

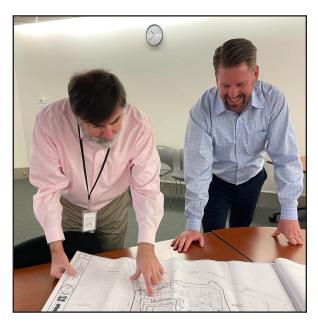
Planning Ahead in the Town of Leesburg

Shortly after the start of the New Year, members of the Leesburg Town Council gathered for their biennial retreat, to map out their areas of priority over the next two years.

The decided-upon areas of focus were Arts, Culture & Entertainment; Economic Development; Environmental Stewardship; Government Performance; Transportation; and Community Development & Land Use.

The latter category was a recognition of the major initiatives underway in the Planning & Zoning Department, many of which could dramatically shape the landscape (figuratively and literally) of the Town moving forward.

One of the big projects Planning and Zoning staff will be working on for the better part of the next two years is the re-write of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, which hasn't received a major update since 2003. The Zoning Ordinance is a set of regulations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and businesses of Leesburg; to advance the objectives set out in the Code of Virginia; and to implement the Town



Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Brian Boucher and Director James David

The comprehensive look at the ordinance will include input from the public and Town stakeholders, support from consultants that specialize in code drafting, and ultimately will need to be adopted by the Town Council, following review from the Planning Commission.

The public will have its opportunities to weigh in on these changes. The dates of all public input sessions and public hearings can be found at www.leesburgva.gov/government/public-hearing-notices.



Leesburg Town Council

The Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers on the second floor of Town Hall, 25 West Market Street. The Council holds a work session at 7 p.m. on Mondays preceding regular Tuesday meetings.

Email: council@leesburgva.gov

Crescent District Master Plan Update

Another major plan in need of sprucing up is the Town's Crescent District Master Plan. The district's master plan update is already underway, and the Town is assisted in that project by Stantec, the consultant hired by the Town to help guide its Legacy Leesburg Town Plan update that began in 2019.

The Crescent District Master Plan sets forth a vision for a walkable environment reminiscent of the historic downtown with its grid of streets, buildings located close to the road, and parking screened or behind buildings.



Instead of focusing on allowing or prohibiting uses, the plan focuses on building form and sight design. The Crescent District encompasses approximately 428 acres and 215 lots in an area generally along East Market Street, Catoctin Circle and South King Street north and west of Route 7/15. The original master plan was adopted in 2003.

Like work on the Zoning Ordinance and capital intensity factors, there will be plenty of opportunity for the public to share its feedback and any concerns along the way. Stay tuned to the Town's public hearings page for important dates >> www.leesburgva.gov/government/public-hearing-notices

New Land Management System Launches April 24

The Town's Land Management Information System (LMIS) is undergoing its own overhaul, and the new eTRAKiT system will go live Monday, April 24.

If a home project is on your spring or summer to-do list, the new system could save you a trip to Town Hall with electronic submission of some applications.

Both members of the public and construction professionals can utilize the forthcoming site. Here you can apply and pay for everything from land development projects, legislative applications and permits to simple home improvement projects. The new system will also allow applicants and the public to schedule inspections, upload documents and monitor the status of their project/permit.



The Town's new system arrives almost simultaneously with a new, similar system being debuted by Loudoun County. There may be some occasions where permits from the County may still be needed for Town-based projects, but a first stop for Town residents and business owners should be the new eTRAKiT system.

Keep an eye on the Town's Planning and Zoning Department webpage for further details and a dedicated web link will be publicized closer to official launch date.







Public Works & Utilities

OPEN HOUSE

Ever wonder what it's like to sit in a plow truck? Wonder what happens to a pipe when it contains too much grease?

Here's your chance to learn more!

The public is invited to attend a free open house on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to noon, to learn more about the Town's Public Works & Utilities departments.

Staff will be on hand to answer questions, provide demonstrations, and pass out educational material. Residents are also invited to sign up for a tour of the water and wastewater plants.

Call 703-771-2750 or email water_feedback@leesburgva.gov.











Keep Leesburg Beautiful



Keep Leesburg Beautiful is a month-long opportunity throughout April each year for businesses, residents, and community groups to come together to make Leesburg a cleaner place for all.

Youth groups, community organizations, churches, businesses, homeowners associations, families, and individuals are encouraged to participate. Keep Leesburg Beautiful is a great opportunity for anyone who needs to complete community service hours or volunteer experience.

www.leesburgva.gov/KLB





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Saturday, April 15 | Sunday, April 16 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

www.leesburgva.gov/flowerandgarden



SPRING LAWN CARE

Follow these steps below when applying fertilizers, weed killers, and pesticides to your lawn this spring:

- Avoid applying products before a heavy rain or storm forecast to avoid chemicals from going into the storm sewer system.
- Never dispose of leftover fertilizer or chemicals into a storm drain or curb inlet. These chemicals are carried to area streams, where they can cause serious damage.

For more information, visit www.leesburgva.gov/stormwater

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