

Leesburg District News

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In August, the Board of Supervisors takes a recess. My office is still available for constituent services so please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

The Leesburg Police Department will celebrate National Night Out tonight, Tuesday, August 2nd from 6 to 8 pm in the Leesburg Mobile Home Park community located near the intersection of South Street SE and Parker Court SE in Leesburg. Please see more information in Mayor Burk's section below.

Route 7 Bypass Town Hall

Mayor Burk and I will be hosting a Town Hall on Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 pm in the Leesburg Town Hall, 25 West Market Street, to speak with residents about the Route 7 bypass to Route 9 widening. The Town Hall is open to all residents. Loudoun County Department of Transportation staff will be available to show preliminary engineering exhibits and answer questions about the project.

Crosstrail Boulevard Ribbon Cutting



On July 26th, we held a ribbon cutting for [Crosstrail Boulevard from Kincaid Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway](#). The roadway is scheduled to open to traffic this week.

This four-lane, median-divided road segment provides a connection from Sycolin Road near Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park to Route 7. It will also serve as an alternate route to both Battlefield Parkway to the north and Cochran Mill Road to the south and will improve access to Bolen Park, the Leesburg Park and Ride lot, the Animal Shelter and the Segra Field soccer stadium. The project also includes the construction of a foot bridge over the Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Railroad Regional Park, a direct trail connection between the W&OD Trail and Crosstrail Boulevard, a bridge over Tuscarora Creek and five stormwater retention facilities.

I want to specifically thank the residents of Kincaid Forest, Tavistock Farms, Village Walk and the Village at Leesburg for their patience through the construction process.

Gourley Transit Drive Closure

Gourley Transit Drive between Crosstrail Boulevard and the Leesburg Park and Ride lot will be closed to traffic from Monday, August 8th through Friday, September 30th weather permitting. There will be concrete barriers and road closure signage at the north and south ends of the closure. The closure will not impact commuters who park at the Leesburg Park and Ride lot. Drivers should use Crosstrail Boulevard to access Bolen Park. Please use extra caution when traveling through the area and follow all directions from the posted signs and road crews.

Route 15 North

At the July 5th Board business meeting, we approved the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) for the next phase of US Route 15 North - Widening and Safety Improvements. The design work on the first phase (Battlefield Pkwy in Leesburg to White's Ferry Road) is complete and the County will begin land acquisition for the first phase in the near future. The widening of Route 15 includes a planned bypass around the Village of Lucketts. Final alignment of the bypass will be west of existing Route 15 and the number of lanes south of Stumptown Road will be determined during project design.

Supervisor Kershner made a second motion that staff present to the Board, not later than October 18th, a list of safety and operational improvements that can reasonably be completed within seven years. The list will include a description of each proposed safety and operational improvement, prioritized by the most beneficial to the least beneficial in terms of improving corridor safety and reliability. In addition, the list will include the estimated timeline and total cost and will be forwarded for consideration in the FY 2024 CIP budget development process.

I want to thank staff for their time running stakeholder meetings, creating surveys and briefing us. I want to also thank the hundreds of residents in the Route 15 corridor for getting involved in this project. The Route 15 North project is a safety project. Too many people have died on Route 15 North because, with only one lane in each direction and no median, there is no escape from oncoming vehicles that jump lanes. Because there are no shoulders, law enforcement has nowhere to park and can't enforce the speed limit. Because every accident shuts down the road - usually in both directions - emergency response vehicles can't get to accident victims. The vast majority of residents who live along this corridor want and need these improvements. Thank you to Supervisor Kershner for his leadership on this project.

Environmental Summit

We held an Environmental Summit on Wednesday, July 27th. At this summit, we accepted the Environmental Commission's first annual report, approved the Commission's request for a new public engagement standing committee and the slate of candidates for all committees, and endorsed the FY 2023 work plan. The Commission recommended focusing work plan activities on the following five initiatives based on the expertise of members, discussions with staff, and input from the public.

- Sustainable Energy
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Justice
- Public Engagement
- Government-by-Example

The Commission further recommended priority issues within each of these initiatives. For each priority issue, the work plan reports the current status of the issue as well as actions to be undertaken by staff with funding from existing FY 2023 appropriations. There are some priorities that cannot be conducted without additional resources. Staff will come

back to the Board during the FY 2024 budget process with requests for resources to complete those actions. Please see the work plan table for FY 2023 and future forecast table for FY 2024 in [attachments 1 and 2 of the item](#).

Thank you to Gem Bingol, Environmental Commission Chair, and other members of the Commission, and staff for your hard work. I admire the enthusiasm and dedication you all brought to this initiative and look forward to working with you.

Route 15 South

At the July 19th Board business meeting, we endorsed on consent the recommended long-term improvement priorities for [Route 15 South](#) that are listed in Table 5 (see below) for future planning and implementation. Endorsement positions the County to apply for regional, state and federal funding.

Table 5: *Cost Estimates for Route 15 South Recommended Long-Term Improvement Priorities*

Priority	Segment	Intersection	Description	Cost Estimate
1	A1	11+12	Roundabout at Braddock and Old Carolina Road	\$14,467,000
2	D1	4	Roundabout at Hogback Mountain Road	\$5,891,000
3	D1	7	Roundabout at Lime Kiln Road	\$4,333,000
4	B2	n/a	Turn Lanes at Winery Entrance	\$4,241,000
5	B2	9	Improve Roundabout at Route 50	\$4,861,000
6	B2	10	Improve Roundabout at Howser's Branch Drive	\$4,111,000
7	A1	13	Turn Lanes at New Road/ Mountain Road	\$5,734,000
8	E1	3	Left Turn Lane from Harmony Church Road to Mt Gilead Road	\$534,000
TOTAL:				\$44,172,000

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month **Rebellion Bourbon Bar & Kitchen**



Rebellion Bourbon Bar & Kitchen held a grand opening on July 8th and is located on 1 North King Street in Leesburg. Rebellion's menu features a bourbon-inspired, locally sourced menu led by Culinary Director & Executive Chef Declan Horgan. Horgan, originally based in Ireland, is recognized for his range of culinary disciplines, blending disciplines from classic French cuisine to hearty Irish favorites. The 100% veteran-owned restaurant also offers an extensive selection of bourbons and whiskies and a members-only cigar room.



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

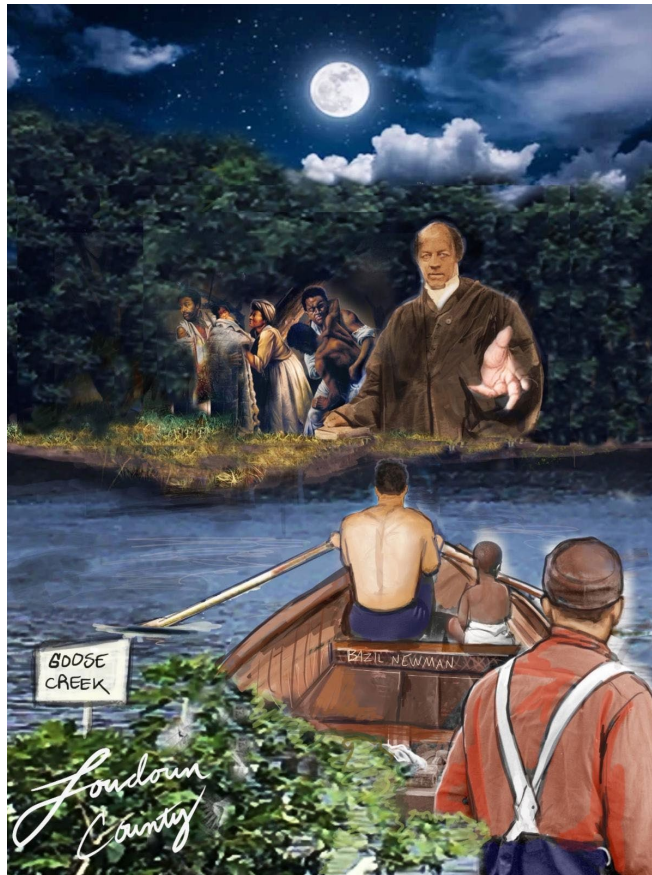


Leesburg Police officers, who embody the best of community-based policing, served dinner to residents of Sycamore Hill at last year's National Night Out.

National Night Out: All Town residents are invited to participate in this annual community building event tonight from 6 to 8 pm in the Leesburg Mobile Home Park community. The Leesburg Police Department will have police vehicles and equipment on display, and children are invited to meet our officers in person. Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company and Town of Leesburg's Streets Division will also have equipment on display. Representatives from the Town of Leesburg's Diversity Commission will be in attendance. Other activities will include refreshments, activities for children, music, and one of our sponsors, Target, will be hosting a bicycle raffle. As the Leesburg Police Department's premier community relations event, National Night Out serves to reinforce crime and drug prevention awareness while generating support and participation for local anti-crime efforts. It helps foster and strengthen neighborhood collaboration and police-community relations. National Night Out is a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships.



Independence Day Recap: The 32nd annual Independence Day parade featured at least 60 entries this year. Members of the Leesburg Daybreak Rotary Club judged Primal Axe's mobile axe throwing trailer as "Best in Show". The custom trailer, which is approximately 20 feet long, incorporates a fully enclosed throwing platform featuring two full size targets that can accommodate two throwers at a time. It was decorated in full Independence Day attire during Monday morning's parade. The Patriot Cup competition is sponsored by Loudoun Now newspaper. A big thank you to everyone who came out to watch the parade and for those who joined us at Ida Lee Park that evening. As always, the music was great and the fireworks were spectacular.



Black History Mural: the Leesburg Town Council has approved the installation of a Black History mural, on the east facing wall of the Loudoun Museum. The mural was proposed last spring by Carmen Felder, president of the 89 Ways to Give Foundation, to highlight the Underground Railroad and its significance to Loudoun County. The mural, which will be painted by local artist Shawn Perkins, will depict two notable residents, Basil Newman, a prominent Black landowner and ferry operator, and Leonard Grimes, a Black abolitionist, who helped fleeing enslaved people find safety across the Potomac River. The mural will be funded entirely by the 89 Ways to Give Foundation. The project will begin the first week of August. It is estimated to take up to three weeks to complete.



Acoustic on the Green: Concerts will be held every Saturday through August on the Town Green, 25 West Market Street, beginning at 7 pm. There will be no concert on Saturday, August 13th. They are free and open to the public. No smoking, alcohol, or pets are allowed. Lawn chairs and blankets are advised. In case of inclement weather, the show will be cancelled. See the lineup [here](#).



Community Information

New Three-Digit Mental Health Crisis Hotline: Virginians who need suicide prevention or behavioral health crisis support, or are worried about someone else, can call or text 988 to connect with the **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** network. The new three-digit number is designed to be easier to remember for people in crisis.

The **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Counselors may also direct callers to additional resources for mental health and substance use treatment.

In Loudoun County, anyone experiencing a life-threatening, behavioral health emergency should call 911 and ask for a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) deputy or officer. More information about local and regional mental health resources designed to help prevent suicide may be found [here](#).

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in August: All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited.

Youth Mental Health First Aid: In-person training for adults who interact with young people.

- August 30 & 31: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm each day

REVIVE! Opioid Overdose Reversal. Upcoming classes are scheduled:

- August 12: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- August 15: 5:30 – 6:30 pm
- August 26: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
- August 29: 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Suicide Prevention Training. The Question Persuade Refer program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The next class will be held:

- August 25: 7:00 – 8:30 pm
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The Dulles Airport Job & Career Fair

August 10, 2022
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Event location: **Fairfax Christian School**
22870 Pacific Blvd.,
Dulles, VA 20166

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SPPLUS Corporation
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SCIS Air Security
Paradies Dining Division
Global Security
DHS / TSA
Associated Building Maintenance Co
ICE Currency Services USA

AIRSHOTT, Inc.
Duty Free America
Securemedy
Incorporated
Gate Gourmet
G2 Secure Staff
SkySquad
Swissport USA

Go to <https://www.committeefordulles.org/events/jobfair> for complete employer listing.
For questions, you may email us at: info@committeefordulles.org.



Art & Film Contest for Teens and Adults: Area teenagers and adults are invited to enter the “Novel Expressions Art and Film Contest” sponsored by Loudoun County Public Library, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Loudoun Youth Advisory Council. Participants may choose any book from their summer reading list and create a piece of artwork or a short film inspired by the story. The art contest is open to teens and adults; the film contest is for teens only. Details about how to enter the contest may be found [here](https://library.loudoun.gov/artcontest). The deadline to enter is August 22nd.

The art contest will be judged in three divisions (middle school, high school and adult) with prizes of gift cards and art supplies awarded to the top finishers in each division. The film contest will be judged in two divisions (middle school and high school) with prizes of gift cards and videography supplies awarded to the top finishers in each division. A gala event to celebrate the contest winners is scheduled for November 12th, at the Franklin Park Performing and Visual Arts Center.

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Health
Department

**Free COVID-19
Vaccination
Clinics:
Fridays Thru
September 2**



**Call 703-737-8300
for an appointment.**

Free COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics for Children: Throughout the rest of the summer, the Loudoun County Health Department will hold weekly vaccination clinics at 102 Heritage Way NE, Suites 100 & 101 in Leesburg for children 6 months of age and older. The Leesburg Health Clinic is open on Fridays through September 2nd from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call the COVID-19 Hotline at 703-737-8300 Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. During the scheduling call, Health Department staff will discuss with parents and guardians the specific vaccines offered at the clinic.

LOUDOUN COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING



CHIME IN!

WITH THE AAA RHYTHM MAKERS

 **WHEN**

10am - 11am
2nd Tuesday of every month

 **WHERE**

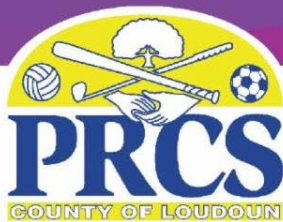
Senior Center of Leesburg
102 North Street NW
Leesburg, 20176

 **REGISTER**

Call 571-233-2583 or send an email to
aaasupport@loudoun.gov

This hand chime group is for individuals with early to moderate stage cognitive impairment and their care partners.

No music experience is needed, just the joy of creating music together.



LOUDOUN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

LOUDOUN.GOV/PRCS

FOR ACCESSIBILITY REQUESTS: CONTACT ADAPTREC@LOUDOUN.GOV, 703-777-0343, TTY: 711

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