

Dear Leesburg Resident,

I hope you and your family had a joyful and peaceful Christmas and Hanukkah and a wonderful holiday season.

Please join the 2020 Loudoun Board of Supervisors for our morning installation and an evening reception to launch the incoming term. The ceremonial Installation Ceremony will be held, free of charge, on January 4th, from 10:00 am to noon at the National Conference Center, 18980 Upper Belmont Place in Leesburg. The Installation Gala, a "Black Tie Optional" affair, will be held that evening at 6:30 pm at the same location. We are excited and eager to get to work and hope that you'll be able to join us! The ticket cost of \$40 will cover Gala expenses. Any excess funds will be donated equally to the Loudoun YMCA, Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls, Loudoun Hunger Relief, and the Dulles Area Food Pantry. To purchase tickets to the Gala, please see the link [here](#).

#### **Official Swearing-In Ceremony**

On December 11th, I was officially sworn-in at the County Courthouse by Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gary Clemens. I would like to thank my husband, Chuck Moss, for being there and I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve you for another four years.



### Discharge of Firearms

At the December 11th public hearing, we approved the following amended language to the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County Section 684.03(d), "the discharge of firearms is prohibited within 100 yards of a building with a current occupancy permit and/or regularly occupied structure, unless the owner or authorized agent has given permission." We also created a new Section 684.03(e) in the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County stating, "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 owner of the property or parcel upon which the projectile lands. A projectile leaving the boundaries of the property or parcel shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section."

Thank you to the members of Moms Demand Action and the people who came to the public hearing supporting the 2nd Amendment. This amended language is consistent with the 2nd Amendment; it does not limit your right to own a gun or shoot responsibly. I believe most gun owners are responsible and wouldn't shoot across someone else's property without permission. As much as gun owners believe in their own property rights, I know they also

support the property rights of their neighbors. It is a violation of our property rights to have a reckless individual shooting into our homes or wounding our family members. Incidents like this have been on the increase in Loudoun County. I supported this language, because, since 2018, we have seen over 20 instances of reckless discharge of firearms. Approximately 10 of these instances have involved individuals recklessly shooting guns in the direction of their neighbors, their neighbors' homes, or their neighbors' property. This year, inevitably, a woman was hit.

### **Housing Affordability Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOAM)**

At the December 11th public hearing, staff presented amendments that are intended to expand affordable housing opportunities, incentivize affordable housing, improve implementation of Article 7 - Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations, and facilitate the provision of accessory dwellings.

I shared Supervisor Letourneau's concerns about the by-right density bonuses that were being proposed in the Transition Policy Area - an area that extends from just south of Leesburg down to, and along, the Route 50 corridor. The amendment proposes adding a section allowing developers in the Transitional Residential-3 (TR-3: one residential unit per 3 acres) and Transitional Residential-10 (TR-10: one residential unit per 10 acres) zoning districts to voluntarily provide ADUs in exchange for a density increase between 10 percent to 30 percent, provided that an equivalent percentage between 10 percent to 30 percent of the bonus dwelling units are provided as ADUs (please see the table below for an example of the current and proposed regulations).

I question the wisdom of locating ADUs where there is no infrastructure, especially no public transportation infrastructure. During the Loudoun 2019 Comprehensive Plan review, I did not agree with increasing the residential density in the Transition Policy Area; although, I appreciate staff's work on this item. The Board forwarded the Housing Affordability ZOAM to a future Transportation and Land Use meeting for discussion.

#### **Current Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations in Article 7**

| Transition Policy Area Development | By-Right Lots | Bonus Lots (up to 20%) | ADUs (12.5% of bonus) | Total Lots |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Hartland                           | 573           | 95                     | 12                    | 680        |

#### **Proposed Amendments to ADU Regulations in Article 7**

| Transition Policy Area Development | By-Right Lots | Bonus Lots (up to 30%) | ADUs (30% of bonus) | Total Lots |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Hartland                           | 573           | 171                    | 51                  | 795        |

### **Douglass School Renovations**

The historic Douglass School located at 407 E. Market Street in Leesburg (not to be confused with nearby Frederick Douglass Elementary) will undergo renovations, beginning in the summer of 2021. A brief history of the school, built during Loudoun's years of segregation, was put together by Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS): The land was purchased by the "School League" (a group of African American parents) for \$4,000 and was deeded to the School Board. In 1941, ground was broken for the construction of Douglass High School. On completion, the doors of the first Secondary School for African American children in the history of Loudoun County were opened. The original building consisted of four rooms. Since that time there have been two additions. In 1950, a science laboratory, home economics suite, and five classrooms were added. In 1960, a gymnasium, shop, cafeteria, and several classrooms were built. The Douglass School was the only African-American high school in Loudoun County until the end of segregation in 1968. The building is listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

LCPS held a community meeting on December 5th to hear what community uses the renovated Douglass School could serve. A second workshop is being planned for the January-February 2020 timeframe. LCPS plans to locate its English Learners (EL) Welcome Center, Head Start, STEP (Starting Towards Excellence in Preschool) and Child Find programs into the renovated Douglass School, as well as limited administrative office space and Loudoun County Parks and Recreation programs. Beyond these plans, no commitments have been made for future community uses of the Douglass School.

### **Courthouse Construction Delayed**

Loudoun County has delayed the start of construction of the new courthouse building in Leesburg until further notice to allow more time for the County to prepare. It had previously announced work would begin January 6th when construction equipment was to begin moving onto the Semones parking lot, which will be closed for more than two years while the project is underway. Instead, both it and the Church Street Parking Lot, which was also to be closed, will remain open until further notice. The delay in the start of construction is expected to last two weeks or longer. As details regarding the start of construction are finalized, I will try to keep you informed about a new date and any related impacts to the community.



### Accomplishments 2016-2019

At the beginning of our 2016-2019 term, the Board defined five Strategic Initiatives as our key areas of focus:

- Community Needs/Quality of Life
- Comprehensive Planning
- Economic Development
- Growth Management
- Transportation

In addition to achieving significant progress on these strategic initiatives, the Board's accomplishments during its term have included continued sound fiscal management, efforts to attract and retain high-quality employees, efficiency in government operations and public safety, and effective service delivery for residents. Please visit this [website](#) for an overview of our accomplishments.

### Organizational Items

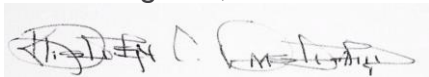
In the New Year, it appears I will be appointed Co-Chair to the Joint Board and School Board Committee and serve on the regional National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and Northern Virginia Regional Commission. I will also serve as an alternate for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The tentative dates for monthly Board meetings are:

- Business meetings, first and third Tuesdays, 5:00 pm
- Public hearing, Wednesday of the week following the first Tuesday, 6:00 pm.

Note the elimination of the Board's Thursday business meeting and its replacement with another Tuesday business meeting. Hopefully, this will make the Board's schedule less confusing. The Board will formally adopt the 2020 schedule and all appointments at our organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 7th at 5:00 pm in the first floor board room of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street, SE, in downtown Leesburg.

At the last Board meeting of the year on December 17th, I thanked those staying and those leaving. For those Board members leaving, I am always here to listen if there is an issue in the district you represented. I love my district and the people in my district, but I am happy to talk to anyone in the County about their concerns. I hope everyone has a happy and healthy New Year! Thank you.

Warm Regards,



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## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

As 2019 ends, I want to thank Supervisor Umstattd for generously allowing me to contribute to her newsletter every month. This year has been a very busy one with lots of events, development applications, and town council decisions. While not everything went smoothly, the council was able to accomplish or begin many important items:

- Maintained our AAA Rating with all three major bond rating agencies.
- Welcomed over 30 new businesses with ribbon cuttings.
- Installed two new public art sculptures, the Stanley Caulkins bench and the skatepark sculpture.
- Built two new bus shelters in town.
- Replaced the use of herbicides along stream beds with goats to control vegetation.
- Began the process to bring the Compass Creek commercial development into the town limits.
- Helped to stabilize the Loudoun Museum.

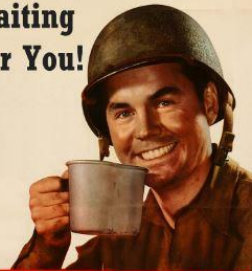
- Approved the Church & Market development rezoning.
- Denied the Meadowbrook Commercial Center and Westpark rezoning applications.
- Approved the use of golf carts to ferry visitors between different downtown locations.
- Held a groundbreaking for the Route 7 and Battlefield interchange.
- Opened a new U.S. Customs Facility at Leesburg Executive Airport.
- Dedicated and named the downtown alley "Lassiter Way" in honor of Nelson "Mutt" Lassiter who owned Robinson's Barbershop in downtown Leesburg for 50 years.
- Agreed to convey the Sycolin Community Cemetery to the Loudoun Freedom Center.
- Began the Tuscarora Creek flood mitigation project.
- Started a comprehensive update of the Town Plan.

I want to thank all the citizens who came to the meetings and bravely stood before us to give us their remarks, to the citizens who watched on TV, and the citizens who e-mailed and called. Thanks to all the people in Leesburg who make our town the great place that it is to live and work, and to the town staff who work so diligently to do their jobs. I hope you have a wonderful New Year!

## **Business of the Month** **VFW Post 1177**

The members of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1177 in Leesburg have dedicated themselves to helping connect our veterans with the services and resources they may need to re-enter the civilian workforce, get medical care, or pay rent bills. This is a great group of men and women veterans helping their brothers and sisters in arms. There is a Post membership meeting Wednesday, January 8th at 7:30 pm at 401 Old Waterford Road, NW in Leesburg. All members are invited to attend!

**Loudoun County  
Veterans-We're  
waiting  
for You!**



Join Your Comrades! [www.vfw1177.org](http://www.vfw1177.org)

## **Events & Info**



**Christmas Tree Recycling for Leesburg Residents:** Leesburg residents can put their live Christmas trees at the curb for recycling collection in January. The Town's

trash collection contractor, Patriot Disposal Services, will collect and recycle Christmas trees on the following days:

- Monday, January 6th
- Monday, January 13th

Residents should prepare their trees for collection, using the following tips:

- Remove all decorations.
- Remove tinsel, fake snow, angel hair and garlands.
- Remove all lights.
- Remove all twine, metal or plastic ties, and string.
- Remove stands and bases.
- Do not place trees in plastic tree disposal bags.
- Place trees at the curb the night before collection day.

**Census Recruitment Event:** Wednesday, January 8th, beginning at 10:30 am at Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW in Leesburg. The event will be structured as a series of back-to-back information sessions every hour; each session will include a 30-minute presentation followed by 20-25 minutes of application assistance. Sessions will begin every hour on the half-hour with the last session starting at 2:30 pm. Participants should bring their own technology (phone, tablet, laptop) or plan to use a library computer (a one-day library pass can be provided if not a library card holder) to access the online application and assessments. Registration is not required to attend or participate. For questions or more information about this event, contact the Workforce Resource Center at 703-777-0150.





## Support the Count!

**Become a U.S. Census Enumerator**

**Flexible and Part-time Positions**

**Starting Pay at \$25/hour**

**U.S. Citizens with Access to Reliable Transportation**

Learn more about available Census jobs in Loudoun County  
and get one-on-one help to apply online:

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

**10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**\*Sessions begin every hour on the half-hour**

**Rust Library**

**380 Old Waterford Road NW**

**Leesburg, VA 20176**

Bring your own technology (phone, tablet, laptop)  
or use a library computer (one-day library pass provided)

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your future  
START HERE ✓

**LOUDOUN  
COUNTY  
VIRGINIA**

**VIRGINIA  
CAREER WORKS**  
LOUDOUN WORKFORCE RESOURCE CENTER  
located across the street from Rust Library

If you require a reasonable accommodation for any disability in order to participate, contact the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center at 703-777-0150. Three days advance notice is requested.

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**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. February 7th is Leesburg's next 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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