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Loudoun, Substance Dependence has no political party, no race, no gender, no class, no color and no age. Please join me on Tuesday, April 17th for the Substance Abuse Summit from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Northern Virginia Community College Waddell Theater, 21200 Campus Drive in Sterling. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

A free light breakfast and boxed lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Bennis at elizabeth.bennis@loudoun.gov. At the college, attendees should park in the "B" lot or spaces. Please do no park in "A" lot or spaces which are reserved for faculty and staff. Thank you.



Tax Rate and County Decal

At the April 3rd business meeting, I moved that the Board adopt a \$1.085 property tax rate. During the budget season, I supported a larger transfer to LCPS to adequately fund the schools. We may not always agree on the tax rate or school transfer, but this is the will of the Board majority.

At this meeting, I made a second motion that if the General Assembly increases the amount of funding to the schools above that currently appropriated, the increase would go to the schools. This motion is a policy statement from the Board that we intend to dedicate any increase in school funding from the state to the schools. I hope this will give the message to LCPS and parents that we are trying to make sure schools have the required funding.

My office has received a few e-mails about the removal of the County decal starting June 30th. It was never our intent to eliminate the fee itself, but rather eliminate the physical decal. Currently the Personal Property License Fee Tax generates \$7.3 million in revenue, which is almost a full penny on Loudoun's FY 2019 tax rate. In other words, without the Personal Property

License Fee Tax, it is feasible that the real property tax rate would increase for every Loudoun resident.

State of the County

You are invited to my State of the County Address on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center. This will be my 3rd address to the public. I will highlight our successes and challenges. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Chair.



National Conference Center East

At the March 22nd Board meeting, the Board majority voted to rezone 38.6 acres encompassing the National Conference Center (NCC) from a special activity zoning district to an office park zoning district, and rezone 20.27 acres adjacent to the NCC from a special activity zoning district to a residential zoning district in order to develop up to 74 age-restricted townhouses. I did not support this motion because I would like to see unique uses for this property. When I look out ten to fifteen years, I don't want to see an infill of houses at the NCC. This is a beautiful property, an environmental oasis, where we can do something different. Thank you to the applicant for

withdrawing the NCC West application. I also want to thank the residents and HOAs in Lansdowne for their involvement and input.

Resolution of Appreciation for Chief Brower

On March 22nd, the Board expressed our appreciation to System Chief W. Keith Brower, Jr. and honored him for his distinguished 44-years of dedicated service to the residents of Loudoun County. To give that much service to the County as its needs and demands change is remarkable. I cannot thank Chief Brower enough for his leadership and service. He will be missed.



At the April 11th Public Hearing, the Board forwarded the Graydon Manor Kennel application to the May 1st Board business meeting for action. As always, I plan to take a field trip to the site before voting. The Lansdowne Town Center Fringe application was forwarded to the May 17th Board business meeting for action. This will allow staff time to study the intersection of Diamond Lake Drive and Riverside Parkway.

Thank you and I hope to meet you at the Substance Abuse Summit.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause Stomp Out the Silence

Stomp Out the Silence's mission is to end child sexual abuse by increasing awareness, providing prevention education, and influencing public policy and legislation. Locally, the goal is to provide sex abuse prevention training to 5% of Loudoun County residents. Stomp Out the Silence hopes to reduce the number of victims From One Less to No More. SOS will be hosting



a Stewards of Children program at the Ashburn Library on April 30th from 6:45 to 9:00 pm. Stewards of Children is a prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for parents, youth-serving organizations, and other concerned individuals.

Investing in Transportation

On March 28th, U.S Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao and other officials (pictured below) celebrated the official announcement of a \$25-million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant for Loudoun County for Northstar Boulevard Extension. The TIGER grant is the first awarded to a local

government jurisdiction in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Northstar Boulevard project is one of just 41 projects nationwide to receive this highly competitive funding.

The grant will be used for the extension of Northstar Boulevard from Shreveport Drive to Route 50, a missing link in the current road network in the County. The project completes a 14-mile north-south corridor of statewide significance connecting Route 7 to Route 50. In addition to increasing connectivity of two major roadways, the project will reduce traffic congestion by removing traffic from roadways that are currently over capacity.

The road segment will be designed as a controlled access, four-lane divided roadway located within a proposed six-lane right of way, and includes a ten-foot-wide, shared-use path, six-foot wide sidewalks and two new bridges. The total cost of the project is approximately \$88 million. In addition to the TIGER grant and Loudoun County local tax funding, the project is receiving funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Construction of the Northstar Boulevard project is expected to be complete in the summer of 2024.



Loudoun County will hold a public information meeting on the proposed Route 7/Route 690 (Hillsboro Road) interchange on Monday, April 16th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Woodgrove High School, 36811 Allder School Road in Purcellville. Representatives of the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) and the County's design consultant, Dewberry, will provide information about the design and location of the proposed project, answer questions and take comments.

The proposed Route 7/Route 690 interchange would alleviate connectivity issues in the roadway network around Purcellville, reduce traffic in downtown Purcellville and on Route 287, and provide a more direct route to destinations north and northeast of Route 7, including Woodgrove High School and Mountain View Elementary. The interchange would be located about two miles west of the Route 7/Berlin Turnpike interchange and about two miles east of the Route 7 and Route 7 Business interchange.

Comments may also be submitted by May 16th to Greg Barnes by mail to DTCI, 101 Blue Seal Drive, Suite 102, Leesburg, VA, 20175 or by email to DTCI@loudoun.gov with "Route 7 and Route 690 Interchange Project" in the subject line.

Community Events and Information

Significant maintenance and improvement projects will be conducted at both Rust and Purcellville Library this spring. These will require partial closure of each branch.

Rust Partial Closure: Monday, May 7th - Friday, May 11th. The main area of the library will be closed. The computer lab will be dismantled and vinyl tile will be installed in preparation for the new makerspace (opening date TBD). Some shelving will be removed in the children's area to create additional space for customers. The lobby and teen center will be open to customers of all ages. Returns will be accepted as normal. No outside groups will be able to use meeting rooms. There will be no access to the AV, adult and children's stacks and staff will not be able to pull holds from those collections.

Purcellville Partial Closure: Monday, May 21st - Friday, June 1st. The main area of the library will be closed. The lobby will be open to customers to check out holds and other items. Outdoor book drops will be open and returns will be accepted in the lobby. A small browsing collection of items will be available. No library programs or outside meetings will occur.

Ride Free to Wiehle-Reston East and West Falls Church Metro Stations: April 16th through June 2nd passengers ride free on all Loudoun County Transit bus services that provide connections to Metrorail stations. The Metro Connection services includes routes traveling from Loudoun County to the Wiehle-Reston East (Silver Line) and the West Falls Church (Orange Line) Metro Stations. Please visit this website for the transit bus schedules.



Spring 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule: The purpose of this program is to provide a safe, no cost method for residents to dispose of the unused, old or unwanted hazardous materials stored in their homes. Household hazardous waste is any waste produced in the home that is dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. The events operate from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm and are for Loudoun residents only. More information is available **here** or by calling 703-771-5500.

- 4/14/18, Harmony Park and Ride, 39464 East Colonial Highway in Hamilton
- 5/12/18, Ashburn North Park and Ride, 45151 Russell Branch Parkway in Ashburn
- 6/23/18, Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive in South Riding

Sipping for Sprout: Sunday, April 15th from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at Stone Tower Winery, 19925 Hogback Mountain Road in Leesburg. Enjoy picturesque surroundings, award-winning wines, live music and delicious food. This family fun day will support Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center, a nonprofit that provides hope, healing, empowerment and recovery through partnerships with horses. Click here to purchase tickets.

Spring Job Fair: Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. Supervisor Saines is holding his 3rd annual Spring Job Fair, in partnership with INMED nonprofit this year. More than 40 employers from diverse industries are attending and recruiting on-site. Individuals of all backgrounds and ages looking for job or internship opportunities are highly encouraged to attend this free event. For more information and to RSVP for this event, contact Cecilia Capece, Executive Director INMED, at ccapece@inmed.org or 571-465-2032.

Empowered 2 Impact Women's Gathering: Saturday, April 28th from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Bridge Community Church, 21660 Red Rum Drive in Ashburn. You will have the opportunity to hear from 6 amazing speakers from 6 different denominational churches in Loudoun County and share dinner together as we exchange experiences and ideas to impact ourselves, our families, our community, and beyond. Please RSVP here.



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SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 5 PM- 9 PM DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

Purchase \$20 tickets at EventBrite, or contact Host Venue: Bridge Community Church | Ashburn, VA | (703) 470-0705

Health and Wellness Expo and Healthy Day Kids: Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling. Admission is free! The fair, which will take place inside the gymnasium and outside, is being hosted by the Ashburn Rotary Club and YMCA Loudoun County.



Stop Out the Silence Stewards of Children: Monday, April 30th from 6:45 to 9:00 pm at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. This is a free prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

<u>Give Choose:</u> Tuesday, May 1st, a 24-hour day of giving organized by the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties to benefit dozens of local charities. The goal is to inspire our community to come together to give generously to charities that make a difference. You can also make a donation early during the two weeks leading up to Give Choose, April 17th through April 30th. But, it won't appear on the leader board until May 1st. Follow along to see how each charity is doing to meet their goals, win prizes, and raise funds for needs right here at home.

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