



# Chair Phyllis J. Randall

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## Newsletter



## Hello, Loudoun

Please join me in congratulating Steve Torpy and the entire Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services for earning a rare accreditation through the National Recreation and Park Association's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. Fewer than 200 agencies in the country hold that accreditation, which examines standards on management and administration of lands, facilities, resources, programs, safety and services. This distinction is well deserved!

## COVID-19 Booster Shots

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) authorized local health districts to administer booster doses of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine for the following individuals as **recommended** by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- People 65 years and older.
- Residents of long-term care facilities.
- People 18-64 years old with underlying medical conditions.
- People 18-64 years old who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings, such as, but not limited to, health care workers and caregivers for frail or immunocompromised people.

Loudoun County is offering booster doses of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine to these groups at its Dulles Town Center clinic **by appointment only**. The boosters for these specific populations are to be administered at least six months (180 days) after the second dose of Pfizer vaccine.

The recommendations from the CDC and VDH do not include people who received the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccines. Anyone who received Moderna or J&J COVID-19 vaccine should not seek a booster dose of Pfizer vaccine, and instead wait for future recommendations from the CDC and VDH.

State health officials have been working with pharmacies, medical offices and other providers to make sure there are convenient options available for Virginians to receive a booster dose. All qualified residents may receive a booster shot from many providers in the community, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans. These locations have the benefit of being able to also provide flu vaccine at the same time. Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a vaccination site near you.

## Dulles Town Center Clinic to Reopen

Because the Dulles Town Center site will reopen, the Health Department will cease operation of the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Sterling Elementary School. Loudoun County has resumed vaccination operations by appointment only at its Dulles Town Center site, located at 21090 Dulles Town Circle in Sterling. To make an appointment at the Dulles Town Center site, visit [here](#).

## Loudoun Medical Reserve Seeks Volunteers

The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is issuing a call for volunteer vaccinators, specifically those who are comfortable with vaccinating young children. The County anticipates an increase in demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, which will require additional support from the Loudoun MRC and the medical community.

In the coming weeks, it is expected that the CDC will recommend that children ages 5 to 11 receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Shortly after this occurs, it is expected that VDH will authorize local health departments to begin administering vaccines to this age group. Registered nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists and physicians with a current Virginia license who are comfortable vaccinating children as young as 5 years old are needed to ensure there are enough vaccinators available as soon as the Loudoun County Health Department is authorized to begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine to this younger age group.

More information about the MRC, including an online volunteer registration form, can be found [here](#). Thank you!

## County Government Vaccination Requirement

At the September 8th Board business meeting, I moved that the Board direct the County Administrator to establish a policy and process whereby County government and library employees and contractors who work in County facilities will be required to get vaccinated or have weekly COVID-19 testing as a requirement of employment. The policy and process will include religious and medical exemptions. Employees who do not get vaccinated must continue to wear a mask and get a free weekly COVID-19 test. This policy is consistent with other local governments and businesses that are requiring employees and customers be vaccinated.

# County Energy Strategy

On September 29th, we held an Energy Strategies Planning Workshop to update the **2009 Loudoun County Energy Strategy**. Staff from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments joined County staff to discuss energy sustainability, possible funding mechanisms for implementing the energy strategy, and the identification of new programs and initiatives that can benefit all residents and businesses. Please see the greenhouse gas trends chart for Loudoun County from 2005 to 2018. The largest sources of emissions are commercial buildings (data centers) and vehicles.

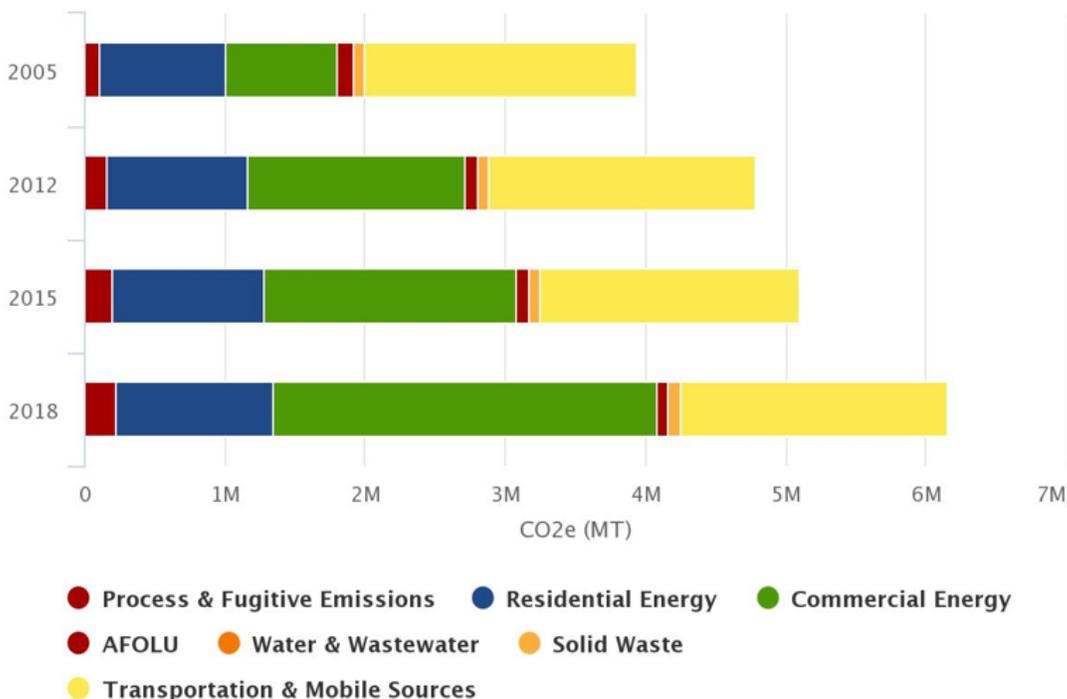
We discussed government by example to set new standards for high performance buildings, green fleet policies and a sustainable purchasing program. I support the government by example strategy because there are many programs the County is doing that can be enhanced or expanded to help us meet our emissions goals. For example, we could integrate the Linear Parks & Trails System with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for a multimodal transportation network, require solar on County buildings, and install EV charging stations at County facilities.

County staff and the Environmental Commission will research topics discussed and bring back draft energy strategies for future consideration by the Board.

## COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

### GREENHOUSE GAS TRENDS CHART - LOUDOUN COUNTY

Loudoun County greenhouse gas emissions increased by 56% from 2005 to 2018.



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## Board Business

**Renaming Route 7 and Route 50:** At the September 21st Board business meeting, we approved the following two motions:

**Motion 1**

Vice Chair Saines moved that the Board approve the short list of name recommendations provided by the Task Force as presented in the list below.

**Motion 2**

Vice Chair Saines moved that as part of the remainder of the renaming process, staff contact residents on Little River Lane to discuss renaming Little River Lane to comply with the road name duplication criteria of the ordinance and avoid adverse impacts on public safety if Route 50 is renamed Little River Turnpike. If Route 7 is renamed Leesburg Pike, Leesburg Court will have to be renamed due to the public safety concern.

## Task Force Name Recommendations

### Route 7

- Loudoun Heritage
- Potomac Gap
- Piedmont Gateway
- Virginia Piedmont
- Catoctin Valley
- Loudoun Trail
- Potomac Heritage
- Leesburg Pike \*

### Route 50

- Virginia Piedmont
- Loudoun Heritage
- Middleburg
- Piedmont Gateway
- Piedmont Heritage
- Little River Turnpike \*

\* Denotes further discussion required

Currently, Route 7 in Fairfax County, immediately adjacent to Loudoun, is named Leesburg Pike. Naming Route 7 in Loudoun, Leesburg Pike, would create synergy with Fairfax County's naming. During the Task Force meetings, discussion arose regarding naming Route 7 as Leesburg Pike and Route 50 as Little River Turnpike, primarily because these were the historic names. Please take a few minutes to complete the [name ranking survey](#) which is open through October 14th. The Board is scheduled to select the new names at the December 7th business meeting.

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**Study and Reconciliation for the Operation of Segregated Schools:** At the September 21st Board business meeting, I introduced a specific initiative for the Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board Committee to study: a review of the forced sale of eight acres of property in 1940 by the Countywide League, a group comprising the parent-teacher associations of all the Black schools in Loudoun County. The league raised funds to purchase land for a Black high school and had purchased property in Leesburg for \$4,000. In December 1940, that property was conveyed to Loudoun County for the nominal sum of \$1 for the purpose of building the Douglass High School. We unanimously requested that the Joint Committee develop recommendations for addressing the injustice contained in that property transaction. The Joint Committee is currently scheduled to meet on November 1st at 5:00 pm, at the Loudoun County Public Schools administration building in Ashburn.

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**Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan (UHNSP):** At the September 8th Board business meeting, we adopted the UHNSP which is designed to help the County and its partners improve housing access, quality and affordability for all families. The plan identifies strategies and actions to address unmet housing needs and creates housing targets over the short term and the long term. Please visit the [plan website](#) for more information and sign up to receive updates on the plan's implementation.

## Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan

Loudoun County  
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The Board of Supervisors  
has adopted the  
Unmet Housing Needs  
Strategic Plan.



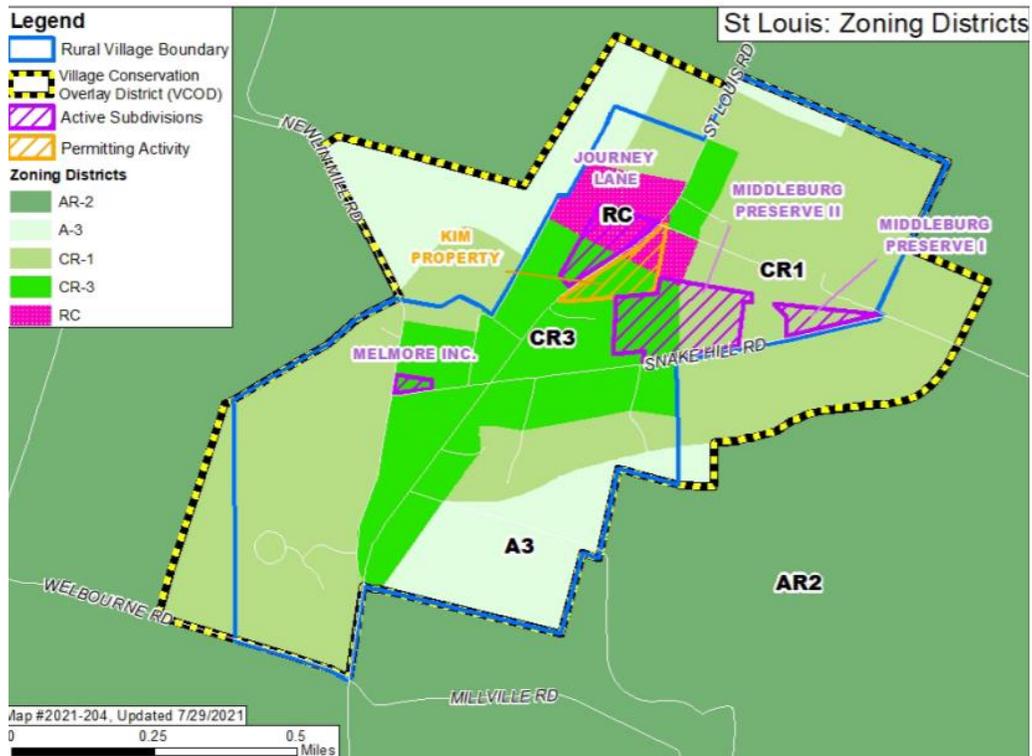
Learn about the plan:  
[loudoun.gov/HousingNeeds](https://loudoun.gov/HousingNeeds)

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**Village of Saint Louis – Land Use Planning:** At the September 8th Board business meeting, we agreed to move forward with the following actions:

1. A Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to develop a Village Area Plan for the Village of Saint Louis (please see existing zoning of the village below).
2. A Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOAM) to implement the vision of the Village Area Plan.
3. A Village of Saint Louis application to the County's Water and Wastewater Program for review outside of the regular application cycle that is prioritized, so that if eligible, the project would move straight to a Feasibility Study.
4. Delaying the implementation of such Feasibility Study until a CPAM and ZOAM are adopted for the Village of Saint Louis.

Figure 1. Village of Saint Louis – Existing Zoning



These actions are to address resident concerns regarding well water issues and zoning in the village. The Middleburg Preserve II development has been drilling new wells and residents believe this activity has negatively impacted their wells. I believe we need to establish requirements so that neighboring wells are not harmed when new wells are drilled near existing wells in the rural policy area.

**Cigarette Tax:** At the September 8th Board business meeting, we approved the new Loudoun County Ordinance – Cigarette Tax at a rate of forty cents per pack of twenty cigarettes with an effective date of November 1st. Staff will return to a future business meeting with the final agreement from the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board for the administration of the cigarette tax, enforcement efforts, and collection of revenue. On July 1, 2021, the Code of Virginia authorized counties to levy a cigarette tax up to two cents per cigarette (\$0.02) or 40 cents (\$0.40) per pack of twenty. Studies show that young people will stop or not start smoking if the price of cigarettes is increased. By voting for this tax, I believe the Board is supporting our youth and preventing people from dying of this addictive substance.

## Investing in Transportation

**Evergreen Mills Road / Watson Road Short Term Road Improvements:** In coordination with VDOT, construction crews are expected to begin roadway improvements by mid-October on Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road, with the work lasting over the next 12 months. Throughout the next year, construction crews will begin the following improvements:

- Signs and pavement markings.
- Advance-warning flashing beacons.
- Traffic signal operations and timing improvements.
- Delineators (above-ground retroreflective devices along the outside roadway edge, to better indicate the edge of the road).
- Vegetation trimming to improve sight distance.

Construction work will begin during daytime hours. During construction, travelers can anticipate traffic stoppages, lane closures and flagging operations with little advanced notice. Drivers should use extra caution and plan ahead when traveling through this area and follow all directions from the posted signs and road crews. More information about the Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road short-term improvements, including a link to sign up for updates, is on the [\*\*project website\*\*](#).

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**Route 9 Survey:** The Route 9 Safety and Operational Study encompasses 13 miles from the West Virginia border to Route 7. Anticipated completion of the study is Spring of 2022. The questions in this survey are based on information presented by the Route 9 Corridor Safety & Operational Study team at the virtual public input meeting that was held on September 22nd. Answers to these questions will help the team understand your preferences for long term (year 2040) improvement alternatives for Route 9, as well as your thoughts regarding corridor-wide issues such as shared use paths and paved shoulders. Please take a moment to [\*\*review the materials\*\*](#) and submit your input. The [\*\*survey\*\*](#) is open until October 14th.

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**Riverside Parkway Ribbon Cutting:** On September 2nd, we celebrated the ribbon cutting for the completion of the Riverside Parkway project. This project replaced and discontinued old Lexington Drive and extends Riverside Parkway from Riverside Commons Plaza to Loudoun County Parkway at George Washington Boulevard.

Constructing this segment allowed for the removal of the traffic signal and the intersection at Lexington Drive and Route 7. It also improves connectivity among the Lexington 7, Potomac Farms, River Crest and University Center communities.



## Community Information

### Important Dates for November Election:

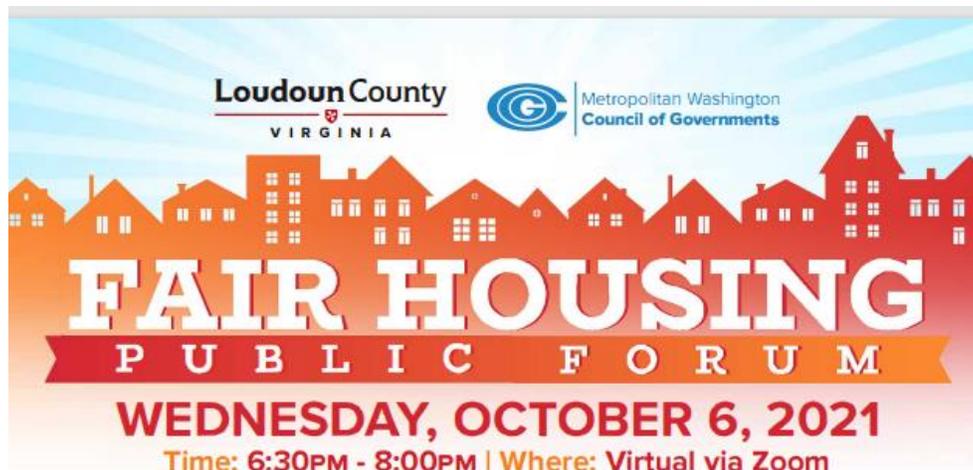
- Early voting is available now at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C, Leesburg, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. There is no pre-application required to vote early in-person, simply check the locations, dates and times and go vote when it's most convenient for you.
- Tuesday, October 12th: Last day to register to vote.
- Monday, October 18th: In-person early voting expands to additional locations.
- Friday, October 22th: Last day to request a ballot by mail.
- Saturday, October 30th: Last day for early voting.
- Tuesday, November 2nd: Election Day; In-person voting, 6:00 am – 7:00 pm.

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**VDOT Northern Virginia Virtual Career Fair:** The 17th Transportation Career Fair is Thursday, October 7th from 9 am to 1 pm. A major focus of the Career Fair is to provide various career pathways and professional networking opportunities to students after high school. About 50 engineering firms, organizations, agencies and contractors from across the Commonwealth will give hundreds of high school students the chance to network and learn about career, scholarship and internship opportunities in civil engineering, architecture, technology, construction, environmental, administration and other

transportation-related fields. Students will have the opportunity to engage with potential employers and interact one-on-one with exhibitors in virtual rooms that will feature presentations and panelists. To register for the virtual event and get more information, visit [here](#).

**Fair Housing Public Forum:** The Loudoun County Office of Housing invites residents to attend a virtual fair housing public forum and input session as part of the process to develop a regional fair housing plan. The virtual public forum will be held on Wednesday, October 6th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Loudoun County is one of eight participating jurisdictions that are working collaboratively to develop a regional fair housing plan, also known as the Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The process is being coordinated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The program will include an overview on fair housing; presentation of Loudoun County data; discussion of policy priorities; and three breakout sessions on discrimination in housing, barriers to affordable housing and housing for persons with disabilities. Pre-registration is required for this virtual public session. To pre-register, and to get more information about the plan, visit [here](#).



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Loudoun County invites you to attend a community forum to participate in the Regional Fair Housing Plan and provide input on housing issues important to you and your community.

- Racial and ethnic segregation in access to housing.
- Access to communities with high quality schools, good jobs, and public transportation.
- Fair housing enforcement.
- Housing challenges faced by families with children and voucher holders.
- Access to housing for persons with disabilities.

**The forum is free and open to the public.**

**You can participate virtually by computer, laptop, smartphone or telephone.**

**Fatherhood Skills Virtual Program:** Loudoun County Department of Family Services is hosting a free 12-week virtual program to help fathers build skills to become even stronger dads beginning Tuesday, October 19th. Area fathers are encouraged to register for the National Fatherhood Initiative's 24/7 Dad program to strengthen their relationships with their children. The virtual workshops will take place weekly on Tuesdays, beginning October 19th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. To register, [sign up here](#), e-mail Program Assistant Linh Carter at [linh.carter@loudoun.gov](mailto:linh.carter@loudoun.gov), or call 703-737-8237.

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**Starting October 19, 2021**

**Build your skills to become an even stronger dad.**

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