

PROCLAMATION

Hunger Awareness Month May 2014

WHEREAS, in the same year Loudoun County earned its “Wealthiest County” status, approximately 19,000 people in Loudoun County (or six percent of the population) were identified as “food insecure” or hungry; and

WHEREAS, 69% of Loudoun’s food insecure population do not qualify for government assistance; and

WHEREAS, local food pantries see a significant decrease in donations over the summer months, while needs increase as families no longer have the security of school-based food programs; and

WHEREAS, May 3 marks the third year of the “Love Your Neighbor, Feed Your Neighbor” multi-faith food drive sponsored by 12 faith-based organizations in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, as part of this food drive, residents of Loudoun County donated 69,000 pounds of food to six food pantries and two Backpack Buddies programs in 2013 which was a 27% increase in donations over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun Interfaith Relief and Catholic Charities food pantries benefit from this food drive.

THEREFORE, PROCLAIMED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that May is Hunger Awareness Month in the Town of Leesburg and all citizens are encouraged to spread awareness of the issue of hunger and food insecurity in the community.

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Lyme Disease Awareness Month May 2014

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Leesburg residents is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our Town's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Lyme disease is the most commonly reported vectorborne illness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 165 new cases of Lyme disease were reported in Loudoun County in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the CDC estimates that the total number of people diagnosed with Lyme disease in the United States is roughly 10 times higher than the yearly reported number of cases and that many more cases may go undiagnosed each year; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Loudoun County's "Loudoun Targets Lyme" initiative was recognized by the Virginia Association of Counties for being a model local government program; and

WHEREAS, the Loudoun Lyme Disease Commission has been actively addressing the Board of Supervisors 10 Point Plan to Mitigate Lyme Disease in Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, Lyme disease is almost always caused by the bite of an infected black legged tick and is caused by a type of bacteria that gives early symptoms, such as a bulls-eye rash, fever, aching muscles, headache, and fatigue; and

WHEREAS, checking for ticks and proper tick removal are imperative, and if done correctly and promptly, can aid in the prevention of the disease;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leesburg Town Council hereby proclaims May 2014 as LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH in the Town of Leesburg.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 6-12, 2014

WHEREAS, the week of April 6-12, 2014 has been designated as National Volunteer Week; and

WHEREAS, volunteering of one's time and resources is an essential part of our country's tradition and is essential to its spirit; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is increasingly recognized as a central partner with government, education and industry in doing the work of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team play an essential role in assisting the Leesburg Police Department and other departments within the Town of Leesburg; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Leesburg Citizens Support Team provide a valuable public service at their own time and expense, and their exceptional work in the prevention of crime and the promotion of public safety that has benefited numerous citizens in the Town of Leesburg;

THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Leesburg wishes to honor and to thank the members of the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team who give so freely of their valuable time, energy and abilities by proclaiming this week of April 6-12, 2014 to be officially designated as National Volunteer Week and to recognize the efforts of the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their community and, in doing so, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation.

PASSED this 8th day of April 2014.

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"Promoting and protecting the
environmental interests of Leesburg."

Your Leesburg Environmental Advisory
Commission (EAC)

About the EAC

The EAC consists of seven Leesburg town residents, a Council liaison, and planning commission representative. In order to protect the environmental interests of the Town, we depend on the entire community's help. The EAC raises awareness and involvement in protecting natural resources by bringing people together at "green bag" lunches, rain barrel workshops, streamside plantings, and other events. We invite you to join us as in stewardship of the Town's natural resources.



2013 Tolbert Environmental Achievement Award Winners



The Loudoun County High School Ecology Club with the bird nesting boxes they built.

The Loudoun County High School Ecology Club and the Leesburg Chick-fil-A received John W. Tolbert, Jr. Environmental Achievement Awards in 2013. The award program recognizes students, community groups, businesses, and individuals that conduct or participate in activities that benefit the Town's environment. The Leesburg Town Council presented the awards at the Council Meeting on May 14, 2013.

The Ecology Club was recognized for building twelve nesting boxes that they located around the school grounds and at the adjoining Fox Ridge Park to providing safe nesting

sites for a native bird species whose population has been on decline for several decades. In addition, the Club created a bluebird trail to provide education and outreach to our community.

Chick-fil-A was honored for their corporate policy on environmental stewardship. The company's stewardship program minimizes environmental impacts through the use of recycled packaging, energy and water conservation, and coordinating with their suppliers to reduce waste.



Town of Leesburg
Environmental Advisory Commission

Leesburg EAC 2013 Annual Report

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What you can do for Leesburg's environment:

- Recycle
- Use native landscaping
- Limit use of lawn fertilizer
- Plant a tree
- Buy fresh, local produce & meat
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly

Commissioners (left to right): Joe Sanchez, Karen Terzian, Neely Law (Chairman 2013), Linda Shotton (Chairman 2012), Mary Haberl (Vice-Chair), Mike Childers, Lyndsay Welsh-Chamblin

Have an Idea? Share it with the EAC

The EAC meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

Have an idea or concern related to streams, stormwater, wildlife, plants, air quality, or other environmental issue? Please e-mail, call, and/or attend one of our meetings to share your idea or concern. We are here to help.

Some of our accomplishments over the past few years include:

- Helping the Town develop a pesticide notification

program for spraying along Town Branch.

- Obtaining grant money and organizing volunteers to plant trees and shrubs along streams and stormwater management ponds.
- Providing environmental education workshops and materials on lawn care maintenance, environmentally sensitive land development, energy management, and native landscaping.
- Developing Town Plan policies to protect our

waterways.

- Sponsored rain barrel workshops for Town residents resulting in over 200 new rain barrels to help with water conservation and stormwater management.
- Provision of over 1,500 reusable grocery bags to Town citizens to reduce the demand for plastic.
- Recognition of many Town citizens and businesses through the Tolbert Environmental Achievement awards program.

Greetings from EAC Chairman Neely Law

On behalf of the Environmental Advisory Commission, I am pleased to provide this annual report that highlights actions people take to protect and improve Leesburg's natural resources. In the coming year, we will continue to work with

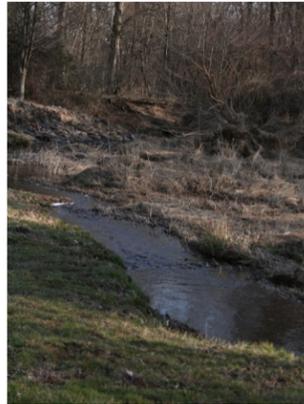
local businesses to increase energy conservation while reducing costs of daily business operations, recommend actions the Town can make to further restore our local streams and increase the materials recycled. We hope residents also take

the time to find ways to contribute. Please visit our website to find out how! I would also like to thank the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District and Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, our partners in environmental management.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Town Council Adopts EAC Recommendations on LID



Cattail Branch in Leesburg

At the beginning of the year, the Leesburg Watershed Committee and the EAC presented recommendations to Town Council to limit the impacts on Town streams of stormwater runoff from new subdivisions and commercial development. The effort culminated in June with Town Council initiating amendments to Leesburg's Zoning Ordinance and Design and Construction Standards manual to help protect Tuscarora Creek, Town Branch, Cat-

tail Run, Limestone Branch, and their numerous tributary streams in Leesburg.

Environmental site design and Low Impact Development (LID) reduce the amount of runoff during storms and helps filter pollutants from stormwater.

A core principle of Low Impact Development (LID) is to consider rainfall as a resource rather than as a waste product. LID aims to manage rainwater as close as possible to where it

falls to retain, absorb and filter runoff more like natural conditions. This takes advantage of the natural filtering capability of soil, irrigates landscaping material, and recharges groundwater.

LID can reduce the need for capital projects related to drainage improvement, flood control, infrastructure repair, and streambed stabilization. It also lowers demand for use of potable water for irrigating landscaping.

EAC Hosts "Green Bag Breakfasts"



Business Recycling was Green Bag Breakfast topic in June

What is a "green Bag Breakfast" you ask? It's part seminar, part networking event, and part open community discussion on an environmental topic of interest in the Town.

The EAC has hosted a couple of events over the past two years. The programs typically last a little more than an hour starting at 8:00 am so as not to

interfere with much of the business day.

On Thursday June 13, the EAC sponsored a program on business recycling. The program was open to all interested parties and featured two local solid waste & recycling service providers.

Twelve people attended the event at the George Mason

Enterprise Center here in Leesburg. The focus of the seminar was showing business owners how recycling can benefit their bottom line. Look for more learning and networking opportunities from the EAC in 2014.

Flower & Garden Festival



A view from the EAC booth at the Festival

The EAC hosted a booth at Leesburg's Flower and Garden Festival in April 2013.

Committee members talked with citizens about native landscaping, rain barrels, recycling, and other environmental topics of interest.

Many visitors to the booth

were pleased to hear about the rain barrel workshops in Town ; Others appreciated learning about the wide variety of items that can be recycled.

The EAC distributed over 300 reusable grocery bags with the slogan "Leesburg is Green" during the event.

Look for the EAC booth during the Flower and Garden Festival every year. The booth is usually near the old post office on East Market Street.

Storm Drain Marking

In May, Commissioners from the EAC marked storm drains along Battlefield Parkway. The markers remind us that anything we put in a storm drain goes directly into our streams.

These markers are important because all of our local streams drain to the Potomac River; a regional treasure and the source of Leesburg's drinking water.

Through your care in the proper disposal of pet waste, automobile fluids, lawn fertilizer,

pesticides, and other trash you too help keep our streams clean and safe for our children, pets, and wildlife.

Want to help further? Volunteer to help mark storm drains in the Town. Scouting groups, ecology clubs, neighborhood associations, and individuals are all welcome.

Contact Leesburg's Department of Public works at 703.771.2790 or by email at publicworks@leesburgva.gov for more information or to

register. All materials are provided free.



Sample Marker

Rain Barrel Program Celebrates 5 Years

Together with Loudoun Soil and Water, the EAC co-sponsors rain barrel workshops in the spring of each year. Citizens have the option to buy a pre-made barrel or build their own at a workshop.

In 2013, Leesburg residents made their own or purchased 42 rain barrels. From year to year the colors of the barrels

may change but all can be spray painted to match your home's exterior. Last year the barrels were available in two colors: black or terra cotta red.

Once Again last year Town Council offered Leesburg residents a \$20 discount on the cost of purchasing a rain barrel through this program.

Rain barrels are a great way to promote water conservation and reduce storm water runoff following storms.

Look for more rain barrel workshops in Town in 2014. Materials, instructions, and assistance are all provided for one low cost.



Rain barrels store roof water for garden watering later

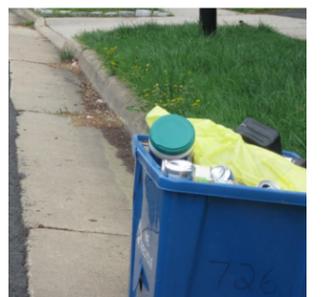
EAC Works to Increase Residential Recycling

In late 2013 the EAC began work on a survey of Town residents to help identify any measures the Town could take to help with home based recycling. The goal is to raise curbside recycling rates to 50% or more.

Recent improvements in curbside recycling include the Town offering a free second recycling bin to Leesburg residents. Interested parties should stop by Town Hall to pick up a bin.

As a reminder, if you bag your recyclables that you put out on

the curb for pick-up make sure the bags are see-through otherwise they may be picked up as trash.



Curbside Recycling