjoy a diverse palate of food vendors, nonprofit and commercial vendors, children's activities, moon bounces, giveaways, live music, DJ, and more!

Loudoun Symphony's Melodies in Motion

- Saturday, September 23rd from 7 to 8:30 pm
- Franklin Park Arts Center - 36441 Blueridge View Ln., Purcellville, VA

The Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center kick-off their Gold Star series with a first-time collaboration between Virginia National Ballet and the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra.

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