



Dear Leesburg Resident,

I hope you had a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family. The 2nd Board business meeting on December 20th is cancelled due to the holiday.

Transportation

How are Leesburg road projects doing in NVTA's FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program?

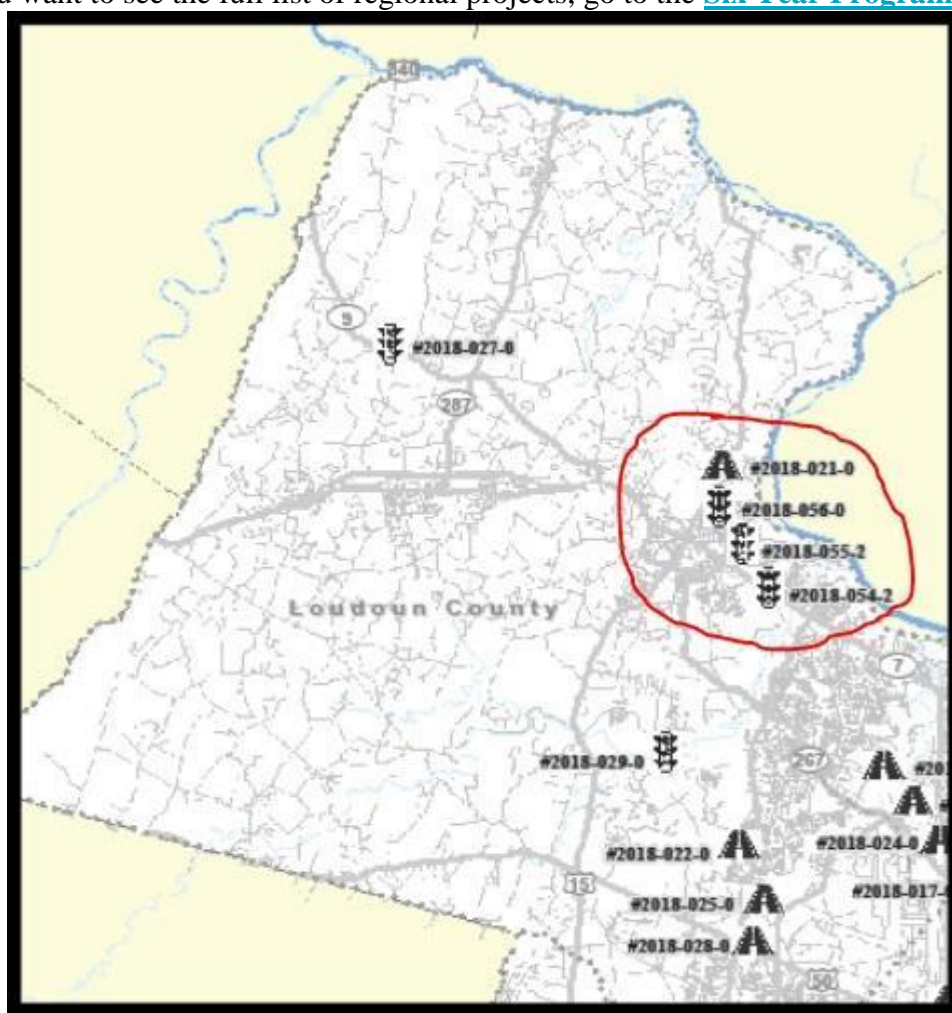
On November 8th, I attended the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) meeting on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. The NVTA is the regional entity that provides significant funding for transportation projects in Leesburg, Loudoun County, and the rest of Northern Virginia. I want to share with you the status of our Leesburg transportation projects. Road projects are generally designed, built and funded in multiple phases over several (or many) years, so the approved funding listed below might not be all the funding required. The Town and County also regularly request additional transportation funding from private developers, and the state, federal, and local governments.

1. Route 15 Bypass Widening: Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road: The NVTA has approved the full amount requested for this project - \$54 million - and rated it #7 (out of 60) in priority.
2. Construct Interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway: The NVTA has approved the full amount requested for this project - \$25 million - and ranked it #21.

3. Construct Interchange at Route 15 Bypass and Battlefield Parkway: The NVTA has approved the full amount requested for this project - \$2 million - and ranked it #39.
4. Interchange Improvements at Route 15 Leesburg Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road: NVTA has approved partial funding at \$5.4 million and ranked the project #57.

For those of our residents who commute down Evergreen Mills Road, NVTA has also approved \$14 million for the Evergreen Mills Road Intersection Realignments - Watson Road and Reservoir Road and ranked this project #45.

If you want to see the full list of regional projects, go to the [Six Year Program](#).



Leesburg Area Projects before the Commonwealth Transportation Board

Wednesday night, I attended the Commonwealth Transportation Board's public meeting on transportation priorities. In my comments on the Route 7 Bypass widening project (Project # 3592, below), I informed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), and reminded VDOT, of our residents' requests that sound walls be incorporated into any funding of the Bypass widening. Below is a link that should get you to the CTB's public comment page, should you wish to comment on any transportation projects that you believe will impact you. Especially for those of you who would be impacted by the widening of the Leesburg Bypass between the Dulles Greenway and Route 9, please take the time to comment and, if you would like sound walls incorporated into the project, please request that. The list of projects follows the link. Two other projects will have an impact on Leesburg residents: 3953 (the widening of Route 15 North between Whites Ferry Road and Point of Rocks Bridge) and 4056 (the creation of an interchange along the Route 15 Bypass between Edwards Ferry Road and Ft. Evans Road).



Photo credit: Hillsboro Mayor Roger Vance

To submit your comments to the Commonwealth Transportation Board, visit this [website](#).



FY20 SMART SCALE Projects for Northern Virginia District

ID	APPLICATION NAME	ORGANIZATION NAME	LIST OF GRANT PROGRAMS	VTTRANS NEEDS	TOTAL ESTIMATE
3452	West End Transitway Corridor Investments	Alexandria City	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 74,600,000
3482	Summit School Road Extension and Telegraph Road Widening	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 46,574,597
3487	South Elden Street Corridor Improvements	Herndon Town	HPP, DGP	RN, UDA	\$ 14,550,000
3489	I-95 Southbound Auxiliary Lane Project (Exit 160 to 158)	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 31,148,956
3501	RT 28 Corridor Improvements - City of Manassas to Fairfax Co	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety, UDA	\$246,572,770
3502	Route 1 at Route 123 Interchange Improvements	Prince William County	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 77,036,618
3504	Route 15 Improvements with Railroad Overpass	Prince William County	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 51,435,249
3505	Devlin Rd Widening/Linton Hall Rd to Relocated Balls Ford Rd	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 35,782,572
3510	Access Improvements to the Landmark Transit Hub	Alexandria City	HPP, DGP	RN	\$ 10,000,000
3517	Belmont Ridge Road	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety, UDA	\$ 4,202,973
3521	University Blvd Extension - Devlin Rd to Wellington Rd	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 35,797,130
3531	Shelburn Road (Route 643) Extension	Loudoun County	DGP, HPP	RN, UDA	\$126,750,000
3532	Crovan Lane Widening	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, UDA	\$ 16,440,626
3536	Route 50 Roundabout at Trailhead Drive	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety	\$ 8,000,000
3537	Route 50 Corridor Improvements	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety, UDA	\$ 7,170,000
3541	Braddock Road and Trailhead Drive	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN	\$ 8,000,000
3552	Northstar Boulevard (Braddock Road to Tail Cadars Parkway)	Loudoun County	DGP, HPP	RN	\$ 15,754,315
3561	Eaton Place and Chain Bridge Road Intersection Improvements	Fairfax City	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety, UDA	\$ 26,000,000
3568	Safety & Capacity Enhancements at Duke/Taylor Run/Telegraph	Alexandria City	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety	\$ 5,297,290
3591	Route 15 & Braddock Road Roundabout	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety	\$ 8,000,000
3592	Route 7 (Route 9 to Dulles Greenway)	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety	\$ 36,139,545
3593	Route 15 Whites Ferry Road to Points of Rock Bridge	Loudoun County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety	\$ 10,681,486
3594	Loudoun ADA Transition Plan	Loudoun County Transit	HPP	RN	\$ 4,000,000

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3759	Soapstone Road Extension/Dulles Toll Road Overpass	Fairfax County	DGP, HPP	RN	\$160,240,000
3760	Route 286 Widening from Route 29 to Route 123	Fairfax County	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN	\$ 99,092,679
3763	Route 1 (Praley Boulevard) Widening	Dumfries Town	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 129,719,086
3776	Fairfax Blvd/Warwick Ave Intersection Improvements	Fairfax City	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety, UDA	\$ 7,882,093
3779	Pickett Trail Connector	Fairfax City	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety, UDA	\$ 3,526,376
3780	Seven Corners Ring Road (Phase 1A Segment 1A)	Fairfax County	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN	\$ 87,000,000
3787	Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements	Fairfax County	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$266,997,000
3796	Davis Drive Extension and Dulles Toll Rd Rock Hill Overpass	Fairfax County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, UDA	\$ 93,268,614
3799	Richmond Highway-Bus Rapid Transit	Fairfax County	DGP, HPP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$544,800,000
3800	Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Phase II	Fairfax County	HPP, DGP	RN, Safety	\$ 52,600,000
3801	Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Phase I	Fairfax County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 56,900,000
3828	Frontier Drive Extension	Fairfax County	DGP, HPP	RN	\$116,070,000
3870	Performance Parking Deployment in Commercial Corridors	Arlington County	HPP, DGP	RN, UDA	\$ 5,705,000
3903	Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway Southern Extension	Arlington Transit	HPP	COSS, RN	\$ 4,056,000
3930	Crystal City Metro East Entrance	Arlington Transit	HPP	RN	\$ 90,765,000
4056	Rte 15 Leesburg Bypass Interchange with Edwards Ferry Road	Leesburg Town	DGP, HPP	RN, Safety	\$114,000,000
4075	Intersection Improvements at Old Bridge Rd and Occoquan Rd	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 8,312,311
4076	Wellington Rd Widening: University Blvd to Balls Ford Rd	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$ 39,542,413
4098	S Washington Multimodal Improvements	Falls Church City	HPP, DGP	RN, UDA	\$ 8,850,237
4129	Citywide TSP on Major Corridors	DASH Alexandria Transit Company	HPP	RN	\$ 2,280,000
4134	DASH Zero Emission Fleet Expansion	DASH Alexandria Transit Company	HPP	RN	\$ 35,063,000
4180	Northern Virginia Regional Multi-Modal Mobility Program	Northern Virginia Transportation Authority	HPP	COSS, RN	\$ 15,000,000
4277	Route 28 Widening NB (McLean Road to Route 50)	Fairfax County	HPP, DGP	RN	\$ 21,068,000
4437	RT 234 and Sudley Manor Dr Interchange Improvements (SPUI)	Prince William County	HPP, DGP	COSS, RN, Safety	\$111,912,015

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[What's the big deal with data centers?](#)

From time to time, a thoughtful resident will ask me whether there are any benefits to the Town and County in having data centers in Loudoun and whether I support them. My response: I do support having data centers in the County and here's the short answer why: The data center industry in Loudoun County currently provides about 25% of the County's total tax revenues (\$500 million annually, including taxes on servers, land, and sales). If we were to lose our data center industry, our real estate and other local taxes would have to increase by over 33% to make up for that loss of revenue. That would be a huge hit on our wallets. And if taxes didn't go up, then those of us who use the roads would see an end to many transportation improvements. And, when it comes to our children, we would see a surge in overcrowding in our schools.

Do data centers cost us anything that would offset the \$500 million they provide in County taxes? No. Because they employ relatively few individuals, data centers generate almost no traffic and they do not contribute to school overcrowding.

What about environmental impacts? Don't data centers use a lot of electricity? They do, but data centers, which host the Internet (including email) and the Cloud, have replaced fleets of fossil fuel-powered vehicles that otherwise would have to be on our roads transporting the letters and documents that we now send, store, and retrieve online.

Increasingly, Loudoun's data centers are paying attention to residents' concerns about the outward appearance of their buildings; and the newer data centers are taking aesthetics seriously. They are also mitigating noise impacts with sound reducing technology.

The data center industry supports technology-based education in the County, including partnering with Northern Virginia Community College to offer a course in data center operations and management. If you have any young students in your family who might be curious about data centers, most of the large tech companies have videos online explaining what data centers do. An especially easy to understand video (in English, albeit for the European market) can be found [here](#).

Loudoun Nonprofit Grant Funding Application

Loudoun County's grant application process for human service nonprofit organizations kicks off Monday, December 3rd and more information can be found on the County's [website](#). Applications must be submitted by 5:00 pm on January 18th. Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that provide human services to Loudoun County residents in the areas of need approved (see list below) by the Board are eligible to apply for grants. The areas of need and the anticipated outcomes are:

- **Prevention and Self-Sufficiency:** Services focused on assisting individuals and families in becoming and/or remaining independent and stable, and providing tools, skills, strategies, and resources to individuals and families.
- **Crisis Intervention and Diversion:** Services provided to individuals and families in crisis to overcome immediate problems, and reduce or prevent the need for more restrictive and expensive higher level services.
- **Long-Term Support:** Services that focus on assisting individuals who have continuing, long-term support needs to remain healthy, safe and independent in the community.
- **Improved Quality of Human Services:** Services and opportunities provided to individuals, organizations and communities that enhance the quality, accessibility, accountability and coordination of services provided by community organizations.

The amount of funding for FY 2020 will be determined as part of the county's adopted FY 2020 budget. In FY 2019, the budget for human service nonprofit grant funding was \$1.09 million. Adoption of the budget is expected in April 2019, with funding for successful applicants

Real Estate Tax Relief Seminars for 65 or Older or Disabled

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert Wertz has scheduled free information sessions to familiarize residents with the eligibility criteria for the County's generous real estate tax relief program and new eligibility thresholds for 2019.

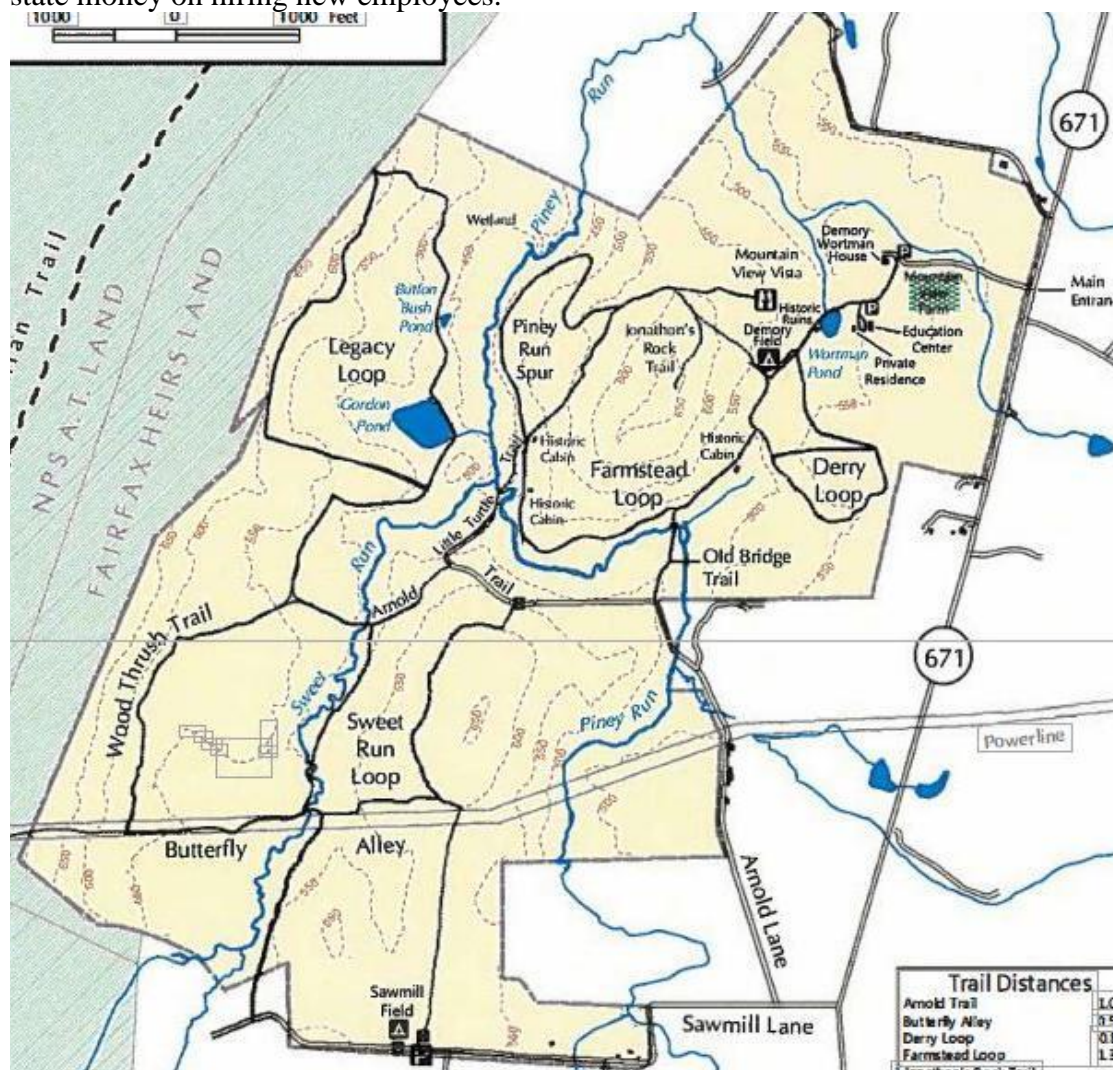
Loudoun County homeowners age 65 or older or with disabilities who are below established income and wealth limits may benefit from a reduction in the amount of property taxes they pay. Qualified applicants for real estate relief must have a gross combined income less than \$72,000, and net worth less than \$920,000. Up to \$10,000 in income of a spouse or relative residing in the home is excluded from the income calculation. No appointment or RSVP is required to attend these free sessions, which are being held at the following locations and times:

- Tuesday, December 4th at 10:30 am, Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls
- Friday, December 7th, 10:30 am, Purcellville Library, 220 East Main Street, Purcellville
- Wednesday, December 12th, 10:30 am, Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, NW, Leesburg
- Thursday, December 13th, 10:30 am, Middleburg Library, 101 Reed Street, Middleburg:

- Thursday, January 10th, 6:00 pm, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg

State Park Expansion

The Board voted to acquire the 281 acre parcel owned by the Robert and Dee Leggett Foundation that adjoins the 600 acre parcel the Commonwealth already owns off Harpers Ferry Road in Purcellville. A state park in northwest Loudoun County will benefit the Commonwealth and all County residents. The acquisition of this adjoining parcel will expedite the opening because it contains all the necessary infrastructure for park operation including trails and facilities from the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship. The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship will continue to manage the property for as long as needed, saving the state money on hiring new employees.



Thank-you and I hope everyone has a festive December, a Merry Christmas, and a happy and peaceful holiday season.

Very sincerely yours,



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Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

Many congratulations to the **Loudoun County High School Marching Band** for their first-ever National Championship! The 95 student members put in a lot of hard work, starting this past summer, for this award and it is well deserved. Congratulations also to the **Loudoun County High School Volleyball Team** on their seventh straight state title. The Town Council recognized the band this week at our Council Meeting and will recognize the volleyball team in December.



Holidays in Leesburg kicks off this weekend with annual [Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show](#) at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center. Hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 1st and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 2nd. You are sure to find artisan-made gifts to please everyone on your list. Admission and parking are free.

On Friday, December 7th, please join us for our annual [Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting Ceremony](#) on the Town Green. The ceremony begins at 6:00 pm with musical performances by local students. I'll throw the switch to light the tree which will be followed by festive entertainment. After the ceremony, stay downtown for December's First Friday celebration of the arts, holiday-style.

You won't want to miss the annual [Christmas & Holiday Parade](#) on Saturday, December 8th! The parade will step off from the front field of Ida Lee Park promptly at 6:00 pm and proceed down King Street to Fairfax Street. King Street will be closed to traffic from 5:30 pm until about 9:00 pm for the parade.

Downtown Leesburg and the Village at Leesburg both have lots of fun holiday events and special sales planned, including photos with Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, strolling carolers, and more. Plus, downtown parking is free through January 1, 2019. Get the details at the Village of Leesburg's [website](#) and Historic Downtown Leesburg Association's [Facebook page](#).

During this holiday season, there are lots of opportunities to give back to the community and to those less fortunate. There are collection boxes at Town facilities for [Toys for Tots](#) (through December 11) and [Sweats for Vets](#) (through December 20). Please also consider making donations to [Loudoun Hunger Relief](#).

Enjoy all of Leesburg's holiday activities and I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!



Business of the Month The Resourceful Woman

The Resourceful Woman is a program of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) that features gently used and new clothing, books and household items at affordable prices. The goals of operating The Resourceful Woman are to provide clothing and household items to victims of domestic and sexual violence in need, raise money for the LAWS Shelter program and offer reasonably priced items to the community. It is located at 11-A Loudoun Street, SW in Leesburg. Please visit the [website](#) to see the list of items that can be donated and how to donate.

Events & Info



Survey and Public Meeting for Cable TV Subscribers: The Communications Commission is hosting a survey and public meeting to solicit input on Comcast Communications' and Verizon's performance. The survey is open through January 31st and the public meeting is Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 pm in the Loudoun County Government Center, Dulles Room, 1 Harrison Street in Leesburg. Loudoun currently has two cable television providers, Comcast and Verizon, each of which holds a non-exclusive franchise with the county. Under terms of the franchise agreement, a subscriber satisfaction survey is to be conducted periodically.



Make the Holidays Brighter With a Loudoun-Grown Tree: Starting November 24th, you can take a scenic drive out to a Loudoun County tree farm and cut your own Christmas tree. Stay for hot apple cider or a hay ride, and shop for unique, handmade gifts by local artists. Other Loudoun venues offer locally grown wreaths, poinsettias and other holiday decorations. Please support our local businesses by planning now to get your tree from a Loudoun farmer. For specific dates, times, maps and costs, check out the [website](#).

Rocking with Rudolph and Friends: Friday, December 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Children up to the age of 8 years old are invited to this wonderful event at Ida Lee. Bring your camera and dancing shoes! Santa will be on hand for picture opportunities and to hear wish lists. Then join Rudolph and Frosty as they rock out to holiday favorites and other kid's tunes while dancing the night away! Pre-registration is required and tickets are \$12 for children 2 years old and over and \$8 for under 2. Registration can be complete through WebTrac, in person at Ida Lee or via phone.

Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition 2019: Registration for Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition (SULYC) is open from October 9th through December 21st and the main competition will take place March 28, 2019. SULYC is a program of Loudoun Youth, Inc. in partnership with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services. It empowers middle and high school students in Loudoun County to identify an issue in their school, neighborhood or community, research the problem, create and implement an action plan, then evaluate the community impact. Students work individually or in teams to make a difference. Positively improving others' lives gives youth purpose and helps them realize the big impact they can have in our community. SULYC encourages, supports and rewards those students who rise to the challenge, with the top ten teams winning monetary prizes between \$250 and \$1000.

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 December 7th.



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