

Focusing on Leesburg's Sustainabilty

The initial charge for Deb Moran, the Town's recently onboarded Sustainability Manager, will be creating an environmental sustainability plan for the Town government, which includes an energy management program. This will involve auditing government operations, and developing strategies to reduce the Town's carbon footprint.

"Building the baseline for the carbon footprint of Town government operations is an essential first step to know where we are as an organization today as well as identify areas we can improve," explained Planning and Zoning Department Director James David. "This will include an assessment of energy spending, building inventory, fleet, purchasing and critical infrastructure. The baseline analysis will also enable us to apply for Federal and State funding, and inform recommendations on policy and regulatory improvements."



Deb Moran

In the long run, the focus on sustainability is expected to generate significant cost savings to the Town. "Sustainability strategies such as energy efficiency in buildings, local renewable solar power, water reuse, and waste diversion may have some costs upfront but will result in smaller energy bills, reduced water usage, and less waste and associated fees going to the landfill over the long run," David said.

Sustainability was also a key theme throughout the recently-adopted Fiscal Year 2024 budget, a priority endorsed by the Town Council. In the coming months, the Council will be reviewing a number of environmentally-sustainable initiatives, from a composting program to electric fleet vehicles to solar panels on Town government buildings.



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

Leesburg, A Dog-Friendly Town

The Department of Economic Development recently launched, "Leesburg Loves Dogs," a campaign that encourages dog owners to bring their furry companions to explore the town's many attractions and businesses.

The campaign includes a variety of features designed to make it easy for dog owners to plan their visit and enjoy their time in Leesburg.

Dog-friendly Business Directory: a comprehensive directory of businesses that welcome dogs. The directory labels whether dogs are allowed inside or outside and whether there are water bowls, treats, food, and dog products available for purchase.



Branded Sticker: To make it easy for visitors to identify dog-friendly businesses, the campaign offers a branded sticker that participating businesses can place in their windows.

Sample Itineraries: Pre-planned itineraries with dog-friendly options.

To access the directory and itineraries, visit www.leesburgva.gov/lovesdogs.

Economic Developpment Launches New Website



The Town of Leesburg's Department of Economic Development has launched a new website, chooseleesburg.com.

In addition to serving as the primary marketing tool for the Town, the new site provides businesses, residents, and visitors with one central stop for all Town-related business and event information.

The new site will allow staff to manage everything internally while ensuring that all information on the website, including businesses directories and event calendars, remain current.

A new tourism component has also been added to the website, focusing on all there is to do in and around the Town. This includes current and future events, as well as places to visit, shop, dine, and stay. Visit chooseleesburg.com to learn more.

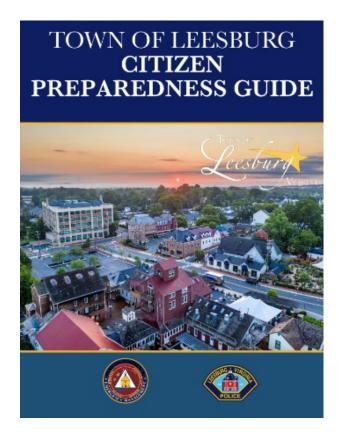
Keeping Leesburg Prepared

The Office of Emergency Management has created a Citizen Preparedness Guide to help residents and business owners prepare for life's unexpected events.

Contents include, but are not limited to basic first aid, important alert systems, active shooter response, severe weather, boil water advisories, and terrorism.

The Town of Leesburg established its emergency management program in 2019. The department is overseen by Town Manager Kaj Dentler, who serves as the Town's official Director of Emergency Management. It is led by Emergency Management Coordinator Alex Fitch and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Amy Cornell-Titcomb. See more of the department's work on the Town's website, www.leesburgva.gov.

To view or download a copy of the Citizens Preparedness Guide click <u>here</u> or visit the Emergency Management Department on the Town website. Guides in English and Spanish are also available in the Town Hall lobby. You can also sign up for the Town's emergency alerts at <u>leesburgva.gov/alerts</u>.



Sidewalk Dining Returns



Enjoy extended sidewalk dining in downtown Leesburg on Fridays now through October.

Sidewalk dining hours will be 5 to 9 p.m. The street closure will begin 30 minutes prior and reopen by 9:30 p.m.

Please note, sidewalk dining will not take place on June 30, August 11, or September 29. It will also be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.





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