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Neighbors,

February is an important time of year to acknowledge Black History. Hopefully the day will come when we can all agree that Black History is American History and should be part of the history curriculum.

To that end, the board approved renaming Leesburg's historic courthouse after Charles Hamilton Houston, a legal icon known as the "the man who killed Jim Crow." His fight against all forms of discrimination led to the national repeal of segregated schooling and all-white juries.

This month I also attended a dedication ceremony with NOVA Parks and the Loudoun Chapter of the NAACP for an interpretive marker at Ball's Bluff Battlefield honoring Lewis A. Bell, who is believed to be the first African American to take up arms against the Confederacy in 1861.

Additionally, we honored the Black farmers of Eastern Loudoun at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum, which took the time and raised the funds to restore a manure spreader recovered from what was left of the Nokes Farm off of Thayer Road. Most of the farmland was sold for the

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Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

Business Meeting

3/7/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

3/21/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

3/15/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

3/14/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC)

3/22/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for
upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

[Visit the county web
page for information.](#)

development of the Dulles Town Center in the
1980s.

I am excited to share that the board this approved
my initiative to allocate \$2.25 million of the
county's American Rescue Plan Act funds to
conduct a countywide childcare needs
assessment and to implement programs
recommended when the assessment is complete.
A recent Forbes article called our nation's failed
childcare system a potential \$122 billion economic
risk to our nation, and we know that COVID
exposed this issue for so many local families. I
worked closely with our partners at the National
Association of Counties and in our community to
bring this effort forward. I look forward to the results
and subsequent programming that will help
parents get back into, and stay in, the workforce.

Please be sure to attend our town hall tomorrow
night at 7:00 p.m. at the Cascades Senior Center
on the Cascades Marketplace revitalization!

Juli

Local Events

SENIOR CENTER

The Loudoun County Senior Center provides an active gathering spot for the
thriving, diverse community of adults 55 and older and offers a variety of classes,
groups and programs that provide learning, growth and social opportunities. Find
activities and read their newsletter [here](#).

CASCADES LIBRARY

ESOL: English Conversation Group

Mondays at 11:00 AM

Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades

Practice English in a conversation-based program for English language learners.

Live Music: Zoë Jorgenson Duo

3/19/2023 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Cascades Library - Teen Area

Zoë Jorgenson on bass and vocals and Nataly Merezhuk on bass and violin perform jazz inspired folk/indie music with vocal harmonies.

After Hours Teen Center

Fridays at 6:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room B

Each week is a new fun activity hosted by the library: STEAM Building Challenge on March 3; DJ Matt Ocean on March 10; Leprechaun Gingerbread Houses on March 17; Super Smash Bros Tournament on March 24; Werewolf on March 31.

Check out more upcoming events [here](#).

Black History Month in Loudoun County



The month of February is Black History Month and it has been great to honor and highlight so many of the achievements and history of our Black Loudouners. At the February 7 Business Meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Proclamation to commemorate Black History Month with a number of organizations present. I was honored to sign onto this resolution.



Commemoration at Ball's Bluff Battlefield

On Saturday, February 18, we honored Lewis A. Bell. He is believed to be the first African American to take up arms against the Confederacy at the Battle of Ball's Bluff, where he arrived as an attendant to a Union officer. He did this at great risk as it was illegal then for any black person to own or carry firearms. I was honored to take part in reading the new interpretative sign for the first time at the dedication ceremony with NOVA Parks and the Loudoun Chapter of the NAACP.



Nokes Manure Spreader Exhibit

On February 19, I attended the exhibition opening at the Heritage Farm Museum in Sterling for the Nokes Manure Spreader. This artifact was used on the Nokes family farm in Eastern Loudoun County. It was named to 2022's Top 10 Endangered Artifacts by the VA Association of Museums. The Friends of Thomas Balch Library Black History Committee (BHC)



hosted this important event to honor Black History.



Black History Month Expo in Sterling

I attended the Black History Month Expo at the Sterling Community Center. The Dominion Titans Dance Team performed and showed local children how to dance. The event consisted of a talent show and showcased local vendors. It was part of a week of activities including documentary viewings, children's artwork, and celebration of poetry of Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes. I also met a player for the Loudoun FC.



Courthouse Renaming

At the February 7 Business Meeting I voted with my colleagues to name the historic 1895 Loudoun Courthouse for Charles Hamilton Houston. Houston was a Dean of Howard University's Law School and NAACP legal counsel when he argued at the courthouse in 1933, *Commonwealth of Virginia v. Crawford*, the seminal case that brought national attention to the problems of all-white juries. Learn more [here](#).

Cascades Marketplace Town Hall

CASCADES MARKETPLACE TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, FEB. 23 AT 7PM

CASCADES SENIOR CENTER
20160 WHITFIELD PLACE,
STERLING, VA 20165

Join Supervisor Juli Briskman and representatives of Willard Retail to discuss the proposed redevelopment application to revitalize the Cascades Marketplace. The event will include a presentation followed by Q&A. Please send questions in advance to ethan.gardner@loudoun.gov

www.cascades-marketplace.com



My office is hosting a town hall on the Cascades Marketplace revitalization project tomorrow, February 23, at 7 p.m. at the Cascades Senior Center. We will be discussing the proposed redevelopment application for the Cascades Marketplace, which includes redesigned retail space and new housing. Representatives of Willard Retail will be there to present the project and answer your questions. This application will likely go to the Planning Commission in March and Board of Supervisors this Fall.

If you have questions or want to submit your questions in advance, email ethan.gardner@loudoun.gov.



NACo Legislative Conference

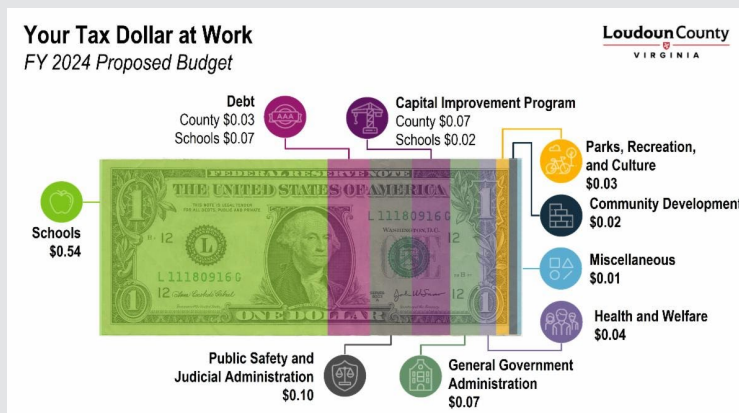
From February 11 - 14, I attended the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, DC with several of my colleagues. We received extensive and detailed briefings on a wide variety of public policy issues affecting local governments. As a member of the Community, Economic, and Workforce Development Steering Committee, I attended those sessions and participated in the Healthy Counties Advisory Board Luncheon where we discussed the ways in which local county decision-making can positively or negatively impact public health.

We heard from federal officials, such as Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen, and President Joe Biden. Much of the conference was spent discussing how county governments like Loudoun could leverage federal resources, especially from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), and the CHIPS and Science Act, among many others, could be utilized to fund and solve local problems. I look forward to bringing many of these ideas back to Loudoun to implement here.

C-SPAN covered the NACo sessions on [Monday](#) and [Tuesday](#). To read more about the work of NACo, visit naco.org.



FY24 Budget Development is Underway



County Administrator Tim Hemstreet released his proposed FY24 budget on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. This kicks off a process for the Board of Supervisors to review the county budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Major

highlights of the proposed budget include \$14.3 million in base budget adjustments to continue to provide core services; an increase of \$27 million for employee compensation; \$6.5 million for affordable housing. The budget was developed taking into account a number of factors, including forecasted economic conditions, population growth, real property portfolio, and evolving local tax revenue composition.

The Board of Supervisors will be working extensively over the next few months to amend and finalize the budget. This will consist of a series of work sessions by the Board to ask questions and make potential adjustments. Public input will be taken at a series of Public Hearings scheduled for:

- March 1st at 3pm in the Board Room of the Government Center at 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- March 1st at 6pm in the Board Room of the Government Center at 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- March 4th at 9am in the Board Room of the LCPS Administration Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn

Anyone who wishes to speak at the public hearings may sign up in advance for one speaking slot, beginning Thursday, February 16, 2023, by calling 703-777-0204. Public input may be provided in person or virtually. More information about providing input to the Board of Supervisors is posted on the county's website at loudoun.gov/signuptospeak. Residents are also encouraged to share their thoughts by email, phone call, or mail to the Board of Supervisors.

The Board will also be making amendments to the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which totals \$3.5 billion in county and school projects over the six-year planning period. I will be working with my colleagues to ensure that Algonkian projects are properly prioritized in the CIP so that our residents benefit from these important investments.

Read more [here](#).



Sterling Volunteer Fire Company Recruitment

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Company is actively recruiting for firefighters, EMTs and administrative associates. If you are looking to serve your community and join an exceptional organization that saves lives every day, please consider reaching out

to volunteer. The Sterling VFC has been serving our residents since 1966 and they need your help. To learn more, visit their [website](#) or fill out their [Volunteer Information Request Form](#).

In 2022, the Sterling VFC responded to 8,936 and contributed 82,520 volunteer operational hours. I am thankful for the incredible lifesaving work of our volunteer first responders right here in Sterling.

Loudoun Combined Fire and Rescue Promotional Ceremony

This month I attended the promotional ceremony for the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue, honoring the many achievements of our local first responders. Promotions were celebrated for all divisions, including operations personnel, 911 communicators, and Fire Marshal's Staff.



Loudoun Fair Housing Plan

The Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development is inviting residents to provide comments on the Regional Fair Housing Plan. The

plan is being coordinated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, of which Loudoun is a member. The public comment period will be open until March 31, 2023. Comments can be sent via email to fairhousing@mwkog.org or by phone at 202-962-3794.

A Public Hearing will be hosted on March 8, 2023 at 6pm at the Department of Fair Housing and Community Development Office (106 Catocin Circle SE, Leesburg). The Hearing will include an overview of the Loudoun County sections of the fair housing plan, including goals, past achievements, and data on affordable housing and barriers to fair housing in the county.

Real Estate and Car Tax Relief Seminars

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. has scheduled free information sessions to familiarize residents with the eligibility criteria for the county's real estate tax and car tax relief program. Sessions will be held at the following dates at 10:30am:

- **March 8: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls**
- March 13: Purcellville Library, 220 East Main Street, Purcellville
- March 24: Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn
- March 27: Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg

Applications will be available online by February 27, 2023, at loudoun.gov/taxrelief. Residents may also call 703-737-8557 to have a form mailed to them or they may pick one up at the offices of the Commissioner of the Revenue in the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg or 46000 Center Oak Plaza in Sterling. Additional information about the program is available online at loudoun.gov/taxrelief.



A Holocaust Remembrance Event

On February 2nd I attended an introduced A Holocaust Remembrance at the Cascades Library, which brought together a panel of experts on the history of the Holocaust to discuss what civil society can do to prevent future genocide. The panel included Judith Cohen, recently retired curator of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Marlene W. Yahalom, Ph.D., director of education at the American Society for Yad Vashem, and Meredith Weisel, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of Washington, D.C.

The event was recorded and shared online [here](#). Special tribute is paid to Lurie, whose secret drawings created during her life as a prisoner in Kovno Ghetto and Stutthof and Leibitsch concentration camps are on display at Cascades Library in Potomac Falls, Virginia, through Feb. 28.

2023 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program



Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program by Loudoun Youth, Inc. It's a week-long program designed to introduce young people to leadership concepts and provide exposure with local leaders in business, government, and the community. Participants can choose one of two

sessions on either July 10 - 14, or July 31 - August 4, 2023. The program is open to all rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, public or private, who live in Loudoun County. Youth participating in the week-long sessions will learn leadership skills, observe leadership in action with business and civic leaders from around the county, as well as taking part in interactive team building experiences.

Applications will be accepted until March 10th and can be found at <http://www.loudounyouth.org>. Tuition is \$495/student. Financial aid is available to qualifying students. Visit the website for more program information.

Community Water and Wastewater Program

The Loudoun County Water and Wastewater Program began accepting applications for county assistance with community water and wastewater projects on January 1, 2023. The Water and Wastewater Program is designed to support Loudoun County communities experiencing issues with deficient or non-existent water and/or wastewater systems with funding and other resources. Properly functioning water and wastewater systems help to assure a cleaner and healthier community.

Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2023.

Communities that need assistance are encouraged to learn more about the program at loudoun.gov/waterprojects or by contacting Loudoun County Environmental Program Specialist Scott Fincham at 703-771-5520 or Scott.Fincham@loudoun.gov.

Clerk of Court Black History Program

The Clerk of the Circuit Court will be offering a Black History Program with the historic records of the team titled "Navigating Slavery: The Goose Creek Meeting and the Hopkins Family". The event is scheduled for 2pm on February 25th at the Goose Creek Meeting House, 18204 Lincoln Road in Purcellville. The program will include presentations by scholars from Johns Hopkins University and members of the Clerk's historic records team. The program will offer discussions related to the Hopkins family's role in relation to slavery and the Goose Creek Meeting's (Quaker community) view of slavery in Loudoun County.

The program is presented by the Loudoun Clerk of the Circuit Court, Goose Creek Friends, Johns Hopkins University and the Black History Committee of the Friends of

the Thomas Balch Library. The program is free to the public. For more information about the program, contact the Clerk of Circuit Court's Historic Records and Deed Research Division at 703-737-8775 or via email at clerks-archives@loudoun.gov.

International Women's Day Celebration

Coming up on Wednesday March 8, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Cascades Library is an International Women's Day Celebration hosted by New Virginia Majority. The event will include great food, music, poetry, and community building.

RSVP at <https://bit.ly/womensdaysvp>



Land Use Applications

The legislative land use re-zoning process can be complicated. To make the process more understandable, my office asked county staff to create a flowchart with the steps required in a land use application process. With this chart, you can now see where each potential project is, along the process.

Additional details are available at [Loudoun's Online Land Applications \(LOLA\)](#) by searching for the name or application number, of each application.

LEGISLATIVE LAND USE APPLICATION PROCESS



For more information, resources & application procedures, visit loudoun.gov/legislativelanduse. Note: Timelines are estimates.

LAND USE UPDATES



Potomack Lakes Playground

STATUS: APPROVED

This application was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at the October 12th Public Hearing. The next step in the process is a Site Plan Amendment which is currently being prepared by the County Task engineer (Dewberry). NOVA



Dogwood Farm Station

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

Lennar Multifamily Communities has filed plans for a multifamily development to build 485 homes on the 19.33-acre site currently home to Blue Mount Nursery. Based on feedback from county staff, the developer revised

Parks is currently working with the playground vendor to determine equipment costs to determine funding. Once approved, work could start summer 2023.

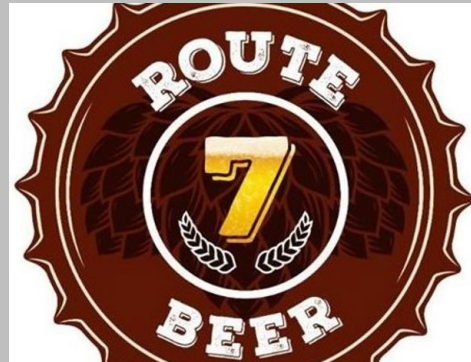
portions of the plan and resubmitted this week.



University Center Lakeview

STATUS:
RECOMMENDATION/DECISION
FORWARDED TO BOS

The University Center Lakeview application has been forwarded to the BOS with a recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission. The application proposes to rezone the property to R-24 for the development of up to 617 multifamily units (both multifamily stacked and multifamily attached) with 10% of the unit count as affordable. The application is expected to be heard at Public Hearing on March 15.



Route 7 Brewing

STATUS: APPROVED

Located at 2051 Riverside Commons Plaza, this application was approved for a craft beverage manufacturing use in addition to a previously approved restaurant use.



Cascades Marketplace

STATUS: ACTIVE

The team at Willard Realty are busy meeting with (and signing) prospective tenants. Make sure to visit their website for updates and to provide feedback, [here](#). Come to the Town Hall on February 23.



Bles Park

STATUS: APPROVED

The application was to establish a Bles Park Master Plan to expand the existing park and its amenities, including trails, pickleball courts, an off-leash dog park, four soccer fields, and a kayak launch.



The Villas at Cascades

STATUS: APPROVED

This application is to allow the development of 178 multi-family stacked residential units. The developers are currently in the site plan processing stage of the project. They expect to break ground towards the end of this year with the first units delivering approximately a year later (or late 2024). A \$160,000 school contribution has also been made with the expectation those funds will be used for the playground area at Meadowland Elementary.

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