

Dulles Direct Newsletter May 2018

Welcome to the May edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter. May was a soggy one, but at least our community now has an indoor pool!

The South Riding Spring Festival earlier this month was on one of those rainy days, but I still enjoyed getting to talk with everyone that made it by.

Our community has a new facility to be proud of as we celebrated the opening of the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center and the Dulles South Senior Center earlier this month. Turn out on opening night and all through the free weekend was very impressive. PRCS has told me that they sold over 3600 new passes and took in over \$740,000 in revenue since they began sales for the new facility! My family has already enjoyed many of the amenities and I am glad that so many of you are as well. For me personally, experiencing all the throngs of people coming into the building for the first time right after we cut the ribbon was one of the highlights of my time on the Board.

Obviously, it took us longer than we had hoped to finish construction, but I appreciate all the hard work that went into making this building a reality over the years, going all the way back the original South Riding

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committee that was formed in the early 2000s. I also want to thank our outstanding Parks, Recreation and Community Services staff, led by Director Steve Torpy, for working quickly to be ready for opening night once we got the all clear to open. We had thousands of people come through in that first weekend and staff was ready to go.



I've had the pleasure of meeting many Eagle Scouts, but not as many Girl Scout Gold Award winners which is why I was excited to recognize Josie Kupsky and Melissa Abel of South Riding--two Gold Award winners--this month. Josie planned and executed music workshops for preschoolers and built a permanent outdoor musical playground for St. Andrew Lutheran Preschool in Centreville for her Gold Award project. Melissa educated middle school students on the Eastern Blue Bird and set up an official blue bird trail and nesting boxes at Lunsford Middle School for her Gold Award project. Congratulations to both of them and their families on this achievement!



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I also was pleased to sponsor a Proclamation for Small Business Week in Loudoun County. Small Business Week was held May 14-20 and provides an opportunity for the Department of Economic Development, the County and its business community partners to support entrepreneurs by offering a wide variety of programming for Loudoun small businesses. During Small Business Week, I visited Car Clinic VA to tour their facility and learn about their experiences as a small business in Loudoun County.

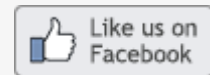


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At MWCOG, we hold an annual event to recognize outstanding foster parents around the region. I was pleased to recognize Robert and Sarah Wilkinson of Leesburg as the Loudoun County Foster Parents of the Year. The event celebrates foster parents from around the region who show extraordinary compassion and care for children in need. The Wilkinson family began fostering with Loudoun in 2007 and have provided care for many children since then. Currently, they have seven children in their home between the ages of two and seventeen, most of whom have special needs. The Wilkinsons adopted two children and are in the process of finalizing the adoption of a teenager. They are devoted to being permanent connections for those who enter their home and consistently focus on the needs of Loudoun's children. I appreciate their willingness to step up and help children in need in our community.

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Finally, I want to take a moment to thank my Legislative Aide, Monica Filyaw, who has left my office for an outstanding opportunity for her in the federal government. Monica served the people of the Dulles District for almost 4 years, spending countless late nights in the Board Room. I appreciate all of her work on numerous fronts.

Fortunately for me, Tom Parker, my current part time staff aide, has agreed to return to the full time Legislative Aide position. Tom and I have worked together since the very beginning of my first term and I know that my office is in good hands.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Silver District West

Silver District West is one of the largest land use applications we have reviewed in recent history. The project proposes to build more than 3,500 residential units and 600,000 square feet of commercial development on both sides of Loudoun County Parkway near the Dulles Greenway. While this is the type of development envisioned for our Metro station areas, we need to make sure that any project is thoroughly vetted to determine the impacts and that proffers for capital facilities and road improvements are enough to offset its impact.

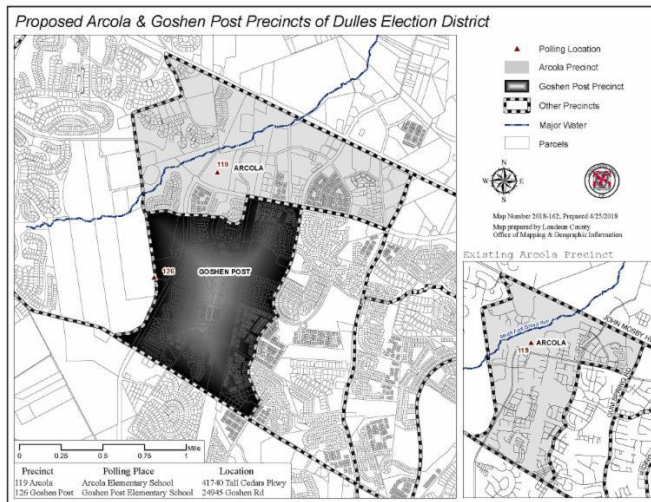
Following a Public Hearing by the full Board, the application was referred to our Transportation and Land Use Committee to discuss various aspects of the application and address several of the outstanding issues that exist. The first meeting focused on issues related to green space, open space, and parks and recreation needs. The second meeting discussed the challenges surrounding the proposed school site and the unknowns for Loudoun with urban style development and student generation. There is still more information needed in these areas and there are a number of additional topics to be covered as the review of the application progresses.

Based on the committee's work plan, I expect that they will keep this on their agenda through September before making a recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration this fall.

I am currently planning for a discussion of this application to be held as part of my next Dulles Direct Town Hall meeting. Look for a notice on the date and time after the details have been confirmed.

Proposed Voting Precinct Changes and June 12 Primary Election

There is a proposed voting precinct change that would impact Dulles District voters. The Loudoun County Electoral Board has proposed a split in the existing Arcola-119 voting precinct that currently votes at Arcola Elementary School. This split would create a new voting precinct called Goshen Post-126 that would vote at the new Goshen Post Elementary School.



The proposed precinct change will be included on the Board's Public Hearing agenda for June 13 along with precinct changes for Buffalo Trail-313 in the Blue Ridge District and Ashbrook-627 in the Broad Run District.

As a reminder, June 12 is a primary election for US Senate and US House of Representatives. You will be voting at your normal precincts for this election-these changes will not be in effect. When you vote, you will be asked to select a Republican or Democrat ballot.

Arcola Center

The Planning Commission is currently reviewing a proposal from Arcola Center that would change the approved plans for the 312 acre development. The main component of the proposal rezones about 48 acres from the PD-CC-RC (Planned Development- Commercial Center- Regional Center) zoning to PD-IP (Planned Development- Industrial Park). This acreage would be combined with 122 acres in Arcola Center that are already zoned PD-IP to create a single data center campus of 170 acres. They would also look to move the planned school site to be adjacent to the County owned Arcola Slave Quarters property and reduce areas that had been set aside for open space and tree conservation. The proposal would also move up triggers for the proffered construction of Arcola

Boulevard and Dulles West Boulevard to complete these needed transportation links sooner.

I want to make sure it is clear, there is already 122 acres that is zoned PD-IP and can be built by-right as data center. Google has purchased 91 acres in the development for data center facilities. On a pure acreage basis, that could be accommodated with their current zoning without the need for this application. The issue that County staff has raised is not with the amount of acreage or conversion, but with the request that this "Corporate Park" area not have any pedestrian or vehicular connections that would be made through it. The concern is that this essentially cuts off the future residential portion (already approved) from the "Shops" retail development where Wegmans has announced their future location and makes the mixed use development less cohesive.

The Planning Commission has signaled that they have concerns over how the decreased connectivity will impact the area overall and will be continuing their work in future work sessions.

After the Planning Commission makes a recommendation, it will come to the Board of Supervisors for review including a Public Hearing. I will keep you up to date as it works through the process in my future newsletters. I do want to note that our understanding of the project finances is that the Google campus is a major contributor to the ability of the developer to develop the commercial center. I do not know how critical of an issue it is for the applicant or for Google to remove the road link in the middle of the application, though I believe it is there now to make the campus totally secure. These will be issues that will be explored during the review.

DULLES DISTRICT UPDATES

Route 50/Elk Lick Update

Now that the median closure at the Elk Lick and Route 50 intersection has been completed and traffic has had some time to settle into more of a routine around the changes, data collection for the follow-up traffic study was initiated within the past couple of weeks.

Following review of the data, we will be able to determine how these changes have impacted traffic patterns through the Elk Lick and Tall Cedars intersection and make an informed decision about changes that can be made to make it easier for drivers to navigate.

I will share more on that when the study results are completed and we are in consideration of how to move forward at the intersection.

Route 50 Blighted Properties Update

- Former United Rentals Building:

The owner of the property has submitted an abatement plan to the County, which is very good news. The abatement plan, quite simply, is to demolish the structure, which is what we wanted. The owner said they are currently soliciting bids to complete the work and were given until June 1 to submit detailed plans to the County. If that is not received, the County will have a contractor onsite to provide an estimate that will come to the Board for approval. There is a public hearing requirement so it may take some time. I hope the property owner completes the work, but I am prepared to move forward if that is what it takes to get it done. However, it will take us considerably longer to do so if we have to.

- Hotel Site:

In April, the property owner submitted a Site Plan Amendment with the County to incorporate additional parking and a parking garage for the hotel. They anticipate re-instating their building permits depending on when they get approval of the Site Plan, likely next month. Based on this activity, Zoning Enforcement will hold off on issuing a Blight Determination Notice. Look for an update on this when I have confirmation

that permits have been re-activated or that a notice will be issued to the property owner.

Poland/Edgewater Roundabout Update

We are in the final stretch of work on the roundabout at Poland Road and Edgewater Street. Final paving was completed last week and they are now waiting for a stretch of dry days to complete pavement markings. At this point, the expectation is to reach substantial completion within the next two weeks.

Mooreview Parkway Update

Work progresses on the Mooreview Parkway project. There are some ongoing lane shifts located adjacent to the Amberleigh community while work is completed to finish up the project. Final completion is expected this summer.

Claiborne Parkway Update

Work progresses on Claiborne Parkway, though progress has been slowed a bit due to a conflict that has been discovered with the recently relocated gas line. This gas line conflict required a slight redesign that added a short delay. We anticipate completion this fall. The County Attorney's office is working with Columbia Gas on resolving issues with the costs associated with the redesign as they were paid by the County to relocate the line in anticipation of the road project.

Boards and Commissions Openings

I am currently looking for Dulles District residents that would be interested in serving on two County Advisory Boards/Commissions:

- **Animal Advisory Committee:** The committee works to advise the Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Loudoun County Department of Animal Services, serve as an advisor to the Animal Services Director, serve as ombudsman for animal control problems, and work to promote a public awareness of the Loudoun County Department of Animal Services. More information is available [here](#).

- **Community Criminal Justice Board:** This board enables Loudoun County to develop, establish, administer, monitor, and maintain community-based corrections programs for those who meet the eligibility criteria established under the Code of Virginia or other applicable provisions of state law. More information is available [here](#).

If you are interested in either of these positions, please complete the [application](#) and send me an e-mail at matt.letourneau@loudoun.gov to let me know you are interested.

RETAIL UPDATES

I have added a section to the newsletter that will provide information related to ongoing retail and commercial development in the Dulles South area. That seems to be the most frequently asked topic, especially updates on Avonlea.

Avonlea

Peterson Companies continues to maintain that no formal date has been set to begin construction despite what you might have seen on social media. Peterson has marketed this property extensively for years now. They have decided to bring in an outside brokerage, H&R Retail, to take over leasing of the project. I am hopeful this helps with the elusive additional anchor tenant that would help this project move forward.

Braddock Spring

An application has been filed by Peterson Companies for the southwestern corner of the Braddock/Gum Spring Road intersection to rezone the property to develop a 98,000 square foot retail center and Special Exceptions for an automobile service station and two restaurants with drive-through facilities. This application is in the Blue Ridge District, not the Dulles District. It has still not been scheduled for a Planning Commission work session, pending resubmittal from the applicant. We will have further updates when we know more about exactly what is being proposed.

East Gate Marketplace

Atapco is making progress with leasing in the area around the Royal Farms. They have Dunkin Donuts, an Indian restaurant, and a nail salon coming. Zaxby's is going through the process for a freestanding restaurant. There is an agreement for an early education/day care facility and they are currently working on a dental practice as well. King Spa is looking to open in 2019, no specific date has been set.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loudoun County Works with Waze to Improve Traffic Information

I'm a heavy Waze user myself, so I'm particularly pleased that Loudoun County is taking steps to help reduce traffic congestion by participating in the Waze Connected Citizens Program, one of the first Virginia localities to do so. I have been pushing for better information to be made available to the public when there are incidents on our roads. There are complications based on who is responding to the call (LCSO vs State Police) and human errors about exactly where the incidents are.

Local incident data from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is being provided directly to [Waze](#), the world's largest community-based traffic and navigation app. As a result, Waze users will have an enhanced experience in Loudoun because data are being sent directly to Waze from the county's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, LCSO calls, and calls that are dispatched by the LCSO Dispatch Center to the Virginia State Police.

Loudoun's live feed of traffic incidents can be viewed using either the [Waze live map](#) or the Waze mobile app; incidents are shown as "Reported by LoudounCoSO." This information will provide motorists who use Waze with real-time traffic incident information that may inform their commuting routes, allowing them to circumvent road closures and traffic

jams. In addition, Waze provides traffic data to the county that can be used for mapping and analysis. Loudoun's participation in the Waze program is made possible through Loudoun's Geographical Information System (GIS), which gives the county the ability to share data and web applications securely with external agencies and organizations such as Waze. To learn more about how the system works and for links to the app, view the [Waze story map](#).

Loudoun's participation in the Waze Connected Citizens Program is one of the initial capabilities available through the county's "GeoHub," a new resource for GIS information. Additional applications will be added in the coming months. More information is available at www.loudoun.gov/GeoHub.

Loudoun also offers motorists traffic-related information through the "Loudoun Traffic and Road Closures" category of [Alert Loudoun](#), which delivers messages by text and email, and the law enforcement traffic activity map at www.loudoun.gov/traffic.

Electronics Recycling Event

Loudoun County will be hosting an electronics recycling event on Saturday, June 2, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Leesburg Park and Ride (19730 Sycolin Road, in Leesburg).

Items that will be accepted for recycling include televisions, computers, hard drives (onsite destruction available), computer monitors, servers, modems, mainframes, laptops, circuit boards, printers, copiers, stereos, DVD players, DVRs, cable television receivers, VCRs, game consoles, cell phones, i-phones, power cords, cables, Christmas lights, and many other electronic devices. There is a limit of 15 items per vehicle (a box of cables and computer accessories would be considered one item).

Certain items will have fees for recycling: On-site hard drive destruction service, \$10 per hard drive. Televisions and computer monitors that contain a cathode ray tube (CRT) and with a screen measuring

diagonally 30" or smaller, the cost is \$10 each; and those with a screen size measuring 31" or larger, the cost is \$20 each to recycle. Console TVs are \$20 each. LCD TVs of all sizes are \$8, and LCD monitors are \$4. Only cash or local check will be accepted. Checks should be made payable to C2 Management. All other items accepted at the event are free of charge.

Items that will not be accepted include printer cartridges, household batteries, automotive batteries, hazardous wastes, light bulbs, fluorescent lights, thermostats, fire alarms, gas powered equipment, or household appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, stoves, washers and dryers. For information on disposing of these items, visit www.loudoun.gov/landfill and www.loudoun.gov/hhw.

More information is available at www.loudoun.gov/electronics or by calling 703-771-5514.

Household Hazardous Waste Events

Loudoun County announces the spring schedule of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events. All HHW events are free and are held on Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The 2018 Household Hazardous Waste spring collection schedule is as follows:

- June 23: Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

Loudoun residents are welcome to bring HHW from their homes to these events. The limit per household is 15 gallons of liquid HHW (container size not to exceed 5-gallon), and 40 pounds of solid HHW. Participants must have proof of Loudoun County residency such as a vehicle decal or applicable town sticker. For more information about the Household Hazardous Program, please call 703-771-5500 or visit www.loudoun.gov/hhw.

Broadband Survey

Loudoun County is conducting an important survey to help analyze the availability of broadband in the county and the various technologies used to deliver broadband services. The data collected will be used to help identify ways to improve broadband service.

Please take a moment to take this important survey, which closes June 29, 2018, at [Broadband Survey](#).

Information collected in the survey will be shared with relevant broadband service providers and community planners in an effort to identify service solutions. Information provided by members of the public who take the survey will be displayed on an interactive map of the county.

Dulles South Food Pantry

The Dulles South Food Pantry provides food assistance to any person who resides in the school attendance zones for Freedom High School, John Champe High School or the upcoming Independence High School in Brambleton. The food pantry is open Wednesdays in the historic white chapel at Arcola United Methodist Church, 24757 Evergreen Mills Road, Dulles, VA 20166. Call 703-507-2795 or email info@dsfp.org to schedule an appointment. See the Dulles South Food Pantry's website at www.dsfp.org for information on how you can help the food pantry fight local hunger. Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are tax deductible.

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