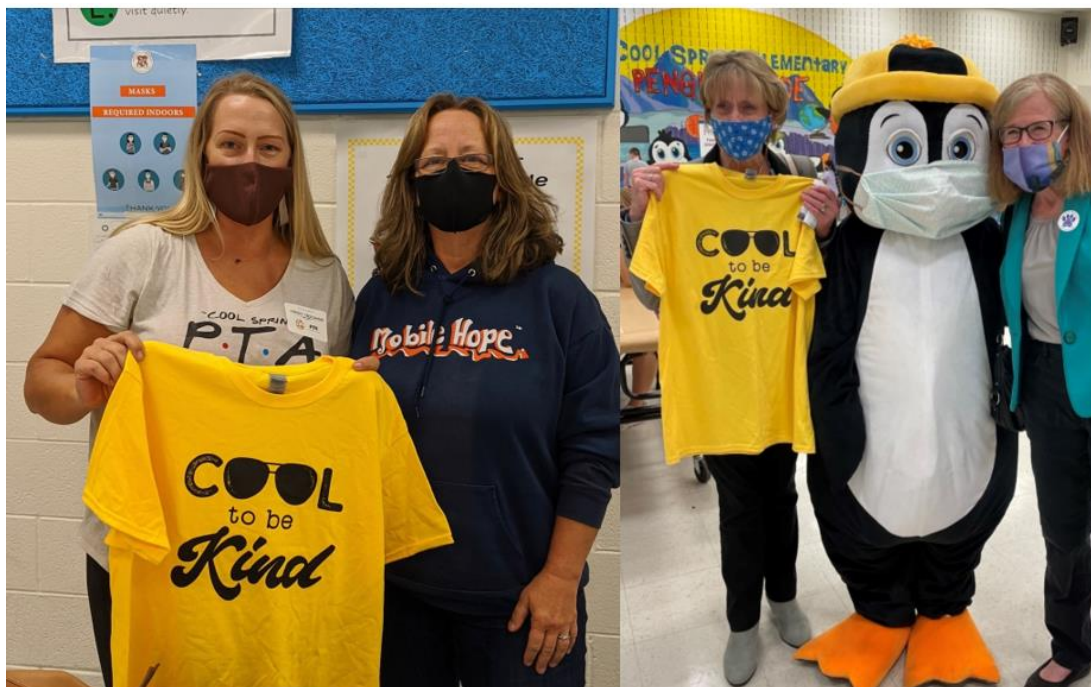


Please come out on Sunday, October 31st, in costume if you like, to watch the annual Leesburg Halloween parade organized and sponsored by the [Kiwanis club](#). The parade begins at 6:00 pm at Ida Lee Park on North King Street and travels one mile south on King Street, ending at the intersection of Fairfax and South King Streets where it turns left into Virginia Village Shopping Center. Happy Halloween!

## Cool Spring Elementary Service Night

Thank-you to the Cool Spring Elementary School community for a wonderful service night. It was a fantastic event with the Cool Spring families, the VFW, Mindy from the PTA and KC from Mobile Hope, not to mention Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk and the students' favorite "Waddles." A special thanks to Nikki for sending the photo of "Waddles."



## North Star School

The new North Star School in Leesburg held a dedication ceremony last week. Congratulations to the educators and students! And thanks to the Loudoun County High School Chamber Choir for adding their voices to the celebration.



## Kick Cancer Out of the World

For 29 years, Grand Master Choi has been hosting the "Kick Cancer Out of the World" Taekwondo tournament at [USTMA](#) in Leesburg. Kick Cancer Out of the World is a 6 month-long series of fundraisers created by Grand Master Choi who lost his father to cancer despite his family's attempt to provide the best possible care. Each year, he and his students raise thousands of dollars for Blue Ridge Hospice.



## Economic Development Organization of the Year

Our Economic Development department was named the "Economic Development Organization of the Year" by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), which represents more than 5,000 organizations world-wide. The Gold Award for "Economic Development Organization of the Year" is the highest honor given for economic developers and is presented to acknowledge excellence in categories such as program innovation and continuity, leadership quality and consistency, measured metrics and performance benchmarks, and community interaction and impact. Buddy Rizer, Executive Director, was honored to accept this award at IEDC's Annual Meeting in Nashville (he is pictured below).



You can find the digital version of the Department of Economic Development's (DED) annual report [here](#). In FY 2021, DED worked with 2,043 total businesses, successfully attracting, or retaining:

- 145 business projects.
- 4,239 total jobs.
- \$6.55 billion in new commercial investment.
- 3.71 million square feet of space.

## Local Redistricting



At the October 19th Board business meeting, we voted to add staff-developed examples A through G to the [Redistricting Hub](#) to provide the public with a starting point from which to begin plan customization for the 2021 Loudoun County redistricting process. We also agreed to include a link to the existing election districts in the Redistricting Hub for constituents to view if they choose.

The seven examples (please see redistricting update [item](#) for the maps) are based on adjusted 2020 census data provided by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services (DLS), as well as on the Board's adopted 2021 redistricting guidelines. The local redistricting process determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing board members to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and School Board. By making sure districts have approximately the same number of people, redistricting can help to ensure residents have equal representation on the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

Starting November 1st, the public will have an opportunity to view these examples and develop and submit their own plans for consideration via the online mapping tool on the [Redistricting Hub](#). Given our direction to retain eight (8) districts, the ideal district size is 52,641. Each election district will need to achieve 52,641 with a + / - 5% margin. The maximum (+5%) population of each district will be 55,273, and the minimum will be 50,009.

Out of the seven incorporated towns, the Town of Leesburg has the largest population at 48,321 (see table below). Unlike during the previous redistricting process, Leesburg's population does not exceed the maximum population for an election district. As a result, it is possible for the entire town to be included in one election district, consistent with redistricting guidelines to not split incorporated towns when possible and keep communities of interest intact.

<b>Town</b>	<b>2020 Census Population</b>	<b>2020 DLS Adjusted Population</b>
Leesburg	48,250	48,321
Purcellville	8,929	8,939
Lovettsville	2,694	2,695
Round Hill	693	694
Middleburg	669	670
Hamilton	619	622
Hillsboro	114	114

The [Redistricting Hub](#) will be available from November 1st until November 30th and then will be deactivated to allow all submitted plans to be reviewed and considered. Redistricting plans submitted by the public will be discussed at the January 18, 2022 Board business meeting. A public hearing will be held in May 2022 before adoption of the final plan.

## Union Street School

At the October 19th Board business meeting, we unanimously supported Chair Randall's Board Member Initiative to include the rehabilitation of the historic Union Street School in the FY 2023 capital improvement program, solicit proposals for a resident curator for the furnishing, operation, and maintenance of the publicly accessible facility, and nominate the school on the National Register of Historic Places.

The historic two-story Union Street School located at 20 Union Street, NW in Leesburg opened in 1884 as the first large school (four rooms) for African American students. The school closed in 1958 when the first modern elementary school for African Americans opened in Leesburg named Douglass Elementary School. For the past 60 years, Loudoun County Public Schools used the Union Street School for storage before declaring the building surplus. The Board received the property from the Loudoun County School Board in 2019. On September 13th, the Leesburg Town Council voted unanimously to rezone the property and include it in the Town's historic district.

Nonprofits like the Loudoun Freedom Center, Douglass Alumni Association and others would like to use the school as an education museum for the display of artifacts, STEM education and research, and other related uses to honor African American heritage in Loudoun County.



## County Energy Strategy Workshop

On September 29th, the Board held a workshop that was facilitated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to update the 2009 Loudoun County Energy

Strategy. Information that was presented included local, regional and federal goals and mandates to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions; energy usage data trends for Loudoun and the region; and attainable energy goals that county staff and the Environmental Commission may research for future consideration by the Board.

I requested that staff research using the European model that utilizes heat generated from data centers for commercial or residential units and to identify if it could be implemented in Loudoun County and locations around the County where solar panels could be placed over buildings, parking lots and other structures. I also asked how other jurisdictions alleviate the burden on low income communities when making energy efficient updates to residential properties. Staff will return with a proposed plan and timeline to update the 2009 Loudoun County Energy Strategy that incorporates the priorities discussed during the workshop.

The Environmental Commission will be holding a virtual public hearing at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 17th. Please visit the commission [website](#) for more information.

## J&J and Moderna Booster Shots

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has authorized local health districts to begin administering booster doses of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for certain individuals as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and authorized by the Food and Drug Administration. There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States.

In addition, the CDC and VDH have approved a “mix and match” approach to boosters, allowing people to receive a different brand of vaccine for the booster dose than what they received in their initial vaccine series. For example, someone who received the one-dose J&J vaccine could receive either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine as a booster.

### Who Can Get Booster Shots Now

Anyone who received the J&J vaccine can receive a booster dose of any of the three vaccine types at least two months following their initial vaccination. Anyone who received their initial two-dose series of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago is eligible for a booster dose of any of the three types of vaccine.

Booster shots are available for the following groups:

- People 65 years and older.
- Residents of long-term care facilities.
- People 18-64 years old with underlying medical conditions.
- People 18-64 years old who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings, such as, but not limited to, health care workers and caregivers for frail or immunocompromised people.

You can find the date you completed the initial series on your vaccination card. If you received that dose in Virginia and have misplaced the card, you can find the date by searching for your vaccine record online. If you need assistance over the phone, call 877-829-4682 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

## Urgent Need for Blood Donors

Northern Virginia has an urgent need for blood donation. Please consider giving blood at an upcoming Inova blood drive – when you donate blood, you save lives. Visit [here](#) or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES to schedule an appointment today. Thank you!

## Joint Board and School Board Committee

The next Joint Board of Supervisors & School Board Committee meeting is Monday, November 1st at 5:00 pm at the Loudoun County Public Schools Administration Building in Ashburn. Public input is at 5:00 pm for 15 minutes. Please sign-up in advance no later than noon the day of the meeting by calling 703-777-0200. The agenda will be posted Friday on this [website](#).

## Collective Bargaining Public Hearing

On Wednesday, November 10th there will be a public hearing on the proposed Collective Bargaining Ordinance at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg. The draft language will be posted [online](#) this Friday for your review. In-person or remote speakers must sign up in advance by noon on the day of the public hearing by calling 703-777-0200.

## Veterans Day Events

Thursday, November 11th is Veterans Day. The VFW Post 1177 has a Veterans Day dawn ceremony at Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park at the end of Balls Bluff Road, NE in Leesburg. Start time is about 6:30 am. The George C. Marshall Center has a Veterans Day Commemoration at 10:30 am cohosted by the Town of Leesburg and Loudoun County. It will take place on the grounds of George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor in historic Leesburg (please see more information in Mayor Burk's article). Thank you!

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## Business of the Month Mama Lucci's



The aroma of homemade tomato sauce with fresh garlic, just like Grandma used to make, surrounds you as you enter [Mama Lucci's restaurant](#). The menu's wide variety of Italian, Middle Eastern, and Greek dishes are all freshly prepared and served in a warm and friendly atmosphere with all the comforts of home.

Carolina and Mostafa opened Mama Lucci's in July of 1995. The restaurant is named after Carolina's mother, whom everyone affectionately calls Mama Lucci. Mama is known in her native Pittsburgh for her specialty recipes, as well as her warm and sincere smile.



## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

Please join me at a ribbon cutting event to celebrate the grand opening of The Branch bowling arcade on Wednesday, November 3rd at 4 pm. Safeway will also celebrate its recent renovation during a ribbon cutting on Friday, November 11th at 10 am. I hope to see you there!



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Employees who have worked for the Town of Leesburg five, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years were recognized during the annual Employee Service Awards on Wednesday, October 13th. Town Manager Kaj Dentler and I presented certificates of appreciation to more than 80 employees. Among them were six who have worked for the Town of Leesburg for 25 years and 14 who have worked for the Town of Leesburg for 20 years. See who they are by clicking [here](#).



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The Commission on Public Art (COPA) and I celebrated the completion of Liberty Street art mural on Friday, October 15th. This is the third mural that has been celebrated in the last three months. I am enjoying all of the public art that has appeared in our Town and invite you to explore it. Click [here](#) for more information.

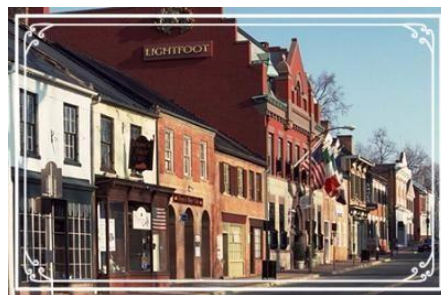


I will officially help kick-off the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign on Friday, November 5th. The event will take place at Market Station in downtown Leesburg beginning at 4 pm. The celebration will be taking place during the Town's Leesburg First Friday event. There will also be a special performance by the Brass Ensemble of the Salvation Army National Capital Area Band of DC. This year's campaign will officially begin on Friday, November 26th and will run until December 24th. Kettles will be located at Giant, Safeway and Walmart stores in Loudoun. A virtual opportunity to give will also be conducted.



The George C. Marshall International Center will host its 17th annual Veterans Day Commemoration on November 11th at 10:30 am on the grounds of Dodona Manor in Leesburg. This free event is open to the public. The keynote speaker will be LTG Bruce Crawford U.S. Army (Ret.) The program is expected to last about 45 minutes. Before and after the program, guests are invited to visit with two of Loudoun's veteran-focused non-profit groups: Veterans Moving Forward and Loudoun Therapeutic Riding. Both organizations feature programs provided at no cost to veterans. Vintage military vehicles will also be on site for guests to explore. Parking is available at the Loudoun County Government Garage on Loudoun Street. RSVP is not required. More information is available [here](#).

## Community Information





**November 2nd General Election:** Offices on the November 2nd ballot include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. Three County government bond questions will also be on the ballot. Sample ballots are available [online](#).

- Early voting continues in Loudoun through Saturday, October 30th. Locations and hours for early voting are [online](#).
- Absentee ballots may be dropped off at more than one dozen [locations in Loudoun](#) through October 30th. If returned by mail, ballots must be postmarked no later than November 2nd. Voters may also drop off their ballots at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration (750 Miller Dr., SE, Leesburg) or any polling place up to 7:00 pm on November 2nd.
- Note: Voters who have requested and received an absentee ballot by mail, but who then change their mind and want to vote in person, must bring the ballot with them to the polling place. This will likely also cause a longer-than-normal wait time for the voter because of the process involved in surrendering the ballot.
- Polls in Loudoun County will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 2nd.

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**Security Screening:** Loudoun County is implementing security screening for visitors at three of its facilities over the next few weeks on the following schedule:

- October 27th, Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- November 10th, Eastern Loudoun Service Center, 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling
- November 17th, Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way NE, Leesburg

Members of the public visiting the three buildings will be directed to pass through the designated security lane at each building. The screening equipment will be operated by contracted security personnel in uniform. The process is touchless; no one will need to empty their pockets or remove their purse, briefcase or backpack. The system is safe for use with medical devices and is wheelchair accessible. The system is designed to detect weapons and alert the security guards who will be at each station. The security screening will be conducted during each building's regular operational hours. This generally includes business hours and evenings when the building remains open to the public past regular business hours, such as during Board of Supervisors meetings.

More information about the prohibition of firearms and ammunition in Loudoun County government facilities is [online](#).

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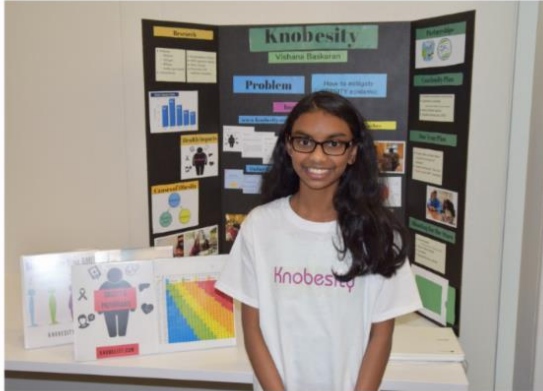
**Workforce Resource Center Offers Saturday Seminars in November:** The following virtual workshops will be offered on Saturdays in November for job seekers as well as current workers seeking to upgrade their skills. Visit [here](#) for detailed information about each event and how to register.

- **Coffee with a Career Counselor:** November 6th, 9:00 - 10:00 am.
- Navigating LinkedIn for New Users: November 6th, 10:00 - 11:00 am.
- Loudoun County Employment Information Session: November 13th, 10:00 - 11:15 am.



- The Mystery of Applicant Tracking Systems: November 20th, 9:00 - 10:30 am.
- Avoiding Job Scams: November 20th, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

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### REGISTRATION CLOSING DECEMBER 17!

Working as a team or individually, middle and high school youth across the county are encouraged to identify an issue of their choice and share their project during the Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition and win \$\$ for their hard work.

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**Hypothermia Shelter:** The shelter, located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg, will open Monday, November 15th for single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals and shower facilities, will be open from 6:30 pm to 7:00 am, seven nights a week through March 31st. The shelter also provides information on other community resources, such as food, medical care and employment opportunities.

A photo ID will be required for admittance to the shelter. Personal bags and belongings must be limited. All bags will be searched. Free bus transportation will be provided daily at the times and locations listed below:

- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House located at 22365 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The bus arrives at 5:30 pm and departs at 5:45 pm.
- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 57 bus stop near the right rear side of the Shenandoah building located at 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. The bus arrives at 6:30 pm and departs at 6:45 pm.

On weekends and holidays, the County will also provide a morning shuttle drop-off from the shelter to each of the stops noted above.

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