

Can You Believe it is July?

With June having come to an end, it has been a fast-moving and exciting first six months in office. As I reflect, I want to highlight some of our successes:

- Fought to pass **extended operating hours for the Sterling Library** to move the closing time to 9:30 pm and match the surrounding businesses' closing times; additionally, I pushed to pass the addition of a teen and children's center in the library. These changes will be implemented once the Sterling Library moves into the Sterling Plaza shopping center.
- Advocated to **increase funding** for several departments and initiatives, including the Loudoun County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Library, 2.5% percent increase in merit-based pay for County employees, and increased employee benefits to Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Squad retired employees who receive hazard pay.
- Obtained approval for a **feasibility study** to have county staff look into crosswalks or other options along Rt. 7 to provide pedestrians currently crossing the highway a safer means to cross.
- Ensured the resuming of unfinished projects, such as the construction and addition of sidewalks on Greenthorn Ave, Woodson Rd and Sugarland Rd. They have been considered by the Board and are now in the works to be completed.
- Addressed the parking situation and safety on Magnolia Rd with residents and VDOT and have come up with a few solutions to be fully implemented in the next month.
- Received VDOT approval and support for the striping of bike lanes along E Church Rd continuing through Oak Tree Lane and then to Frederick Drive. Also VDOT approved striping of bike lanes along Sugarland Road. The bike lanes will be added after these roads are repaved with a current estimated completion time from VDOT

as the end of the year.

- Organized and hosted our **first annual spring job fair** at Claude Moore, which featured 60 employers and was attended by more than 200 job seekers. According to our post-event survey filled out by participating employers, approximately *150 individuals* were hired.

I am even more inspired to work hard everyday to continue improving my home so that it is no longer left behind. We still have a lot of work to do and would not be able to do it successfully without your input.

With that in mind, I have constructed a **short survey** for you to fill out. I would like to know how we are doing, what your concerns are, and what your thoughts are on our newsletter. I appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you. Our office will take all responses into consideration and will do the best we can to address your issues and concerns.

Next Mobile Office Hours: July 18th

I'd like to remind you that my staff is working out of Sterling twice a month. This is a great opportunity to talk with my staff and express your concerns or questions in person. The mobile office hours are taking place every other Monday. The first Monday of the month will be held at the Sterling Library on a regular basis. The third Monday of the month will be held at a business in Sterling.

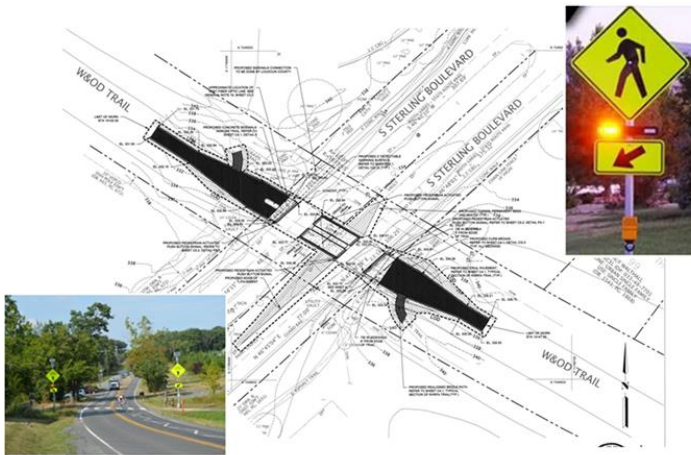


We are skipping this coming Monday's mobile office hours, but our next mobile office hours will take place at Sweet Signatures, July 18th from 9-5 pm. Come by our mobile office and chat away; also try Sweet Signatures' delicious pastries, sweets and tasty coffee! Sweet Signatures is located at 22446 Davis Dr, #174 in Sterling.

If you cannot meet with my office on a Monday, please know that my staff is also more than willing to meet you in person at our Leesburg office on the fifth floor of the Government Center or in a public location in Sterling.

W&OD Trail Safety Improvements

Starting in August, construction will begin to improve safety conditions on the crossing of Sterling Boulevard and the W&OD Trail. Please note that this is a solution that has already been designed and paid for by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. It does not preclude further assessment and alternative solutions. We are hopefully that future opportunities may become available such as a pedestrian bridge. **We will be communicating soon about a meeting regarding this and other transportation projects.**



The intersection of the W&OD Trail and Sterling Boulevard has been identified as one of our top six trail intersections in need of improvement along the 45-mile W&OD. Sterling Boulevard is an extremely busy roadway that has few traffic breaks for trail users during peak use periods. Cyclists must currently cross five lanes of traffic with a small space to safely stand in the center median of the roadway.

NOVA Parks has obtained approval of Construction Plans and Profiles from Loudoun County for the intersection improvements that include the following:

1. Installation of trail user controlled flashing beacon warning signs. Trail users will have a button to push on either side of the road that will activate flashing crosswalk signs on Sterling Boulevard to alert motorists of an active crosswalk ahead.
2. Shortening of the left turn lane into Chase Heritage apartments and reducing to four the number of traffic lanes to be crossed.
3. Enlarging the median refuge area to make it safer to stop and wait halfway across the roadway.
4. Widening of the trail approaches on both sides of the road. This will allow more users to stack closer to the road and to cross more rapidly when a traffic break occurs.

Your cooperation with this project is greatly appreciated and if there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.



Briar Patch Park Updates

The new play area is now built and ready to be used! Due to last week's heavy rainfall though, the stormwater work at Briar Patch Park has been delayed a week. The original completion date was expected to take place by the end of June, however, we can now expect the final completion date to occur by the first week of July.

DMV Select Services to end June 30th



Commissioner of Revenue, Robert S. Wertz, reminds everyone that his Leesburg and Sterling offices will no longer offer DMV Select services due to the substantial increase in the DMV workload.

However, Wertz assures that his DMV 2 Go mobile customer services center will continue to visit his Sterling office, according to its regular schedule, providing easy access to DMV services in the area. For a complete listing of DMV offices and locations, and a schedule of dates for visits by DMV 2, visit www.dmvnow.com.



Mosquito Control Awareness Week - June 26th to July 2nd

With the start of summer, it is important to take precautionary measures to stay safe. Loudoun County Health officials would like to remind everyone that simple steps can be taken to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes, and minimize the threat of the Zika virus, West Nile, and other mosquito-borne pathogens.

Mosquito Control Asian Tiger Mosquitoes are among the most common in Loudoun County and are capable of spreading the Zika virus. They reproduce in standing water in artificial containers. Reducing breeding sites around your home can effectively control the population of these Mosquitoes. This can be done by:

- Dumping out and replacing water in bird baths, pet bowls and other water fixtures weekly.
- Disposing of containers that capture water.
- Looking for sources of standing water, such as potted plants, roof gutters, air conditioners, corrugated drain pipes, and eliminating standing water.
- If standing water cannot be eliminated, consider treating water with larvicides ("mosquito dunks"), which prevent mosquitoes from developing. These can be found in most home improvement stores.

Personal Protection

Besides preventing mosquito breeding, officials highly encourage personal precautions to guard against mosquito bites.

- Wear long sleeves, long pants and loose-fitting clothing to cover exposed skin.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellent according to the product label.
- Maintain screens, windows, and doors closed to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

For more information about Zika prevention, visit click [here](#).

Ol' Time 4th of July Celebration - July 4th

Join us at Claude Moore Park from 10:30am to 3pm to celebrate an old fashioned Fourth of July with pony and wagon rides, music, crafts, nature exhibits, historic tours, old-time and family games, and "Reptiles Alive."

Register in advance or pay at the door. The cost is \$5 for ages 5 & up, ages 4 and under are free. Online registration is available on the Loudoun

County [website](#) with the code 461710-01. To view other 4th of July events, also check out the [website](#).



Hospitality & Food Service Career Fair - July 10th

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is hosting a Hospitality & Food Service Career Fair from 10 am-1 pm. Employers such as B.F. Saul Company, Blackfinn Ameripub, Lansdowne Resort, Salamander Hotels & Resorts, Wegmans, Whole Foods, Guest Services,

and Ashby Ponds are seeking employees for both management and non-management positions. These positions include finance director, restaurant manager, catering sales manager, housekeepers, servers, cooks, bartenders, team members, cashiers, and more. Come by ready to find your potential employer.

Job seekers are encouraged to stop by the Workforce Resource Center prior to the fair to receive resume critiques and a Career Fair Tips handout. To view the event flyer, [click here](#).

July Book Swap - July 16th

Recycle and save money by swapping your old books for some new summer reading! Stop by Claude Moore Community Center from 10 am to noon. Books, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, magazines, large print books and magazines are welcome.



Upcoming Events

July 25th-30th: Loudoun County Fair, bring the entire family for a fun-filled day with rodeo and bull riding, rides, inflatables, games, food, facepainting and more. The event will be held at the **Loudoun County Fair** Ground, 7558 Dry Mill Road, Leesburg, VA.

July 2nd: Ashburn Farmer's Market, Come every Saturday from 8 am-12 pm to One Loudoun for locally-grown fresh produce!

July 3rd: Get Fit in the Plaza, Join in every Sunday 10 am-11 am at the Leesburg Village Plaza for free fitness classes hosted by Potomac River Running, LA Fitness, ATA Elite Martial Arts and Fit4Mom.

July 4th: Independence Day Parade & Evening Celebration at Ida Lee Park, Celebrate U.S.' patriotism early with a 4th of July Parade, beginning at 10 am at Ida Lee Park and ending in Downtown Leesburg. In the evening, enjoy a **great night** of food, terrific music, and fireworks in Leesburg. Gates open at 6:00 pm and music starts at 6:30, but be sure to arrive early to grab that perfect spot. In the event of rain, fireworks will be rescheduled for July 5th at 9:30 pm.



July Opportunities

- **Blood Donation Opportunities**

-July 11th - 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Claude Moore Recreation Center

46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, VA

-Fridays, 6 am to 4 pm and Sundays, noon to 4 pm at Dulles Town Center, 45745 Nokes Blvd.

- **Hearing loss, Tinnitus and Meniere's Syndrome Support:** Support for all ages, including the parents of hearing loss children. Will be held July 1st at 2 pm at the Senior Center at Cascades, 21060 Whitfield Pl., Sterling.
- **SterlingFest is Looking for Vendors!** If you know of anyone interested in a booth at the SterlingFest taking place on Saturday, Oct 8, email sterlingfestvendors@gmail.com. The fest is an annual outdoor event that features entertainment, a variety of food from local vendors, business booths, handmade

crafts, nonprofit organizations, and children's games. The fest will take place from 11 am- 5 pm rain or shine.

- **Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!):** The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and Loudoun Economic Development are launching an amazing opportunity for young entrepreneurs and future business leaders. The Young Entrepreneurs Academy(YEA!) is a national program that provides entrepreneurial training to young adults in grades through 12. The Loudoun chapter of YEA! will launch this October at the Mason Enterprise Center in Leesburg. YEA! Is a 30-week program with weekly classes, field trips, guest speakers, a trade show and a Pitch Event where the student entrepreneurs pitch their business plan to an Investment Panel for seed funding. At the end of the YEA! Program the students will have a legally-registered business. For more information, please click [here](#) or contact Tony Howard at thoward@loudounchamber.org.

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