

South County Federation Update – December 2021

Grocery Store & Restaurant Updates

Liberty Market:

LIDL has broken ground next door at Liberty. The plan is for the store to open late spring or early summer of 2022. LIDL has their own construction team and apparently a “master” store plan so the construction process goes quickly.

Lorton Marketplace:

Panera’s site next to the car wash at the corner of Lorton Road and Lorton Market Street is still a “go”! Like LIDL, they have their own construction crew, and are planning on a late-spring opening.

Also, Amazon Fresh is taking over the old Shoppers space. No word yet on an opening date.



Lorton Station Town Center:

The Hometown Grill and Bar (which took the old Fireside Grill location) is now open. Check them out at hometowngrillandbar.com.



Shoppes at Lorton Valley:

The old Capitol One bank location is being restructured into a POPEYE’S with a drive-thru window. The completion date is unknown.



New Police Station & Animal Shelter

The steel frame structure for the new Police Station and Animal Shelter at Lorton Road and Workhouse Road has been erected as work there continues. The South County Federation has expressed their concerns about the Police Station opening on time, given the shortage in police staffing. The Police Department has begun the process of redoing district boundaries with our station coming on-line in early 2023.



Board of Supervisors Redistricting Efforts

SCF President, Dale Rumberger, and Treasurer, Larry Clark, testified at a Board of Supervisor's public hearing on Tuesday, November 9th regarding a proposal to establish a new, 10th South County Magisterial District, as part of the recent county redistricting effort to establish new local election districts for the Board of Supervisors and School Board. Note that this effort will not change school boundaries or electoral maps for state legislators or members of Congress.

Their proposal was one of 65 proposals submitted. Dale and Larry argued that we are now a “destination” rather than an area to avoid. In addition to our many parks, Gunston Hall and the regional, state, Bureau of Land Management on Mason Neck all attract, rather than repel, visitors.

The multiple, significant investments the county has made, and continues to make, in upgrades to our facilities such as libraries and community centers, a Police Station and Animal Shelter need to be realized, preserved and protected.

The Board of Supervisors will vote on whether or not to retain the existing 9 Magisterial Districts, or to add 1 or more additional Districts at their meeting on December 7th, 2021.