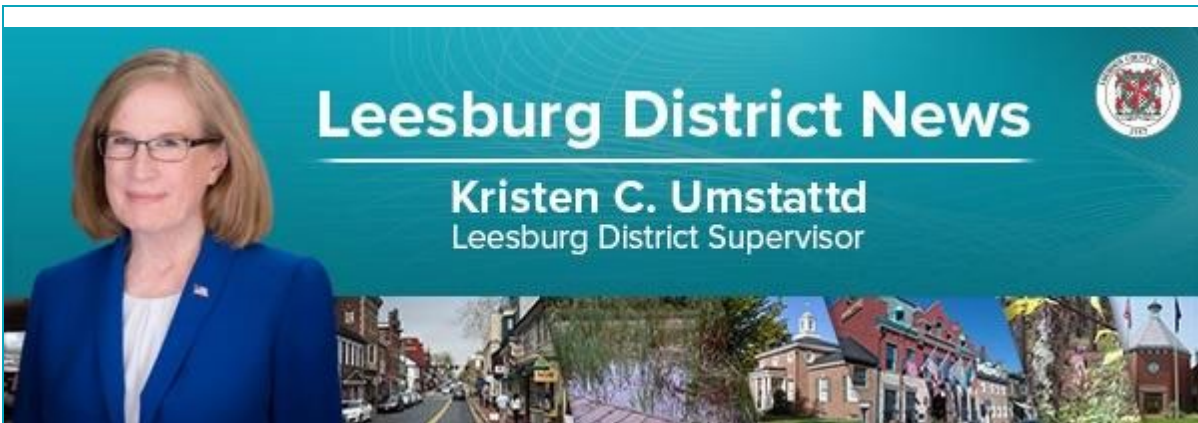




I hope everyone who celebrates had a nice Thanksgiving. Please join me and Mayor Burk at the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony this Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm at the Town Green. And don't forget the Christmas and Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 10th at 6:00 pm. For more details, please visit Mayor Burk's Corner. Thank you!

Silver Line Grand Opening



On November 15th, the Board joined national, regional and local dignitaries — including U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg — for a ceremony hosted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), marking the official opening of the Dulles Airport Metrorail Station and the Silver Line extension. In addition, we hosted a ribbon cutting and reception at the new Ashburn Metrorail Station, which is the end of the Silver Line in Loudoun County.

Here are four things to know about riding Metrorail in Loudoun.

1. **Three New Stations:** Loudoun County has three new Metrorail stations: Ashburn, Loudoun Gateway and Washington Dulles International Airport. More information about each station, including video tours, may be found [here](#).
2. **Metro Parking:** Need to park your car or bike before you hop on a train? The Metro parking garages in Loudoun feature electric vehicle charging stations, bike racks, daily parking and reserved parking. Loudoun County operates the Ashburn South and Loudoun Gateway garages. The Ashburn North garage, which is operated privately, is also an option for commuters.
3. **New Bus Routes:** Loudoun County Transit offers [new bus service](#) that connects riders with Metrorail, including to and from Loudoun Park and Ride lots.
4. **Plan Your Trip:** Riders can plan their trips with online tools, including [WMATA's Metro Trip Planner](#), which includes Metrorail service and bus service to and from Metrorail stations. You can also use the planner to calculate your fare, which is based on the service, ride length, day, and time you ride. Purchase a [SmarTrip® card](#), which is the easiest method to pay Metrorail fares.

Everything you need to know about accessing and using Metro from Loudoun County is posted [here](#).

Silver Line Bus Fare Waiver

During our November 15th Board business meeting, we approved waiving fares on the County's new Silver Line bus routes through January 2, 2023. Paratransit bus service that offers ADA-accessible buses will also have a waived fee within three-quarters of a mile of the new routes through January 2, 2023.

The county's new Silver Line bus routes will take passengers to and from the Ashburn and Loudoun Gateway stations in Loudoun County and to and from the Innovation and Reston Town Center stations in Fairfax County. For a complete list of the 21 new Loudoun County bus routes, the Metrorail stations they connect to, the route schedules, and a summary of routes, visit [here](#). Expanded service hours on these routes will be phased in over the next several months.

Due to a nationwide bus driver shortage, the County will initially provide Silver Line bus services on limited schedules. As a result, some routes will be served temporarily by transit vans. These new routes — 331, 332, 341, 342, 343, 344, 351, 373, 374, and 375 — will eventually be served by the County's standard transit buses. Users of the bus service should visit the [County's website](#) for ongoing, up-to-date information regarding bus services throughout this rapidly evolving situation.

Public Input for Transit Strategic Plans

The County is seeking community input to update the strategic plans for its transit and commuter assistance programs. Members of the public are invited to provide comments

about their transportation needs and priorities through listening sessions and an online survey. This input will help the county develop effective transportation services for the community. For more information about the strategic planning process, visit [here](#).

Comments may be provided through an [online survey](#) as well as an in-person meeting in Leesburg and a virtual session.

- Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm - In-Person Listening Session, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg.
- Thursday, December 1, 6:00 pm - Virtual Public Listening Session: Information on how to access the meeting is available [here](#).

Road Renaming Business Assistance Program

At the November 15th Board business meeting, we approved \$443,250 for a [Road Renaming Business Assistance Program](#) to businesses on roads being renamed due to an association with Confederate and segregationist symbols. Staff will implement a one-time, fixed amount grant program to offset business road renaming expenses.

Affected business owners may apply for a grant of \$500 for eligible home-based businesses or \$750 for eligible non-home-based businesses. Proof of the required change may be requested at the time of application (i.e., photograph, site visit). A separate grant of up to \$5,000 will be made available to affected business owners who have a storefront or freestanding sign or vehicle signage that requires replacement or modification. The sign must currently include either the full address, or, in the case of a required numerical change, the numerical portion of the address. The business owner must provide photographs of the needed sign modification(s), as well as receipts for the actual cost of the needed change.

My compliments to the Economic Development staff who worked on this grant program. Based on research of grant programs implemented by neighboring jurisdictions, survey results, and quotes obtained for signs and other adjustments, Economic Development staff developed the fairest and most effective proposal possible. Thank you to the Board and staff for taking this initiative seriously. For updates on grant implementation, please visit the [project webpage](#).

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month Smiles of Loudoun



Have you been looking for a new home for your dental care in Leesburg? Are you ready to take the first step toward a better smile? Call 571-510-3034 to schedule a visit with Dr. Steve Yopa, Dr. Neha Agarwal or Dr. Salar Ebrahimi at [Smiles of Loudoun Dentistry](#). You will experience one-on-one care in a family atmosphere, where we take all the time you need and customize your treatment for your smile's needs.



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

I want to thank everyone who took the time to vote on November 8th. When you vote, you are participating in a very important part of democracy no matter what level. It is just as important for citizens to vote for their local officials as it is any position and I want to thank the supporters of my 2022 campaign. You have given me another opportunity to serve you and the Town of Leesburg. We have accomplished so much but, as always, there is much more work to be done. I will continue to reach out to the community in multiple ways and my door is always open to share your ideas and concerns.

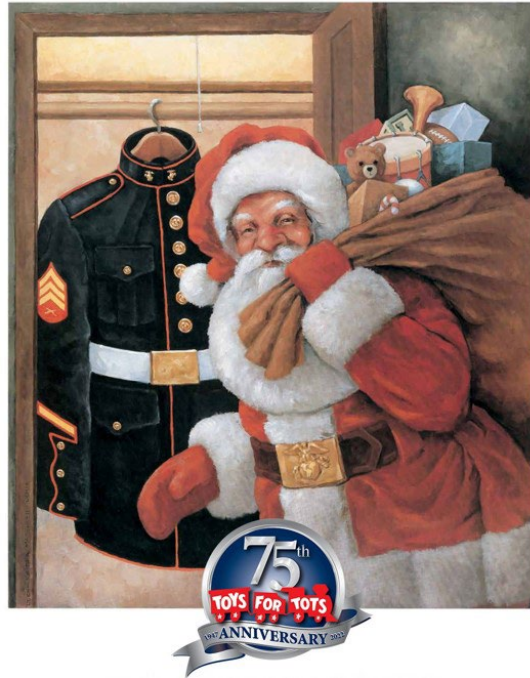


Holiday Tree Lighting: The Town of Leesburg will hold the annual holiday tree lighting ceremony on the Town Green (25 W Market Street), on Friday, December 2 at 6 pm. This event is free and open to the public. It will also be broadcasted live on the Town's Facebook page. For more information and updates, visit [here](#).



Holiday Parking in Downtown Leesburg: On-street metered parking spaces are free. Parking in the Town Hall parking garage is already free due to on-going repair work. Parking is limited. There is a two-hour parking limit at on-street spaces on weekdays from 8 am to 5 pm. Regular parking rates will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023, beginning at 8 am.

TOYS FOR TOTS



Toys for Tots: The Town of Leesburg is once again partnering with the Loudoun County Marine Corps League Detachment 1205 to sponsor this year's Toys for Tots campaign. Toys will be collected now through Friday, December 9 at five drop-off locations:

- Town Hall, 25 West Market Street
- Thomas Balch Library, 208 West Market Street
- Leesburg Police Department, 65 Plaza Street NE
- Ida Lee Park Recreation Center, 60 Ida Lee Drive NW
- Leesburg Executive Airport, 1001 Sycolin Road SE

Donated toys should be new, unwrapped, and appropriate for children ages newborn to 16 years. They will be distributed solely within Loudoun County. Monetary donations may be given directly to the local branch of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation by visiting their [website](#).

Christmas and Holiday Parade: The annual Christmas and Holiday Parade will take place on Saturday, December 10. It will begin at 6 pm at Ida Lee Park and travel down

King Street through historic Leesburg ending at Fairview Street. A rain date has been scheduled for Sunday, December 11.



Community Information

Public Input on American Rescue Plan Act Funding Priorities: Residents and businesses are asked to provide input on how the County should spend \$7.5 million of the \$80 million it will receive from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which financially supports local communities as they address the negative impacts of COVID-19 and lay the foundation for recovery.

The **online survey** seeks information regarding five topics:

- Business reinvestment and recovery.
- Child care.
- Economic development for small businesses.
- Nonprofit funding.
- Transportation.

Members of the public are asked to rank three topics in priority order, and then note specific areas within those topics that are most important. Residents can also add other items not already on the list. The survey can be completed in less than 15 minutes. Responses are anonymous. It is available in **Spanish** and will remain open through December 23rd.

Upcoming December Events at Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS):

- Holiday Lights Trail for Dogs: Thursday, December 15th – Sunday, December 18th at LCAS, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg.
- Home For the Holidays Adoption Event: Saturday, December 17th at the Animal Shelter, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg.
- Winter Camp: Monday, December 19th – Thursday, December 22nd at LCAS, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg.

Thank-you to Maggie Steinhilper for forwarding information about the Animal Shelter's upcoming events.

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