

Hello, Loudoun

Loudoun, shortly after taking office Bob Lazaro, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission educated me on the Solarize Nova program. With this information I proposed a Solarize Loudoun program to our County Administrator. Long story short...the County adopted Solarize Loudoun. As a result, Loudoun has received recognition from the National Association of Counties for our SolSmart program. Funded through the Department of Energy, SolSmart recognizes communities that have taken key steps to address local barriers to solar energy and foster the growth of local solar markets. Congratulations to all on this National Award!



Budget

At a tax rate that is a half cent below the homeowner's equalized tax rate, we will fully fund the School Board's budget request with no break in County services. The equalized homeowner's tax rate is \$1.05 and the budget is being prepared at a tax rate of \$1.045. Due to a shortfall in state funding to the schools, there will be a deficit of \$2,155,470. I voted against the motion to use the County's fund balance to pick up the state's responsibility because we normally do not fund operating costs with fund balance and I believe more will fall on the Counties if we pick up their responsibilities.

At the March 18th budget work session, I reinstated my motion to add 13 School Resource Officers and one School Resource Officer Sergeant to the proposed FY 2020 budget. Vice Chairman Buona moved a substitution motion that the Board of Supervisors forward the discussion of School Resource Officers to the May 8th Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board committee meeting. This motion passed 6 to 3.

For me, there is nothing more important than the safety of our kids. I did not support the substitute motion because this could delay funding for another

year. The Sheriff is telling us he wants this now and I have always supported the requests from our constitutional officers.

At the May 8th Joint School Board meeting, residents can speak to this committee during the public input session at 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the board room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison Street in Leesburg.

Loudoun Comprehensive Plan

At the March 21st Board meeting, the Planning Commission delivered the <u>draft comprehensive plan</u> to the Board of Supervisors. The work plan and schedule listed in the table below was approved for the adoption of the plan.

Date	Meeting Type	Task	
3/21	Business Meeting	Planning Commission Recommendation of Draft Loudoun 2040 Comprehensive Plan	
4/3	Work Session	Model Results Presentation	
4/24	Public Hearing	Public Input	
4/27	Public Hearing	Public Input	
5/1	Work Session	Plan Review	
5/8	Work Session	Plan Review	
5/20	Work Session	Plan Review	
5/29	Work Session	Plan Review	
6/5	Work Session	Plan Review	
6/20	Business Meeting	Potential Adoption of Loudoun 2040	

During the public hearings scheduled for April 24th and 27th, any member of the public may address the Board regarding the comprehensive plan; however, each member of the public wishing to address the Board may speak at only one of the sessions. All speakers will be limited to two minutes and 30 seconds so that all in attendance may have the opportunity to speak.

Members of the public are encouraged to call in advance to sign up to speak at the public hearing. For the Wednesday, April 24th, public hearing, advanced sign-up will be taken after 8:30 am on April 5th and no later than 12:00 pm on April 24th. For the Saturday, April 27th, public hearing, advanced sign-up will be taken after 8:30 am on April 5th, and no later than 5:00 pm on April 26th. Anyone wishing to sign up in advance may call the Clerk at (703) 777-0200. The option to sign-up at the public hearing will also be available.

Residents can also speak about the comprehensive plan at the Board business meetings on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm. The 6:30 pm public input session is limited to 60 minutes total. At the second business meeting of the month, an additional public input session

is included at the beginning of the agenda at 5:00 pm, which is limited to 8 speakers who must sign up in advance by calling the Clerk.

The Planning Commission will certify the comprehensive plan currently called Loudoun 2040 on March 26th. Once the plan is certified, the Board of Supervisors has a 90 day period to act according to state statute. This is not my rule or intention. I suggest we add more work sessions given our three month deadline. I also suggest we change the name back to Envision Loudoun, the name used by the Stakeholders and the public from 2016 to 2018. We need to revise the plan every 5 years, not every 20 years as Loudoun 2040 suggests.

I want to thank the Planning Commissioners and staff for their hard work. Now, it is our turn to review and change the plan.

Silver District West

At the March 21st Board business meeting, the Board approved the Silver District West application to develop a 158-acre, mixed-use community for 3,706 residences (381 townhouses and 3,325 multi-family units) and up to 1,090,200 square feet of non-residential uses. Public use sites for an elementary school and public park as well as construction of area regional roads are proffered with the application (see table below). This will be the third transit-oriented development in the area, following Loudoun Station and Moorefield Station, but the first development since the county implemented Metrorail Service Districts, which generate additional tax revenue that will support ongoing metrorail service.

Following is a table showing the developer provided infrastructure for Silver District West.

Infrastructure	Estimated value
Loudoun County Parkway improvements	\$13.7 million
Construction of Shellhorn Road (portion)	\$49.5 million
Construction of Barrister St. (portion)	\$14.1 million
Public Use Site – Elementary School	\$6.5 million
Public Use Site – Linear Park	\$0.56 million
Bus Shelters	\$0.2 million
Total	\$84.56 million

We have been working on this application since I came in office three years ago. According to the 2018 housing demand study, we need more housing units, and I believe homes belong near mass transit not in the Rural or Transition Policy Area. The applicant will contribute nearly \$1,900 for every market-rate, residential dwelling unit constructed toward the county's "unmet housing needs." Unmet housing needs are defined as the lack of housing

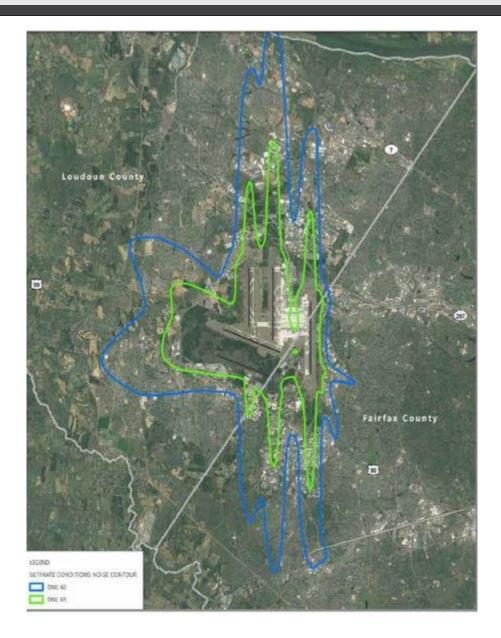
options for households that are unable to rent or purchase due to insufficient incomes to meet current market prices.

I have said many times that transit oriented development should be dense and vertical. These homes will not arrive tomorrow as the build out will not be until 2040. The infrastructure will be up front or in parallel with the residential build-out. The County conducted independent traffic and financial studies that demonstrated the proffer package is revenue positive. I supported the application and believe it is a good deal for the County.

Aircraft Noise Contour Map Update

At the March 5th Board business meeting, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority presented the updated Dulles Airport noise contour map to reflect future changes in the aviation environment including triple simultaneous operations, FAA's NextGen implementation, and the buildout of the fifth runway. The objective is to provide local jurisdictions with accurate information to guide effective land use decisions for today and the future. The release of this information is timely as the Board reviews and approves Loudoun's comprehensive plan. The Board agreed to include language in the comprehensive plan that references the study and would allow the forecasted contours to be considered in the evaluation of residential projects that require legislative approval. Policies could specifically support noise attenuation, buyer disclosure, and site design that minimizes impacts to residences.

Below is a map that shows the noise contours at ultimate conditions. The green is the new 65 Ldn and the blue is the new 60 Ldn. You can find an interactive map showing both the existing Airport Impact Overlay District and the study's proposed contours here.



Discharge of Firearms

At the March 25th Transportation and Land Use Committee, the committee continued the discussion on the discharge of firearms from the December 4th Board business meeting. The following five motions were made but only two were approved.

 Motion 1: The discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of a building with a current occupancy permit and/or regularly occupied

- structure, unless the owner or authorized agent has given permission. The motion PASSED 5-0.
- Motion 2: The increase of the prohibited distance for discharge of firearms from 50 yards to 100 yards from roadways in the primary and secondary system. The motion FAILED 2-3
- Motion 3: A boundary revision to the prohibited area in a manner that
 most closely aligns with the current boundaries of the Suburban Policy
 Area. Supervisor Umstattd moved a substitute motion to move the
 boundary line to Route 15. The substitute motion died due to lack of a
 second. The original motion FAILED 2-3.
- Motion 4: The requirement of target shooters to use berms, backstops, or natural features to capture bullets from the discharge of their firearms that will not be cost prohibitive. The motion PASSED 4-0-1.
- Motion 5: The additional language amendment regarding hunting with firearms within 100 yards of a public park or school. The motion FAILED 2-3.

I made the motion to increase the prohibited distance for discharge of firearms from 50 yards to 100 yards near or across roadways to be consistent with every other neighboring jurisdiction. I also supported moving the prohibited boundary to cover the entire Suburban Policy Area because it makes sense to do this with the increase in population. There would be no change in the Rural or Transition Policy Area. The boundary has not been updated since 2000 and it needs to be revised because hundreds of homes have been built outside of that prohibited line in the Suburban Policy Area. Both of my motions failed in committee.

Loudoun County Complete Count Committee (LC-CCC)

The Census Bureau recommended creating a volunteer, ad hoc committee to help ensure an accurate population count in the 2020 Unites States Census. Counting every Loudoun County resident is critical as census results directly impact the allocation of federal and state funding, and the redistricting of congressional districts, state legislative districts, school districts, and voting precincts. This year is the first time the census will be doing a huge online effort. There are three ways to complete the census form: online, telephone and mail. You may not receive the census form in the mail this year. I was appointed by the Board to serve as Chair of the LC-CCC. The committee includes leaders from faith, education, business, and nonprofit organizations.

On April 1st, LC-CCC will hold a kickoff reception in the lobby from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm followed by the first meeting in the Dulles Room from 7:00 pm to

8:30 pm. During the meeting, representatives from the regional United States Census Bureau will provide training for the LC-CCC.

I wake up every morning grateful to be allowed to serve as your County Chair and appreciative to lead the best County in the Country. Thank you all!

Best Regards,

Phyllis Randall
Chair, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
phyllis.randall@loudoun.gov

Bo Machayo Chief of Staff bo.machayo@loudoun.gov

Laura TeKrony Legislative Aide laura.tekrony@loudoun.gov

Elizabeth Bennis
Executive Assistant
elizabeth.bennis@loudoun.gov

Investing in Transportation

Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road

The Road Safety Audit study examined approximately seven years of crash data (January 2011 - November 2017) and reported a total of 625 crashes, of which 564 reported crashes occurred along Evergreen Mills Road and 61 reported crashes occurred along Watson Road.

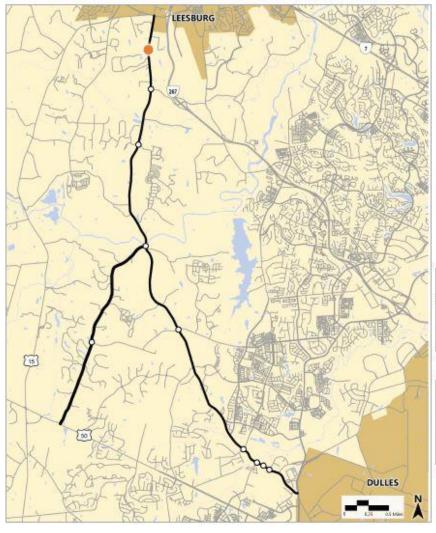
The recommended improvements are organized into <u>three tiers</u> to develop an implementation strategy based upon available funding, project timeline, and procurement for the corridors. Tier I improvements have been funded including the realignment of Watson Road with Reservoir Road at Evergreen Mills Road. The Board voted to include all Tier II improvements and 2 roundabouts in Tier III into the FY 2021 Capital Improvement Program budget discussion and prioritization.

A site-specific analysis was used to identify 10 locations, also known as hot spots, due to their crash history and severity. One of the hot spots is the intersection at Evergreen Mills Road and the Evergreen SportsPlex. Based on the study findings, a westbound left turn lane is warranted and recommended on Evergreen Mills Road at

the SportsPlex entrance. There are no proffers or conditions requiring the Sportsplex to install a dedicated left-turn lane into the facility; there is only a note on the site plan limiting the Sportsplex use of certain fields during peak hours.

My office met with the owners of the Evergreen SportsPlex to discuss partnership opportunities. There is nothing more important to me than safety. The developer is also concerned about safety issues at this intersection and agreed to work with us to get the turn lane constructed as soon as possible. I want to thank Evergreen SportsPlex for partnering with us on this project.

Hot Spot--Evergreen SportsPlex



Three-

unsignalized intersection

13 crashes occured during the 7-year period study

Voice for a Cause Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative (NOVA-HTI)



NOVA-HTI exists to eradicate sex and labor trafficking in Northern Virginia and restore those impacted

through awareness, prayer, partnerships, intervention, and victim services.

The Loudoun County Commission on Women and Girls recently held a Human Trafficking Round Table discussion. Human trafficking is the fastest-growing organized crime activity in the US, making \$32 billion a year while destroying the lives of tens of thousands of innocent children. NOVA-HTI has served 159 victims of human trafficking. In 2018, NOVA-HTI has provided education to 12,000 residents in Loudoun County. It believes that education on the red flags will serve to empower residents to recognize the signs and report it, which leads to the victims being recovered and the traffickers prosecuted.

NOVA-HTI's 2019 Justice Summit is April 26th thru April 27th at the Cascades Overlook Event Center in Sterling. The purpose is to create and equip abolitionists to fight human trafficking. Register **here**.

Community Events and Information

Community Input Meetings for Human Services Strategic Plan: Members of the public are encouraged to attend one of several upcoming meetings aimed at developing a human services strategic plan for Loudoun County, which will provide a roadmap for implementing improved, coordinated systems of care that meet the county's human service needs. The community meetings are scheduled over a two-day period, Friday and Saturday, March 29th, and March 30th to encourage participation. Anyone with questions about the meetings may call 703-779-3505, ext. 2 or email info@CommunityFoundationLF.org.

- Friday, March 29th, 3:00 to 4:00 pm, Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Drive, SE, Suite C, Leesburg.
- Friday, March 29th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Claude Moore Community Center,46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling.
- Saturday, March 30th, 10:00 to 11:30 am, Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville.
- Saturday, March 30th, 1:30 to 3:00 pm, Dulles South Public Safety Center, 25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly.

Spring Cascades Trash Bash & Food Drive: Sunday, March 31st from 12:30 to 5:00 pm (rain date: April 7th). Say goodbye to winter and celebrate spring by making a difference in your community. Mark your calendar and come on out and help make this the best Cascades

Trash Bash & Food Drive ever by spending some quality time with family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors beautifying our communities. Register **here**.



This Business of Autism Showing: Saturday, April 6th, 1:00 pm at the Tuscarora High School, 801 North King Street in Leesburg. Join us to watch this timely and topical feature-length documentary on employment opportunities for adults with autism, at the crossroads of entrepreneurism, government programs, corporate responsibility, and family-produced by Loudoun's own Stephen and Shannon Mackey! Before the showing, there will be a Q&A session with the Director of the film, Stephen Mackey. Immediately after the film there will be a panel discussion.

Native Plant Sale sponsored by Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy: Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Morven Park, 17195 Southern Planter Lane in Leesburg. Three native plant nurseries will have a huge selection of spring blooming flowers, shrubs, trees, vines and ferns for sale. Along with native plants, we'll have: native bee houses, bluebird nest boxes and mounting pole kits, Loudoun stream monitoring program, unique yard art from Sunny Lane Forge, bird feeding supplies by Wild Birds Unlimited, and much more!

12th Annual Step Sisters Ribbon Run/Walk: Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8:00 am at Brambleton Town Center in Ashburn. Proceeds from the 5k race directly benefit local patients that are battling breast cancer. Individuals and teams wishing to register go here.



Step Sisters' Ribbon Run/Walk 5k

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8 a.m. Ashburn, VA - Brambleton Town Center

To Learn More, visit: www.StepSistersRibbonRun.com

Benefiting the Step Sisters' mission to improve the quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer by funding needed support services in Northern Virginia.

Free Dental Clinic: Saturday, June 8th, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Appointments are limited and pre-registration is required. Pre-register online here or in person May 18th or 19th at 46833 Harry Byrd Highway in Sterling. Registration times are 6:30 pm & 8:00 pm Saturday, May 18th; 11:00 am & 1:00 pm, Sunday, May 19th. A government-issued photo ID is requested. Children 12 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by a legal guardian.



Free Dental Clinic

For anyone age 12 years or older
Hope For Tomorrow, Loudoun County
& Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church
Saturday June 8, 2019 | 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Services provided include most of the following Cleanings - Fillings - Extractions & Others

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

In Person - May 18 & 19, 2019

Saturday 6:30 PM, 8:00 PM Sunday 11:00 AM, and 1:00 PM at 46833 Harry Byrd Highway Sterling, VA 20164

Or Online

www.loudoun.gov/DentalClinic

for more information on how to pre-register

Government issued Photo ID Requested
Children 12 to 17 must be accompanied by legal Guardian

Appointments are limited. Pre-registration will be first come, first served basis

www.hftusa.org | www.facebook.com/hftusa.org | info@hftusa.org



<u>Household Hazardous Waste Spring Schedule:</u> All events are free and are held on Saturdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm for Loudoun county residents. Any questions concerning

items or quantities accepted, operating hours, directions, etc., should be directed to 571-233-1937.

- April 13: Harmony Park & Ride, 39464 East Colonial Highway, Hamilton
- May 4: Ashburn North Park & Ride, 45151 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn
- June 22: Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding



Saturday, April 27th - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sterling Community Center - 120 Enterprise St., Sterling, VA

Come get information about services in the surrounding community and have questions answered

FREE Health Screenings and Offerings

Blood Pressure Screening, Glucose Screening, Weight and BMI Screening, Vision & Hearing Screening, Information on Nutrition and Oral Health, Diabetes Education, Low Vision Resources, Pre-Natal Care Information, Women's Health Information, Mental Health Information, Counseling Services, Fire Safety, Drug Addiction Awareness and Prevention, Smoking Cessation Information, Blood Donation, Community Food Pantry, Legal Aid, Domestic Violence Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance, School Enrollment Screening, Senior Programs and Care Options, Medical, Business, Legal Advocacy, Referrals and more.

Donate Blood



Make your lifesaving appointment today! Visit http://bit.ly/ashburnrotary0427 or call us at 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and use Sponsor Code 8251.

Photo ID Required. Allow one hour for donation.

Admission is FREE



Loudoun County, VA, 1 Harrison St., S.E., 5th Floor, P.O. Box 7000, Leesburg, VA 20177

About our service provider
Sent by phyllis.randall@loudoun.gov in collaboration with



Try it free today