

Dear Leesburg Resident,

During the month of February, the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Historic Records Team will recognize and honor Black History Month by hosting a virtual educational program. Images of court records that share some of the history called "Black History Month Moments" will be posted on the [Clerk's website](#). I hope you enjoy viewing this information.

FY 2022 Budget

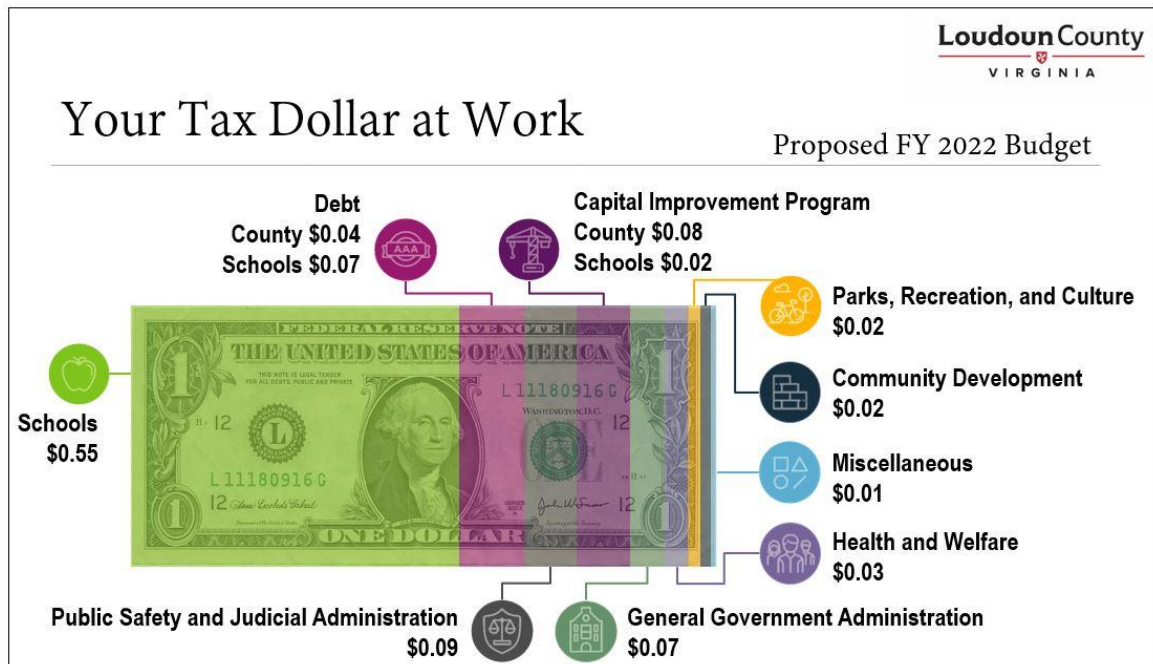
Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator, presented the [proposed FY 2022 budget](#) at the tax rate of \$1.005 per \$100 of assessed value, three cents below the current real property tax rate of \$1.035 per \$100 of assessed value. The budget totals \$3.3 billion in appropriations for the County government and Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS). The FY 2022 proposed budget fully funds the Loudoun County Public Schools budget request.

County funded capital projects in the County's current Capital Improvements Program, that have been requested by, and benefit, the Town of Leesburg, include: \$4 million for the development of Veterans Park in FY 2021 (this fiscal year); \$1.8 million for the widening of Evergreen Mill Road (this fiscal year); \$178,000 for town-wide bus shelters in FY 2022; and lighting a portion of the W&OD Trail (currently slated for FY 2025).

The County continues to be invested in the work on Crosstrail Boulevard between Wegman's and the Dulles Greenway, although some of the cost is covered by developer's proffers. The section between Wegman's and Kincaid Boulevard is already under construction. The section between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway is anticipated to cost \$88.4 million, with the bulk of the work being slated for FY 2023 and FY 2024. Other current transportation projects that have been kept on track because of a Town-County partnership, include the interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway

The last budget public hearing is Saturday, February 27th at 9:00 am in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street in Leesburg. Anyone who

wishes to speak, may sign up in advance by calling 703-777-0204. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, speakers are encouraged to provide comments [remotely](#).



Route 15 North

At the February 2nd Board business meeting, we endorsed the proposed location and major design elements of the [Route 15 North – Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road widening project](#) to improve safety and traffic operations. The following scope was developed with extensive public outreach including several stakeholder meetings:

- Four-lane median divided road from Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road.
- Signalized continuous green “T” intersection at North King Street (please see picture below).
- New traffic signal at Whites Ferry Road to accommodate the four-lane divided roadway.
- Realigned segment of Limestone School Road to connect with Route 15 at Montresor Road.
- Two-lane hybrid roundabout at Montresor Road, transitioning back to the two-lane cross section north of Montresor Road.
- Context sensitive design methodology and the incorporation of Journey Through Hallowed Ground’s design guidelines where feasible.
- A shared use path along the west side of Route 15 from Montresor Road south to the main entrance to Tuscarora High School opposite Dry Hollow Road.

Please note, the shared use path along Whites Ferry Road is not part of this item and will be addressed by the Board at a future date after additional public input regarding the path's need and location options.

Thank you to staff and all of the citizens who worked so hard on this project. This is the most dangerous section of road in the Catoctin District and it impacts Leesburg as well. It is an important public safety initiative and I believe it needs to move forward now.

Route 15 & North King Street Signalized Green "T" Intersection



Statewide Vaccine Pre-Registration System

The Virginia Department of Health launched a Statewide Vaccine Pre-Registration System to provide a unified and comprehensive process for people in Virginia to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine. Sign-up for your free COVID-19 vaccine and check your pre-registration status [here](#). You can also call 1-877-829-4682, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm 7 days a week. Residents age 75 or older will be placed in an express lane to speak to a live agent when calling. Please remember the County is still vaccinating those designated in Phase 1b. We know this is a long, frustrating process, and thank you for your continued patience.

Previously Submitted Pre-screens

All individuals who previously submitted a pre-screening survey to be vaccinated through the Loudoun County Health Department will be automatically added to the new statewide system. Everyone will maintain their place on the waitlist in Loudoun County. You do not need to complete a new pre-registration.

Appointment Scheduling Will Continue

Even with this change, Loudoun County will continue to systematically work through the waitlist of people who have signed up to receive vaccine. Loudoun County continues to vaccinate people with appointments six days a week. The county is contacting individuals in the order pre-screening survey submissions were received for appointments, as vaccine

supplies allow, and in accordance with a state-mandated allocation formula between priority groups.

Loudoun County wants to assure all who have submitted pre-screening surveys to the Loudoun County Health Department that when it is your turn to receive a vaccine, you will be contacted by e-mail. Those who do not have access to the internet will be contacted by phone.

Estimated Wait Time

At this time, the best estimate is that anyone who submitted a pre-screening survey may have to wait 6 weeks or more from the time of registration before their turn for an appointment comes up. Loudoun County is starting to schedule appointments for people 65 and over who submitted their pre-screening surveys before 9:30 am on January 15th. On January 15th, people age 16 to 65 with underlying health conditions were added to Phase 1b. As a result, a record number of individuals registered on that day.

Scheduled Appointments and Second Doses

This change will not impact individuals who have already scheduled an appointment or who are waiting to receive a second dose. 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.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FREE COVID-19 VACCINE

Vaccinate.Virginia.gov

Or call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA 7 days a week, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Available in English and Spanish. Call-back service in 100+ languages. TTY service.



- ✓ **GET INFORMATION** on how vaccines work and why they are safe.
- ✓ **GET PRE-REGISTERED** to put your name on the list.
- ✓ **GET VACCINATED** —when it's your turn, we'll contact you to schedule your vaccine.



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. Eligible individuals can register [here](#). Those without

online 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 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](#) (at the following locations):
 - 437 S. King Street in Leesburg
 - 22350 S. Sterling Boulevard in Sterling Park
 - 30 Pidgeon Hill in Sterling
 - 12. W. Washington Street in Middleburg

COVID-19 Testing

The County will continue to hold twice-weekly, free drive-thru [COVID-19 testing events](#) at multiple locations in March. Please note, these are not mass testing events; a limited number of tests will be available based on the capacity of each location. To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are encouraged to complete a required [registration form](#) for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. **No COVID-19 vaccine will be available at these events.**

The March testing events will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am to 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.

COVID-19 TESTING

March 2021

**Multiple
Locations**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Economic Development Annual Report

Loudoun Economic Development released a special [2020 Annual Report](#) detailing the economic impacts of COVID-19 and how the County responded to unprecedented challenges. Remarkably, Loudoun's economy continued to grow, which is a testament to our businesses and talented workforce.

The department's metrics were highlighted by:

- \$6.78 billion in new commercial investment;
- 4.9 million square feet of commercial real estate;
- 3,515 new jobs created and existing jobs retained;
- 30 Fast-Track Commercial Incentive Program applications.

The County's comprehensive COVID-19 business services include:

- Personal outreach to more than 4,000 Loudoun businesses in the opening weeks of the crisis, to better understand the needs and best allocate resources.
- The COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund and Outdoor Seating Grants, which combined provided more than \$12 million of financial support to nearly 2,000 businesses.
- The Loudoun Is Ready business health pledge and Take Loudoun Home marketing campaign, both collaborative efforts with Visit Loudoun and the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce to support businesses.
- The Loudoun Jobs Portal, a new tool for jobseekers that aggregates employment opportunities at Loudoun businesses from 10,000 public job boards.
- The Loudoun Made Loudoun Grown Marketplace, an e-commerce platform provided at no cost to Loudoun farmers and artisans, for the purpose of selling to local consumers. This program received \$270,000 in grants from the USDA and Commonwealth of Virginia to enhance its effectiveness.
- Creating the Data Center Task Force and providing a coordinated point of contact for more than 350 businesses in Data Center Alley, thus ensuring an efficient, collaborative response.

The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages shows an approximately 22,000 decline in jobs from 2020 Q1 to Q2 during the peak of the pandemic ([U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data from the Virginia Employment Commission website](#)). According to Loudoun Economic Development, many of those jobs have come back (thankfully), but we are still down approximately 3,000 jobs. For more information, the Virginia Employment Commission reports employment and demographic information in their [Community Profile of Loudoun County](#).

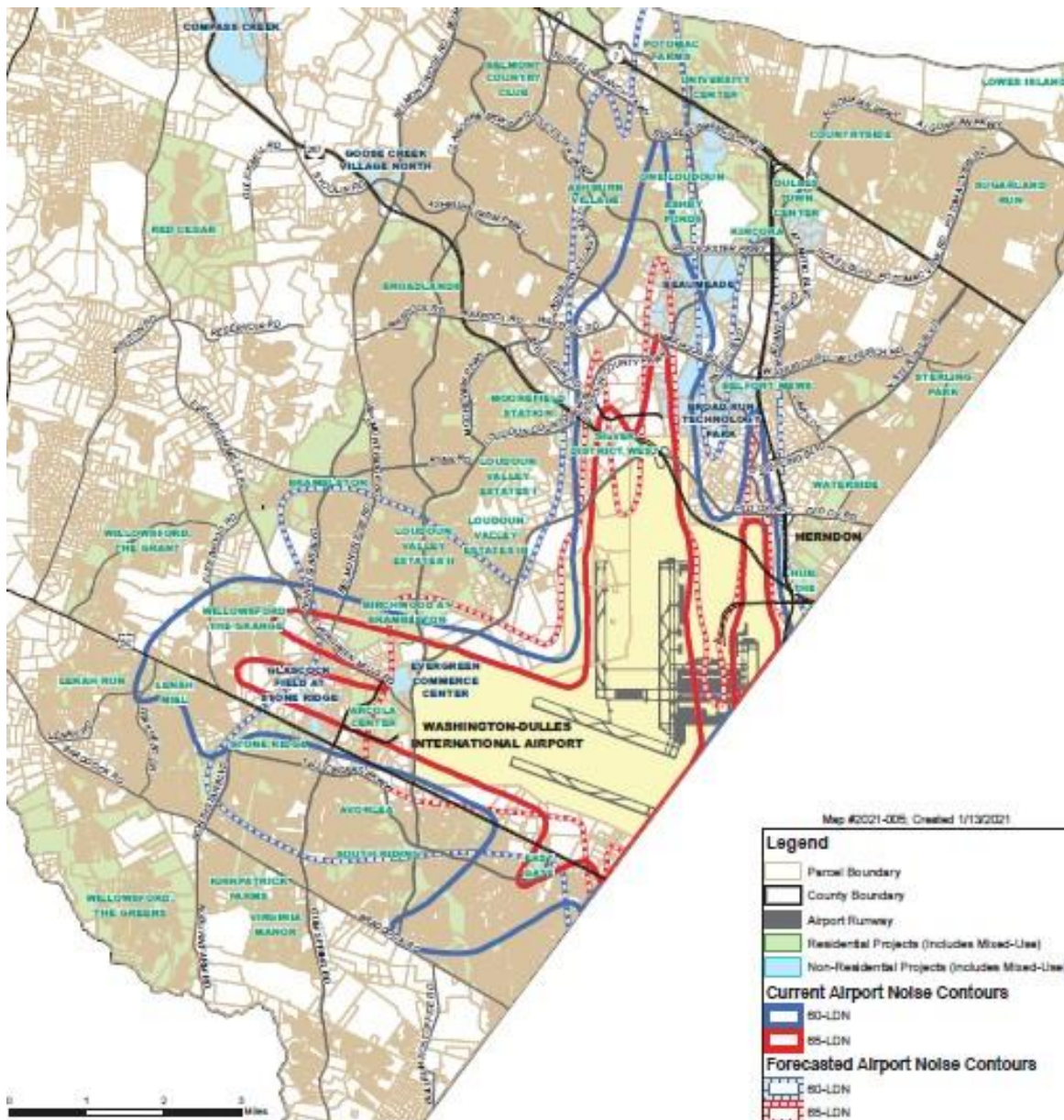
Loudoun Economic Development recently launched a more comprehensive suite of workforce services under its [Work In Loudoun](#) initiative. This initiative includes a suite of professional matchmaking services designed to connect the D.C. region's talented workforce with open positions at businesses in Loudoun. The three key audiences for this program are existing businesses, prospective businesses, and jobseekers/existing employees that are looking to change careers or find a new job.

Airport Impact Overlay District

At the February 2nd Board business meeting, we initiated a [Comprehensive Plan Amendment to update the Dulles Airport Impact Overlay District map](#) to reflect the results of the 2019 Dulles Noise Contour study with adoption expected in May 2022. Staff will return to the Board with an exercise to map the noise contours. Noise contour maps are based on a calculation called the Day-Night Average Sound Level, abbreviated as Ldn, which measures the average level of sound over a 24-hour period, with a penalty for noise at night.

The 2019 General Plan provides guidance that new residential and other noise-sensitive uses should not be allowed within the 65 Ldn noise contour. The Zoning Ordinance implements this policy direction by prohibiting all areas that fall within the 65 Ldn from establishing new residential lots, inclusive of all unit types (single-family, multi-family, etc.). There is also an Airport Impact Overlay District around Leesburg Executive Airport, however the 65 Ldn noise contour is much smaller and completely within the Town limits.

Adoption of the new 65 Ldn contour lines would result in some areas becoming newly encumbered and no longer able to develop with residential uses unless buildable lots were established prior to adoption of the new Airport Impact Overlay District map. Conversely, some areas that are currently encumbered would potentially become available for residential development. In the map below, the current 65 Ldn contour line is solid red and the projected 65 Ldn contour line is dotted red. When the mapping exercise comes back to the Board, I don't want to penalize existing homeowners who are in the new 65 Ldn area but were not in the old 65 Ldn area. I will respect the science but don't want it to impact the property values of existing residents.



Between the start of the pandemic and the end of 2020, according to [Reuters.com](https://www.reuters.com/article/us/economy-jobs-loss/analysis-u-s-lost-9-4-million-jobs-in-2020-idUSKBN253141), the U.S. economy lost a net 9.4 million jobs due to states shutting down their economies. The shutdowns have been devastating both for individuals trying to make a living, and for those students, who are not able to learn remotely when their schools are closed. The negative impacts on the mental health of those isolated from their jobs, their families and their peers has been dreadful and it is especially heartbreaking when you read that suicide rates among isolated students have risen dramatically during these shutdowns (“[Child Psychiatrists Warn That the Pandemic May be Driving Up Kids’ Suicide Risk](https://www.npr.org/2021/02/02/958444441/child-psychiatrists-warn-pandemic-kids-suicide-risk),” NPR, February 2, 2021). Both sides of this pandemic are appalling: the loss of livelihood, education and mental health for many millions of Americans and the loss of life for over

500,000 Americans. For those lost to the virus, flags will be at half-mast for the rest of the week. Take care of each other. Thank-you.

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month

Dolce & Ciabatta Bakery



Dolce & Ciabatta Bakery is located at 9H Catocin Circle SW in Leesburg. The master baker, Godfrey McKenzie, is an Authentic Artisan Bread Baker, European trained Master Pastry Chef, and an active member of the American Baking and Culinary Federation. His true passion is blending culinary mastery with artistic flair to create one-of-a-kind baked masterpieces. Every day, we shape our baked goods by hand and bake them using old-world artisan techniques in a special stone-hearth German engineered oven. The result is consistent, high-quality signature breads and baked novelties that taste, look, and smell unlike anything else.



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

Town Budget: Town Manager Kaj Dentler presented his proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget to the Town council on Tuesday, February 9th. The Council will hold a number of work sessions on the proposed budget, along with a separate public hearing on the real property tax rate, based on the schedule below. All work sessions and public hearings will be held in the Council Chamber on the second floor of Town Hall (25 West Market Street):

- Monday, March 8th, 7:00 pm, Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 pm, Budget Public Hearing
- Saturday, March 20th, 9:00 am, Budget Work Session
- Monday, March 22nd, 7:00 pm, Budget Work Session
- Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 pm, Real Property Tax Rate Public Hearing and Budget and Tax Rate Adoption

The public is welcome to attend the work sessions and public hearings, which will be broadcast on the Town's local government access channel (Xfinity Channel 67 and FiOS Channel 35) and streamed live on the [Town website](#). A copy of the proposed budget document is available on the [Town budget website](#).

Town Parking: Following a year-long halt to paid parking in downtown Leesburg, the program will resume on March 1st. In order to support the downtown businesses, as well as to avoid having people touch the parking meters and payment kiosks, all downtown parking was made free due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Downtown Leesburg provides several parking options, which includes approximately 70 metered on-street parking spaces and over 300 spaces at the Town Hall garage.

The first two hours in the Town Hall Garage will continue to be free. Each additional hour (or portion of an hour) is \$1.00, with a \$10.00 maximum daily. Drivers should keep their tickets with them after entering the garage and pay at one of the kiosks before exiting. All three kiosks accept credit and debit card payments. The kiosk by the elevator also accepts cash payments. All parking enforcement activity will resume on March 1st as well. Visit the [parking website](#) for more details.

Spring Bling: Leesburg's Department of Parks and Recreation will host its annual Spring Bling, a Hometown Fine Arts & Crafts Show, on Saturday, March 6th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be held outdoors at Freedom Park (101 Colonel Grenata Circle, SE). Shoppers must wear a face covering to enter the market. Social distancing and hand washing protocols will be enforced for everyone's safety.

Shop for one-of-a-kind items from unique art and home décor, bath and body items, jewelry, wood crafts, florals, gourmet foods, and other miscellaneous products. The crafts show offers a great opportunity to find the perfect gift for upcoming occasions, such as Easter, Mother's Day, graduations and end-of-school teacher appreciation. Admission and parking is free. For more information, please call Ida Lee Park Recreation Center at 703-777-1368 or contact the [Events and Outreach Manager](#).

The poster features a photograph of people browsing at a craft fair. Below the photo is a purple banner with white and pink text. On the left, 'Spring BLING' is written in a stylized font with decorative elements. In the center, 'A Hometown Fine Arts & Crafts Show' is written in a large, outlined font. To the right, a pink circle says 'FREE ADMISSION'. Further right, the date and time 'SATURDAY, MARCH 6* 9:00am-4:00pm' are listed, followed by the location 'FREEDOM PARK, LEESBURG, VA' and the phone number '703-777-1368'. At the bottom, a paragraph describes the items available for sale, and a small note at the very bottom states '*Due to Covid-19, the event is subject to change'.

31st Annual Flower & Garden Festival: The Town's unofficial start to spring has been traditionally held on the streets of historic downtown Leesburg. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event will be moving to Ida Lee Park, which will provide a better opportunity to allow social distancing. The festival will be on Saturday, April 17th, and Sunday, April 18th, rain or shine. To stay up to date on this year's festival, visit the [website](#).



Update from Beth Barts

During the week of February 16th, LCPS was excited to welcome back almost 15,000 students and over 2,000 teachers. LCPS plans to continue moving forward with the hybrid learning platform for over 15,000 middle and high school students starting March 3rd. They will be taught by over 1,500 teachers.

First doses of the vaccine have been given to staff members and many are now receiving their second dose. This is due to the incredible efforts of our School Nurses and Health Clinic assistants who continue to work the vaccine POD daily in an effort to vaccinate our entire staff in an efficient and timely manner. This includes our teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, long term substitutes and many others.

LCPS has protocols in place to keep our school communities safe. Required masking, a separate care room for students who may be exhibiting symptoms and a symptom questionnaire to be completed at home are just the first steps. We are also enforcing the practice of maintaining 6 feet of separation in the classrooms and other areas of the building. Thermal scanners have been installed in each school building to aid in temperature checks and plexiglass shields have been placed on each student desk. Every building has a Health Mitigation Monitor to make sure our safety protocols are being followed. As your representative, I feel confident we are doing the best we can to move towards a full 100% return as soon as possible.

Our budget was presented to the Board of Supervisors and includes significant funding for recovery services this summer. It also includes a long requested expansion of Virtual Loudoun for our secondary students as well as a step increase and raise for our staff.

Our sports programs along with our performing arts programs are planning in person events this spring. The “Winter” season was very successful with several of our local high school teams winning District and Regional competitions. Our “Fall” season has started now. A shout out to the Loudoun County High School Wrestling program for the first region title in the schools 66 year history!

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Community Information



Public Input on Proposed Bus Routes to Metrorail Silver Line Stations: The County is seeking feedback on 10 proposed new and modified routes that will provide service to and from Metrorail Silver Line stations in Loudoun County. This effort is in preparation for the opening of the Metrorail Silver Line, currently estimated for summer 2021.

The online public information meeting is today, Thursday, February 25th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This session will allow you to ask questions, provide input and learn more about the proposed routes. [Login information](#) and [meeting materials](#) are available for review. If joining by an iPad, please use the password – dtci. Comments regarding the proposed Silver Line Bus Routes may be submitted using this [online form](#), by e-mail or postal mail. All comments received by March 26th, will be included in the process to finalize the route.

Give Choose: An annual day of online giving on March 16th hosted by the Community Foundation. More than 100 charities serving Loudoun and Northern Fauquier are registered on Give Choose, 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 Give Choose site. 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, nicole@communityfoundationlf.org 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 31st and can be found on our [website](#). Tuition is \$125/student. Financial aid is available to qualifying students.

Glass Recycling Program Expands: The program is designed to increase recycling opportunities for glass. Glass that is commingled with other recyclable materials at the point of collection requires additional processing not currently available at local facilities and results in disposal of the glass as waste. The glass bottles and jars collected in the purple bins at the County's recycling drop-off centers are delivered to Fairfax County to be used in construction projects and may also be sent to other facilities that are able to recycle it into new glass bottles and other products. Glass bottles and jars are now being collected separately at the:

- Arcola Recycling Center, 24244 Stone Springs Boulevard in Arcola
- Central Western Loudoun Recycling Center, 38159 Colonial Highway in Hamilton
- Landfill Recycling Center, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg
- Mickie Gordon Park Recycling Center, 23229 Carters Farm Lane in Middleburg
- Philomont Recycling Center, 36560 Jeb Stuart Road in Philomont
- Sterling Park Recycling Center, 400 W Laurel Avenue in Sterling

Visitors to the recycling center will see large purple bins labeled "Glass Recycling," where glass bottles and jars are to be placed. Please follow the instructions in the sign below.

Loudoun County
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GLASS RECYCLING



Glass Bottles and Jars Only
All colors, empty and rinsed



Do Not Bag Glass



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
(return to retailer)



No Misc Glass
(Ceramics, Porcelain, Mirrors, Windows, Pyrex, or Glass Sheets)



No Lamps or Bulbs



No Food or Liquid
(empty and rinsed)



No Lids or Caps

For more information visit: loudoun.gov/recycle

Loudoun Online Initiative to Develop Fatherhood Skills: Area fathers are encouraged to register for the National Fatherhood Initiative's 24/7 Dad® program to strengthen their relationships with their children. The virtual workshops will take place weekly on Tuesdays, beginning March 2nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Developed by fathering and parenting experts, the 24/7 Dad program teaches fathering techniques and strategies, provides fathers with peer support and guidance, and allows fathers the opportunity to discover their own parenting strengths. To register, sign up [here](#), e-mail Program Assistant Linh Carter at linh.carter@loudoun.gov, or call 703-737-8237.

Academic Paper Competition: The Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (COG) Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee is seeking to learn from high school, college and graduate students about emerging best practices and policies to address real-world sustainability and water resources issues. Below is a list of topics that would be most relevant to COG's elected officials.

- Diversity, equity, and inclusion in water quality decision-making, outreach, and recreation.
- Tree canopy and forest conservation.
- Mitigating and adapting to climate change, including flood resiliency.
- Agricultural Best Management Practices protective of water quality.
- Tackling fresh-water salinization (winter salts).
- Stream restoration projects.

- Water reuse.

To apply students should send an e-mail expressing interest to: Heidi Bonnaffon at hbonnaffon@mwcoq.org by Sunday, February 28th. The e-mail should include the following:

- Student's name, contact information, school, department, teacher/professor, and course.
- 2 to 4 sentence description of their chosen research topic.

The 2021 research competition is capped at the first twenty submissions. Students are asked to submit completed papers to COG by April 16th. The top submission will receive a \$500 award.

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