



Dear Leesburg Resident,

The Loudoun Small Business Week will be from Monday, May 14th to Sunday, May 20th. This is an opportunity to get real-world help from people who started, and have built, successful companies. Loudoun Small Business Week has workshops and networking events throughout the week. Please see information in the events section of this newsletter about the kick-off Business Conference on May 14th from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Dulles Airport Marriott in Sterling. For other events, please check out the [website](#).

In honor of Arbor Day and in memory of beloved teacher Sissy Grimm, the students at Catoctin Elementary planted a Kousa Dogwood tree in front of the school. Here they learn about Arbor Day from Leesburg Tree Commissioner John Groothuis.



### **Tax Rate**

On April 3rd, the Board voted to adopt a real property tax rate of \$1.085 per \$100 of assessed value. This is a decrease from the current \$1.125 tax rate. Although I wanted more funding for the schools, and had made a motion earlier for such funding, I supported the

final combined motion (which includes the tax rate, the budget and the capital projects program) because the budget increased funding for County programs, and positions in critical areas like mental health, family services, law enforcement, and transportation. I also voted for Chair Randall's motion to increase funding to the schools from future state allocations to the County. Additional funding to the schools will be determined once the FY 2019 budget has been adopted by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

#### **Graydon Manor Special Exception (SPEX-2017-0014)**

The Board forwarded the Graydon Manor Kennel application to the May 1st Board business meeting for action. The applicant is requesting a Special Exception (SPEX) to permit a kennel serving a maximum of 150 dogs and 60 cats on a 0.70-acre portion of the larger Graydon Manor property directly west of the Town of Leesburg, across the Route 7 Bypass from the Foxridge and Park View Estates neighborhoods. At the Board public hearing, residents expressed concerns about the noise. Staff recognizes that the proposed use could generate noise that would adversely affect nearby residences. I appreciate staff working with the applicant to identify the following noise attenuation conditions to help ensure compatibility of the use with nearby residential neighborhoods:

1. The exterior outdoor play area shall be located along the western side of the kennel building, (farther from the bypass), such that the building would provide additional noise mitigation.
2. Fence or barrier with a minimum height of 5 feet shall be constructed around the outdoor play area that could be used to meet noise standards.
3. Dog use of the exterior kennel space shall be prohibited between the hours of 8:00 pm and 8:00 am.
4. No more than 30 dogs will be allowed in the exterior kennel space at any given time.
5. Dogs using the exterior outdoor play area must be supervised and any dogs outside the fenced portion must be leashed and directly supervised at all times.
6. An 100 foot-wide Tree Conservation Area (TCA) along the parcel's boundary with Route 7 to provide additional acoustic and visual screening.
7. The kennel building shall be designed and constructed with sufficient noise attenuation acoustical treatment measures to ensure that at full capacity exterior noise levels do not exceed 55 decibels.
8. Documentation that noise from the indoor and outdoor portions of the kennel will not exceed 55 decibels at the property line between the kennel use and the closest residence.

If this application passes on May 1st, citizens who are concerned about noise from dogs exceeding 55 decibels may call Loudoun County Zoning Enforcement at 703-777-0103 or submit an online complaint at this [website](#).

#### **Pennington Garage**

If you live along North Street, Slack Lane, Harrison, Wildman, Ariel or the western end of Marshall, you will begin to see renewed activity at the Pennington parking lot, starting April 23rd. Based on the schedule provided by the contractor, the micro-pile installation should be complete by May 11th. Immediately following the micro-pile installation, the contractor will mobilize for the installation of the pre-cast components of the parking garage. At this point, mobilization for precast concrete erection is expected to occur on May 14th. It should take a few days to set up the crane and prepare the site to receive the truck loads of precast materials (probably less than one week set up time). Once the set-up is complete the precast

materials will be delivered to the site and erection will commence. The neighbors will see trucks driving through the area in route to the site.

#### **Resources for a Mental Health Crisis**

The Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITAC), which is located at 102 Heritage Way (Shenandoah Building) in Leesburg, is open for walk-ins from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm daily. Mental health professionals are available for anyone in crisis. Additionally, Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse & Developmental Services is available 24 hours, 7 days a week for anyone experiencing immediate and severe emotional crisis at 703-777- 0320. Non-emergency appointments can be made at 703-771-5155. Other support services include Friends of Loudoun Mental Health, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and private sector medical and counseling professionals.

#### **Envision Loudoun**

A draft Comprehensive Plan will be available for public review and comment before it is forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The new plan, to be titled Loudoun 2040 Comprehensive Plan, will serve as the County government's guide for land use and transportation policy for the foreseeable future. The draft plan will be posted on the [Envision Loudoun website](#) on May 7th and members of the public may provide input online from May 14th to June 1st. In addition, the County will host six open houses between May 14th and 24th. Each open house will follow the same format: participants can drop in to meet with county staff, learn more about the draft plan, and provide feedback on the draft plan.

#### **The following open houses will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm:**

Monday, May 14, 2018  
Harmony Middle School  
38174 W Colonial Highway, Hamilton

Wednesday, May 16, 2018  
Harper Park Middle School  
701 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg

Monday, May 21, 2018  
Eagle Ridge Middle School  
42901 Waxpool Road, Ashburn

Tuesday, May 22, 2018  
Cascades Senior Center  
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling

Thursday, May 24, 2018  
John Champe High School  
41535 Sacred Mountain Street, Aldie

#### **The following open house will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm:**

Monday, May 21, 2018  
Loudoun County Government Center, Dulles Room  
1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg, 1st floor

### **DC United Sports Complex**

The Traffic Impact Study prepared by Gorove/Slade Associates is available on the Loudoun Online Land Applications (LOLA). You can find this information by visiting the LOLA [website](#) and search either "Bolen Park Stadium" or "ZMAP-2018-0002". The application is under review by County staff and a Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Government Center. A public information meeting about the Bolen Park Stadium project is scheduled on Monday, June 11th at 6:30 pm. The location is still being confirmed and I will provide additional details to you once it is finalized.

### **Transportation**

The final segment of Battlefield Parkway is now open between Evergreen Mill Road and Route 15 South at Meade Drive. Battlefield Parkway was constructed in more than 10 sections, over 30 years. Congratulations to Mayor Burk, Vice-Mayor Fox and the Town Council for cobbling together Town, County, regional, state and private funds. The continuous parkway now provides access around the east side of Leesburg, from North King Street to South King Street.



Passengers can ride free on all Loudoun County Transit bus services that provide connections to Metrorail stations until June 2nd. 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. All bus schedules can be viewed at this [website](#).

Thank you and I hope to see you at Chair Randall's State of the County Address on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Board Room of the Government Center.

Warm Regards,



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## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

**2018 Tax Rate & FY 2019 Budget Adopted** - During March and April, the Town Council held a series of work sessions to discuss the FY 2019 Budget which begins on July 1, 2018. FY 2019 is the second year of our two-year budget cycle, meaning that we made only minor changes to the base budget (other than increases for inflation) and spent most of our time considering the enhancements requested by staff. For FY 2019, we added four full-time positions in the General Fund, all directly related to providing improved customer service. We also kept the real estate tax rate the same, at 18.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

**2018 Personal Property Tax Bills Delayed** - Due to changing software programs, the Town's 2018 personal property tax bills won't be mailed until the week of May 14th. We have extended the due date until Tuesday, June 19th to give everyone four weeks to pay.

**New Downtown Streetlights** - Hopefully you've been downtown recently and seen the new historic-style streetlights on King Street. In the coming weeks, Dominion Power will be extending power to the new lights via the underground conduit installed when the sidewalks were rebuilt. Once the new lights are powered up, the old cobra-head lights will be removed.

**Stormwater Pond Ribbon Cutting** - It may seem strange to hold a ribbon cutting for a stormwater pond, but the project to retrofit the pond at Foxridge Park is a major part of the



Town's commitment to reduce pollutants flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. Please join me at Foxridge Park on Saturday, May 5th, at 10:00 am to celebrate this accomplishment. We will be planting milkweed seedlings to create a Monarch butterfly waystation, and Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy will be on hand with information about how you can be a better steward of nature in your own yard.



## Business of the Month REHAU

REHAU is a leading provider of innovative polymer-based solutions in construction, automotive and industry. For homeowners, REHAU offers uPVC window and door systems to improve energy efficiency and appeal. REHAU is a global company with more than 20,000 employees and 170 locations around the world. Its North American headquarters is in Leesburg at 1501 Edwards Ferry

Rd, NE. REHAU has been an integral part of our community and a generous supporter of educational efforts that support Monroe Technology Center, The George C. Marshall International Center, and our high school foreign exchange students. REHAU is already developing technologies that will support tomorrow's smart cities.

## Youth in Government Day

On April 19th, over 50 local high school students participated in the Youth and Government Day. At the end of the day, students attended a portion of the Board business meeting. I enjoyed meeting the students and am sitting with Madeleine Sullivan from Heritage High School (right) and Clara Rose Banks from Dominion High School (left).



## Events & Info



**Rust Library Partial Closures: Monday, May 7th - Friday, May 11th.**

- The main area of the library will be closed. The carpet in the main area will be replaced. 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. Outdoor and lobby AMH inductions will be operational. Customers will be able to check out holds as well as other items in the lobby and teen center. The teen print collection will be entirely accessible. A small browsing collection of other items will be available. All library programs will occur as scheduled in the Large Meeting Room and Conference Room A.
- During the Rust partial closure 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

**2nd Annual Loudoun Small Business Conference:** May 14th, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Dulles Airport Marriott in Sterling. This full-day conference is produced by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Mason Enterprise Center in Leesburg in collaboration with Loudoun Department of Economic Development. The event is packed with 12 breakout sessions featuring the latest techniques and strategies to help companies facilitate growth. We will end the day with a robust Resource Reception from 4:00 to 6:00 pm showcasing vendors and resource providers primed to support businesses as they grow and thrive. Register [here](#).



**Start Small Business  
Week Right**

May 14, 2018  
9:00AM- 6PM



**Small Business, Big  
Growth**

12 Panels & Breakouts  
Keynote: Eric Major



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Airport Marriot**

45020 Aviation Dr  
Sterling, VA 20166



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**Relay for Life of Loudoun County:** Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm at the Village at Leesburg, 1602 Village Market Boulevard Southeast. The kickoff will honor everyone who has been affected by cancer and contributed to the success of this year's Relay season. There will also be a survivor/caregiver walk, luminaria



ceremony, and closing ceremony to take action and help lead the fight for a world free from cancer.



**Leesburg's First Friday:** Stroll around historic downtown Leesburg on the First Friday of each month 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 4th.

*Leesburg's*  
First Friday

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