



County of Loudoun

Algonkian District

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Dear Neighbors,

The leaves are changing and it is definitely fall! We have included some really great information in this newsletter and hope that you will enjoy reviewing it! Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 703-771-5033 or via email at Suzanne.Volpe@loudoun.gov with any questions or concerns.

Most sincerely,

Suzanne Volpe

Hot Topics

Board Approved Funding of Main Waterline for Broad Run Farms

On September 19, 2019, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the extension of a public main waterline throughout the Broad Run Farms subdivision in response to groundwater contamination from the Hidden Lane Landfill. This excludes the area already covered by the EPA Superfund Project, at an estimated cost of \$10,885,000, to the FY 2021 CIP development process. As was reported in the news, the EPA issued its Record of Decision in June of this year; the Record of Decision stated that, while the extension of public waterlines into a portion of the Broad Run Farms subdivision would be the long term remedy to prevent human exposure to contaminated groundwater, public waterlines would not be extended throughout the community.

Based on findings identified by the Board-authorized County consultant, Dr. Mark Widdowson, there exists the potential for future groundwater contamination beyond the EPA Defined Area. The Board of Supervisors agreed with the staff's recommendation to utilize funding for the design (approximately \$1,000,000) from the County's Water/Wastewater Program account in the FY 2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Funding for the construction-related costs (approximately \$9,885,000) will likely be programmed within the six-year CIP discussion; another option will be to send the project to the FY 2019 fund balance discussion. The EPA's decision will connect approximately one-third of the community to the central system, and the action of the Board of Supervisors will allow the installation of a main line throughout the remainder of the community to ensure any future potential contamination can quickly be addressed by connecting the affected home(s) to the central system. My office will ensure that the Broad Run Farms neighborhood is kept up-to-date as these discussions move forward.

Sterling Meadows Land Use Application Update

My office hosted a Community Meeting for the Sterling Meadows Rezoning application on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cascades Library located at 21030 Whitfield Place in Sterling. My office had previously held an initial community meeting in July with adjacent neighbors, which was helpful in enabling residents to voice their overall questions and concerns. I would like to thank the Department of Planning & Zoning, the Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure, the Department of Economic Development, and the Deputy County Administrator for attending the meeting. The presentations were very helpful for the residents and it was also helpful for County staff to learn detailed concerns residents have regarding the land use application.

For your reference, the Sterling Meadows application (ZMAP-2019-0007, SPEX-0014, ZMOD-2019-0013, and ZMOD-2019-0004) is located at 45980 Regal Plaza in Sterling (the Regal Cinemas property). The property is approximately 11.27 acres, and the proposal is requesting 166 stacked multi-family units. The application is tentatively scheduled for the Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Loudoun County Planning Commission Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. at the County Government Center located at One Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg.

Rick Hancock is the County Planner assigned to this application. He is in charge of reviewing the application and is available to residents for questions on practically any aspect of the application. To contact Mr. Hancock, you can call the Department of Planning & Zoning at 7030777-0246 or you can email him at Richard.Hancock@loudoun.gov. Additionally, you may want to review the

application materials at www.loudoun.gov/lola. Details and updates on the application will be provided on a regular basis.

Potomack Lakes Sportsplex Special Exception Application

The County Department of Planning & Zoning has formally accepted the Potomack Lakes Sportsplex Special Exception Application, which is requesting the upgrade of two existing soccer fields to synthetic turf, the expansion of existing parking, and the addition of amenities. It should be noted that the special exception plan is to be completed in two phases. The first phase is the installation of the synthetic turf. The second phase is subject to future programming needs, but will likely provide additional parking and amenities in the future years. Josh Peters is the County Planner assigned to this application, and is available to answer questions. You can contact him directly at 703-777-0246 or you can email him at Joshua.Peters@loudoun.gov. The application materials are also available online at www.loudoun.gov/lola.

Resident Input Sought on Stormwater Management Plan for Reducing Pollutants

Loudoun County is seeking public comments on a draft plan to reduce pollutants entering the Chesapeake Bay. The draft, "Phase II Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan," outlines how the county intends to meet requirements for reducing the quantity of pollutants entering the Chesapeake Bay via the county's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The county operates the MS4 under a permit from the state of Virginia, and the permit requires the development and implementation of action plans for impaired waterways. TMDL refers to the allowed "Total Maximum Daily Load" of the pollutants allowed to enter a water body without violating water quality standards. The Phase II plan builds on the county's "Phase 1 Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan," which was approved by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in 2015. The draft action plan is posted online at www.loudoun.gov/stormwater for review and public comment. Comments on the action plan are due by Thursday, October 31, 2019. Comments can be submitted by email to stormwater@loudoun.gov or by phone at 703-777-0117. Additional information regarding Loudoun County's Stormwater Management Program is also available on the loudoun.gov/stormwater page. The final Chesapeake Bay TMDL Action Plan will incorporate public comments and be posted no later than November 1, 2019.

Transportation Updates

Riverside Parkway Extension Project Milestone

On September 19, 2019, the Board of Supervisors authorized the awarding of a contract to Francis O. Day Company, Inc. for the Construction of Riverside Parkway from Loudoun County Parkway to Lexington Drive, in the estimated amount of \$10,450,483.78. With the approval of the construction funding, the Notice of Award can be given to the contractor. It is expected that the Notice to Proceed will follow in early November. Residents in the area had previously been made aware of the decommissioning of the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 7 and Lexington Drive as part of the project. The traffic signal was deactivated on Monday, October 7, 2019.

With the awarding of the construction contract, there will be a "Pardon Our Dust" Meeting as well as a Groundbreaking Ceremony. Additional information regarding the project may be found at www.loudoun.gov/5244/Riverside-Pkwy-Loudoun-County-Pkwy-to-Le.

George Washington Boulevard Overpass Update

The kickoff meeting for the George Washington Boulevard Overpass project was held on January 30, 2015, and the project has made progress over the past few years. The Board of Supervisors endorsed the design at the March 7, 2017 Business Meeting. Given that federal funds were involved in the project, the process had additional steps-including the submission of an Environment Assessment with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as well as a NEPA assessment. The Notice To Proceed (NTP) for Right-of-Way acquisition is almost complete, as 12 of the 14 impacted parcels have been acquired for the project. Utility relocations have been underway since May 2019 and are proceeding according to schedule. The construction bid documents are scheduled to be issued in May 2020, with construction of the overpass to begin in fall 2020. Weather permitting, the estimated completion of the project is fall 2021.

Seneca Ridge Drive Traffic Improvement Project Status

The Seneca Ridge Drive Traffic Improvement Project was initiated in 2015 due to concerns from the residents of the Seneca Ridge neighborhood regarding ingress and egress from their neighborhood as well as traffic congestion along the Seneca Ridge

Drive corridor. It has been a long process to get to the point where we are announcing the Groundbreaking on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 for the project. The Notice To Proceed (NTP) should be issued no later than early in the spring and the construction should be completed no later than the beginning of June 2020, weather permitting.

Once the project commences, residents can expect smaller scale roadway type equipment, including dual axle dump trucks, concrete mixers, backhoes, smaller bulldozers/motor-graders, and the occasional tractor-trailer for delivering and picking up equipment and materials. The project's Maintenance of Traffic Plan is to maintain two lanes of Seneca Ridge Drive throughout the construction project. Residents should expect brief periods of one-lane operations, particularly for delivery or pickup of equipment and materials. The contractor will endeavor to schedule these during off-peak periods.

Lowes Island Blvd & Algonkian Parkway Intersection Traffic Study

Due to growing concerns from residents within the area, my office worked last year with the County Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) to initiate a Traffic Safety & Operation Analysis of the intersection. The study included data collection, site distance analysis, traffic volume counts, turning movement counts, speed study and geometric analysis. The study has been completed, and in July DTCI submitted their report to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for review. VDOT requested further analysis and a resubmittal of the initial report; the additional requested analysis does not alter the proposed safety recommendations contained within the study. At the end of August, the revised report was submitted to VDOT for their review, and DTCI does not expect any significant comments from VDOT at this time. Once VDOT has completed their review of the revised report, my office will follow up with the Cascades Community Association to schedule a community meeting to present the findings of the study and the recommended changes to the intersection. The meeting is expected to occur in mid-November to early December.

Get Involved!

On the Farm: Quilts from Local Quilters

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, located at 21668 Heritage Farm Lane in Sterling, is hosting "On the Farm: Quilts from Local Quilters" through November 16, 2019. The free exhibit will showcase a selection of quilts on loan from the Waterford

Quilters Guild, Countryside Quilters, and the Reston Chapter of Quilters Unlimited, as well as a vintage quilt from the Loudoun Museum. There will also be free craft events for children and Quilt Scavenger Hunts on weekends. For more information on the exhibit, please call 571-258-3800.

Loudoun County Health Department Offers Free Flu Shots on October 26 in Sterling

The Loudoun County Health Department will offer free flu shots at the Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, on Saturday, October 26, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Free flu shots will be offered to anyone 9 years and older on a first-come, first-served basis until 2:00 p.m. or until the supply of flu shots runs out. Only 400 shots will be available.

The vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of complications from the flu. These groups include:

- Pregnant and postpartum women, or those who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Persons over 65 years of age, including residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- People who have chronic lung or heart problems, including asthma; and
- People who have other serious medical conditions, such as diabetes, kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, anemia, cancer, weak immune systems (including those with HIV) or a seizure disorder.

For more information about the flu, visit the Virginia Department of Health's website at www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/influenza-flu-in-virginia/. For more information about the Loudoun County Health Department, visit loudoun.gov/health.

True Sons of Freedom Exhibit & Reception

The Cascades Library, located at 21030 Whitfield Place in Sterling, is hosting the True Sons of Freedom Exhibit through Saturday, November 30, 2019, as well as a reception on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. This amazing exhibit, from the Library of Virginia, explores the worlds of 24 Virginians who fought overseas in World War I to defend freedoms that they were denied at home. During the reception, Barbara Batson from the Library of Virginia will discuss the cultivation and preservation of the photographs in the exhibit and the history associated with them. For more information about the exhibit or the reception, please call 703-444-3228.

INOVA Loudoun Hospital Health Screenings

INOVA Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services will be providing free blood pressure screenings at a variety of locations during the month of October. They will be at the Cascades Senior Center located at 21060 Whitfield Place in Sterling from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, October 22, 2019. For more information or other locations, please call the Mobile Health hotline at 703-858-8818 or visit www.inova.org/mobilehealth.

Fall Cascades Trash Bash

The Fall Cascades Trash Bash will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will kick off at the Quarterpath Trace Community Center located at 20430 Quarterpath Trace Circle in Sterling. This community litter cleanup event is open to individuals, families, community groups, church groups, boy scouts, girl scouts-everyone is welcome to help! Additionally, residents can bring donations for Loudoun Hunger Relief, which provides food to local families in need. Through the Got Sneakers Program of Keep Loudoun Beautiful, you can also donate footwear that is taking up closet space to folks in desperate need of footwear. Participants can register for door prizes, enjoy refreshments, receive tee-shirts and giveaways and more! For more information or to register, please visit www.sempertech.com/CTB.

Vaping, JUULing, and Internet Safety Seminar

On Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Sterling Library located at 22330 Sterling Boulevard in Sterling, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Public Schools' Student Assistance Services are teaming up for this informative parent-only presentation focusing vaping and internet safety. Parents will learn the detailed information about the trends and risk associated with vaping devices and will gain advice on how to talk to their children about the dangers. This presentation will also teach parents techniques for keeping their children safe while online and using technology. To register, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/9PXBFR2.

Loudoun Symphony Performance

The Loudoun Symphony is delighted to present "Mozart Madness" on Saturday, November 9, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, located at 43600 Russell Branch Parkway in Ashburn. The evening's performance will include Adagio & Fugue, Wind Serenade, Eb Major, and Symphony No 40, G minor. Tickets are \$30

for adults and \$25 for seniors, while children ages 12 and under are admitted for free. For more information, please visit www.loudounsymphony.org.

Dominion Holiday & Craft Fair

Dominion High School will host its first Holiday and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 23, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the school located at 21326 Augusta Drive in Sterling. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Titan Athletic Booster Club, which supports all of the school's teams. The event will include performances by the Titan Theatre, sweet treats, holiday décor, home furnishings and more! To participate as a vendor, please contact Tisha Downes at TBD21@Live.com for more information.

Mason Observatory Open to the Public

Mason's astronomical observatory, located atop Research Hall on Mason's Fairfax Campus, houses one of the largest diameter telescopes among college campuses in the mid-Atlantic region. Night sky observing sessions led by faculty and graduate students are preceded by informative talks. Sessions open to the general public are held during the fall and spring semesters, weather permitting. Groups are welcome. Please check the website for the observing schedule and/or cancellation information. Observing sessions typically last approximately 1.5 hours. Phone: 703-993-9558; Web: www.physics.gmu.edu/~hgeller/observing.html.

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