



## COVID-19 UPDATES ~DECEMBER 29, 2020~

Dear Sterling,

I want to update you all on several projects of importance to the Sterling District. If you have questions about any of the items below, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov](mailto:Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov).



### **Sterling Community Center**

The contractor has completed the foundation work and continues site work to include curb and gutter work. The crew is approximately 80% complete with erecting the structural steel posts. Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) block work

continues. The roof decking is installed on the gym area, and the mechanical, electrical and plumbing work has begun inside the facility. In the next two months, the crews will start roofing the area being renovated, set the air handlers on the roof, continue with the interior mechanical, electrical and plumbing rough in, begin framing interior partitions, and install the exterior windows and door systems.

As of the October Finance, Government Operations, and Economic Development Committee Quarterly Report, the project had reached 30% completion of the construction phase, and construction is anticipated to be completed in summer 2021.

### **Streetlighting Initiative**

At the December 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors business meeting, the Board approved funding for the installation of streetlights along Sterling Blvd, from Route 7 to Shaw Road, in the amount of \$508,000.

Lights will be spaced closely (approximately every 250 feet) and ensure this entire stretch is illuminated to enhance safety for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. I originally brought this initiative forward in February of 2019, during my first term. At the time, the majority of the Board favored a service district model—where residents and businesses next to the area receiving lights would pay a surcharge to cover the costs of lighting. However, in my second term, after discussions with my new colleagues, I was able to get support for shifting away from a service district model to having the County pay for the installation and maintenance of these streetlights. This is the fair way to do it, given that this a major road used by people from all over, not a small neighborhood road used by an easily defined, limited number of people.

### **Sterling Fire & Rescue Station**

Earlier in the year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and possible impacts to the bond market, the bidding of the Sterling Park Safety Center was put on hold. Later, at the November 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, the Board authorized the award of a contract for the construction of the safety center to Kinsley Construction, Inc. in the estimated amount of \$12,845,000. The authorization comes after a unanimous vote of approval from the Finance, Government Operations, and Economic Development Committee (FGOEDC) at the November 10, 2020 FGOEDC Meeting.

The new Sterling Park Safety Center will be located at the current site of the Sterling Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station at 104 Commerce Street. Demolition of the existing station and the construction of the new safety center will occur in multiple phases and include an approximately 22,000 square foot building and brand-new vehicle bays for apparatuses.

### **Route 7 Pedestrian Crossings**

The initial review included improvements to Bartholomew Fair Drive, Potomac View Drive, Lakeland Drive, Augusta Drive, and Cardinal Glen Circle. The intersection at Augusta Drive, as well as Sterling Boulevard/Cardinal Glen Circle, was determined by engineers to not be feasible for inclusion in the project due to physical constraints upon completion of the initial evaluation. This was due to an elevation difference between Route 7 and Winchester Drive.



Regarding the rest of the initiative, here is an update from County staff on the improvements that are moving forward:

The funded improvements will be to three pedestrian crossings along Route 7: Bartholomew Fair Drive, Potomac View Drive, and Lakeland Drive. The project also provides for the design, right of way acquisition, and construction of a shared use path on the north side of Route 7 between the pedestrian crossings. The first element of this project, pedestrian crossings at three intersections along Route 7 was funded in FY 2019. The additional funding added to this project in FY 2021 allows the second element of the project to begin, the development of a shared use path between the pedestrian crossings on the north side of Route 7. In this quarter, comments were received from Building & Development and the Virginia Department of Transportation on the 90% design plans for the Route 7 pedestrian crossings. In addition, County transportation staff requested a proposal from a roadway and transportation design task order consultant for the design of the shared use path. In the next quarter, consultant JMT will address 90% plan comments and will prepare the 100% design plans and plats for the pedestrian crossings and a purchase order will be issued for the design of the shared use path.

Since right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation are required to facilitate the pedestrian crossing at Route 7 and Bartholomew Fair Drive, the completion of the design phase for the pedestrian crossings needs to be extended from summer 2020 to spring 2021. The completion of the shared use path design phase is anticipated in summer 2022. Therefore, the design phase completion for the combined project is being updated to summer 2022.

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### **Winchester Wall (Route 7 Wall) Painting**

At the December 15, 2020 Board of Supervisors business meeting, the Board approved funding for repainting the Winchester Wall along Route 7 near Sterling Blvd in the amount of \$700,000. This initiative was a result of many requests I received from constituents. The wall has not been painted for many years and this initiative will complement the new Sterling Park Gateway signs. Once the repainting is completed it will enhance the look and feel of the entrance to Sterling Park from Route 7 and create more community pride for residents.

There have been many questions regarding the \$700,000 price tag. This initiative costs \$700,000 because it involves more than simply painting a wall and because this wall fronts a major state highway, we have to meet certain requirements to ensure this work is done safely.

This project will clean and then paint the wall, remove and replace the trees along the wall (these trees serve as visual and noise buffers for the people who live across from the wall on Winchester Drive), clean and repair the wall's concrete, among other things. To ensure safety, consistent with state standards, we will protect construction workers and motorists via advanced warning signs, traffic drums, truck mounted vehicle attenuators, and arrow boards to safely maintain traffic during construction.

Additionally, the \$700,000 figure contains a cushion in case costs are higher than estimated. Money left over after the project is completed will revert back to the County for other uses.

## Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



**Governor Northam Commits Additional \$20 Million to Rebuild VA Economic Recovery Fund**

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Governor Northam Takes Action to Protect Businesses from Increasing Cost of Unemployment Insurance**

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Governor Northam Announces Over \$6 Million in GO Virginia Grants to Stimulate Economic Growth, Address Ongoing Impacts of Pandemic**

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Health Department to Coordinate COVID-19 Vaccination for Health Care Workers Not Already Signed Up**

The Loudoun County Health Department is seeking to identify any health care offices or providers that are part of the Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) [Phase 1a](#) group for COVID-19 vaccination but are not already signed up to receive vaccine.

### COVID-19 Vaccine: Information for Health Care Providers



Health care providers have been defined by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and by the [Commonwealth of Virginia](#) as being in the first group that should be vaccinated against COVID-19. All paid and unpaid persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials, including body substances, such as blood, tissue and specific body fluids; contaminated medical supplies, devices and equipment; contaminated environmental surfaces; or contaminated air are eligible for vaccination.

Health care offices and providers interested in receiving COVID-19 vaccine should [email the Loudoun County Health Department](#) and note whether they are making a request for an office or an individual not associated with an office. The Health Department will work with health care offices to enroll their eligible staff to receive vaccine.

[Get More Information about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

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**Inova Extending Free Flu Shot Program for  
Uninsured**

Free Flu Shot Clinic Schedule – Dec. 2020			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
Annandale			3 – 5 p.m.
	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
Alexandria			3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale			3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	
Free Flu Shot Clinic Schedule – Jan. 2021			
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Alexandria	3 – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas			1 – 5 p.m.
	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Sterling	3 – 5 p.m.		
	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22
Alexandria	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Sterling	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29
Alexandria	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Sterling	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.

Inova Cares Clinics for Families (ICCF) is *extending* its **free** flu vaccine program for the uninsured for an additional three weeks, *through the end of January.*

ICCF locations in Alexandria, Annandale, Manassas, and Sterling provide comprehensive primary care services to patients who reflect the culturally diverse community for whom we

care, serving as medical homes for patients of all ages who qualify for Medicaid, FAMIS, Inova’s Financial Assistance Program or are uninsured.

Attached is a flyer that provides flu clinic hours, locations, and contact information for ICCF. A Spanish language flyer will be at [www.inova.org/iccf](http://www.inova.org/iccf). **Flu shots are by appointment only** and can be scheduled by calling the ICCF office.

An annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu – the CDC recommends that adults and children six months and older get an annual flu shot.

To schedule your flu shot appointment, please call one of the four ICCF locations below:

**Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Sterling**  
46440 Benedict Dr., Suite 208 – [571.665.6526](tel:571.665.6526)

**Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Alexandria**  
4700 King St., Suite 100 – [571.665.6599](tel:571.665.6599)

**Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Manassas**  
8051 Sudley Rd. – [571.719.4180](tel:571.719.4180)

**Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Annandale**  
7617 Little River Tpke., Suite 850 – [571.665.6636](tel:571.665.6636)

**Virginia Department of Health Launches Covid-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard**

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) added COVID-19 vaccine data to the COVID-19 Daily Dashboard on two new tabs: Vaccine Summary and Vaccine Demographics. This new information will keep the public informed about the numbers of COVID-19 vaccines distributed and administered in Virginia. It will be updated daily.



Information entered into the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) will allow providers to know when to give the second dose to an individual and which type of vaccine to give. Providers can also use information in VIIS to give individuals proof of their COVID-19 vaccination.

The goal of VIIS is to support patients and their healthcare providers in making health decisions by providing reliable, easy-to-access information about a patient's immunization history. It only contains information about immunizations and does not contain any other medical history about individuals.

[Learn More](#)

## **Know Before You Go: Real Time Crowding Information Now Available for Metrobus and Metrorail**



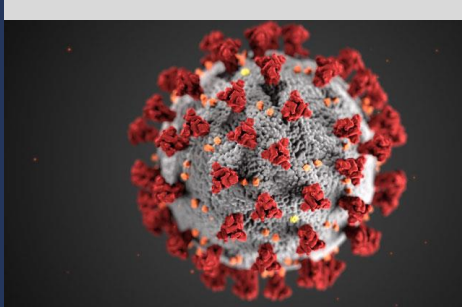
Metrobus customers can now see how full a bus is before it arrives, empowering them with more information to decide when and how to travel.

Metrobus data is made possible by technology aboard every bus that senses when customers enter and exit. Metrorail doors are not equipped with the same sensors, but rail crowding predictions are also available based on recent crowding data.

Customers can find this real time information when tracking their bus at [buseeta.wmata.com](https://buseeta.wmata.com), and in our open data feed for third-party transit and mapping applications like Google Maps.

In order to continually improve the accuracy of this tool, Metro is asking customers to provide feedback about their experience using the [this form for Metrorail](#) and [this form for Metrobus](#).

## Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777**



water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

**7** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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