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Capital Improvement Projects Updates



During this week's Finance, Government Operations, and Economic Development Committee Meeting, I received an update from county staff on progress on Capital Improvement Projects. Three Algonkian District projects were highlighted:

The Potomack Lakes Sportsplex Field Improvements Project is now complete! Staff reported that all work was completed, including installation of signage, netting and fencing. I am excited to see that this project. These improvements will be great benefit to the community utilizing the park for years to come!

Two Algonkian projects are unfortunately facing delays:

The Bles District Park Improvements Project funds an updated playground, picnic pavilion, canoe/kayak launch, safety netting, and parking spaces. County staff is reporting a design phase delay from spring 2023 to summer 2023. The reason cited for the delay is for requirements to obtain a VDOT design exception. Staff is evaluating possible clearing constraints in the area.

The Route 7 Shared Use Path Project is for a shared use path to be constructed on the north side of Route 7 from Campus Drive to Lakeland Drive. Staff reported that they are investigating alternative alignments for the path in front of Signal Hill Plaza and are conducting additional analyses regarding stormwater runoff into the Cardinal Glen Neighborhood. This has extended the design phase completion from summer 2023 to winter 2024.

You can read the item [here](#) detailing CIP updates across the entire county. To check status updates on individual projects, visit Loudoun's [Capital Project Status Interactive Map](#).

New County Land Use System Transition Underway



Loudoun County's new online land management system is coming:

AUGUST 14, 2023

Learn more:

loudoun.gov/LandMARC

Loudoun County is scheduled to launch its new online land management system on Monday, August 14, 2023. The system, called LandMARC (Land Management, Applications, Research, Coordination) is designed to increase efficiency and transparency for Loudoun businesses and residents. The system is a comprehensive online tool for accessing, managing and maintaining Loudoun County's land-related information. LandMARC will replace existing internal and external systems, including LOLA and e-Permits.

In preparation for the launch of the new system, some services for land development customers will not be available beginning Wednesday, July 26 through Sunday, August 13. Expected service disruptions include very limited new applications, no accepting of payments, prohibition on edits/updates to existing applications/records, and no scheduling of inspections or issuing of permits.

Once the new system is up and running, we are hopeful that it will be a more user-friendly way to view land use applications, track updates, and submit paperwork for permits, among many other benefits!

My office will continue to share updates about the LandMARC system once the transition takes place and the system goes live. To prepare for service impacts, the county is implementing deadlines for application submissions, payments, and inspections. Specific deadlines for different activities and services are available online at loudoun.gov/landmarc.

Changes to Notification Process for Public Hearings



During the July 5, 2023 Business Meeting, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors approved an update to its Rules of Order, which changes the notice requirements related to approval of land use applications and amendments to county ordinances.

Changes in state code require that notice of ordinance amendments or land use applications be published no more than 14 days before the intended passage or adoption of such items. The Board of Supervisors must either take a final vote on agenda items for ordinances and land use applications immediately following the required public hearing or advertise the item for another public hearing at which time action may be taken. Advertisement of such public hearing items must be published no more than 14 days prior to the planned vote in two consecutive weeks.

The Board's adopted changes to its Rules of Order now require any item appearing on a public hearing agenda for the first time to be sent to a subsequent public hearing for approval, unless the Board suspends the rules and votes. Alternately, the Board could send an item to a committee for further discussion; however, to comply with the amended notice requirements under state law, the item will go back to a public hearing for final action. The item could appear on the consolidated agenda of that second hearing if all outstanding issues have been resolved, no speakers sign-up in advance, and no supervisor objects.

Loudoun County will advertise ordinance amendments or land use applications no more than 14 days before the intended passage or adoption of such items in a local newspaper of record. All of the Board of Supervisors public meetings and meeting documents are posted on the county's website at least three days prior to a meeting in accordance with Virginia law. The Board's meeting schedule is posted at loudoun.gov/calendar and the Board's meeting documents are posted at loudoun.gov/bosdocuments.

For more information, read the county press release and attached information [here](#).

Health Department is now Locally Administered

Health Department Under Local Administration

The Loudoun County Health Department is now under the administration of the county government.

**The department's mission remains the same:
to enhance and ensure the health of all.**



loudoun.gov/health

As of July 1, the Loudoun County Health Department is now administered by the county government, completing a change that was requested to the General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session. Approximately fifty former state employees of the Loudoun County Health Department have transitioned to county employment, joining other county employees who were already employed in the department, with all reporting up to the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors. Local administration will help to alleviate disparities in salaries and benefits between state and county employees performing the same or similar work.

With this change, the Health Department will be better positioned to align resources with community needs and respond quickly to local condition. The Board of Supervisors will have greater control over the budget and programmatic choices of our local Health Department.

More information about the services provided by the Loudoun County Health Department is online at loudoun.gov/health. Read the press release [here](#).

Board of Supervisors Meetings Next Week

Board of Supervisors Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 18 at 4pm

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