

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge: Two Events

July 23, 2015

Dear Catoclin Resident,

I wanted to update you on two events this week about the John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge in Waterford. Please see below for all of the details.

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John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge Stakeholder Meeting
Old School, Waterford

This evening there will be a stakeholder meeting for the John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge. The public is welcome to come and join in the discussion as the stakeholders and VDOT discuss the future plans for the bridge.



July 28, 2015

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge Naming Ceremony
Bridge on Featherbed Lane over Catoclin Creek

I am pleased to announce that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the John G. Lewis bridge has been planned for July 28th. I have enjoyed working with VDOT and Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition to have his bridge carefully restored to

maintain its historical character. I am excited to see the project reach completion with a ceremony honoring the man it is named after, and recognizing those who have worked so hard to preserve this historical treasure!

The bridge was originally erected in 1889 on the Leesburg & Alexandria Turnpike (Route 7) over Goose Creek, to replace a bridge destroyed by flooding. In 1932 the bridge was dismantled and moved to its current location. The bridge is a rare example of a wrought iron truss bridge-- it is only one of five still standing bridges built by the Variety Iron Company. The Catoctin Creek Scenic River Advisory Committee led a successful effort to rename the historic bridge on Featherbed Road to the John G. Lewis Bridge. Lewis, deceased in 2013, was a major figure in historic preservation in Loudoun County for more than 50 years. Lewis led the effort that placed listed this bridge on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The Committee wanted to ensure that this bridge was again recognized as a significant historic resource on the Catoctin Creek.

I invite you to join us next week for the reopening of this beautiful bridge! The Flyer for the event is [here](#) if you would like to share it with others!

Best Regards,

Supervisor Geary Higgins
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