



Dear Leesburg Resident,

I hope everyone had a relaxing spring break. On May 24th, I will be opening the program for Chair Randall's State of the County Address at 6:30 pm at the Government Center, 1 Harrison Street in Leesburg. All Loudoun County residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

#### **Tax Rate**

On April 4th, a majority of the Board voted to pass a tax rate of \$1.125, underfunding the schools by \$5.5 million. I believe we had the opportunity to fully fund our schools this year with a tax rate of \$1.135. Most homeowners would have seen a reduction in their property taxes at this rate because it is below the equalized rate of \$1.140. To try and reduce the gap between the School Board's request and Board allocation, I made the following two motions. Both motions would not have increased the tax rate because I proposed using the County fund balance

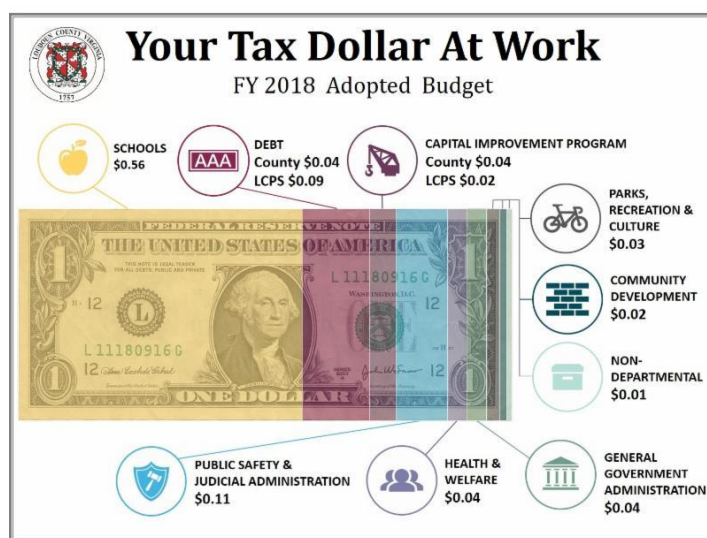
I moved that the Board of Supervisors allocate to LCPS an additional \$1.5 million of FY 2017 fund balance for textbooks and digital resources and amend the FY 2018 Budget and increase the transfer from the General Fund to LCPS in the amount of \$1.5 million.

I further moved that the Board of Supervisors allocate from FY 2017 fund balance an additional \$400,000 for Employment and Day Support Contract Expansion and amend the FY 2018 Budget to meet the critical needs request of \$1 million. This would have funded employment opportunities for all our disabled residents.

I am disappointed both of my motions failed. Our students need up to date textbooks that are in good condition. I wanted to take the burden off teachers who have to

create their own textbooks by photocopying articles from magazines and newspapers.

Regarding employment and day support services, the full \$1 million requested would have eliminated the waiting list for ECHO and St. John's and enabled disabled individuals to be gainfully employed. This would also allow their parents and siblings to keep their jobs boosting the economy. The Board did approve a portion of the requested amount; \$600,000 of the \$1 million requested. I hope this item can be further discussed at a future Finance, Government Services and Operations Committee meeting to determine how the reduced contract expansion is affecting services.



## Transportation

Given the importance of transportation to our residents, two summits have been scheduled. The public is welcome to attend but there will be no public input session. Both meetings will be held in the Board room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison Street in Leesburg.

- **Transit Summit, Monday, May 22 at 5:00 pm**

The objective of the Transit Summit is to provide an overview of the County's transit and commuter services pre- and post- opening of the Dulles Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 Service. Currently, Loudoun County uses a four pronged approach to providing transit and commuter services: long haul service, metro-connection service, local route service and carpooling, vanpooling and ride matching programs.

- **Transportation Summit, Thursday, June 29 at 5:00 pm**

### **Envision Loudoun Workshops**

The second set of community outreach and engagement workshops to revise the Loudoun County comprehensive plan will be the first two weeks in June (please see dates below). The public's input is an important component of the process because it is an update of land use and transportation in the entire County. Please come to one of these meetings to express your opinions and vision. Thank you.

- Monday, June 5th, Harper Park Middle School
- Wednesday, June 7th, Cascades Senior Center
- Thursday, June 8th, Harmony Middle School
- Monday, June 12th Broad Run High School
- Thursday, June 15th, Mercer Middle School

### **Rural Commercial (RC) Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

At the April 12th Board Public Hearing, I supported the motion to establish a maximum density of 4 dwelling units per acre. Prior to this action, there was no limit on how many residential units could be built in the RC zoning district. I believe the action taken by the Board is in compliance with the original comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance vision for these properties. The RC district was meant to be commercial with a residential component if desired that would be compatible with the community.

### **Leesburg Residential Trash/Recycling Schedule**

<b>SOUTHEAST/SOUTHWEST QUADRANTS</b> (Please note - this schedule includes both sides of W. Market Street and S. King St.)	<b>NORTHEAST/NORTHWEST QUADRANTS</b> (Please note - this schedule includes N. King Street)
<b>TRASH</b> Monday & Thursday	<b>TRASH</b> Tuesday & Friday
<b>RECYCLING</b> Thursday	<b>RECYCLING</b> Friday
<b>YARD WASTE</b> Thursday	<b>YARD WASTE</b> Friday
<b>BULK PICK-UP</b> Thursday	<b>BULK PICK-UP</b> Friday

**REMINDER** - Per Town Code, refuse must be placed at the curb before 4:00 am the day of pickup, but no earlier than 4:00 pm the day prior to pick-up. Recycling must be placed at the curb before 6:00 am the day of pickup, but no earlier than 4:00 pm


the day prior to pick up. Trash & recycling containers must be removed from the curb within 12 hours of trash or recycling removal. Please visit the [Town's website](#) to sign-up for e-mail notifications of changes to trash and recycling collection schedules. Your HOA may have different time limits, so check your HOA's rules if you live in one.

### **Fire Safety**

The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office distributes a fire safety newsletter each quarter at <https://www.loudoun.gov/firerisk>. You can sign-up for this newsletter in the subscribe section on the website. This is a great opportunity for residents to understand current trends in the county and what you can do to prevent fires in your home.

Please feel free to contact me or my Chief Legislative Aide with any issues or feedback.

Warm Regards,



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## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

Spring is finally here! If you've seen folks in orange vests collecting trash along the roads and creeks in town, that's because April is Keep Leesburg Beautiful month. We've had a great response from the community so far and it's not too late to get involved. If you want to collect litter, the Town will provide vests, gloves and bags AND we will pick up the bags once you've filled them. We also need people to do storm drain inventories. It's as simple as taking a walk around your neighborhood and identifying which storm drains are blocked or damaged. We'll provide an inventory list, you complete it and send it back. Town staff will take care of any problems you identify. Did you know that the Town has over 6,000 storm drain inlets? Blocked storm drains are a primary cause of localized flooding during heavy rainstorms. Your help to identify storm drains that need attention is very important! Visit [www.leesburgva.gov/KLB](http://www.leesburgva.gov/KLB) for more information.

The Leesburg Parks & Recreation Department wants your feedback on what new recreation facilities you'd like to see built in the Town over the next 5 to 10 years. Please go to [www.leesburgva.gov/leesburglistens](http://www.leesburgva.gov/leesburglistens) to take a short survey and give us your opinion. Survey closes on April 28th.

## Keep Loudoun Beautiful Kick-Off

Thanks to everyone who came out to help with our litter clean-up event on April 1st. We had groups focus on the Walmart Shopping Center, the King Street/Route 7 Interchange, the entrance to Izaak Walton Park and Tolbert Lane. And a very special thank you to the enthusiastic students in the



Town's R.O.C.K. Program (Recreation Outreach to Community Kids). They did a great job cleaning the Walmart area! For more information, visit <http://www.leesburgva.gov/residents/keep-leesburg-beautiful>.



## Business of the Month



[Shoe's Cup and Cork](#) opened its Poker Room upstairs which provides an intimate setting for fine dining. Accessible by a stairway hidden behind a sliding panel in the coffee shop, the cozy room seats 18 to 22 people decorated with a Prohibition-era speakeasy theme.

The Poker Room is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner by appointment, and has hosted special events such as wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners and beer and wine dinners. General Manager Curtis Allred said, "You have the coffee shop, which is like a reception area, you

have the more casual dining feel with the garden, and a more upscale dining area with the Poker Room upstairs. We really do create three distinctive experiences."

## 2017 Valor Awards

Thursday, April 20th, the Chamber of Commerce hosted the 2017 Valor Awards. Thanks to these Leesburg heroes and the many County deputies and fire and rescue personnel whose quick thinking and dedication save lives in our community every day.





Eileen Axeman (right center) and Tonya Helman are honored by (left to right) Sheriff Mike Chapman, Leesburg Police Chief Greg Brown, and Chief of Fire & Rescue Keith Brower. Ms. Axeman and Ms. Helman, both nurses, won Meritorious Civilian Awards for using CPR to save the life of an individual who had collapsed along Catoclin Cir.



Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk and Vice-Mayor Suzanne Fox stand with the many members of the Leesburg Police Department who received Lifesaving Awards from a grateful County.

## Youth Connection



Tuscarora High School partnered with The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership to plant living legacy trees in remembrance of the Civil War's fallen soldiers. Last year, Tuscarora students planted scores of trees near the entrance to the school. This year, Tuscarora students planted scores more along the southern fork of Big Spring Branch. Thank you to all the students who helped plant the trees. Many of these students also researched the individual soldiers for whom these trees stand. To learn more about The Journey Through Hallowed Ground's Living Legacy Project, go to <http://www.hallowedgroundtrees.org/>.

## Events & Info



[27th Annual Leesburg Flower and Garden Show:](#) Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and Sunday, April 23, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Flower and Garden Festival has become an annual rite of spring for Loudoun County. The festival boasts 150 vendors which include landscapers, gardening suppliers, plant sellers, outdoor living furniture, and more. There is also live music entertainment, activities for the kids, and delicious food.

[Garden Club of Virginia Historic Garden Club Week:](#) Sunday, April 23, 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Monday April 24, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at Morven Park Formal Gardens in Leesburg. The Leesburg Garden Club invites you to "America's First and Largest Open House". Join them on a walk through the front doors and garden gates of six magnificent estates (Morven Park is the headquarters for this event). Imagine a life within these historic homes, see how the gardens planted centuries ago have grown with the times, and delight in what's around each corner. \$35 for Advanced Ticket /\$45 for Day of Ticket /\$20 an Individual House.

[Give Choose:](#) Tuesday, May 2, 12:00 am to 11:59 pm. Give Choose is a 24-hour online fundraising campaign hosted by the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. Individuals can view online profiles of more than 50 nonprofit organizations serving the community. Schedule your gifts in advance to benefit the charities you choose on May 2nd.

[Leesburg's First Friday:](#) Stroll around historic downtown Leesburg on the First Friday of each month (except January) to enjoy numerous live music performances throughout the town, art exhibits, wine tastings, lectures, and so much more! Over 45 specialty shops, art galleries, antique shops and restaurants are open until 9 pm or later, many offering free refreshments and/or special sales. Mark your calendar for the next First Friday event on May 5th.

*Leesburg's*  
First Friday

[Second Annual Spring Job Fair:](#) In case you missed last week's job fair in Leesburg, here's another chance to find a job on Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Park View High School, 400 West Laurel Avenue in Sterling. The free job fair will feature more than 40 diverse employers who will provide information on internships, job/career and volunteer opportunities within the county. Find opportunities in technology,



healthcare, trade/construction, hospitality/food service, retail, service and the public sector.

[Mother's Day Tea at The Marshall House:](#) Thursday, May 11, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, 312 East Market Street in Leesburg. In celebration of mothers and the special women in your life, enjoy a traditional English tea on the Stone Court (weather permitting) or in Marshall's dining room. RSVP and advance payment required. Admission is \$35 per guest. Tickets may be purchased by calling 703-777-1301.

[Rain Barrel Workshops:](#) Tuesday, May 16 and Wednesday, May 17 at Tuscarora Creek Park, 425 Solitude Court, SE, Leesburg. Each workshop runs from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Environmental Advisory Commission, will offer free rain barrel workshops. While the workshops are open to all, Leesburg residents can receive a \$25 discount on the purchase of a rain barrel as an incentive to promote water conservation. Rain barrel kits cost \$60 each; pre-made barrels cost \$80 each.

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