

Dear Leesburg Resident,

I hope you can join Mayor Burk and me at the Leesburg 4th of July parade on Sunday at 10:00 am. The parade will start at Ida Lee Park, travel down King Street and conclude at Fairfax Street near Safeway.

A community COVID-19 vaccine event is being held as part of the Leesburg 4th of July fireworks celebration on Sunday, July 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at Ida Lee Park, 60 Ida Lee Drive. No pre-registration is necessary. You can find more information about the parade and the fireworks celebration in Mayor Burk's article. Have a wonderful holiday!

## Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway Interchange

The opening of the segment of Battlefield Parkway that now crosses the new bridge over Route 7 was celebrated on June 28th. (See photo below.) By the time you are reading this newsletter, the road should be open to vehicle traffic and the traffic signal at Cardinal Park Drive and Route 7 should have been removed or soon will be. The completion of this project will leave Route 7 with no traffic signals from Countryside Boulevard in Sterling to East Main Street in Berryville. A shared-use (cyclist and pedestrian) path along northbound Battlefield Parkway and a sidewalk along southbound Battlefield Parkway will enable cyclists and pedestrians in Potomac Station and elsewhere in northeast Leesburg to reach the W&OD Trail. The project is financed with Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Loudoun County, Town of Leesburg and state funding.

- NVTA: \$58 million (74% of the projected cost)
- Loudoun County: \$8.7 million (11% of the projected cost)
- Town of Leesburg: \$6.4 million (8% of the projected cost)
- VDOT: \$5 million (6% of the projected cost)

Since construction is still on-going, the road will open to vehicular traffic only. Pedestrian access will not be available until fall. Once the traffic signals at the intersection of Cardinal Park Drive and Route 7 are removed, current traffic patterns will change. Traffic will be restricted to right in/right out on eastbound Route 7 at Cardinal Park Drive. There will be no access to or from Cardinal Park Drive from westbound Route 7. Cardinal Park Drive and all its businesses will also be accessible from Trailview Boulevard, which now connects to Russell Branch Parkway at the signal-controlled intersection just south of the

new section of Battlefield Parkway. Message boards will be in place to inform motorists of the new traffic pattern. The Town will also provide updates to social media on a regular basis. Sign up for traffic alerts [here](#). The entire project is expected to be completed in November 2021.



## Redistricting Timeline

At a special meeting on June 21st, we adopted a preliminary timeline for the [2021 local redistricting process](#). We also voted on guidelines and to maintain the same number of supervisors, which consists of a chair at large and eight supervisors elected to represent single-member districts.

Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of districts that elect representatives who serve specific geographic areas. This process occurs every 10 years following the United States decennial census. Loudoun County underwent its last local redistricting process in 2011. The process will begin after federal census data is released. While the release of that data has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is expected to be released in September 2021.

Public involvement is an important part of the local redistricting process. The County will provide an online portal which individuals can view and propose scenarios for redistricting. Below is the preliminary timeline. I will continue to keep you informed about meetings and the process.

Event	Date
<b>Board of Supervisors Business Meeting:</b> Presentation on 2020 census population data and scenario(s) for use as a starting point.	October 19, 2021
Loudoun redistricting tool launched: Open public submission period to submit additional plans for consideration and comment on staff scenarios.	November 1 to November 30, 2021
<b>Board of Supervisors Business Meeting:</b> Staff presents summary of Loudoun redistricting portal submitted scenarios.	January 18, 2022
<b>Board of Supervisors Business Meeting:</b> Board discusses and chooses which scenario(s) to send to public hearing.	March 15, 2022
<b>Board of Supervisors Public Hearing:</b> Board adopts redistricting ordinance to revise precinct boundaries and polling places.	May 11, 2022
Map of updated boundaries and preparation of new voter cards.	August 2022

## Airport Impact Overlay District

Why do the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Dulles International Airport and the County try to define airport impact overlay districts and the noise corridors they're based on? Because, in general, you want to know where noise from overhead aircraft will be most intense and annoying to people on the ground so that you don't encourage developers to build homes in these areas. Past boards of supervisors have often tried to discourage residential development in these noisiest corridors - generally the corridors that extend out from the runways and are used by aircraft as they take off and land at low altitudes. The noisiest overlay districts that we usually discuss are in the 65+ LDN. Most people would find living in the 65+ LDN would be noisy enough that it would be impossible to have a quiet conversation outdoors. The 60 LDN is generally quieter than the 65 LDN, but would still present challenges for outdoor conversations.

So, what is an LDN? Under Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 150, the FAA has established LDN/DNL as the cumulative noise exposure metric for use in airport noise analyses, and has developed recommended guidelines for noise/land use compatibility evaluation. Unfortunately, LDN corridor lines don't always stay the same over time and, with the FAA's most recent studies, we have seen these lines shift, pulling into the 60 or 65 LDNs, homes that were outside the lines when they were built. New homes built inside the noisiest corridors generally require disclosures to the buyers and noise mitigation materials in the construction. We generally want people to know what they're getting into when they buy a home near an airport. We want the buyers to know that planes flying low overhead make a good bit of noise. But is it fair for someone who bought a home that started outside the noisiest corridors to be hit with additional regulations because their home was redrawn into the noisiest corridors when the new FAA study changed the corridor lines? Should that homeowner have to bear the burden of excess regulations when they go to sell? Will the noise corridor lines change again in 10 years because of a

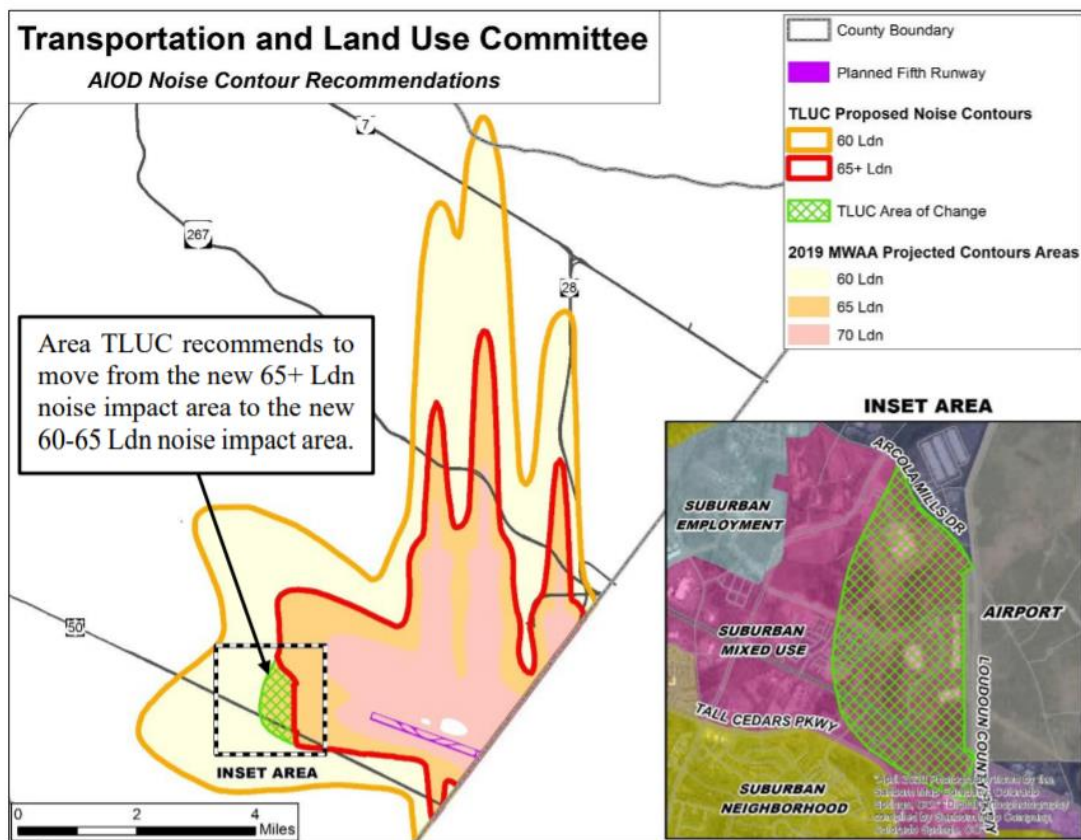
new FAA study and will that home again be outside the noisiest corridors? You can see how these corridor line shifts would drive a homeowner nuts.

At the June 15th Board business meeting, we considered the following five recommendations from the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) regarding the Airport Impact Overlay District (AIOD) and provided direction to staff whether to incorporate these recommendations into the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) work plan.

1. **Revise the 65+ LDN Noise Contours.** TLUC forwarded (I opposed) a recommendation to adopt the 2019 Projected Dulles Noise Contours with the exception of the 65 LDN or higher airport noise impact area (65+ LDN), which would be revised to remove the area west of Loudoun County Parkway and south of Arcola Mills Drive that is within the Suburban Mixed Use Place Type (please see map below).
2. **Protect Existing Homes from Burden.** TLUC unanimously forwarded a recommendation to ensure that existing homes that are moved into the new 2019 projected noise contour would not require disclosure of a home's location within the AIOD nor the retroactive application of noise attenuation.
3. **Protect Previously Approved Rezoning.** TLUC unanimously forwarded a recommendation to ensure that previously approved residential developments, such as Brambleton, that are mapped into the new 65+ LDN can develop pursuant to their approval.
4. **Update Zoning Ordinance Concurrently.** TLUC unanimously forwarded a recommendation that staff provide the Comprehensive Plan amendment (CPAM) and Zoning Ordinance amendment (ZOAM) concurrently with a provision that allows staff to have latitude to schedule the ZOAM as needed with the aspirational goal of completing both the CPAM and ZOAM at the same time.
5. **Remove One Mile Buffer.** TLUC forwarded (I opposed) a recommendation to remove the one-mile buffer outside of the 60 LDN contour.



Figure 1. TLUC Recommended Noise Contours



- The Board majority voted to approve recommendation 1. I continue to oppose this recommendation because we are not following FAA guidance. If we allow developers to build homes along the path of Dulles Airport's planned fifth runway, or below the flight paths for any of the existing other four runways, they will build those homes. There is a never-ending and rapid demand for new market-priced, as well as affordable, homes in Loudoun County. Any land that is allowed to be developed as higher density residential will be developed as higher density residential. We see many applications at the Board requesting residential up-zonings and conversions of commercially zoned properties to houses. By the time the 5th runway is built, assuming it is built, perhaps 20 years from now, the land under the flight paths will be filled with houses.
- Recommendation 2 regarding disclosure/notification passed. This has been a tough issue for me with two worthwhile principals; transparency and fairness. Transparency to make sure everyone knows everything about the home they are buying and fairness to protect existing homeowners who were not inside the 65 LDN but now are because the lines have changed. The Board majority voted that disclosure to residential dwelling units constructed within the Airport Impact Overlay District be applied uniformly to all sales of existing and future homes and that notice requirements within at

least the TLUC Area of Change provide notification of the planned fifth runway. I can see both sides of this issue but decided to stick with the TLUC recommendation to protect existing homes from the disclosure burden.

- Recommendations 3 and 4 passed unanimously.
- For recommendation 5, I supported Supervisor Letourneau's motion to restore the notice requirements within the one-mile buffer outside of the LDN 60 contour, but this motion failed. The removal of the one-mile buffer surprised and concerned those at Dulles Airport who are responsible for its continued growth and economic vitality. The more airport noise there is, the more complaints Congress gets. Once Congress starts getting complaints from their constituents, there is pressure on the FAA to reduce the number of flights and hours. Dulles International Airport is a critical part of Loudoun's economy. In 2017, Dulles provided over 51,000 airport jobs, \$2.9 billion in wages, and \$8.3 billion in economic activity. For more information, see the Virginia Department of Aviation's 2017 study [here](#).

## Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Extension

At the June 15th Board business meeting, we approved the Transportation and Land Use Committee's recommendation to extend the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project timeline six to eight months. The Zoning Ordinance is the primary implementation tool for the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. The general public open house is now tentatively scheduled for early 2022. You can stay informed about the progress of the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite on this [website](#).

### Upcoming ZO Rewrite Project Milestones (Tentative)

Project Milestones	Planned Date
Monthly ZOC meetings	Mid 2021 - Early 2022
ROIA to Board of Supervisors for review & adoption	Summer 2021
General public open house	Early 2022
Round Three Input: 90-day referral review (open to all parties)	Early - Mid 2022
Planning Commission review & recommendations	Late 2021 - Mid 2022
Board of Supervisors review & adoption	Mid - Late 2022

## Proclamations

At the June 15th Board business meeting, we recognized the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and the contributions of the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps during the COVID-19 pandemic (please see pictures below).

LGBTQ+ Pride Month was first celebrated in the United States in 1994. In January 2010, we added gender identity and sexual orientation to our equal opportunity policy. Loudoun County is committed to ensuring all persons, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity, feel valued, empowered, and accepted among community members, leaders, and educators.

The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps was created in 2003 to serve as a community volunteer force of public health extenders. It has been working continuously since March 2020, performing such varied roles as call center operation, community outreach, contact tracing, and COVID-19 testing and vaccination, involving over 1,930 volunteers, performing over 91,200 hours of service for an estimated value of over \$2.6 million.



## Transit Summit

We held a [Transit Summit](#) on Tuesday, May 25th to get an update on several topics, including:

- A WMATA briefing from Paul Wiedefeld about the opening of the Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 in Loudoun County, which is projected in early 2022.
- Comments on transit-related matters from several advisory boards, including the Commission on Aging, the Disability Services Board and the Transit Advisory Board.
- Findings from the Unmet Transit Needs of Seniors and Disabled Residents Study.
- Overview of the Loudoun County Transit route design and modification process to illustrate how transit routes are created to better meet community needs.
- Results of a study to identify strategies for the best use for the county's park and ride lots as Metrorail extends into Loudoun County.

The purpose of the Unmet Transit Needs study is to improve the availability and access to public transportation options within the County for those with the greatest need. Based on

the findings of the study, staff presented two recommendations for our consideration: 1) creation of a Mobility Coordinator position to coordinate linking passenger requests to appropriate transportation services and 2) possible addition of one to three paratransit accessible vans to address unmet needs of seniors and disabled passengers.

I requested that the Mobility Coordinator try and do something to make the County's website more user friendly. I find it almost impossible to find information that my constituents need on our website. I also inquired about the County subsidizing Lyft and Uber rides for senior and disabled residents. I have seniors in Town who would feel comfortable calling Lyft or Uber but it costs them more money. Staff will look at a range of options and create a multifaceted solution to expand transportation services for our seniors and the disabled.

## American Rescue Plan Act Funding

Nonprofits and faith-based organizations serving Loudoun County residents are encouraged [to apply](#) for financial assistance available through the County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This funding will support organizations that are working to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board approved an ARPA spending plan that includes an allocation of \$2.5 million to nonprofit organizations assisting the community with COVID-19 response and recovery.

The application is [now available](#) and the deadline to apply is 4:00 pm, Wednesday, July 28th. Applications will be reviewed, and funding will be provided on a rolling basis.

County staff will present information on this funding opportunity in a webinar Wednesday, June 30th at 9:00 am. Anyone interested in attending the webinar should e-mail their name and the name of their organization to [nonprofits@loudoun.gov](mailto:nonprofits@loudoun.gov) to receive log-on information.

## Virginia Employment Commission Appointments

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) is offering unemployment claimants the opportunity to schedule telephone appointments to speak directly to a VEC representative regarding their claim. Constituents can schedule an appointment based on the region in which they live at this [link](#).

Appointments are very limited and are not guaranteed to lead to any resolution or payment of claims. A VEC representative will be calling based on your appointment time/day. Please be sure to answer your phone, as the number may show up on caller identification as "restricted" or "unknown". Staff will attempt to call one time and if there is no answer, they will try one additional time and then will move onto other appointments.

Constituents may also call the VEC's customer contact center at 1-866-832-2363. Please note, wait times in the customer contact center may be long due to high call volumes. Thank you for your patience as we navigate these extraordinary circumstances.



## Tax Relief Program for the Elderly and Disabled

As a reminder, the Real Estate Tax Relief for the Elderly or Totally and Permanently Disabled Program public hearing is Wednesday, July 14th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to give comments in-person or remotely, advanced sign-up is available by calling (703) 777-0200 until noon the day of the public hearing. The item will be posted on the [County's website](#) the Friday before the public hearing. Thank you!

Warm Regards,

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## Business of the Month [Jewtique](#)



[Jewtique Concierge Rabbinic Services](#) offers high-quality rabbinic services to people who embrace a personalized approach to Jewish life. Every stage of life has its unique and discrete set of needs. Traveling through the cycle of life from birth through adolescence, adulthood, and senior years presents opportunities for celebration as well as challenges to be overcome. Jewtique Concierge Rabbinic Services is based in the National Capital area, ready to serve the mid-Atlantic region and beyond. In your backyard or at the beach, from the Chesapeake Bay to the Blue Ridge Mountains, or at your special

destination; truly just about anywhere in the world, Jewtique Concierge Rabbinic Services meets you where you are...physically as well as philosophically.



## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

### **4TH OF JULY PARADE AND CELEBRATION**

The Town of Leesburg will host its 31st annual Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 4th. The festivities will begin at 9:45 am with a performance by the American Originals Fife and Drum Corps at the intersection of King and Market streets. Sponsored by Toth Financial, this traditional military-style music group will perform as a prelude to the patriotic celebration. At 10:00 am, the Independence Day Parade will begin at Ida Lee Park, traveling down King Street, through the historic downtown, before concluding at Fairfax Street.

In the evening, the fun continues at Ida Lee Park. Gates will open at 6:00 pm. Enjoy a live musical performance, a food court, and one of the region's largest fireworks displays. The show will begin at 9:30 pm and will be choreographed to music. In the event of rain, fireworks will be rescheduled for July 5th at 9:30 pm.



### ACOUSTIC ON THE GREEN

Concerts take place every Saturday at 7:00 pm throughout the summer. Come downtown to hear the best local and regional artists perform on the Town Green. Lawn chairs and blankets are advised. In case of inclement weather, the show will be cancelled. The headliners for July and August are:

- July 10 – Cal Everett
- July 17 – Liz Springer Duo
- July 24 – Roam Like Ghosts
- July 31 – Torrey B
- August 7 – Gary Smallwood
- August 21 – Julia Kasdorf
- August 28 – Todd Wright





### **MOVIES UNDER THE STARS**

Movies under the Stars is back! The Town's free outdoor movie series is held on the front lawn of the Loudoun County Courthouse on the third Friday of every month now through August. The next film is scheduled on Friday, July 16th and will be Playing with Fire. Movies begin at dusk.

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### **EVERGREEN MILL ROAD WIDENING PROJECT**

Intermittent lane closures will occur on Evergreen Mill Road, between Heritage High School and South King Street, every Monday through Friday, now through August. Lane closures are required to complete field work for design of planned improvements for the Evergreen Mill Road Widening Project. More information, including a link to sign up for future updates about the project, can be found [here](#). Anyone with questions is asked to contact Project Manager Karin Franklin, P.E. at 703-771-6674 or [kfranklin@leesburgva.gov](mailto:kfranklin@leesburgva.gov).

## **Community Information**



**Loudoun Fire Officials Offer Critical Fireworks Safety Tips:** As COVID-19 restrictions across the region are being lifted, many 4th of July fireworks displays around Loudoun County are back on the calendar. Loudoun County's Combined Fire and Rescue System encourages residents to attend professionally coordinated fireworks shows instead of using consumer fireworks on your own. For a list of upcoming shows, permissible fireworks, and approved retail stands visit [here](#). Fireworks cause thousands of serious injuries every year that send adults and children to the emergency room.



If you choose to use fireworks, know the risks, **PROCEED WITH CAUTION** and follow these safety tips!

**DON'T use illegal fireworks!**

**DO** use only legal fireworks purchased from a retail stand with a Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office permit. Consumer fireworks that rise into the air, explode, travel laterally on the ground or emit projectiles are illegal to possess or use anywhere in Virginia (Class 1 Misdemeanor).

**NEVER use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol!**

**DON'T light fireworks indoors!**

**DO** use fireworks a safe distance away from homes, and steer clear of brush, leaves and flammable substances.

**NEVER allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks and maintain constant adult supervision.**

**DO** light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance.

**DON'T light fireworks in your hand!**

**DO** place fireworks on stable ground, never in a container, and ensure the device will not tip over when firing.

**NEVER point or throw fireworks at anyone!**

**DON'T try to re-light "a dud" or malfunctioning firework!**

**DO** soak spent fireworks in water for several hours before discarding into a fire-proof container. Keep the container outside, away from the home.

**DO** keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of fire.



**National Women's Conference:** The Loudoun Coalition on Women and Girls is pleased to host the National Association of Commissions for Women 51st Annual Conference that will be held in Leesburg July 18-22 at the National Conference Center, 18980 Upper Belmont Place. The theme this year is Hear our Voices: Equality and Resiliency. A few amazing days of programming have been curated for our community of women and girls and we encourage you to [register now](#). Participants will have the opportunity to engage in leadership development and peer-to-peer learning and to address justice and equality for women and girls.



**NACW National Conference**  
**Hear our voices:**  
Equality, Resiliency, Advocacy  
**National Conference Center**  
18980 Upper Belmont Pl, Leesburg, VA 20176



**Impact the lives of women and girls while promoting your brand!**

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**Route 15 North - Montresor Road to Maryland State Line:** Loudoun County has initiated a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to revise the planned ultimate condition of Route 15 North - Montresor Road to the Maryland state line and is seeking feedback from the public. Written comments are requested and may be submitted using the [online form](#), by e-mail at [dtci@loudoun.gov](mailto:dtci@loudoun.gov) and mail (please see address below). All comments will be accepted through July 23rd. To learn more and view exhibit materials, visit the project [website](#).

Mail your comments to:

Attn: Route 15 North - Montresor Road to the Maryland State Line) CPAM  
Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure  
101 Blue Seal Drive, Suite 102  
Leesburg, VA 20177

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**Walk-in Service at COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic:** Loudoun County is now offering walk-in service at the COVID-19 vaccination clinic, which is located at Dulles Town Center, 21090 Dulles Town Circle in Sterling. Individuals 12 years and older are eligible for vaccination on a first-come, first-served basis during the COVID-19 vaccination clinic's

scheduled hours of operation; no appointment is necessary. The hours of operation for the County's COVID-19 vaccination clinic will adjust throughout July to accommodate walk-in services and demand for service to ensure the clinic is operating at maximum efficiency while serving the community. The clinic will operate on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays with the following abbreviated hours. Please note that the COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be closed on Saturday, July 3rd. The complete schedule is posted on the County's [website](#).

- Tuesdays: 3:00 – 6:30 pm
- Fridays: 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
- Saturdays: 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

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**New Art Exhibits: Child Artists and Promoting Hunger Relief:** The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee (AAC) has opened two new exhibits at Gallery One, the art gallery located in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg. This exhibition will be on display in Gallery One through July 2nd.

One exhibit features the work of students from [INMED USA](#) Partnerships for Children, a nonprofit international humanitarian development organization that has worked in more than 100 countries to build pathways for vulnerable children, families and communities to achieve well-being and self-reliance. The exhibit titled —Youth Movement—features 19 pieces of artwork created by students ages 11 to 16. Committee members describe the art as “bold, colorful and full of movement.”

A second exhibit in Gallery One features three-dimensional art in the gallery's display case. The exhibit—titled Empty Bowls—features 24 ceramic bowls by Loudoun potters. The [Empty Bowls initiative](#) is intended to help end food insecurity and to raise money for hunger relief in Loudoun County.



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