

Dear Leesburg Resident,

Congratulations to all the winning candidates from the November 5th election. Thank-you to everyone who voted and to everyone who ran. Leesburg will be represented by Senators Boysko and Bell and by Delegates Gooditis and LaRock. The Leesburg District will continue to be represented by me on the Board of Supervisors and by Beth Barts on the School Board. I take the responsibility of elected office seriously. Although the Board of Supervisors will now be predominantly Democratic, and although I am grateful for this, I want all of you to know that my door is always open to you - whether you're Democrat, Republican or Independent. Please never hesitate to contact me. Thank-you for allowing me to serve you for another four years.

Battlefield Parkway and Route 7 Interchange

On October 15th, I attended a groundbreaking for the new grade-separated interchange which will take Battlefield Parkway over Route 7 and eliminate the last two traffic lights on Route 7 between Clarke County and Sterling. This is an almost \$80 million project that has received financial support from the Town, the County, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and VDOT.

The project includes replacing the traffic signal at East Market Street and Battlefield Parkway in Leesburg with a grade-separated interchange, removing the signal and modifying the intersection just west on Route 7 at Cardinal Park Drive, adding auxiliary lanes on eastbound Route 7 between the Leesburg Bypass and River Creek Parkway, and building a new shared-use path and sidewalk along Battlefield Parkway.

During construction, drivers can expect off-peak lane closures along Route 7. Beginning in fall 2020, Battlefield Parkway will be closed between Russell

Branch Parkway and the Marketplace at Potomac Station shopping center entrance for about ten months; traffic will be detoured via Fort Evans Road to the north, and Russell Branch Parkway and Crosstrail Boulevard to the south. The entire project is scheduled for completion in fall 2021.



Discharge of Firearms Near Occupied Structures

At the November 7th Board business meeting, Supervisor Buffington's substitute motion passed by a Board majority to amend Chapter 684.03 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County, Discharge of Firearms to, "the discharge of firearms for recreational or target shooting purposes shall be conducted in such a manner as to ensure that projectiles do not leave the boundaries of the property or parcel upon which the shooting is occurring, unless permission to do so has been granted by the adjacent landowner. A projectile leaving the boundaries of the property or parcel shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section." A friendly amendment directed staff to consult with the Commonwealth's Attorney as to the language they feel can be prosecuted and request the presence of the Commonwealth's Attorney at the December 11th public hearing.

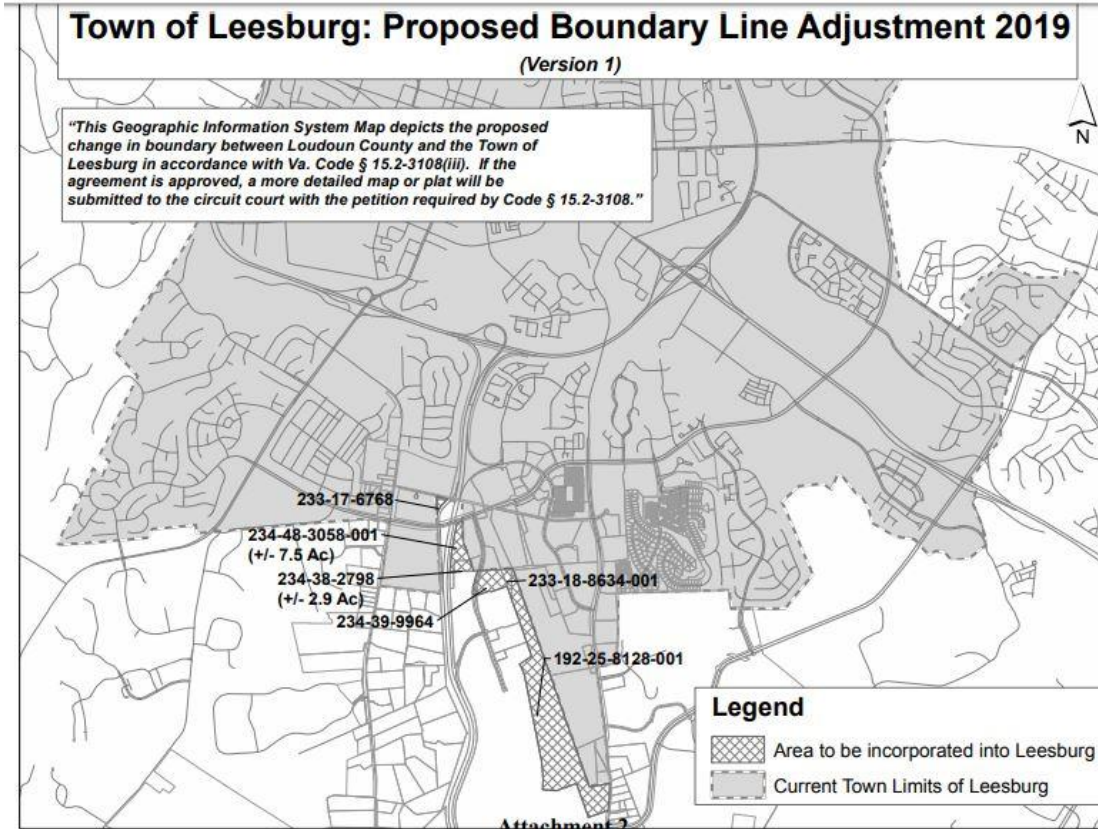
At this meeting, two different motions were discussed; one that included a method of containment, and the other that focused on the trespass of a bullet

on another person's property without their permission with no method of containment. While I appreciate my colleagues concerns about the unaffordability of a backstop, I also think we need to consider the costs to a family whose loved one is shot by a reckless shooter. The motion that passed directed staff to prepare and advertise the amendments for the December 11th public hearing. The exact wording of the amendments can be decided by the Board at the public hearing. I did not support deferring taking action. We have been working on this issue since last year, and I want to do something now to prevent reckless shooters from shooting their neighbors' property or their neighbors.

Residents are encouraged to speak at the public hearing and advanced sign-up is available by calling (703) 777-0200 until noon the day of the public hearing.

Compass Creek Development

At the November 13th Board public hearing, I moved that the Board forward the proposed boundary line agreement with the Town of Leesburg for a portion of the Compass Creek Development to a future business meeting for action after the agreement has been approved by the Town of Leesburg and after all affected property owners have given their unconditional consent to the proposed agreement. This agreement would adjust the boundary between the County and the Town and move the parcels pictured below within the Town's corporate limits (all parcels are currently located in the Joint Land Management Area). A Town Council public hearing is scheduled on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 pm, and the notice can be found [here](#).



Cemetery Preservation Buffer

At the October 17th Board business meeting, we reinstated the proposed cemetery preservation buffer standards to the setbacks, buffers, screening and related landscaping amendments and forwarded it to tonight's Board business meeting for action. Per Board direction, the draft zoning ordinance text has been revised to establish a 50-foot cemetery, burial ground, and grave buffer for the protection and preservation of existing cemeteries, burial grounds, and graves. Residents can speak to the Board at the 5:00 or 6:30 pm public input session, and advanced sign up is encouraged by calling 703-777-0200.

Courthouse Expansion

In case you missed the public information meeting on November 14th to discuss the construction schedule for the new courthouse and estimated impacts on area roads during construction, please visit this [website](#) to get updates. You can also sign up for e-mail and text notifications as updates are posted by using the sign-up link [here](#). The projected start date for this project is January 6, 2020 and the projected completed date is summer 2022.

Costello Construction will contact by mail each property owner who is impacted by sidewalk improvements and request a meeting at least 30 days before work on the sidewalks along their properties begins. Please respond promptly to these notices to review construction impacts and to document specific concerns related to each property. Property owners within 450 feet of the primary construction area may have their buildings or homes inspected by McDonough Bolyard Peck prior to the start of construction. These property owners will be contacted by mail in the coming weeks to schedule an inspection which will document the pre-existing condition of the building or home.



Loudoun's Tourism Industry

Visitor spending in Loudoun County increased for the fifth consecutive year in 2018, generating \$1.84 billion, according to data released by the US Travel Association. Loudoun continues to rank third out of 133 municipalities in visitor spending, behind only Arlington and Fairfax. Tourism is up 4.4 percent from 2017 supporting 17,673 jobs and generating \$720 million in wages.

Leesburg Ranked a Best Small City

Personal finance site WalletHub released its 2019 Best Small Cities in America list, comparing more than 1,200 cities across the nation based on 42 key indicators of livability, including home ownership rate, the number of performing arts centers in the area, job growth and more. Leesburg scored well in many categories, such as education and health and safety, earning it a spot in the 99th percentile overall for best small cities in the United States. It narrowly missed the top 10, coming in at 12th on the list and ranking higher than all other Virginia cities that also made the cut.

To all our veterans, thank-you for serving. God bless you and your families and God bless America. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Warm Regards,



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Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner



[Holidays in Leesburg](#) kicks off on Friday, December 6th with our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Town Green. The ceremony begins at 6 pm with musical performances by local students. I'll throw the switch to light the tree, followed more festive entertainment. Out of respect for the practices of the Jewish community, we will not be lighting a menorah on December 6th, since Hanukkah does not begin until December 22nd. After the ceremony, stay downtown for December's First Friday celebration of the arts. King Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between Market and Loudoun Streets.

Shop for unique, one-of-a-kind gifts at the Holiday Fine Arts & Crafts Show at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 7th and 8th. Hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Admission and parking are free.

Come out to the Leesburg Executive Airport on Sunday, December 8th, from noon to 3 pm, for an open house. Santa will be flying in at 12:30 pm! After Santa arrives, kids can sit on his lap and take selfies. There will be crafts for the kids, airfield equipment on display, and opportunities to learn about the businesses at the airport, including the flight schools. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots and non-perishable food items for Loudoun Hunger Relief during the open house.

You won't want to miss the annual Christmas & Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 14th! 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.

Village at Leesburg, Virginia Village and Downtown Leesburg all 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, 2020. Get the details at [Village at Leesburg](#), [Virginia Village](#), and the [Historic Downtown Leesburg Association](#).

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

Business of the Month

Purpose WorX LLC

Purpose WorX provides project-based business and professional development support to organizations who do not have a dedicated team member doing this work. We work alongside our clients to create business and professional development strategies for long-term and sustainable growth. Purpose WorX is founded by Kindra D. Harvey. Kindra holds a master's degree in Adult Education Training & Development and a Bachelor's in Industrial Organizational Psychology. Empowering people is her life's work. It is conveniently located at the Leesburg Junction, 215 Depot Court, Suite 305.

Events & Info



Sweats for Vets: In its 14th year, this program requests donations of new sweat suits for our veterans at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg. There will be a collection box in the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, until mid-December.

2019 Goal is
1000 sets of
sweats!!

SWEATS FOR VETS

Sweats4Vets.com



**You can make a difference.
Help a Veteran today.
Provide a new sweat suit as a gift
for our hospitalized veterans at
Martinsburg, WV VAMC**



- New sweat suits only (sets preferred)
- All sizes accepted with a focus on XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL and colorful Ladies sets, too
- Do not wrap the sweats in gift wrap but tie each set with Christmas ribbon
- If possible, please put the name of the donating organization on the label
- Sweats can be dropped here in the box, or if making a donation checks can be written by individuals or organizations to "Martinsburg VAMC"
- Sweats will be packaged at VFW 1177 Post in Leesburg from 9AM-12PM on Saturday, December 28th, 2019 and delivered to Martinsburg VAMC in Martinsburg, WV on Saturday, January 11th, 2020



Freeze Your Gizzard: Saturday, November 23rd, the 5K Race will begin at 9:00 am and the 1 Mile Fun Run will start at 9:45 am, both from the front field of Ida Lee Park. Day-of-event registration is available beginning at 7:00 am and fees are \$30 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1 mile, plus 2 cans of food.

Loudoun County Hosts Discussions of Courthouse History: Thursday, November 21st and Monday, November 25th (see locations and times below). Loudoun County residents can learn more about "The History of the Loudoun County Courthouse and the African American Community's Pathway to Freedom" at two upcoming events co-hosted by Loudoun County Public Library and the Heritage Commission. Robert Pollard and Donna Bohanon of the Heritage Commission will discuss the pivotal role of the courthouse in the "Path to Freedom" of Loudoun's African American community. The discussions are open to the public free of charge, and will take place at two locations:

- Thursday, November 21st, 6:30 pm, in the Old Courthouse, 18 East Market Street in Leesburg. The Clerk of the Circuit Court's historic records office will be open from 4:30 pm until 6:15 pm on November 21st, to permit those individuals attending the presentation in the Old Courthouse to observe records related to the Old Courthouse.
- Monday, November 25th, 6:30 pm, at the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center to Host Job Fair: Friday, December 6th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Shenandoah Office Building, 102 Heritage Way NE, second floor, in Leesburg. The Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County. Job seekers are advised to be prepared to meet with employers by dressing professionally and bringing multiple

copies of their resumes to the job fair. Resume critiques are offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 am at the Workforce Resource Center. Please pre-register [here](#) to receive reminders and updates. All attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Harry Dahlstrom's "Turn a Job Fair Into a Job Offer" upon arrival.

Loudoun County Orchestra Holiday Cheer Concert: Saturday, December 14th at 1:30 and 3:30 pm at St David's Episcopal Church, 43600 Russell Branch Parkway in Ashburn. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and children 12 and under are free.

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. December 6th is Leesburg's First Friday. King Street will be closed to traffic. Come down and enjoy the additional room to walk and revel in the music, food, and drink.



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