



Dear Leesburg Resident,

Don't forget, tomorrow is the Halloween Parade on King Street in Leesburg at 6:00 pm. For 60 years, the Leesburg Kiwanis Club has sponsored the annual Halloween Parade. I hope to see you there!

Loudoun County and Buddy Rizer, Executive Director Economic Development, were featured on a CBS News segment called, ["The heart of "The Cloud" is in Virginia."](#) Up to 70% of the world's internet traffic passes every day through a Loudoun County data center. Our data centers provide \$100 million in tax revenues to the County every year, while generating very little traffic.

At the October 19th Board business meeting, Chair Randall and I recognized the month of October as Disability Employment Awareness Month. There are 179,000 individuals with disabilities who are employed in Virginia. An estimated 1 in 5 Virginians will have a disability at some point in their lifetime.

Congratulations to my friend, Valerie, who was married on October 21st. I wish Val and her husband many healthy and happy years together!

**Transportation Update: Route 15 North**

A [Route 15 Congestion Report](#) update was presented to the Board at the October 19th business meeting. The following action was taken:

1. Staff will coordinate with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to implement Phase 1 improvements as defined in the Route 15 Congestion Report. Phase I improvements include adding a northbound auxiliary lane between North King Street merge and Tutt Lane that will cost between \$1.7 to \$2 million. These improvements will provide immediate relief as early as next spring.
2. Staff will coordinate with VDOT to procure the services of an engineering consultant to prepare the design and construction plans for the remaining phased improvements, utilizing the remaining Federal and state funds designated for the Route 15 Corridor.

3. Staff will refine the specific improvement alternatives, using information collected through public meetings, the technical analysis and coordination with Supervisors, and report back to the Board for their endorsement of those project components in the first quarter of 2018.
4. Staff will transmit a request to the Town of Leesburg for their funding participation in the Route 15 Congestion Report improvements between Battlefield Parkway and King Street. This area is located within the Town.

To improve safety in the short term, VDOT plans to install rumble strips along the Route 15 North corridor. This year, VDOT will fill in the gaps in the centerline rumble strips. Next year, shoulder rumble strips will be added.

The Countywide Transportation Plan amendment to extend the limits of the 4-lane, median divided roadway, from Tutt Lane to Montresor Road has been initiated. A Planning Commission public hearing is planned in December and a Board of Supervisors public hearing is planned in February 2018. It is expected the CTP will be voted on by the Board in the spring 2018.

I want to thank our citizens from Exeter and Potomac Crossing, our staff and Supervisor Higgins for their hard work on this item.

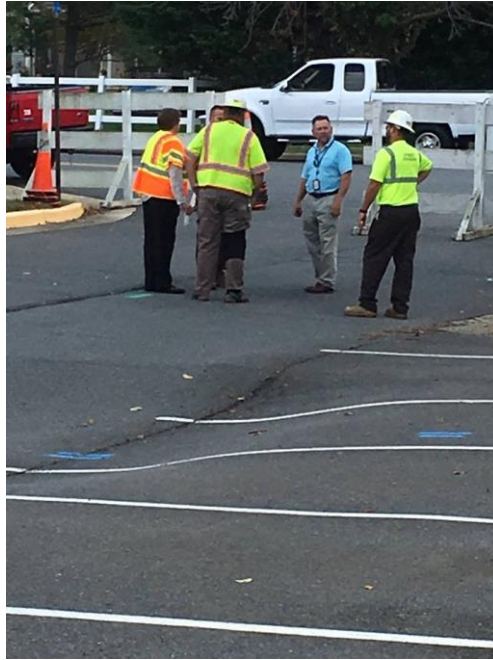
#### **Transportation Update: NVTA**

The [Board discussed eight candidate projects](#) for submission to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Six Year Program in the amount of \$331,142,000 that included \$54 million to widen US 15 to 4 lanes from Battlefield Parkway Interchange to Montresor Road. The Board also endorsed the Town of Leesburg's Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway Interchange project in the amount of \$25 million. According to the Transportation Planning Board, the Route 15 North corridor is one of the most congested in the Greater Washington DC Area. It is the only location in Loudoun County to make this top ten list. I would like to be as proactive as possible to make sure we receive the NVTA funding for Route 15 North. Information on the rankings will be provided to the Board at the November 8th business meeting.

#### **Exeter Sinkhole**

A 30-foot-wide presumed sinkhole developed on Jared Square, off of Fieldstone Drive, in the Exeter Community on October 10th. The hole was in the parking lot of the community.

The geologist hired by the Town of Leesburg to evaluate the hole has determined that it is not, in fact, a sinkhole, finding no evidence of karst formation. The pavement collapse was due to soil settlement over time and was precipitated by heavy rain following a long dry spell. The Town plans to fill the excavated area with structural rock overlaid with geotextile fabric before reinstalling the utility lines and backfilling with soil. This work is now complete. Thank you to all those in the neighborhood for looking after each other.



### **Envision Loudoun**

Staff [presented preliminary land use recommendations](#) for the new comprehensive plan in the Suburban and Transition Policy Areas at the October 3rd Board business meeting. Based on the comments from Phase I and II community outreach, the majority of the public would like to leave the Transition Policy Area as it is with no changes. However, staff recommends 12,000 additional houses than allowed by-right; and the Stakeholders Committee recommends adding even more residential units with 18,000 being proposed. These recommendations do not take into account the traffic impact of that many additional houses. We do not have the roads or the bus system to accommodate additional residential growth in the Transition Policy Area. And the recommendations do not get into the school needs and budget implications. Board comments from this meeting will be summarized for the Stakeholders Committee. The Stakeholders Committee will finalize a draft of the comprehensive plan for Phase III community outreach public meetings tentatively scheduled for January 2018.

### **Housing Summit**

On October 16th, the Board held a [Housing Summit](#) to investigate options for a diverse housing stock that could be located near jobs and bus lines or Metro. This summit is the beginning of a process that will take 2 years or the rest of the Board's term. The following motions were voted on by the Board:

- Develop a resolution of intent to amend the Zoning Ordinance to establish necessary revisions and newly created amendments to incentivize workforce housing. The resolution will be sent to the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) before going to the full Board.
- Develop a public land inventory which will be discussed at TLUC before coming to the full Board.

- Develop a formal revolving loan program for the Loudoun County Housing Trust Fund and report back to the Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee.

The first Board business meeting in November was moved to Wednesday, November 8th due to Election Day. The second Board business meeting in November was cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you.

Warm Regards,



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### Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

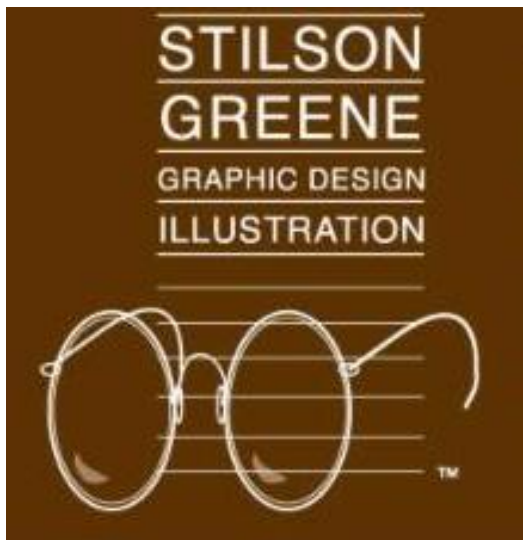
Be sure to come downtown for the 61st annual Kiwanis Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31st. The parade will step off from the front field of Ida Lee Park at 6:00 pm and proceed down King Street to Fairfax Street. I am delighted to be serving as the parade's Grand Marshal this year! King Street will be closed to traffic from 5:30 pm until about 9:00 pm for the parade.

If your kids will be trick-or-treating either before or after the parade, here are some safety tips from the Leesburg Police Department:

- Stay in groups, accompanied by an adult.

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain outside. Never go inside.
- Children should know their parents' phone numbers in case of emergency.
- Take all treats home and let parents check them before eating.
- Don't cross streets in the middle of the block. Cross only at corners or intersections.
- Wear clothing that is bright, reflective and flame retardant.
- Avoid masks that obstruct vision and oversized costumes that may cause tripping.
- Town of Leesburg does not designate specific trick-or-treat times on Halloween.

We love to celebrate Leesburg businesses, whether they are new to Town, relocating, or expanding. On Friday, November 3rd at 5:30 pm, [Michelle Lindsay Photography](#) will have a grand opening for her new studio at 428 Madison Trade Plaza, SE. That same evening, [The Fine Gallery](#) at 9 Royal Street, SW will celebrate their new contemporary art and education space with a ribbon cutting at 6:30 pm. Please join me in welcoming these businesses to Leesburg and then stick around for [Leesburg's First Friday](#) celebration in the historic downtown!



### **Business of the Month** **Stilson Greene**

Stilson Greene Graphic Design & Illustration studio was started in 1980 in Historic Downtown Leesburg at 20 West Market Street. Stilson is an award-winning illustrator, painter and editorial cartoonist. He offers logo development/branding, ad design/strategy and menu and brochure design. Stilson works with many local clients including Lightfoot Restaurant, Carol Vineyards and Spanky's. Stilson developed the Historically Hip Campaign in Downtown Leesburg and Downtown Leesburg's Acoustic on the Green concert series. You can reach Stilson by calling (703) 777-7305.

### **Absentee Voting and Election** **Day Updates**

Expanded absentee voting hours and locations are available, check [here](#) for times and locations. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in person is Saturday, November 4th.

Loudoun County is offering voters a new way to stay informed via text: simply text LCVOTES to 888777 to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter





Registration. In addition, an Election Update category is now available to subscribers of Alert Loudoun, the county's email and text notification system. A link to sign up for election updates is at [Alert Loudoun](#).

## Events & Info



**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 November 3rd.



**Fall Fest at Ida Lee:** Saturday, November 4th, Chic Events DC is sponsoring a new event at Ida Lee Park. Proceeds from the Fall Fest will benefit those affected by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. There will be food, arts, crafts, music and activities for the kids. For more information, check out their [Facebook page](#).

**13th Annual Veterans Day Commemoration:** Saturday, November 11th from 10:00 to 11:30 am at the George C. Marshall International Center, 312 East Market Street in Leesburg. This event, to honor our veterans for their patriotism and sacrifice, is free and open to the public. RSVP is not required. This year's event features Keynote Speaker General Dennis Via and a special closing performance by the West Point Alumni Glee Club. Afterwards, refreshments and free tours of The George C. Marshall House will be available until 1:00 pm. For more information, call 703-777-1301 or e-mail [events@georgecmarshall.org](mailto:events@georgecmarshall.org). Parking is available at the Loudoun County Government parking garage located on Loudoun Street, between Harrison and Church Streets, or at metered/street parking spots in the area.

**15th Annual Freeze Your Gizzard 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run:** On Saturday, November 18th, the 5K Race will begin at 9:00 am and the 1 Mile Fun Run will start at 9:45 am, both from the front field of Ida Lee Park. The entry fee for pre-registration is \$25.00 for

the 5K and \$10.00 for the 1 mile, plus 2 cans of food to be brought the day of the event for Loudoun Hunger Relief's food pantry. Celebrate Thanksgiving a little early this year and take the opportunity to have fun, exercise, and perhaps win a turkey as you freeze your gizzard at Ida Lee Park!

**The Capitol Steps to benefit Loudoun Habitat for Humanity:** November 18th, 8:00 pm at Tuscarora High School in Leesburg. The Capitol Steps, a Washington DC-based comedy troupe that began as a group of Senate Staffers, will present a show based on songs from their current album, "Orange is the New Barack." A Washington, DC institution for over thirty years, they provide a unique blend of musical and political comedy. Tickets are \$45 through November 17th or \$50 at the door and can be purchased via [www.loudounhabitat.org](http://www.loudounhabitat.org)

**Cut Your Own Holiday Tree:** Did you know there are farms in Loudoun County where you can cut your own Christmas tree? Fill your home with that wonderful scent of pine, fir, cedar or spruce from a tree grown right here in Loudoun. Help a County business by buying holiday wreaths, poinsettias and garlands on Small Business Saturday two days after Thanksgiving. For more information on where you can cut your own tree or buy Loudoun-grown holiday products, visit <http://loudounfarms.org/>.

**VA Telework Tax Credit:** Virginia businesses with a telework program may receive up to \$50,000 in tax credits for telework-related expenses! Thinking about starting a telework program or upgrading laptops or computer security software for teleworkers? Now is the time! To qualify, your business must be a private (for-profit) company located in Virginia. Additionally, you must file **Form TEL-1 Telework Expenses Tax Credit Reservation Application** by October 31st to qualify for expenses incurred in 2018.

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