

Dulles Direct Newsletter August 2016

Welcome to the August edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter! As our nearly 80,000 students head back to school today, I'd like to thank all the teachers, staff, bus drivers and administrators who have worked to prepare for this big day! Our Loudoun County Public School system is constantly challenged by growth and high expectations, but by almost all measures continues to be one of the best in Virginia. This year, we're "only" opening one new school, but we know that several more will be coming in the future in our area. In the coming months, you'll be hearing more from me about those schools, as the County will be seeking your approval in the November election to issue bonds to pay for them.

The return to school ushers in peak traffic on our roadways across the entire region. This year may end up being particularly bad because of the ongoing Metro safety surge, which is causing more people to drive than normal. On Route 50, VDOT has been closely monitoring performance of the new signal timing patterns between Stone Springs Boulevard and Fair Ridge Drive in Fairfax County (just before the I-66

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interchange). I'm sure I'll be in touch with them as traffic ramps back up.

Speaking of traffic, don't forget that tomorrow evening the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) will be conducting an informational meeting to discuss the future interchange at Loudoun County Parkway and Route 50, and share information about the road network in Dulles South. I think those of you that are interested in the future of our area will find the meeting informative, as the County's consultants have conducted a great deal of modeling and analysis and will be prepared to discuss that with the public. This analysis shows traffic patterns beyond just the 50/Loudoun County Parkway intersection such as the impact of Northstar Boulevard and Arcola Boulevard.

The meeting will be held in the Liberty Elementary School cafeteria (25491 Riding Center Drive, South Riding) at 6:30 pm. From 6:30-7:15, you will be able to browse informational displays and speak individually with staff members. At 7:15, I will kick off a presentation with staff and then we will open the floor for questions. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the road network of the future, and help the Board of Supervisors make our decision about the best design option.

Earlier this month, I was pleased to join Congresswoman Barbara Comstock and Sheriff Mike Chapman at South Riding's National Night Out. The event was a showcase of crime prevention efforts in our community both by the Neighborhood Watch and the Sheriff's Office. Thank you to the South Riding Proprietary for hosting the event and recognizing two members of the Sheriff's Office that have served the Dulles South Community but have been transferred to other assignments: Captain Eric Prugh and Deputy Nathan Payne.



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Route 50 Power Line Update

Last week, the State Corporation Commission issued an order approving the agreement between Loudoun County, Dominion, and other parties on the routing of power lines from the Mosby Line near Northstar Boulevard to the Poland Road site where the data center campus is being built. As we've discussed, the lines will be coming from the Yardley Ridge data center site at 606 and Evergreen, and travel down 606 to the north side of 50. They will avoid 50 west of Loudoun County Parkway, and will not travel on the south side of 50 until they cross at the site itself.

This order ends the approval process and removes the uncertainty that property owners and commercial developers had over the routing of these lines and impacts on their property. Once again, I'd like to thank our Loudoun County Attorney, Leo Rogers, who very ably represented our interests, and all the members of the community who weighed in to help us obtain a much better routing than what Dominion originally proposed. While I wish the original routing all the way down 50 was never proposed and that all we had to do wasn't necessary, at the end of the day Dominion did

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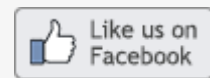
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decide to work with the County, so I'm appreciative of that as well.

As I mentioned before, the County initiated an expert fund to share the litigation costs among the participants to the case. We matched funding submitted by impacted property owners in the corridor. Because this case was resolved before a trial, the participants, including the County, will get back slightly more than two-thirds of the funds that they contributed.

I don't have any information yet about the actual construction of the power lines, but I will make sure that there is substantial communication with the community about that project when Dominion is ready to begin. In the meantime, as you can see, the data centers at Poland Road and Yardley Ridge continue to progress. Whether we like them here or not, they are now part of the community, so I'm going to work to try to establish some line of communication with the operators if that's possible.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Proposed East Gate Self Storage Facility

At our September Public Hearing, the Board will consider a request to rezone property located on East Gate View Drive across from the East Gate Marketplace from Commercial Light Industrial (CLI) to Planned Development-Industrial Park (PD-IP). The rezoning is requested to permit the development of a 106,000 square foot self-storage facility on the site. The facility is planned to be a three story climate-controlled building consisting of individual units that are only accessed from inside the building. There will also be no outdoor storage.

County staff and the Planning Commission have recommended approval of the application as it now progresses to the Board of Supervisors for review. Our Public Hearing this month will be on September 14,

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beginning at 6pm. For more information on the application, visit www.loudoun.gov/lola, click on search by application number and enter ZMAP-2015-0013 for all relevant documents.

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Also at the September Public Hearing, the Board will be hearing the Catholic Diocese of Arlington's application to build a 1,300 seat church and a future 300-seat school at the end of Marrwood Drive in Aldie. As I mentioned last month, the Board of Supervisors in July approved an alignment for Northstar Boulevard which makes a connection at Marrwood Drive. I think that connection will become extremely important to manage church related traffic. As it stands now, the application contains a provision requiring a Traffic Management Plan which may include a Sheriff's Office Detail (paid for by the applicant) at Lenah Ridge Place and Route 50 as well as Northstar and Marrwood, depending on when signals are constructed and traffic conditions.

The Planning Commission and County staff have recommended approval of the application. I have made a few additional requests of the applicants primarily related to parking management, and a contribution to a future traffic signal warrant study which are not currently in the application. To review the application, visit www.loudoun.gov/lola, click on search by application number and enter SPEX-2015-0022 to see all associated documents.

I will also note that I do attend Corpus Christi Catholic Church myself. However, I have no financial stake in the application, and after consultation with the County Attorney, I am able to participate in the case. I gave this issue quite a bit of thought, but in the end I decided that my participation would bring about a better result given my knowledge of the area and the issues impacting my constituents. For the record, however, I am treating this applicant just like any other, and that includes my level of scrutiny and the additional requests I have made. I generally view the construction of any church in our area as a positive

(and the sign of a community that continues to mature), so I look forward to working out the final details.

DULLES DISTRICT UPDATES

Fleetwood Road Paving Completed

Fleetwood Road between Route 50 and Evergreen Mills Road reopened to through traffic last week. The road was closed on June 1 in order to pave about two miles of gravel surface and restore drainage ditches along the roadway.

The project was completed with funding directed by the Board of Supervisors through VDOT's Rural Rustic Road Program. This program, which also funded the paving of Bull Run Post Office Road, aims to preserve the traditional feel of a rural road while making surface and other improvements within the current right-of-way. My next unpaved road priority through this program will be Ticonderoga Road between Gum Spring and Braddock.

Gloucester Parkway Opens

The segment of Gloucester Parkway between Loudoun County Parkway and Pacific Boulevard opened earlier this month. This segment provided another crossing over the Broad Run to connect Ashburn to Rt. 28. It is anticipated to take 10,000 vehicles a day off of parallel roads like Waxpool.

Loudoun County Parkway- Creighton to Evergreen Ridge Opens

I'm pleased to report an interim step in our efforts to complete Loudoun County Parkway. Last week, Toll Brothers opened to traffic a portion of Loudoun County Parkway between Creighton Road and Evergreen Ridge Drive. Having this section open will help redirect some traffic that had been using Ryan Road and Evergreen Ridge to reach Loudoun County Parkway.

The section of Loudoun County Parkway south of Creighton is currently under construction by

Brambleton and as part of the Route 606 widening project. I expect the connection to Route 606 to open in late 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Applications for Boards and Commissions

The County has developed a new online application form for citizens applying to serve on the County's advisory boards, committees and commissions. The new, web-based form may be filled out and submitted online. The form also allows the applicant to attach a resume. The questions and content are exactly the same as the PDF application document that has been in use.

The form can be found on the advisory boards, committees and commissions webpage:

<https://www.loudoun.gov/advisory>

A printable version of the PDF application document will still be available for those who wish to submit a hard copy application.

Library Card Sign-up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and Loudoun County Public Library wants area residents to know the benefits a library card can bring - free to all. To celebrate, residents can get a commemorative library card throughout September, featuring the work of Loudoun artists.

People of all ages can benefit from the Library's wide range of free services and programs, including writing workshops, English conversation groups, a makerspace, and job skills preparation.

Cardholders can download books, music, and videos from the library's website. Your library card includes access to valuable digital content, including:

- Lynda.com: high-quality instructional videos on almost any topic.
- Zinio: access to digital magazines.

- Mango Languages: teaching more than 70 languages.
- Hoopla: a vast selection of ebooks, audiobooks, comic books and movies.
- Credo: live, one-on-one help for homework, resume advice and test prep.
- Ancestry.com (available in all library branches).

Getting a library card is easy: bring a photo ID that shows your current address and signature to any branch of the Loudoun County Public Library. For more information, visit any Loudoun County Public Library location or www.library.loudoun.gov.

Dulles South Food Pantry

The Dulles South Food Pantry has expanded its geographic boundaries to serve families in the Brambleton community who are in need of food assistance. Since its inception two years ago, the food pantry has served any person who resides in the school attendance zones for the Freedom High School and John Champe High School clusters in Dulles South. Thanks to the generous support the pantry has received from the community, the food pantry is pleased to begin serving the areas that have been assigned to attend the new Brambleton Middle School opening in 2017.

The food pantry is now open every Wednesday in the historic white chapel at Arcola United Methodist Church, 24757 Evergreen Mills Road, Dulles, VA 20166. On the first and third Wednesdays of the month, the pantry is open to walk-ins from 5-7pm. Other Wednesdays the pantry is open by appointment. Call 703-507-2795 or email info@dsfp.org to schedule a private appointment.

Since opening two years ago, the food pantry has distributed more than 150,000 lbs. of food and currently averages nearly 140 visits a month from local families. Additionally, the pantry provides weekend food to over 100 students in 10 different Dulles District schools. See the Dulles South Food Pantry's website at

<http://www.dsfp.org/> for information on how you can help the food pantry fight hunger locally. The Dulles South Food Pantry Inc. is a multi-faith emergency food pantry providing nutritious food, personal supplies and other services to those in need in the Dulles South area regardless of income, faith or other criteria. It is an all-volunteer organization focused both on feeding the hungry and promoting the self-sufficiency of those it serves. Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are tax deductible.

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