

Dear Leesburg Resident,

Good news! The nation's top bond rating agencies have again affirmed Loudoun County's AAA rating on its general obligation bonds, noting the County's robust economy, the size and diversity of its tax base, growth potential, and strong management. A Triple-A bond rating is important to taxpayers because it helps the County continue to get the best possible interest rates to finance capital projects, saving millions of dollars.

#### **Pennington Garage: Notice to Residents**

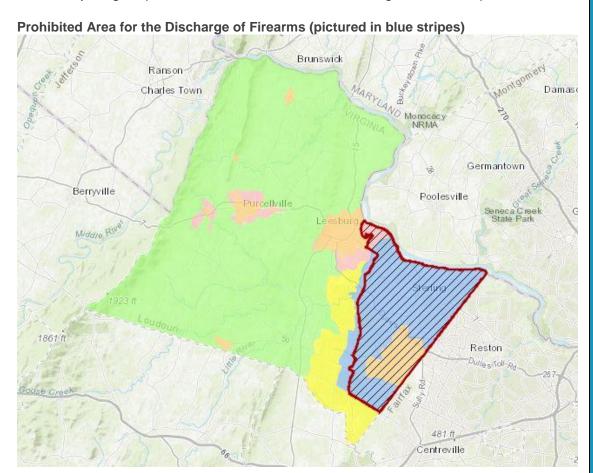
Utility work must be performed within the boundaries of North Street, between Slack Lane and Harrison Street in the Town of Leesburg for the Pennington Parking Garage Project. This work will continue through Friday, July 27th. The contractor's allowable work hours during this period are Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. Throughout this timeframe portions of North Street will be reduced to one lane of traffic, with flagging operations provided by the contractor to ensure the safety of motorists and pedestrians. The County and its contractor will be making every effort to ensure accessibility to private driveways along both the north and south sides of North Street, directly adjacent to the work zone; however, some delays in entering and exiting properties should be expected. Furthermore, parking along North Street will be prohibited on weekdays, but allowed on weekends. Signage will be installed to this effect, and towing will be enforced. If you require parking on North Street, please contact Nicholas Brown via email at <a href="mailto:nicholas.brown@loudoun.gov">nicholas.brown@loudoun.gov</a>, or via phone during normal business hours at 571-258-3435 for alternate parking options near to your home.

Additionally, residents of North Street, Harrison Street (between North Street and Edwards Ferry Road), Slack Lane and Andover Court should expect disruption of water service on two separate occasions, with each occasion lasting one day, between the hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 pm. These disruptions are planned to occur now until Friday, July 6th (excluding July 4th). The exact dates of the outages will be communicated by the Leesburg Utilities Department forty-eight hours in advance of each service disruption. If anyone in your household requires bottled water during these disruptions, please contact Nicholas Brown via email at <a href="mailto:nicholas.brown@loudoun.gov">nicholas.brown@loudoun.gov</a>, or via phone during normal business hours at 571-258-3435.

**Discharge of Firearms Codified Ordinance** 

The motion, referenced in this <u>video</u>, to increase the safe zone around people's homes (from 100 yards to 880 yards, unless the homeowner gives permission for a tighter perimeter), failed; however the majority of the Board voted through a second motion to research improving safety while ensuring the continued support of the lawful discharge of firearms. County staff was directed to report back to the Board at the December 4th business meeting. The scope of work will be limited to the following:

- Prohibiting discharge of firearms toward buildings with current occupancy permits issued within a limited range
- Prohibiting bullet trajectory over another person's property without their permission
- Adjusting the prohibited area line to account for existing denser development



#### **NVTA Funding**

On June 14th, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) adopted the FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program, which includes 44 regionally significant, multimodal transportation projects totaling \$1.285 billion. This marks the first time NVTA has funded a six-year transportation program. Loudoun County projects are receiving \$337 million, which is approximately 21 percent of the available funds in the six-year program. The projects that received funding in Leesburg include:

- Route 15 Bypass Widening: Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road \$54,000,000
- Interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway \$25,000,000
- Interchange Improvements at Route 15 Leesburg Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road \$5,400,000
- Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway \$2,000,000

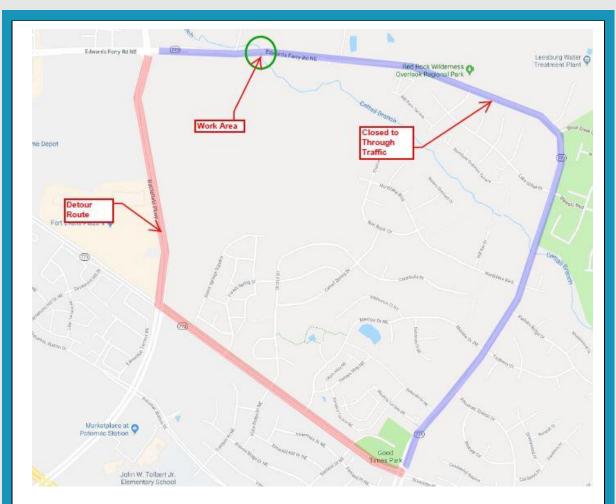
The next Route 15 Stakeholder Committee meeting is Monday, July 16th in the Dulles Room of the Government Center. The results from the additional traffic modeling to analyze widening Route 15 to four lanes to Montresor Road and realign Limestone School Road to be across from Montresor Road with a roundabout at that intersection will be presented at this meeting. This analysis is also scheduled to be presented to the Board in September 2018.

#### **Route 7-Town of Leesburg to Clarke County**

At the June 29, 2017 Transportation Summit, the Board directed staff to initiate a safety and operational analysis for Routes 7, 9, 15 (south of Leesburg), 50 and 287, similar to that being conducted for Route 15 north of Leesburg. Route 7, between the Town of Leesburg and the Clarke County line, will be prioritized for a safety and operational analysis at the July 3rd Board business meeting.

#### **Edwards Ferry Road/River Creek Parkway Closure**

Edwards Ferry Road/River Creek Parkway from Battlefield Parkway to Fort Evans Road will be closed to through traffic thru Saturday, June 30th to repair the Edwards Ferry Road culverts at Cattail Branch. 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 detour.



#### **Transit Summit and Bus Service Changes**

The Board of Supervisors held a <u>Transit Summit</u> on Monday, June 25th. At this meeting, the Board discussed bringing our bus stops into ADA compliance. Of the 339 stops reviewed, 305 stops are out of ADA compliance. The consultant estimated \$2.8 to \$4 million will be needed to bring the stops into compliance. The Board unanimously supported a motion to add this project to the fund balance discussion in December.

After a process of reviewing operational data, including rider and stakeholder feedback, staff has finalized service changes and fare increases on the local fixed route, metro connection and commuter buses that will go into effect July 2018. To view detailed information on the new schedules and maps, please visit this <a href="website">website</a>. If you live in Leesburg, please pay particular attention to changes on bus routes 823, 815, 818, and 991.

#### **Leesburg North Landing**

The Board voted to forward Leesburg North Landing, a special exception to permit up to 14 fuel pumps (12 pumps under the gas canopy and 2 diesel pumps) on the east side of Route 15, north of the Village of Lucketts to the July 3rd Board business meeting for action. At the public hearing on June 13th, the applicant reduced the number of pumps from 20 to 14.

Staff is recommending the following conditions of approval:

- The owner shall install solar panels on the gas canopy roof that faces the south to provide a sustainable electricity load reduction for the operation of the fuel and market business.
- The owner shall provide two electric vehicle charging stations.
- The owner will provide a dog-walking area.
- The owner will provide shelf space inside the food market to promote Loudoun County products, including, but not limited to, farm products, craft beer and wine.
- The owner shall provide a kiosk inside the food market to promote Loudoun County businesses, historic sites and tourism under an agreement with Visit Loudoun.
- The owner shall establish a "Pollinator Garden" to feature native plants.

I want to thank the citizens who spoke at the public hearing and met with me. I found you to be very thoughtful and genuine in your comments. I am continuing to listen to the public and will take all factors under consideration. Residents can speak at the July 3rd business meeting during the public input session at 6:30 pm. Please call to sign up in advance to speak at 703-777-0200.

#### **Bolen Park Stadium**

The public hearing for the Bolen Park Stadium Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM-2018-0001) has been deferred to September 12th at 6:00 pm in the Board Room on the first floor of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE, in Leesburg. The meeting will be televised on Comcast Government Channel 23, Open Band Channel 40, and Verizon FiOS Channel 40. It will also be available for viewing through the <a href="webcast system">webcast</a> system. The staff report will be posted one week before the meeting on the County's website.

Very sincerely yours,

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### **Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner**

4th of July Parade & Celebration: Leesburg's Independence Day festivities on Wednesday, July 4th, will begin with the annual parade through downtown. The parade will step off from Ida Lee Park at 10:00 am and proceed down King Street, through downtown, and end at Fairfax Street. There's still time to enter the parade! There's no entry fee. Application form is available on the <a href="website">website</a> or from the front desk at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center. Downtown streets will close in preparation for the parade at 9:30 am.

Join us at Ida Lee Park later for a concert by Party of Four, a great 80's and 90's cover band, at 6:30 pm. Gates open at 6:00 pm. The region's largest fireworks show will light up the sky above Ida Lee around 9:30 pm. Check the Town's <u>Facebook page</u> for updates on the fireworks timing in case of rain. More information is on the <u>website</u>.

New Trash Contract: Patriot Disposal Services will take over solid waste collections in the Town of Leesburg beginning Monday, July 2nd. Under the new contract, Leesburg residents will receive once a week trash, recycling, yard waste, and bulk item collections. Collections schedules are changing, so check the <a href="website">website</a> for your new collection day. Later this summer, all households receiving curbside trash collection will get two wheeled, lidded toters one for trash and one for recycling. There is a list of FAQs on the website if you have any questions about how the new trash collection service will affect you.



# **Business of the Month Dulles Motorcars**

Like so many businesses in Leesburg, Dulles Motorcars was founded by a family who came to this country with nothing. Over twenty-five years, they built a successful business that now employs over 100 people. During the recession, rather than laying off employees, the owners cut their own pay. Dulles Motorcars received the Customer First Award for Excellence in 2018. The Dulles Motorcars family is honored to provide a special discount to military personnel. Visit them today!

## **Economic Development Discovery, Inc**

Discovery, Inc plans to invest \$16 million to expand its global technology and operations hub in Loudoun County, which will create 240 new jobs. "Discovery, Inc.'s decision to expand its footprint in Loudoun County is an exciting win for Virginia, and we are honored that a global company of this caliber has decided to grow and reinvest in the Commonwealth," said Governor Northam. "Northern Virginia is a magnet for technology talent, and we are confident Discovery will continue to benefit from a



world-class workforce pipeline in its next phase of growth. Creating well-paid, 21st-century jobs is critical to strengthening Virginia's economy, and Discovery is a valuable corporate partner that will greatly contribute to our efforts."

### Events & Info



#### **Loudoun County Offers Homebuyer Assistance Programs:**

The County administers second-trust loan assistance programs for moderate-income, first-time homebuyers who are purchasing a home in Loudoun County. The Down Payment/Closing Costs Assistance Program offers eligible borrowers the opportunity to borrow up to \$25,000 or 10 percent of the home sale price - whichever is less - to be used for closing costs and/or down payment toward the purchase of a home. This loan is in the form of a second trust, payable over a 30-year period. Funding is limited and available on a first-come/first-served basis. Please visit this website for the application process.

Acoustic on the Green Concerts: Saturdays at 7:00 pm throughout the summer, come downtown to hear the best local and regional musicians perform on the Town Green. July's artists include Naked Blue, Johnny Kasun, Todd Wright, Ryan Wright, Gary Smallwood, and Robbie Limon. Check out the entire line up <a href="here.">here.</a>

Movies Under the Stars: Free outdoor movie series is moving to the Loudoun County Courthouse lawn this year. On the 3rd Friday of July and August, join us for a kid-friendly movie under the stars. Upcoming movies are The LEGO Ninjago Movie (July 20th), and Wonder (August 17th). Movies begin at dusk, between 8:15 pm and 8:45 pm. Picnics and blankets are encouraged!

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 July 6th.



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