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Fall of 2016 Quarterly Newsletter



Dear Blue Ridge District residents, friends and neighbors,

I hope you're enjoying this great Fall weather and that you'll find my update helpful and informative!

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It's a pleasure to serve you and as always, please feel free to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

All my best,

Tony, Pamela, Rachael and Shevaun
(from left to right as pictured above)

Kids Corner - Safety Tips for Walking/Biking to School

Hey kids! I wanted to share a few safety tips to keep in mind when walking or biking to and from school:

1. It's best to use sidewalks or pathways, and to cross streets using traffic signals and crosswalks whenever possible.
2. Don't be distracted by cell phones, headphones or other devices.
3. Look both ways before crossing the street and keep checking until you've made it.
4. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
5. Children under 10 should not cross streets without an adult.
6. Whenever possible, avoid walking or stepping out between parked cars.
7. As the season changes there will be less light so carry a flashlight and try to stay visible to drivers by wearing bright-colored clothing and reflective gear.



Supporting our Transition Policy Area

I support the county's Transition Policy Area (TPA) as the distinct planning area designed to serve as a visual and spatial transition between the Suburban Policy Area (SPA) in the east and the Rural Policy Area (RPA) in the west.

The TPA is intended to afford unique development opportunities within Loudoun County at intensities greater than those typically permitted in the RPA. **While there is much pressure to up-zone the TPA to SPA standards, I have made extremely clear to my colleagues and county staff that I oppose any such effort and wish to maintain or improve upon the protections currently in place for the TPA.** That said, some portions of the TPA have already been approved for, or built to, SPA standards and I realize that a portion of those areas will likely be updated as part of our Comprehensive Plan Update to reflect that unfortunate reality.

Please view this short [video](#) from the Boards November 3rd Business Meeting in which I offer a friendly amendment to strengthen language within the proposed Board summary of its September 16th Strategic Planning Retreat in order to better reflect what was discussed at the Retreat and ensure public awareness of Board

support for the TPA as we move forward with the County's Comprehensive Plan Update process.

ULYFL Continues Play at Fireman's Field



The Upper Loudoun Youth Football League (ULYFL) has played at Fireman's Field in Purcellville every year since 1968; however, this year the tradition was nearly broken due to an inadequate supply of water.

Thankfully, by working with the ULYFL, Town officials and County staff, we were able to find a solution to continue the tradition in time for the August 27th season kickoff. I would like to thank Mayor Fraser of Purcellville for bringing the issue to my attention and working together to find a positive solution for all.

Board of Supervisors Strategic Retreat

On September 16, the Board of Supervisors held a Strategic Planning Retreat to identify our strategic goals for the remainder of the term.

The meeting resulted in an updated County Vision Statement which now reads:

By honoring its rich heritage as well as embracing the robust opportunities of a new day, Loudoun County maintains the high quality of life it has achieved, shapes a future that represents the best of both worlds, and creates a place where residents are proud to live, work, learn and play.

With this Vision in mind, we identified 5 strategic areas of focus:

1. **Transportation** - Continue developing a viable, interconnected, multi-modal transportation network including but not limited to improved roads, Metro Rail, local and regional buses, trail system, and telework to reduce congestion.
2. **Economic Development** - Stay the course on economic development progress achieved over the past four years by leveraging the economic development potential of Metro Rail in the County, improving the rural economy in a way that maintains the quality of life for current residents, diversifying the County's commercial/industry base, and continuing to increase job opportunities.
3. **New Comprehensive Plan** - Complete development of the new Comprehensive Plan to provide a framework for what the County will look like in 15 to 20 years.
4. **Community Needs and Quality of Life** - Ensure attention to community needs around prevention and effective treatment options to deal with issues and challenges that negatively affect the quality of life for County residents

5. **Growth Planning and Management** - Embrace a comprehensive, holistic, and proactive approach to managing the County's growth and its impact on schools, roads, traffic, parks and recreation, and public safety

County staff will now develop a work plan outlining the steps necessary to assist the Board in accomplishing these goals by December 31, 2019. The workplan will include proposed implementation steps for each of the strategic focus areas. These items will then be formed into strategic initiatives for Board consideration and action.

Western Loudoun Sheriff Station Completed

I am pleased to announce that western Loudoun's regional Sheriff's Station in Round Hill has been completed! I was honored to attend and speak at the ribbon cutting and dedication of this new station alongside Sheriff Chapman, Congresswoman Comstock, Chair Randall, Catoctin Supervisor Higgins and many others to include Mayor Ramsey of Round Hill.

It is a well built, well placed facility that will allow Sheriff Chapman and his deputies to best protect the people of western Loudoun County. I would like to congratulate Captain Ahlemann for being selected as the Station's first Commander!

Here is a short [video](#) of the ceremony courtesy of Mr. Jeff Fitzgerald.



Beaverdam Reservoir Renovation Project Update

Loudoun Water began the Beaverdam Reservoir Renovation project on November 1, 2016. This project is designed to improve safety and reliability by bringing the dam into compliance with Virginia dam safety regulations for high hazard dams. The project includes phased excavation, diversion of water, construction of a new concrete spillway, embankment improvements, control tower modifications, a new

transfer pump station and electrical building, improved drainage systems, instrumentation and control improvements, and a permanent stream crossing.

Here are Loudoun Waters public access rules for the renovation period:

- Effective November 1, 2016, Beaverdam Reservoir's marked trails will be open for public access from dawn to dusk
- During the renovation project, water access will be prohibited
- No fishing, boating, paddling or other water activities permitted starting Nov 1st
- The park access gate will be closed promptly at dusk
- **2017 and 2018: Closed**
- **2019: Grand Permanent Opening**
- For more information on the renovation project, please visit Loudoun Water's Current Projects web page

Loudoun Water and NOVA Parks plan to hold one or more community input sessions to update the public on their vision for Reservoir's future. Information gathered from last year's community meeting can be located at www.loudounwater.org

I will update you regarding future public meetings as soon as they are scheduled.



Increasing Broadband & Cellular Coverage Update

Increasing broadband and cellular coverage throughout Western Loudoun is one of my top priorities. In order ensure continued progress, it is essential that the Board work with its state and federal counterparts.

The County's annual State and Federal Legislative Agendas are presented to our state and federal counterparts as an effective means for encouraging new legislation at those levels. In fact, this is so important to the County that we utilize lobbyist to improve our success rate.



As part of this years FY-2017 State Legislative Agenda, I was able to successfully add the following Policy Statement:

Broadband and Cellular Coverage and Availability

Support expanding affordable broadband accessibility and cellular service throughout the Commonwealth, particularly in underserved and rural areas while preserving local land use, permitting fees, and other local authority.

While Legislative Agendas help, it is imperative that we continue working at the local level as well. As such, my office's continued efforts have resulted in increased broadband service throughout portions of western Loudoun to include several addresses along the below listed roads within the Blue Ridge District:

- Evergreen Mills Rd, Red Hill Rd, Redhill Manor Ct, Watson Rd, Stone School Ln, Roundup Pl, New Rd, New Mountain Rd, John Mosby Hwy, Peach Orchard Ln, Buchanan Gap Rd, Lark Rise Ln

Note that while the above listed streets have been released for service availability, not every address along these streets has or will be able to receive service.

Please know that I will continue to do everything in my power to improve broadband and cellular coverage throughout western Loudoun!

Transportation Updates

Alder School Road - This project designs and paves Alder School Road from Woodgrove Road to Hillsboro Road. In this quarter, land acquisition was completed and right-of-way cleared for construction that was scheduled to begin in September of 2016; however, as utility negotiations began, Dominion Power increased its cost for utility movement by an additional \$500k. Due to this unexpected increase in cost, the County is trying to determine what utilities it can move on its own in order to reduce the impact of this unexpected cost increase and bring the project back within budget. As of now, construction start date is TBD. The construction phase is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2018.

Belmont Ridge Road - These projects widen Belmont Ridge Road from two to four lanes and install traffic lights at certain intersections. See below for details on each section:

- **Gloucester Pkwy to Hay Road** - This project is widening Belmont Ridge Road from two to four lanes from Hay Road to Gloucester Parkway. This project also includes a bridge over the Washington & Old Dominion Trail and a direct connection from the shared-use path along Belmont Ridge Road to the W&OD Trail. It also includes a parking lot for trail users. Project construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in late 2018.
- **Broadlands Blvd to Truro Parish Dr.** - This section was completed in August of 2016.
- **Truro Parish Dr. to Northstar Blvd** - This section includes installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Belmont Ridge Road and Croson Lane which was installed last week. We are looking to have the light turned on in December of 2016.
- **Signal at Belmont Ridge and Croson** - Permit to proceed has been issued for the installation of the new traffic signal at this intersection with a contract completion date of December 15th. Loudoun's continues to work with the contractor to meet that completion date. The VDOT signal installation permit

is currently in 2nd review with VDOT who is very aware that this is a priority action item for the County.

- **Signal at Belmont Ridge and Northstar** - We currently have an interim safety solution in place at this intersection. The long term solution, a traffic signal, was advertised for competitive bids in October of 2016. Notice to proceed is expected to be issued to the contractor this month. We are hopeful for completion in April of 2017.
- **Widening of Bridge Over the Greenway** - The long term plan per the county's CTP is to widen the bridge to include pedestrian accommodations and a sound wall. As an interim solution, VDOT has provided an analysis for restriping of the current bridge in order to accommodate four lanes of traffic. The project kick-off meeting was held June 29, 2016. Design to be prepared by VDOT. Funding expected in 2017 Budget.

Braddock/Summerall/Supreme Signal- This project provides for the installation of a traffic signal and turn lanes at the intersection of Braddock Road, Supreme Drive and Summerall Drive. The missing half-section of Braddock Road near the intersection will be widened from two lanes to four lanes with bicycle/pedestrian facilities on both sides of the roadway. The intersection is scheduled for funding in 2017. Construction dates will be determined once funded.

Claiborne Parkway - This project constructs Claiborne Parkway as a four lane median divided road between Ryan Road and Croson Lane with a traffic signal at the intersection of Claiborne Pkwy and Ryan Rd. Columbia Gas has relocated the twin 26" gas mains. A late Winter/early Spring 2017 construction start is planned for the road. Completion is currently planned for Summer of 2018.

Fleetwood Road Paving - This project paved the majority of Fleetwood Road between Route 50 and Evergreen Mills Road to the Rural Rustic Road standard. The newly paved section will soon be realigned to connect with Langley Oaks Road (Future Lenah Loop Road) which is currently being constructed by Willowsford and should be completed by the end of 2016. On August 26, 2016, we celebrated the [reopening of this portion of Fleetwood road](#). I would like to thank VDOT for working with my office and county staff to accelerate completion of this project!



Hibbs Bridge Road at Leith Lane Improvements - This project aims to break this cycle of washouts by installing a culvert underneath the intersection followed by restoration. On the east side of Hibbs Road, VDOT will realign the channel so the flow-path approaches the road with less severe bends and construct a road side ditch at the intersection. Raise the grade along the "ramp" at the southwest corner. This will provide an embankment at least 30 inches in height to keep the adjacent creek within its banks and protect the embankment from stream erosion with large stone. They will install vertical face endwalls at each end of the culvert to protect the roadbed from stream erosion and remove sediment and debris that obstruct the natural flow of the water in the channel. The restoration will begin by hard surfacing the intersection and tar-and-chip the surface of Leith Lane to protect the investment of the drainage improvements and to protect Leith Lane against future washouts from the larger tributary to North Fork Goose Creek. This project is projected to begin this month (dependent upon weather and delivery of the culvert parts) and is estimated to take about a week to complete.

Langley Oaks Road (future Lenah Loop Road) - This small section of road is currently being constructed by Willowsford and will connect the existing section of Langley Oaks Drive to the recently completed paved section of Fleetwood Road. When complete, this will result in another fully paved north/south connection between Rt 50 and Evergreen Mills Road near the communities of Willowsford and Brambleton. Completion of this section is expected by the end of 2016. I would like to thank the Willowsford developer for working with my office and county staff to accelerate this project!

Loudoun County Parkway (Evergreen Ridge Road to Creighton Road) - This segment of Loudoun County Parkway was completed by Toll Brothers and [opened to the public on August 23rd](#). I would like to thank the Toll Brothers developer for working with my office and county staff to open this section approximately 15 months ahead of Schedule.



Loudoun County Parkway Extension to Rt 606 & Rt 606 Widening Project - The Brambleton Group is in the final stages of completing its bridge across the Broad Run tributary. VDOT will construct the final connection to Brambleton's section and plans to open it, and the Rt 606 widening project, in the following phases:

- One lane of LCP onto Rt 606 scheduled to open in September of 2017.
- Two lanes of LCP onto Rt 606 scheduled to open in December of 2017.
- Two lanes of Rt 606 between the Greenway and Commerce Center Court scheduled to open in December of 2017.
- The remainder of Rt 606 scheduled for completion in August of 2018.

It appears Brambleton's section of LCP will be complete several months prior to VDOT's portion and its planned connection to Rt 606. I would like to thank the Brambleton developer for completing its portion ahead of schedule as it reduces the possibility of future delay to the overall project! Please see my previous [newsflash](#) for more information on the interim intersection improvements.



Northstar Boulevard & Ryan Road Traffic Signal - The Brambleton developer proffered and paid the county for this signal in June of 2012. After years of inactivity and delay by the county, in January of 2016 the county asked Brambleton if they would be willing to facilitate construction of the signal knowing that they would be able to get it done faster than the county. Brambleton agreed and has worked with my office, VDOT and county staff for the past several months to get this project moving. I want to thank Brambleton for its work on this signal and for working with my office to accelerate the process! This project has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of 2016.

Northstar Boulevard (Route 50 to Shreveport) - This project constructs the missing segment of Northstar Blvd between Rt. 50 and Shreveport. The next step in the process is to prepare alignment drawings and continue discussions with the property owners. We anticipate procurement for consulting services to be advertised in the soon. An engineering study for the type of interchange needed to accommodate traffic at Northstar and Rt 50 has been completed. In FY-2017 the County received \$10 million in design funding from the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). I'm working hard to ensure that we receive construction funding from the CTB in FY-2018 which begins on July 1st of 2017. The County is moving forward with preliminary engineering of this project.

Route 7/Route 690 Interchange - This project constructs an interchange at the intersection of Rt. 7 and Rt. 690. County staff and Dewberry will meet with VDOT to discuss the issue of clearance with the height of the existing bridge over Route 7. As it stands now, if the bridge is widened it may have to be replaced. In this quarter, county staff prepared a scope of work to complete the interchange design and is working with Dewberry to obtain a proposal to complete the design work. Since this project is funded using general obligation bonds, a Purchase Order will be issued after the bond referendum is approved in November 2016.

Route 7/Williams Gap Road Turn Lane - This project improves safety at the intersection of Route 7 and Williams Gap Road. The Board of Supervisors endorsed the design of this project at its July 5, 2016 business meeting. Right of way acquisition to begin in Fall of 2016 and construction to begin in Spring of 2018. Anticipated construction completion in Summer of 2018.

Route 9/Route 287 Roundabout - This projects would construct a roundabout at the intersection of Rt 9 and Rt 287. The preliminary project design is funded using VDOT pre-scoping funds. Survey work is complete, but the geometrics of the area require further analysis of the roundabout option. VDOT and County staff met on March 17th of 2016 to discuss design alternatives. Additional analysis was requested to finalize the report. County to provide direction to VDOT on preferred alternative.

Woodgrove High School/Fields Farm Park Road - This project provides for the design and construction of a two-lane road connecting Woodgrove High School to Rt 690 through County owned Fields Farm property. LCPS staff requested to increase the scope of the project to design and construct the second entrance into Woodgrove High School rather than terminate road improvements at the LCPS lease line. This

LCPS addition to the project scope has delayed design completion from Summer 2016 to Spring 2017.

Watson Road/Evergreen Mills Road Intersection - I have identified this intersection as one of the most unsafe intersections in my District. As such, I've worked extensively with VDOT in search of safety improvements. VDOT shares my concern and has offered to provide both immediate and long term countermeasures to improve safety at the intersection. I'm very excited and thankful that it appears this intersection will soon get the attention it needs! I will continue to work with VDOT in hopes of ensuring timely safety improvements to the intersection. Stay tuned for further updates.

For more detailed information on these or other projects in the county, please see the county's transportation update [webpage](#).

Capital Improvement Project Updates

Brambleton District Park (East/West) - This project designs and constructs a District Park consisting of nine athletic fields on approximately 26 acres east and 33 acres west of Belmont Ridge Road in the vicinity of Brambleton. In this quarter, the parking lot and asphalt paving was completed. Construction completion is anticipated for Fall 2016.

E.E. Lake Store - This project converts the E.E. Lake General Store into a Bluemont Area Welcome Center. The Bluemont Citizens Association in partnership with the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will open the center to the public providing hikers and bikers a rest stop. On October 20th, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of TOT funds to fund this project. This project was previously reported with construction completion in fall of 2016; however, based on VDOT review of the bids, construction is now planned for completion in summer of 2017.

Fields Farm Park - This project funds the development of a football stadium at Fields Farm Park and lights at the softball fields. Upper Loudoun Youth Football League (ULYFL) notified Parks, Recreation and Community Services that ULYFL exercised its right to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to design and construct the Fields Farm Park football stadium. The Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) is working with Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) to develop a new conceptual plan for the County to fully develop the Fields Farm Park as a County project. Funding for detailed design and construction is projected in FY21 and FY22, respectively in the adopted FY17 County budget.

Franklin Park to Purcellville Trail - This project provides funding to develop alignment and preliminary design for a recreation trail from Franklin Park to the Town of Purcellville. Alignment and preliminary design work is underway. Funding for final design and construction is projected for FY-2022 in the adopted FY-2017 County budget.

Hal and Bernie Hanson Park - I am very excited about this project which provides for the design and construction of a regional park off of Evergreen Mills Road between the communities of Brambleton and Willowsford! The park will consist of active and passive recreational amenities including up to 17 athletic fields, recreational trails, park offices, a nature center, picnic pavilions, maintenance shops, and associated infrastructure such as parking and restrooms. The design phase is anticipated for completion in late 2016 and go out for bid in late spring of 2017. Construction is expected to begin in late summer of 2017. Estimated completion date is unknown at this time.

Howardsville Community Wastewater System - This project funds the design and construction of a community wastewater treatment facility to serve the community of Howardsville. The Board continues its efforts to identify a sustainable wastewater solution for the community of Howardsville. During this quarter, a potential land parcel capable of housing the needed wastewater treatment facility became available. The Board has given approval for staff to attempt to acquire this land parcel.

Hillsboro Water System - This project provides funding and project management support to assist the Town of Hillsboro to abandon the spring source for its municipal water system and replace and rebuild its infrastructure to deliver potable water to its residents. The Town of Hillsboro is managing this project. In the next quarter, the Town will continue design work.

Hillsboro Wastewater System - This project provides funding and project management support to assist with the installation of wastewater lines along Route 9 in conjunction with the VDOT Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Project. The Town of Hillsboro is managing this project. In FY 2016, the County provided \$2,000,000 to Hillsboro to assist with the installation of wastewater lines along Route 9, in conjunction with a VDOT Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Project. The project's design is currently pending, but construction is envisioned to start in Summer 2017.

Hillsboro Boundary Line Adjustment - On October 20th, the Board of Supervisors approved a boundary line adjustment to increase the size of Hillsboro. The adjustment was unanimously requested by all involved property owners and is the first of many successes for Hillsboro. I'm proud to have worked with Mayor Vance, Hillsboro's Town Council and county staff to get this done!

Kirkpatrick Fire and Rescue Station (Station #27) - This project provides funding to design and construct a new Fire and Rescue Station on a proffered 5-acre site north of Gardenia Dr and west of Northstar Blvd in the Blue Ridge District! Last month, I attended and spoke at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for this Station which will provide much needed relief to the existing Aldie, Dulles South and Brambleton Stations. Construction completion is expected for winter of 2017.



Metro Parking Structures - This project provides funding to construct commuter parking garages at the Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn stations along the Metro silver line. Construction completion of the parking garages is anticipated in Summer 2019.

Middleburg Crosswalk Project- I'm happy to report that this \$4.2 million project to install traffic-calming measures and safety improvements along Rt 50 through the Town of Middleburg was recently completed on time and under budget! Improvements include brick crosswalks, granite curbs and pedestrian lighting, enhanced sidewalks, and replacement of 2,000' of water main. This project was the last in a series of previously approved traffic calming and safety improvement measures implemented along the Rt 50 corridor from Upperville to Aldie.



New brick crosswalks at intersection of Washington and Pendleton streets

Round Hill to Franklin Park Trail - This project designs and constructs a mixed use trail from the center of the Town of Round Hill to Franklin Park. In this quarter,

meetings occurred to review land acquisition terms, and the County Attorney's Office continued deed preparation for easements and right of way dedication needed on 29 parcels. In the next quarter, land acquisition will continue, with planned land acquisition completion in Fall 2016. Construction to start in 2017.

Round Hill Mainstreet Enhancement Project - The Town of Round Hill's Main Street Enhancement Project is located between the Loudoun Street intersection to approximately 34 North Main Street and will improve pedestrian access, on-street parking, safety, streetscaping and storm drainage issues. In addition to new sidewalks, the project will include curb and gutter, new culverts and upgraded underground piping that will capture and redirect stormwater along Main Street and East Loudoun Street that has been a long-standing source of flooding for yards and basements throughout the Town. The design for this project is complete and has been approved by VDOT. At the request of Mayor Ramsey and the Round Hill Town Council, I was able to get Board of Supervisor approval to reallocate proffer funding from another project to be used on this project. I look forward to the Towns completion of this project!

Willisville Community Wastewater System - This project funds the extension of wastewater treatment service to three properties in the Willisville community with failing septic systems. The three properties will be connected to the Willisville Community Wastewater Treatment Facility operated by Loudoun Water. Construction completion is anticipated for Fall of 2016.

For more information on any of these projects, or if you are interested in other capital improvement projects that are not listed above, please see the county's most recent [CIP quarterly report](#) or the [CIP interactive map](#).

Election and other Community Information

Election Day Information Regarding Bond Referendums

Election Day Bond Referendums

The Board of Supervisors, through approval of its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), has made the decision to fund construction of certain facility and roadway projects. Traditionally our method of financing these projects is through the use of General Obligation (GO) Bonds. These GO Bonds require voter approval prior to issuance. This year the Board is asking that you approve two years of school projects in order to make funds available to our schools sooner.

Please remember that the Board of Supervisors and the School Board have determined these projects on the ballot necessary to reducing overcrowding in our schools. In order to do so we must build the schools you will see on the ballot. Residents are not being asked to approve the schools, rather you are being asked to approve the way in which we finance them. If you vote no and the use of releasing Bonds is not approved we will still build the schools, but we will have to do so utilizing a less cost effective means for doing so. If the referendums do pass, then we

can utilize GO bonds. The most recent GO bond sale was at an interest rate of 1.86% due to the County's AAA-rated bond rating, which is an exceptional degree of creditworthiness. I ask that you consider supporting these Bond referendums in order to save taxpayers dollars by allowing us to release bonds at these outstanding rates.

Additional Bond Referendums on the ballot include Safety, Transportation and Parks and Recreation projects. All of these projects have been critically analyzed by the Board and identified as priorities for our County. I hope you will support them!

Here are the Bond Referendum Questions you will see on your Ballot

Parks and Recreation Projects - QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$76,115,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct and equip a recreation and community center in Ashburn, Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park in the Blue Ridge District, and other public park, recreational and community center facilities approved in the County's Capital Improvement Program?

Public Safety Projects - QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$17,500,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct and equip the expansion of the Leesburg Fire and Rescue Station (#20); and the costs to design, construct and equip the replacement of the Lovettsville Fire and Rescue Station (#12); and the costs of other public safety facilities approved in the County's Capital Improvement Program?

Transportation Projects - QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$18,000,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design and construct improvements to Shellhorn Road; the costs to design and construct improvements at the intersection of Braddock Road and Supreme Drive/Summerall Drive; the costs to design and construct an interchange at Route 7 and Route 690; and the costs of other public road and transportation projects approved in the County's Capital Improvement Program?

School Projects - QUESTION: Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$233,070,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct and equip ES-28, Dulles South Area Elementary School; the costs to design, construct and equip three classroom additions to six elementary schools in the Dulles North and South planning areas; the costs to design, construct and equip MS-7, Dulles South Area Middle School; the costs to design, construct and equip HS-9, Dulles South Area High School; and the costs of other public school facilities as requested by the Loudoun County School Board?

Additional Non-Election Day Community Information

Fall/Winter Burning Regulations: The Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office has reminded residents that effective October 1, through midnight February 14, 2017, open air fires/open burning of leaves and trees, brush, yard and garden trimmings generated on site are allowed, except in the town limits of Leesburg, Lovettsville, Middleburg, Purcellville, Round Hill, and subdivisions (urban or built-up areas) throughout the county. All such open burning must be reported to the Emergency Communications Center 703 777-0637 prior to ignition and when the fire is out. Additionally, all fires must be actively attended, with means to control and/or extinguish the fire. For open burning information, please call 703-737-8600 during normal business hours or visit www.loudoun.gov/firemarshal.

Beware of Telephone Scammers: Several Loudoun County residents have reported receiving telephone calls from scammers pretending to be law enforcement and threatening arrest if they do not pay money. The scammers try to scare the victim into buying gift cards to prevent their arrest. You should know that law enforcement will never ask for money in lieu of an arrest, and that you can easily verify whether the caller is from LCSO by calling their non-emergency number at (703) 777-1021.

There are several other versions of the telephone scam going around where the scammer impersonates the IRS, Dominion Power, etc., and demands payment often through an iTunes gift card.

Please do not fall victim to this scam. NEVER send money, iTunes gift cards or anything else to a person demanding payment on the phone without first verifying his or her legitimacy.

NOVEC-Loudoun Service Center (Brambleton): NOVEC relocated a main overhead distribution line for the site in anticipation of construction of the new Service Center. This relocation included the addition of a large corner pole which will allow for the removal of several smaller wooden poles. Per NOVEC, there is no additional electric distribution system work planned at this site. The construction of the Service Center will should be completed in 2017 with the office space being completed and occupied by early 2018.



Participate in the County's Comprehensive Plan Update Process!



Envision Loudoun: Please attend one of the county's four "[Listening and Learning](#)" sessions for an opportunity to work together to better understand our choices for the future, and build a long term plan for the County that reflects our collective vision. -

- Nov 14 (Mon.) 6:30-8:00pm: Washington Dulles Airport Marriott 45020 Aviation Drive
- Nov 15 (Tues.) 6:30-8:00pm: Clarion Inn Historic Leesburg 1500 E Market Street
- Nov 16 (Weds.) 6:30-8:00pm: Location to be determined. See [website](#) for details soon

Please note that there will be additional Listening and Learning sessions in western Loudoun. Please look for additional information on these sessions to come.

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Community Events

Eat, Drink, and be Literary: The Town of Hillsboro presents an evening with John Muir "Father of the National Parks" pioneering naturalist, environmental philosopher and writer as portrayed by award-winning actor Lee Stetson featured in Ken Burn's PBS Documentary *Our National Parks; America's Best Idea*. The event will be held on Saturday November 12, 2016 at 6:30 pm at Hillsboro's Old Stone School. Get more info and tickets online [here](#).

Lace up for Learning 5K: Designate the school you wish to support during the registration process. Schools raise money based on their participation in the race. The more people that run for a school, the more money the school gets! The [run](#) will take place on Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the Brambleton Town Center.

Santa's Holiday Coalition Run: The Arcola Volunteer Fire Department, on behalf of the Loudoun Holiday Coalition, will be collecting items for those less fortunate this holiday season. Brambleton is partnering with Arcola Volunteer Fire Department by providing special SANTA STOPS throughout Brambleton where you and your family can personally give Santa your donation. For more information on the location of these stops and what items are accepted, please visit the event [website](#).

Solarize Loudoun Workshops: Solar power for homes and businesses is easier and more affordable than you think. Learn more at one of the Solarize NOVA community information events below:

- November 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at Cascades Library (21030 Whitfield Pl, Potomac Falls, VA 20165)
- November 22 @ 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm at Rust Library (380 Old Waterford Rd NW Leesburg, VA 20176)

Last day to sign up for the program is November 30th.

Help Serve Your Community! Volunteers Needed for Advisory Board, Commission & Committee Vacancies

There is a vacancy in the **Commission on Aging** for a Blue Ridge District Representative. The Commission on Aging serves as an advisory board to the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging, the Board of Supervisors and other Loudoun County agencies on matters affecting older residents. Those interested in learning more about serving on the Commission should contact the Area Agency on Aging at 703-777-0257.

The Loudoun County **Transit Advisory Board** (TAB) also has a vacancy for a Blue Ridge District representative. The TAB advises the Board of Supervisors on matters pertaining to all modes of transit within Loudoun. Loudoun County's Transit Services Division provides public transportation within Loudoun County and to selected commuting locations.

If you are interested in serving on either the **Commission on Aging** or the **Transit Advisory Board**, please fill out the application form [here](#) and submit it via email at tony.buffington@loudoun.gov

Honoring significant achievements in the Blue Ridge District



Resolution of Commendation to Recognize Drew Hunter for Breaking the 15-Year Record for the Indoor Mile Run:

Drew Hunter is an 18 year-old graduate from Loudoun Valley High School. He ran on the track team for the school. While there, he broke the record for the 1 mile inside run on February 6, 2016. Completing the run in 3:58.25, he beat the previous high school indoor mile record of 3:59.86, set on the same track in 2001. He became the 8th high schooler to finish the mile in under 4 minutes. Drew also set a new record for the indoor 3,000 meter run. He crossed the finish line at 7:59.33. Two weeks later Drew Hunter beat his own record in the mile finishing in 3:57.81. Drew Hunter signed a 10 year deal with Adidas and will be taking a gap year before going to college. He will continue to train with his coach, Tom Schwartz.

Resolution of Commendation to Recognize Daniel Eisert for representing Virginia in the prestigious American Legion's Boy's Nation program: Every year the American Legion's Boy's Nation program selects 98 high school seniors from the nearly 20,000 who participate in the Boy's Nation program. The program has the students write, introduce and debate bills. Daniel Eisert was nominated to attend this program this year and is now a part of a list of successful Boy's Nation alumni, such as former President Bill Clinton, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker.



Resolution of Commendation to Recognize Frank Holtz as Coordinator Of the Year for the Toys for Tots Program: Frank Holtz is the Toys for Tots Coordinator for the Loudoun County Marine Corps League Detachment 1205. Toys for Tots is a nationwide program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve that provides toys for needy children. In 2015, the Loudoun County Marine Corps League Detachment 1205 distributed more than 23,000

toys to children. Frank has been recognized by the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation as Region 2's Coordinator of the year and his detachment as the Toys for Tots campaign of the year.

Resolution of Commendation for Andrew Gleason for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout: Andrew Gleason of Troop 39, Goose Creek District, Purcellville, Virginia, has earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He diligently earned the requirements to obtain this honor in seven years after joining the Boy Scouts of America program at the age of 12. He was a founding member of Troop 39, Purcellville, VA in 2012 and Andrew served as a Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Andrew has earned 85 merit badges. Andrew's Eagle Scout Service Project restored a drainage area along the W&OD bike trail that had extremely poor drainage which created a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects and took 111.5 hours to complete.

Resolution of Commendation for Noah Gleason for Achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout: Noah Gleason is an Eagle Scout with Troop 39 in Purcellville, VA. Noah became a Boy Scout in 2009 and excelled as a Boy Scout earning 87 merit badges and other scouting awards. Noah served as a Patrol Leader (twice) Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Webmaster, and a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Noah's Eagle Scout Service Project was building a picnic area and picnic table for the congregation at Saint Peters Episcopal Church in Purcellville and took 135 hours to complete.



If you know of a resident in the Blue Ridge District that has made a significant achievement in our community, please contact my office so they can be considered for a Resolution of Commendation.

All my best,



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