# LEGISLATIVE MATTERS



An update on local, state and federal issues of interest to the real estate industry.

**Dulles Area Association of REALTORS® Government Affairs Newsletter** 

**Winter 2019** 

# Loudoun 2040 Plan

Right now, the comprehensive plan that guides the future growth and development in Loudoun County is being rewritten. The draft plan – called Loudoun 2040 – sets in place policies on where and what type of development will occur between now and the year 2040.

We know there is a lack of housing that is affordable and attainable in Loudoun County. There are individuals who do not want much more housing developed in our County. We encourage you to become involved in the process and say **YES!** to housing that is affordable and attainable in Loudoun County to help address this critical situation. The current draft of the plan and related documents are posted at <a href="https://www.loudoun.gov/">www.loudoun.gov/</a>



...that is AFFORDABLE and ATTAINABLE

The Planning Commission is expected to present the Board of Supervisors with a draft Loudoun 2040 Plan at the Board's business meeting on **March 21**, **2019**. Be ready to be an **Advocate in Action** and attend this important meeting!

Throughout the spring, the Board of Supervisors will hold a series of work sessions to review the Plan and will hear public comment during public hearings on **Wednesday**, **April 24**, **2019**, **at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday**, **April 27**, **2019**, **at 9:00 a.m**.

If you're interested in speaking at this session, contact Brenda Morton, (703) 777-2468.

## **Market Trends Reports**

Do you want to know what the median price for housing is in Loudoun County? You'll learn that and a whole lot more when you read the DAAR Market Trends Report. Each month we'll bring you the latest news about the real estate market in Loudoun County. Make sure you check your email for these important updates.



## 2019 Elections!

What a year this will be. Did you know that this year you'll have the chance to help elect REALTOR® friendly officials to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and House and Senate members of the Virginia Assembly? Make sure you're ready to vote in the Primaries on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the General Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>. To verify your registration and precinct information, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at https://vote.virginia.gov.





## **NAR Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo**

Registration for the REALTORS® Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo is open! If you want to take an active role to advance the real estate industry, public policy, and the association, make sure you attend the Legislative Meetings & Trade Expo in Washington, D.C., May 13-18, 2019. You'll join with thousands of REALTORS® from across the country and visit Capitol Hill, attend special issues forums, participate in committee meetings, and see exhibitors at the industry trade show.

Visit <a href="https://www.legislative.realtor/">https://www.legislative.realtor/</a> for more information.

#### **Economic Summit**

Join us for DAAR's Economic Summit on Friday, April 5, 2019 from 8-11am at Loudoun County School Administration Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA. The event offers an opportunity for REALTORS® in the Northern Virginia and Loudoun County area to understand housing and economic trends and forecast for 2019 and beyond.

## Help Your Clients Learn About the Property They Want to Buy

DAAR is bringing you an exclusive opportunity to tour the Loudoun County's Clerk of the Circuit Court! You'll hear from the Honorable Gary Clemens, Clerk of the Court, and his staff as they guide you through the Clerk's office and services on May 10, 2019. Register now to learn how to obtain copies of land records and how to access those records remotely.

### **Bagels with the Board of Supervisors**

Plan on joining us for a unique opportunity to meet and speak with the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

January 25: Koran Saines (Sterling District) and Kristen Umstattd (Leesburg District)

February 22: Phyllis Randall (Chair-at-Large)

March 29: Ralph Buona (Ashburn District) and Geary Higgins (Catoctin District)

April 26: Ron Meyer (Broad Run District) and Suzanne Volpe (Algonkian District)

**DAAR Advocacy.** DAAR continues to advocate on your behalf with Loudoun County Supervisors, Virginia General Assembly members, and members of the U.S Congress. We appreciate the support of DAAR members and count on your help to advance issues that matter to the real estate industry. Your assistance helps DAAR to have a very active and robust Government Affairs program and to ensure that the REALTORS® voice is being heard.

Visit http://www.dullesarea.com/darpac/ to learn more!
Support the issues that matter to your business. Support DARPAC!

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#### **Elected Officials**

#### **United States Congress**

Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton (D-10)

Senator Tim Kaine (D) Senator Mark Warner (D)

#### Governor of Virginia

Ralph Northam (D)

#### **Attorney General**

Mark Herring (D)

#### Virginia Senators

- Senator Dick Black (R-13)
- Senator Barbara Favola (D-31)
- Senator Jennifer Boysko (D-33)
- Senator Jill Vogel (R-27)

#### Virginia House of Delegates

- •Delegate Kathleen Murphy (D-34)
- •Delegate David Reid (D-32)
- Delegate Karrie Delaney (D-67)
- •Delegate John Bell (D-87)
- •Delegate Ibraheem Samirah (D-86)
- •Delegate David LaRock (R-33)
- •Delegate Wendy Gooditis (D-10)

#### **Board of Supervisors**

- •Phyllis Randall, Chair, at-Large
- •Ralph M. Buona, Vice Chair, Ashburn
- •Suzanne M. Volpe, Algonkian
- •Tony Buffington, Blue Ridge
- •Ron Meyer, Broad Run
- Geary Higgins, Catoctin
- •Matthew Letourneau, Dulles
- •Kristen Umstattd, Leesburg
- •Koran Saines, Sterling

# **Contact Us**

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