

WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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2021 Loudoun History Award Recipients

Michael R. Napper was recognized for his many contributions to preservation and documentation of the memory of African Americans in Loudoun County's history.

The Family and Friends of the Mount Sinai Cemetery, Claudette Bard, Ron Campbell, Edward W. Spannaus, and Howard Gilbert Timbers, Jr., were recognized for their many contributions to the conservation and documentation of African American cemeteries in Lovettsville.



In addition, The Black History Committee of Friends of the Thomas Balch Library has been given special recognition for their commemorative efforts in connection with Frederick Douglass Elementary School.



Each recipient has preserved Loudoun's past through a collection of county documents and memorabilia, preservation of historic landmarks, visual arts, writing, and long-time commitment to local history organizations.

Due to COVID-19, this year's honorees will be recognized during next year's Loudoun History Awards ceremony in November 2022. For more information call the Thomas Balch Library at 703-737-7195.

Compass Creek Development



Walmart, ION, and At Home will soon have new neighbors as six buildings are currently under construction at the Compass Creek Shopping Center.

Anticipated tenants will include Chipotle, Starbucks, and Popeye's. A multi-tenant building will include Buffalo Wing Factory and Heartland Dental. These businesses are projected to open in spring 2022.

A second multi-tenant building will be home to Bruster's Ice Cream, Mezeh Grill, &Pizza, and Smoothie King. These businesses are projected to open in summer 2022.



Schmitz Sunoco Gas, with a convenience store and car wash, will also be added to the space. It is scheduled to open in February or March 2022.

Morven Park Waterline Improvements



The beginning stages of the Morven Park Road Waterline Improvements are underway.

The first phase will include the installation of a new waterline, which will be constructed within Morven Park Road, NE between West Market Street and Old Waterford Road. It will replace the current line, which is believed to have been installed back in the 1940s.

The installation will help improve system reliability and water quality. Fire hydrants, water services, and meters will also be replaced.

Installation of the waterline is expected to begin in March 2022 and will take about eight months to complete.



Once construction begins, motorists can expect traffic detours, parking prohibitions, and road closures on Morven Park Road, between West Market Street and Old Waterford Road, as well as Old Waterford Road from Morven Park Road to the west of Loudoun County VFW Post 1177.

The second phase of this project will immediately follow and will include the installation of new sidewalk, curb and gutter, drainage improvements, and a more uniform roadway section. The entire project is expected to be completed in winter 2023/2024.

Church Street Closed for Courthouse Construction

Church Street, from Market to Cornwall streets, continues to be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic as construction continues as part of the Loudoun County Courthouse expansion project.

Visitors to the Loudoun County Courthouse may park for free at the Pennington Garage and Pennington Lot which are located approximately two blocks away off of Church Street, NE.

Shuttle service to and from the courthouse currently runs approximately every ten minutes, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. A walking path between the parking areas and the courthouse will be maintained throughout the duration of construction. More details regarding the shuttle and walking path can be found here.



Visitors to the courthouse are strongly encouraged to allow ample time to park and travel from the parking areas to the courthouse entrance on Market Street to avoid being late for court and other appointments.

Learn more about planning your visit to the Loudoun County Courthouse at <u>loudoun.gov/courthouse</u>. To learn more about the project, visit <u>loudoun.gov/courts-expansion</u>.

Christmas Tree Recycling



The Town's trash collection contractor, Patriot Disposal Services, will collect and recycle Christmas trees on Monday, January 10, 2022

After this collection, Town crews will collect trees that are less than 8 feet tall and with trunks less than 6" in diameter during the regular Town brush collection.

Trees should be set out on Sunday evening. Any Christmas trees that are set out at the curb next to trash cans may be collected as trash by Patriot Disposal. Visit

www.leesburgva.gov/ChristmasTreeRecycling.

Frozen Pipe Reminder

The Leesburg Department of Utilities would like to remind everyone to protect their pipes this winter season.

Be sure pipes in unheated parts of your home are insulated, remove hoses from outside

faucets and be sure they are drained and shut off and know where the main shut-off valve is located in case of an emergency.

If you will be away from home for an extended time, shut off the water supply and drain the system. Keep thermostat set at 55 degrees.



If there is no water throughout your house and you have determined that it is not a frozen line within the home, your water meter may be frozen.

Please contact Leesburg Department of Utilities at 703-771-2750 for more information.

Preparing for Winter Weather in Leesburg



The Town of Leesburg follows Loudoun County Government's inclement weather policy for office closings and delays. Announcements will be made on local radio and television stations.

Cancellations of public meetings will be made according to the following policy:

- If Town offices are closed, all public meetings are cancelled.
- If Town offices are open, public meetings are presumed to take place as scheduled.

All cancellations will be noted on the Town calendar. You may also call 703-777-2420 for more information.

Snow Emergency Routes

In accordance with the Town of Leesburg's Emergency Operations Plan, the Town Manager or his designee will declare a snow emergency when conditions, or predicted weather conditions, indicate a significant snow or ice event.

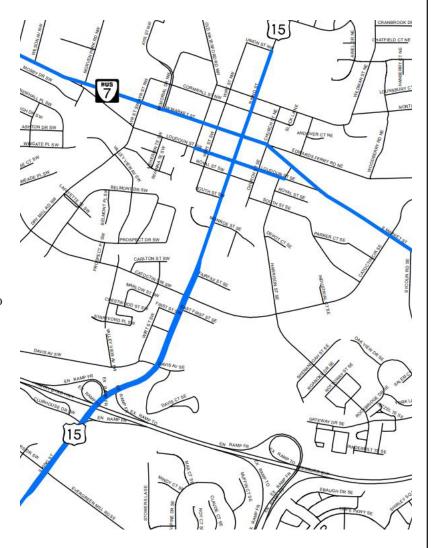
High winds or extreme drops in temperature may also impact emergency declarations.

Even before snow starts falling, Town crews will begin preparations for snow removal operations. This may include applying a brine solution to Town streets, spreading salt or sand on Town streets, and checking storm drain inlets throughout Town for blockages.

Once there is enough snow or ice accumulation to warrant plowing, the Town will declare a "Snow Emergency." Vehicles parked on the street along Snow Emergency Routes (see map) must be removed from the street.

Snow emergency routes include:

- Market Street: from Fairview Street to the Route 15 Bypass;
- **King Street:** from north of Union Street to Country Club Drive
- Loudoun Street: from Liberty Street to Harrison Street



Any vehicle not removed from the designated streets when a snow emergency is in effect will be towed at the owner's expense. Please see the <u>Snow Emergency Routes map</u> on the Town website.



Whenever a Snow Emergency is declared, the Snow Hotline will be activated. Residents may call with questions or to report a snow or ice-related problem. The Snow Hotline will remain active 24 hours a day until the Snow Emergency is lifted.

Sidewalks

All public sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner and must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event.

Driveways

Town snow plows will not clear private driveways and snow may not be placed on or pushed across a Town street.

The Leesburg Public Works & Capital Projects Department is responsible for clearing over 251 lane miles of public streets in the Town.

Visit www.leesburgva.gov/snowremoval.





Receive free alerts for emergency situations in both Leesburg and Loudoun County.

Sign up and customize alerts at https://www.loudoun.gov/alert.

WINTER PREPARATION

The Department of Public Works would like to remind Leesburg residents that winter weather is right around the corner.

Help us plan ahead by following the tips below:



DON'T PARK ON SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

During a snow emergency, on-street parking is not allowed along snow emergency routes to assist in cleanup efforts. Look for signs indicating the route or click here to see the map.



Residential and commercial property owners are responsible for plowing sidewalks along their property frontage.

3 CLEAR AROUND HYDRANTS

By helping clear snow around hydrants, you are making it easier for emergency personnel to respond in case of a fire.



CLEAR THE STREETS

Move cars, trailers, basketball hoops, and other items off the street so crews can properly plow the street.

QUESTIONS?

Call 703-737-7073 or email streets@leesburgva.gov.

SNOW/ICE ISSUE? Fill out the online form.

For more information regarding snow removal, including property owner responsibilities and snow emergency declarations visit the Town's website.

