

Dear Leesburg Resident,

I hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day! Thank you to our men and women in uniform.

I have a vacancy on the Community Criminal Justice Board (CCJB). The CCJB enables the County to develop, establish, administer, monitor, and maintain community-based corrections programs. Please visit this <u>website</u> for more information. If you are interested, please fill out the <u>application</u>. You must be a Leesburg district resident to be eligible. Thank you.

Special Employment Connections Event

On Thursday, June 7th, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is hosting a free Employment Connections panel from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, in Leesburg. The employer panelists will share information regarding their organizations, job requirements, candidate qualifications and what makes for a great interview. The moderated panel discussion will be followed by informal networking with the employers over light refreshments. Attendees will also be offered individual resume critique sessions with one of the panelists. Please visit the website to register (space is limited), see the list of participating employers, and enroll in other free workshops.



Graydon Manor Special Exception

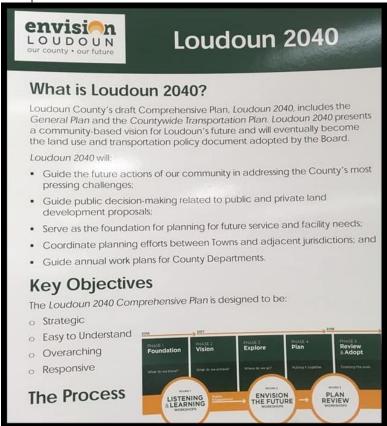
On May 1st, the Board majority approved a Special Exception to permit a kennel serving a maximum of 150 dogs and 60 cats on a 1.4-acre portion of the larger Graydon Manor property, directly west of the Town of Leesburg, across the Route 7 Bypass from the Foxridge and Park View Estates neighborhoods. I did not vote for the application due to the legitimate noise concerns expressed by residents of Foxridge, Park View Estates, and Ashton Downs. Residents 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

Since the previous update, the contractor and its engineer have expressed concerns about the installation of replacement micropiles. These concerns have forced another delay that extends remedial efforts until the end of May. The new installation schedule is not yet available, but I will let you know when it is.

Envision Loudoun

A draft Comprehensive Plan is available for review and comment before it is forwarded to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The new plan, to be titled, Loudoun 2040, will serve as the County government's guide for land use and transportation policy for the foreseeable future. The draft plan is posted on the **Envision Loudoun website** and you are encouraged to provide comments online until June 1st.



Should the County expand the no-shooting zone to protect neighborhoods?

Because bullets fired from a legal backyard shooting range hit homes in the Willowsford community south of Leesburg, members of our General Assembly delegation, including Senator Wexton and Delegate Gooditis, requested that the Board of Supervisors take action to prevent this kind of accidental shooting in the future. In the Town of Leesburg, the Town Code already prohibits the discharging of a firearm inside the Town, with very few exceptions (Sec. 24-157. - Discharging firearms). The County currently has an ordinance that prohibits discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a home. The firearm or firearms that shot into the Willowsford community were outside the 100-yard perimeter and were fired at approximately 300 yards from the Willowsford homes. As a result, both the 100-yard perimeter and even a 300-yard no-shooting zone is inadequate for the kinds of firearms that state law allows to be discharged. The current 100-yard distance could easily be extended to 880 yards or one-half mile to ensure that the kind of near-tragedy that occurred in Willowsford doesn't happen again. Virginia state law allows counties to impose reasonable restrictions on gun use within populated areas. The Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-1210, allows counties to "prohibit all hunting with firearms or other weapons in, or within one-half mile of, any subdivision or other area of such county" that is "so heavily populated as to make such hunting dangerous to the inhabitants thereof." Looking to state law for guidance as to safe distances, I believe the Board can and should extend the no-shooting zone to one-half mile. The Board will discuss this issue at its June 21st business meeting.

Route 15 Bypass at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road

You are invited to attend the VDOT design public hearing for the Route 15 Bypass Interchange at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road project on Thursday May 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at John W. Tolbert Jr. Elementary School in Leesburg. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the improvements and provide input on the best solution to address traffic congestion and improve safety, capacity and operations at these busy intersections.



You can review project information and design plans on the <u>VDOT website</u>, give your written comments at the meeting or submit them via mail to Zamir Mirza, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or via email to <u>meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov</u> by June 11th. Please reference "Route 15 Bypass Interchange at Edwards Ferry Road and Fort Evans Road" in the subject line of your email.

Smart Scale Program

What is Smart Scale? The County seeks transportation funds from multiple sources: local, regional, state, and federal. In past newsletters, we've discussed seeking funds from the regional Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. Those include funds raised directly by Northern Virginia's counties and cities. In this case, however, we're looking at "Smart Scale" funding, which is a state managed funding source that includes federal funds. Smart Scale funding applications have to go through a VDOT evaluation process and approval from the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

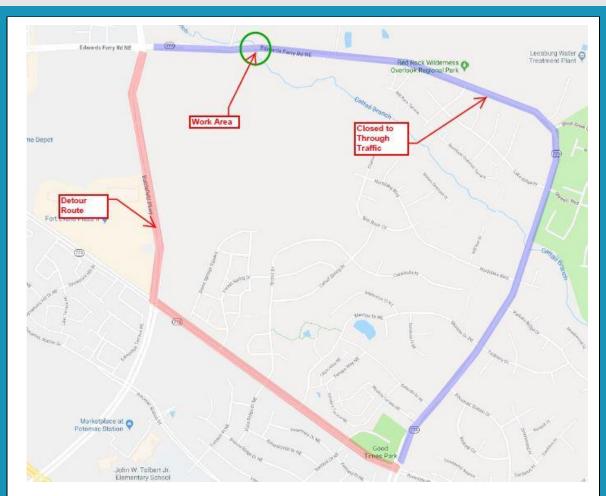
The County is seeking public feedback on 18 road projects for VDOT's Smart Scale program. Smart Scale is the method of scoring and prioritizing transportation projects for funding through the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Six- Year Improvement Program.

The Board of Supervisors needs to reduce the 18 road projects to no more than 10 projects by August 1st. Members of the public are encouraged to submit comments until June 15th. To submit comments, please visit an <u>interactive online survey map</u> that illustrates where each proposed project is located. By clicking on the names of projects, survey respondents can read a brief description and leave comments. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make a final decision regarding the Smart Scale list in July.

Edwards Ferry Road Detour

The culvert that conveys Cattail Branch under Route 773 Edwards Ferry Road just east of the Leesburg Corporate Limit is reaching the end of its useful life and needs rehabilitation. Due to the scale of the work and the confined work area, VDOT Structure & Bridge staff have determined that Edwards Ferry Road must be closed to through traffic while the work is taking place.

The work is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 14th and should be completed by June 30th. Below is the proposed detour route for through traffic while Edwards Ferry Road is closed. The portion of Edwards Ferry Road highlighted in blue will be closed to through traffic and the portions of Battlefield Parkway and Fort Evans Road highlighted in red are the proposed detour.



Douglass Elementary School

Based on a request from the Douglass Alumni Association and the Loudoun Freedom Center, the disposition, or potential surplus status of the former Douglass Elementary School located at 20 Union Street in Leesburg was discussed at the May 9th Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee. Discussions are occurring in committee between LCPS, the Town of Leesburg, and the County to determine the best way to manage, preserve, and restore the historic property. I will keep you updated on the outcome.

Transit Summit

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Transit Summit on Monday, June 25th at 6:00 pm in the Loudoun County Government Center Board Room. The public is welcome to attend but there will be no public input session. Thank you.

Very sincerely yours,

The Marine

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Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

2018 Leesburg Business Awards: Did you know that the Town of Leesburg has over 2,000 businesses? We honored some of those businesses earlier this month at the 17th annual Leesburg Business Awards. On May 16, the Town presented awards to 11 deserving businesses and individual for their outstanding contributions to Leesburg and our business community. Congratulations to Lightfoot Restaurant (Heritage Award), ProJet Aviation (Ambassador Award), The Painted Tiger Art Studio (Community Steward Award), Loudoun Habitat ReStore (Environmental Award), Happy Pets Petsitting (Home-Based Award), Omnilert (Innovations Award), The Clay and Metal Loft (New Business Award), O'Neil Architects (Public Art Award), Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (Veterans Affairs Award), Cowbell Kitchen (Rising Star Award), and Marantha Edwards (George C. Marshall Award).

2018 Personal Property Tax Bills Mailed: You should have received your 2018 Town personal property tax bills in the mail last week. Due to the delay in bills going out, we have extended the due date until Tuesday, June 19th.

Acoustic on the Green Concerts: Are you ready for another summer of fabulous live music? On Saturdays at 7:00 pm throughout the summer, come downtown to hear the best local and regional artists perform on the Town Green. On June 9th, Taylor Carson and Calista Garcia kick off the series. Check out the entire line up here.

Movies Under the Stars Move Downtown: Our free outdoor movie series is moving to the Loudoun County Courthouse lawn this year. On the 3rd Friday of June, July and August, join

us for a kid-friendly movie under the stars. This year's movies are Leap! (June 15), The LEGO Ninjago Movie (July 20), and Wonder (August 17). Movies begin at dusk.



Business of the Month The Building People

The Building People helps navigate 21st century real estate and facilities operations challenges by integrating technology, buildings, and people. Larry Melton, CEO and President, and the team at The Building People in downtown Leesburg, have built their company from two entrepreneurs in a business incubator (George Mason Enterprise Center) into a recognized national leader in real estate and facilities services,

managing over 150 buildings and providing strategic support to over 500 million square feet of real estate. The metal company sign pictured left was crafted by a disabled veteran.

Millennium Time Capsule

On May 9th, I attended the ceremony to recognize the placement of the Millennium Time Capsule at the Loudoun County Courthouse with the Millennium Commission and the judiciary. The Millennium Commission was established in 1999 to celebrate Loudoun County's history at the beginning of the new millennium. The capsule is



located in a marble box behind the group pictured right.

Events & Info



NAACP Golf Fundraiser: Friday, June 1st at 11:00 (check-in) at Raspberry Falls Golf and Hunt Club, 41601 Raspberry Drive in Leesburg. Registration is \$125 per golfer or \$500 per foursome. Registration deadline is Thursday, May 31st.



Proceeds Benefit Loudoun County NAACP Education Awards

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RASPBERRY FALLS GOLF & HUNT CLUB

41601 Raspberry Drive Leesburg, Virginia 20176

\$125 per person \$500 per foursome Lunch provided Check-in begins, 11 am Play begins, 1 pm

Shotgun Start (soft spike shoes only)

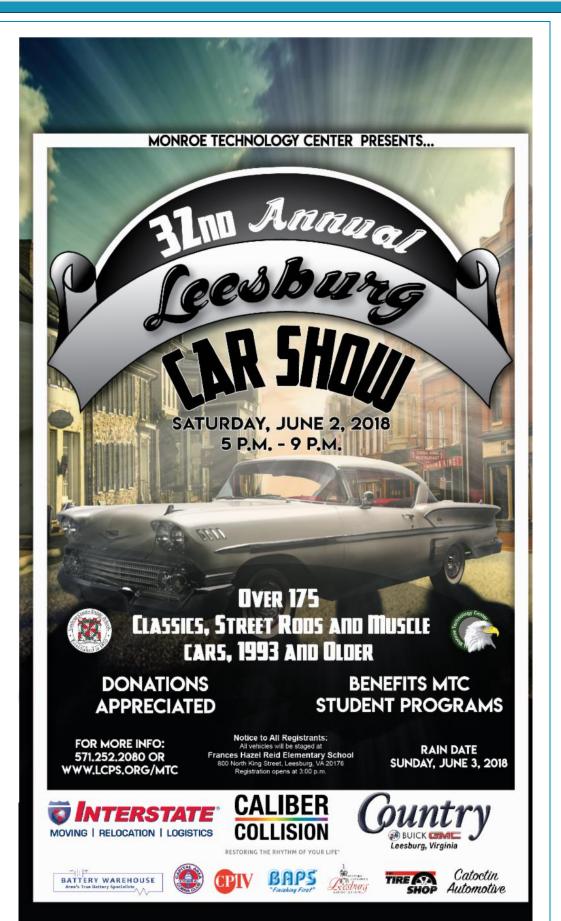
Format: Captain's Choice First Place Award (Team of 4 golfers) Longest Drive (men & women) Closest to the Pin (men & women)

Prizes will be presented to the winners.

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2018

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

For any questions, please send email to: LoudounNAACPGolf@yahoo.com <u>Leesburg Car Show:</u> Saturday, June 2nd from 5:00 to 9:00 pm in downtown Leesburg to benefit Monroe Technology Center's student programs. More than 200 hot rods, muscle cars, and classics will be on display. Downtown streets will be closed beginning at 3:45 p.m. for show staging.

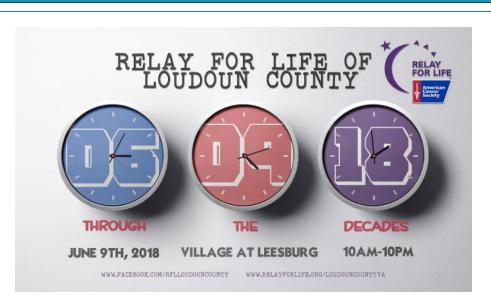


Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, June 2nd from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at the Leesburg Park and Ride, 19730 Sycolin Road in Leesburg. Recycle televisions, computers, hard drives (on-site destruction available), computer monitors, servers, modems, mainframes, laptops, circuit boards, printers, copiers, stereos, DVD players, DVRs, cable television receivers, VCRs, game consoles, cell phones, iphones, power cords, cables, Christmas lights, and many other electronic devices at the event. There is a limit of 15 items per vehicle. On-site hard drive destruction service is \$10 per hard drive. Please visit this website for a list of items not accepted and other fees.

Healing Through Art Entries: The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee is seeking artwork from Loudoun artists for the upcoming "Healing Through Art" exhibit planned for Gallery One on the first floor of the Loudoun County Government Center. The theme of the exhibit is designed to feature the therapeutic role of art in coping with issues such as addiction and mental health and to show how art can contribute to healing. Photos of the artwork as well as the proposals should be sent via email by June 15th and artists will be notified of the committee's decision by July 3rd. Artwork must be original and can be in any two-dimensional medium including painting, fiber arts, photography, drawing, screen printing, etc. The artwork will be exhibited for an eight-week period from August 31st through October 31st.



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.



<u>Leesburg's First Friday:</u> 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 June 1st.



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