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“We don’t want this” – Mayfair residents object as Town management lobbies for Fields Farm project

On Sept. 7, the Purcellville Town Council held a Special Meeting with the Planning Commission and County staff to discuss the Fields Farm Park rezoning and proposal.

Loudoun County is requesting a zoning change to part of the 230-acre Fields Farm complex, which houses Woodgrove High School and Mountain View Elementary School. They want to shift the complex from its current Transition X zoning to Institutional and Public Use (IP) zoning.

The County is also asking for a Special Use Permit and Commission Permit to develop 9.98 acres into a Commuter

Parking Lot. The proposed lot would include approximately 250 to 330 parking spaces, a kiss-and-ride, and a bus pick-up/drop-off area with bus shelters.

Additionally, the County is asking for an SUP and CP permit to develop 50.54 acres into eight Astro Turf athletic fields – 5 soccer/multipurpose fields and 3 baseball fields along with picnic pavilions, maintenance structures, restrooms, and a concession structure.

If approved, this is also within an area of right-of-way that had been previously dedicated to a possible extension of Mayfair Crown Drive.

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staff report describes the proposed extension of Mayfair Crown Drive as a “local collector road, with all other roadways in the project, as well as development from as far away as Purcellville Road (Route 611), [potentially] feeding into it. There is an existing school access road which currently consists of a single lane paved road terminating in an open field.”

This road is proposed to be “extended to Mayfair Crown Drive, and widened to a two-lane public road, providing a second point of access to the schools.”

In explaining the current Transition

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Get ready for the 11th Annual Purcellville Halloween Block Party Oct. 29

New Location
701 West Main

Discover Purcellville a 501© (4) community nonprofit organization presents the 11th Annual Purcellville Halloween Block Party.

The Block Party will be held Saturday Oct. 29, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at its new location 701 West Main Street across from the golf course.

The Master of Ceremonies for the evening is Dave Wright from *Last Ham Standing* an improv comedy

troop.

“We are delighted this year to again be hosting Purcellville’s Halloween Block Party at our new address which is 701 West Main Street. We have a lot of fun games and contests for the kids. Don’t forget to wear your best, most creative costume,” said Michael Oaks of Discover Purcellville. “We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our new location.”

Once again, this year they will be offering costume contests in six categories with over \$2,500 in cash prizes. Trophies will be awarded to

the best costumes.

Best costume of the night will win \$500 cash prize, so get creative.

- Infant to 5 years
- 6 to 11 years
- Pets
- 12 to 17 years
- 18 and over
- Family and or Group

There will be games and music for the kids. Face painters, a balloon artist, and lots of candy treats for everyone. Kids and adults can decorate pumpkins that will be handed out.

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Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser's last State of the Town Address Oct. 14

Town of Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser will deliver his eighth State of the Town address on Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 221 South Nursery Avenue, Purcellville.

Fraser has served the Town as Mayor for four terms and is not seeking reelection. He will cover the Town's annual accomplishments since he has been mayor.

Come join Mayor Fraser for his last State of the Town address, and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

Said Fraser, "I am looking forward to presenting this year's State of the Town address. I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Purcellville for their confidence and support, and for giving me the great honor of serving them for four terms.

"My family and I love this Town and everything about the wonderful



long- and short-term residents, and businesses. I look forward to continuing to enjoy Purcellville's authentic small town feel – so much joy, so much energy, and so much authenticity here. It is so nice to go anywhere and run into so many friends, old and new. Purcellville is worth protecting."

Virginia's oldest juried crafts fair returns for its 78th year



Photo: Jennifer Jule Studios

Since 1943, the Waterford Foundation and the historic village of Waterford have welcomed visitors to experience one of the country's most unique fall crafts and arts fairs and tour some of the historic homes in the charming village.

The Waterford Fair takes place on Oct. 7-9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with an early bird ticket available for entry on Friday, Oct. 7 at 9 a.m. This historic village provides an opportunity

to step back into history and is the perfect setting for a fall outing.

The weekend features 60 of the finest American artisans, many from Loudoun County and the Mid-Atlantic (many nationally known), that will demonstrate their crafts and sell their beautiful, handmade crafts.

In addition, there will be lively performances of traditional music and dance; reenactments by Colonial and

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Just Like Nothing (else) on Earth: Georgetown Park (again)

BY TIM JON

The train has returned along those tracks from the past, and it is good. Or, so I feel. You see, upon my own return to Georgetown Park in Leesburg, I found some very captivating renderings of local locomotive history be-decking the faces of the humble bridge bisecting the linear acreage (or – I saw a couple ‘purdy pichers’ on the cement walls).



TIM JON

Although screened from passing vehicular traffic, those of us walking, running or biking the recreational trail that parallels the Park will notice this colorful artwork from either (head-on) direction.

Eastbound trail users can expect to come upon (and overtake) an image of the caboose end, and visitors heading for the setting sun will make haste slowly right past the choo-choo’s business end – the engine itself. Artistic license even

threw in some less defined railroad station building architecture for the background of each side. Overall: colorful, and quite striking – so I found.

And these visuals were just one of the new developments I came upon since my initial, official visit to Georgetown Park. I made my original pilgrimage to the local facility back in the summer of 2015, and a period of seven years can see vast changes in a place like Loudoun County, Virginia.

The local government put up a display of their plans to harness the meandering Town Branch (the ‘babbling brook’ of my earlier story) – an erosion control program similar to that implemented at nearby Brandon Park, which features the same waterway, just downstream.

Now, those seeking to spend a bit of quality time in the great outdoors at Georgetown Park can enjoy shelter from any inclement elements (well, just about any) under the (new – to me) covered



rest stop on the northern side of the park. The structure, at least in my humble, untrained opinion, adds to the overall railroad motif at the site.

Other fairly recent changes include the installment of modern residential units along the north border of the

space, flanked by a cobblestone-looking wall – ostensibly to shore up the bank on that side and keep any intermittent high water within the bounds of Nature’s borders.

Gone, however, are the former (perhaps less aesthetically-pleasing) retail and other sundry shops which, in days gone by, lined the Town Branch in the proximity of Georgetown Park. I’m sure there are even more, albeit subtle, changes to the local facility in the intervening years which escaped my eye or other senses.

These may creep into my consciousness through some extended time. But, for now I’ve already weighed in on the colorful, creative renderings on the South King Street Bridge as it crosses this little oasis of public land in the heart of our County Seat.

It registers a very positive response in the artistic temperament, it makes

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— Ask Dr. Mike —

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

8 Tips to Coping with Seasonal Affective Disorder

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, also known as “The Winter Blues” or “Winter Depression,” is a type of depression that affects over 10 million Americans each year. Research has shown that 10 to 20 percent of folks may struggle with a milder form of SAD.



Dr. Mike

SAD is a depression that occurs based on seasons; symptoms for the winter variant begin in the fall and dissipate by spring. Women are impacted more than men, and the condition typically begins around 20. SAD symptoms include: weight gain, oversleeping, having an increased craving for carbohydrates, irritability, having an increased

sensitivity for rejection, sadness, anxiety, fatigue/low energy, having an overall sense of heaviness in the arms and legs, and lethargy.

Here are 6 tips to consider if you or a loved one is currently struggling with the winter blues:

Consider using a lightbox or light lamp. Decreased exposure to sunlight and changes in one’s biological clock and changes in Serotonin levels (a neurochemical in the brain associated with mood) are believed to be the main two causes of SAD.

Exposure to light is the go-to intervention for the treatment of SAD. Phototherapy or bright light therapy mimics natural sunlight and has been shown to suppress the brain’s secretion of melatonin, and many people respond to the treatment. The device is easy to use, and

many report reduced depression symptoms within days to weeks.

For mild symptoms, spending time outdoors or arranging one’s home and workplace during the day to receive more sunlight may be enough to make a difference. One study found that an hour’s walk in winter sunlight was as effective as two and a half hours under bright light.

Get a check-up. The winter months are a great time for an annual physical or wellness check-up with your general practitioner, and getting a routine complete blood count will serve to identify any possible factors that are contributing to a sad or depressed mood – e.g., thyroid imbalance, low vitamin D or iron, etc.

Consider exercise. Exercise is probably the last thing one wants to do if

depressed, however, research has shown that physical activity can help with anxiety and improve mood. An exercise plan should always be reasonable and attainable, especially if one is depressed.

Instead of a gym membership to start, perhaps starting out with a project in the house, running errands, or going for a walk around the block is the way to go. Establishing an exercise routine and sticking to it, is what is most important for getting oneself moving and more active.

Be mindful of what you consume. Most people with depression crave carbohydrates because these foods are comforting, and they convert into higher Serotonin levels. But while cookies, brownies, pasta, etc., may initially serve to comfort, that comfort is fleeting.

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Property Rights vs The Common Weal

BY CHARLES HOUSTON

“Common weal” is the archaic term for the satisfactory general welfare of the citizenry. The “general welfare” is a critical concept that implies a satisfactory state of affairs. How do we obtain general welfare, and how does that concept relate to using one’s land?

“My Farm is My 4.01(k) Plan.”

I’ve often heard landowners say that. There are many ways to express the sentiment, such as: “My children will inherit the land and should be able to sell it if they wish.” When you cut to the core, these people are simply asserting that it’s their land, and that they have property rights which let them do whatever they wish with it. (Unsaid is, “Neighbors be damned.”)

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Pure Freedom? Nope

All of our lives are constrained in many ways: The IRS really does want

your money. As irritating as someone may be, you can’t simply run him over with your Prius. While that Prius may cruise at ninety, you’d be risking a serious ticket. You can quit paying your power bill, but have some candles and blankets handy.

You get the point.

From where do these constraints come? While common law and tradition are factors, we are most constrained by ordinances passed by legislative bodies. For example, Loudoun County gets a nickel for every plastic grocery bag you use.

Democracy

We live in a democracy, and we have a say in the election of the officials who pass ordinances. Democracy comes from the Greek “demos,” meaning people, and “kratos” meaning power. Thus, “power of the people” is a way of governing that depends on the peoples’ will as

expressed in elections.

We hope that decent and wise people get elected to govern us, although history suggests that this rarely happens, at least on a national level. Loudoun’s governors – this Board of Supervisors – are a good group, but some past Boards have been neither wise nor good.

Constraints and democracy bear directly on land use and property rights, as do wisdom and decency.

A majority of citizens elect a governing body to promote a common weal. Decisions are not universally shared, as there are always political disagreements. (And even more disagreements when businesses or their fast-talking shills butt in.) Supervisors need to have the wisdom of Solomon. Some do, some don’t.

A Dilemma

When the governing body grants the wishes of one group, doing so inevitably

upsets another faction. What if only one small group seeks redress, perhaps vehemently opposing a brewery that’s bought land nearby.

Which party should prevail in that situation? Supervisors can consider a myriad of facts and decide cases on the individual merits. Like it or not, we’ve elected the nine of them. (Personally, I think it’s a pretty good Board.)

Land use controversies happen constantly. The concept of by-right zoning can make the decision easier since a Board could simply point to a zoning ordinance and say that its hands are tied.

I would far, far prefer an end to by-right zoning, and let the Board wrestle with land use controversies on a case-by-case basis. Hopefully its decisions would be good for our general welfare.

Property Rights?

Yes, you do have property rights, but

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Reckless spending equals lower real wages

Dear Editor:

In a recent public forum with challenger Hung Cao, Rep. Jennifer Wexton said, “The biggest thing we can do is pay someone a living wage.” She also said Democrats have made higher wages a priority.

U.S. workers got higher wages, all right. But the Democrats had nothing to do with it. Those wage hikes were market-driven. Employers raised pay to attract employees during a labor shortage – a shortage linked to federal stimulus funds that enabled workers to sit home.

The Democrats, with their reckless spending, gave Americans lower real wages. Inflation is outpacing most pay

raises. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported in August that real average hourly earnings decreased 3 percent from July 2021 to July 2022. The change in real average hourly earnings combined with a decrease of 0.6 percent in the average workweek resulted in a 3.6 percent decline in real average weekly earnings over the period.

Wage increases are meaningless as inflation skyrockets. If higher wages are their priority, then Wexton and her Democratic colleagues have failed miserably.

The economy flourished under Donald Trump, and it can thrive again if we elect Republicans like Hung Cao.

*John Smith
Sterling*

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Make a statement on the integrity of the election system

Dear Editor:

People in high places and with significant influence have, without credible substantiation, called into question the integrity of the locally-directed American election system beginning with the

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2020 election. This is exceptionally unfortunate and very serious, with democracy-ruining consequences, which can now easily find expression in the November elections right here in our own Loudoun County.

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Every picture tells a story

Dear Editor:

When you drive around the Town of Purcellville including Hatcher Avenue and around certain developer-owned properties, these are the signs you see.

The signs on Hatcher Avenue of this “team” are in front of a home that is not occupied. This home is owned by the representatives/developers of Vineyard Square on 21st Street, and this house along with the two others next to it are proposed to be demolished and a large building put up in its place. Is this what we want for our “small town feel?”

This “team” speaks of “small town

charm” and “small town feel.” Really?

The other picture is in front of a property where the owners are not happy with the current uses proposed for their property, which today has the Agricultural Commercial designation.

The Agriculture Commercial designation comes with limited uses but the owners want full commercial zoning. They would get increased millions of dollars with this zoning, as it comes with much denser uses. To heck with the additional traffic around the traffic circle at Main Street and 287,



not to mention the increased demand for town services commercial zoning would generate.

They want a higher “retirement” income. Running for Mayor and Town Council for the Town of Purcellville is serious

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I did not have any party endorsement

Dear Editor:

It has come to my attention that Purcellville Mayoral candidate Joel Grewe has stated in a recent Facebook group that “Also, on the note of history I believe Karl Phillips in 2006 had a partisan endorsement from the LCDC (Loudoun County Democratic Committee) in a run for mayor here in town.”

Mr. Grewe’s aforementioned statement is incorrect.

I did not seek nor did I receive an endorsement from the LCDC when I ran for the Purcellville Town Council in 2002. I did not seek nor did I receive an endorsement from the LCDC when I ran for Mayor of Purcellville in 2006 and 2008. Mr. Grewe is mistaken or misinformed about this matter. I no

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longer reside in the Purcellville area and therefore do not generally make public comments regarding town politics. However, in a situation where I have been personally singled out by a candidate for public office, I feel the need to set the record straight.

I do not make any judgements regarding Mr. Grewe’s intentions regarding his erroneous comment about me. To that extent, I will not weigh in on the upcoming town election, town issues or candidates. I only ask that the voters of Purcellville fully exercise their constitutional right to vote on or before election day. Each election is important, local state, and federal.

Karl Phillips – Purcellville Town Councilman, 2002-2006

Karl Phillips – Purcellville Town Councilman, 2002-2006

Wexton makes positive progress for all Americans

Dear Editor:

While Republicans continue to talk trash and spread disinformation, telling voters why they hate America – you know: public schools, accurate history lessons, women’s rights,

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common sense gun regulations, free and fair elections – Jennifer Wexton has been busy making positive progress for all Americans.

Republicans voted against Democratic efforts to improve the lives of Americans by reducing healthcare

costs, slashing prices of pharmaceuticals, preventing terrorism and other essential actions.

But Rep. Wexton voted with the majority to:

- Lower Healthcare, Drugs and Energy Costs by passing H.R. 5376, Inflation Reduction Act by 220 to 212
- Cut the Cost of Insulin – H.R. 6833, Affordable Insulin Now Act: 220 to 193
- Stop Oil and Gas Price Gouging – H.R. 7688, Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act: 217 to 203
- Protect Voting Right – H.R. 1, For the People Act: 220-209

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The cure for Democratitis

DEAR EDITOR:

The cure for the Democratitis in Loudoun County must begin with CPR.

The symptoms of Democratitis are many: the 9 percent inflation rate, the ultra-high energy costs, the needless taxes on plastic grocery bags, the insane quest to spend taxpayer dollars to try to

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“fix” the weather, the Marxist-like quest to keep parents from being involved in their children’s education in Loudoun County Schools, and the never-ending efforts to restrict our rights listed in the Bill of Rights in our US Constitution.

The cause of Democratitis is, of course, those radical Democrat politicians who have been allowed to infiltrate our local, state, and federal governments. Examples include Jennifer Wexton, the Democrat who represents Loudoun County in the US House of Representatives, and

the vast majority of the members of the now-infamous Loudoun County School Board.

The cure for Democratitis may take a long time to find, but it must begin with CPR. No, I don’t mean Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). I mean Cao, Polifko and Rivera (CPR).

Hung Cao is the patriotic Navy leader and Republican candidate vying to replace Wexton, Tiffany Polifko is the talented Mom and candidate for school board in the Broad Run magisterial district, and Michael Rivera is the talented Dad and candidate for school board in the Leesburg magisterial district.

You can help to begin the cure for Democratitis in Loudoun County by voting this year for CPR—Cao, Polifko, and Rivera. The future health of Loudoun County depends on you.

*Mike Panchura
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"SHE SAVED MY LIFE"

Loudoun county resident Dawn R. had been experiencing the painful side effects of Peripheral Neuropathy, "my feet and legs were extremely painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life."

Then she met Ashburn's very own Rachal Lohr, L.Ac.

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort, and numbness caused by nerve damage to the peripheral nervous system. Dawn explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful.

"How can you live for the next 30 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

She was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling, and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass."

Dawn hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' her feet.

Unfortunately, Dawn's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy.

If you're unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet. You have difficulty walking, shopping, or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain.

You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to 'just live with the pain' and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects.

Fortunately, two months ago Dawn read an article about Rachal and the work she was doing to treat those suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy, without invasive surgeries or medications.

Rachal Lohr, founder of Firefly Acupuncture and Wellness, in Ashburn, is using the time tested science of Acupuncture and a technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

"Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation. I don't have pain coming up my legs," Dawn enthusiastically describes life after receiving Rachal Lohr's treatments. "I can wear socks and shoes!"

Dawn and her sister now operate a successful dog walking business, sometimes covering up to 5 miles a day.

"It's life altering. As far as I'm concerned Rachal saved my life!"

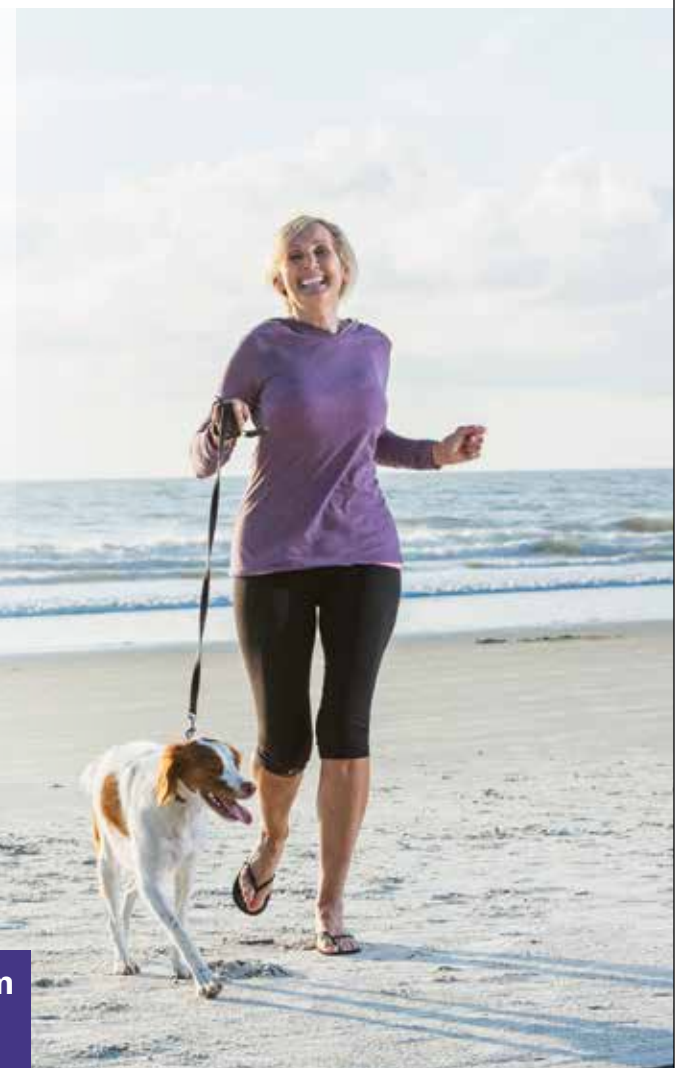
Rachal has been helping the senior community for over 15 years using the most cutting edge and innovative integrative medicine. Specializing in chronic pain cases, specifically those that have been deemed 'hopeless' or 'untreatable', she consistently generates unparalleled results.

What was once a missing link in senior healthcare is now easily accessible to the residents of Northern Virginia.

If you've missed too many tee times because of pain or you've passed on going to brunch and walking through the town centers with friends because you're afraid of falling, it's time to call Rachal and the staff at Firefly.

It's time you let your golden years BE GOLDEN!

Rachal Lohr, L.Ac. is once again accepting new patients. And for a limited time will be offering \$40 consultations so call (703)263-2142 before November 15th to schedule a consultation.



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Interviews with candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives for Virginia's 10th District

Candidates are in the order in which they appear on the ballot.

Jennifer Wexton

Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton has served the people of Virginia for over two decades as a prosecutor, advocate for abused children, state Senator, and now as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 10th District.

After flipping a seat that was held by Republicans for almost 40 years when she ran for Congress in 2018, Wexton has worked across the aisle in Washington to support small businesses and create jobs, ensure all our kids have the opportunity to grow and thrive, and look out for those in need.

Wexton is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the House Budget Committee. She lives in Leesburg, Virginia, with her husband, two sons, and two rescued Labrador retrievers.



Additionally, I plan to move forward with my legislation to support local agritourism businesses by establishing a dedicated federal office of agritourism to provide guidance and resources that can help these key small businesses grow and thrive.

Blue Ridge Leader: What experiences in your life do you believe make you the best fit for the 10th Congressional District?

Jennifer Wexton: I've dedicated my career to public service here in VA-10, as a prosecutor, advocate for abused children, state Senator, and now Member of Congress fighting on behalf of our community for the past four years.

The reason I've dedicated so much of my life to public service is I believe I can truly make a positive change in the lives of our kids and families. I've put dangerous criminals behind bars, and supported survivors of domestic violence and vulnerable kids.

In Washington, I've delivered for our district by voting to pass legislation that will lower costs for families and fight climate change, rebuild our nation's infrastructure and expand broadband, and supercharge American manufacturing and innovation to create millions of good-paying jobs. I believe we must continue this progress, which is why I'm fighting to tackle inflation, defend our fundamental rights, and protect our democracy.

BRL: When elected, what bills would you want to sponsor?

JW: When reelected, I look forward to building on the progress that I've made delivering on the issues that matter most to Virginia families and small businesses. I hope to advance my bipartisan legislation to equip institutions and individuals with the tools to prevent domestic violence before it occurs – delivering resources for prevention programs such as healthy relationship education and bystander empowerment.

BRL: What do you think will be the short- and long-term effects of the Inflation Reduction Act?

JW: I proudly supported the Inflation Reduction Act to lower costs, fight inflation, and reduce the deficit. This major legislation enacted by Democrats will deliver relief to families right now by extending Affordable Care Act subsidies that will save tens of thousands of Virginia-10 families hundreds of dollars on their health care premiums.

The bill also helps relieve inflationary pressure we're facing right now by ensuring the biggest corporations pay their fair share in taxes and cracking down on wealthy tax cheats – allowing us to make a down payment of hundreds of billions of dollars to reduce the deficit. We're also delivering on priorities that I've fought for since I came to Congress, like finally empowering Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and capping the cost of insulin for Medicare beneficiaries.

Finally, the investments we're making to fight climate change will lower energy costs for families and guarantee a healthy livable planet for future generations.

BRL: Around what issues do you think are important to move this district and America forward?

JW: The most pressing issue that I hear from Virginia families today is the

Hung Cao

Hung Cao is a retired Navy Captain who served in Special Operations for twenty-five years. Cao lives with his wife, April, and their five children in Purcellville, where they have been active in their community for several years.

Cao's family escaped Vietnam in 1975 shortly before the fall of Saigon. Moved by the opportunities afforded to his family, Cao vowed to serve his newly adopted country.

Cao is a member of the inaugural graduating class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and was accepted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

His non-combat assignments included balancing the Navy's \$140 Billion budget at the Pentagon, writing Department of Defense policy, and participating in humanitarian and disaster relief in Pakistan. Cao retired from the Navy in October of 2021.



Blue Ridge Leader: What experiences in your life do you believe make you the best fit for the 10th Congressional District?

Hung Cao: The role of the Federal government is to provide for the common defense and promote the general welfare. How do we do that? First, we must ensure that our country is secure.

My experience in the United States military along with my professional relationships with federal and local law enforcement agencies, gives me the perspective we desperately need to tackle challenges we face at the southern border.

As an immigrant to this country, I join Americans in championing an immigration policy which welcomes – like it did my family – those who come legally. For the safety and health of our children, we must secure our border against those who wish to do us harm, by taking advantage of Biden and Wexton's open border policy to push fentanyl into our communities and kill our loved ones.

Second, our economy is suffering with the highest inflation in 40 years with no relief in energy and gas prices. Cost of living expenses continue to rise, and Americans are now choosing between paying for food or utility bills. We must cut spending and put more money back in the paychecks of hard-working Americans.

We need strong Representatives with experience in budgeting, like my time writing the Navy's \$140 billion budget, not more lawyers, in Congress.

BRL: When elected, what bills would you want to sponsor?

HC: My top priority is to sponsor fiscally conservative legislation. Currently, Joe Biden, with the support of Jennifer Wexton, is adding a tax burden to middle class Americans through student loan forgiveness and legislation favoring far-left climate policies at a time when one-in-three Americans are dipping into their savings just to cover monthly bills and expenses.

Also, families must be confident that their Representative will support their right to make decisions for their children. The proposed changes by the Biden Administration for Title IX, removes parents from making personal decisions in their own families and threatens the future of sports for girls and women. As the father of three precious daughters, I can not stand by language that threatens to set women back fifty years. Our daughters deserve to continue to have a fair chance to succeed and achieve in safe and supportive environments.

BRL: What do you think will be the short- and long-term effects of the Inflation Reduction Act?

HC: The effects will be devastating. In the short term, it will do nothing to lower inflation and continues the trend of wasteful government spending.

In the long term, which we may not have with a rapidly declining economy, it will raise taxes for every low-income and middle-class family. It adds 87,000 new IRS agents to conduct audits on families and small business owners. This is not what residents of the tenth district support. We must waste no time reigning in government spending and quickly finding ways to give Americans back their hard-earned money so

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Purcellville's cell tower approval: Can you hear me now?

BY LAURA LONGLEY

How does a 156-foot cell tower with arrays for up to five carriers get approved for construction next to an area zoned by a county as an “historic district”?

Take one town with a community desperately in need of cell service; a Town Council trying to meet the need and benefit from a percentage of the tower's leasing fees; a wireless development, design, and management corporation, which, as is customary, subcontracts jurisdictional, environmental, and historic resources due diligence to a firm that specializes in that work.

The town, in this instance, is Purcellville. The communities without cell service are Hirst Farm, Locust Grove, and all nearby corridors. Wireless Edge of Ohio and New York State is the contract awardee, and that firm's due diligence consultant is Trileaf Corporation of Towson, Maryland. The location of the tower is Basham Simms Wastewater Treatment Facility on S. 20th St.

For a cell tower to be built, it must receive the necessary Federal Communications Commission permits by meeting the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966.

“The review process requires federal agencies to identify and assess the effects that federal undertakings will have on significant historic resources,” notes Preservation Virginia, a statewide nonprofit. “Federal undertakings can be projects or activities which are funded, permitted, licensed, or approved by any federal agency, and can take place either on or off federally owned or controlled property.”

It is separate from the National Environmental Policy Act. But, as the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation explains, both require federal agencies to “stop, look, and listen” before making decisions that impact

historic properties and the human environment.

“If it is determined that the federal project will have adverse effects on the historic resource,” Preservation Virginia makes clear, “the federal agency must begin to explore ways—in consultation with the other parties—to prevent, minimize, or mitigate the adverse effects. This type of checks and balances system found within the Section 106 review process has helped prevent and mitigate the loss of many significant historic sites across the nation.”

What does anyone in Purcellville or western Loudoun know about this tower?

From an informal canvas of Town Council members, the Town Planning Committee, and regional preservation and conservation organization, the answer is “not much.”

The project has not shown up on the radar screen of most of the nonprofits. Even members of communities that will benefit most from the enhanced cell service are, for the most part, in the dark.

One Town Council member says that he has not seen a rendering of the Wireless Edge tower. “They gave a presentation to the Town Council about a year ago,” when the Town Council approved a 40-year contract unanimously. “They did not provide a photograph or drawing of the tower but indicated they intend to install a monopole.”

According to the presentation given by Wireless Edge president and CEO John Arthur, the Purcellville tower will be constructed to accommodate up to five cellular carriers.

Groups left out of the approval process

Wireless Edge's consulting firm Trileaf tapped

Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson of Herndon to manage the Section 106.

A Section 106 requires identification of “consulting parties who are invited to comment. These choices are pivotal, especially when organizations and jurisdictions responsible for historic resources are not invited to the table.

For Purcellville tower's FCC permits application, Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson listed only two “consulting parties:” the Purcellville Planning Commission and the Purcellville Historical Society. Their invitations were sent via email to “To Whom It May Concern.” Both the planning commission and historical society report they did not receive invitations. If one did land in their inbox, they were never opened. Bottom line: They did not comment. So noted in the Section 106 filing.

Meanwhile, there was a host of preservation organizations that could have been contacted given their ongoing work to prevent threats to irreplaceable historic resources: Piedmont Environmental Council, Lincoln Preservation Foundation, Loudoun Historic Village Alliance, Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition, Loudoun Heritage Commission, and the Loudoun Preservation Association.

What historic resources were missed given those limited invitations for comment?

Here are a few:

- Goose Creek Historic District, which adjoins Purcellville at the cell tower site, is 10,000 acres of open farmland filled with 18th-century stone houses, barns, Civil War battlefields, and sites of burned mills. The district was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in November 1982.

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COVID-19 cited as major delay in the Fields Farm Park proposed complex

BY VALERIE CURY

On Sept. 13, Mark Hoffman and Nancy Boyd of the Transportation and Capital Infrastructure Department presented an update on the status of current proposed Town of Purcellville projects to the Loudoun County Finance and Government Operations Committee and the County's Economic Development Committee.

The slow pace of planning and reviews of the Fields Farm Park complex has prompted explanations from County administration and staff and, similarly, from the Town's administration and staff, as well as from elected officials.

Loudoun County Transportation and Capital Infrastructure's Mark Hoffman said, “COVID hit and things [were transitioned] remotely ...there was a snag in communication working remotely ...working remotely was a challenge.”

Hoffman noted that there were “delays in plat

review” for the Fields Farm Park and Ride project, which is located on Fields Farm in the Town of Purcellville. He said the “Fields Farm Park Road is a complicated plat.” He also said that cost escalation is an issue with the project.

Dale Lehnig, Town of Purcellville Director of Engineering Planning and Development, was in attendance and said, “COVID-19 hit us pretty hard.” She said there was a “staffing change,” and she was put in charge of the “planning development and engineering department [at the direction of the town manager].”

“It was really difficult for me becoming the new director to coordinate with staff. I was working from home and staff was in the office,” Lehnig said. “We were also down a person, too.” She noted that the Town is now “up to full staffing, and we've gotten better, and I've also thrown a couple more people into the mix.”

Lehnig said that the new people reviewing the plats are currently reviewing them, and “we've gone back and forth with them. We have to have an outside attorney to review them, and that takes some time too.”

Regarding the Fields Farm Park, she said, “We still need to do a revised water and sewer agreement.” Lehnig pointed out three main topics that are going to be issues regarding the park and ride and the park: “traffic, noise, and lighting.”

She informed the County that the Purcellville Planning Commission Public Hearing is on Sept. 22, and on Oct. 6 there will be the Planning Commission vote on the proposed rezoning of the property – with all the special exceptions that are needed if the property were to get rezoned from Transition X to IP (Institutional and Public Use).

Lehnig said that a floodplain issue remains unresolved, and changes to water and sewer lines will impact the extension of Mayfair Crown Drive. Lehnig informed the County that the Purcellville Town Council has asked Town staff not to proceed with the administrative approval of Mayfair Crown Drive “until they have a chance to look at it more.”

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“We have all the essential elements of a strong town government” John Anzivino’s Leadership Analysis for Purcellville

On Sept. 29, the Purcellville Town Council held a special meeting to hear a Leadership Analysis presentation and discussion conducted by John Anzivino, Management Analyst and Coordinator.

In 2017, Anzivino served as Interim Town Manager for the Town of Purcellville.

“This is a very different community than when I served here. It’s a beautiful community,” Anzivino said. “It is so well kept, and it is a pleasant place to come to – and that is very important. It shows the pride of your staff in taking care of this community.”

Anzivino pointed out that Town staff works at a level of some of the bigger communities closer to the District. “There’s a number of those key staff – there’s approximately ten in the next three years that are eligible for retirement.”

He said that staff should prepare for “a way to proceed to pass the torch, so you don’t lose the institutional memory, which most communities lose.” He said that he will cover this in detail in the next study.

“I consider you to be an activist governing body.” When Council Member Tip Stinnette asked him to define the term “activist,” Anzivino explained, “This is a council that thinks outside the box, is very actively engaged in your job as a council member, and is really trying to get things done.”

There are numerous pages with redactions in the Leadership Analysis. The redactions were done at the request of Town Manager David Mekariski, redacted by the Town Clerk, verified by Town Attorney Sally Hankins, then sent to the Human Resources Department to check the legality of the redactions.

The pages of redactions centered around the “Town Manager’s performance, which is by contract and by tradition and by practice with this Council a personnel matter that is to be given the privilege to be discussed in executive session,” said Town Manager David Mekariski.

Defending his own decision, Mekariski continued, “Because the comments were merely that – unsubstantiated comments – there is no way to gauge the veracity, and they could be a level of truth, or they could not. All I would like to do as the Town Manager is to have the opportunity to go through those.”

He said he would accept written

comments and he would “accept those that are constructive criticism and rebut those that are not. But I don’t think those elements are part of the public forum.”

Anzivino said he has worked as a town manager and a consultant in the private sector. He has worked in government offices and worked with 100 entities. “A lot of them are laid back and docile. You folks are very active in your role as elected officials, and you should be proud of that.”

He said the study should serve as a blueprint for future action, interaction with staff and committees, commissions, and boards. He added that defining the roles of the governing body is key.

“The Council as granted in your charter by the General Assembly operates under the council/town manager form of government,” Anzivino said. This is a form of government which 54 percent of the communities in the United States are utilizing and “originated in Stanton, Virginia in 1917-1918.”

He said the town manager and the governing body should be “joined at the hip, to forge a vision for the community, and for that manager to have that vision to carry out on behalf of the council.”

“The mayor is responsible for managing the meetings and is the visible head of the elected body,” he said.

Anzivino noted that the Town’s budget is their work plan. He said that the Director of Engineering, Planning and Economic Development is “working about as hard as she can be working to fulfill the management of a wide range of projects.”

“Council sets the direction for the community and you direct your manager to get it done. It’s your role to set the parameters of what you want done.” He added, “But it’s the manager’s job to get it done.”

Touching on the recommendation for the Town in the Organizational Assessment, Anzivino said, “That’s something for everyone here, for the staff and the Council to be very proud of because there are some big things in there.

“Your asset management for the first time, you as a local government are taking a look at the assets you have which belong to the citizens and saying okay, what kind of shape are they in and how

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Virginia voters receive notices from State Department of Elections

Loudoun County election officials want voters to be aware of notices sent by the Virginia Department of Elections to all Virginia voters regarding their polling locations for the Nov. 8 general election. They want voters to know:

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There is only one polling place in Loudoun County that has changed from the last election. In the Middleburg Precinct, voting will take place at the Middleburg American Legion Post 295, 111 The Plains Road, until the new Middleburg Town Hall is completed.

There will be future changes in Loudoun that will go into effect after the November 2022 election, due to the local redistricting plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year.

No action is required upon receipt of the notice.

“The only thing we would ask in regards to this notice from the state is that the voter write ‘return to sender’ on the envelope if the notice does not belong to someone in their household,” said Loudoun County General Registrar Judy Brown. “This will help us with our efforts to maintain our records of registered voters.”

Nov. 8, General Election

As a reminder, early voting for the Nov.

8 general election has begun at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C in Leesburg. Hours for early voting will be 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday -Friday, with expanded locations starting Oct. 24.

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Rt. 7 Bypass lane closures at Bell Rd. in Round Hill

The Rt. 7 Bypass will have lane closures between Monday, Oct. 3 and Friday, Nov. 11 for cleaning and painting of the Bell Road (Rt. 720) overpass located between the Rt. 7 Business (East Loudoun Street) Purcellville/Round Hill interchange and the Rt. 287 (Berlin Turnpike) interchange, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Lane closures on the Rt. 7 Bypass at Bell Road are allowed during the following days and times:

- Mondays through Fridays: Eastbound 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., westbound 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Monday nights through Friday nights: Eastbound 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., westbound 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Saturday nights: 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.
- Sunday nights: 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

At least one lane of the Rt. 7 Bypass in each direction will remain open at all times.

During the bridge work, two-way traffic will be maintained along Bell Road, but the road will be narrowed between Bernadette Court/Dwyer Court and Osburn Road to allow crews to stage their equipment on the bridge.

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New issues arise over the Rt.7/690 Interchange

BY LAURA LONGLEY

Progress, or lack of it, on the long-awaited Rt. 7/690 Interchange in the Town of Purcellville has been making headlines as County officials take aim at the Town for time lags in permit reviews and approvals.

Supervisor Tony Buffington (R-Blue Ridge) took to Facebook on Sept. 15 to declare “URGENT NEWS: Major permit review delays by the Town of Purcellville have put the County’s Rt. 7/690 Interchange project at SERIOUS RISK of major multi-year delays.”

GOVERNMENT

“I call on the Mayor and Town Council to ensure all necessary reviews of this project are fully completed, approved, and returned to the County prior to the end of this calendar year. If that does not happen, the County will likely be forced to return state funding for this project back to the state to preserve our good standing and future ability to successfully apply for state funding on other projects as they do not like to see projects they’ve funded become stagnant.

“The County began its request for necessary Town approvals in August of 2020. Typical Town review processes for

something like this take 6-8 months. We’re currently at 25 months and counting which has delayed the project to the point that the state has now classified this project as critical due to a lack of continuous progress.”

Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser rebutted Buffington’s assertions. “Supervisor Buffington, please let the Purcellville and Western Loudoun community know how the Rt. 7/690 Interchange project is connected to the Fields Farm Road to Mayfair Crown Drive linkage proposal, and also quantify your alleged “serious risks” of major multi-year delays and your claim of funds being returned to the Commonwealth. The County staff told us a month ago, in Town Council chambers, that there were no risks of losing funds.

“Further, we are engaging our taxpayers, especially those who are directly impacted, on all aspects of these proposed developments to make sure their voices are heard and that there are no adverse impacts to their health, safety, and welfare today and into the future. Please don’t misconstrue community engagement and due diligence as delays.”

What was not making headlines but could have more impact on the

interchange project are two issues that have not gained much traction.

The first involves Loudoun County’s ownership of a home on approximately half an acre in Catoctin Meadows on N. 21st St. It is adjacent to an area essential to successful interchange construction.

The County bought the Walker home in October 2018. The house is hard to spot as it sits below street level, surrounded by trees and close to the South Fork of Catoctin Creek. It backs up to Catoctin Meadows’ common open space wetlands.

The house has been boarded up since the County bought it. After the property became overgrown and littered with trash, HOA members appealed to Buffington’s staff. Soon the lawn was mowed, the yard was cleaned up, and the place was monitored by the Purcellville Police Department and the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office.

But why the County bought the land is what’s relevant here. Loudoun County Dedication of Right of Way plats provided to the Town show that the Walker property is necessary to construct the Rt.7 eastbound off-ramp onto N. 21st St.

Loudoun County acknowledges that its ownership of that property makes the

County a member of the Catoctin Meadows Homeowners Association.

However, if the purpose of the purchase was to access land necessary for an off-ramp, the question becomes whether or how the County can annex its property out of the HOA. To do so would be in disregard of the Declaration of Covenants with which the rest of the HOA members must comply. Could the County then move the Town to rezone and challenge its own Comprehensive Plan, thus avoiding the legal and political consequences of declaring “eminent domain”?

But there are more immediate concerns to address: wetlands

Catoctin Meadows’ 14.2 acres of dedicated common open space is comprised almost entirely of wetlands. The wetlands have been protected by the HOA members ever since the late Purcellville developer Bruce Brownell built the community in 1994. Over the last three decades, this land has evolved into a wildlife sanctuary. In addition, the wetlands provide a barrier to stormwater surges and serve as a natural filter for the Town parks downstream.

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Early voting for November election has started

Loudoun County election officials remind voters of important dates and deadlines for the upcoming general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

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- **Monday, Oct. 17:** Last day to register to vote.
- **Monday, Oct. 24:** In-person early voting expands to additional locations.
- **Friday, Oct. 28:** Last day to request a ballot by mail.
- **Saturday, Nov. 5:** Last day for early voting.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 8:** Election Day; In-person voting, 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

What's on the Ballot

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Open burning regulations for fall and winter

The Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Fire Marshal's Office reminds residents open burning started on Oct. 1, and will continue through midnight February 14,

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Youngkin tours the Loudoun County Elections Office

BY VALERIE CURY

On Tuesday Sept. 20, Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) visited the Loudoun County Elections office on National Voter Registration Day, located at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg.

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While touring the election office with Deputy Director Richard M. “Ricky” Keech, Youngkin reaffirmed if voters overvoted it will not be counted. The machines are closed and sealed during early voting every evening, and also before they restart. The number of votes is reaffirmed every day. Over votes are not counted, and the machines have no internet connection.

In a press gaggle after his visit at the County election office Youngkin said, “The Virginia election process is safe and secure and we continue to make it work even more so.”

“I think it’s really important for us to illuminate the process that our election teams go through in advance of early voting starting on Friday [Sept. 23], and the testing of all these machines that count

the actual paper ballots is something that I wanted to see,” Youngkin said. “To see the precision and the scrutiny that each one of these machines gets is really important.

“I applaud the Loudoun County elections board. I applaud the team and the work that they are doing in order to reaffirm and establish confidence in our election process.”

Youngkin said that the Department of Elections has done an extraordinary job in supporting “what are extremely capable teams at the local level... I want to make sure everybody understands in Virginia everyone has to have, by law, a paper ballot.” He said the accuracy of counting the ballots is what is being tested now, and it’s certified.

“It’s a very important process that we get right. We have an accurate election process; it is dependable. I am encouraged by the fact that we are working further to improve it. All processes can be improved.”

Youngkin said there were three laws that have passed this year on a bipartisan



basis. “One excluded outside money from coming in and being used to run the process, and otherwise used as Zuckerbucks. That is no longer allowed.”

This refers to approximately \$350 million in donations and money from Mark Zuckerberg to election officials in battleground counties throughout the country.

Another law that was passed is that

the voter rolls are updated weekly “for anyone who passes away unfortunately, in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Also absentee ballots are assigned back to the precincts,” he said.

“My job as governor is to reassure people that the election integrity work force is a good thing,” Youngkin said.



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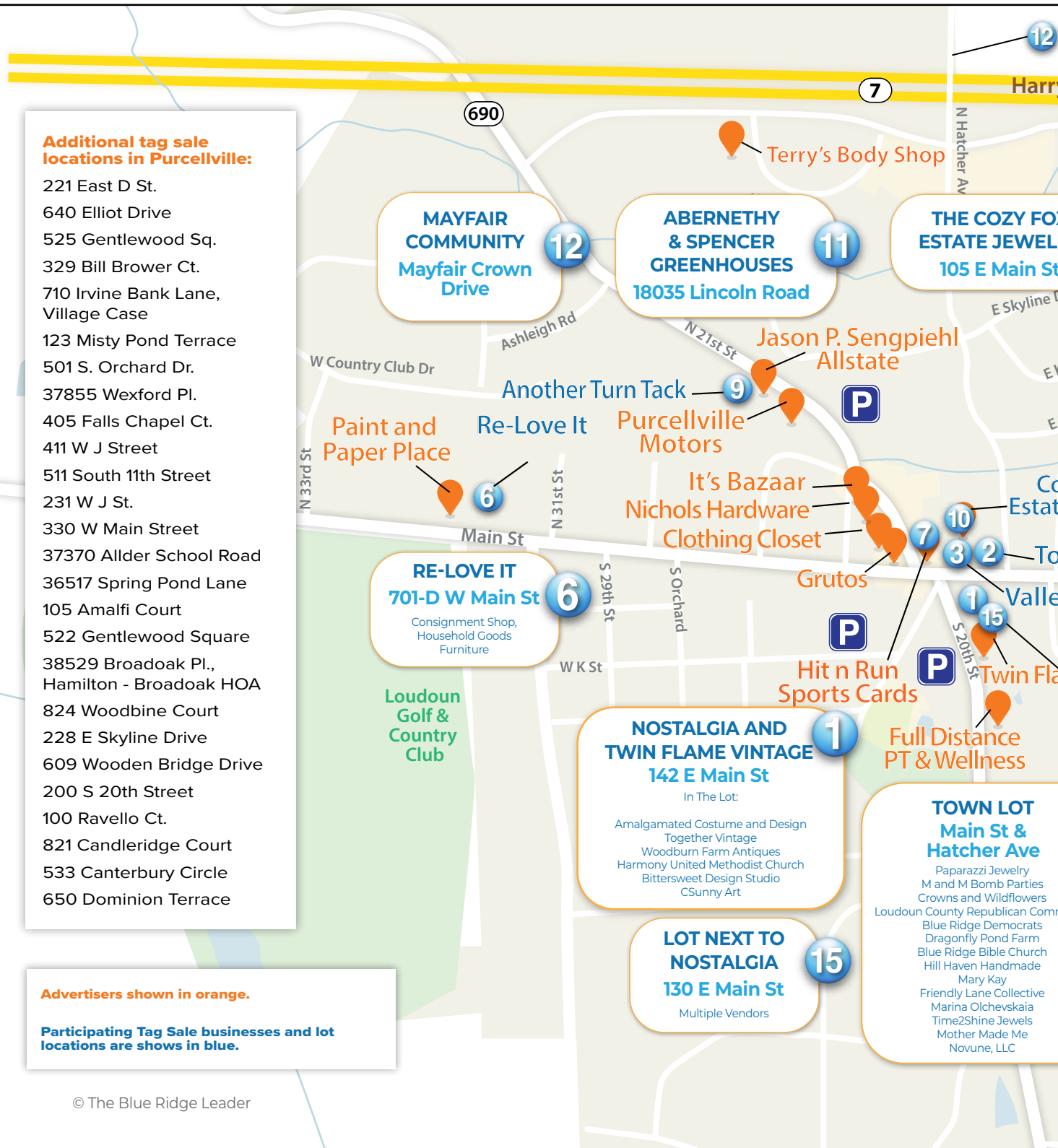
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Join the Town of Purcellville and the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the second annual Celebrate Purcellville, a week-long, town-wide event from Oct. 3 – 9.

Use your Celebrate Purcellville passport to visit more than 40 businesses and organizations in town, go on a town-wide scavenger hunt, try geocaching, and join in the Celebrate Purcellville finale for live music, activities, and a chance to win prizes.

Get more information and a list of the participating businesses and organizations on the Celebrate Purcellville page on the Town website at: <https://purcellvilleva.gov/celebrate-purcellville>.

Celebrate Purcellville Activities from Oct. 3 – 9

Celebrate Purcellville Passport—The Celebrate Purcellville Passport will include a list of the businesses and organizations that are participating in the week-long event.

As of Sept. 30, the Celebrate Purcellville Passport is available at Town Hall

(221 S. Nursery Ave) and the Purcellville Library (220 E. Main Street). The passport may also be downloaded at: <https://purcellvilleva.gov/celebrate-purcellville>.

Passports with a minimum of 20 stamps can be turned in from noon to 1 p.m. during the Celebrate Purcellville finale at Dillon's Woods on Oct. 9 for a chance to win prizes that have been donated by participating businesses and organizations. The grand prize is \$500 donated by Sengpiehl Insurance Group. Winners will be announced at the finale on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. in Dillon's Woods. You must be present to win.

Scavenger Hunt—There will be 10 painted horseshoes placed around town. Each horseshoe has a code written on the back. Use the Scavenger Hunt page in the Celebrate Purcellville Passport to get the clues, and when you find each horseshoe, to write the code in the passport.

If you get 5 or more codes, you can tear this page out of the passport and drop it in the special bin from noon to 1 p.m. on Oct. 9 during the Celebrate Purcellville finale for a chance to win a prize. You must be there to win.

Geocaching—For Celebrate Purcellville, we are introducing three new geocache locations.

Celebrate Purcellville Finale on Oct. 9

Live music, prizes, and activities in Dillon's Woods—From noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, join the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for live music and a variety of games and activities in Dillon's Woods. Performers include: Ben Demase, The Retrones, the Loudounettes from the Dance Academy of Loudoun, Justin Trawick and the Common Good, and Chris Timbers. A variety of games will also be set up. Beverages will be sold by American Legion Post 293, and food will be available for purchase. People may also bring their own picnics and come enjoy a fun day in the park.

Those who obtained at least 20 stamps in their Celebrate Purcellville passports and/or at least 5 codes from the scavenger hunt may turn them in between noon and 1 p.m. for a chance to win prizes donated by participating businesses and organizations. The prize drawings

will be at 2 p.m. and you have to be there to win.

Those who come to the finale will also be able to take a piece of history as a limited number of boards from the floor of the Bush Tabernacle will be given away (limit one per person). Dillon's Woods is part of the Fireman's Field Complex at 250 South Nursery Avenue Purcellville, VA 20132.

Celebrate Purcellville is hosted by the Town of Purcellville and the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and sponsored by Sengpiehl Insurance Group, Costello's Ace Hardware, Purcellville Business Association, Virginia Citizens Armory, KP3, and OHM Productions.

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Visitors, residents, and shoppers will also be able to enjoy the Purcellville Tag Sale, hosted by Nostalgia Vintage

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Lydia Clark brings warmth, enthusiasm and authenticity to her real estate clients which immediately puts them at ease. A Northern Virginia resident for more than 13 years, Lydia has immersed herself in the community by engaging local leaders, volunteering, as well as supporting local businesses. She supports many local causes, such as Upper Loudoun Little League, HeroHomes, Purcellville Woman's Club, Tree of Life, Discover Purcellville and Ellie's Hats. Lydia is also the LifeSkills Branch Director for Tree of Life Purcellville, an Advisory Board Member for the Purcellville Cannons, an Ambassador for Loudoun County's Area Agency on Aging, a member of the American Warrior Real Estate Professionals and is a designated Military Relocation Professional (MRP).

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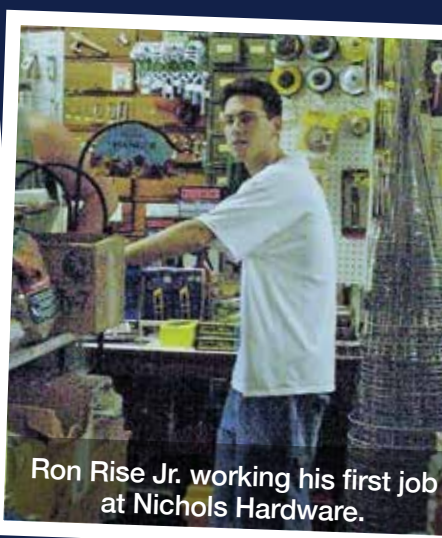
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Loudoun to host job fair on Oct. 15

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, in collaboration with the Arc of Loudoun, will host a Loudoun Job Fair to commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding.

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The event will highlight career opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Loudoun Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County. Immediate opportunities are available in the fields of health care, hospitality, landscaping,

leisure, nonprofits, retail, security, staffing, trades, public safety and warehouse/transportation.

The event will also offer free educational workshops. Attendees can also explore the exhibition area, where information about programs and resources will be available from disability service providers.

Job seekers are encouraged to prepare for the fair:

Attend one or both of the preparatory workshops:

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Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at loudoun.gov/loudounjobfair to receive reminders and updates.

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Youngkin discusses updated school model policies

On Sept. 20 after a tour of the Loudoun County Voter Registrar’s office ahead of early voting at the end of September, Gov. Glenn Youngkin discussed Virginia Public Schools’ new model policies regarding parental rights and transgender policies,

“We want to respect all students. We want to respect their privacy, their dignity, their safety,” said Youngkin when asked about the policies at a press gaggle

after the tour.

“Second of all, we want to reaffirm the fact that parents must have a role in their children’s lives and as these important decisions are made, parents should be informed and clued in – so that was the primary goal.”

He confirmed that’s what this “draft model policy reflects.” Youngkin said there will be a 30-day comment period, and then schools “will move forward and follow up with their specific policies based on this model policy.”

“I think this is just an important moment for us to remember that at the end of the day, children have a need and a right to have a parent involved in their lives. And parents have a need and right to be involved in their children’s lives.”

He stressed that “most important decisions should have a parent first.” This

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Youngkin donates third-quarter salary to G³ Community Services

Gov. Glenn Youngkin and First Lady Suzanne Youngkin donate his third-quarter salary to G³ Community Services, a veteran-run non-profit organization that is focused on providing student mentorship through Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) activities and offering assistance to veterans who are transitioning from the military to the civilian workforce.

“The mission of G3 Community Services is to restore, inspire, and empower the family unit while focusing on mission rather than self. This organization exemplifies the heart and the Spirit of



Gov. Glenn Youngkin and First Lady Suzanne Youngkin present check to G³ Community Services in Stafford, Virginia on Sept. 26. Photo Christian Martinez.

Virginia,” said Youngkin. “I am pleased to donate this quarter’s salary to G3 community services to support their continued efforts to uplift families and localities across the Commonwealth.”

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Legislation introduced to protect savings from inflation

U.S. Senators Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) and Mark Warner (D-VA.) have introduced the Savings Security Act. The legislation would help the American people protect their savings from changes in inflation by increasing the public's ability to utilize I Bonds, a type of savings bond created by the U.S. Treasury Department.

GOVERNMENT Series I Savings Bonds were created so consumers could invest their savings in something that isn't hurt by inflation, earns a reasonable rate of return, and is backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government.

"The American people are scrambling for ways to protect their earnings from rampant inflation. I Bonds are one option consumers should be able to leverage. Arbitrary purchasing caps on I Bonds, however, are short-changing the public from better utilizing the program. Our bill would raise the annual purchasing cap to ensure working families can insulate a greater portion of their savings from the pain of sky-high inflation," said Sen. Fischer.

"We need to take an all-encompassing approach to help families facing high costs. In tandem with our inflation-fighting efforts, and intervention from the Federal Reserve, this legislation would allow Americans to better shield their finances from the unpredictability of inflation and offer peace of mind during difficult economic times," said Sen. Warner.

Currently, the Treasury Department caps annual purchases of I Bonds at \$15,000 per person per year. The Savings Security Act would require the Treasury Secretary to raise the annual cap to \$30,000 per person when the average six-month annual Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is above 3.5 percent. The new purchase limit only applies to families and individuals. Businesses and trusts would not be eligible for the increased cap.

Series I Bonds are a type of savings bond created by the U.S. Treasury. I Bonds earn monthly interest for 30 years, or until the saver cashes out of the bond.

I Bonds were created in 1998 as a financial tool that families can utilize to protect their savings from the negative impacts of high inflation.

Currently, the Treasury Department caps annual purchases of I Bonds at \$15,000 per person. That includes \$10,000 per person per year in electric I Bonds, and an additional \$5,000 per person per year in paper-issued I Bonds that are purchased through a federal income tax return. The Savings Security Act would require the Treasury Secretary to raise the annual cap to \$30,000 per person when the CPI-U is above 3.5 percent. The Savings Security Act does not change the \$5,000 per person paper I bond cap.

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Nominations for the fifth annual Jim "Doc" Wiley award

The Purcellville Arts Council is accepting nominations for the fifth annual Jim "Doc" Wiley Leadership in the Arts Award. This award is named for Dr.

COMMUNITY

James Wiley, a family dentist, former Town Council member, and long-time supporter of art and artists in Purcellville. It is intended to recognize an individual or organization in the greater Purcellville area for making a significant impact on the arts in the community.

Nominations are due no later than Nov. 1, by 5 p.m. Use the online form to submit a nomination.

Candidates considered may include performing, visual, or literary artists; teachers of art; producers or managers of arts venues; patrons of the arts; and art advocates. The objective is to highlight the recipient's artistic impact on the greater Purcellville area. Nominees may include individuals, organizations, or businesses that have demonstrated excellence and leadership in one or more of the following areas:

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Meet Reggie Simms at the artist reception

The Purcellville Arts Council is hosting a “Meet the Artist” reception for Reggie Simms on Oct. 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Purcellville Town Hall, located at 221 S. Nursery Avenue.

Artwork by Reggie Simms is currently on display at Town Hall.

COMMUNITY

The Purcellville Arts Council and Simms invite the public for an evening of art, discussion, and light refreshments on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

This reception is part of the town-wide, week-long event called Celebrate Purcellville which features local artisans, performers, businesses, and organizations. Bring your Celebrate Purcellville Passport

to the reception to get one of the 20 stickers needed for a chance to win prizes, including a \$500 grand prize.

Passports may be picked up at Town Hall as well. Get more information about Celebrate Purcellville here: <https://purcellvilleva.gov/997/Celebrate-Purcellville>.

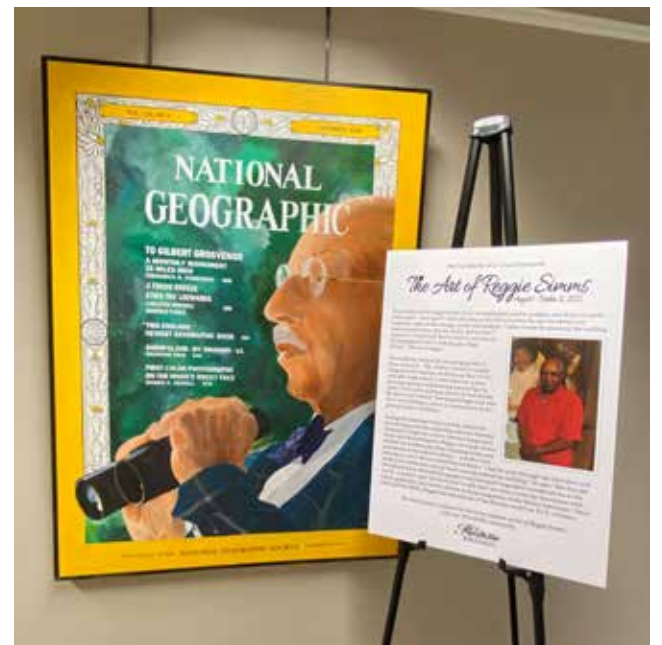
Purcellville native Reggie Simms is an accomplished painter, sculptor, and down-to-earth philosopher. Now age 87 and reflecting on his life’s journey, he says he always has wanted to explore new things, create, and imagine.

He credits his mother for encouraging him to draw and paint. “My mother located a racially integrated art academy on Embassy Row in D.C. and, after high school, I went

there for a year, learning anatomy and drawing human figures. Later, I took a few painting classes in New Jersey. By then I was hooked.”

He continued to learn through trial-and-error and built a career in commercial art for grocery chains and Metro. Paintings in the exhibit at Town Hall are eye-catching canvases depicting selected National Geographic magazine covers. This magazine has a special meaning to him. “I owe my fascination with travel, geography and world cultures to those magazines,” he said.

The Purcellville Arts Council invites Purcellville residents to come learn more about Reggie Simms and see his artwork.



An open letter to Loudoun’s white-tailed friends

Dear Deer,

It’s that time of year, we know, when love is the air and the scent of romance urges you to leap wide roads in a single bound.

The only problem is, we’re on those same roads, rushing the kids to school, zipping to the grocery store, heading home from work, or getting out of the house after a long day of work-from-home.

COMMUNITY

Usually, when we get in our cars, we’re not thinking about you. Until, that is, when we glance across a field and see a herd of you. Or when a fawn, nearly invisible in its gray-brown coat, steps out from the trees and stares straight into our headlights.

The fact is this is a two-way street.

We appreciate you have other things on your mind—or you’re not thinking at all.

It would be helpful, though, if you were to take it easy crossing the road. But we can’t bet on you changing your habits. So, we’re looking at our own behaviors behind the wheel to cut our collective losses, especially given how many more of you

there are now than just a decade ago.

So, we’re making a pledge to:

- Slow down.
- Be especially attentive during your peak activity hours at dawn and dusk.
- Use extra caution when driving through your deer-crossing zones. Also, we’ll be especially careful in places where you’re known to be in herds and in areas where roads divide agricultural fields from forestland.



- Keep in mind that you seldom run alone, so we should watch for your followers.
- Use high beam headlights when we’re driving at night and there is no oncoming traffic. The higher light will better illuminate your eyes near the roadway.
- Slow down and blow the horn with one long blast to frighten you away.
- Brake firmly but stay in our lane. Many serious crashes occur when we swerve to avoid you but then hit another vehicle or lose control of our cars.
- Always wear our seatbelts.
- Not rely on deer-detering devices. Deer whistles, fences, and reflectors have not been proven to reduce collisions.

And in the event of an unfortunate collision?

We’ll do the right thing: Call 911 to reach the local law enforcement. They’re likely to send a game warden/conservation officer or a police officer.

But by sticking to our pledge, we’re aiming to not meet you in the middle of the road.

Here’s to a safe season!

Your fellow travelers

Classic Car Show rescheduled to Oct. 22

The 34th annual Leesburg Car Show, presented by the Academies of Loudoun, has been rescheduled to Saturday, Oct. 22. It was originally planned to take place Saturday Oct. 1 however, the forecast called for rain due to remnants of Hurricane Ian.

All details remain the same for the new event date.

Pre-registration is \$25 or \$30 on the day of the show. All

participating vehicles must be “pre-staged” at Tuscarora High School between 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. Late entries will not permitted. Downtown streets will close at 9:30 a.m. for car show staging at the following locations:

- King Street from North to Loudoun streets
- Market Street from Church to Wirt streets
- Cornwall Street from King to

Wirt streets

The awards ceremony will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the intersection of King and Market streets. Downtown streets will reopen to the public by 5 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the students and staff at the Academies of Loudoun. For more information, including how to register your vehicle for the show, visit www.lcps.org/carshow or call 571-252-2080.





Mayor Kwasi Fraser holds ribbon cutting for Blue Hydrangea

A ribbon cutting was held for one of Purcellville’s newest businesses, Blue Hydrangea, in mid-September. They are located at 604 East Main Street, Purcellville, and are housed in a restored barn. They sell antiques, gifts and vintage home furnishings.

Blue Ridge Dementia Care Conference on Oct. 10

A coalition of caregivers and support service providers are joining together to provide the first dementia care conference in western Loudoun County on Oct. 10.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Hall at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Purcellville, located at 37730 St. Francis Court in Purcellville.

COMMUNITY

The conference is provided to help dementia family caregivers, professionals in aging and related services, volunteers working with older adults, and adults with parents or a spouse who are 50 years or older.

The target of the meeting is to help prepare those who are providing care and support at home, or in a facility. Participants will learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia. Exhibitors who offer supportive services will be available to discuss options, and

participants also will be able to connect to help other caregivers.

Participants will hear from experts in the field such as Melanie Chadwick, CRNP, from Georgetown University Memory Disorders; Loretta Woodward Veney, an inspirational speaker on dementia and caregiving; Bobbi and Mike Carducci, co-hosts of the Dementia Care podcast; Karen Johnson, a dementia care specialist; Chiadi Onyike MD.

Major sponsors include AARP Virginia, the Area Agency on Aging as part of Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Edward Jones, and Caring Transitions. Sponsors also include The Legacy Elder Law Center; Goodwin Living; Great Falls Assisted Living; and Carducci Caregiving Consulting.

Registration is \$35 (which includes lunch), and is available online at <https://bit.ly/3PX0W6H>.

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Ribbon cutting for Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park

Loudoun County members of the community attended a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the new Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park, Sep. 23. The ceremony took place at the park's Championship Plaza Field, located at 23345 Hanson Park Drive in Aldie.

Members of the Board of Supervisors, representatives of the departments of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, and Transportation and Capital Infrastructure as well as other county officials attended the event.

The 257-acre regional park is located off Evergreen Mills Road in Aldie, between the Brambleton and Willowsford communities.

Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park Features

- Recreational features of the new park will include:
 - Cricket pitch
 - Disc golf course
- Four baseball/softball fields with batting cages
- Four tennis courts/pickleball courts
- Outdoor basketball court
- Skate plaza
- Splash pad
- Ten multi-purpose grass fields
- Two artificial turf fields with grandstands and press boxes
- Two playgrounds with rubberized surface
- Other features of the new park will include:
 - Amphitheater
 - Concession/restroom buildings and pavilions
 - Fishing piers
 - Five ponds
 - Hanson House renovation
 - Lodge / Event Center
 - Nature Center
 - Paved and natural surface trails
 - Picnic pavilions



- Two off-leash areas for dogs

The park will be operated by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

The original owner of the property was Haldore 'Hal' Hanson, a writer, U.S. State Department official and nonprofit leader, who died in 1992. In keeping with the wishes of Hanson and his wife Berni, the Hanson Family Partnership agreed to sell the land to Loudoun County only for use as a park.

The County acquired the property in 2009 through negotiations with the Hanson family, Dominion Power, and the National Park Service as a part of a United States Department of Interior program.

The public helped shape the park's features, and skate park designer Wally Holladay served as a design consultant. The project also includes road improvements to Evergreen Mills Road, which bisects the park, including a turn lane and a stop light at the entrance of the park. In addition to 17 athletic fields with lighting, the park includes more than 75 acres of passive recreational space and infrastructure.

For More Information

For information about the development of this project, visit loudoun.gov/hansonparkproject.

For more information about the grand opening and the park's operations, email the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.



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Annual Lucketts fall market Oct. 14-16

Lucketts Fall Vintage Market will take place Oct. 14-16 at the Clarke County Fairgrounds in Berryville. The event showcases more than 200 of the best “vintage hip” vendors on the East Coast.

COMMUNITY

Fall is the perfect time to gather a group of friends and prepare your home for the holidays while finding some special treasures to gift throughout the season.

The weekend-long event features one-of-a-kind furnishings that make your home unique, mid-century pieces as well as rustic farmhouse treasures that are true conversation starters, vintage clothing and all kinds of crazy-good finds.

To round out the experience and the weekend, visitors will enjoy live music, Vanish Brewery beer garden, enticing food trucks, as well as an engaging shopping weekend.

Lucketts store is known as a destination for all things vintage hip, and this weekend promises to highlight some of the best of the best. The list

includes:

- Ekster Antiques
- Foundry
- Chartreuse
- JBS Mercantile
- Naked Goat Soap Company
- Rust and Feathers
- Sweet Clover Barn
- Carpe Donut
- Whiskey Glitter
- Olde Tyme Marketplace
- East End Trading Company
- NEST
- MeanWhile Back On the Farm
- Vanish Brewery

This year lead designer Amy Whyte is featured on the cover of the October Country Living Magazine with the renovation of her country home, Hayes Cottage. As a way to say thank you to patrons and also the Ruritans of Clarke County for the use of the fairground, there will be an added surprise of a raffle for a 3-day weekend stay at Hayes Cottage, and 2 tickets to the Lucketts Spring Market May 2023 with a value of \$2,500.

Tickets will be sold at the information

tent with one ticket \$5 and five tickets for \$20 and proceeds of the raffle will be donated back to the Ruritans.

“We are so excited to be able to bring Lucketts Fall Market to the Clarke County Fairground, gathering friends old and new for a truly one stop shopping experience,” said Old Lucketts Store owner Suzanne Eblen.

“Our mission has always been to bring together amazing vendors offering truly unique pieces to add to anyone’s home and have it be a weekend of fun, treasure hunting, connecting with likeminded men and women, and just a wonderful destination experience. Our family of design associates pour their hearts into the markets each year and we look forward to once again offering an experience that becomes a tradition for friends and family alike filled with happiness, surprises and love.”

Early buying tickets on sale now and may be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lucketts-fall-market-2022-tickets-391178534527> and general admission tickets will be available at the gate.

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- Sun. Oct. 16 – General Admission 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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X zoning of the Fields Farm complex, Town Manager David Mekarski said, "This zoning has no uses."

Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser corrected Mekarski, saying "there are uses" with Transition X zoning.

Mekarski also said that in 2019 the former council approved the connection of Mayfair Crown Drive to 690. "Obviously any adjustment to that road is something only the council can decide," he said.

Fraser again had to correct Mekarski. "The Town Council did not approve the road. We approved a boundary line adjustment, is that correct?"

Mekarski responded that there was a vote on a boundary line adjustment, "with essentially a full discussion at the public table of the road to be connected from Mayfair Crown to 690."

Fraser rhetorically asked, "What was the vote? We want to be crystal clear to the citizens and accurate. Was the vote for the boundary line adjustment?"

Planning Commissioner Nedim Ogelman said, "I have looked at the record and I have listened to the minutes, and the only thing that the Town Council voted on was a boundary line adjustment on Dec. 10, 2019."

Council Member Tip Stinnette reaffirmed that the vote was solely for a boundary line adjustment.

Fraser added, "And that is correct; I just want to correct that for the record." Fraser stressed that he wants "to make sure what we presented" to the residents of Mayfair "is accurate, so they can make informed decisions."

Town Attorney Sally Hankins reiterated what Mekarski said in the beginning of the meeting: Because extending Mayfair Crown Drive was discussed before the boundary line adjustment vote, which passed, this vote was for extending Mayfair Crown Drive.

"When Council adopted the boundary line adjustment, the road and the park are mentioned in that agreement," Hankins said, inferring that the discussion before the vote was part of the boundary line motion vote to approve the extension of Mayfair Crown Drive.

But that was not part of the motion. **Commissioner Ogelman said, "I recall the discussion, and I recall the vote. I'll say once again that the Town Council, which I was a part of at the time, only voted on a boundary line adjustment. It did not vote on the road, or any other things..."**

"It seems odd to me that the Town would accept responsibility for a road which would cost the Town's taxpayers service repair maintenance ... to accommodate travel that's really not related to the citizens of the Town and would harm the neighborhood that's there."

"Just to be clear, what did the Town Council vote to approve on Dec. 10, 2019?" Ogelman asked. "It's a rhetorical question, because I know what the council approved was a boundary line adjustment - period."

Ogelman said he was "confused about our form of government

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— Planning Commissioner
Nedim Ogelman

here. We have citizens of the Town of Purcellville, and they are looking for things. They are also citizens of the County ... but I don't understand why our Town's administrative staff, our executive body, is lobbying on behalf of this project."

Council Member Stan Milan called the proposed project a "Trojan Horse" and said, "We get to that end gate, and we reject it."

The County staff revealed that they were working with the Town's administrative staff to move forward on

extending Mayfair Crown Drive. However, the Town Council was unaware of this.

Council Members reacted by requesting that Town staff immediately stop the process of approving the extension of Mayfair Crown Drive. Fraser said he had at least four votes to stop the administrative process.

Fraser said to move forward with the extension of the road "will affect the health, safety, and welfare of our community."

A Mayfair resident said, "But if you really look at this plan it's garbage. We don't want this. This is very negative to our entire neighborhood and the Town of Purcellville."

Fraser said, "I know there's a line item of 13 items [for the Planning Commission to consider regarding this proposal], but at the end of the day, we as your legislative body are governed by our police power. Our police power is the health, safety, and welfare of our community."

"Regardless of 13 or 16 items, we as legislators and the Planning Commission should look at the health, safety, and welfare of our community ... and that's what I am convinced these folks will do."

Mayfair resident Sharon Hoffman asked, "What is the impetus for this massive sport complex?"

Steve Torpy, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services, said that the County goes "with what we call Capital Facility Standards." He said that the Fields Farm Park proposal is "based on growth in western Loudoun."

"There are nearly 18,000 more youth sport participants in the last nine years," Torpy said, adding that the County needs "space for that."

Sharon Hoffman asked if "these fields would be used by travel teams." Torpy replied, "No travel teams that are less than 90 percent Loudoun County residents."

County staff later confirmed fields could be rented by out-of-town travel teams based on availability.

Torpy said that the County has over 1,200 youth participating in new leagues that formed during Covid-19.

Another resident pointed out that Blue Ridge Middle School has 8 fields. "They are always open and free..."

Where are these kids coming from? I just don't see the math."

Torpy said the County gets calls nearly every day from leagues that are looking for space.

Resident Lloyd Harting asked if the teams that play sports come from not only Loudoun County, "but outside the Commonwealth of Virginia?" Torpy answered yes.

Torpy said that if the proposed fields are not lighted then the County "will need more fields somewhere else. Our standard is to light all fields."

Another resident asked if Mayfair Crown Drive, which currently ends in a cul-de-sac, has "to go all the way through" to the proposed complex. "Why can't you just have an exit at 690" going to the Fields Farm complex?

Mark Hoffman, County Transportation Design Manager, said the "road design has already been approved [by the County]" "and we follow what is already in the Town's [2009] Transportation Plan, which is to have a through road between Hillsboro Road."

"Can it be changed?" asked a resident.

"Sure," said Mark Hoffman, "It can be changed by the County or the Town..."

Another resident said that the traffic study used for this proposal was done 4 years ago - before the Mayfair community of over 250 homes was developed.

One resident said that opening up Mayfair Crown Drive "screams less safe for my neighborhood." Another resident told the County to find another entry to the proposed fields other than Mayfair Crown Drive.

There is general concern that extending Mayfair Crown Drive would be part of the Northern Collector Road. The NCR was proposed to start at 287 and go through to Mayfair Crown Drive.

The Town of Purcellville's Comprehensive Plan eliminated all aspirations of a Northern Collector Road. County staff said that since it was removed from Purcellville's plan "it has been removed from the County's Transportation Plan."

County staff confirmed later that the NCR is still on the County's Transportation Plan.

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business. Development pressure is relentless, and it is imperative that we elect a team that has been, and is committed to protecting the small town feel we have all come to love about Purcellville - our town.

That's why I am voting for Stan Milan for Mayor, Ron Rise, Carol Luke, and Boo Bennett for Town Council.

Debbie Bernard
Purcellville

LETTER: MAKE A STATEMENT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

In response to this unstable political landscape, I invite, with neither hostility nor judgement, the leaders of the Loudoun Democrats and the Loudoun County Republican Committee to issue a joint statement as to the professionalism, security, safety

and integrity of our county's election apparatus.

This will help calm the waters such that we can vote and observe the final outcomes with confidence, barring any problems that arise and are announced through the system itself.

Chris Stevenson
Purcellville

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Town of Middleburg to restore the Asbury Church

The Town Council of Middleburg took action at its Sept. 8, meeting to retain ownership of the historic Asbury Church, located at 105 N. Jay Street. The Town will also update the stabilization plan of the church, and move toward completing its restoration and reopening.

The Town was gifted the Asbury Church building in late 2014 and has already invested over \$174,000 to stabilize the building, and protect it from further deterioration. Since that time, the Town has sought partners interested in the adaptive restoration and reuse of the building.

COMMUNITY

The Asbury Church was constructed in 1829 as the home of the Methodist Congregation in Middleburg. It served as a hospital and morgue in the Civil War, and was subsequently donated to the African American Methodist Church in 1864.

It became a central component of the African American community in Middleburg, also serving as the location of the school for African American children. Based on the significance of the property and input from the community, the Town has determined that the best pathway forward is to retain the building, and move forward with an immediate plan for restoration that

can be completed in the next 12-18 months.

As an initial step, the Town Council has directed staff to update the stabilization plan for the Asbury Church, to include accounting for aspects of the prior stabilization plan that were not completed. The Town authorized \$50,000 toward this initial effort and any immediate repairs, and directed staff return with the updated stabilization plan with estimated costs.

Likely improvements include further stabilization of the foundation, repairs to the exterior and windows, repairs to the interior (in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic renovation), and site improvements for ADA access.

The Town Council will work with local historic and community groups to create an interpretive history



of the Asbury Church, including a discussion of race relations in Middleburg, the brave men and women who brought integration to Middleburg, and the importance of historic preservation in Middleburg.

The Town will further develop ongoing partnerships with local entities interested in hosting events, community activities, and historic commemorations at the Asbury Church, to include the former congregants of the church.

The Town anticipates the church being available for community use, such as for small events and for use by small groups. They have com-

mitted to work with the Middleburg Museum Foundation, and other local historic and preservation groups in these efforts.

“... The Town's unexpected budget surplus in 2022 has allowed us to commit the funds needed for the

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Purcellville Homework club restarting for the school year

The Purcellville Police Department is has announced they are once again partnering with the BetterALife non-profit organization to provide a free weekly Homework Club to local elementary and

middle school students. The Homework Club will be held Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., while Loudoun County Public Schools are in session, and has started on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022.

The Club will be hosted by the BetterALife organization at their food pantry located at 201 N. Maple Ave, Unit F, in Purcellville.

Local high school volunteers will assist

Purcellville Police Officers with providing free homework assistance to local children. While the Homework Club is geared towards elementary and middle school-aged children, high school students are also welcome.

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Clothing and Antique Furniture, on Saturday, Oct. 8.

This event, hosted by Nostalgia, will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.PurcellvilleVATagSale.com. The Purcellville Tag Sale is sponsored by Abernethy and Spencer Greenhouse

and Garden Center, and the Bank of Clarke County.

Text Silas at 540-751-8252 with questions or email him at ShopAt-Nostalgia@gmail.com. It's time to get ready to attend the Purcellville Tag Sale, Saturday, Oct. 8 – rain or shine. Spend a fun day in the Town of Purcellville, and surrounding neighborhoods.

NEW ISSUES ARISE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

The interchange project threatens the wetlands in several ways, as the Environmental Assessment and engineering maps prepared by Dewberry make clear.

The National Wetlands Inventory map shows Catoctin Meadows southwest of Rt. 7 and N. 21st St. Catoctin Creek runs west to east through the wetlands in that area. There is a steep hillside sloping from the road to the creek. It is covered by a dense stand of 70-foot-tall hardwood trees.

According to the Environmental Assessment, Loudoun County would capture and safely remove the wetlands' endangered species. The trees

would be clear cut, laying the ground bare and allowing runoff from the existing road and future construction work into the wetlands and creek.

The project calls for dirt and gravel infill to form a staging site there for the heavy construction equipment needed over the next several years.

To view aerial photography taken May 2022, go to <https://absolute-altitude-llc.aryeo.com/.../download-center>.

The 74-home community of Catoctin Meadows has served as steward of these wetlands for more than three decades. In that same period, they have staved off multiple attempts by the Town to acquire them.

YOUNGKIN DISCUSSES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 28

would not be at the “exclusion of a teacher, or a trusted counselor. But parents should be first there.”

“It's clear that children don't belong to the state, they belong to families, and this is the whole purpose of our model policy.”

Youngkin said he would “find it very hard to argue that a parent being involved in a child's life is inconsistent with that of a child's safety.”

“This is about respecting children, respecting their dignity, respecting their privacy ... This is a moment for families to come together, not to exclude them.” Youngkin said that policies from the previous administration encouraged hiding from the parents.

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“Investing in the lives and livelihoods of others is a blessed vocation. It's heartwarming to see the good being done for students, citizens and military-servants through veteran-run G3 Community Services,” said First Lady Suzanne Youngkin.

LETTER: WEXTON MAKES POSITIVE PROGRESS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

- Restore and Strengthen Voting Rights Act – H.R. 3233, Voting Rights Amendment Act: 219 to 212
- Prevent Domestic Terrorism – H.R. 350, Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act: 221 to 203
- Investigate the Attack on the U.S. Capital – H.R. 4, Commission to Investigate Jan 6 Attack: 217 to 175
- Protect Marriage Equality – H.R. 8404, Respect for Marriage Act: 220 to 157
- Prohibit Federal Restrictions on Abortion Services – H.R. 8296, Women's Health Protection Act of 2022: 219 to 209.
- Permit Access to Contraceptive – H.R. 8373, Right to Contraceptives Act: 220 to 195.

Perhaps the most stunning Republican act of intransigence came Thursday when they opposed H.R. 7780, School-Based Mental Services, by 219-205. These 205 House members are among the same folks who always seem to blame mass shooting incidents at schools on some imagined, uniquely American mental health crisis. Yet, when there's an opportunity to address mental health in schools, what do they do? Nothing.

Congresswoman Wexton has been and remains on the right side of what America needs and wants. We must re-elect Wexton.

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Fortune Magazine names Leesburg A 'Best Place to Live for Families'

The Town of Leesburg has placed 8th on Fortune's 25 Best Places to Live for Families Ranking.

The inaugural list highlights areas in the U.S. where multigenerational families are most likely to have access to critical resources, community support, and financial wellbeing. Leesburg was the only locality in the Commonwealth of Virginia to make the top 25 list.

To select the top 25 Best Places to Live for Families, Fortune evaluated nearly 2,000 cities, towns, suburbs, exurbs, villages, and townships that had between 25,000 and 750,000 residents across all 50 states in the U.S.

To analyze each place, Fortune collected more than 215,000 unique data points across five broad categories: education; aging resources; general wellness; financial health; and livability.

The ranking focused on families, particularly the subset of Americans who are shouldering the responsibilities of raising their own children while caring for aging parents, often referred to as the "sandwich generation." With their needs in mind, Fortune put extra emphasis on factors that met the unique

challenges of this cohort—such as the quality of local school districts, graduation rates, nearby college affordability, the number of quality nursing homes, assisted living communities, home health care agencies, risk of social isolation among older residents, and access to solid health care providers.

Fortune cited Leesburg's location as a gateway to wine country, and home to a vibrant downtown with many family-friendly events, along with its top-notch schools and access to ample senior living options.

"We are grateful for Fortune's recent recognition of our Town as it underscores what our residents and business owners have known for many years—Leesburg is truly a wonderful place to raise a family, start a business or even serve as a destination for family getaways," stated Economic Development Director Russell Seymour. "Our small-town charm and strong community spirit help make Leesburg a destination of choice."

To view Leesburg's feature in the top 25 list, go to <https://fortune.com/well/ranking/best-places-families/2022/leesburg>.

One in 3 VA workers return to the office to save on energy costs

Some workers are moving back to the office to save on other costs, such as free internet.

Thirty six percent say the financial savings they will gain by returning to the office is more important to them than the independence of working from home.

Commuting, expensive lunches, and updating your work wardrobe – it is no surprise so many workers have resisted their employers' efforts to encourage them back to the workplace. But is working from home actually a savings game-changer for employees?

While working from home means you're able to skip the commute amid sky-high gas prices, having a home office certainly isn't free. Among rising energy costs for air-conditioning or heating, as well as internet, printing amenities, stationery, groceries, and other home office necessities, working from home comes at a price, and it seems it's not cheap.

CouponBirds surveyed 2,809 employees to find out how many already have, or are planning on returning to the office in order to save money due to the expensive costs that come with working from home. The research found that over 1 in 3 Virginians working from home are returning to their usual, pre-pandemic place of work – driven almost entirely by personal finance reasons.

This is perhaps not surprising, as recent

figures show that this summer has burned through the record books. Indeed, more than 1,200 places broke daily high temperatures in the month of August.

Many work from home employees have had to curtail their air conditioning usage to try to keep their electricity bills in check, as they also struggle with the spike in price for food, gas and other essentials.

Given the choice between working from home in sweltering hot conditions, or spending big chunks of their budget on air-conditioning, many have opted for the free and comfortable surroundings which the office offers.

Now, moving into the colder months of the year, many workers will have to budget for heating.

Free air conditioning and heating aside, more than a third of workers who plan on returning to the office, said they're likely to save most on the cost of meals and drinks when they do go back (presumably they eat more at home, where the kitchen is often a room away), while 19 percent said free internet will be the biggest savings game-changer, and 17 percent said they'll save most on office supplies in general.

Lastly, more than a third said the financial savings they will gain by returning to the office is more important to them than the independence of working from home. For more info go to CouponBirds.

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OPEN BURNING, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19

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Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, open burning shall be prohibited.

Development-Related Burning

Agricultural burning, such as clearing of a field or fence row, is limited to materials generated on-site. The burning may be no closer than 50 ft. from a structure

and 1,000 ft. from an occupied structure unless prior permission has been given by the occupant and poses no hazard to highways and airfields.

All land clearing (pit burn) operations by contractors/landowners for development purposes shall be approved by the FMO. Burning of trees, stumps or brush may require a permit from FMO and the State Air Pollution Control Board.

Warming barrels at a construction site shall be approved by the FMO. Only clean lumber can be burned, in a barrel or similar container that is screened or covered to prevent flying embers and is not within 15 ft. of any structure.

The Loudoun County Fire Marshal may impose regulations, at any time, based upon a complaint, atmospheric or other environmental circumstances, to restrict or extinguish any fire that is otherwise permitted according to these guidelines. For additional open burning information, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 703-737-8600 or visit www.loudoun.gov/openburning.

NOMINATIONS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 29

- Investment in artistic and cultural activities that have made a significant impact on greater Purcellville
- Promotion of the arts in the greater Purcellville community in a distinctly creative or exceptionally effective manner

Nominations must include the completed nomination form, at least one letter of support from another organization or individual, and optional supporting documents such as articles or samples of work (as appropriate) in digital form.

The Purcellville Arts Council will review nominations and make the selection. Details and the nomination form are available on the Purcellville Arts Council page of the Town of Purcellville's website.

If you would like to learn about the Purcellville Arts Council and become a member of the volunteer committee, check out their page of the Town website, then apply online. If you have questions about the Purcellville Arts Council, email arts@purcellvilleva.gov.

HOMEWORK CLUB, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 35

Participants will work on homework in a relaxed, fun environment, while getting to know their local Purcellville Police Officers, as well as enjoy a free meal. The BetterALife non-profit will provide the free meals and snacks for the children during the Club.

Purcellville Police Chief Cynthia McAlister said, "We are excited to resume the Homework Club for the 2022-2023 school year, and thankful to BetterALife for hosting the Club again in such a convenient and welcoming location. Not only will children get to have a free meal and homework help, but they also will have the chance to get to know our officers in a friendly, casual environment, while hopefully building lasting relationships together."

More information about BetterALife can be found on their website at <https://www.betteralife.org/>.



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burden of rising prices. That's why I've taken action to lower costs by passing the Inflation Reduction Act, which will reduce health care premiums, invest in bringing down energy prices, and ease inflationary pressure. There's more work to be done, and it remains a top priority.

In addition, I believe that moving our district and America forward means working to bridge the partisanship that has divided our politics and our communities so much in recent years. I've always made it a priority to work across the aisle on the issues that will benefit our kids and families – from helping those struggling with opioid addiction to getting greater funding for childhood cancer research. Restoring civility in our politics begins with our leaders, and I will continue to work in a productive and bipartisan way as your representative in Congress.

CANDIDATE: CAO, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

they can support the economy in their communities.

BRL: Around what issue do you think are important to move this district and America forward?

HC: Every voter I have spoken to in the district, whether Republican, Democrat, or Independent is deeply concerned about the direction of the economy.

We need a Representative who recognizes that without a strong and thriving economy, we can not tackle the more sensitive social issues in a productive way. Representative government means being accessible regardless of party or ideology, and finding a way to come together to help the tenth district thrive.

We must resolve to hold this Administration accountable for a gross economic downturn over the past two years. In 2021 there was a referendum on education, the failed school systems, and school boards. This midterm election will be a continuation of the concerns of tenth district parents and a new referendum on Joe Biden and Jennifer Wexton's failed economic policies that continue to weaken American families.

Residents of Virginia's tenth district have made it clear that they want change. We need common-sense Representatives in Congress who care more about their district than they do political ideology.

I served the American people in uniform for twenty-five years, and I'll continue to serve them in Congress.

CELL TOWER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

- Village of Lincoln, settled by Quakers in the mid-1700s, was placed on the National Historic Register 50 years ago.
- Lincoln's historic resources include the 1765 Goose Creek Meeting House, an 1817 meeting house—still an active center of worship—the Goose Creek burying ground, and the 1815 Oakdale schoolhouse. Oakdale was Loudoun's first public school, which after the Civil War became the first school in the region to offer education to African American children.
- Several more significant African American resources are located in Lincoln: the 1865 Mt. Olive Baptist Church, which has an active congregation; Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1866 and now undergoing restoration through the work of the Lincoln Preservation Foundation, and Lincoln School B, down a hill from the two churches. It opened its doors to African American students after the Freedmen's Bureau established schools in Loudoun.

Due diligence in Richmond

The Schedule 106 reached the Virginia Department of Historic Resources in July. After studying the files, the VDHR cell tower reviewer wrote, What about the Goose Creek district?

VDHR requested the Schedule 106 consultants to conduct a tethered

balloon test to establish the tower's visibility in the historic district. A test was conducted on August—at the height of summer, with leaves on the trees and the corn growing at nearby farms that stood six feet high.

There are other concerning issues about that test. Of the sites chosen to answer the VDHR question, only one was anywhere close to the Goose Creek Historic District. That was at Abernethy and Spencer Garden Center, behind a large stand of trees. None were taken at the Goose Creek Meeting House Complex or elsewhere in the historic district.

VDHR reports that the balloon test results do not indicate who or what company was on site for the test. But the sites for determining visibility from the Goose Creek Historic District were selected by a Johnson, Mirmiran and Thompson archaeologist who is listed as principal investigator.

The way forward?

Moving forward a cell tower approval process should be inclusive and transparent.

Take the Milestone Towers Mickie Gordon Memorial Park tower approval process. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved the tower in the 100-acre park, but put it right next to the property line of a resident's house that is listed on the Loudoun County African American Historic Architectural Resources Survey.

This survey was commissioned by the BOS in approximately 2002, in

conjunction with the Black History Committee of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library, to identify threatened African American properties. The stone house, built by Mr. Hall of the Hall family who was from a prominent African American family in Loudoun County, is listed as having historical significance. In addition, the resident's property which was known as Hall's Park, "hosted many recreational activities for African Americans during the height of segregation in the early to mid-20th century," according to the VDHR property listing.

This was dismissed by the BOS because, they said, the owner is currently renting his house, and because this stone house was compromised by an 1800 log cabin add-on. The log cabin addition was done in the mid 1980's, and the property was identified as having historical significance in 2002.

Is it possible to bring to the table the appropriate preservation "consulting parties" and at least one Loudoun County official representing the County's historic districts and villages when considering these projects?

A photo simulation of towers would be good to share with an expanded group of "consulting parties," including early notification of affected parties – near and far.

It should be said that given everyone's dependence on cellular service, the residents of Hirst Farm, Locust Grove, Lincoln, and Goose Creek as well—deserve to be able to make or take a call without shouting, "Can you hear me now?"

CRAFTS FAIR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Civil War-era militia and cavalry; and art and photography exhibits. A tour of the village will offer guests a look into restored historic homes and buildings with more than nine homes and buildings on the tour (different places open daily), and will include a walk-through Civil War and Quaker cemeteries.

On Friday, a special reenactment of a day in an 1880's classroom will take place in Waterford's one-room schoolhouse. Check the website for specific vendors, specific homes on tour, walking tours, daily schedules and other activities (www.waterfordfairva.org).

Other exciting features of the fair include three floors of juried handcrafts by 57 artisans for sale in a restored brick mill; vintage barns full of art for sale, traditional music and dance, colonial era militia encampments, marching fife and drum corps, Civil War re-enactors including infantry and living historians.

There are lots of children's activities throughout the weekend that include the chance to earn a Waterford Explorers badge upon completion of a village

scavenger hunt. Children can also help to make a penny rug, a stenciled floor cloth. or try their hand at the potter's wheel and make a clay pot. There's a magic show, a chance to play in a jug band, and an opportunity to see a real one-room schoolhouse and learn what school was like in the 1800s.

There's a lot of food available throughout the fair including at the Old Mill Shop that will offer homemade baked goods, candles, tote bags, ornaments and more. Throughout the day, enjoy sampling of fine and faire food. All types of food will be available including a Farmer's Market and "Talbot's Tavern" will offer the best in local wines and Virginia craft beers.

The Waterford Fair takes place throughout the historic village of Waterford which was founded in 1733 by Amos Janney, a Quaker from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Waterford is one of only three villages in the U.S. designated a National Historic Landmark District.


Many of the village homes and structures, and the surrounding farmland, have been preserved thanks to the

residents, friends of Waterford and annual proceeds from the Waterford Fair that have helped preserve and protect this unique place.

Tickets for the Waterford Fair are on sale now at www.waterfordfairva.org or by calling 540-882-3018 Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Purchase in advance and save up to 50 percent. Tickets at the gate are \$20 per adult per day, \$18 for seniors and military per day, \$15 for students per day, and free for children 12 and under. An Early Bird special, three-day pass, and group rates are also available. All musical performances are included in the ticket price.

Saturday evening of the Fair offers a separately ticketed event, "Feast with Friends," a farm-to-table dinner using products from local farms, prepared by Nick Wiseman of D.C.'s Little Sesame. Cocktails will be served in a Waterford garden while dinner will be served under the stars at the Walker Phillips House. Tickets are \$275 per person, \$4,000 for a table and are available at www.waterfordfoundation.org/event/feast-with-friends/.


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they are not unlimited. They are constrained by land use ordinances like zoning, which have been enacted to provide for the common weal.

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Zoning is both prescriptive and restricting; it says what you can and can't

OPINION**HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY**
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There will be food and drink booths to satisfy your growling stomachs. Two of the most popular contests will return which are the Most Horrific Scream and Howl at the Moon for your chance at winning an awesome trophy. So start practicing.

Parking will be at designated locations so look for the signs.

Call Michael with any questions or

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do we plan to take care of them better?"

Anzivino said the Town Manager and his interaction with staff and the Council is an important feature of the report. "A lot of that is for closed session discussion."

The committees, commissions, and boards, he pointed out, "are real tools. I have not seen the level of detail in a code that you have here in the Town of Purcellville ... they all function as a council arm."

Anzivino recommended hiring a project manager to help oversee the Capital Project Budget for the next couple of years. During that time, the Town will be managing many Capital Improvement

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Mayfair Crown Drive is described in a County report as a two-lane public collector road. In the Town of Purcellville's staff report on July 7, Mayfair Crown Drive is also described as "a local collector road, with all other roadways in the project as well as development from as far away as Purcellville Road (Route 611), feeding into it."

According to the Sept. 13 County staff report, "After receiving the Town comment, the County's consultant corrected the plat to show stormwater management facilities being maintained by the County, not the Town, and the accompanying deed was forwarded to the County Attorney's Office to correct the stormwater management maintenance

do. That's how it should be if it serves the general welfare.

The new zoning ordinance is not perfect, but it seems to be a step in the right direction. The Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors just need to stand up to the greedy special interests who, frankly, could care less about the average citizen.

Or care about the common weal.

Charles Houston developed more than six million square feet of office buildings throughout the south. More importantly, he has been active in conservation matters for over two decades.

email dpurcellville@gmail.com. Check out the website www.PurcellvilleHalloween.com.

If you're a business that would like to help sponsor the Halloween Block Party, let us know. We are also seeking vendors that would like to sell at the Block Party. Text Michael and let him know what you have at 540-383-0009. Don't forget the new location 701 West Main Street, across from the golf course.

Projects that were identified as needing work and paid for by the American Rescue Plan Act monies received by the Town.

Anzivino reiterated that the Council is strong and "you've got inquisitive minds, you've got new ideas. It's a matter of connecting the two to be more productive."

"We have all the essential elements of a strong town government ... this Town has accomplished a lot." He pointed out that the Town has an AAA bond rating and that is "a great thing."

Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser concluded the meeting saying, "What I heard here tonight is something I have tried to put into practice."

language. The extra time needed to process this plat (beyond May 2022) is due to an error by the County's consultant."

County Administrator Tim Hemstreet said the review process for these proposals was unusually lengthy "on behalf of the Town." He added, "The bigger issue for me is the portions of this project that are funded through SMART SCALE projects and could potentially impact SMART SCALE projects in our Capital Improvement Projects." He said that the County "might have to return funds on the ministerial portion of this. We are a year past where these applications should have been processed."

Purcellville Town Council Member Joel Grewe and Blue Ridge Supervisor Tony Buffington have blamed this

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reasonable historic sense, and it transforms a very dull concrete surface into a great focal point for the casual visitor, or everyday passerby.

Now - how do I feel about the Town's plans to tame the sometimes (up to and including flood conditions during heavy rains) over-rambunctious Town Branch at this spot? Much the same as I did at Brandon Park: I will feel the loss of any mature trees removed in the process, but I'm sure I'll come to accept the long-range changes as mostly a good thing - especially if it keeps high water out of the basements of local residents! Same goes for the impressive rest stop shelter at the northeast corner of the bridge; when my life slows down a bit (someday, I hope - or do

I?), I'd like to think I may even get to sit and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea at this spot, and just watch the traffic go by. Even if it's raining. And maybe some of the folks who live in the new housing units will come and join me, and ask about my interest in Georgetown Park. And, if they get me going, we could talk for centuries... But back to today's re-examination of the local acreage: the one drawback I find - somewhere inside my emotional memory of the spot - is the void left behind by those missing, bygone (admittedly sort of ramshackle) retail and even less-descript buildings that used to line the Town Branch in this part of Leesburg. Maybe that's part of what I can tell those new residents about, when we sit under that shelter and have our coffee, or tea.

DR. MIKE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Ultimately, eating large amounts of carbohydrates could lead to weight gain, and an increased feeling of badness. Refined sugar, caffeine and alcohol are also linked to mood, and should be consumed with care and in moderation.

Consider medication and therapy. Research studies have repeatedly shown the benefits of antidepressant medication, and psychotherapy in the treatment of depression. Studies have found that antidepressant medication can be very effective for the treatment of severe depression, and several other studies have shown great success with the combined treatment of medication and psychotherapy together for moderate to severe depression.

Numerous other studies have shown that psychotherapy alone, specifically cognitive-behavior therapy, can be very successful in reducing symptoms of depression.

Be social. Staying connected with important others is also important when depressed. Most depressed individuals prefer to be left alone, since it is often challenging and painful to openly discuss negative emotions and thoughts. But remaining disconnected

from others while depressed could potentially hamper improvement and even worsen symptoms.

Get enough sleep. Addressing sleep problems is essential for the recovery of depression. Avoiding naps, maintaining a regular sleep schedule, limiting or avoiding caffeine and sugar, and getting some form of exercise every day should altogether help to normalize sleep problems associated with depression.

Stay on top of the changes you'd like to make. Keeping an accurate log of your mood, energy, eating, and sleeping habits over time will also be helpful for determining whether any changes are in fact seasonal.

Remember that small things like a walk on a sunny winter day, getting enough sleep, and eating healthily can be a boost both physically and mentally. Here's to prioritizing your mental health, and here's to a great fall and winter in Northern Virginia.

Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D. "Dr. Mike" is a clinical psychologist in private practice. He can be reached at 703-723-2999, and is located at 44095 Pipeline Plaza, Suite 240 Ashburn.

lengthy process on lack of Town staffing.

Grewe cites a Town Operational audit from around 2018, which compares the Town of Purcellville to the City of Franklin, Virginia.

The audit does not mention that, unlike Purcellville, the City of Franklin owns an airport, an electric utility, a school system, and a solid waste collection department, plus two cemeteries and three parks.

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restoration and long-term preservation and sustainability of the Asbury Church for the greater Middleburg community," said Mayor Bridge Littleton.

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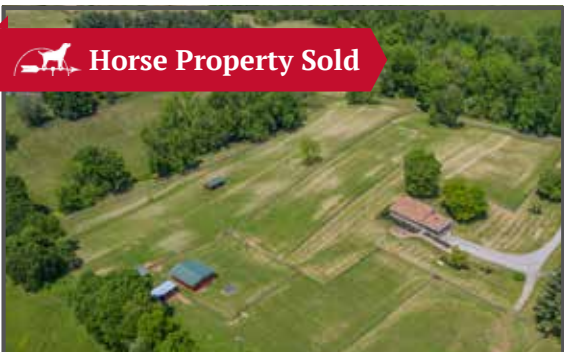
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