With the first day of school on Thursday, I wish everyone a safe and successful 2022-23 school year!

Route 7 Bypass Town Hall

This is a reminder that Mayor Burk and I will be hosting a Town Hall on Thursday, September 8th at 6:00 pm in the Leesburg Town Hall, 25 West Market Street, about the widening of the Route 7 Bypass between the Dulles Greenway and Route 9.

Within the Town of Leesburg, this project may have an impact on homes and businesses along Phillips Court NW, Phillips Drive NW, Dizerega Court SW, Whitehorse Court SW, Wild Turkey Way SW, Childrens Center Road SW, Foxridge Drive SW, Deerpath Avenue SW, Donaldson Lane SW, Evard Court SW, Anne Street SW, Wage Drive SW, Davis Avenue SW, South King Street near the bypass, Clubhouse Drive SW, Max Court SE, Alpine Drive SE, and Muffin Court SE. While the installation of sound walls between the widening project and homes on these streets is under serious consideration - County staff has designated areas for potential sound walls to buffer Leesburg residents and businesses from the final buildout of the bypass - federal regulations establish whether or not sound walls are required as part of a project like this one. The federal basis for installing a sound wall is whether the project will increase the noise experienced by the residents by a certain increment over the existing noise levels.

Loudoun County Department of Transportation staff will be available to show preliminary engineering exhibits and answer questions about the project. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. I hope you can make it.

Planning Commission Public Hearing August 30th

The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on Tuesday, August 30th at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg about the following sections of the draft Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance is the primary implementation tool for the Loudoun County 2019 Comprehensive Plan.

- Acronyms
- Definitions and Rules of Interpretation
- Development Standards
• Land Development Fees
• Nonconformities and Adaptive Reuse
• Officials, Boards, and Commissions
• Procedures
• Signs

To review the proposed text in advance of the August 30th Planning Commission public hearing, please visit the project website.

To provide input on the draft text, please call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-777-0246 by noon on the day of the hearing or you can fill out the online sign-up form. If you cannot make the hearing, you can provide input on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite to the Planning Commission at any time by submitting an online form. Residents without access to the internet may provide comments on the draft ordinance by phone at 703-777-0246.

Warm Regards,

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Inova Blood Donor Services has an urgent need for blood donations with less than a two-day supply of Type-O blood on the shelves to support patients across our community. All donors – but especially Type-O donors – can make an appointment today or walk-in to one of Inova’s local donor centers. Schedule an appointment online or call at 1-866-256-6372.

On Saturday, August 27th, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host a “Clear the Shelters,” fee-waived, pet adoption event from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm in participation
with the nationwide “Clear the Shelters” annual adoption initiative. Adoption fees will be waived for all available pets, including cats, kittens, dogs, rabbits, small pets and livestock. The event will take place at the Loudoun County Animal Services facility, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg.

In addition to adoptions, other activities at the event will include a children’s craft station and giveaways for all adopters. Prospective adopters can view available pets online. The standard adoption screening process still applies during this promotion; most adoptions can be completed on the same day. All dogs, cats and rabbits adopted from LCAS are spayed or neutered and receive a microchip, which is registered to their adopter. Dogs and cats also receive age-appropriate vaccinations.