



FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

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Outdoor Dining and Free Parking Continues in Downtown Leesburg

The Town of Leesburg will continue with its outdoor dining plan, every Friday and Saturday evening, now through the end of October.

Since July, South King Street, between Market and Loudoun streets, has closed to allow downtown restaurants to create temporary outdoor dining areas. The program runs from 4 to 10 p.m., weather permitting. The street closure begins at 3:30 p.m. and ends by 10:30 p.m.



During the closure, the street becomes the public sidewalk. Visitors are not allowed to congregate in the street and must maintain proper social distancing at all times. There are no live performances or other outdoor entertainment. Visitors are encouraged to visit our downtown shops while waiting to dine.

In addition, all downtown parking will continue to be free through the holiday season in order to help support downtown businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Parking at the Town Hall parking garage, the Church Street parking lot, and all on-street meters will remain free of charge. The two-hour limit at parking meters will still apply. For information visit www.leesburgva.gov.

New Art Exhibit at Town Hall

A new art display is currently available for viewing in the main lobby and finance hallway of the Leesburg Town Hall (25 West Market Street).

Vistas of Virginia, the Art of Ligia Inra features 24 pieces of mixed media art that depicts horses, florals, and landscapes from the Northern Virginia area. The exhibit will run through the end of November. The public is encouraged to view the art during normal business hours. To learn more about the artist visit www.ligiainra.com.



Development Update - September 2020

Route 7/Battlefield Interchange



Battlefield Parkway between Russell Branch Parkway and the Marketplace at Potomac Station shopping center entrance is closed through spring 2021.

The closure will last for approximately ten months while crews construct an overpass for the new interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway.

During the closure, Route 7 eastbound and westbound will remain open to traffic at all times.

The entire project is scheduled to be complete in fall 2021. Visit www.virginiadot.org.

Battlefield Parkway Trail



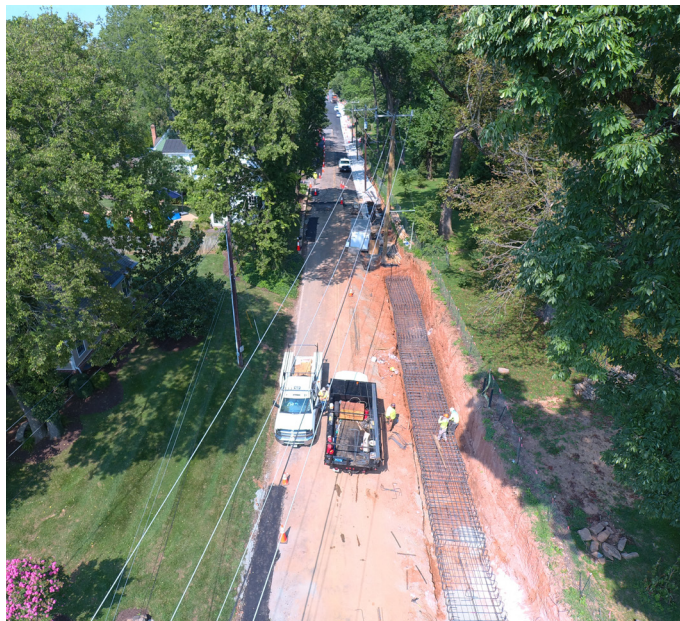
The Battlefield Parkway Trail across the Route 15 Bypass is complete.

In August, new crosswalks and pedestrian signals were installed at the intersection including a new 10-foot wide asphalt trail that connects the existing trail on the west side of the bypass to the existing sidewalk on the east side of the bypass.

The purpose of the project is to provide safe access across the bypass for pedestrians and bicyclists between residential areas, parks, schools, and other public facilities.

To learn more about this project visit www.leesburgva.gov/battlefieldtrail.

West Market Street Sidewalk Project



Closure of West Market Street, between Ayr Street and Morven Park Road, has been extended from August 24 to September 28, 2020. The roadway has been closed since late May in order to assist with the West Market Street sidewalk project.

The extended closure will allow the contractor to complete the major roadway work by the end of September, three months ahead of schedule. Detours will remain in place.

The project will conclude with retaining wall fascia work in November 2020. Updates will be posted to the Town's website and social media accounts on a regular basis.

Anyone with questions is asked to call 703-737-7055. For more details regarding this project, visit www.leesburgva.gov/west-market-st-sidewalk.

Bulk Leaf Collection Resumes October 19



Leesburg's annual fall bulk leaf collection will start on Monday, October 19, 2020. The goal is to collect leaves from every street once a week. Inclement weather may delay collection. Final leaf pickup for the season will be December 28.

Repair Work Underway on Emergency Storage Basins



Two emergency storage basins located at the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) at 1391 Russell Branch Parkway, SE, are having their liners replaced. They were originally constructed in 1987.

The basins are earthen structures that are lined with a thick plastic membrane and designed to hold approximately 1.25 million gallons each of untreated influent.

During high flow events, the WPCF uses the basins to equalize flow and store untreated influent until flow returns to normal levels. This project is expected to be completed by fall.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events



Loudoun County will host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, October 10. The event will take place at 751 Miller Drive, SE, in Leesburg from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Due to safety concerns relating to COVID-19, the event will feature a drive-through process in which residents will be instructed to remain in their vehicles to allow event staff to unload any items accepted for disposal. Up to 15 gallons of liquid household waste or 40 pounds of solid household waste will be allowed.

Participants must provide proof of Loudoun County residency upon arrival. Visit www.loudoun.gov/hhw for more information.

Community Shredding Event



The Town of Leesburg's Department of Public Works will be hosting a FREE community document shredding event on Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note, if all shredding vehicles are full before 1 p.m. the event will close early.

Tuscarora High School
801 N King Street
Leesburg, VA 20176

For details regarding COVID-19 guidelines and the Loudoun Hunger Relief food drive visit www.leesburgva.gov/shredevent.



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Disasters Don't Wait.
MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.

September is “National Preparedness Month”. The Office of Emergency Management encourages all residents to take time to prepare for emergencies and remember “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today”. The following steps are great ways to be prepared:

Step 1: Make a Plan

Visit readynova.org to create and print your own emergency plan for your family, business, or house of worship.

Step 2: Make a Kit

Gather supplies that will last for several days after a disaster for everyone living in your home. Don’t forget to consider the unique needs that each person or pet may have in case you have to evacuate quickly.

Step 3: Prepare for Disasters

Review the Town Emergency Preparedness website to get a better understanding of the hazards facing our community. You are also encouraged to sign-up for emergency alerts through Alert Loudoun.

For more information on preparedness, please contact the Town’s Emergency Management Coordinator Joe Dame at jdame@leesburgva.gov or 703-771-6511.



Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the Thomas Balch library is offering a virtual learning platform.

To pre-register, visit www.leesburgva.gov/tblregistration.

To view exhibits and request a research appointment visit www.leesburgva.gov/tblappointment.

For a full list of events visit www.leesburgva.gov/thomasbalchlibrary.

Virtual Class Schedule at Thomas Balch Library

Identification and Care of Photographs Thursday, October 1, 2020, 10 a.m.

Laura E. Christiansen, curator of Manuscripts and Archives, will guide participants through a practical approach to the identification and preservation of photographs from the daguerreotype to the inkjet print. The workshop will include an overview of the history and technology of photographic materials, identification and dating techniques, and best practices to care for and preserve your photograph collections.

Preservation for Home Archives Thursday, November 5, 2020, 10 a.m.

Gabrielle Sanchez, contract archivist and former library reference associate at Thomas Balch Library, will introduce participants to the basics of preservation and discuss the best ways to house and protect personal archives. Topics will include proper ways to handle letters, books, photographs, and other media; common conservation needs; threats to paper and electronic media; and the dangers of non-archival storage products.

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