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Spring of 2016 Quarterly Newsletter



Dear Blue Ridge District friends, neighbors and residents,

I hope this email finds you well and that everyone's as excited as I am about Spring! This is my favorite season of the year and I look forward to spending as much time as possible enjoying it with friends and family.

I also hope that you're finding my newsletters and other updates helpful as my staff and I make every effort to ensure they're timely, accurate and informative. Please let us know with any suggestions for improvement as we're always looking to do so!

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While the past few months have been extremely busy, I'm proud of the Boards adopted budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which will ensure that we continue to provide the services residents need. As we dive into Spring, we've also embarked on the long overdue process of updating the County's Comprehensive Plan in order to ensure that Loudoun remains a great place to live, work, play, receive an education and raise a family!

As I conclude my first four months in office, I want to thank my staff and all of you who have offered your support and prayers as I do my best to serve you well as Supervisor. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated!

Fy 2017 Budget Passed

On April 5th, 2016, the Board of Supervisors voted 6-3 to approve a balanced \$2.45 billion budget funding both the county government and our school system at 97.6% of their requests. The personal property tax rate remains unchanged at \$4.20 per \$100 in assessed value, while the real property tax rate increased by half a penny per \$100 in assessed value from the homeowner equalized rate of \$1.140, setting the new real property tax rate at \$1.145.

While the adopted budget will result in an average increase of about \$25 per year for the county as a whole, the average Blue Ridge District homeowner will realize a tax decrease of about \$196 due to slightly lower overall assessed values throughout the District. I voted in favor of the budget because it included many of the priorities I heard from residents throughout my campaign, from road projects designed to reduce traffic congestion, to the acceleration of multiple school projects in our area, and an expansion of full day kindergarten.



Below is a brief breakdown of funding provided through the passed budget:

County Government:

- Funds County at 97.6% of its operating budget request
- Provides 2.5% increase for staff
- Returns to a more effective Merit-Based-Pay system
- Increases retirement multiplier for Police & Fire personnel
- Maintains county services for our residents while accounting for growth

Loudoun County Public Schools:

- Funds 97.6% of its operating budget request
- Provides a 5.5% increase over last year for an expected 3.8% increase in student population

To see highlights of how the new budget specifically affected the Blue Ridge district, please click [here](#).

Transportation Updates

VDOT's 2016 Street Paving Interactive Map - VDOT released an [interactive map](#) showing the 2016 Paving Plan which will be updated as roads get paved and completed. Over the next year VDOT plans to resurface almost 1,300 lane miles of roads in Fairfax, Prince William, and Loudoun Counties. Click the "view full screen map" link (just below the embedded map), and then zoom and click on any of the roads in red for a popup that includes expected completion date, contact info, exact location, etc.

Route 50/Middleburg Traffic Calming- With the Board's adoption of the FY 2016 CIP, the project is fully funded. The project advertisement was delayed to July 22nd. The bids came in \$656,000 higher than the engineer's estimate. VDOT staff has closed the funding gap. The anticipated completion date is December 2016. Construction is underway. The contractor continues to work on the waterline relocation and installation of conduits for street lights. Contractor finished waterline installation; began installing streetscape elements at the end of March 2016.

Fleetwood Road Paving (Construction 2016) - This road is on the VDOT rural rustic road paving on-call contract. The project is scheduled to be construction in the Summer, 2016. Survey notification letters were recently mailed to affected property owners. Clearing will occur before April 15, 2016. Construction is to start in the summer, 2016. Construction to start in May or June 2016, upon completion of Shreve Mill Road.

Belmont Ridge Road Bridge Over the Greenway - VDOT staff provided an analysis of what would be involved in restriping the bridge to accommodate four lanes versus what would be involved in constructing the bridge per the CTP with pedestrian accommodations and a sound wall. The initial estimates are \$5.5 million versus \$37.5 million. More discussion to occur between County and VDOT staffs. The project was submitted as a candidate for HB-2 funding. It has not been recommended by VDOT staff for funding. DTCl staff met with representatives of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and requested this project be funded by the Commonwealth.

Funding for this project is reiterated in the Board of Supervisors Statement for the May 2, 2016 Commonwealth Transportation Board Hearing on House Bill 2 Prioritized Projects which will be discussed at the April 21, 2016 Board meeting. Funding for the project was accelerated by one year in this years budget process.

Route 9/Route 287 Roundabout - The preliminary project design is funded using VDOT pre-scoping funds. Survey work is completed. A VDOT scoping meeting was held on 10/8/14. The geometrics of the area are requiring further analysis of the roundabout option. The build alternatives are being re-examined and value engineered in search of cost savings. The final traffic report comparing the performance of a roundabout to an expanded signalized intersection has been provided to the County for review. County staff is in discussion on the design alternatives with VDOT. The project was a submitted as a candidate for HB-2 funding. It has not been recommended by VDOT staff for funding. A meeting has been scheduled for mid-March, 2016 to discuss County comments. VDOT and County staff met on March 17, 2016 to discuss design alternatives; additional analysis was requested in order to finalize the report, which is expected to be released at the end of April 2016.

Route 7/Williams Gap Road Turnlane - Preliminary engineering was authorized on January 9, 2015. The project scoping meeting was held on February 12, 2015. Survey work and geotech investigations complete. The design will be done by VDOT in-house design team and is underway. The Preliminary Field Inspection (PFI) was held on December 9, 2015. VDOT will be assuming the house on the adjacent

property is historic and will consider impacts diminimus. That finding will be sent to the Department of Historic Resources for comment. The project is scheduled for construction advertisement in September 2017. A design public hearing occurred on April 19, 2016 at Round Hill Elementary School. Citizen comments will be accepted until May 5, 2016.

Allder School Road Paving (Woodgrove Road to Hillsboro Road) - This project involves right of way acquisition from numerous property owners. Appraisals and offers went out to property owners in March, 2014. Staff continues to work with area residents whose properties are impacted. The goal is to bid for construction contract in Spring 2016 with construction starting in the September, 2016. Staff is working to obtain contractor to clear trees for utility construction. Staff is working with property owner representatives to obtain partial mortgage releases on two remaining parcels. Preliminary work to clear and install erosion and sediment controls is scheduled to begin in early March 2016 and will continue into May 2016. There is one outstanding easement. Tree clearing began on March 9, 2016 and is scheduled to be completed on May 4, 2016

Route 7/Route 690 Interchange (Preparation of Interchange Justification Report and preliminary design plans) - Resubmittal of IJR went to VDOT and comments were received. The IJR was submitted to VDOT Central Office for review and comment on 4/15/2015. Notice was received by VDOT in early June that the IJR was approved by Central Office. It now has to go to the CTB for approval. The consultant submitted of 30% design plans in mid-September to VDOT. 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. Staff received comments from VDOT and the Town of Purcellville on the 30% design plans. This project will stop until additional funds are identified. The Adopted FY2017 CIP has \$4M for design of this interchange; funding will become available in July 2016 for design to commence.

Belmont Ridge Road Widening (Truro Parish to Northstar) - A meeting was held with VDOT staff on 3/30/2015, with B&D on 3/31/2015 and with Loudoun Water on 4/6/2015 to discuss design details. The 30% plans were received for review from the design consultant. A location and design public hearing on the 30% design plans was held on June 23, 2015 at Mill Run Elementary School. The Belmont Ridge Road and Croson signal plans were submitted to VDOT on April 27, 2015. Sixty percent design plans were submitted to VDOT on 6/29/2015. The Board approved the design concept on September 16, 2015. The utility field inspection was conducted on November 20, 2015. After obtaining the utility easement needs, the plats can then be prepared. Staff continues to coordinate with utility companies. Dominion's design was not provided until April 1, 2016. This pushes the schedule back 3-4 months. Bids were received for a traffic signal at Belmont Ridge Road/Croson Lane which will be installed in phase 1 of this project. 90% plans were submitted to B&D and VDOT on April 6, 2016. Brookfield Homes has been coordinating installation of street lights and landscaping with adjacent property owners.

Route 659 Widening (Broadlands Boulevard to Truro Parish Drive) - The construction is underway by Brookfield Homes under an agreement with the County. The project schedule has been updated by Brookfield Homes. Due to a lengthy process in obtaining right of way needed from impacted Homeowners Associations and a delay in getting the utility relocation completed, the project will be completed in August, 2016. On February 4, 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved a time extension; the traffic signal at Route 659/Truro Parish Drive is to be operational by August 2016 and the road improvements are to be open to traffic by August 2016, VDOT street acceptance is to occur by February 28, 2017. Brookfield Homes has been coordinating installation of street lights and landscaping with adjacent property owners.

Northstar Boulevard (Route 50 to Shreveport) - The preliminary scope of work is complete. Discussions are underway with Board members, County staff, the developer of Brambleton, and the current property owners regarding alignment. The County had J2 Engineers review and comment on the latest Brambleton design provided by Urban. VDOT Standard Project Administration Agreement was executed on March 1, 2016. For more detailed information on this project, please click [here](#).

Forest Mills Road Bridge over Crooked Run - An initial meeting to discuss options for the replacement of the bridge was held February 17, 2015. VDOT held the Design public hearing on the project on March 26, 2015 from 6-8 pm at Lincoln Elementary School. Fifteen residents attended. The Board approved endorsement of the project's design at the June 3, 2015 business meeting. VDOT staff is preparing plans for right of way. Right of Way acquisition is on-going. The Construction Advertisement date for the project was September, 2015. Funding for the project is primarily in FY 2017 and 2018. Right-of-way acquisition is complete; utility relocation is the next phase of this project.

Route 606 Widening - Bridge construction that will carry Route 606 over the emergency spillway of the Horsepen Run dam near the Greenway is underway. Contractual completion is late 2017; however, due to issues pertaining to right of way acquisition, permitting and utility relocation, completion of the overall project will be delayed. VDOT is currently finalizing the revised schedule with the contractor and has requested that the intersection of Route 606/Loudoun County Parkway be completed by September 2017. Appendix A of the Standard Project Administration Agreement with VDOT will need to be revised and approved by the Board in April, 2016 due to a change in funding sources for the project previously approved by the Board. Bridge and drainage work continues. Arcola Road was closed to through traffic on March 21, 2016 to allow for construction of new Route 606/Loudoun County Parkway/Arcola Boulevard intersection. VDOT and the design/build team are working together to finalize the revised project schedule, which has the following tentative milestone completions:

- One lane of Route 606/Loudoun County Pkwy intersection scheduled to open in September 2017
- two lanes to open by December 2017
- two lanes of Route 606 between the Greenway and Commerce Center Court will open in December 2017

- the remainder of the road improvements completed August 2018

Claiborne Parkway - Right of way has been cleared. The County continues to work with Columbia Gas on obtaining approval of an existing gas main. Pursuant to the Locally Administered Projects Manual, VDOT review of the IFB is not required. Consultant is finalizing design for the Croson Lane and Ryan Road traffic signal. The draft Invitation for Bid (IFB)has been prepared. A preliminary engineering study agreement with Colombia Gas has been finalized.

Woodgrove High School/Fields Farm Park Road - In this quarter, the design consultant, Dewberry, addressed Building & Development (B&D) and VDOT 30% design comments and is proceeding the design to 90%. Discussions were held with Mr. Fields and the Town of Purcellville whether his property will be annexed into the Town or remain in the County. Land acquisition continued for other Right of Way (ROW) required for the project. In the next quarter, 90% design plans will be finalized, land acquisition will continue as well as annexation discussions with Mr. Fields and the Town. Completion of the design phase is anticipated for Summer 2016.

Belmont Ridge Road at Truro Parish Drive Intersection - Signal design is 100% complete and approved plans have been provided to Goose Creek Estates LLC (Lennar/Brookfield) for installation in conjunction with the Belmont Ridge Road widening project between Broadlands Boulevard and Truro Parish Drive. The County provided the signal plans to Goose Creek Estates pursuant to a reimbursement agreement approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 14, 2012. Construction of the road widening project began June 2, 2014 and has encountered delays due to these factors: plan revisions, utility relocation and acquisition of additional easements. Substantial completion of the road improvements is now expected in August 2016. Installation of the Belmont Ridge Road/Truro Parish Drive traffic signal is scheduled to be completed by August 2016. In the next quarter, installation of the traffic signal should begin and construction of the road improvements will continue.

Northstar Boulevard and Ryan Road Intersection - Under a proffer, the developer (Brambleton LLC) is responsible for building the turn lane associated with this project. The County will fund the traffic signal installation. VDOT approved traffic signal plans on 10/30/2014. Right-of-way acquisition is complete and the Board of Supervisors approved construction funding. In this quarter, DTCl continued to work with Brambleton LLC to coordinate signal construction timing with the right turn lane installation. Signal installation remains dependent on Brambleton LLC's completion of the the turn lane.

Route 7/Route 659 (Belmont Ridge Road) Interchange & Widening - Utility relocation work began by Washington Gas in December 2014 and is ongoing. Utility relocation work by Dominion Virginia Power and Verizon is also underway. Shirley Contracting began work in September 2015. In this quarter, Shirley completed clearing and grubbing, barrier placement and began stormwater management infrastructure work, box culvert construction and blasting for earthwork. Additionally

this quarter, the baseline project schedule was finalized for the project. Weather impacted work this quarter and, pending approval, the contractor may be granted an additional 4 days. In the next quarter, utility relocation work, box culvert construction and blasting will continue and bridge pile, fill operations and temporary traffic signal work will begin. Construction is planned for 36 months with completion in Summer 2018.

Capital Project Updates

Aldie Fire and Rescue Station - In this quarter, DTCI staff and Procurement prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit a qualified architectural and engineering team capable of addressing the property's unique constraints in lieu of using a task order design firm. In the next quarter, the RFP will be advertised and the Proposal Analysis Group (PAG) will begin reviewing the architectural and engineering team proposals. Design contract award is anticipated in Fall 2016.

Brambleton District Park East (March 2016) - This project provides for a District Park which, overall, will consist of nine athletic fields on approximately 26 acres east and 33 acres west of Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659) in the Brambleton community. The fields for the eastern portion of the park reopened for use in early September 2015. In March 2016, the restroom facilities opened for use.

Brambleton District Park West - This project designs and constructs a District Park which will consist of nine athletic fields on approximately 26 acres east and 33 acres west of Belmont Ridge Road (Route 659) in the Brambleton community. The western portion of the park is located in the Blue Ridge District. The eastern portion of the park, located in the Dulles District, was completed this quarter. The funding for the two portions of the park are in one project, however, the funding sources are split by the districts. In October 2015, the construction contract award was approved for the western portion of the park. The single bid received was above the project budget for the western portion of the park. Supplemental funding is required to cover additional construction contingency necessary due to the larger construction contract value and unforeseen field conditions encountered in construction including unsuitable soils and rock as well as additional coordination required with the park's existing irrigation system. Staff is reviewing available proffer funds to fulfill this supplemental funding request and will prepare an item for the Board to review in Spring 2016.

E.E. Lake Store - This projects converts the E.E. Lake General Store into a Bluemont Area Welcome Center. The Bluemont Citizens Association in partnership with the Loudoun County PRCS will open the center to the public providing hikers and bikers a rest stop. The project adds public restroom facilities to the building. An Invitation for Bid (IFB) was issued and no bids were received on December 10, 2015. This project is funded using federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) funding. The construction industry may view this project as being too small and not yielding sufficient profit margin based on the federal requirements. In this quarter, the IFB was updated and re-issued for bid on March 8, 2016. In the next quarter, bids will be received and reviewed by VDOT as required by the project's MAP-21 funding and a contract will be awarded. A nine (9) month construction duration is planned. This project was previously reported with construction

completion in Fall 2016, however based on the receipt of no bids with the initial IFB and the re-issuance of the IFB in March 2016 and VDOT review of the bids upon receipt, construction is planned for completion in Spring 2017.

Fields Farm Park - On March 16, 2015, the President of 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 Board of Supervisors was notified of this action via a memorandum in July 2015. DTCl is working with 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 - In September 2015, the design consultant, Dewberry, developed three preliminary alignments for a trail originating at Franklin Park and terminating at the Purcellville town limits. In this quarter, DTCl staff reviewed the alignment options and prepared recommendations. In the next quarter, DTCl staff recommendations will be presented to the Board to endorse a preferred alignment. This project only funds the preparation of an alignment study. Funding for detailed design and construction is projected for FY22 in the adopted FY17 county budget.

Hal and Bernie Hanson Regional Park - Eight (8) design consultant proposals were received on June 25, 2015 in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) advertised on May 22, 2015. The Proposal Analysis Group (PAG) consisting of DTCl and PRCS staff reviewed and ranked the proposals in August 2015, interviewed the higher ranked firms on September 25, 2015, and issued a notice of final ranking on November 20, 2015. A joint scoping meeting was held on December 18, 2015 with the top ranked firm, Lose & Associates to clarify the project's scope of work and confirm the design and construction administration responsibilities under the contract. In this quarter, DTCl, PRCS, and Procurement staff communicated by phone and e-mail in January and February 2016 with Lose & Associates, to finalize the scope for work and negotiated the design fee and contract terms. An item will be presented to the Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee and the Board of Supervisors at their April 12, 2016 and April 21, 2016 meetings, respectively to award a design contract and design will be initiated.

Howardsville Community Wastewater System - The Department of General Services continues to work toward identifying a sustainable wastewater solution for Howardsville. In this quarter, staff met with Loudoun Water and the Windy Hill Foundation and continued to investigate potential options for a mass drainfield site. On December 2, 2015 the Board of Supervisors directed staff to begin the land acquisition process to purchase property for a wastewater treatment facility and staff has been working on acquiring a site. On February 4, 2016 staff met with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to discuss constructing the community sewer line in the VDOT Right of Way (ROW) and the requirements for construction and utility entrances. In the next quarter, staff will continue to pursue a location for a mass

drainfield site, work with an appraiser to identify average easement costs, and hold a community meeting to update Howardsville residents on the status of the project.

Kirkpatrick Fire and Rescue Station - In this quarter, the site was conveyed from the developer to the County on January 29, 2016. Final revisions are being made to address remaining Building & Development (B&D) comments to the project's Site Plan. An Invitation for Bid (IFB) has been drafted. In the next quarter, Site Plan approval is anticipated, the IFB will be advertised, and an item will be prepared for Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee and Board of Supervisors action to award a construction contract. The target date for construction to begin is Summer 2016, with Fall 2018 completion anticipated.

Round Hill Developmental Services Group Residence - In this quarter, the 75% design plans prepared by the design consultant, HGA, were reviewed by DTCl and MHSADS staff and comments were provided so HGA can complete the design. In the next quarter, 100% plans will be completed and an Invitation for Bid (IFB) will be prepared to advertise the project. DTCl anticipates design completion in Spring 2016.

Round Hill to Franklin Park Trail (*January 2016*) - This project constructs sidewalks along East Loudoun Street in the Town of Round Hill and a mixed use trail from the Lake Point subdivision into Franklin Park to provide pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between the town and the park. In this quarter, design plans were approved by Building & Development (B&D) on January 29, 2016. Additional time is required to obtain the 29 easements and Right of Way dedications needed. The completion of land acquisition has moved from Spring 2016 to Fall 2016.

Town of Hillsboro Water System - The Town of Hillsboro is managing this project. In this quarter, the Town continued their work on the preliminary waterline design and negotiated the final easement document for the new well house location. The Town also received approval from VDH for a well yield planning grant and awarded the project contract. Hillsboro elected officials held a Community Open House for citizens of the town and surrounding region, to provide public information on the upcoming drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects. On January 28, 2016 the Hillsboro Mayor and Town Council Member requested a meeting with staff to discuss the County's Water and Wastewater Fund, in which the Town indicated that they plan to submit an application for assistance during the programs open period which ends on March 31, 2016. In the next quarter, the Town plans to continue the geotechnical investigation and design work and work with the County, VDH and VDOT to coordinate all water, wastewater and road projects. The Town also plans to complete the easement plat for the well lot, plans and specifications for the water project and hydro-fracking work needed to determine well yield improvement results. The adopted FY 2017- FY2022 CIP includes funding for this project.

Western Loudoun Sheriff Station - This project designs and constructs an 8,700 square foot Sheriff Station on a county-owned site adjacent to the Town of Round Hill to serve western Loudoun County. A contract was awarded to Lantz Construction

Company of Winchester Inc. in Winter 2015 and work is ongoing. In this quarter, finishes installation continued including millwork, fence installation and commissioning activities began. The contractor was awarded 7 weather days in this quarter. In the next quarter, systems start up and commissioning will be underway, landscaping installation, final sitework and paving will occur and training and punchlist will begin. Construction completion has been delayed from Spring 2016 to Summer 2016 based on weather impacts and additional contract time due to equipment failure of a key HVAC component caused by the impact of the January 2016 blizzard.

Willisville Community Wastewater System (March 2016) - 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 (LW). The Department of General Services continues to coordinate with LW to complete the extension of wastewater infrastructure to the three identified properties. LW, as per the Service Agreement, manages the project. In this quarter, construction and abandonment permits were obtained from the Health Department and the Notice of Award was issued to the contractor. On February 11, 2016 the Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee (FGOEDC) recommended that the Board of Supervisors (Board) approve a supplemental appropriation to complete the Willisville Wastewater Project. On February 18, 2016 the Board approved additional funding in the amount of \$100,000. Staff held a construction kick-off meeting with LW on March 14, 2016. In the next quarter, LW expects to secure VDOT entrance permits, review and approve product submittals, and begin construction.

Woodgrove Park Restrooms - The Site Plan Amendment (SPAM) for the pre-manufactured restroom building is approved and the grading permit is ready for issuance. In this quarter, DTCI staff continued Invitation for Bid (IFB) preparation. In the next quarter, an Invitation for Bid (IFB) will be finalized to bid the procurement and construction of the restroom building along with buildings at two other PRCS parks. Upon award, DTCI will work with the successful contractor to develop a construction schedule to complete the project.

Lyme Disease Awareness

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. Statistics show that over the past few years, Lyme disease is showing up more often in Northern Virginia than it did before.

This is why we should all be aware when going outside and follow these general safety tips:

- Check your hair, skin, and clothes frequently for ticks while you are outside, and especially after you get home.



- Wear light colored clothes to help you see ticks better and wear a long sleeved shirt and long pants to avoid contact with ticks.
- Apply an insect repellent that contains DEET, and remember to reapply. For extra protection, you can apply an insect repellent called permethrin directly to your clothes.
- After you get home, take your clothes off carefully and check for ticks that may be on them. Finally, take a warm shower with lots of soap and put on clean clothes.
- If a tick has attached itself to you, use a pair of tweezers to firmly grasp the tick as close to your skin as possible and use steady pressure to pull it out. Make a note of the date, and watch the site carefully over the next three to six weeks. If you notice concerning symptoms, contact your healthcare provider.



Usually, a person will develop a distinct rash within 30 days of the bite. The rash is usually an expanding red, circular rash at least 5 cm in diameter. Symptoms can progress to fever, headache, overwhelming fatigue, malaise, painful muscles and joints, and rashes. If untreated, Lyme disease can cause neurological and cardiac problems, and arthritis.

Blood testing can confirm the diagnosis of Lyme disease, but it is important to know that the test may not detect antibodies until two to four weeks after the initial infection. Most human cases of Lyme disease in North America occur between May and August. There is currently no vaccine to prevent infection of Lyme disease and the antibiotics used to treat Lyme disease are potent and should be used sparingly.

Information provided through George Mason's health education services. For more information, please see the [National Institute of Health Lyme Disease](#) or the [Center for Disease Control](#).

Additionally, please see below under Community Events, the [Loudoun Lyme Race](#) to raise funds to combat Lyme Disease.

Txt 911

Since March 1st, Loudoun County Emergency Communications Center have had the capability to receive text messages to 911. Text to 911 allows people in Loudoun County and all of its incorporated towns to send a text message from a mobile device to 911 instead of placing a phone call.

Public safety officials encourage anyone who has an emergency to place a voice call to 911 whenever possible. "A phone call is preferred during an emergency because the caller can relay important information more efficiently to the dispatcher," says Loudoun County Combined Fire-Rescue System Chief W. Keith Brower, Jr. "The best guidance is to call if you can, text if you can't."

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Call if you can,
text if you can't.

You can find more information, including resources for the public to support the county's awareness campaign, online at www.loudoun.gov/text911.

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Community Events

Arbor Day will be celebrated at Middleburg Fire & Rescue Station, 910 West Washington Street on Saturday, April 30th at 9:00 am. The annual [Loudoun County Arbor Day celebration](#) will also take place on Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the Loudoun County Fairgrounds, 17558 Dry Mill Road in Leesburg, at 11:30 a.m.

Community Serve Day: Saturday, April 30th is Tree of Life Ministries' [Community Serve Day](#) where they will be hosting their 10th annual clothing and furniture giveaway at 7am - 12pm, 601 Yaxley Drive, Purcellville.

Give Choose: Please join in a 24-hour online fundraising event organized by the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier counties on May 3rd to raise support for our local non-profits. Recipients of this effort include our own Dulles Food Pantry, Women Giving Back, Leadership Loudoun and many other worthy non-profits. Please log on to [Give Choose](#) to make a contribution and support our local nonprofits.

Loudoun First Responders Crab Shack Fundraiser: A portion of proceeds from sales at Lowry's Crab Shack in Hamilton, VA will be donated to the [Loudoun First Responders Foundation](#) ALL day on May 18th. Stop by and show your support for Loudoun's First Responders!

Loudoun Lyme 5K/10K/1K Run: On Sunday, May 15, the [6th Annual Loudoun Lyme Run](#) will drive awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Lyme disease. The event will take place at the Brambleton Town Center, 22855 Brambleton Plaza, Ashburn, and will include a free information fair to educate the public about Lyme Disease, its causes, symptoms, and treatments. Registration begins at 6:00 am and the run starts at 8:00 am. The information fair will run from 7:00-11:00 am.

Mobile Mammography unit coming to Brambleton: [The Novant Health UVA Health System's Mobile Mammography unit](#) will be in Brambleton on Sunday, May 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Brambleton Health Living Expo at the market, located in front of Regal Cinemas.

Purcellville Music and Arts Festival

: On Saturday, May 21st, 2016 the [Purcellville Music and Arts Festival](#) will be held at Fireman's Field (250 South Nursery Ave., Purcellville) from 10:00 am - 7:00 pm. This free, family oriented day will feature live music, a juried art show, local food, beer, and wine, workshops, arts and crafts, and children's activities.

Rock Ridge High School's Banc Fundraiser - Touch a Truck: May 14th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm children will get to explore vehicles of all types, including emergency, military, and construction vehicles.

Sadie's Race 5k & Kids Fun Run for Smile Train: The [5th annual Sadie's Race](#) will take place on Sunday, May 1st at 7:00 am at the Purcellville Train Station to raise money for [Smile Train](#) in memory of Sadie Ablard.

Sprout Therapeutic Riding & Education Center: Please join Sprout for the [4th Annual Wine Tasting and Family Fun Day Fundraiser](#) at Stone Tower Winery, 19925 Hogback Mountain Rd., Leesburg, on Sunday, May 22nd from 12:00-4:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine).

Sterling Supervisor Saines' First Annual Spring Job Fair: If you are a teen, college student, recent grad, or resident looking for employment, come to the Spring Job Fair hosted by Supervisor Saines on Saturday, May 14th from 10:00-2:00 pm at Claude Moore Recreation Center (46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling). It is free and open to the public. Be sure to dress to impress and bring a resume if possible. RSVP [here](#).

The Step Sisters' Think Pink Auction: This event will be held Friday, May 6, 2016, 6:30 - 10 p.m. at Brambleton Corner Clubhouse (42255 Palladian Blue Terrace). Come out for an evening of food and fun and bid on an item or two. There will be plenty of auction items perfect for Mother's and Father's Days, graduations, summer fun and more! For an updated list of donors, go to our [auction site](#).

Western Loudoun Station Meeting: Residents are encouraged to attend quarterly meetings held by the LCSO. The next meeting will be held on May 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Round Hill Town Office, 23 Main Street, Round Hill.

All my best,



Tony

Blue Ridge District Supervisor

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