



Chair **Phyllis J. Randall** Newsletter



Hello Loudoun:

Happy Holidays! I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season! It is important to take this time to be with your loved ones, and to truly embrace the beauty that this time of the year has to offer.

Please remember that the holiday season may be a difficult time for our more vulnerable friends. Let's do what we can here in Loudoun, so that everyone knows we are in this together, and that we are here for one another.

In other important news, the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite is finally complete here in Loudoun. The Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, County Staff and so many members of the public were instrumental in the almost four-year process of rewriting the 2023 Zoning Ordinance. I was very pleased to support it on Wednesday December 13th.

Keep in mind, you can always tune in to our Board of Supervisors Business Meetings, and Public Hearings [HERE](#).

Aldie Fire & Rescue Station #7 Groundbreaking

Aldie Fire & Rescue Station

- Located along the Route 50 corridor, this project will construct a new 23,000 square foot fire and rescue facility in the Aldie area which will replace the existing Aldie Fire and Rescue Station.
 - The purpose of this project is to provide an updated and accessible facility for the Aldie Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD). First organized in 1955 by a group of Aldie area residents, the AVFD is responsible for responding to fire and rescue emergencies within a 40 square mile area.
 - The facility will include apparatus bays, bunkroom facilities, a training room, a break room, restrooms and showers, food preparation and dining areas, laundry and decontamination areas, supply storage, a gear and hose drying area, a breathing apparatus air compressor room, a fitness room, offices and a repair shop.
 - Facility will be designed to achieve LEED Silver designation.
 - This project is funded using general obligation bond, local tax and lease revenue financing.
 - A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 16, 2023.
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One Loudoun Tree Lighting







Final Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Session

Supervisors Complete Review of Draft Zoning Ordinance



Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the final version of the ordinance proposed for adoption December 13, 2023.

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loudoun.gov/ZoningOrdinanceRewrite

Loudoun Board of Supervisors Adopts New Zoning Ordinance

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has adopted a new zoning ordinance, completing a nearly four-year process that included extensive public engagement with a broad range of stakeholders. The new *Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance*, adopted by the Board following a public hearing December 13, 2023, is effective immediately and replaces the previous ordinance known as the *Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance*.

“This new ordinance is modern, streamlined, and provides much-needed updates to regulations on land use in the Loudoun County of today,” said Chair Phyllis J. Randall. “The Board’s unanimous vote illustrates our endorsement of an ordinance that is both good for Loudoun and recognizes

this significant milestone in the Board's history that could only have been achieved through the collaboration of countless critical partners. Those critical partners include the county's zoning experts, business leaders, developers, environmental protection advocates, property owners, interested citizens, and many more. This effort could be a blueprint for future efforts, ensuring that in addition to being heard, stakeholders feel heard."

The text of the newly adopted *Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance*, which includes revisions to the county's noise study regulations, is online at loudoun.gov/zoningordinance.

In addition to adopting the new ordinance, the Board of Supervisors established grandfathering rules to allow certain types of pending development applications (accepted for processing but not yet approved) to continue being reviewed and approved under the *Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance*.

The Board also approved an interim process for implementing the *Loudoun County Facilities Standards Manual* technical standards and *Loudoun County Land Subdivision and Development Ordinance* regulations until updates are made to these documents. The county also will now update the Loudoun County Codified Ordinances to update references to the new *Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance*.

Notable highlights of the Board's updates to the ordinance are summarized for each chapter of the ordinance and posted online at loudoun.gov/ZORsummaries.

The *Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance* regulates land use throughout the county and is the primary implementation tool

of the land use policies described in the *Loudoun County 2019 Comprehensive Plan*, a policy document that provides guidance for governmental decision-makers regarding where and how the community will grow over many years.

Future Amendments

Following adoption of the new ordinance, the county will continue to update the ordinance and Comprehensive Plan through future amendments that will address a number of needs that were identified during the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project. Future updates include additional considerations for data centers, land use in western Loudoun, and the prioritization and preservation of prime agricultural soils to support the long-term viability of farming. More information about planned efforts in the future are available in the November 9, 2023, staff report, Department of Planning and Zoning Work Plan.

About the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Project

The Board of Supervisors' adoption of the new *Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance* is the culmination of four years of work, which began in 2020 with an audit of the previous ordinance. The Board appointed a Zoning Ordinance Committee that conducted thorough reviews, engaged the public and provided initial recommendations for updating the ordinance. Beginning in 2022, the Loudoun County Planning Commission subsequently reviewed and revised the ordinance, held public hearings, and forwarded a draft ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for review in the summer of 2023. The Board held another public hearing and further revised the draft ordinance with additional

**stakeholder input. Detailed information about the
multiyear Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project is available
on the county's website
at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite.**

Loudoun Symphony's Nutcracker





Emergency Eviction Assistance Program



EMERGENCY EVICTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FOR RESIDENTS ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS MAY APPLY BEGINNING
12:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023.

Learn More:

loudoun.gov/RentAssistance

Loudoun County Hires Nonprofit Loudoun Cares to Administer Emergency Eviction Relief Program; Pre-Screening Applications Open Nov. 20

Beginning Monday, November 20, 2023, eligible Loudoun County residents may apply for emergency eviction assistance by submitting an online pre-screening application through the nonprofit Loudoun Cares.

The program has been commissioned by the Board of Supervisors as part of the county's efforts to distribute available funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to address lingering economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. The county is using a portion of the available funds for various housing programs, including one that is intended to keep eligible residents who are facing immediate eviction in their homes—particularly during the cold weather months—by paying outstanding rent obligations and fees associated with the eviction process.

Loudoun has allocated \$500,000 for this one-time, emergency assistance program, which includes a contract with Loudoun Cares to administer the program. The number of households that will receive assistance will vary based on several factors. Loudoun Cares will sign up and recommend financial assistance for as many households as possible. The county will make payments directly to landlords on behalf of approved applicants. The program will end by January 31, 2024, or sooner if funds are exhausted.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Assistance?

Individuals and families must meet specific criteria to be considered eligible for the eviction assistance program. All applicants must:

- Live in Loudoun County.
- Rent their homes and have a valid current lease.
 - Earn less than 80 percent of the Area Median Income.
- Hold a current Eviction Summons (for Unlawful Detainer).
- Be impacted by COVID-19-related economic factors.

In addition, the applicant's landlord must provide an IRS W-9 form and agree to participate in the program.

How to Apply for Assistance

Beginning at 12:00 noon on Monday, November 20, 2023, eligible residents may begin submitting an online pre-screening application for assistance to Loudoun Cares. All applicants must complete the online pre-screening application to verify eligibility.

The online application is available in English and Spanish. Eligible residents should visit loudouncares.org/eviction to submit the online application beginning November 20 at noon.

Any applicant who does not have access to the internet may call Loudoun Cares at 703-669-4636 for assistance in submitting an application.

More Information

For more information about other rent assistance programs offered by Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/rentassistance. For information about all Loudoun County housing programs and services, visit loudoun.gov/housing.

Events



Upcoming Events:

- [ServSafe para Gerentes/ServSafe for Managers](#) – Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

- [Apply to Be a 4-H Junior Camp Counselor!](#) – *Applications Due by February 2, 2024*
- [ServSafe para Gerentes/ServSafe for Managers](#) – Sold Out – Monday, January 22, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.

Apply to Be a 4-H Junior Camp Counselor!

Counselor & Counselor-in-Training Positions Open

Attention teens! VCE Loudoun 4-H is actively recruiting Counselors & Counselors-In-Training for next summer's Loudoun-Fauquier 4-H Junior Camp. This is your chance to develop leadership skills, help youth ages 9-13, and have fun!

June 30 - July 4, 2024 • Northern Virginia 4-H Center in Front Royal, VA. • Cost: Camp Counselors (\$255), Counselors in Training (\$280) • Applications Due by February 2, 2024 • [Learn More](#) • [Apply Online](#)

ServSafe para Gerentes/ ServSafe for Managers in Spanish

Are you in the food service industry and interested in becoming ServSafe Certified? VCE Loudoun is offering a Spanish-language ServSafe Manager Certification Training. We will cover sanitation, food storage, safety regulations, pest control, and safe food handling practices.

Our January 2024 Training is sold out, but we hope to offer it again soon. [Sign up for our waitlist](#) to let us know that there is demand for this training in Loudoun County.

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¿Está usted en la industria de servicios de alimentos y está interesado en obtener la certificación ServSafe? VCE Loudoun está ofreciendo un entrenamiento de Certificación ServSafe para Gerentes. Aprende sobre saneamiento, almacenamiento de alimentos, regulaciones de seguridad, control de plagas y prácticas seguras de manipulación de alimentos.

Nuestra capacitación de enero de 2024 está llena, pero esperamos volver a ofrecerla pronto. [Regístrese en nuestra lista de espera](#) para informarnos que hay demanda para este programa en el condado de Loudoun.

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