

Leesburg District News

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Tuesday is the annual [Give Choose](#) event. I hope you will consider donating to your favorite local charity. And please consider helping Ukraine with coat and blanket donations. Thank you!

Helping Ukraine

TAKE ACTION

**HOW YOU
CAN HELP!**

**SHOW YOUR
SUPPORT
FOR THE
UKRAINIAN
REFUGEES**

helpukrainenova.org



The [Northern Virginia Regional Commission \(NVRC\)](#) is asking for the following donations:

- New/gently used coats
- New blankets
- New pairs of sweat socks/heavy socks
- New pairs of gloves

NVRC asks that you donate your items no later than April 15th as the items must then be boxed and secured for shipping. The items will be shipped to Poland and then make their way to those in need in both Poland and Ukraine. Donation locations in Leesburg are the Loudoun County Government Center, Town of Leesburg Town Hall, Ida Lee Park Recreation Center, and Leesburg Executive Airport.

FAIME Awards



The Loudoun County Disability Services Board presented its 2021 FAIME—Full Accessibility and Inclusion: Moving toward Equity—awards to nine local businesses. The FAIME Awards recognize Loudoun County businesses that demonstrate a commitment to hiring people with disabilities and providing them with opportunities to develop their skills and career in an inclusive work environment.

The 2021 honorees, who received their awards February 25th, are:

- Falcon Heating & Air Conditioning, Sterling
- Harris Teeter, Aldie
- Home Depot, Leesburg
- Home Goods, Ashburn
- Lansdowne Resort, Leesburg
- Salamander Resort & Spa, Middleburg
- Walgreens, Leesburg

- Wegmans Food Markets, Leesburg and Sterling

Workforce Resource Center Ribbon Cutting



On March 16th, we celebrated the new location of the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center in the AutoZone Shopping Center, 705 E Market Street, Suite E, in Leesburg. The center's mission is to connect businesses and job seekers to achieve their employment goals. The new modernized storefront location is embedded in the community providing an array of job seeker and business services at no-cost. Services include:

- Career development workshops
- Job search strategies and resource navigation
- Employer services including recruitment, talent retention, and business consultation
- Job fairs and other employer events
- Employment coaching and services through WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) such as occupational skills training and credentials
- Resource room with computers and equipment to conduct a thorough job search
- Meeting space for community resource partners

Data Center Industry Gives to American Red Cross



Data Center Coalition director, Josh Levy, announces that almost 500 data center industry employees donated blood to the American Red Cross during this spring's blood drive.

I have often pointed out that Loudoun's data centers provide the tax revenues to fund almost all of the County's non-school operating budget. What I don't always point out is how actively involved in our community our data center employees have become. From the American Red Cross to Loudoun Hunger Relief to Backpack Buddies to school fundraisers, and a lot more, our data center volunteers provide a crucial safety network in our County. Their industry provides \$11.50 in tax revenues to the County for every \$1.00 in services it requires. The average home in the County provides \$1.00 in tax revenues, but consumes \$1.60 in services. Without data centers, we would have to increase our tax rate by approximately 40%. And, as we saw at the American Red Cross event this week, we would have a harder time saving lives were it not for the data center employees who gave enough blood to save about 1,500 souls.

Give Choose



Join Loudoun's largest day of giving, [Give Choose](#), on Tuesday, March 29th. Give Choose is a 24-hour online community giving event hosted by the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties to support 135 nonprofit organizations serving our community by providing human services and education, protecting our environment and animals, and promoting arts, culture, and history.

On March 29th, your gift will be reflected in the totals on the leaderboard. Learn more and give back [here](#). Thank you!

Driving Loudoun's Tourism Economy

Visit Loudoun will also be hosting [strategic planning sessions](#) for its new three-year strategic plan being introduced on July 1st. These sessions are open to residents, business owners, past visitors, and potential visitors, and allow all stakeholders to give input on the initiatives outlined in the strategic plan. The sessions will take place:

- April 13th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington-Dulles International Airport
- April 13th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington-Dulles International Airport
- April 13th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington-Dulles International Airport
- April 14th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at 8 Chains North Winery
- April 14th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 8 Chains North Winery
- April 14th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm virtually

You only need to attend one of the sessions. Space is limited in each session. Please choose the dates and times that work for your schedule. You will be notified on Monday, April 11th of the session you should plan to attend based on your choices. Register [here](#) by Friday, April 8th. Thank you for your participation!

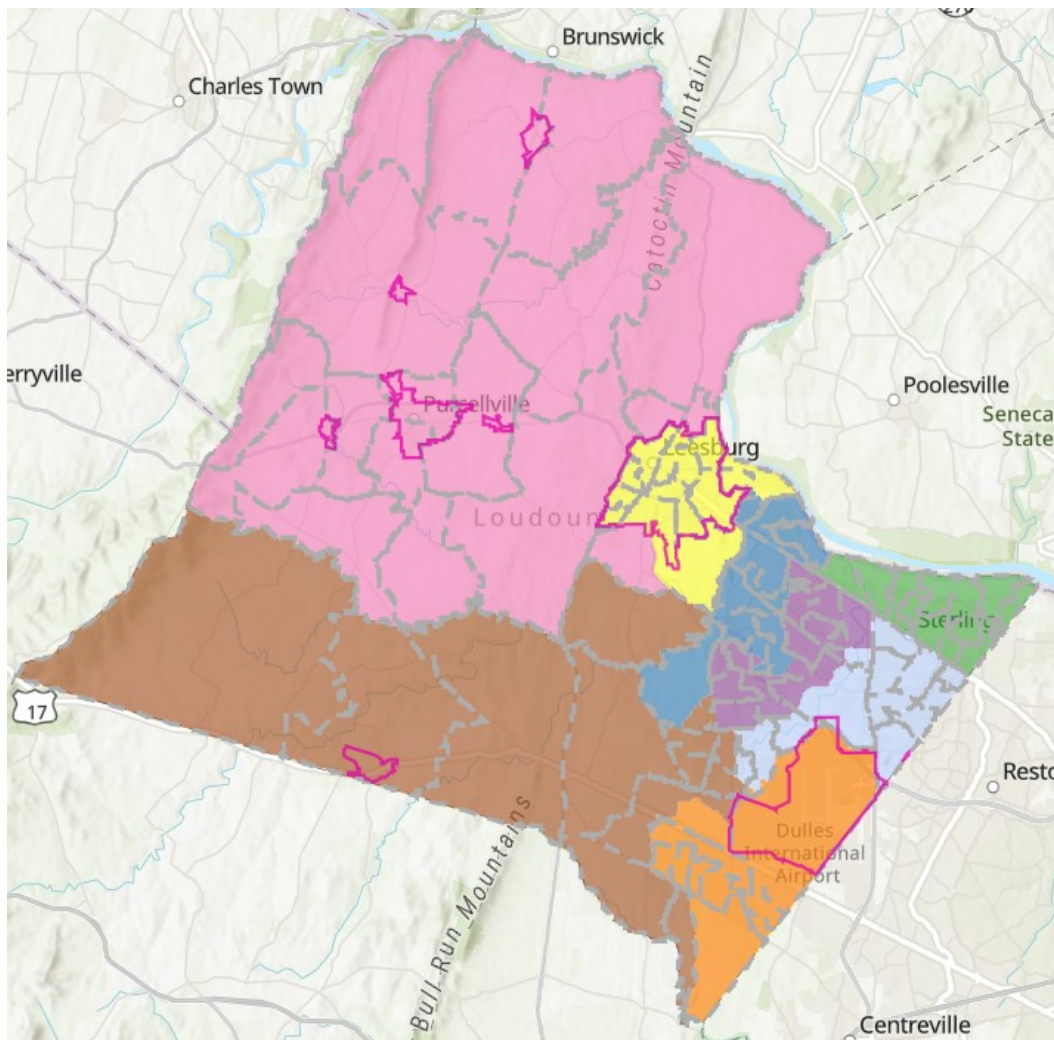
County Redistricting

At the [March 15th Board business meeting](#), the Board majority voted to forward the refinements to the Letourneau-Turner Redistricting Plan identified as "LT-Revised 1" and

the original Letourneau-Turner map as a backup should the primary LT-Revised 1 map be infeasible to the May 11th public hearing. Staff will return with an evaluation of the new LT-Revised 1 map at the April 5th Board business meeting. The LT-Revised 1 map has not been evaluated with respect to precinct implications.

We also discussed potential names for the new brown district or District 7. Now that the St. Louis precinct was moved to District 7 in the LT-Revised 1 map, the Blue Ridge Mountains are located in the district. Potential names under consideration are Little River, Evergreen, and Blue Ridge. Names for the other districts remained the same. Members of the public are welcome to submit input on all district names at the May 11th public hearing.

I appreciate staff's hard work and the hard work that a number of Board offices have put into this process. The refinements to the Letourneau-Turner map are based on the input from our constituents or communities of interest. The residents who live in the area southwest of Leesburg have reached out to me and asked to be part of a rural district not an urban Leesburg district. Those who advocate that this process should have ended back in February don't allow for constituent concerns to be addressed by the Board. Every refinement that has come forth in Supervisor Turner's motion with Supervisor Buffington's friendly amendment has been in response to what we are hearing from citizens throughout the County. I was happy to support the LT-Revised 1 map (please see the map below).



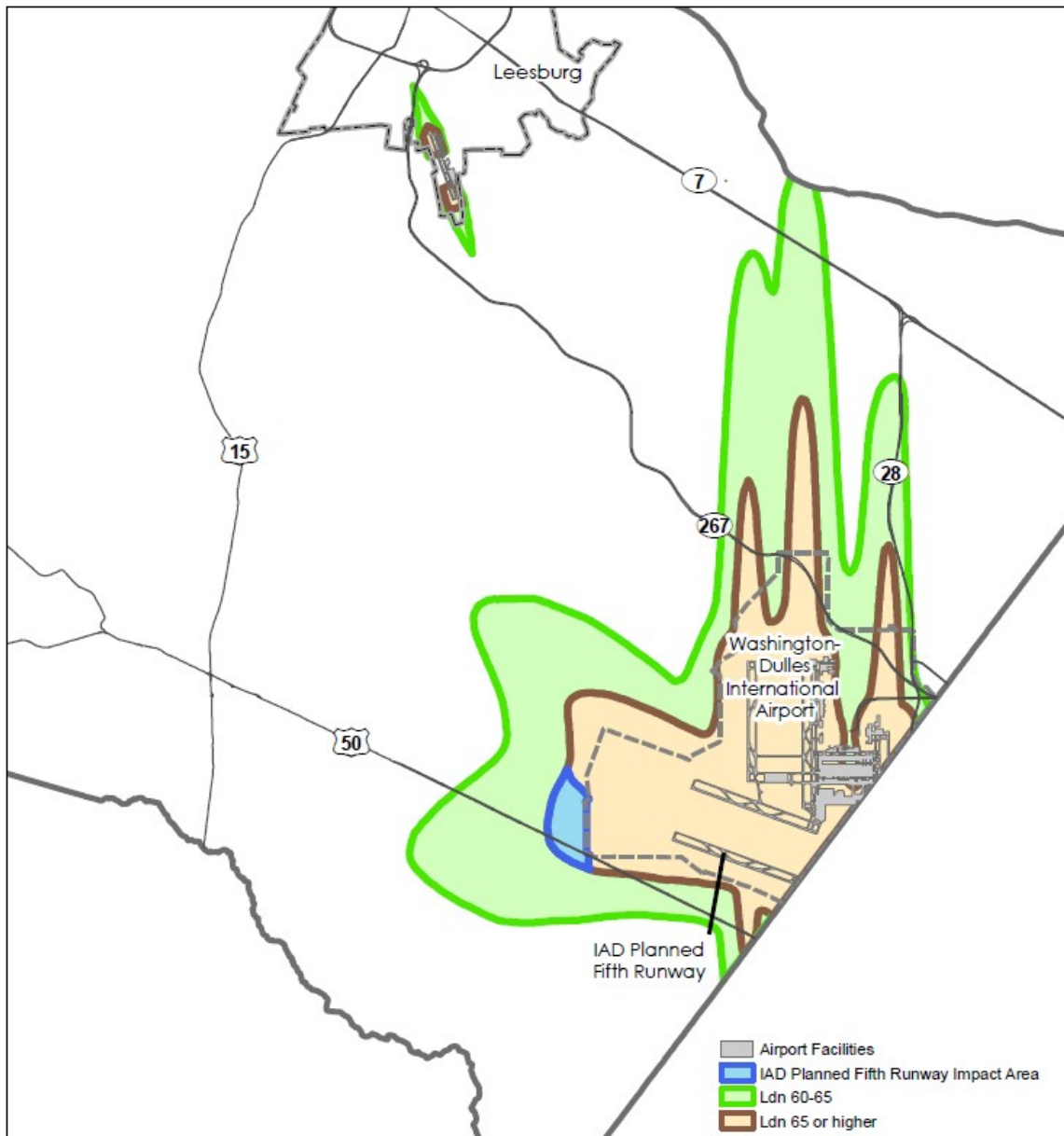
Airport Impact Overlay District

At the [March 1st Board business meeting](#), we unanimously voted to remove the Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD) Planned Fifth Runway Impact Area from the scope of the Airport Impact Overlay District and restore the notice requirements within the one-mile buffer outside of the Ldn 60 Noise Contour for both the Leesburg Executive Airport and IAD (please see proposed map below).

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) supports adoption of the updated noise contours as presented in the 2019 Noise Study and the prohibition on new residential development inside the Ldn 65 or higher impact area. Fully addressing MWAA's concern would entail eliminating the IAD Planned Fifth Runway Impact Area and reverting this area to the Ldn 65 or higher impact area, which would prohibit new residential development. Based on the net 10.8 acres of land that are proposed to be removed from the Ldn 65 or higher aircraft noise impact area, residential development

capacity would marginally expand but the annual change in revenues and expenditures can be considered fiscally neutral.

The Town of Leesburg and Leesburg Executive Airport sent a letter opposing the elimination of the one-mile buffer. I support maintaining the one-mile buffer for disclosure for both airports, which is consistent with the position of MWAA, the Town of Leesburg, and Leesburg Executive Airport. I want to thank the Board for voting to maintain the one-mile buffer outside of the noise contours so homeowners receive notification when they purchase their properties. This notice will increase community awareness of aircraft noise and reduce legal liabilities in the future.



FY 2023 Budget

At the last [budget work session](#), the Board voted 7-2 to approve the appropriations resolution based on budget amendments made during the Board's work sessions. The Board settled on two significant tax rate reductions. First, we have settled on a 9-cent reduction in the real estate tax rate in an attempt to offset much of this year's increase in assessed values. We will reduce the real estate tax rate from its current 98 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value down to 89 cents per hundred dollars of assessed value. Second, we have settled on a 5 cent reduction in the personal property tax rate. This is the tax that you pay on your car. It is also the tax that businesses pay on their business personal property. This tax rate will go from the current \$4.20 per hundred dollars of assessed value to \$4.15 per hundred dollars of assessed value. We are mindful that vehicle assessments have gone up significantly, so the Board has also taken the step of authorizing the Commissioner of Revenue to apply a 20% reduction to vehicle assessments.

In order to cut the budget by over \$8 million from the original estimates and still fund the schools, we postponed the creation of a County-run Health Department. We also decided to use federal, instead of local, funds for an expansion of the body-worn camera program requested by the Sheriff. We were also able to increase the Sheriff's traffic safety force by adding 4 field deputies. And we were able to keep our commitment to increase the funds for affordable housing by \$5.9 million by leveraging developer proffers and the local cigarette tax.

As to the schools, the most important part of our budget, we were able to increase funding for the schools by \$53.7 million over the previous year. This was more than the \$49.9 million in additional funds that the Superintendent had estimated LCPS would need to fund teacher raises, new facilities, and inflationary costs, but it was less than the School Board requested (\$75 million) when they amended the Superintendent's draft budget. Over the last two years, the schools had seen a 4-5% loss in enrollment, however almost half of the 4,000 (out of 83,000) students who left LCPS during 2020 and 2021 have re-enrolled and I expect that more will be returning to LCPS for the upcoming school year. Residential growth in the County continues to increase pressure on the schools. Funding the School Board's full request would have required increasing the new proposed real estate tax rate to approximately 91 cents. Given that our residents and businesses are also dealing with inflation in their property assessments, their cost of living, and the economic aftermath of government shutdowns, I believe we had to be mindful of what our taxpayers could afford and I support the \$53.7 million increase in school funding.

At the March 17th work session, we adopted the FY 2023 - FY 2028 Capital Improvement Program and directed staff to perform the following amendments.

- Conduct a Countryside Boulevard-Area Pedestrian Safety Study and process an FY 2022 budget adjustment that would move \$200,000 from the sidewalk and trails contingency project to this project.
- Create a project to install bus shelters along the local fixed-route bus routes, initiate the planning and engineering services necessary to identify locations, develop standard details, site plans, and coordinate with VDOT and the Town of Leesburg using previously appropriated funds; and direct staff to prepare a cost estimate to implement the construction phase of the

bus shelter project and propose the project as part of the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program budget.

- Create a Waterford Traffic Calming project and move \$500,000 to fund design in FY 2023.

We will take a final vote on the FY 2023 budget at the Board business meeting on April 5th. For more information, please visit the [County's budget website](#).

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month **American Legion Post 34**



Join us for the Annual American Legion Post 34 golf fundraiser at the spectacular Gary Player designed Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club in Leesburg on Friday, May 20th starting with breakfast at 7:30 am. The American Legion Post 34 sponsors youth programs, such as American Legion Baseball and Boys & Girls State.

Please visit [here](#) for sign up, online payment and sponsorship opportunities. Price is \$175 per person and includes golf, breakfast, post-play buffet, and goody bag with auctions and raffles. Please register early because there is a 144 player limit.

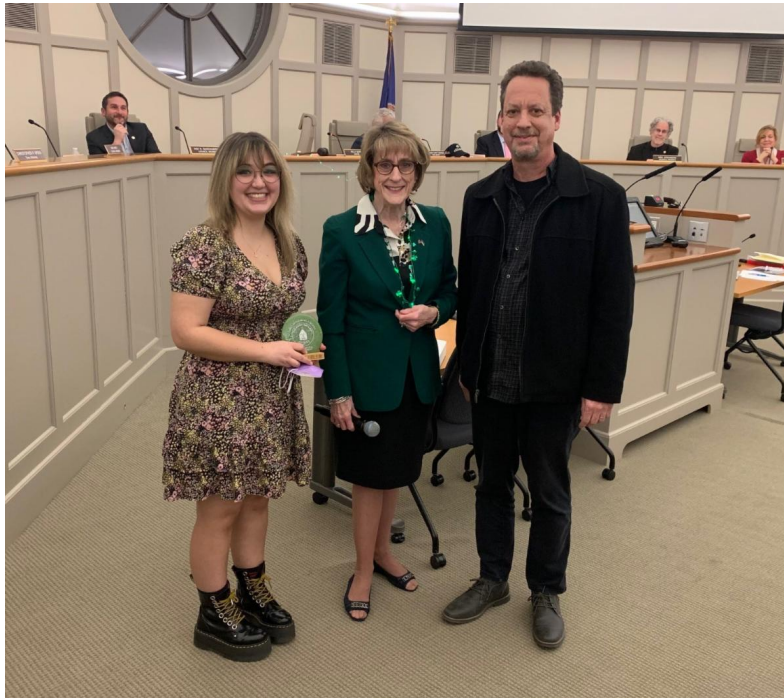


Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

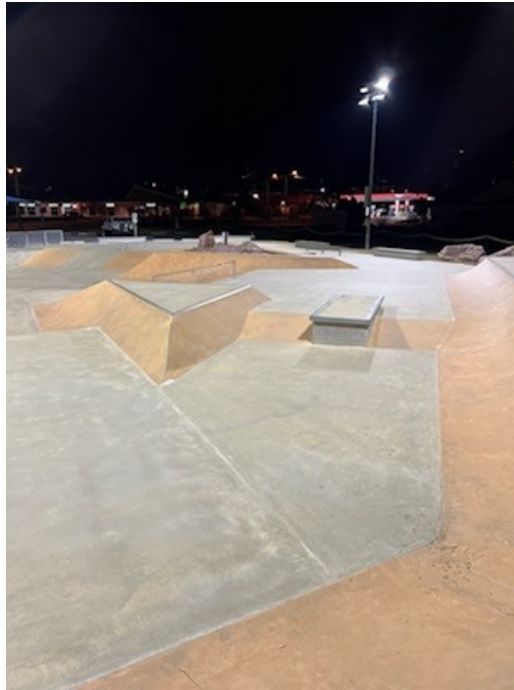
Spring Residential Newsletter: The Town of Leesburg's spring residential newsletter is now available to view on the [Town's website](#). It highlights current news and upcoming events. The newsletter is intended to give residents an update on what is happening in the Town of Leesburg. To see the newsletter online, or to register to receive it via email or text, visit [here](#). Limited copies will be printed and made available in the Town Hall lobby (25 W Market Street).



The Leesburg Parks and Recreation Department will host its [30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt](#) on Saturday, April 9 from 12 pm to 3 pm at Ida Lee Park. Pre-registration is required and the cost to participate is \$10 per child. Registration ends on Friday, April 8th. There will be no day of registration. The event will be held rain or shine and parking will be available in the front fields located off North King Street. For more information and to register, call Ida Lee Park Recreation Center at 703-777-1368 or visit [here](#).



The Leesburg Town Council and Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) Chair Paul Sheaffer presented Leesburg resident Lexi Howard with the 2021 John W. Tolbert Jr. Environmental Achievement Award. Last year, during her senior year of high school, Howard created Project Pollinate, which helps bring awareness to the importance of pollination. She launched a website, which provides a brief overview of pollinators, native plants, and how others can get involved. It is her goal to save and restore native plant populations that help pollinator populations. The Tolbert award recognizes students, community groups, and individuals that conduct or participate in activities that benefit the Town's environment. Such activities are vital to sustaining the quality and health of our community and significantly contribute to the long-term well-being of our Town for generations to come.



Lights have been installed at the Eric Brown Skate Plaza, at Catoctin Park, which has been a regular request by park users since the park opened in 2017. The lights are operational by push button until 10 pm daily. There is a sign posted on the light pole that provides the operating guidelines. The park is open to the public beginning at dawn. It will now remain open until 10 pm as long as weather is favorable for skating.

The annual [Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation](#) takes place April 1st to 30th that actively promotes civic participation and action around water conservation, efficiency, and the sustainability of our nation's water-based ecosystems. Leesburg residents are being asked to make online pledges to reduce pollution, water waste, and explore ways to improve the health of their community. Participants will be eligible to win \$3,000 toward their home utility payments in addition to other eco-friendly prizes. They can also nominate a deserving charity in town to win a 2022 Toyota Highlander Hybrid. Residents can find water-saving tips and make their pledges [here](#).

The 18th annual [Keep Leesburg Beautiful](#) community clean-up and beautification campaign will begin on April 1st and will run the entire month of April. An official cleanup event will take place on Saturday, April 2nd, at Raflo Park, beginning at 10 am. Learn more [here](#).

Community Information



Crosstrail Boulevard - Sycolin Road to the Dulles Greenway: The online public comment period on the proposed changes to limited access control on Route 267/Dulles Greenway that will result from the extension of Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to the Dulles Greenway is open through March 30th. The configuration of the break/opening in limited access control must be adjusted to accommodate the planned extension of Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road to the Dulles Greenway and to close access to Shreve Mill Road between the Dulles Greenway and Sycolin Road. To watch a recorded presentation and submit a comment, visit the [project page](#).

The Crosstrail Boulevard Extension project provides for the design and the construction of a new four-lane, median-divided road between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway interchange. It includes a four-span bridge over the south tributary to Sycolin Creek and shared-use paths on both sides of the new road.

THE LOUDOUN KITCHEN & BAR PRESENTS

CJ3 FOUNDATION

Charity Event



JOSH NOVEY

4 - 5PM
Team member of the "Veterans of Comedy"
@joshnoveycomedy



CHRIS DARLINGTON BAND

5 - 8PM
Country Band
<https://linktr.ee/chris22620>

This annual event is held to honor all U.S. Military Service Members, Veterans, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and Emergency/First Responders. If you swore an oath and chose to serve in any of the heroic categories listed, you are cordially invited as our guests of honor. If you do not fall into one of the listed hero categories but respect, appreciate, and support them, please come out and join us as well!

All are welcome to celebrate our heroes!

3 APRIL 2022 // 1-10 PM

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CJ3 Foundation Charity Event: The annual event will be held at the Loudoun Kitchen & Bar, 510 E Market Street in Leesburg on April 3rd from 1 pm to 10 pm. It is to honor all

U.S. Military Service Members, Veterans, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, and Emergency/First Responders. If you swore an oath and chose to serve in any of the heroic categories listed, you are cordially invited as our guests of honor. If you do not fall into one of the listed hero categories but respect, appreciate, and support them, please come out and join us to raise donations to purchase our next service dog for our upcoming CJ3 Service Dog Recipient.

Students Encouraged to Apply for Youth in Government Day: Loudoun County is offering high school students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of their local government by participating in Youth in Government Day, Tuesday, May 3rd. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to apply for the event, which offers students the chance to meet members of the Board of Supervisors and attend the Board's business meeting May 3rd. The students will also meet County staff members to learn about County government departments as well as careers they might be interested in pursuing. Participants in the event will also actively participate in a problem-solving exercise involving real-world challenges faced by local governments. The deadline to apply to participate in the event is Friday, April 22nd. Visit [here](#) to fill out an application.



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Protect Your Privacy & Head to the Shred!

Spring cleaning is right around the corner and what better way to securely de-clutter your workspace or home office than a community Shred Event. Through our partnership with Rover Records, we have the opportunity to provide local business owners a safe method to dispose of their unwanted records and documents including:

- All paper
- File folders
- Notepads
- Envelopes



Join us on April 9th for an opportunity to connect with your local Leesburg community members. Additionally, our team will be strictly enforcing all COVID-19 safety measures including social distancing, cleaning stations, and more. If you prefer, you can stay in your car and we'll do the heavy lifting for you.

As always, the event will be held rain or shine – looking forward to seeing you soon!





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