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## Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite: Get it done now!

BY LAURA LONGLEY

“When 56 individuals sign up to speak at a Board of Supervisors meeting, it’s clear something important to many people’s lives and futures is on the agenda,” Board Chair Phyllis J. Randall (D) said on July 26 at the first public hearing on the draft Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.

No question. Out in force were representatives of the Data Center Coalition, tourism and entertainment industry, real estate, small

business, commercial and residential development, attainable housing, wildlife conservation, preservation, historic villages, wineries and breweries, equine community, agribusiness, and organic farming—all to voice their support or opposition.

The document is a four-year “Herculean effort,” in the words of Supervisor Mike Turner (D-Ashburn), that required thousands of county staff hours, countless meetings and memos of stakeholder representatives and a



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Board-appointed Zoning Ordinance Committee, 25 work sessions and two public hearings of the Planning Commission, plus the processing of thousands of comments from individuals and groups.

Since that July hearing, the supervisors have rolled up their sleeves and come together in work sessions to review, challenge, deny, or approve changes to the 1993 ordinances that no longer align with the county’s 2019 Comprehensive Plan.

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## Lot 74, Where are you?

BY VALERIE CURY

During the Commissioner Disclosures portion of the Town of Purcellville’s Sept. 7 Commission Meeting, Planning Commissioner Ron Rise Sr. reported the town manager had requested an information brief on the Rt. 7/690 Interchange from him and Vice Mayor Chris Bertaut. In that brief, Rise Sr. presented information regarding Lot 74 at 601 N. 21st Street in Purcellville, owned by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

since 2018.

“The county has removed the property from the county’s land records and online mapping system and had basically altered the town’s official zoning map,” Rise Sr. reported.

He added that Article 10 of the town’s zoning ordinance says that a zoning change may be applied for by any owner of property, but neither the county nor the administrative department of the town adhered to the process for a zoning

ordinance change or a boundary line adjustment.

“Due process was not followed. 601 N. 21st—Lot 74—does not exist,” he said.

The town has a defined approval process for zoning changes that requires all applications and deliberations at the town council and planning commission levels to have public hearings at each level of review. Only then is there is a town council vote on the application.

Purcellville’s Historic Corridor Overlay District also was overlooked or disregarded by the county and town. Lot 74 is subject to the district’s encumbrance restrictions under Article 14a. That

regulation requires a specific review process by the Town Council and Board of Architectural Review with Planning Commission knowledge for anything “manmade” (like a road, bridge, or interchange) placed on any property designated by the town as Historic Corridor Overlay District on the town’s official zoning map.

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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 from 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 16 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.

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# 12th Annual Purcellville Halloween Party held in the Woods



*Saturday Oct. 28, 4:30 to 8 p.m.  
New location Dillon's Woods behind Fireman's Field*

Discover Purcellville is holding this year's 12th Annual Purcellville Halloween Block Party in its new location at Dillon's Woods behind Fireman's Field on Oct. 28 from 4:39 to 8 p.m. It is located at 250 S Nursery Avenue, Purcellville, behind the Bush Tabernacle.

With wide open spaces among the trees and plenty of parking, Discover Purcellville's Michael Oaks and Kim Patterson believe the move will give the event a whole different feel and lots of room for the thousands in attendance.

As in the past there will be costume contests for all ages in 6 different categories with over \$2,500 in cash prizes and trophies awarded. Infants up to 5 years, 6 to 12 years, Teens and Adults, Family/Group, Pet and Grand Prize Best Costume of the Night \$500.

This year's entertainment will be the Amazing Talented 14 yr. old Kellin Little Music, for the kids Nancy Prestipino will be performing her sing along show, Purcellville Library will be reading Halloween stories

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# Just like nothing (else) on earth: Waterford Mill

BY TIM JON

This—I thought—is pretty much quintessential 21st Century Loudoun County: a hurried motorist speeding by—within just a few inches—of an historic relic, which has stood so long that many of us may be forgiven for temporarily forgetting its otherwise quite formidable presence.



Yeah, I know, that's a lotta words and images and other literary stuff, but you gotta remember we're dealing—here—with a large, one-of-a-kind piece of the past, nestled in a very special place. The Waterford Mill—my sources tell me—dates back nearly 275 years (and, no—those aren't dog years, cat years, or lizard years—those are regular old, human years); that puts this iconic structure in place more than 15 years prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Before the United States of America. That's some old stuff. And it's still standing, looking mighty strong.

Sure, the day of my last visit, some major renovations were underway, the Mill's flywheel had been hoisted out of its ancient bed, sections of the grounds were fenced off for professional improvements, and it was certainly "offline" as far as any formal tours were concerned.

That suited my needs just fine, as I merely wanted to collect a number of images on the camera and a similar number of impressions on the personal memory banks and emotional sounding board. The historic structure and the grounds it rested on seemed—to my finding—to be resting; no doubt, this working mill had, back in the day, done its share of grain-grinding, and I'm sure we can expect plenty of human activity around the place whenever the present-day restoration wraps up, and we see a return to public access and formal tours.

The overall Village of Waterford can do

that to the human senses: settled in the early 1700s—yes, I said early 1700s—the unincorporated community follows set guidelines on building codes and other

enjoyed my meandering stroll around the Mill property, avoiding any potential working hazards exposed from all the current activity.

These visits are—for me—a special treat, as I spend most of my workdays lifting, running, driving, sorting, and otherwise turning my fingers and hands into the consistency of ground beef. My current profession (US Postal delivery) dates back almost as far as the Waterford Mill and its surrounding community, but I would imagine that's where most similarities come to a grinding halt, no pun intended.

So, where some would find boredom in the peace, silence, and lack of general activity in a place like the Waterford Mill property, I revel in the ability to

developmental practices—which can almost lead the casual visitor to feel like he or she has stepped back in time—very far back in time. So, yes, I thoroughly

mosey along at as slow a pace as I (or my surroundings) choose; I could stop at any point to check on a potential dramatic

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## Is emotional cheating real? What to do if it happens

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

In today's interconnected world, relationships have evolved in myriad ways, and while physical infidelity is well recognized, another form of betrayal, often less visible but equally impactful, has emerged. It is emotional cheating.

As a psychologist in private practice, the topic of emotional cheating comes up often. Just this past week, a client's girlfriend became upset when she discovered that the client "liked" his ex's social media post.

Over the years, several of my married clients have also shared with me that they've secretly reconnected with an old flame on Facebook; and, while most of them say that it's fine to do, the majority of them have acknowledged that their partners wouldn't like it if discovered.

Another current married client of mine frequently has lunch with a male co-worker she finds attractive because they have a lot in common. As I've shared with my clients, these sort of behaviors on their own may not lead to a physical affair, but the motivation to experience a deeper connection with someone other than your partner



### Ask Dr. Mike

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

is still problematic. I've seen the profound and painful effects of emotional affairs on relationships when they continue, and become something more or are uncovered by a partner.

What is an emotional affair? An emotional affair occurs when one partner forms a deep emotional bond with someone outside their primary relationship, often in secrecy or excluding their partner in the process. This bond can be as intimate, or more so, than a physical relationship. It's characterized by sharing personal insights, seeking emotional support, and forming a connection that typically belongs in a committed relationship.

What are the signs of emotional cheating? Recognizing emotional infidelity can be challenging since it doesn't carry the overt markers of physical cheating. Here are some signs:

**Secrecy and Privacy:** If a partner is hiding conversations or meetings with a "friend," that is a red flag.

- **Emotional Distance:** A sudden emotional withdrawal from the primary relationship can indicate that emotional energy is being directed

elsewhere.

- **Talking about the other person:** If your partner frequently mentions a particular person, sharing their thoughts, feelings, and experiences, it might be a sign of an emotional connection that's gone too far.
- **Defensiveness:** When confronted, the partner might become dismissive about the relationship, insisting that it's just a friendship.

But is emotional cheating really cheating? Some would argue that without physical intimacy, it isn't cheating. From what I've experienced as a psychologist with clients, the emotional bond and intimacy shared in an emotional affair can be as damaging or more to a relationship or marriage than a physical one.

Emotional affairs can erode trust, create feelings of betrayal, and destabilize the primary relationship's foundation. In my opinion, if a relationship's boundaries are crossed, regardless of the nature, it constitutes cheating.

So, what causes emotional cheating or emotional affairs? Several factors are:

- **Unmet Emotional Needs:** When emotional needs aren't met in the primary relationship, individuals

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# Let's chat about sprawl vs rural living

BY CHARLES HOUSTON

Right now, I don't have time to write a proper column myself, so I've cheated, putting ChatGPT to work on two related topics: Sprawl, and the benefits of rural living. I've never fiddled with artificial intelligence until now.

An intriguing thing about ChatGPT is that you can adjust the reading levels of its answers. In this piece I've used both its highest reading level and its elementary version. In each case its statements about sprawl and rural life seem to be on point:

## OPINION

### Sprawl

*"Problems with sprawl reveal intricate interdependencies and systemic challenges that have far-reaching implications for societies, economies and environments. Sprawl can segregate*

*populations by socio-economic status, leading to spatial injustice, and limiting access to quality education, healthcare and job opportunities.*

*"Sprawl blurs the interfaces between urban or existing suburban areas with rural areas, leading to many difficult sequelae. There may be new problems with biodiversity and climate. There are temporal dynamics that can have deleterious effects as existing suburbs age.*

*"Shifting societal perceptions and narratives about development and quality of life's pivotal."*

That's ChatGPT at a high level, probably equivalent to graduate school language. It's hard to disagree with what AI has written, but the elementary school version is actually more compelling:

*"Sprawl causes traffic problems. It leads to loss of nature and less space for fun. There is more pollution and draining resources like water.*

*"Sprawl leads to loss of community*

*when houses are far apart so it's hard to get to know your neighbors."*

### Rural Living

AI accurately captures the benefits of rural life, regardless of how it writes. Here's the elementary version:

*"Clean and fresh air. Wide open spaces for playing and exploring. You can see lots of animals. It's quiet and peaceful and you can hear birds chirping instead of horns and sirens. There's less traffic.*

*"People in rural areas often know each other well and help each other out like a big, extended family. You can grow your own fresh food and see the stars at night. There's less rushing around and more time for fun activities. Rural areas are often safer."*

That simpler text may be more powerful than what ChatGPT presents at its normal level:

*"Rural life offers various benefits for personal development, lifestyle and*

*overall well-being. The peaceful environment is conducive to deep thinking, reflection and creativity. There is real connection to nature – natural landscapes, scenic vistas, wildlife and forests. People have closer-knit relationships and more community engagement.*

*"The slower pace of life provides more time for leisure without constant rush and distractions. One becomes more self-sufficient, from mowing lawns and pastures, and learning to repair various things.*

*"The positive environment of rural living brings reduced stress and better mental health. While rural life brings enhanced community engagement, it also provides privacy for those who value it. Many rural areas are rich with history.*

*"Rural areas often present aesthetic pleasure, from simple farms to equine estates, from mountains to meadows."*

This writing is less pedantic than what ChatGPT gave me about sprawl,

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## Higgins has delivered for Loudoun

Dear Editor:

This fall, I will be voting for Geary Higgins for Delegate in House District 30.

He has delivered for Loudoun County and, having served on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Loudoun County School Board, he knows our communities. The Academies of Loudoun was created, and he persuaded his colleagues to bring lacrosse to Loudoun County, while he was on the School Board.

He chaired the Personnel Services Committee, and always voted for school budget and teacher pay increases. He led the charge in 2018 to keep the School Board from closing Hamilton, Waterford, and Lincoln Elementary schools. He believes in parents' rights, that parents matter, and that our schools should teach reading, writing, math, science, and history.

As Supervisor, he always voted to increase the school budget, voting three times to fully fund the LCPS budget request, which has only happened three times in the last 24 years since the creation of an elected School Board.

He always voted for the School Resource Officer funding requested by LCPS or LCSO. During his eight years on the Board of Supervisors, the commercial tax base grew, funding for transportation and schools increased, revenues were raised, and taxes were lowered.

He was also a problem-solver for numerous issues in Raspberry Falls, Selma Estates, Waterford, Lincoln, Purcellville, Neersville, Lucketts and Lovettsville.

He led the charge for the preservation of western Loudoun by supporting assistance to implement conservation easements and by getting funding for the Sweet Run State Park in Neersville (the only state park in NOVA).

He pushed VDOT to preserve the John Lewis Memorial Bridge, supported the Hillsboro traffic calming, secured county funding for the Waterford Mill rehab, expanded the

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## We need a real representative for the Catoctin District

Dear Editor:

We urge all fellow Catoctin District residents, who like us want to preserve our quality of life in Western Loudoun, to support Independent John Ellis to represent them as the new Supervisor for the District—which now extends all the way from Bluemont to Lucketts, from Philomont to Paeonian Springs, and from Lincoln to Lovettsville and Hillsboro.

We want an elected representative who will work full time for us, instead of one who repeatedly misses Board of Supervisors meetings and votes, and regularly cancels meetings with constituents because of his demanding full-time job.

We want a representative who has a concrete plan to preserve farmland and support the growing number of young farmers who want to keep it productive—instead of one who talks about it but hasn't done anything in nearly 4 years to accomplish it. Talk is cheap.

We want a representative who works to constrain exorbitant county spending on land for facilities instead of working with constituents to meet their desires on already owned county land for which cheaper and better solutions exist. On Supervisor Kershner's watch county spending increased by 34%, more than \$1 billion, and administrative costs rose by more than 10% per year.

We want a Catoctin District Supervisor who will not call for further delays in enacting a new Zoning Ordinance, on which citizen volunteers have worked for the past 4 years alongside business interests and county staff, to ensure that the ZO reflects their vision.

We want a supervisor who is solely focused on enacting policies that preserve and enhance our livable, beautiful West, instead of one being heavily backed by special interest and developer donations—which leads to decision making that rewards wealthy donors.

We want a representative who follows fair processes to

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## Patsified Will Bring Life to Scholarship

Dear Editor:

Tim Poole of Hagerstown, Maryland and Tracie Dillon of Philomont, Virginia have teamed with Julie Fudge, daughter of Patsy Cline, to compile a collection of fan-based

stories titled Patsified.

**LETTER**

These first-hand stories will share how Patsy's music, determination, and dream have impacted people's aspirations and lives. Patsified will share stories to include those who remember Patsy through a personal experience, or a relative or friend's recollection.

Proceeds from the book will be contributed to a new scholarship fund that



is being established and managed by the Patsy Cline Estate in memory of Patsy's mother Hilda Hensley, who had begun a memorial scholarship prior to her death in 1998. Hensley, knowing her daughter had not been able to finish her education, hoped to see talented young people finish their education while still being able to pursue a dream.

If you have a story you would like to share, if you would like to be a sponsor of Patsified or donate to the scholarship fund, please

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## Who will preserve Western Loudoun?

Dear Editor:

I am writing to let folks know why I am supporting Supervisor Caleb Kershner for re-election to the Catoctin District on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. I have watched Caleb throughout this last term and have been incredibly impressed how focused and effective he has been on issues important to constituents and to the preservation of Western Loudoun.

**LETTER**

At the first few Board Meetings Caleb was already supporting efforts to preserve Western Loudoun by supporting an increase to the income cap requirement for the Conservation Easement Grant Program from \$155,938 to \$500,000. At his second Board meeting, he was also able to secure \$100,000 to

install three pole-mounted speed signs to help speeding through Waterford. The trend didn't stop there. As a matter of fact, Supervisor Kershner hasn't stopped working for his constituents his entire term. This is proven when you look at all he has accomplished in his first term.

He built upon all the work of the last two Boards and brought a \$73 million Broadband Project to serve over 8,000 homes in Western Loudoun who do not have connectivity. Caleb successfully lobbied Richmond and secured operating funding in Governor Youngkin's budget so the new State Park in Loudoun County could open. He's been pushing for forward motion on critical transportation projects like Route

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## I support Gary Clemens and Bob Wertz

Dear Editor:

The November 7 Loudoun election will soon be upon us. There are 79 candidates running from both parties and the noise level is increasing which may mean some

### LETTER

candidates could be overlooked on their merits and fall victim to their party label being the only criteria for voter selection.

As a Loudoun Democrat, I will vote for Republicans who I believe are clearly the best choice for the job. This year we should not overlook two outstanding professionals, who have always put their service ahead of politics and who are running as Republicans.

I have had the pleasure of working directly with Gary Clemens, the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Bob Wertz the Commissioner of the Revenue on various occasions related to the civic affairs of

the County since their election in 1999 and 2003 respectively.

The Clerk serves as the recorder of deeds, issues marriage licenses, and is the official court administrator for all civil and criminal court cases, creates all files and records, prepares court orders and jury lists, and issues summons and court processes.

None of these are political tasks, but clearly, they are critical to all the citizens of Loudoun County. Gary has managed them at the highest level of performance.

Gary brings something extra to his work He has tirelessly worked to organize, manage, and make available to the public the vast documentation of Loudoun's history. To my knowledge no other County has such a rich documentation of its history, thanks to Gary Clemens, our clerk and deserving of reelection to continue his work.

The Commissioner of Revenue is the chief assessment officer for the County for all categories of property that are subject to tax by the Board of Supervisors such as real estate and personal property.

In Loudoun the Commissioner also administrates special tax relief programs as set by the Supervisors and all the County land use programs.

The office provides personal help to comply with local tax requirements when they need assistance. Bob has utilized technology to make the office operate more efficiently without sacrificing the personal service the office is known for. He has also improved the working relationship between the office and the Board of Equalization after assuming responsibility for real estate assessments in 2012, at the request of the Board of Supervisors. The tasks are administrative and technical, requiring a high degree of professional competence.

Now is not the time to change the leadership of these vital offices. That is why as a Loudoun Democrat I will vote for Clemens and Wertz and urge all my fellow Democrats and Republican friends to do the same.

*Al Van Huyck  
Round Hill*

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# Round Hill is growing ... again

BY LAURA LONGLEY

There once was a time when shopping in Round Hill meant stopping in the feed store or dropping into one of the two groceries. Now imagine driving into town from the east in 18 months or so. There on your right where there had been a 12-acre vacant lot at Loudoun Street and Evening Star Drive, you spy the Village Center at Round Hill, a 143,000-square-foot commercial center of retail shops, restaurants, farmers market, daycare, medical offices, and a modern senior assisted living community.

## GOVERNMENT

Welcome to the final piece of the 30-year project that began in the early 1990s when InterGate, a group of Virginia developers, scooped up 1,330 acres of farmland flanking this small western Loudoun town on its north, south, and east. The developers proposed 1,100 units of housing and 150,000 square feet of commercial space. All they needed to make their dream come true was rezoning of the land from agricultural to high-density residential. Despite the vehement opposition of several members, the Board of Supervisors obliged in August of 1990.

“Slow-growth advocates from throughout the county opposed the rezoning because they feared the impact on the rural environment, town services and schools,” The Washington Post reported at the time “They also oppose the rezoning because it contradicts the county’s own land management plan, which calls for no more than 672 houses on the land.”

Nine landowners, with the backing of conservation and preservation organizations, sued the board in an attempt to overturn the rezoning. Round Hill area residents formed a citizens association and joined the fight. But the battle was lost, and with that Round Hill, population 550, lost its sense of place as a rural community.

Today, when people say they live in “Round Hill,” many are not referring to the 19th century hamlet of Victorian homes, whitewashed churches, an old train depot, Exxon station, Tammy’s Diner, and the fire hall where the locals volunteered and played bingo on Thursday nights.

They mean instead the neighborhoods built up in the last 20 years or so: The Villages, Mountain Valley, Lakepoint, Newberry Crossing, Falls Place, and the Bluffs, all part of the development called “The Villages of Round Hill,” which comprises most of the Joint Land Management Area controlled by the county and the town together.

In recent years, however, the town has taken to annexing land in the JLMA in part to gain more control over projects like the commercial center. In 2008, the town

annexed the 12 acres, revised key zoning regulations, and in 2017 adapted the town’s new comprehensive plan to incorporate community input from Loudoun County Design Cabinet workshops.

While members of the homeowners association of the adjoining residential development voiced concerns about the Village Center’s scale and intensity, traffic and noise, and residential vs. retail use, the 2008 annexation and zoning restrictions eliminated an all-residential development from consideration. Several were proposed only to be rejected.

The firm that recently purchased the property—Leesburg-based Meladon Group LLC—has presented and refined a concept featuring senior housing along with the shops, restaurants, and service businesses. CEO Don Wooden retained Loudoun Design Cabinet Member Al Hansen, who led the community workshops, to guide the design process.

The Meladon plan is currently under review by the Round Hill Planning Commission. Although this by-right project does not require Town Council approval, the planning commissioners are free to make recommendations, such as reconfiguring the parking areas or retooling the rooflines of the senior housing to better reflect the architectural fabric of the historic town.

Meanwhile, the Town of Round Hill is leveraging its 2017 Comprehensive Plan to implement environmental safeguards, historic preservation, land conservation, and land use policies that protect the town’s western viewshed. To expand property uses along Main Street while maintaining town policies and design, the town approved a Comprehensive Plan Amendment that amends as commercial the future land use map for several Main Street properties, which represents a change in the land use policy designation.

Town Planner Bobby Lohr explained the impact of the CPAM in an email: “This change allows the property owner to apply for a rezoning in the future with support from the comprehensive plan. For a parcel to be rezoned, it requires an optional land use application be submitted by the property owner and requires a full review of the proposed application, use and site plan by Town Staff, the Planning Commission, and the Town Council to ensure it satisfies the policies put forth in the 2017 Town of Round Hill Comprehensive and Round Hill Zoning Ordinance. During such process, there will be additional public hearings for public input on the individual parcels [that] put forth the application.”

As of January 31 of this year, Round Hill also had completed a Western Boundary Line Adjustment encompassing more

than a dozen parcels. Lohr explained, “All of the properties included in the BLA opted to voluntarily come into Town Limits. The Western BLA Area plan is simply [a set of] policies that will be added to the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission expects this plan to be completed and sent to the Town Council for review in December.”

Also on the west end, a new \$29 million, county-owned Round Hill Fire-Rescue Station has been approved by the Round

Hill Planning Commission for construction next to the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office substation.

Longer term projects include conversion of the old Round Hill Elementary School into a community center and construction of a pedestrian trail west to Hill High Marketplace. That western connection has been in the town’s comprehensive plan since 2017. It’s part of a project called the Round Hill Greenway and has

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**CATOCTIN DISTRICT SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES**

**Elections are November 7th**

**John Ellis**

John Ellis grew up in rural South Dakota and Michigan. He and his wife Anne live in the Between the Hills area north of Hillsboro and are dedicated Virginia Master Naturalists. Ellis is an economist who worked for over 30 years in various branches of the U.S. foreign service, including as the head of U.S. delegations in international trade negotiations. He is a co-founder of Save Rural Loudoun and, since his retirement in 2015, has devoted his spare time to advocating for rural preservation in Loudoun County. Ellis and his wife have two adult daughters and one granddaughter.



**Caleb Kershner**

Caleb Kershner, an attorney, is a partner in the law firm of Simms Showers, LLP in Leesburg. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance with honors from George Mason University and a doctorate in law from George Mason University. Kershner began his legal career as an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Loudoun County, prosecuting criminal cases between 2005 and 2009. Kershner currently serves on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors representing the Catoctin District. Kershner lives in Hamilton with his wife, Whitney, and their four children. They attend Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg.



**Blue Ridge Leader: What is the best way to prevent over-development in western Loudoun?**

**John Ellis:** The only sure way to prevent over-development in western Loudoun is to revise our zoning regulations to reduce the number of new housing units that developers can build in rural subdivisions. Currently, Loudoun allows developers to build three times more houses per acre in our rural areas than is allowed in rural Fauquier County and Clarke County. This provides a huge incentive for developers to focus on

building in western Loudoun.

Voters have a clear choice on this and many other issues. My opponent believes we should maintain the current, pro-development rural zoning. This should not be a surprise since he has accepted more than \$60 thousand from the developers' political action committee.

We also need to re-establish a County "Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)" program to compensate landowners who voluntarily decide not to

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**Blue Ridge Leader: What is the best way to prevent over-development in western Loudoun?**

**Caleb Kershner:** Property rights are important in Western Loudoun so we must give landowners options to monetize their land through permanent preservation and conservation programs such as the Purchase of Development Rights and Transfer of Development Rights programs, and rural economy uses such as wineries, breweries, farming and bed and breakfasts. Personally, I

would like to see our production agriculture increase in Loudoun and will work toward policies that encourage preservation and agriculture.

**BRL: Do you think the County should require developers to preserve prime farming soils on rural properties?**

**CK:** I am not opposed to a prime agriculture soils ordinance if it is balanced and does not devalue an individual's property rights. Cluster development can be improved, and if done correctly, may

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- ✔ Protect rural Loudoun and preserve our natural and historic resources.



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# Chapmans offer Purcellville a sort of new proposal for Vineyard Square

BY VALERIE CURY

On Sept. 26 at the Town Council Work Session, developers Sam and Casey Chapman presented what they are calling their new vision for Vineyard Square in Historic Downtown Purcellville. Sam Chapman, representing Martinsburg Plaza and the Chapman Group which are both divisions of their companies, said they have been listening to feedback on the 21<sup>st</sup> Street project and are interested in scaling it down.

“The size and scale is too big,” he said. So the brothers are proposing to reduce the approved 6 story 40-condo project by reconfiguring it from a single 6-story, 40-condo complex into two buildings. They want to split off the front building for retail/commercial/office/boutique hotel and construct 4 buildings at 4 stories each in the back that would house 36 condos, reduced down from 40.

**GOVERNMENT**

They would lower the height of the overall project by 20 feet, but the proposal offered no information about the footprint or square footage.

Originally approximately 13 years ago, the Chapman Group proposed a boutique hotel for this property. The Chapmans changed their idea to retail plus a 40 condo 6 story building and were given zoning approval by the town council of then Mayor Bob Lazaro, even though multi-family use is not allowed in this district. At the time, neither the town attorney, the head of the planning and zoning department, nor the town manager mentioned that fact during the approval process.


At the Sept. 26 work session, Sam Chapman said that Vineyard Square “has been a long outstanding item.” He said he has been cleaning up the property for the last few weeks so it won’t be such an “eyesore.”

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**Elections are November 7th**

**Gary Katz**



Gary Katz and his wife Lesley have lived in Loudoun County since 2011, and they live in Leesburg with their three young children. Katz is originally from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Pennsylvania State University with a BS in Computer Science. Katz works in the software sales industry, combining his engineering, technology, and sales expertise to deliver solutions to State and Local clients which allows him to tackle complex challenges. Katz and his family are deeply engaged in their local community and faith. In his spare time, he enjoys playing chess, cooking, and cheering for his kids at their various activities.

**Blue Ridge Leader: How do you plan on preserving the Transition Policy Area? Would you keep on rezoning the TPA?**

**Gary Katz:** I am not in favor of making needless modifications to the Transition Policy Area, and I am opposed to sweeping changes to zoning regulations. I instead prefer to make minor changes which would be based on the needs of our county. I do not want the Transition Policy Area to become the "new" Suburban Policy

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**Sam Kroiz**



Sam Kroiz was born and raised on his family's Georges Mill Farm, northwest of Lovettsville. He is a graduate of Loudoun Valley High School and the University of Virginia. He and his wife Molly have run a goat dairy and cheesemaking operation on their farm since 2013 and are raising two children who attend Lovettsville Elementary School. Kroiz is a well-known community activist, particularly as the host of monthly community barn dances at his farm and for his leadership in the successful fight against a proposed mountaintop data center in 2016. He previously ran as an independent for Catoctin Supervisor in 2019.

**Blue Ridge Leader: How do you plan on preserving the Transition Policy Area? Would you keep on rezoning the TPA?**

**Sam Kroiz:** The Transition Area was created to provide a transition between the Suburban and Rural areas, with policies that are in between those areas' policies. It's not supposed to transition from that into something else, like more Suburban area.

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**Phyllis J. Randall**



Phyllis J. Randall and her husband Thaddeus have lived in Loudoun since 1993, and are the parents of two adult sons, Ashon and Aaron. She was elected Chair At-Large of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors in November 2015 and then reelected in November 2019. She represents Loudoun on various regional, state, and national bodies including, Chair of the full Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and Chair of the NVTA Governance and Personnel Committee. She also currently serves as a member of the National Association of Counties, Health and Human Resources Committee and founding member of the (NACo) Economic Mobility Leadership Network, a member of the Virginia Association of Counties Health and Human Resources sub-committee and a member of The Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments Board of Directors, to name a few. Professionally, Randall is a retired mental health therapist, with substance dependence as her emphasis area.

**Blue Ridge Leader: How do you plan on preserving the Transition Policy Area? Would you keep on rezoning the TPA?**

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**John Ellis**  
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FOR COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

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Bob previously served as our Commonwealth's Attorney for two terms and was known for keeping partisan politics out of prosecutorial decisions.

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subdivide and build on their properties. To maximize their incentive to take advantage of PDR, I want to expedite it so it can be implemented before the rural zoning is changed. My opponent has had four years to put it in place and has made no progress.

To avoid confronting the fundamental problem with pro-development zoning, my opponent argues the County should “accelerate” voluntary conservation easements. Voluntary easements are absolutely the best way to permanently protect rural land. However, the County cannot “accelerate” easements since those decisions are made between private landowners and land trusts, with only minor support from the County.

The easement option has been available to landowners for decades, but it did not prevent the rural population from growing by over 80% in the last two decades and will not prevent thousands more houses from being built in western Loudoun in the future. The definition of insanity is to continue doing the same thing over and over and expect different results. This is exactly what my opponent advocates.

**BRL: Do you think the County should require developers to preserve prime farming soils on rural properties?**

**JE:** Yes, absolutely. Western Loudoun has some of the best farmland in the eastern United States. It was known as the “Breadbasket of the Revolution” 300 years ago. We have a vibrant community of farmers who continue to produce healthy, high quality local foods and beverages. As other agricultural areas come under increasing stress, it is vital to preserve Loudoun’s exceptional farming soils.

Unfortunately, my opponent believes the County should continue to allow rural developers to destroy what is left of our prime farming soils. He is concerned that preserving the soils would reduce “development potential” and that this, in turn, might affect a few large land investors’ decisions to put their own properties in conservation easement.

This concern is misplaced since most conservation easements in Loudoun to date have been done on properties with low “development potential” by landowners for whom the financial benefits were not the primary motivation. It also ignores the fact that the same high development potential that allows a few large property owners to defray taxes on their business profits also incentivizes developers to build more houses in western Loudoun.

**BRL: What should the County do about traffic on Rt. 9, Rt. 15 North, Rt/ 287 and**

**other rural roads?**

**JE:** In a recent County Safety and Operational Study, western Loudoun citizens overwhelmingly stated that their top priorities are to preserve the rural character of our rural road system while improving traffic safety. I’m with them.

My priority is to expedite cost-effective traffic safety improvements that do not require taking a lot of people’s property to widen the roads. That should include more pull-outs that allow the Sheriff’s office to better enforce traffic rules and prevent reckless driving. Our goal should be to keep traffic moving smoothly and safely. Speeding up traffic on Virginia Scenic Byways and then funneling it through rural chokepoints only encourages reckless driving and makes driving conditions more dangerous.

I also want to preserve Loudoun’s unique historic system of gravel roads, which are the outdoor meeting place for many of our rural communities. Paving narrow roads with no shoulders, heavy vegetation, and many blind curves and ridges is extremely dangerous. I support citizens’ efforts to work with VDOT to develop and apply improved gravel surfaces that reduce dust and potholes and are easier and more cost-effective to maintain.

**BRL: Would you support a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase the number of new subdivisions that can be built in the Transition Policy Area?**

**JE:** No, we must maintain the Transition Policy Area (TPA) as it is currently described in the Comprehensive Plan, especially the requirement that it include 50% open spaces.

My opponent and his appointee to the Planning Commission have supported “up-zoning” TPA subdivisions to allow for hundreds more houses. Other sitting supervisors have described this as “the definition of insanity” because nearby roads and schools do not have the capacity to meet the needs of so many more residents. We have to stop allowing development to overwhelm Loudoun’s public infrastructure and services.

During my opponent’s term in office, we have seen increasing suburban “creep” into the TPA and western Loudoun’s rural areas. Each time a new development comes in, pro-growth special interests argue that it has changed the character of the surrounding areas and therefore justifies further development on adjacent properties. This can’t continue. We need to hold the line.

**BRL: How would you propose to control the growth of County spending?**

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**LITTLE RIVER DISTRICT SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES**

**Elections are November 7th**

**Laura Tekrony**

Laura Tekrony grew up on a farm in Hopewell, New Jersey. She graduated from Bucknell University with a BA in biology and an MBA in marketing from Fordham University. Tekrony began her career in the pharmaceutical industry in advertising. She started her own healthcare marketing and business development consulting business, and moved with her family to Aldie in 2004. Tekrony has served as a Loudoun County legislative aide for nearly 8 years, and has been actively active in her community for 20 years. She has two daughters who graduated from John Champe High School and one daughter who attends Lightridge High School.



**Blue Ridge Leader: When elected, what are your top priorities?**

- Laura Tekrony:** My top priorities are:
- Create a County Department focused on the environment and renewable energy to bring the experts together and ensure that the environment is a priority.
  - Accelerate the opening of HS-14 in Dulles North to relieve overcrowding at Independence High School.
  - Prioritize crosswalks, roundabouts,

- turn lanes, and traffic calming to improve safety and reduce congestion.
- Protect western Loudoun and preserve our natural and historic resources.
- Advocate for more parks, green space and multi-use trails.
- Hire an urban planner who is experienced in realizing the vision at both of Loudoun's Metro stations to develop a vibrant mixed use high-capacity transit area.

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**Ram Venkatachalam**

Ram Venkatachalam lives in Brambleton with his wife and 2 children. He is actively involved in his community and served as vice-president of his Home Owners Association. He has served as a county election officer and currently serves as Chairman for the Loudoun County Transit Advisory Board. He is a professional consultant focused on Business, Technology and Management for a top 5 firm. He has a computer science engineering degree and a master's in computer science.



**Blue Ridge Leader: When elected, what are your top priorities?**

**Ram Venkatachalam:** We need bold, new leadership and fresh ideas in local government, and this is the year to make it happen. I firmly believe in focusing on the issues that matter most to us here in our community: lower taxes, economic opportunity, and yes, ensuring quality public education for every child. I will lead with integrity, accountability and transparency which are very much needed today more than anytime in Loudoun County.

My top priorities for the district and

the county:

- Better transportation solutions
- Better management of our schools
- Sensible zoning east of 15 and preservation of our land west of 15
- Fund public safety
- And low taxes

**BRL: What areas would you change or continue from the previous Board?**

**RV:** First and foremost, the Board of Supervisors need to be accountable, responsible and execute with integrity. I will work to restore trust with our

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**Rob Banse**

Rob Banse is a church leader who has served Western Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties for 17 years. Banse attended Georgetown University and later trained at the Theological Seminary. Since his retirement from Trinity Church in 2018, Banse assists in nearby parishes and serves on the Board of the Windy Hill Foundation, where he works alongside community leaders to increase affordable housing options in Loudoun and Fauquier. Banse lives in Delaplane with his wife, Janie. They have three grown children, Holland, Lee, and Will.



**Geary Higgins**

Geary Higgins served two terms on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and one term on the Loudoun County School Board. He recently retired as Vice President of Labor Relations for the National Electrical Contractors Association. He graduated from Clarion University with a Business Administration Degree and a double major in management and marketing. He and his wife, Gail, live in Waterford. They have three daughters who graduated from Loudoun Valley High School and six grandchildren. Geary and Gail attend Cornerstone Church in Leesburg.



**Blue Ridge Leader: Do you support Virginia's current law which allows abortion until the third trimester?**

**Rob Banse:** The current law reflects the protections afforded to women under Roe vs. Wade for nearly 50 years. Virginia legislators must uphold its current laws on abortion.

As a pastor, I've sat shoulder to shoulder with women making difficult decisions about their pregnancies. I have seen, first hand, the anguish that goes into these very personal choices, and I know that reproductive health decisions are best made between women, their

loved ones, and their doctors.

Since the overturning of Roe v. Wade, Virginia Republicans have worked to roll back women's reproductive rights. A recent bill moved to ban "nearly all abortion." Two separate bills that would criminalize doctors for performing abortions, rendering the procedure a felony. Virginia legislators should protect the basic rights of women and allow physicians to care for patients without fear of being jailed.

**BRL: Should parents have a say at the elementary and middle school level on**

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**Blue Ridge Leader: Do you support Virginia's current law which allows abortion until the third trimester?**

**Geary Higgins:** Virginians want fewer abortions not more and I support working to find consensus on a common-sense bill to protect life at 15 weeks, when a baby begins to feel pain, with exceptions for rape, incest, and life of the mother. I also support the expansion of additional services and counseling for women and men affected by abortion, parenting, and adoption choices.

**BRL: Should parents have a say at the elementary and middle school level on sexually explicit books and instruction in public schools?**

**GH:** Absolutely. As a Loudoun County School Board Member, and a parent of three daughters who graduated from Loudoun Valley High School, I know full well that parents are the first and primary educators of our children. Parents should absolutely be in tune with what their children are learning in school.

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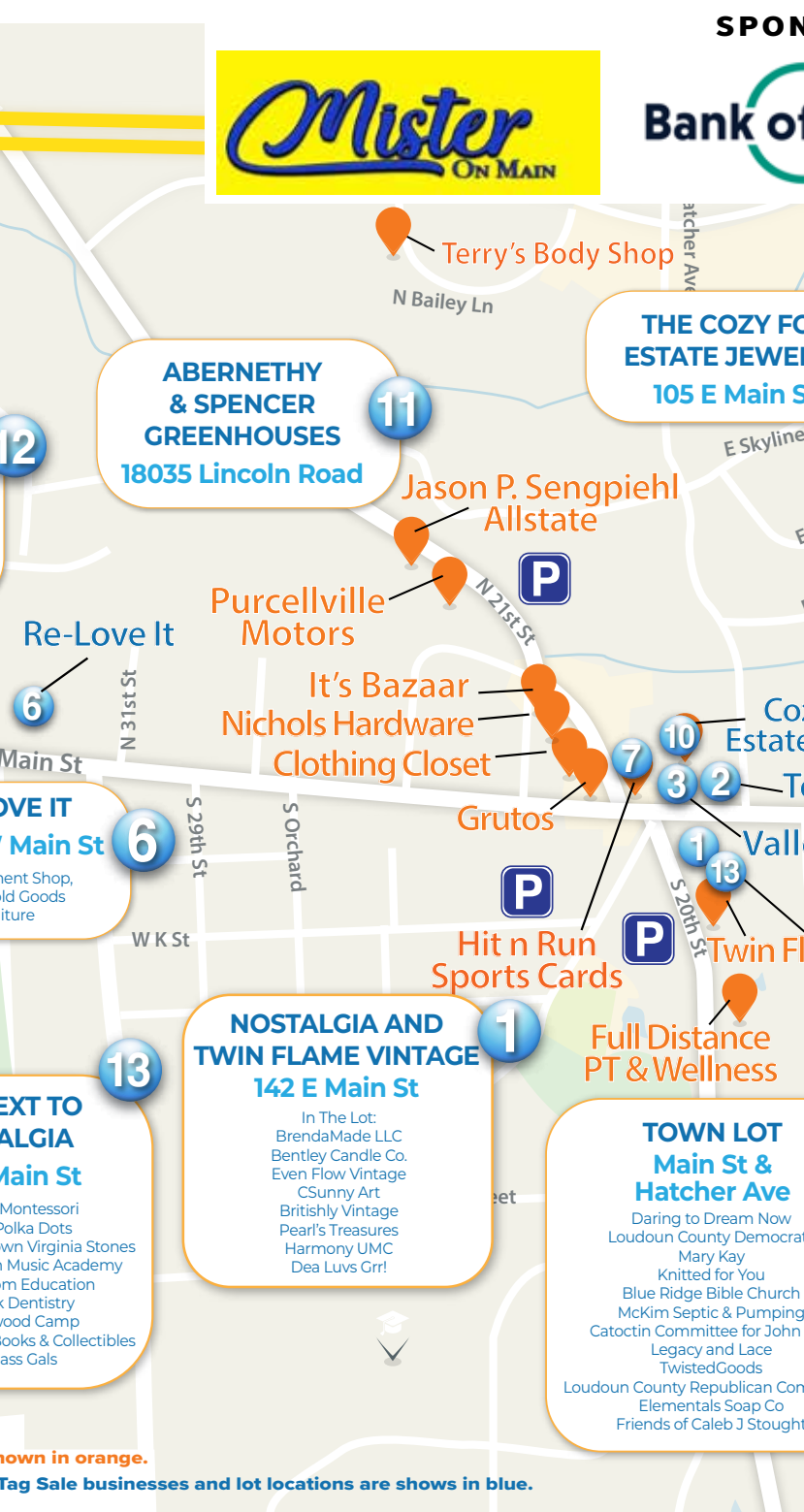
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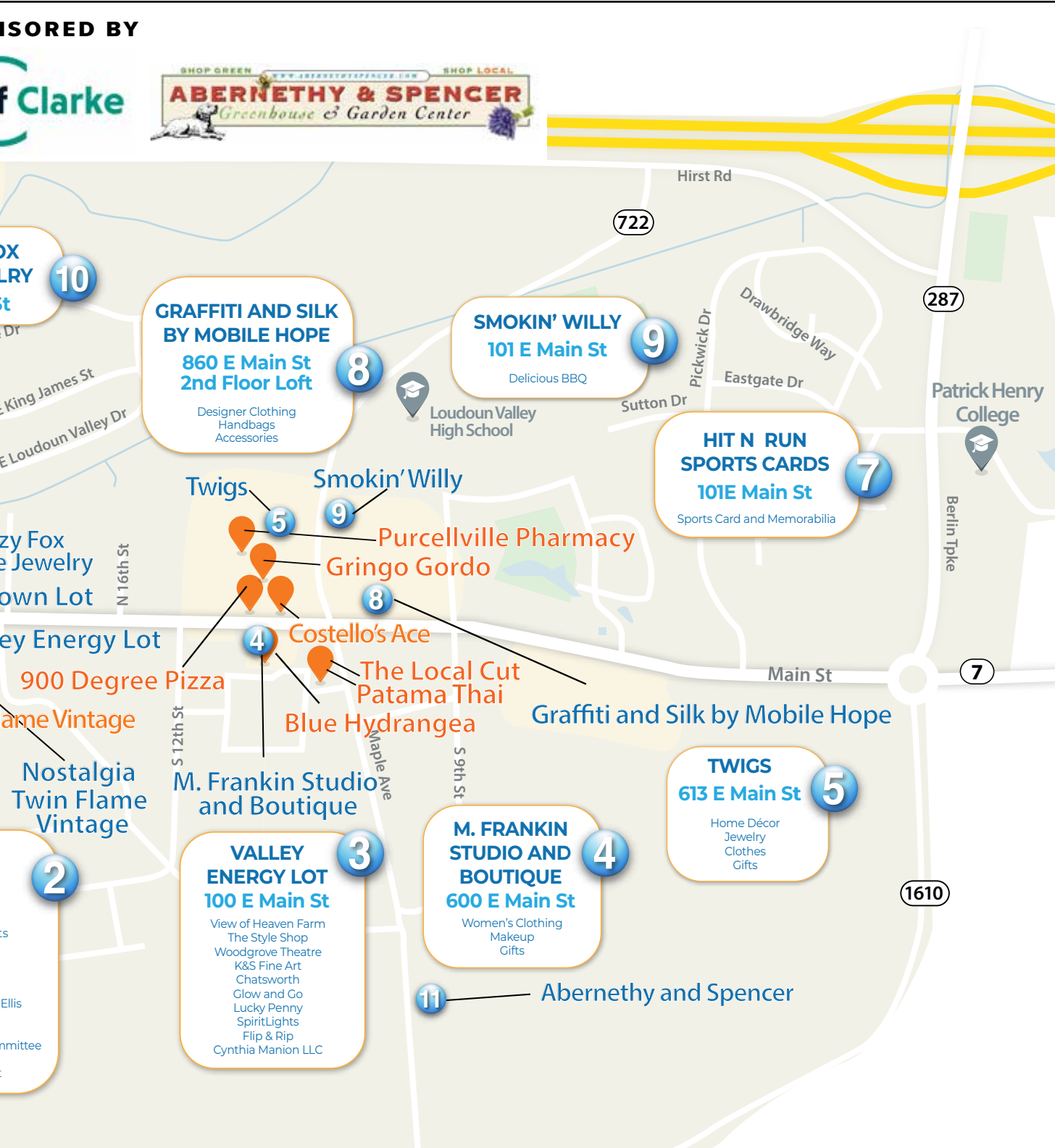
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# “We’re focused on winning in this sector”

– Gov. Youngkin addresses Great Indoors agricultural symposium

BY SOPHIA CLIFTON

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Governor Glenn Youngkin addressed the first ever “Great Indoors” Symposium at Lansdowne Resort, speaking to leaders from across the state about Virginia’s growing Controlled Environmental Agriculture (CEA) industry.

In the leaflet handed out to symposium attendees, Youngkin stated, “Innovation will be critical in farming as it is in all industries and we can lay the groundwork today for a vibrant future in this industry. We must create a resilient and reliable food supply, all while responding to consumer demand for healthier and more sustainable food options.”

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“Agriculture is the largest private industry in Virginia,” Youngkin said, beginning his speech with some statistics. “Forestry is our third largest and collectively, they contribute \$100 billion of annual economic activity to the Commonwealth,” employing approximately 500,000 Virginians between the two industries.

“Population growth around the world continues at a rapid pace, with nearly 10 billion inhabitants expected by 2050,” Youngkin said. This explosive worldwide growth means “we have to feed people more efficiently. We have to feed people with much higher nutrient concentration than we currently do.”

When such rapid population growth is combined with the statistic that “moderate or severe insecurity

affects 30% of the global population,” approximately 2.4 billion people are dealing with issues surrounding food security. Youngkin explained that this is one of the key reasons he is such a strong supporter of “creating an ecosystem at the intersection of food and technology,” as the leaflet also stated.

With the latest technological advancements, farmers can now “predict and control plant responses,” Youngkin said. “They can improve production efficiencies; you can optimize plant yield; you can reduce foodborne illnesses and maximize efficiencies. You can do all of this in the great indoors, producing more food with less land, less resources, in a more sustainable way.”

“Virginia should and will be the destination for the world of this new generation of high-tech agriculture.” From the largest growers to the smallest, Youngkin said, raising everything from lettuce to strawberries, tomatoes to microgreens, Virginia’s farmers are growing produce that’s just a single day’s drive from 50% of the US population, and a two days’ drive from 75% of the population.

Virginia farmers also have access to “the East Coast’s deepest and widest port, recently named the most efficient operating port in North America,” Youngkin said. “We’re focused on winning in this sector.”

The governor took the rest of his speech to expand on the three-pronged approach Virginia policymakers are using to stimulate rapid CEA industry growth in



the state. Youngkin described the approach as “a three-legged stool with each one of the legs playing an equal and very important role.”

The first of these three prongs “centers around economic incentives and the critical supporting that we can provide at the state level and the local level in Virginia for the CEA industry,” Youngkin said. He went on to explain how the Virginia Economic Development

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Partnership is a key component in this, as well as the collaboration between the offices of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and the Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry.

Youngkin added that he was pleased to have recently signed a bill sponsoring the creation of “a sales and use tax exemption to support the use and development of critical components used inside indoor farming.”

The second prong of the state’s approach is research, Youngkin said, especially with regards to Virginia’s top schools and universities. He highlighted the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville, where “academia, research, government support and industry” are coming together to do specific work in the world of indoor agriculture.

“To see the work that is both being sponsored and undertaken is just mind blowing – analytical chemistry, bio-stimulants, bio control development and applications, complex science and robotics,” Youngkin said, recalling his past visits to the institute and talking about some of the research he witnessed. “It was so fun to watch them determine that we can rotate lighting. You can make plants dance, just like humans.”

The final prong of the approach is



Timothy Sands, President of Virginia Tech.

*“With the latest technological advancements, farmers can now ‘predict and control plant responses.’ They can improve production efficiencies; you can optimize plant yield; you can reduce foodborne illnesses and maximize efficiencies. You can do all of this in the great indoors, producing more food with less land, less resources, in a more sustainable way.”*

— Governor Glenn Youngkin

workforce training development, said Youngkin. “At the heart of what we do is having a great workforce – well trained people who are available and can go to work, participate as this sector grows.

Who in fact will grow with the growing industry, setting the exceptional example.” The governor spoke about the role Virginia’s community colleges play in this, as well as a program called GO TEC,

a talent pathway initiative for middle schoolers to discover industry sectors such as indoor agriculture.

Youngkin concluded his address by reiterating his desire to see Virginia as number one in the sector for indoor agriculture.

“When you combine our incredible talent pipeline and our business-friendly environment, we win every single poll when it comes to best place to do business,” Youngkin said. “We offer logical advantages. We have a continued investment in our leading infrastructure and unparalleled access to markets.”

“Here we have a chance to do something most unique together. Not just build good business, not just invest in the right workforce, but to do it in an industry that will change the world. We need indoor agriculture. We need to be successful. And when you unleash free enterprise and human spirit, amazing things can happen.”

Youngkin challenged the industry leaders at the symposium to use their discussions on infrastructure and energy needs, technology advancements, research programs and business models to “unlock the future.”

“I encourage you to challenge each other to get better when you have great competition,” said Youngkin.

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# Purcellville Town Manager's contract approved

BY VALERIE CURY

At the end of the Sept. 12 Purcellville Town Council meeting, town council members came out of executive session and approved the town manager's contract in a 4-2-1 vote. Mayor Stan Milan, Vice Mayor Chris Bertaut, and Council Members Carol Luke and Boo Bennett voted to approve Rick Bremseth's contract. Council Members Mary Jane Williams and Erin Rayner voted against approval and Ron Rise Jr. was absent for the vote.

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With salary and benefits, Bremseth

makes \$1,000 less a year than former town manager David Mekarski, whose employment with the Town of Purcellville was terminated earlier this year in a unanimous town council vote.

Bremseth's base salary is \$195,000 whereas Mekarski's was \$186,379. Including all benefits, Bremseth's salary totals \$248,819 while Mekarski was making \$249,776.

Mekarski's contract with the town commenced on March 13, 2018, at the initial base salary of \$150,000 annually. He opted into the Nationwide 457 Deferred Compensation Account which amounted

to 6 percent of his salary at the yearly cost of \$11,183. Mekarski's contract also stated that he had to be the highest base compensated paid town employee. His vacation time started with "vacation leave in accordance with an employee with ten (10) years of service."

Mekarski, who moved from Illinois, also received \$1,000 per month for up to 6 months or until his out of state residence was sold. At the time of his move to Purcellville, the town also gave him moving expenses up to a maximum of \$10,000.

Bremseth did not opt into the Nationwide 457 Deferred Compensation

Account, nor is there language for him to be the highest base compensated paid town employee.

The current average base salary for a town the size of Purcellville ranges from \$220,000 to \$230,000 annually.

Under the code of Virginia, the Virginia Retirement System mandates VRS membership for eligible employees. Even if an employee should choose not to participate in the system, it is not allowed under the Code of Virginia.

Bremseth, a former resident of Purcellville, lives in Round Hill with his wife Marlena.

## Loudoun second-half personal property tax deadline is Oct. 5

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the second-half personal property tax is Thursday, Oct. 5.

Payments received or postmarked after Oct. 5 will incur a 10% penalty and interest. Any such penalty, when assessed, will become part of the tax with interest accruing on both the tax and penalty at a rate of 10% annually.

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Personal property taxes remaining unpaid after 60 calendar days from the original due date will incur an additional 15% penalty. The due date will not be extended for bills where assessment questions have been filed with the Board of Equalization. Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Office of the Treasurer's Collections Team at 703-771-5656 for assistance.

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## Nominations accepted for Rt. 28 landowners advisory board

Nominations for the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District Landowners Advisory Board are being sought. Members of the board are

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landowners within the

Rt. 28 tax district from Loudoun and Fairfax

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In accordance with the Code of Virginia, residents eligible to serve on this advisory board must meet the following criteria:

- Must own land zoned for commercial or industrial use within the district; or
- In the case of a corporation owning such land, be a designated officer or employee; or
- In the case of a partnership owning such land, be a designated partner.

The timeline for the election process begins in late September 2023 with nomination letters being sent to eligible property owners. Nominations are due to Route 28 Landowners Advisory Board Chair Tadeusz (Ted) Lewis, by Oct. 16. Ballots will be mailed to

property owners on Nov. 6, and election results are scheduled to be posted on the Loudoun County website Jan. 16, 2024.

In 1987, the Boards of Supervisors of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties created the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District to fund improvements to Rt. 28, including the widening of the roadway and construction of ten grade-separated interchanges.

The district is governed by a commission which is comprised of four members from the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, four members from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and the Virginia Secretary of Transportation. The district is advised by a Landowners Advisory Board comprised of 12 taxpayer representatives. Six of the advisory board members (three from each county) are elected by the taxpaying landowners to serve four-year terms.

More information about the Route 28 Landowners Advisory Board in Loudoun County is available at loudoun.gov/route28advisoryboard.

## Youngkin announces over \$3.7 million in grants

Funding will support workforce development efforts and foster the growth and support of entrepreneurial ecosystems

Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced on Sept. 28, more than \$3.7 million in Growth and Opportunity for Virginia (GO Virginia) grant awards for 11 projects designed to empower workforce development, bolster startup ecosystems and promote economic growth in the Commonwealth.

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These initiatives will play a pivotal role in nurturing skilled talent, fostering entrepreneurial ventures and bridging the gap between

job seekers and employment opportunities.

"Today's announcement underscores our unwavering commitment to stimulating economic growth and expanding opportunities across our Commonwealth," said Youngkin. "By investing in talent, bolstering entrepreneurial innovation and cultivating the conditions for startup success, we are actively shaping the future of our workforce and positioning Virginia as a hub for innovation and opportunity."

The GO Virginia program advances regional economic growth and diversification by enabling cooperative projects that taps into workforce enhancement, cluster expansion, innovative business initiatives and site development.

"The GO Virginia program is at the forefront of driving regional economic growth and diversification by fostering collaborative projects that harness the potential of



# August general fund revenues exceed forecast

On Sept. 18, Gov. Glenn Youngkin announced that general fund revenues are ahead of forecast by \$204.8 million year-to-date. Among the major sources, general fund revenues are up 3.0 percent year-to-date after adjusting for policy actions. Compared to August 2022, adjusted general fund revenues demonstrate a strong economic position for Virginia.

“As we accelerate results in the commonwealth to reduce cost of living and provide transformational investments in our communities, Virginia remains in a strong economic position,” said Youngkin. “We’re encouraged by the results early in this fiscal year and continue to remain intentionally conservative in our forecast to provide an added buffer as we prepare the Commonwealth for future investments and any potential economic downturn in the future.”

“For the first two months of the fiscal year, collections are ahead of revenue projections assumed in the recently enacted budget, however it is too early to draw conclusions about full-year revenue collections,” said Secretary of Finance Stephen Cummings.

“While the economy continues to show resilience even as interest rates have increased significantly over the past year, the risk of further rate hikes, inflation persisting above Fed targets, and other uncertainties including the potential for a federal government shutdown, cause us to remain cautious in our outlook over the near term. The next two months will provide a better indication of Fiscal Year 2024 revenue trends.”


In Virginia, the unemployment rate fell to 2.5 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis in July and the labor force participation rate increased to 66.7 percent in July – the highest labor force participation rate since November 2012. The number of employed Virginia residents increased by 17,937 to 4,481,008 in July.

Among the major revenue sources, withholding and sales tax collections are generally in line or ahead of projections, while corporate income tax revenues exceed forecast.

August is not a significant month for revenue collections, however, with collections mainly from withholding, sales taxes, and other sources that have regular monthly payments.

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Twelve to fourteen full color photographs, paintings, and drawings will be selected for the 8.5 x 11 calendar. Artwork must be horizontal landscape and depict the corporate limits of the Town of Leesburg. Special consideration will be given for images

that include Town landscapes, special events, and seasonal images. Suggestions include historic buildings, parks, cycling, or themes related to the history of Leesburg.

No computer-generated/assisted art will be accepted. All images must have the permission of all easily identified people in their photographs. If selected, the photographer/artist must grant permission to the Town of

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"We are committed to getting this right," he said. "The structures that sit on the property that we own are no doubt towards the end of their life cycle. We believe that this doesn't do downtown justice. So it's not practical to retrofit, modify, or construct a sustainable future utilizing the existing buildings in their current configuration."

Over a year ago, the Chapmans had terminated the leases of the existing buildings' tenants. The buildings have remained unoccupied since then.

Sam Chapman said they want to "encapsulate our historical heritage with the current needs and the future aspirations." He said they have an approved project for over 30,000 sq.ft. of retail space and 40 condos with parking in the back. The whole project totaled 171,000 sq. ft. mixed use according to one of their older presentations.

He said he did not want to build a building "that I'm not proud to drive by or walk by with my kids and say 'Look what we built.'" He said the project is something "they want to be proud of."

He reiterated that they have an approved project. "We believe we hear the town that maybe it should be reconsidered. We want to present something to you tonight. It's not an in-depth conceptual design, but a concept that we've been working towards that's viable and it works."

"Our focus," said Sam Chapman, "moving forward ... has been one, reducing the size of the commercial building [although he did not mention a number]. Two, reducing the number of residential units [from 40 to 36], and [three] modifying the design to be more in line with the existing architecture of downtown Purcellville."

The brothers said they dropped the height by 20 ft. to 3 stories, however the drawing he presented show 4 stories. "We had to make up some of the density and we believe it is important to have a residential component in the backside of the parking lot."

Sam and Casey Chapman said they wanted the commercial component on the second and third floor and perhaps a boutique hotel and maybe office space for the building facing 21<sup>st</sup> Street. In

addition to all this he said they would have 60 or 70 surface parking spaces for the 4 condo buildings in the back and total combined for the whole project would amount to 134 spaces.

They said they were currently cleaning up the buildings and "redoing some of the streetscape on 21<sup>st</sup> Street. The brothers said they will re-lease the current retail space for short-term leases ... "as an incubator-type space for retail tenants."

Council Member Erin Rayner addressed the Chapmans, who were

this one to the current one, you avoid going through the whole process again." She said the idea of doing that would be "slick."

The approximate 13-year-old project has been extended three times. Once by the town's director of planning and development under the Lazaro Town Council and twice with lobbyists and lawyers who went to Richmond with COVID legislation they allegedly wrote to extend actual projects slowed down by COVID, which included the Vineyard Square project.

40 condos to 36, so that's not a huge difference."

Bertaut said that aside from submitting a new site plan and going through the process, "you would need to get a special use permit because multi-family housing is not permitted within the zoning here.

"I think the traffic impacts are considerable." He said with the retail customers, some unknown number of hotel customers, plus all the condo owners – all this would add substantially to the traffic and become a "chokepoint." He



large donors to her campaign, saying, "I really like the smaller footprint of the 21<sup>st</sup> Street [project]." She said she liked the "diversity of housing in the back, that won't be seen by the main level."

Rayner said she has "heard from a lot of people in town who want to get out of single-family homes, but there's no condos or apartments."

Council Member Boo Bennett asked the Chapmans when their permits expire for the approved Vineyard Square project.

Casey Chapman responded, "Our permits will remain active throughout this entire process ... What we would do is submit another site plan to run parallel with our approved site plan. We would not be vacating or abandoning our existing site plan. But we are not going to stop our efforts to pursue our existing site plans."

Again, Bennett asked, "When do they expire?" Casey Chapman answered, "As long as we're pursuing or diligently pursuing our efforts to develop the property they do not expire."

"I can tell you right now," said Bennett, "that I think that would be optimum for you to have this plan parallel to the other, but I don't think it's good for the town. If you are hoping to tag

The original Vineyard Square approved project should expire next year, pending no further General Assembly action.

Casey Chapman disputed Bennett, saying it wouldn't be slick "when it's fully transparent." He said there are differences in the size of the commercial building on 21<sup>st</sup> Street however, there was no mention of the conceptual new size of any of the buildings.

Bennett asked why there was so much debris on the property. "How did it get that bad and for so long?"

Casey Chapman said they remove trash on a routine basis. He also said that "people have been dumping on their property, and the trash wasn't put there" by him.

Bennett expressed concern for existing businesses in the area when the Chapmans start to build. Sam Chapman said they could start with the residential in the back, while keeping retail in the front and then go to the Phase II of the project.

Casey Chapman said one lane would always consistently remain open on 21<sup>st</sup> Street "so traffic would always flow."

Vice Mayor Chris Bertaut said the conceptual plan needed more detail, "more size and scale details."

"I would note you are going from

expressed concern that it would not be fire safe.

Council Member Carol Luke said that the drawings show 4 stories and the current allowed height in the C-4 district is 35 ft. which is 3 stories. Casey Chapman said he could get 45 ft. with a special use permit.

He gave the example of the building which houses Magnolias and the barn red Dillon building across the street, being higher than 35 ft. Luke responded that those are "historic buildings and are existing."

Council Member Mary Jane Williams said she loved the Chapmans ideas and vision.

Mayor Stan Milan asked the Chapmans, "In 13 years, why haven't you started the project?" Casey Chapman said that they have started and "have taken many efforts." He said they have demolished many buildings and have taken up to 17 boring samples to determine if they have to blast and have found out they do not have to blast.

He said they are well on their way to having a full set of construction plans.

"My question," said Milan, "is after 13 or 14 years you have had all your permits, and it doesn't take 14 years to drill a hole in the ground."

**PHOTOGRAPHERS NEEDED, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 29**

Leesburg to use the images for publicity. Photo credit will be given whenever possible.

This contest is open to individuals within the Washington D.C. Metro region. All submissions will be reviewed by COPA prior to sending their final recommendations to the Leesburg Town Council. Once the Town has

approved the design, artists will be notified.

All submissions can be emailed to [lko-sin@leesburgva.gov](mailto:lko-sin@leesburgva.gov) on or before the deadline, which is Friday, Oct. 27. Please include your name, address, and phone number when submitting your images. Visit [www.leesburgva.gov/publicartnews](http://www.leesburgva.gov/publicartnews) for more information.



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# Third Annual Celebrate Purcellville town-wide event

Join the Town of Purcellville and the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the Town's third annual Celebrate Purcellville, a week-long, town-wide event from Oct. 2 – 8. Use your Celebrate Purcellville Passport to visit more than 50 businesses and organizations in town, go on a town-wide scavenger hunt, enjoy a nature trivia walk and a storybook trail walk, attend special events that are part of the week-long celebration, and join in the Celebrate Purcellville finale for live music, activities, and a chance to win prizes.

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Get more information on the Celebrate Purcellville page on the Town website at: <https://purcellvilleva.gov/celebrate-purcellville>.

### Celebrate Purcellville Activities from Oct. 2 - 8

The Celebrate Purcellville Passport will include a list of the businesses and organizations that are participating in the week-long event. The Celebrate Purcellville Passport is available at Town Hall (221 S. Nursery Ave), the Bush Tabernacle (250 S. Nursery Ave.), and the Purcellville Library (220 E. Main Street).

The passport may also be downloaded from the Celebrate Purcellville page of the Town's website. Get at least 20 stickers from participating businesses and organizations, and turn in your Celebrate Purcellville Passports between noon and 3 p.m. at the finale in Dillon's Woods on Sunday, Oct. 8 for a chance to win prizes. You must be present to win. Prizes have been donated by participating businesses and organizations.

Below are special activities that are happening next

week as part of Celebrate Purcellville. Be sure to stop by any of these locations to get a sticker in your Celebrate Purcellville Passport:

- Oct. 4 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. - Coffee with a Cop at bkd Bagels (130 Purcellville Gateway Drive); part of National Coffee with a Cop Day
- Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. - Purcellville Arts Council Fiber Art Show reception at Purcellville Town Hall with a talk about the History of Quilting in Loudoun featuring Priscilla Godfrey and a chance to meet artists from the Waterford Quilters Guild and the Fiber Arts Guild of the Blue Ridge
- Oct. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. - Purcellville Garden Club Small Standard Flower Show with Juried Floral Designs and Horticulture exhibits at the Purcellville Train Station
- Oct. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. - Adult Skate Night at the Bush Tabernacle (admission \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door)

The Purcellville Tag Sale, a separate, complementary event, will be held on Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Get more information about this town-wide event at [www.PurcellvilleVaTagSale.com](http://www.PurcellvilleVaTagSale.com). Additionally, the Purcellville Library will be celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by for a book sale, birthday cake, live music, balloon art, and other fun activities.

The Celebrate Purcellville Passport will include three week-long activities that will highlight nature, history, and culture in town. These pages of the passport may be turned separately at the Celebrate Purcellville Finale for a chance to win prizes too.

Town-wide scavenger hunt - use the clues in the passport to find locations all over town and write the code for each location in the passport; get at least 6 of the codes to qualify for a chance to win prizes

Nature trivia walk - Walk the Chapman DeMary Trail and find the markers with nature trivia questions and write your answers in the passport; get at least 6 of the answers to qualify for a chance to win prizes

Storybook trails at the Suzanne R. Kane Nature Preserve - Walk the path at the preserve and enjoy reading a story on boards displayed along the way

### Celebrate Purcellville Finale on Oct. 8

From noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, come to Dillon's Woods for the finale of Celebrate Purcellville with live music, fun activities, special recognitions, food, drink, and shopping.

People who got at least 20 stickers in their Celebrate Purcellville Passports, at least 6 codes from the scavenger hunt, and/or 6 correct answers from the nature trivia walk may turn them in between noon and 3 p.m. for a chance to win prizes donated by participating businesses and organizations. The prize drawings will be at 4 p.m. and you must be there to win. Get the schedule for the finale online at <https://purcellvilleva.gov/celebrate-purcellville>.

Celebrate Purcellville is co-hosted by the Town of Purcellville and the Purcellville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and sponsored by Huck & Company Automotive Studio, Guidepost Montessori, CaseCo,

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## Remembering Richard "Rory" Rohde

Richard "Rory" Rohde, 66 of Hamilton passed away on September 20, after a two-year battle with cancer.

Rory was born in Corvallis, Oregon to Kermit and Barbara Rohde. He graduated from the University of Chicago where he attained a B.S. in economics.

He moved to Washington, DC in 1979 where he met his wife Marianne Bernhard. They were married for forty years.

He loved his career as an air traffic controller at Washington Center in Leesburg, and retired after 25 years. Later, Rory held several consulting positions with various companies including Lockheed Martin and the Fort Hill Group in Washington, DC.

He enjoyed being a father and coached his kids' baseball and

soccer teams. He was an avid tennis player for many years.

In addition to his wife, Rory is survived by their children Zak and Alex, both from Hamilton and Sarah (Colin) Chapman, Hillsboro. He cherished his time with his two grandchildren Morgan and Liza Chapman. Rory is also survived by his siblings Kate Rohde, Gale Rohde and Scott Rohde and his ever-loving dog, Wasco.



A visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 at Hall Funeral Home in Purcellville. Service will begin at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are made by the Hall Funeral Home, Purcellville. Please visit [www.hallfh.com](http://www.hallfh.com) to express online condolences to the family.

## Remembering Larry Francis Small

Larry Francis Small, 82 passed away peacefully surrounded by his family and close friends on September 10, 2023.

Small was married to his high school sweetheart, Madeline Marie Ditzler Small for 60 years. For over 50 years, they made Purcellville their home where they raised 6 children. Kathy Elgin and Charlie, Tim Small and Rachel, Karen Hughes and Pat, Toby Small and Danyelle, Kristen Umbaugh and Chip and Trent Small and Michelle. He was blessed with 17 Grandchildren and 14 Great Grandchildren (and 1 on the way) who all loved him deeply.

Small was in the US Navy, serving as an Air-Traffic Controller from 1959 to 1962. After his education in the Navy, he joined the Leesburg office of the Federal Aviation Administration where he retired in 2000 after working 37-1/2 years. He started as an Air Traffic Controller and ultimately specialized in automation as a Data System Coordinator/Military Liaison Specialist. He finished his career as a GS15.

Since moving to Purcellville in 1972, Small has been a faithful, dedicated parishioner of

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus earning the title of Sir Knight. The principles of a Fourth Degree Knight are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism; principles that he taught his family and demonstrated to his community through his daily actions.

Small was a sports enthusiast. He loved his Washington Redskins, the Loudoun Valley Vikings and all youth sports his kids, grandkids and great grandchildren were involved in. He was a professional Tennis Instructor for the Town of Leesburg's Ida Lee Parks and Recreation and was known as "Coach" all over Loudoun County. Most of all, he loved and cherished his family and the time he spent with them. He enjoyed the family vacations to Nags Head, Holiday gatherings and simple spur of the moment one on one visits.

Larry is survived by his sister Mary Small of Indiana, PA. He was predeceased by his parents, John I. and Margaret Small of McSherrystown, PA, his brothers Richard Small and Tom Small of Hanover, PA, and his granddaughter Madison Small





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# October fire prevention month events

The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System strives to provide effective, consistent, and readily accessible fire and life safety education for our residents

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year-round. Annually, October is designated as Fire Prevention Month, and LC-CFRS first responders and community outreach specialists dedicate additional time and resources to increase community awareness about preventing home fires. Several volunteer fire and rescue companies across the county will host in-person open house and

community outreach events as listed below.

In addition to these events, LC-CFRS will be sharing virtual outreach measures to include fun and innovative activities that focus on critical fire prevention measures for children, adults, and special populations. To access the Fire Prevention Month materials, you can follow on LC-CFRS official social media platforms Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram and NextDoor or visit [loudoun.gov/kidsfiresafetycorner](http://loudoun.gov/kidsfiresafetycorner) to select from various activities.

## Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company Open House

Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 61 Plaza St NE, Leesburg, info: [www.leesburgfire.org](http://www.leesburgfire.org).

- Touch-a-truck
- Get a tour of our station
- Ride the Ladder Truck
- Learn how to become a Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company member
- See an extrication demonstration
- Play fun games, see safety demos and more.

## Sterling Volunteer Fire Company and Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad Open House

Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, info: [www.sterlingfire.org](http://www.sterlingfire.org)

- Touch a Truck display – Fire trucks, ambulances and more
- Meet your local Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics
- Fire Safety Bounce House
- Interactive Fire Safety Activities, Prize Wheel, 911 simulator
- Visit SterlingFest and check out the parade at 10:00 a.m.

## Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Open House

Sunday, Oct. 15, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., 20688 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, info: [www.ashburnfireandrescue.org](http://www.ashburnfireandrescue.org).

- Station tours
- Fire safety education for all ages including CPR instruction
- Apparatus displays and equipment demos
- Ladder Climbing Challenge
- Meet AVFRS personnel and learn how to become a volunteer.

## Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company and Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad Open House

Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. to 3p.m., 500 N. Maple Ave, Purcellville, info: [www.purcellvillefire.org](http://www.purcellvillefire.org).

- Meet your local Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics and learn how to become a volunteer
- Touch a Truck - Fire & Rescue Vehicle Displays and Fire Truck rides
- Equipment demonstrations, fire and life safety information, games, food, drinks, and more.

## Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue Open House

Sunday, Oct. 15 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., 12837 Berlin Turnpike, Lovettsville, info: [www.lovettsvillefr.org](http://www.lovettsvillefr.org).

- Meet your local Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics and learn how to become a volunteer
- See live action equipment demonstrations and tons of activities for all ages
- Fire, Rescue, Fire Marshal, and Law Enforcement apparatus on display
- Visit from our local AirCare Medical Helicopter

## Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Open House Sunday, Oct. 15, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 24300 Stone Springs Blvd, Sterling, info: [www.arcolavfd.org](http://www.arcolavfd.org).

- Touch a Truck - Fire & EMS Vehicle Displays and Fire Truck rides
- AirCare Medevac Helicopter visit
- Meet your local First Responders
- Play fun games and learn about fire safety, see safety demos and more!

# Pullen House up for sale



At the Sept. 26 Purcellville Town Council meeting, town council members voted to list the Pullen House. The house is located at 301 South 20<sup>th</sup> Street and has been owned by the town for 12 years. The town purchased the property for \$175,000. The acreage of the property is 0.493.

The property will be listed with Keller Williams and the listing agent is Richard Hampton. The contract is for a minimum of 3 months listing.



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# Boulder Crest Foundation reflects on 10th Anniversary

BY ROBERT TALBOT

This September, marked the tenth anniversary of the Boulder Crest Foundation, a center dedicated to helping military service members, veterans, and first responders suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder. Its facility in Bluemont offers programs to help them connect with their families and get back on their feet.

The foundation aims to combat a PTSD epidemic among veterans and first responders, a condition that brings increased risk of suicide. On average, 22 veterans die by suicide in the United States each day.

Boulder Crest CEO Josh Goldberg explains, “For most people, if you get a

PTSD diagnosis, it feels like it’s final ... it’s going to doom your life and it’s never going to go away. When we started to look to run programs, we really wanted to find a philosophy that helped people go through difficulty and struggle and come out better for it.”

Ken Faulke, the founder of Boulder Crest, discovered the idea of posttraumatic growth conceived by Dr. Rich Tedeschi, professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. “Posttraumatic growth describes the ways in which the struggles and the trauma and the hardship we experience can often serve as a catalyst for growth and transformation ... for change in our lives,” Goldberg continues. “And so that’s the basis for everything we do

— it provides people with hope, agency, direction, and possibility.”

Boulder Crest’s principal programs, Warrior PATHH (Progressive and Alternative Training for Helping Heroes) and Struggle Well, are centered around post-traumatic growth. These programs have been instituted at the foundation’s facilities in Bluemont and Sonoita, Arizona, and in collaboration with other nonprofit organizations throughout the country.

In just a decade, Boulder Crest has helped over 100,000 people with its programs. “I think what’s underneath that number is incredible stories of transformation of individuals’ lives, of relationships, of families, of communities that have been significantly positively impacted,” Goldberg said.

As a nonprofit organization, Boulder Crest couldn’t have made such an impact without community support. Fundraising, Goldberg says, “is always a challenge, but it’s a good kind of challenge — making sure people know what you do, that you do a good job, and they’re willing to invest their time and their treasure and their energy ...”

The foundation is proud of how far support from the community has brought it in just a decade. However, Goldberg knows the fight to help our nation’s struggling heroes is far from over. “When you’re facing a suicide epidemic, time matters. Every day that goes by, you lose more people. We’re trying to change that trajectory because you can’t bring people back. That’s the urgency that’s at play.”

## COMMUNITY

## LCPS launches new logo

Loudoun County Public Schools has launched a new logo during the School Board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26. The logo reveals the LCPS commitment to “Engage. Empower. Enrich.” and puts the Division’s initials front and center.

The Division logo is no longer the county seal — it is now a current, timeless logo representing a clear vision. The new look builds upon the old by adding a new, contemporary feel relevant to today and for a bright future. The quadrant arrangement pays homage to the previous seal.

The new colors represent the following:

- **Vibrant Red:** Embodies excellence and innovation. It pays homage to the red in the county seal.
- **Apricot:** Represents knowledge and honors diversity and sense of community.



- **Airy Blue:** Exemplifies the LCPS commitment to trust-building and all six values.
- **Purple Navy:** Balances a sense of creativity grounded in agility and opportunity.

Superintendent of Loudoun County Public Schools, Dr. Aaron Spence said, “I know this has been a long process for our community and I wish to thank the staff, students and community partners for participating in this rebranding process. Your ideas and feedback were essential and led to a new Division logo that represents and unifies our community and embodies our work to engage, empower and enrich our students and community through education.”

The community will begin to see the colors, theme and logo across digital platforms, and staff will receive the logo for use this month. Community members and LCPS partners will find the new logo and corresponding use guidelines at [www.lcps.org/brand](http://www.lcps.org/brand).

## Loudoun to host job fair tailgate with local employers

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host the Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the Segra Field parking lot in Leesburg. The event will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County.

The Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate will include employers representing multiple industries, such as construction, education, healthcare, hospitality, information technology, landscape, local government, recreation, retail, social services, transportation and warehouse.

In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled to Friday, Oct. 13, at the same time and location.

Job seekers are encouraged to prepare for the fair:

Attend the virtual preparatory workshop: “Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair” – Thursday, Oct. 5, 2 – 3 p.m. Register at [loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops](http://loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops).

Get a free copy of “Turn a Job Fair into a Job Offer.” Call 703-777-0150, email [wrc@loudoun.gov](mailto:wrc@loudoun.gov) or visit the WRC at 705 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176

Dress professionally and bring multiple resume copies to the job fair.

Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at [loudoun.gov/job-fairtailgate](http://loudoun.gov/job-fairtailgate) to receive reminders and updates.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or needs language

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## YOUNGKIN ANNOUNCES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 28

workforce development and startup ecosystems,” said Secretary of Commerce and Trade Caren Merrick.

In addition to the awarded GO Virginia funding, the 11 awarded projects will leverage an additional \$2.5 million in local and non-state funding.

“Congratulations to the regional councils and the awardees. GO Virginia is committed to the economic success of every region of the Commonwealth, and these projects demonstrate how focused strategy and regional collaboration create an ecosystem where

industries, communities and individuals can thrive,” said chair of the GO Virginia State Board Nancy Howell Agee.

Since the program’s inception in 2017, GO Virginia has funded 277 projects and awarded approximately \$114 million to support regional economic development efforts.

To learn more about the GO Virginia program, visit [dhcd.virginia.gov/gova](http://dhcd.virginia.gov/gova).

Region 7, Talent Pathways Planning Initiative was awarded \$250,000 to the Counties of Fairfax and Loudoun

The Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness, in partnership with

the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis, will serve as the Talent Pathways Planning Initiative Industry cluster talent coordinating entity, defining talent pathways for computer software, cybersecurity and emerging technology industry clusters.

This project will conduct a job sector sustainability assessment and labor market date analysis to better understand education and training resources as well as skill requirements for the targeted industries and make recommendations to increase the pool of qualified labor to grow these industries.

## THIRD ANNUAL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 31

Merit Restorations, Northern Virginia Orthodontics, Purcellville Business Association, Sengpiehl Insurance Group, Catoctin Creek Distilling Company, Darrell’s Barber Shop, Purcellville Copy, Valley Energy, Kaizen MMA of Purcellville, The Bush Tabernacle, and OHM Productions.

For more information, visit the Celebrate Purcellville page of the Town website at <https://purcellvilleva.gov/celebrate-purcellville>.



## ELECTION

**CANDIDATE: VENKATACHALAM,**  
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taxpayers by engaging with constituents and taking my time to not only understand but collaborate, as we are elected to do just that. Trust will need to be rebuilt over the course of time.

I was raised on my grandparents' farm and homeschooled in my formative years, when I was younger. I bring that sense of understanding to the rural parts of the west. I also believe that I can best represent the diversity of our district while serving the densely populated eastern areas as well as the rural and historic parts of Middleburg and beyond.

Our public schools need better oversight to ensure our tax dollars are focused on academics, rewarding our teachers, and keeping children safe. I support more rigorous budget guidance (multiple transfers in a year) from the Board of Supervisors, greater accountability for spending, and returning any surplus funds to taxpayers.

I also support an effective School Resource Officer program in every public school. I oppose spending taxpayer money on socially divisive policies and curriculum that replaces the wishes of parents and dictates what our children should think.

Sensible zoning is essential to allow more people to live and work nearby. We must avoid building data centers everywhere. We must preserve the beauty of rural Loudoun.

I support more housing options and mixed-use communities near Metro stations to promote living, working, and shopping close by. I oppose data centers near residential communities, schools, and rural areas. I also oppose expanding flights at Dulles in ways that will increase noise over homes and disrupt neighborhoods.

We need better solutions than more traffic and congestion in eastern Loudoun. I support Metro's Silver Line as part of the solution, but it's not the only one, and it's

not suitable for everyone. I support commuter buses as part of our transportation network to give commuters choices. I support traffic lights where needed, better turn lanes at intersections, pedestrian and vehicular safety and roundabouts where they make sense.

Is our zoning and Comp plan current to meet the current residents of our county? Are the county services in tune with resident expectations? I strongly believe our county government and schools are at a crossroads and the Board's goal is to enable residents to live, to work and to enjoy their quality of life in our county.

I would be advocating for a citizen volunteer driven Government Reform Commission (GRC) that will study the county End-to-End and come back with recommendations on what's working well and what's not working well. This will enable us to fine tune the services offered for our population based on the last census data taken in 2020.

I believe in common-sense solutions to local problems, prioritizing our community's needs over divisive social issues and national agendas. I would leverage my 20 years of business experience and community service to collaborate and accomplish this. I also have a proven track record of bringing people together and achieving common-sense results.

**BRL: How would you protect western Loudoun?**

**RV:** Western Loudoun reminds me of the small towns that I grew up in, where we literally knew each other. Where there's one community schools, community halls, convenience stores, coffee shops, hair stylists amongst family-owned farms, cattle, horses, restaurants, places of worship and Bed and Breakfasts, all wrapped around by nature's open space. These communities create memories of a lifetime where kids

excel in schools, play with their friends, while growing up in a safe community.

Loudoun's soil is prime agricultural soil. Conservation easements have north of 80,000 preserved and 1,000's more to preserve. The Purchase of Development Rights should be a top priority for the first district supervisor of the Little River District.

I will work with the school board and Virginia cooperative Extension to have Ag education integrated into our schools. I would also work to expand broadband coverage in an expedited manner, which is a huge challenge for Middleburg, St. Louis and greater Aldie. I would also work with Coalition of Loudoun Towns to ensure villages and towns residents get the same level of services as people living the east.

That's why I signed a contract for conservation, Project PIC Perfect (Promoting Innovation in Conservation) with fellow candidates and elected officials.

**BRL: How would you address the County budget and spending?**

**RV:** We can improve the quality of life in Loudoun while maintaining a responsible tax rate. I support diversifying and expanding Loudoun's commercial and office tax base, reducing the burden on homeowners. I oppose taxing above the equalized rate when the county budget is adopted each year. I support statewide efforts to lower motor vehicle taxes and fees.

**BRL: What is your position on data centers?**

**RV:** We must avoid building data centers everywhere and yes, I will propose to adopt certain standards - 500 feet setback, lighting, security lighting, operational noise standards and minimize external sound reflection consistent with residential uses, require building height and review to amend easement access to provide additional oversight.

Apart from your data center question, for Middleburg's Mickie Gordon Park, I believe we should:

- Honor the park's past by creating an indoor facility with a pictorial and narrative history of the Hall family and their field.
- Restore baseball to the park by rebuilding the fields for the American Legion and our young people.
- Install a playground for our children's enjoyment.
- Add trails, including narrative trails that tell the story of our community's history.
- Clean up the pond for catch-and-release fishing.
- Be inclusive and maintain the community garden area.
- Keep current with the county's progress on constructing more cricket pitches in locations closer to where the players live.
- Create a partnership between Middleburg and Loudoun County Parks and Rec for managing and programming the park.
- Use the park for daytime events and enjoy the dark skies with special sky-watching programs.

In a month's time we have a choice to make:

- Do we let Loudouners keep more of their hard-earned money and lower the cost of living?
- Do we give our law enforcement the resources and the support they need to protect our communities from violent crime and fentanyl?
- Do we empower parents in their children's education?
- Do we enact commonsense, unifying policies for all Loudouners?

I say yes and I ask for your support and vote on November 7. Early voting is underway.

**CANDIDATE: HIGGINS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22**

COVID exposed the truth about what was going on in our schools. From the extended and unnecessary shut down to the lack of focusing on academics, which has resulted in lower reading and math scores in LCPS to the availability of sexually explicit books that have no place in our schools.

Frankly, it amazes me that this is an accepted practice within our school system. It is time to get our schools back on track and focused on an excellent education to prepare our children for life.

**BRL: Should police departments be fully funded?**

**GH:** Police, Fire and Rescue and other first responders are our front line of defense against crime and other

emergencies. They should receive competitive compensation and all the tools and equipment necessary to perform their tasks effectively and keep us safe. However, money and equipment are one thing and respect is another. We need to support and respect those in law enforcement. They put their lives on the line for us every day.

Efforts to defund law enforcement like the leadership of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors pursued in their effort to eliminate the Loudoun County Sheriff's office in 2020 must be stopped. Thankfully. We were able to do just that by organizing almost three-hundred people to protest prior to the Board of Supervisors vote.

**BRL: What are your top priorities?**

**GH:** When elected my top priorities are:

1. First, we need to get Virginia's economy working again along with lowering the tax burden on our citizens. The average family cannot afford a \$500 emergency doctor's bill. With the current administration's incredibly high inflation rates, we need to get relief to Virginia's families now. I plan to do that by reducing state income tax, eliminating the grocery tax, rolling back gas taxes, lowering tolls, reducing the car tax, and returning tax surplus to taxpayers.
2. Second, we need to return to excellence in our schools. When I served on the Loudoun County School Board, we adopted the current mission statement that says in part: "The mission of the Loudoun County Public Schools is to work

closely with students, teachers, families, and the community to provide a superior education, safe schools, and a climate for success. The educational programs of LCPS will strive to meet or exceed federal, state, and local requirements for assessment of achievement and to promote intellectual growth, individual initiative, mutual respect, and personal responsibility for productive citizenship." We have strayed far from these goals and need to return to the mission of providing "a superior education." Parents matter and in Richmond I will support parental rights and policies, and legislation that will return educational excellence to Virginia.



## ELECTION

**CANDIDATE: RANDALL**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

**Phyllis Randall:** The Transition Policy Area serves as a buffer between the Suburban Policy Area and the Rural Policy Area. Putting restrictions in the Zoning Ordinance (that is currently being developed) for both place types and use will restrict the type of development and density in the TPA. In addition, many of the tools utilized to protect land and open space in the Rural Policy Area (RPA), can also apply to the TPA. Lowering the required acreage of land required for Conservation Easement, and a robust Transfer of Development Rights program are two of several ways to ensure the TPA continues to have 50%-70%, usable, open green space.

**BRL: If Loudoun County continues to grow, how do you control county spending?**

**PR:** Many of the issues faced by the current county board are the result of decisions made by boards from many years ago. Although the growth over the last four years may be only 6%, for many years Loudoun was one of the fastest growing Counties in America.

In fact, at an astonishing growth rate of 35% between 2010 and 2020, Loudoun

was the fastest growing county in Virginia for many years. Unfortunately, for almost two decades the required infrastructure did not keep up with residential growth, leaving Loudoun with clogged roads, overcrowded schools, not enough green space, and county staff who were overworked and underpaid.

Today, the roads being built, schools being constructed, county staff being added, county parks being built etc. are not simply the result of growth over the past four years but the past twenty-five years. Yet even with those challenges, at 0.875 cents per \$100 of real property value, Loudoun continues to boast the lowest tax rate in all of Northern Virginia, including Fauquier County. It is and will always be my intention to pass the lowest possible tax rate while still providing the required services Loudoun residents have come to expect and deserve.

**BRL: What specifically would you do to preserve western Loudoun?**

**PR:** Rural Loudoun helps make Loudoun a unique place to live, work, learn, play, and raise a family. It is particularly important to protect our Rural Policy Area (RPA). Before 2016, Loudoun had not updated our county land use plan in

over fifteen years. During that time, so much "by-right" development (does not require Board approval) occurred within the RPA that developed parcels they could no longer reasonably be considered rural and thus needed to be transferred to the Transition Policy Area (TPA).

That is why it was so important to update the county land use plan during my first term. And it is also why it's vital we complete the supporting zoning ordinance rewrite this term and the accompanying rural zoning Comprehensive Plan Amendment next term.

Together, these documents comprising land use policy and land use law in Loudoun will allow us to put new policies in place to limit future "by-right" development. Limiting "by-right" development will prevent development with no accompanying proffers to offset the impact of new residences on county infrastructure. In addition, we must consider other tools to restrict growth such as conservation easements, Transfer of Development Rights and Purchase of Development Rights programs.

**BRL: Would you support a decrease in residential density?**

**PR:** I do not support a countywide

decrease in residential density. In fact, I support creating opportunities to build assessable housing for various income levels. However, I will continue to work to decrease the possibility of residential development in the Rural Policy Area.

In short, the question is not if Loudoun can welcome new friends and neighbors. The question is where those homes should be built and if required infrastructure is put in place before or in conjunction with new development. I believe infill and adaptive reuse in the Suburban Policy Area, and mixed-use developments in the Urban Policy Area is appropriate and should be encouraged.

**BRL: In future planning and zoning how do you prevent economic special interests from having disproportionate influence?**

**PR:** I don't believe "economic special interest" currently have disproportionate influence in Loudoun. However, I do believe that allowing our General Land Use Plan to lapse for over fifteen years was beneficial to some industries and interest groups and allowed bi-right development that harmed our Rural Policy Area.

During my first term, I was proud to

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## ELECTION

**CANDIDATE: ELLIS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16**

**JE:** My short-term goal is to reduce the growth of County spending from 7.5% per year during my opponent's term of office to around 4% per year over the next four years. This is equivalent to inflation plus population growth and would mean no real increase in spending per County resident. In addition, I believe the County can and should provide some tax relief.

Reducing spending increases will be difficult, as the County is still trying to catch up with decades of rapid growth that has overwhelmed our roads and public services. I will look carefully at any proposed increases in administrative

costs, including in the school system, which accounts for 60% of the County's budget. At the same time, I strongly believe it is critical to ensure that educators and first responders are competitively compensated.

I am against any further cuts in taxes on data center equipment. By holding down spending increases and taking advantage of the continued growth of data center revenues, I will seek to lower the "car tax" on residents and other businesses. The County's fiscal policy should promote diversification of the local economy.

**BRL: Do you believe the Purcellville**

**Town Council was unreasonable in rejecting the construction of lighted ballfields and a park-and-ride on the Fields Farm property?**

**JE:** No. I have had long talks with Purcellville residents and Town Council members on this and other recent conflicts between the Town and County governments. Our elected officials represent the same constituents and it is their responsibility to work together professionally to solve problems.

On the principle that government should be as close to the people as possible, the County should defer to the wishes of the Towns and historic villages

on proposed developments within or near their jurisdictions. With respect to the Fields Farm property, the Town Council provided reasonable objections to lighted ballfields and the County should respect that decision. The County should also comply with Purcellville's request to remove the proposed "Northern Collector Road" from the County Transportation Plan.

The same principle applies to the County's proposal to build a massive new fire station on the Philomont community's historic horse grounds. I agree with the community that the fire station should be scaled to match the actual local needs and circumstances.

**CANDIDATE: HIGGINS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 35**

- Third, as a father of three daughters, who were all athletes, I have seen up close how hard women practice and work to excel. I have watched them struggle and encouraged them. I have driven them to practice at 5 a.m. I have been with them at athletic events all over the state of Virginia. I will fight to preserve women's sports and scholarships, and their rights to privacy in locker rooms, bathrooms, and wherever.

**BRL: How would protect your constituents through zoning legislation?**

**GH:** In general, I believe that zoning decisions should be left to the local authorities and jurisdictions, because they are the closest to and most knowledgeable about what is going on in their jurisdiction.

I have worked my entire time on the BOS to preserve and protect the beauty, history, and rural landscape of Western Loudoun. My intention would be to support efforts

in Richmond to continue that mission through policy or legislation. Zoning protects important County assets especially for historic preservation. I put Bluemont on the Historic Registry, restored two historic homes, obtained funding for the purchase of Loudoun's new Sweet Run State Park, the Waterford Mill renovation, and the restoration of John Lewis bridge to list a few of my efforts.

My commitment and record of historic and rural preservation is one that I am very proud of. Depending on the situation, an

overzealous interpretation of the zoning ordinance can protect but can also harm constituents. For instance, Morven Park attempted to upgrade an existing farm lane on their property and was prohibited from doing so by an overly restrictive interpretation of the zoning regulations. At their request, we intervened with the zoning department and were able to get a correct interpretation of the zoning ordinance.

I will work hard to serve you and I ask for your vote on November 7, and in early voting.

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**CANDIDATE: KATZ,** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Area. This would be wrong. At the same time, we must balance overall county needs in the decision-making process and can't make policy decisions based on the fear of "if you give a mouse a cookie, it will want a glass of milk." We must be mindful of the intent of the TPA and judicious in the execution of any such considerations, and any unintended consequences thereof.

I will develop a shared vision and goals for land use planning and revitalization in Loudoun County. My goals will reflect the County's unique characteristics, such as preserving cultural heritage, enhancing quality of life, ensuring rural open space, preserving farmland, and promoting sustainable development. I will support Loudoun's farmers by implementing farmland preservation programs such as conservation easements that will also protect the history and unique qualities of Loudoun's villages and towns.

**BRL: If Loudoun County continues to grow, how do you control county spending?**

**GK:** We need to stop digging ourselves into a deeper hole. The Board of Supervisors has made the mistake of

passing budgets that are based on spending increases without considering the effectiveness of the money spent or our return on investment for the residents of Loudoun County.

This was most egregiously implemented with the 17.6% annual increase in the FY 2024 budget. We need to start with next year's budget not exceeding the FY 2024 budget given the excessive increase. We need fiscal accountability at all levels of our government and must establish an additional check on our spending by creating an Office of the Inspector General to audit and investigate irregularities to ensure funds are spent responsibly.

However, the essence of this question isn't necessarily just on spending, but rather the impact on the taxpayer. Spending most certainly impacts this, as does revenue growth. We need to strike the right balance to minimize the impact on the taxpayer as much as possible by controlling spending with a sharp eye toward fiscal responsibility while also increasing the commercial tax base.

**BRL: What specifically would you do to preserve western Loudoun?**

**GK:** The best way to preserve the rural

nature of western Loudoun is through conservation easements. With an easement it's perpetual, so the land will be forever preserved, and the owners of the land can realize the economic benefits from owning the property. But we also need to have a vibrant agricultural and tourist-based economy in western Loudoun. We can do this by eliminating regulations that are impeding our agricultural businesses from growing while implementing new regulations that balance the needs of business and the quiet enjoyment of our residents.

The rustic "look and feel" of western Loudoun is a part of the cultural heritage of the county. For instance, I'd ideally like to preserve small schools such as Lincoln Elementary that have become part of the fabric of the community. We also want to preserve the gravel road network, as well as create sports fields that minimize lighting where possible and use pervious surfaces. All the above contributes to the peacefulness and tranquility of the region that residents very much wish to maintain. And provided this can be accomplished while meeting basic needs of the county such as safety, then I'm all for it.

**BRL: Would you support a decrease in residential density?**

**GK:** While density decisions can be on a property-by-property basis, I'm generally in favor of keeping our current density zoning policy in place. If we can put significantly more acreage in conservation easements, then that will result in lower density for the region.

**BRL: In future planning and zoning how do you prevent economic special interest from having disproportionate influence?**

**GK:** I'm not a career politician, nor do I aspire to become one. Thus, I'm not powerbase building like my opponent who has her eye on Rep. Wexton's Congressional seat. I'm focused on doing what's right for the people of Loudoun County, not what special interest groups want me to do.

Special interest influence is an important distinction between me and my opponent. She's been a career politician for so long and her loyalty is to special interest groups and not to Loudoun County residents. When I'm your next Chairman, I'll start with a clean slate and fresh perspective, and I won't be beholden to any special interest groups.

**CANDIDATE: TEKRONY,** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18

- Add a Homeowners Association Liaison to keep the community informed about land use and zoning issues, increase communications, and facilitate missing transportation improvements like sidewalks, crosswalks, and trail connections.
- Continue working with eastern Loudoun residents to address concerns with airplane overflights and noise.

**BRL: What areas would you change or continue from the previous Board?**

**LT:** An area I would change is to have a regional approach to the attainable housing crisis and a land banking policy to meet present and future infrastructure needs.

Loudoun has an attainable/affordable housing crisis. The Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan is a start, but the long-term solution must be at a regional level. I support working with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on attainable housing goals and new innovative policies especially near the Metro stations. I also support an affordable by design policy to expand housing attainability with small, diverse housing options and a wide range of housing types located near schools, amenities and public transit.

Over the next 10 years, eastern Loudoun will likely be built out. This growing population requires schools, parks, transportation and other public facilities to maintain a high quality of life.

My vision for the transition policy area (located in the center of the County) is a central reserve where needed infrastructure like parks, schools, linear trails, and other facilities can be located to serve both eastern and western Loudoun. I would like to enact a land banking policy to secure public facilities before our County is built out and establish a non-profit Park Foundation for residents and businesses to contribute and help meet the need for green space and parks.

I would continue the zoning ordinance rewrite by prioritizing a package of western Loudoun zoning amendments for rural economy uses. Intensive commercial activities are impacting the quality of life of residents in rural Loudoun County. I believe regulations need to be strengthened for intensive uses to mitigate light pollution, noise, traffic and parking impacts.

**BRL: How would you protect western Loudoun?**

**LT:** I believe that rural Loudoun is a permanent asset that benefits the entire County. During the development of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan, the residential forecast for the rural policy area is 10,000

units by 2040. This is not sustainable. The future of the rural policy area must be built on sustainable growth that focuses on agriculture, equestrian, animal husbandry, and compatible rural tourism.

I support exploring all tools to keep western Loudoun rural including:

- Restarting and funding a Purchase of Development Right (PDR) program to save farmland and historic and natural resources from development
- Studying the feasibility of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program to be purchased by data centers
- Opposing any proposal to place data centers in rural areas
- Preserving prime agricultural soils in cluster subdivisions
- Encouraging conservation easements with more incentives and financial assistance for landowners
- Maintaining the historic character of our rural villages with small area plans
- Protecting our historic rural gravel road network because it contributes to our rural economy and provides recreational opportunities
- Keeping our small rural schools open to the community

**BRL: How would you address the County budget and spending?**

**LT:** Loudoun County's population

increased 35% between 2010 and 2020. During that time, the Board of Supervisors kept the tax rate at the equalized rate. This put pressure on more new development to pay for spending growth and this approach still ended up with schools being underfunded and we got behind in infrastructure and service needs.

My budget spending priorities, consequently, are to accelerate the construction of HS-14 to relieve overcrowding at Independence High School and start a land banking policy for parks, multi-use trails, schools and attainable housing.

Over the last 5 years, General Government Administration has led spending growth at 11% per year on average, higher than budgeting for services and programs.

When elected Supervisor, I will find ways to contain overhead costs and to pass the lowest possible real and personal property taxes while maintaining needed County services and adequately funding the schools. I will also call for a reduction in the vehicle personal property tax rate impacting residents and propose an increase in the business personal property tax rate for data center computer equipment to compensate. Currently, the tax rates are the same at \$4.15 per \$100 of assessed value.

**BRL: What is your position on data centers?**

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**LOT 74, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

"I'm shocked," said Planning Commissioner Jason Dengler. Nan Forbes, Chair of the Planning Commission, remarked, "This amounts to malfeasance."

Forbes said the town attorney should be made aware of the issue and provide advice to the steps the town council should take. "There doesn't seem to be a plan in place to deal with this issue," she said. "The process and the actions of the various parties regarding the termination of this lot and ignoring the fact that it is encumbered by the historic corridor—there needs to be a plan of action."

Referring to Article 10 of the town's ordinance, which is very specific on the process an applicant must follow, Rise Sr. said, "Any applicant can apply to have a zoning map change ... In this case it was an agent of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. The agent at that time was Dewberry and Associates ... They filled out the land application and put it through."

According to the land development application, Dewberry and Associates stated in their notes of May 7, 2020, that they were intending to extinguish Lot 74 from the Town of Purcellville "without the benefit of a current title report ... and all easements and encumbrances or other circumstances affecting the title" to Lot 74.

Dewberry stated on the Plat application that Lot 74 is subject "to all covenants and restrictions of record. "Approval of this plat in no way relieves the owners, developers, or their agents of any responsibilities required by the Town of Purcellville."

What Article 10 says is that the application needs to be addressed to the Town Council. Then the Town Council will give the application to the Planning Commission, which is required to review and hold a public hearing on that application to change the zoning map. Then they pass their recommendation to the Town Council for review and a public hearing."

On July 12, 2022, Don Dooley, then Director of Planning and Economic Development, signed off on extinguishing Lot 74 from the Town of Purcellville and the Homeowners Association of Catoctin Meadows. On the same day, County Administrator Tim Hemstreet signed the Deed of Easement.

This resulted in removing lot 74 from the county's land records and ultimately from the town's official zoning map – violating due process of the laws of the Town of Purcellville. Also, this was done without the knowledge of the citizens, the town council, the planning commission and the HOA.

Two months earlier, in a May 9, 2022 memorandum to Dale Lehnig,

Purcellville's director of Engineering, Planning and Development, the town's GIS and Special Projects coordinator, Andrea Broshkevitch, asked about the dedication of Lot 74 as a right-of-way.

"Will it automatically no longer be a lot within the Catoctin Meadows subdivision/HOA?" she wondered. "Will the HOA approve this change or are they required to approve? Will a new subdivision plat excluding this lot be required? Will Loudoun County stop paying HOA dues at the time the recordation of the Deed of Dedication?" she wrote.

Lehnig's response was that Lot 74 "will no longer be a lot within the subdivision/HOA. No additional paperwork is required for this removal. The HOA are [sic] not required to approve this change. A new subdivision plat excluding the lot is not required. Loudoun County will not pay HOA dues after the dedication has occurred." She noted her response was preliminary.

Chair Forbes said "The conveyance of the deed was done without due process." Commissioner Nedim Ogelman said the town has a legal process and "we need legal to weigh in."

The Planning Commission made a motion: "That the Town Attorney make a determination as to the proper course of action to ascertain what the current legal status is of Lot 74." The motion passed unanimously.

Rise Sr. also noted that the floodplain was misrepresented in the land application to extinguish Lot 74 and the county knew the floodplain extended well beyond the original FEMA 100-year floodplain of 1970 that was used for the application.

In the council comments portion of the Sept. 12 Town Council meeting, Vice Mayor Chris Bertaut said that the town keeps hearing "from certain quarters that the county has some decision-making authority with respect to county property. This is usually done in reference to the Joint Land Management Areas to the north and south of town, which is in the county, and we are supposed to manage them jointly."

But, he asked, "What if the county redrew Purcellville's boundaries and took property away from the town and awarded it back to the county?"

"It recently came to my attention that the county, without a single public hearing, erased or extinguished Purcellville in town property in the Catoctin Meadows subdivision," Bertaut went on. "This property was removed from the county GIS, which means that there seems to have been a de facto boundary change."

Bertaut said this is something that should have come before the Planning Commission and Town Council for a vote.

"Now, if some are insisting that the

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(Contemporary piano)  
 October 18 7:00 pm

**Andrew McKnight**

(Singer, songwriter)  
 November 1 7:00 pm

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(Classical banjo & piano)  
 October 11 7:00 pm

**Franklin Park Big Band**

**Jazz Combo**  
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 October 20 and 21  
 6:45pm, 7:00pm, 7:15pm, 7:30pm,  
 7:45pm, 8:00pm
- **Outdoor Laser Light Show**  
 October 30 7:00pm



**LOUDOUN COUNTY ZONING**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Indeed, the county website explains, “the purpose of Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOAM)-2020-0001, Zoning Ordinance Rewrite, is to implement the Loudoun County 2019 Comprehensive Plan, modernize land uses and definitions ... improve the legislative application review process ... make improvements based on public input, and incorporate changes based upon revisions to the Code of Virginia.” When adopted, the new Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance will repeal and replace the current ordinance.

In short, it is a policy document that provides guidance for elected officials and other governmental decision makers as to where and how the community will grow over many years.

However, it is in no way a vanilla government treatise. It is chock full of details and the devil is in them.

A few questions illustrate the need for clarity: Can you sell your land to a developer and can that developer build houses in clusters (more profitable) and on prime agricultural soils? Must you include a certain percentage of attainable housing units in a new development? Does that new data center coming in down the street need to be set back 200 feet from property lines? Can it be so tall that it blocks your view of the Blue Ridge? Can you open a brewery on a five-acre parcel where you don’t grow hops? How large a wedding can you hold in your winery before you need a special exception from the county? How late can you leave the bright outdoor lights on and still comply with the rural dark skies ordinances? Can you build a large modern home in a historic village of modest farmhouses? Can you install digital signs at your place of business? Et cetera.

Among the more troublesome issues are new rules on cluster zoning and protecting agricultural soils; data center location and design standards; source water protections; use standards for western Loudoun “Limited Breweries,” “Limited Distilleries,” and “Virginia Farm Wineries”; stable, livery, and equine event facility uses and standards; indoor recreation; outdoor lighting and

music hours. Also on the list is the Evergreen Mill Road Corridor Area Plan.

Lining up behind issues that impact data center standards and growth, real estate, land development, and tourism are the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Data Center Coalition, Dulles Area Association of Realtors, Loudoun Wineries Association, Loudoun County Brewers Association, and Visit Loudoun, which represents the interests of hotels, inns, B&Bs, restaurants, event centers—virtually anything to do with the county’s tourism economy.

Tony Howard, president of the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the July 26 BOS public hearing and laid out chamber members’ concerns.

“I would like to address the Attainable Housing chapter. This issue is so important to the Chamber because it impacts the economic and social vitality of our community ... The bottom line: Loudoun simply does not have the housing inventory and variety of housing options at all price points to support our economy and our workforce.

“These are serious investments, and they require a zoning ordinance that is aligned with the board’s goals, which include creating 10,000 additional housing units that are affordable to workers making at or below 100 percent of the average median income.

“As currently constructed, the draft ZOR will lead to inefficient processes that make it harder, more expensive and more uncertain to develop housing for those who serve our community.”

Chuck Kuhn, owner of JK Land Holdings, told Bisnow, “If you’re a landowner in the county ... you should be concerned about what’s being proposed and how it can and will affect your property and the property values ... If we can do it right and fast, that is great. Otherwise, I strongly ask the county to slow down and get it right.”

On the other side of most rewrite issues are the organizations pressing for slow growth but fast approval of the ordinance draft. Conservationists and preservationists in western Loudoun aim to eliminate cluster developments and restrict the number and nature of events at wineries and breweries;

promote preservation of historic villages with stronger land use and architectural standards, increase the agricultural economy through ancillary, on-site businesses, and expand opportunities in the equine industries.

Hillsboro Preservation Foundation’s Maura Walsh-Copeland, who has served as lead consultant and representative for the conservation and preservation

*“If you’re a landowner in the county ... you should be concerned about what’s being proposed and how it can and will affect your property and the property values...”*

— Chuck Kuhn, owner of JK Land Holdings

community on the zoning ordinance committee, believes, “Much has been accomplished, however, there are still some inconsistencies and challenges identified by stakeholder groups, citizens, and advisory groups that have not been addressed in the ZOR draft text. Many of these challenges are planned for future Zoning Ordinance Amendments (ZOAMs), however, these issues may not be resolved for several more years.”

During the Sept. 7, 2023, work session, the Board of Supervisors took a straw poll vote in which the board unanimously favored a grandfathering framework for legislative and administrative applications that are officially accepted for review in accordance with applicable county ordinances and policies on or before the date on which the new zoning ordinance is adopted.

“Grandfathering,” according to the county’s summary document, “is a discretionary action by the board to exempt one or more classes of pending development applications from the requirements of any new or amended zoning regulations.”

The BOS meeting summary explained, that the “board’s intent is to allow applications officially accepted as complete by the adoption date of the new zoning

ordinance to continue to be processed under the provisions of the Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance, provided the applicant does not make any modifications” to applications.

“The board also authorized administrative and legislative applications to retain grandfathered status for so long as the applicant diligently pursues approval of such application. The board directed staff to develop objective standards for determining whether an application has been diligently pursued ...

“A final vote on the grandfathering resolution will occur at the time the Board votes to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance.”

Robert Pollard, chairman of the Loudoun County Heritage Commission, expressed the preservation and conservation community’s concerns on grandfathering to the supervisors at the next work session.

“Please instruct staff to strictly limit the opportunity for this practice. We believe the board should identify clear cutoff points—that is, exactly what stage in the review process an application must reach before it is even eligible for grandfathering.

“Why? Because otherwise, developers could effectively circumvent the new rules and regulations by getting their properties grandfathered before they even complete a formal application. You know, seemingly small exceptions to the rule like this can later become major loopholes—big loopholes that developers can drive a truck or even a bulldozer through.”

Pollard raised one more essential point. “Now, here’s a key message from that community: It is critical to finish the zoning rewrite this calendar year. This is arguably the most important legacy of this board. Failure to get it done now would delay implementation of important reforms and improvements that affect everyone’s quality of life ... Please finish the job this year.”

BOS Chair Phyllis Randall (D-At Large) agreed. “It’s important to get the county’s zoning ordinance in line with its new comprehensive plan quickly.”

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county has full decision authority with respect to things outside the town, how does that stand, how does that square with the fact that no decision was made by the town’s or county’s elected officials to sign off on this land grab?” he asked.

“Our town and county experts work for the citizens at the direction of elected officials who represent them. Any other arrangement is completely unacceptable,” said Bertaut.

**LETTER: WHO WILL PRESERVE**, CON’T FROM PAGE 8

15 North, the roundabout at 287 and pressing forward on Route 15 South and Route 9 safety improvements.

He’s got the County looking at building a new Agriculture - Equine Center. He was there for our agriculture producers and rural businesses helping them secure desperately needed funding during COVID. I don’t know if many people remember this, but Supervisor Kershner led an effort

along with Supervisor Buffington and Supervisor Umstattd to keep Western Loudoun open for business after we were lumped into a Northern Virginia COVID region instead of separately looking at Loudoun’s COVID statistics. He’s tried to lower our taxes every year and was the first member on the Board to challenge Superintendent Ziegler and his lack of leadership and transparency about sexual assaults in Loudoun County Public Schools.

I am supporting Caleb Kershner for

Catoctin District Supervisor because this is a guy who gets things done for the people he represents. We are fortunate to have his experience and skills working for all of us. I am supporting him 100% and I hope you will too. Let’s re-elect someone who has a proven track record of working for us. Caleb Kershner for Catoctin District Supervisor.

Judy Hall  
Leesburg



**LETTER: HIGGINS HAS DELIVERED,**  
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Balls Bluff Battlefield, solved the 80-year road and alley problems in Waterford, to name a few. He put Bluemont on the Historic Registry, and his family donated the E. E. Lake store to the county.

In contrast, his opponent is making vague promises, saying “his candidacy represents a desire to move away from inflammatory, partisan politics.” Why did Rob Banse erase from his website all of his endorsements from far-left organizations like the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, who

support Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14), Rep. Ilhan Omar (MN-05), and Rep. Rashida Talib (MI-13)? This Super Pac wants to eliminate your organic-fuel vehicles, wood stoves, natural gas ovens, and propane grills.

Geary Higgins has accomplished a great deal for western Loudoun and northwestern Virginia. He doesn't have to make vague promises because his record of service is clear. I hope you will join me in voting for Geary Higgins this fall.

*RJ Hall  
Leesburg*

**LETTER: WE NEED A REAL REPRESENTATIVE,**  
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engage an affected constituency on a proposed community change – such as the Canby Road paving plan – instead of putting it before the Board of Supervisors without residents' knowledge – granting special favors to a chosen few.

We want an elected representative who advocates for safer and more efficient transportation improvements instead of those that promote more congestion. Supervisor Kershner supported keeping the White's Ferry signal on Route 15 north of Leesburg, as a favor to Raspberry Falls housing development residents, instead of a vastly safer and more efficient roundabout that most citizens overwhelmingly preferred.

We want a representative who champions safety and congestion improvements

that improve access in our villages instead of expensive projects that invite new development and new traffic. Kershner buried a \$14 million VDOT congestion reduction solution for the Lucketts signal on Route 15 in favor of a \$55 million bypass through 400 acres of farmland owned by out-of-area speculators.

We want a Supervisor committed to policies that best protect our towns, villages, countryside, farms, rural businesses, and environment. Vote for John Ellis on November 7.

*John Adams, Hugh Ghiringhelli, Tracy Ghiringhelli, Mary Gustafson, Peter Gustafson, Rosie Lawler, Tom Lawler, Beth Newberry, Rusty Newberry, Martha Polkey, Avis Renshaw, Andy Stoddard, Debra Wotherspoon and John Wotherspoon*

**LETTER: PATSIFIED,** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

email PatsifiedAlways@aol.com. Story deadline is March 5, 2024. Publication date is tentatively set for 2025.

Virginia Patterson Hensley, known to the world as Patsy Cline, followed her dream and discovered her star many years ago. Following her death in 1963 in a plane crash at the age of 30, her star has continued to shine brightly. She has been an inspiration to the world through her musical accomplishments and the legacy she left behind.

Virginia Hensley, as she was known before her claim to fame, attended Loudoun County Public Schools in 1946 and 1947 and in the beginning of 1948

when her father worked at Hill High Orchard as a blacksmith for Colonel Sleeter. She attended Round Hill Elementary for seventh grade and Lincoln High School in the beginning of her eighth grade year before moving to Gore, Virginia.

Lincoln High School became the current Lincoln Elementary School. While attending Lincoln High School, Patsy Cline would walk next door to the Home Economics building that belonged to the school to receive instruction. The economics building is now a home.

*Betty Jo Martin  
Lincoln  
Publicist/Patsified*

**REMEMBERING,**  
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of Ashburn, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to either the St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church Building Fund, 37730 St. Francis Ct., Purcellville, VA 20132 or to the Madison Small Foundation, MadisonSmallFoundation@gmail.com.

**CANDIDATE: RANDALL,** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 36

lead the effort to address and complete a new General Land Use Plan. During the current term we are completing our Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to our Suburban, Transition and Urban Policy areas.

Early next term we will complete a Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to our rural policy area. Intensive, public input and involvement has and will continue to be key to ensuring a transparent process and guaranteeing the voice of residents rise over those of special interest.

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## ELECTION

**CANDIDATE: KROIZ**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

Preserving the TPA is all about not moving the boundaries, either the Suburban/Transition boundary to the east or the Transition/Rural boundary to the west. It's also crucial not to rezone to suburban housing densities or suburban uses like data centers.

There has been and will continue to be tremendous pressure to move boundaries and rezone the TPA. Public opinion is overwhelmingly against it, judging by politicians of all stripes promising to preserve the TPA, but it will happen if voters don't elect someone that they can trust to follow through on their promises. Chair Randall already moved the Transition/Rural boundary back in 2019, promised never to move it again, and then moved it a second time earlier this year. The first time the boundary was moved by a R-controlled Board, and the second time by a D-controlled Board, so neither party can be counted on to preserve boundaries or the TPA in general.

**BRL: If Loudoun County continues to grow, how do you control county spending?**

**SK:** Loudoun County has been growing incredibly fast and will continue to grow, and the county budget has grown even faster and will keep doing so for as long as our politicians from both parties keep giving sweetheart deals to developers in which they pay millions of dollars less than they should for road, school, and other costs associated with their projects.

Developers bankroll the campaigns of most of our politicians, and those who aren't developer-funded owe their elections and are therefore subservient to their parties, which themselves are bankrolled by developers. I don't accept any campaign contributions from developers or special interests of any kind, PACs or LLCs, etc., and I don't belong to any party, and I will make developers pay their fair share.

This sweetheart deal-making has been going on for years and is the reason why our taxes are so high, yet our roads and schools are perpetually overcrowded. While developers pay millions less than they should for their projects, what they do pay often comes in near the beginning and the costs come later. This allows our politicians to use the payments from new projects to pay the costs of past projects and creates a bit of a pyramid scheme situation that leaves our politicians forever desperate to approve the next project no matter how big of a financial hole it might eventually put us in. Tax revenue from data centers have helped dull the pain from this poor planning, but it has also enabled it to go on for so long, and now there

is a lot of pressure to expand data centers to keep paying all the costs of housing development.

**BRL: What specifically would you do to preserve western Loudoun?**

**SK:** As I outlined earlier, there is tremendous pressure to approve new sweetheart deals for housing development to pay the costs for past sweetheart deals, as well as to expand data centers.

Due to state laws about proffers, our politicians cannot make these sorts of deals in the Rural Area. This is why successive Boards have moved the Transition/Rural boundary and moved parts of the Rural Area into the Transition Area, where they can make these deals. There is currently a proposal for a 2000+ unit mega-development on the formerly Rural Area property that was moved in 2019 and there will surely soon be one for the property that was moved earlier this year. This suburban encroachment will continue unless voters elect representatives who will just say no to moving boundaries, instead of ones who moved the boundary, promised to never do it again, and then did it again.

Keeping the Rural Area boundary stationary is the key to preserving rural Loudoun, but that won't do it alone. We also need to employ a variety of strategies to keep farmers farming, and as a farmer, I'm best equipped to make that happen. There are a lot of things that we could do for free to stop hurting farmers and there are also some things that we could do to help that would cost money. Along with programs like Purchase of Development Rights and incentivizing Conservation Easements, the hardest part is convincing a majority of the Board that spending money to preserve rural Loudoun benefits all of Loudoun through cost savings, and I'm best equipped to do that as well.

**BRL: Would you support a decrease in residential density?**

**SK:** We need to reform our cluster zoning policies because we are losing rural Loudoun with the current policies. In theory, developers get to build more densely with clusters in exchange for preserving farmland, but they are building the extra houses while we aren't getting the preserved farmland. There is an initiative in the works to reform the policies to preserve prime soils without decreasing the density. It's been in the works for years and it's unclear if the Board will consider it before the election, much less if they will

pass something that works.

It may turn out to be impossible to reform cluster policies to adequately preserve farmland without reducing density, in which case we should consider decreasing the allowable density. In AR-1 zoning in northern Loudoun for example, we could cut the density in half and still allow more density than is allowed in southwest Loudoun and neighboring counties.

Opponents of reducing density claim that doing so would reduce property values, and that's true if you reduce density on one property, but it's not true if you do it for a whole zoning area. To prove the point, you need only look to southwest Loudoun where the allowable density is 1/3 that of northern Loudoun, yet the property values are higher. Some folks who have put property into conservation easement have used the same property value argument to claim that reducing density will stop them from doing more easements, but they currently do easements in southwest Loudoun and neighboring counties that allow even less density.

It's important to note that less density in rural Loudoun doesn't mean more density in suburban Loudoun or the Transition Area. Many folks throughout Loudoun believe that the housing density is too high where they live and in many cases they are right.

I don't want to increase housing density anywhere in Loudoun. I'm running for Chairman to keep rural Loudoun rural because my livelihood and way of life depends on it and it's also what the overwhelming majority of the population wants and should get from their elected representatives.

Communities in every part of Loudoun should be able to get what they want from their elected representatives and they will if they vote for me as Chairman because I will serve the public interest over the interests of a political party or special interest campaign contributors.

**BRL: In future planning and zoning how do you prevent economic special interest from having disproportionate influence?**

**SK:** Our politicians' campaigns and political parties are bankrolled by developers and other special interests and they routinely serve their interests at the expense of the public interest. At the very least, voters shouldn't have to wonder who their representatives are serving, and they won't have to if they vote for independent candidates like me that don't accept developer money.

**CANDIDATE: BANSE**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 22

**sexually explicit books and instruction in public schools?**

**RB:** Parents should absolutely have a say in their child's education – I believe that is their right. We know that students see better outcomes when their parents are engaged in their learning. As Delegate, I will fight for our students, parents, and teachers. I will work hard to fully fund our schools, raise teacher pay, and lower class sizes.

**BRL: Should police departments be fully funded?**

**RB:** Yes, police departments should be fully funded. We must provide law enforcement officers with the resources they need to protect our communities. That should extend to training, mental health resources and personal benefits to support our officers through the very difficult situations they manage on a daily basis.

**BRL: What are your top priorities?**

**RB:** My priorities are:

**1. Invest in our Schools:** Our children deserve the very best

education we can provide. As Delegate, I will work to fully fund our schools, raise teacher pay, and lower class sizes.

**2. Protect Reproductive Rights:**

Reproductive health decisions should remain between women, their loved ones, and their doctor. As Delegate, I will work to protect women's reproductive freedoms.

**3. Preserve Northwest Virginia:**

We must preserve the beauty and nature of Northwest Virginia for generations to come. As Delegate,

I will work to protect clean air and water and preserve our parks and open spaces.

**BRL: How would you protect your constituents through zoning legislation?**

**RB:** Zoning is an important tool for our communities to maintain the majesty of Western Loudoun. Many zoning issues fall under the purview of local elected officials, but as a legislator I will pledge to work hand in hand with our local officials to ensure we can preserve our land and our communities.



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- might seek fulfillment elsewhere.
- Seeking Validation:** A new connection can provide validation, especially if someone feels undervalued in their primary relationship.
  - Life Transitions:** Major life changes, like a new job or moving, can create stressors and vulnerabilities that lead to emotional affairs.
  - Digital Connectivity:** The digital age has made it easier to connect with others, blurring the lines between innocent friendships and deeper emotional connections.
  - Getting Older:** Most physical affairs happen in middle age because people miss their younger selves, or they feel less attractive or desirable. Emotional affairs can also become attractive during this phase of life for the same reasons.
  - Escape and Boredom:** An affair, physical or emotional,

temporarily allows one to get away from the children, the bills and the mounting responsibilities. It can also be exciting to connect with someone deeply with no strings attached.

What should you do if you've become too emotionally connected to someone other than your partner?

**Self-Reflect:** Think through what's causing you to seek out a strong emotional connection with someone outside of your relationship or marriage. What's missing within you and/or within your current relationship? By gaining insight, you'll be in a better position to make need changes.

**Stop and/or Set Boundaries:** Once you realize what's motivating you to seek a connection with someone outside of your relationship, setting boundaries or discontinuing contact with that individual is advised.

**Communicate with your partner:** Reconnect with your partner, work through the things you don't like in your relationship. Then you

can get back to a solid place.

**Seek Professional Help:** Communication alone might not be enough to resolve relationship struggles. When the problems in your relationship, and the drive to seek a connection with someone other than your partner is too strong, working with a couples or marriage therapist is advised.

Emotional cheating, while lacking the physicality of traditional affairs, carries significant emotional weight. It's essential for individuals and couples to recognize its signs and understand its implications. Self-reflection, open communication, setting boundaries, and seeking professional help when needed can prevent emotional affairs and heal relationships affected by them.

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TIM JON, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

angle, ripe for capture on the camera lens, savor an early-morning bird song, notice the clouds moving at a similar pace across the sky—or just do nothing at all, except wait for that certain sound, image, or inner impression to change the entire day. No, not very marketable, but, for me, quite remarkable. And memorable; if we are truly composed of our own personal memories, I've got quite a trove of treasure, made up of local visits of interest like this, and others not like this.

And, after I'd circled the entire Mill property and decided to make my way back into the 21st Century and re-enter my car, I encountered that aforementioned morning rush-hour commuter, whizzing by this early 18th Century structure, and the juxtaposition of these two items—car and mill—struck me as—in many ways—what Loudoun County is all about: the harmony of dis-harmony in our

modern lives; as the former news director at the former local radio station, I remember creating news stories on aerospace companies, chicken propagation, higher education, outdoor plumbing (dare I say, outhouses?) the President of the United States, and the history of African American slavery—all in the sequence of just a few days.

So, when I return to the Waterford Mill (perhaps after I've retired from my current postal slogging), and can enjoy the relative bustle of tour groups and casual sightseers milling about the place (there I go again), I will remember to stop, look, and listen for that special image, or sound, or inner impression to once again transform my entire day; that catalyst may be you—hurrying by in that shiny new four-wheeler—or perhaps, flying by in your own personal drone, or traveling through in some yet-so-be-invented conveyance. Yup, that's Loudoun County, Virginia.

12TH ANNUAL PURCELLVILLE HALLOWEEN,  
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around the straw bale circle and there will be lots of fun games for the kids. There will be Food Trucks and the American Legion will be serving beer and wine.

Discover Purcellville is still seeking a few more sponsors for the Halloween Party, businesses or individuals, along with some volunteers to help with set up and the Kids Games. Contact Michael@

[dpurcellville@gmail.com](mailto:dpurcellville@gmail.com) or text 540-383-0009. More information can be found at [www.PurcellvilleHalloween.com](http://www.PurcellvilleHalloween.com).

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## ELECTION

**CANDIDATE: KERSHNER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12**

preserve prime agricultural soils for future farming uses, but we must have flexibility, or we will have unintended consequences of encouraging more developments and houses. What we are doing now is working incredibly well.

We have over 85 thousand acres voluntarily placed into easement in Loudoun County and will be close to 90 thousand by the end of this year. Most experts estimate there is 65 to 75 thousand more acres to preserve in order to have permanently preserved western Loudoun.

In short, we are more than halfway there. Under the state and federal conservation program, Loudoun is seeing prime agriculture soils preserved forever at a 20 to 1 ratio. We should not slow or kill that preservation steam engine.

However, those who are rapidly preserving western Loudoun through conservation easements have demonstrated that the current prime agriculture soil proposal will devalue owners land and consequently they will no longer engage in buying farms and putting them in permanent easement. Any prime agriculture or preservation initiatives should always respect the property values of landowners.

**BRL: What should the County do about traffic on Rt. 9, Rt. 15 North, Rt/ 287 and other rural roads?**

**CK:** These roads have one thing in common—all carry commuters from Maryland and West Virginia through rural Loudoun. I have been instrumental in shepherding several critical improvements to these major arterial roads. The Board initiated a Primary Rural Road (Routes 7, 9, 15, 50, and 287) Safety and Operation Study.

Active projects are underway for Route

9 from the West Virginia line to Route 7. Short-term, mid-term and long-term recommendations were adopted by the Board as a result of the Route 9 Safety and Operations Study.

The Route 15 North project is also ongoing with multiple phases underway. The widening of Route 15 from the Town of Leesburg to Montresor Road is well underway with land acquisition and utilities movement expected in October. The Spinks Ferry Roundabout and realignment of New Valley Church Road is also underway. Safety improvements have been adopted for Rt 15 south and programed in our CIP. Although the Safety Study has not been initiated for Route 287 there are two projects included in the Adopted FY 2019 – 2024 CIP: Route 7/287 interchange improvements and a roundabout at Route 9/287.

**BRL: Would you support a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to increase the number of new subdivisions that can be built in the Transition Policy Area?**

**CK:** The Transition Policy Area in the new Comprehensive Plan is planned for a diversity of housing options in clustered patterns with substantial open space areas that provide recreational amenities and protect natural, environmental, and heritage resources. The area is planned for a diversity of large-lot and clustered residential uses with limited commercial uses. Any TPA CPAM proposal would need to fit the original intent of the TPA as a visual transition from the suburban to the rural policy area.

**BRL: How would you propose to control the growth of County spending?**

**CK:** The best way to do this is to give proper

guidance to the County Administrator on the tax rate. I am a firm believer in trying to remain at the equalized rate. By doing this, the County Administrator can go back to all the departments with guidance about how to get to the reduced tax rate. County spending has far outpaced the population growth in Loudoun. I have opposed four budgets in a row because the guidance was set at several cents above the equalize rate.

Raising taxes in Loudoun should not be the trend, it should be the exception. I am a big fan of phasing out the car tax over the next four years. Although it produces approximately \$150 million in annual revenue for the county, we can make that up with data center revenue. This tax impacts anyone with a car and will give the greatest relieve to our citizens across the board.

**BRL: Do you believe the Purcellville Town Council was unreasonable in rejecting the construction of lighted ballfields and a park-and-ride on the Fields Farm property?**

**CK:** There is quite a long history with this project going back to 2007. The Town Council and Loudoun County both spent a lot of time and energy on this project. I think it's important to move forward and remember that the main goal of the project is to bring amenities and services to Western Loudoun residents.

Without question, having 147 acres is more than enough space to accommodate the Western Loudoun Recreation Center, the aquatic center, the new library, fields, the park and ride, and a multipurpose park. I am looking forward to helping to move this project along in its new location to serve the residence of Purcellville and of all Western Loudoun.

**CANDIDATE: TEKRONY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 38**

**LT:** Data Center tax revenues have been critical in keeping residential tax rates low. But going forward there needs to be careful consideration about their location near residential neighborhoods. We need to diversify our commercial tax base to limit our single industry dependence on data center revenues.

To diversify our economy, we need to incentivize non-data center commercial business growth and protect parcels that do not allow data centers by-right for employment and tax diversification purposes.

As your Supervisor, I support working with the industry to improve data center standards and protect the quality of life for our residents such as:

- Onsite renewable energy generation
- Reduced encroachment from noise, lighting, and power infrastructure (transmission lines and substations)
- Innovative cooling technologies
- Green space preservation
- Increased screening and setback requirements near residential areas
- Reporting requirements on energy and water consumption

**ROUND HILL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11**

received some transportation funding from Loudoun County for a Southern Greenway project along Airmont Road. The Southern Greenway is still in the planning phase.

**HOUSTON, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6**

at an academic level.

I'm impressed by AI, which seems to capture most of what's important. Were I writing **this** from scratch, I'd delve into specifics for Loudoun County, such as the Potomac, our historic villages and farms, our mountains. A more complete comparison on rural and suburban sprawl would also talk about attitudes:

**Attitudes**

"Charlie, these people are not like us." That was a friend who moved from a slow gravel road to a development with paved roads and dense housing. She regretted the decision and moved back to a farm two years later.

Attitudes differ and are important. In March I wrote about *oikos* – the Greek concept of home, which is a sense that one's home becomes part of oneself. That concept is easy to understand if you grasp the difference between home and house.

**A House is Not Necessarily a Home**

Some Loudouners see their residence as home, while others just see their abode as a house. "Home" suggests permanence and generates many warm feelings: Family, pets, garden, pleasant aromas from the kitchen, snug beds. You get the picture.

"House" does not conjure anything like those fine notions. It's hard to think

of "house" as anything but a building that's just bricks and mortar. A house has no soul; a home does.

**I'll Generalize**

My impression is that many people who have moved into a new house in western Loudoun in, say, the last 10 or 15 years, simply live here for a limited period of time and plan on moving elsewhere after their children are off to college or when they retire. They are not rooted here, and their *oikos* is elsewhere.

If they live here now but plan on eventually leaving Loudoun, what will be their legacy, besides sprawl, growth and trying to change Loudoun's unique beauty?

I hear people in new houses carp for

suburban-style features. Particularly dangerous is their pleading for paving historic roads. Why move to a neighborhood on a gravel road if you don't appreciate the history and beauty? -

**Back to AI**

I'm impressed by what AI can do, at least with the questions I asked it. Changing AI's reading levels leads me to conclude that simple writing is best. I need to work on that.

*Charlie Houston developed millions of square feet of corporate office buildings as a senior officer with an Atlanta-based company, but his oikos is in western Loudoun County.*



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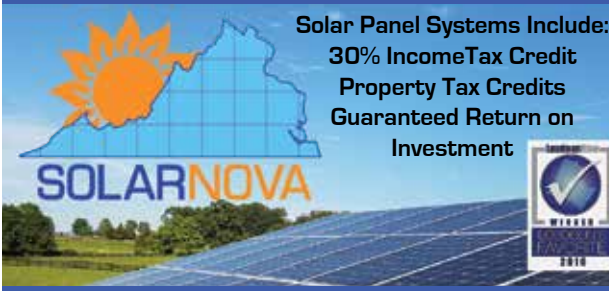


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