

Dear Leesburg Resident,

In 2017, Loudoun ranked third in visitor spending in Virginia, bringing in almost \$1.8 billion, up 4.6 percent from 2016. Tourism also supported 17,497 jobs and generated \$695.4 million in wages, up 4.8 percent. I will continue to support our unique venues that make us a very attractive destination.

At the September 20th meeting, I recognized Jackson Gearhart for accomplishing the rank of Eagle Scout (pictured left with his mom) and the members of American Legion Post 34 and their comrades from American Legion Post 181 (pictured right) for the Post's century of work for veterans and their families. We also congratulated the American Legion Post 34 on the beginning of their 100th anniversary!



**Route 15 North**

The Board unanimously supported the motion to initiate the design and construction of Route 15 between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road, implementing the following design parameters:

- widen Route 15 to a rural four-lane median divided road;
- construct a signalized continuous green "T" intersection where King Street business and Route 15 bypass meet;
- replace the traffic signal at White's Ferry Road with a new traffic signal, to accommodate the four-lane divided roadway;
- construct a realigned section of Limestone School Road to connect with Route 15 at Montresor Road;
- construct a two-lane hybrid roundabout at Montresor Road, transitioning back to the two-lane cross section north of Montresor Road;
- and incorporate context sensitive design methodology following the Journey Through Hallowed Ground's design guidelines where feasible.

For me, this is a safety issue primarily. Route 15 north of Leesburg is a narrow, 2-lane road without shoulders. When there is an accident, or fire, or someone is in need of an ambulance, if it is during rush hour, you cannot get a sheriff's deputy, fire engine or ambulance up this road, because cars do not have any place to pull over. If we widen Route 15 north to 4 lanes, cars can safely move out of the way. I have respect for the Catocin Coalition and residents who have expressed concern about widening, but I think public safety has to be our foremost concern. When it comes to design, we have directed County staff to work with the Journey Through Hallowed Ground and residents and develop an attractive contextual design. This can be a beautiful road, regardless of the number of lanes.

The context sensitive design process will be a collaborative effort with community meetings and a task force or advisory committee that works with staff and the engineer to create a road that fits the community. I will keep you updated about future community meetings on the context sensitive design.

The next Stakeholder Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 22nd from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Dulles Room at the Government Center. An agenda will be posted before the meeting on this [website](#).

### **Bolen Park Stadium**

On September 12th, the Board majority approved the comprehensive plan amendment, zoning map amendment and zoning modifications subject to the proffer statement for the Bolen Park Stadium application with options to accelerate the extension of Crosstrail Boulevard from the Dulles Greenway to Sycolin Road, as well as the expansion of Sycolin Road in the area.

I voted against the application for three reasons:

1. There has been pressure put on the Leesburg Town Council to open up Kincaid Boulevard early to accommodate stadium traffic. Kincaid Boulevard was built without the stadium in mind. This is an additional use that was never anticipated to be accommodated by that road.
2. Residents in Tavistock Farms are already concerned about cut-through traffic on Tavistock Drive.
3. Land dedicated in Bolen Park for this project could have accommodated multiple soccer fields, far more than the 2 allocated for County use. The \$15 million for infrastructure improvements for the stadium could have paid for 7 or more soccer fields at this location. This is not doing our kids a benefit when we are only getting 2 fields and we could have had 7 or more.

We know there are traffic backups on Sycolin Road in the morning and evening, and this application will only increase evening traffic because there will be overlapping commuter and stadium traffic. If Kincaid Boulevard is opened before Crosstrail Boulevard is completed to Russell Branch Parkway near Wegmans, starting next year, traffic through Kincaid and Travistock will increase due to the stadium.

## Bolen Park Stadium Road Network



### Community Meeting About New School on C.S. Monroe Property

This is a reminder about the community meeting LCPS is holding about the new school proposed on the C.S. Monroe property on Wednesday, Oct 3rd at 7:00 pm at the Loudoun County High School, 415 Dry Mill Road, SW, in Leesburg. LCPS has submitted their special exception application to the Town of Leesburg to raze the existing C. S. Monroe Technology Center building and construct a new school. This building will be replaced to allow the expansion and relocation of the educational programs currently offered at Douglass School, including the alternative school and adult education classes. Leesburg residents can find more information about the application on the LCPS [website](#).

The Loudoun County School Board is seeking name suggestions for the new school on the former Monroe site, scheduled to open in fall 2021. A School Board-appointed naming committee for the new school will consider geographic and historic names, as well as names of deceased individuals who significantly contributed to improving life in Loudoun County, Virginia or the United States.

School name suggestions should be sent to [lcpsplan@lcps.org](mailto:lcpsplan@lcps.org) no later than Friday, October 12th. Residents suggesting a school name are requested to provide background information to aid in the selection process. The School Board naming committee meetings are open to the public and are scheduled for the following dates:

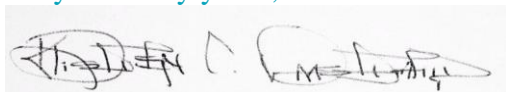
- Monday, October 15th, 6:30 pm, at Douglass School
- Wednesday, November 7th, 6:30 pm, at Douglass School

### Visualize 2045

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has released the region's new long-range transportation plan for public review and comment called Visualize 2045. The draft plan is posted on this [website](#). The Route 15 widening project between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road is included in the plan. The comment period runs through October 7th and comments may be submitted by e-mail to [TPBcomment@mwkog.org](mailto:TPBcomment@mwkog.org).

Thank you!

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kristen C. Umstattd', is shown on a light-colored background.

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## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

There's a lot happening in the Town of Leesburg. Here are a few things that may be of interest:

**Customer Service Week:** an international celebration of the importance of customer service and of the people who serve and support customers on a daily basis, will be recognized October 1 to 5. As a result, Town employees will be holding a fundraiser to benefit Loudoun Hunger Relief. Everyone in Town is encouraged to participate by dropping off a non-perishable food donation at Town Hall, 25 W Market Street, or Ida Lee Recreation Center during normal business hours. All donations will be delivered to Loudoun Interfaith, which serves 8,000 Loudoun County residents a year. Almost half of the number served are Leesburg residents, while 40 percent are children and 13 percent are senior citizens. Please help us stop hunger in Loudoun County.

**Leesburg Walking Tour:** Leesburg native and former member of Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission James Roberts, will lead a walking tour of Leesburg on Saturday, October 13th from 9 am to noon. The tour is an insider's commentary of local people, places, and points of interest both in and around Leesburg. Roberts will highlight the ways in which Leesburg has undergone changes in its architecture, economics, and race relations. Factual, historical, and anecdotal information is intertwined and presented in storytelling fashion as only someone who lived through it and thoughtfully observed it can do. The free tour will leave from the Thomas Balch Library parking lot at 9 am.

**Fall Leaf Collection:** Leesburg's annual fall bulk leaf collection will start on Monday, October 15th.

**Shredding Event:** The Leesburg Public Works & Capital Projects Department will host its next free community document shredding event on Saturday, October 20th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Heritage High School, 520 Evergreen Mill Road SE in Leesburg. The event will be held rain or shine.

**Small Business Forum:** The Leesburg Economic Development Commission (EDC) will host a Small Business Forum on Tuesday, October 9th at the Ida Lee Recreation Center from 8:30 to 10:30 am. Small business owners and representatives are invited to discuss issues

relating to the local business community in a casual interactive round table format. Topics will include parking in the downtown, leveraging the Town's growing food and entertainment sectors, fostering a shop local environment, and how to better engage with those who visit Leesburg.

**Leesburg Awarded Virginia Municipal League 2018 Innovation Award:** The Town of Leesburg has received the Lifelong Learning award, one of five categories presented by the Virginia Municipal League for excellence in local government. Each category recognizes innovative problem-solving, excellence in management, citizen participation, and improved services to citizens. Leesburg was awarded for its Walking Tour App, which allows residents and visitors to download a free application on their smart phone or tablet for touring the downtown. The awards will be presented at the 2018 VML Annual Conference in Hampton.



### **Business of the Month** **Lightfoot Restaurant**

Located in the heart of Historic Downtown Leesburg, Lightfoot, converted from an old bank building, stands at the intersection of the past and present. The bank vault has been preserved in the middle of the ground floor. It provides a taste of both worlds, with classic architecture and inspired menus. Lightfoot offers enchanting lunches and extraordinary dinners, as well as distinctive banquets and intimate private events. All meals are prepared by multi-talented staff

with an obsessive attention to taste and detail.

### **Events & Info**



**9th Annual Leesburg Airshow:** Saturday, September 29th at Leesburg Executive Airport. Gates for the airshow will open at 11 am and go to 4:00 pm. The airshow's static display area, located on the airport's parking ramp, always features a variety of experimental and antique aircraft. Other tarmac attractions include aviation-related displays, exhibits, inflatables for the kids, and a wide variety of food vendors. The main acts will begin at 1 pm. The primary parking locations for the 2018 Airshow will be at Tuscarora High School, located at 801 N. King Street and at Cornerstone Chapel,

located at 650 Battlefield Parkway in Leesburg. No general parking is available at the Leesburg Executive Airport.

**4th Annual International Festival:** Sunday, September 30th at the Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market Street, from 12 to 6 pm. The family friendly event will feature live entertainment, cultural demonstrations, shopping, great food from around the world and fun activities for all ages. It is a celebration of cultures to bring together the diversity of Loudoun County. Admission to this event is FREE!



**Absentee Voting for November 6th Election is Underway:** Anyone who would like to vote an absentee ballot in person may do so at the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Drive, S.E., Suite C in Leesburg, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm through October 26th. You do not have to apply in advance to vote in person. Voters who wish to return a ballot by mail may apply online to have an absentee ballot mailed to them through the [Virginia Department of Elections](#). The deadline for voters to apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them is 5:00 pm, Tuesday, October 30th.

**Holiday Hiring Hoopla:** Thursday, October 4th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center located in the Shenandoah Building at 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. The holidays may be several weeks away, but now is the time to network with employers who have immediate opportunities available for seasonal jobs. RSVP [here](#).





**JOIN US FOR THE 2018  
HOLIDAY HIRING HOOPLA  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
4:00PM TO 6:00PM**

**Tis the Season for Holiday Jobs!!!**

Loudoun businesses are eager to start hiring for seasonal associates to be certain they are staffed and ready during the peak holiday season. Free and open to the public! RSVP at [www.eventleaf.com/Hoopla](http://www.eventleaf.com/Hoopla). Featured employers include:



To request a reasonable accommodation for a disability, call 703-777-0150. Three days advance notice is requested.

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**Loudoun's Fall Farm Tour:** From barn animals to craft beverages the farm tour has something for everyone in the family. Families from all around the Washington area can explore almost 100 venues during this year's Fall Farm Tour on Saturday and

Sunday, October 20-21. You can map out a weekend of fun using brochures available now at county libraries, Visit Loudoun, and [online](#).

Sites will have special activities for the weekend, ranging from live farm animals children can ride or pet, to historical tours and hands-on activities. Enjoy mouth-watering produce right off the vine, and take home delicious, farm-fresh food and treats! Several of the farms are pet-friendly, and adults can enjoy craft beverages at dozens of wineries and breweries. All farm tour venues are free to visit; many offer food, drinks and products for a fee. Find details [here](#).

**[Loudoun Literacy Council Not Your Kid's Spelling Bee:](#)** Thursday, October 25th at the Ida Lee Banquet Hall in Leesburg. The Bee is an evening of dinner, drinks, networking, and friendly spelling and trivia competition. Even if you would rather drink Chardonnay than spell it, you'll still have a fun time cheering on your friends, colleagues, and fellow Loudouners as they spell their way to victory. Purchase tickets [here](#).



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# not-your-kid's spelling bee



**Thursday, October 25th, 2018**

**6:30pm – 9:00pm**

**Ida Lee Banquet Hall**

**60 Ida Lee Dr NW, Leesburg, VA 20176**

**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 October 5th.

*Leesburg's*  
First Friday



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