

Inside Sterling Newsletter: January Edition

As 2019 begins I wanted to start the first newsletter of the year with good news. As some of you may have noticed, the commercial truck problem that long plagued Old Ox Road/Route 606 is gone. In late December VDOT installed "no parking signs" that will run from where Sheetz is all the way to the Herndon/Fairfax County line.

I spoke previously of the situation in the Richland Acres neighborhood with cut-through traffic on Thomas Avenue coming from Algonkian Parkway. My office has received a great number of complaints from residents of Richland Acres, which is in both Loudoun and Fairfax counties, over the years about the cut-through traffic problem. A proposal from Fairfax County to address the issue is to prohibit entry onto Thomas Avenue from Algonkian Parkway in the morning. VDOT will be holding a public hearing on the proposed morning restriction on January 16 at Dranesville Elementary School, which is located at 1515 Powells Tavern Place in Herndon, from 6:30-8:30 in the evening. (The snow date is January 22.)

Finally, I want to note County government is not just the Board of Supervisors and County administration staff. An important part of the County's work is done by various boards, commissions, and committees which consist of citizens with interest and expertise in specific areas. I address this later in the newsletter, but I want to encourage as many of you as possible to volunteer for these boards and commissions. The more input we get from citizen experts, the better County government will be.



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Loudoun County Offers Christmas Tree Recycling



Loudoun County is offering five locations for Christmas tree recycling beginning Wednesday, December 26, 2018, through Sunday, January 20, 2019.

Only natural, cut trees are accepted. The trees will be converted into mulch, which is available for free year-round at the Loudoun County landfill, located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg.

Residents who receive curbside recycling services may contact their homeowners association, town office or recycling service provider for Christmas tree collection schedules.

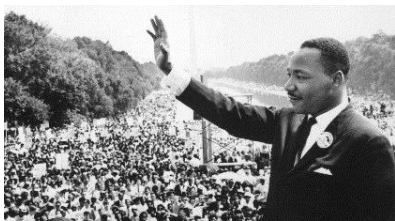
Whether dropping a tree off at one of the Christmas tree collection sites or at the curb, please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, wire, stand and tree bag. Dispose of the tree bag in your regular trash. If you wish to recycle a natural wreath, please remove all wires, bows, twine, lights and ornaments before recycling the wreath.

The Christmas Tree Recycling Program is for Loudoun County residents only. Tree vendors operating in Loudoun County who have leftover trees may recycle them at the Loudoun County landfill for \$62 a ton. Netting, rope, wire, tags and other items must be removed prior to recycling. Visit www.loudoun.gov/landfill or call 703-771-5500 for more information.

For residents, Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling free of charge at the following locations through January 20, 2019:

- Leesburg: Loudoun County Landfill Recycling Center, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, 20175, Open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Lovettsville: Game Protective Association, 16 South Berlin Pike, Lovettsville, 20180, Open daily
- Purcellville: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville, 20132, Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- South Riding: Town Hall, rear parking lot next to tennis court. 43055 Center Street, South Riding, 20152, Open daily
- Sterling: Claude Moore Park (use Loudoun Park Lane entrance), 46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, 20164, Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More information about the Loudoun County Christmas Tree Recycling Program is available [here](#).



27th Annual MLK “I Have a Dream” Celebration

The MLK “I Have a Dream” committee will be holding its annual march on January 21, Martin Luther King Day. The march will start at the Loudoun County Courthouse located at 18 E. Market Street in Leesburg. Participants are asked to arrive by 10:00 am and march line up begins at 10:15 am. The march will go to the Douglas Community Center, where an afternoon program will take place.

The celebration will also include: Food Drive for Loudoun Hunger Relief at 8:00 a.m. drop offs at Douglass Community Center and at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse. The morning entertainment for those who are unable to march is in the gym starting at 10:00 a.m.

For more information visit [Facebook.com/MLKMarchLeesburg/](https://www.facebook.com/MLKMarchLeesburg/) or [Twitter.com/MLKMarch](https://twitter.com/MLKMarch) or contact Themarch08@yahoo.com.

Inova Loudoun Mobile Health Services January 2019 Schedule



Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services will be providing countywide blood pressure screenings at a variety of locations during the month of January. For further information call the Mobile Health hotline at 703-858-8818 or visit [here](#).

Wednesday, January 2, 10 a.m. – noon

Leesburg Senior Center
102 North St. North West, Leesburg
BP Screenings

Tuesday, January 8, 9 a.m. – noon

Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
BP Screenings

Tuesday, January 8, 9 a.m. – noon

Dulles South Multipurpose Center
24950 Riding Center Dr., South Riding
BP Screenings

Wednesday, January 9, 10 a.m. – noon

Waltonwood
44141 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn
BP Screenings

Saturday, January 12, 8 a.m. -- 3:30 p.m.

Safe Sitter Class
44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg
Call to register - 703-858-8818

Wednesday, January 16, 10 a.m. – noon

Wingler House
20900 Runny Meade Terrace, Ashburn
BP Screenings

Thursday, January 17, 11 a.m. – noon

Lovettsville Community Center

54 East Broad Way, Lovettsville
BP Screenings

Monday, January 21, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

William Watters House
22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling
BP Screenings

Tuesday, January 22, 9 a.m. – noon

Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
BP Screenings

Thursday, January 24, 10 a.m. – noon

Carver Center
200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville
BP Screenings



Old Ox Road Parking Signs are Here

For many years there was a problem with commercial vehicles parking on the shoulder of the road from the stretch of the road from the Sheetz gas station off of Route 28 working towards Herndon and the Fairfax County line. This posed a safety risk to motorists and pedestrians via constricting the highway, was an eye sore, and took away space available for vehicles which needed to legitimately stop on the side of the road during an emergency. Supervisor Meyer and I worked with VDOT over the years on the issue. Fortunately, in December VDOT installed "no parking" signs that will prohibit parking on Old Ox Road from the Sheetz gas station to the Herndon/Fairfax County line.

Project Patriot

Project Patriot was launched after in 2018 Park View High School announced the school would not field a football team, due to a lack of players. Park View alumni, led by actress and producer

Hilarie Burton, looked at the situation and found several factors contributed to the lack of interest



in the football team, such as students being charged for parking. They also found other extracurricular activities were declining.

Project Patriot was created as a non-profit alumni booster program to provide support, resources to the school and to revive extracurricular activity at Park View. You can help by contributing money, volunteering, mentoring, becoming an expert partner, or providing a sponsorship. To help, click [here](#).



Serve on a County Board, Commission, or Committee

One way to give back to Loudoun County is to serve on the many County boards, commissions, and committees that help County government work by providing outside input and expertise. You can see a list of boards, commissions, and committees and current vacancies [here](#). I encourage you to take a look and consider where you can best utilize your skills and experience to help County government move forward and make Loudoun County a better place.

Planning an Event in Loudoun? Make Sure Your Application is On Time



Effective January 1, 2019, organizers of special events in Loudoun County who are seeking a temporary special event permit must apply for the permit at least 30 days in advance of the date of the event. The 30-day requirement, which is designed to give the county sufficient time to review the permit application, is specified in Section 5-500 of the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance Opens a New Window. Permit applications sent in by mail must also be received by the Department of Building and Development at least 30 days before the event to be considered for review.

A zoning permit is required for most special events unless they are listed in the Zoning Ordinance as exempt activities. A building permit may also be required depending on the type of activities and structures planned for the event, such as inflatables, tents, and similar structures.

"We encourage anyone who is planning a special event in Loudoun to begin the planning process as early as possible. Receipt of a permit application within the 30-day time frame does not guarantee that the application will be approved," said Loudoun County Permits Division Manager Evan Harlow. "The earlier an application is received, the earlier we can identify any issues that might slow down the review process."

Depending on the type of event that is being planned, organizers may need to work with multiple agencies, such as the Fire Marshal's Office, the Loudoun County Health Department and the Virginia Department of Transportation to secure the necessary permits. Anyone planning a special event in Loudoun County is encouraged to begin the process as early as possible by filling out the [Online Event Planning Form](#), or contacting the county's Special Events Coordinator in the Office of Emergency Management at OEMspecialevents@loudoun.gov or 703-737-8919. The Special Events Coordinator can provide guidance regarding special event planning, including identifying the necessary permit applications, licenses, and site safety plans and procedures.

More information about the special event planning process, including links to the required permit applications, is online [here](#).



Upcoming Events

January 8: Sterling Foundation Monthly Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm at the Sterling Community Center on 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The public is invited to attend and learn about the Sterling Foundation's upcoming efforts and activities.

January 8: Resume Strategies 2:00-3:00 pm at the Sterling library located at 22330 S. Sterling Blvd., Suite A117. Looking for a new job in the next year? Learn how to craft a resume to catch the eye of prospective employers.

January 16: VDOT Public Hearing on Richland Acres 6:30-8:30 pm at Dranesville Elementary School located at 1515 Powells Tavern Place in Herndon. The hearing will discuss Fairfax County's proposed morning turn restriction on Thomas Avenue.

January 23: Sterling Foundation Dine Out Fundraiser 5:00-9:00 pm at Joe's Pizzeria & Subs, located at 22360 S. Sterling Blvd., Suite # 103.

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