

Hello, Loudoun

As the nation reached the sad milestone of 500,000 COVID-19 deaths, we have lost 200 of our Loudoun friends, family and neighbors to COVID-19. Please continue to pray for the families who have lost a loved one. Thank you.

Statewide COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration System

Governor Ralph Northam launched a new pre-registration for the COVID-19 vaccine online at <u>vaccinate.virginia.gov</u> or by calling the information center at (877) 829-4682. The Commonwealth's centralized system allows individuals to easily pre-register for the free vaccine, confirm that they are on the wait list, and learn more about Virginia's vaccination program.

Virginians who have previously pre-registered through their local health district will be automatically imported into the new system and **do not need to pre-register again**. The state registration system is still working to fully integrate Loudoun's pre-registration data. Even if you do not see your name, the transition to a statewide pre-registration system will not impact your place on the Loudoun Health Department's local waitlist for a vaccine appointment.



Appointment Scheduling Will Continue

While pre-registration has transferred to the new statewide system, the Loudoun County Health Department will continue to be responsible for appointment scheduling – both by e-mail and by phone. Loudoun County continues to vaccinate people with appointments six days a week.

- If you submitted an email address in your pre-screening survey, you will be contacted by e-mail by the Loudoun County Health Department with instructions for scheduling a vaccine appointment.
- If you only submitted a phone number, you will be called to schedule an appointment over the phone.

Scheduled Appointments and Second Doses

The change to the statewide system **will not impact** individuals who have already scheduled an appointment or who are waiting to receive a second dose.

- If you have already scheduled an appointment or are waiting to receive a second dose, you do not need to look for yourself on the statewide preregistration list or submit a new pre-registration in the statewide system.
- Anyone who has scheduled an appointment through the Loudoun County Health Department should go to that appointment as scheduled. You should continue to follow instructions from the Loudoun County Health Department on completing your vaccine series.

If you have questions, please e-mail the Loudoun County Health Department at **health@loudoun.gov** or call the COVID-19 call center at 703-737-8300.

Vaccination Program at Retail Pharmacies

CVS Pharmacy has begun registering Virginians age 65 and older who are within the Phase 1b eligibility guidelines for vaccinations as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 vaccination. CVS is the first of Virginia's pharmacy partners in the federal pharmacy partnership to move forward with vaccinations. Eligible individuals can register **online here**. Those without internet access can contact CVS Customer Service at (800) 746-7287. Walk-in vaccinations without an appointment will not be provided.

The Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination is a public-private partnership between pharmacy companies and the federal government. The federal program will supplement the existing vaccination programs by providing 26,000 more vaccines to Virginians. In addition to the CVS Pharmacy at Lansdowne Town Center in Leesburg, the following retail pharmacies have opted to join the program (please reach out to the pharmacy directly to register via the links below):

- Giant, 43760 Greenway Corporate Drive in Ashburn
- Safeway, 12 West Washington Street in Middleburg
- Safeway, 22350 South Sterling Boulevard in Sterling Park
- Safeway, 30 Pidgeon Hill in Sterling
- Safeway, 437 South King Street in Leesburg

COVID-19 Vaccinations in Western Loudoun County

The Loudoun Health Department is partnering with the Middleburg Safeway store and the Purcellville Pharmacy to distribute vaccinations in the west. This pilot program is not related to the federal government's program for retail pharmacies. The Health Department is scheduling patients at the Middleburg Safeway from the Health Department's waiting list. Please contact the Purcellville Pharmacy directly for guidance on scheduling, as all scheduling is performed through their <u>registration portal</u>. As vaccine supply increases, the Health Department will consider allocating vaccine to other health care providers in the community.

COVID-19 Testing

A mass testing event is scheduled Wednesday, February 24th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive in Leesburg. (Those attending the testing must enter Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park from Sycolin Road onto Crosstrail Boulevard.)

COVID-19 TESTING

Wednesday, February 24 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park

42405 Claudia Drive Leesburg, 20175

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun County will continue to hold twice-weekly, <u>free drive-thru COVID-19 testing events</u> at multiple locations in March. These weekly, fixed events are not mass testing sites and are intended to provide regular, predictable testing opportunities for the community. As a result, capacity at these fixed testing sites is limited.

The events are on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

- March 2 and 4: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive in Purcellville
- March 9 and 11: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive in Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- March 16 and 18: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place in Potomac Falls (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)
- March 23 and 25: Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950
 Riding Center Drive in South Riding

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing events are strongly encouraged to complete a required <u>registration form</u> for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site.

Broadband Survey

Loudoun Broadband Alliance (LBA), a volunteer-driven non-profit organization formed with a vision to promote development of accessible, reliable and affordable broadband Internet access for the underserved in Loudoun County, released a **short internet** access survey for residents and businesses.

Along with providing demographic data, the questions are intended to understand the needs and desires of residents and businesses regarding existing and future internet services. A portion of the survey includes a speed test that will collect residential carrier information and upload/download speeds. The results of the community-wide survey will enable LBA to generate updated mapping that can highlight coverage opportunities for broadband expansion to underserved and unserved areas in Loudoun.

Help us improve Broadband in Loudoun County.

TAKE OUR SURVEY TODAY! →

Earlier this month, I co-sponsored a **proclamation** with Vice Chairman Saines and Supervisor Glass to recognize February as Black History Month. For all who are observing Black History Month, I hope this is a time when knowledge is shared, understanding is sought and grace is extended to one another. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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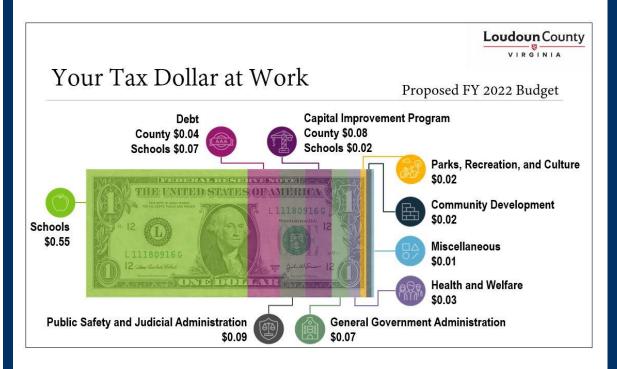
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Board Business

FY 2022 Budget: Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator, presented a proposed budget for the Loudoun County government to the Board for FY 2022, which begins July 1, 2021. The budget totals \$3.3 billion in appropriations for the County government and Loudoun County Public Schools. The proposed budget has been prepared at a real property tax rate of \$1.005 per \$100 of assessed value, three cents below the current real property tax rate of \$1.035 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate fully funds the school's budget request and the County's priorities.

Two budget public hearings are scheduled on Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:00 pm and Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 am. Members of the public who would like to provide comments to the Board are encouraged to do so remotely until further notice to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Details on how to provide comments remotely are available **here**.



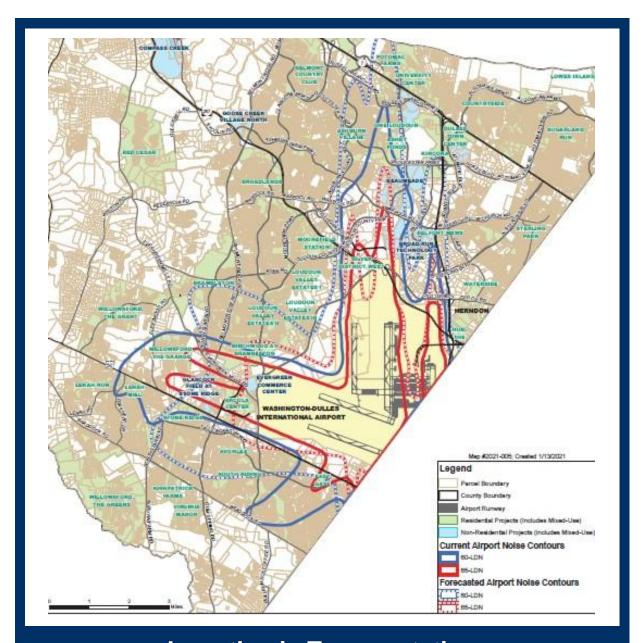
<u>Environmental Commission:</u> At the February 2nd and 16th Board business meetings, we approved the bylaws and membership roster for a new Loudoun County citizen commission. The purpose of the Environmental Commission is to advise and make recommendations to the Board on policies and practices dealing with the environment, sustainability and the management of energy. The application for Loudoun County residents to apply for subject matter expert and at-large positions on the Environmental Commission will be posted in March on the <u>County's Advisory Boards, Commissions</u> & Committees website.

The motion to authorize one full-time equivalent (FTE) position to manage the work of the Environmental Commission, on the condition that the FTE only be released when FY 2021 positions currently being held in reserve are released, failed. Due to the significant workload of the Environmental Commission, an FTE program manager position is needed. It will now be considered by the Board during the FY 2022 budget deliberations. If you support this position, please speak at one of the budget public hearings.

<u>Dulles Airport Overlay District:</u> At the February 2nd Board business meeting, we moved to initiate the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the Airport Impact Overlay District, and approved the work plan. Staff will return to the Board with a mapping exercise to help define the noise contours.

In 2019, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority completed an updated noise study that established newly projected noise contours. The Loudness Day Night (LDN) layer shows the LDN 60 and LDN 65 (decibel) noise contours for the airport. The 2019 General Plan provides guidance that new residential and other noise-sensitive uses should not be allowed within the 65 LDN noise contour. Adoption of new 65 LDN contour lines would result in some areas becoming newly encumbered and no longer able to develop with residential uses unless units were already built. Conversely, some areas that are currently encumbered would potentially become available for residential development.

I will always respect the 65 LDN lines but am concerned about how this amendment will impact the property values of existing homes that are now included in the noise contour. When staff comes back to the Board, we will discuss potential carve outs and exceptions to prevent those residential areas from being unfairly impacted. The new 65 LDN lines are dotted red and the current 65 LDN lines are solid red in the map below.



Investing in Transportation

Route 15 North – Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road Widening: At the February 2nd Board business meeting, we endorsed the project's proposed location and major design elements and reaffirmed the project scope authorized by the Board on September 20, 2018.

Based on public feedback, the following adjustments are being implemented into design or considered:

- Rockland Farm suggestion to reduce impact to eastern historic property.
- Morven Park suggestion to make Tutt Land right in/left in/right out only.

- Route 15 and Montresor Road roundabout was shifted to north and east based on property owner feedback.
- The Journey Through Hallowed Ground's context-sensitive design principals via landscaping and enhanced stormwater facilities.
- Whites Ferry Road shared use path location after additional public outreach.

I believe Route 15 North is the most dangerous road in all of Loudoun County. I appreciate the public's involvement over the many years it has been studied. Staff has been collecting your input and incorporating your suggestions where feasible. Thank you to all of the residents and staff who worked so hard on this project.

<u>Evergreen Mills Road - Reservoir Road and Watson Road:</u> At the February 2nd Board business meeting, we moved to endorse the proposed design for the project including:

- Widening of approximately 0.30 miles of Evergreen Mills Road.
- Relocation of approximately 0.21 miles of existing Watson Road and Reservoir Road.
- Creation of a new signalized intersection to better control the flow of traffic.
- Adequate paved shoulders.
- New right and left turn lanes from Evergreen Mills onto Watson Road and Reservoir Road.

The project scope includes the acquisition of right-of-way and improvements to accommodate the future four-lane widening of Evergreen Mills Road. These measures will significantly increase visibility at this intersection, providing added safety for motorists traveling this route.

My heart goes out to the families who have been impacted for life at this dangerous intersection. This project has had a complete and full review by staff and the public. I support the proposed improvements for public safety and to save lives.



Community Information

Employee Tele-Town Hall: Loudoun County employees do incredibly impactful work to keep our County running safely and to provide the highest quality services. Join me and your fellow County employees on February 25th for a tele-town hall to discuss how we can partner with SEIU Virginia 512, the union many Loudoun County employees have joined, to improve the lives of employees, improve public services for our community, and strengthen Loudoun County. RSVP now so we can connect you to the tele-town hall. The deadline to RSVP is Thursday, February 25th at 10:00 am.



<u>Virtual Public Meeting on Countywide Linear Parks & Trails System:</u> Loudoun County seeks to develop an interconnected, countywide linear parks and trails system. A critical next step is receiving feedback from residents on their priorities for the system. Residents can sign up to join a workshop at 12:30 pm or 7:00 pm on February 24th. The purpose and content of each session will be the same. Additional information about the project, online survey and how to register for the virtual meetings can be found <u>here</u>.

Public Information Meeting on Proposed Bus Routes to Metrorail Silver Line Stations: Thursday, February 25th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The County is seeking feedback on 10 proposed new and modified routes that will provide service to and from Ashburn and Loudoun Gateway Metrorail Stations, which are currently estimated to open in summer 2021. All responses to the proposed bus routes and schedules will be taken into consideration before final decisions are made. Login information and meeting materials are available for review on this website. Members of the public must sign-up in advance to ask questions during the event by 12:00 pm, Wednesday, February 24th. Online participants may also send questions to the transit team as chat messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows. Comments from the public regarding the proposed Silver Line Bus Routes may also be submitted using the online comment form, by e-mail or postal mail. All comments received by March 26th, will be included in the process to finalize the route.

<u>Give Choose:</u> Tuesday, March 16th. Give Choose, an annual day of online giving hosted by the Community Foundation, challenges local residents to donate to local nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. More than 100 charities are registered, where visitors can choose from among animal welfare, environment, health, human services, education, youth, and arts and culture nonprofits. Donations of \$10 or more can be made through the <u>Give Choose website</u>. Donations may be made up to two weeks in advance, with an early giving period beginning March 2nd. Local businesses also participate in Give Choose through sponsorships, which provide a prize pool to be awarded to participating nonprofits throughout March 16th. Inquiries about Give Choose may be directed to Nicole Acosta, <u>nicole@communityfoundationlf.org</u> or 703-779-3505, x3.

2021 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program: Applications are now being accepted for Loudoun Youth, Inc.'s 2021 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program. A virtual week-long program designed to introduce youth to leadership concepts and to provide exposure and interaction with local business, government and community leaders. Participate via Zoom and choose one of two sessions on either July 12 - 16, or August 2 - 6, 2021. The program is open to all rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, public or private, who live in Loudoun County. Youth participating in the week-long sessions will learn leadership skills, observe leadership in action with business and civic leaders from around the county, as well as taking part in interactive team building experiences. Applications will be accepted until March 31th and can be found here. Tuition is \$125/student. Financial aid is available to qualifying students.

Denise Corbo's Corner



These past few months continue to bring change, as we navigate the health and safety protocols of the pandemic. Thanks to Governor Northam's new health guidance for reopening schools, the Superintendent revised the school plan's return. Subsequently, with the School Board's approval, we are excited to have staff and students who selected the in-person hybrid model return on March 3rd. Many staff have already been back in the buildings teaching and preparing for students. I've enjoyed seeing the social media post of staff, administrators, PTA/PTO organizations, parents and students showing their excitement as we open buildings for our PK – 12th grade students.

LCPS has established return to school mandatory, preventative protocols to keep our employees and children safe. We will require staff and students (who are able) to wear masks, ensure there are 6 feet between desks and will continue using the online daily symptom questionnaire to enter buildings. We have installed thermal temperature scanners and plexiglass shields for every student at their desk. Every school will have a Health Mitigation Monitor to ensure our safety protocols are followed. As we gather data and evaluate our protocols, we look forward to the Superintendent's recommendation for further enhancing in-person learning for the remainder of the school year with the goal of offering 100% in-person learning.

On January 15th, the Loudoun County Health Department and LCPS staff established a Point of Distribution (POD) vaccination site at Brambleton Middle School. More than 900 staff have received the vaccine daily, and we hope to have the majority of our employees fully vaccinated by the end of March.

In January, the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Zeigler, proposed the FY 2022 needs-based budget to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The overall budget includes enhancements to support instruction due to the pandemic and extending Virtual Loudoun to support learners. There is additional funding for English Language Learners (ELL), an overall program evaluation of the literacy program used by LCPS, and employee salary enhancements to close the existing gap between LCPS and surrounding districts.

In February, the School Board hired Hazard Young Attea Associates (HYA) to assist our nationwide search for a superintendent. A survey was sent to the community to offer input, and I'm pleased that there was a record amount of feedback. During the next few weeks, we will begin focus groups to assist in the selection process. These groups will include parents, staff, business leaders, and other community groups.

Finally, I want to thank every school employee and the Board of Supervisors for their commitment to keeping our children and community safe as we continue to move forward together. Please continue to reach out to me directly through email at dcorbo@lcps.org or visit my Facebook page for updates.

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