



Leesburg District News

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Wishing you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a healthy and peaceful New Year! Loudoun County government administrative offices will be closed Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The county is also closed on Monday, January 2nd for the New Year's holiday.

Christmas and the Holidays in Leesburg



Holidays with the Cops Program



On December 8th, the Leesburg Police Department made the holidays a little brighter for some of Leesburg's families and children, through the Holidays with the Cops Program. Each of the 18 children were paired up with a uniformed Leesburg Police Officer or Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team member and allotted a sum of money to spend on holiday gifts. Holidays with the Cops began with dinner for the children and their "shopping buddies" at the Leesburg Diner. After dinner, the police officers escorted the children to the Leesburg Target, where they were able to shop to their hearts' content. Annually, many of the children choose to also purchase gifts & necessary household items for family members. Once the children finished their shopping, volunteers from the Leesburg Police Citizens Support Team & LPD dispatchers helped the children wrap their gifts.

The Holidays with the Cops Program is made possible only through the generous contributions of Leesburg community members, businesses, and LPD employees. We would like to thank the Leesburg Diner, Leesburg Target, and the many others that donated to this wonderful annual program! Community members and businesses interested in supporting Holidays with the Cops with in-kind or monetary donations should contact Officer Carter at jcarter2@leesburgva.gov or 703-771-4500.

Leesburg Shelter

LOUDOUN COUNTY HYPOTHERMIA SHELTER

November 15, 2022 - March 31, 2023

**Loudoun Homeless Services Center
19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg**



loudoun.gov/HomelessServices

The next 48 hours will be dangerously cold. The [Hypothermia Prevention Shelter](#) is located at Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg. Free bus transportation will be provided daily in the front of the Shenandoah Office Building, 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. Pickup time is 6:30 pm. For more information about transportation, call 703-771-5429.

Due to limited space, all guests will be asked to store personal belongings (outside of limited essential items) in secure storage on site. Note that the Loudoun County firearms ordinance prohibits firearms and ammunition in county facilities.

Segregated Schools Study

During the December 6th Board meeting, we approved a [plan to study the county's history of segregated schools](#) and consider ways to reconcile the impact of that history on Loudoun alumni, faculty, staff, their descendants and the greater community. The Center for Race and Public Education in the South (CRPES) at the University of Virginia will help facilitate the two-phase, multi-year project. The estimated cost of consultant services for both phases of the study will not exceed \$250,000.

The first phase of this project, which is expected to begin in January 2023, will result in a comprehensive study of the historical and current impacts of segregated education in Loudoun. CRPES experts will be charged with documenting and calculating the economic, social and educational impacts of segregated schools.

The second phase will include a Reconciliation Task Force composed of individuals representing Loudoun's historic African American villages, Douglass High School and Carver School alumni, and descendants of the County Wide League of Black PTAs, which purchased and conveyed the Douglass High School property. This task force will examine

lingering educational inequities, conduct community listening sessions for impacted individuals and their descendants, and recommend reconciliation measures.

Opportunity to Serve

In the New Year, there is an opportunity to serve on the Communications Commission for the Leesburg District. The Communications Commission provides recommendations to the Board pertaining to Broadband, Cable Franchise Operators, Open Video Systems (OVS) Operators, and other related Cable Television and video services within Loudoun County. If you are interested in serving, please fill out the online application form [here](#). Thank you.

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month
REHAU Leesburg



As the Americas headquarters for the privately held manufacturer, [REHAU Leesburg](#) oversees operations across 20 sales offices, nine plants and eight logistics centers throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Central and South America. The campus is situated at the intersection of Edwards Ferry Road and Battlefield Parkway. From plant, machine and apparatus engineering to the refrigeration industry and the end customer, REHAU has in-depth expertise in the areas of materials, processing and manufacturing of technical hoses, profiles, seals and system solutions..



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

The holidays are a festive time of year when we share special moments with our family, friends and loved ones, and look ahead to a new year filled with promise and opportunity. During this season of hope and joy, I offer my sincere thanks to all of our neighbors and business owners for your continued collaboration, cooperation, and support. I also want to express my appreciation to all Town of Leesburg employees for your dedication, commitment, and service to our community. The outstanding work you perform each and every day enhances quality of life and exemplifies what building community is all about. Happy holidays to one and all!



Leesburg Town Council Swearing-In: A swearing-in ceremony was held on Thursday, December 15 for Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk, Council Member Neil Steinberg, and Council Members-elect Dr. Todd Cimino-Johnson and Patrick Wilt. The ceremony took place at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center and aired live on the Town's Facebook page, which can be seen [here](#).



Holiday Parking in Downtown Leesburg: A reminder that parking is free in the historic downtown now through Monday, January 2. This includes the Town Hall parking garage and on-street meters.



Private Property Mural: On Saturday, December 3, the Town of Leesburg celebrated the completion of the Town's first private property mural, located on the side of Maverick Bicycles, 32c Catoclin Circle SE, in the Virginia Village Shopping Center. The mural depicts music notes and musicians performing in the historic downtown per requirements in a recent "Call to Artists".

Bulk Leaf Collection: Leesburg's annual bulk leaf collection will end the week of December 26. Leaves must be in the street, by Monday at 6 am, as Town crews make their final run through the neighborhoods. After this date and time, any new leaves must be set out in covered trash cans or placed in bags for collection by Patriot Disposal, Inc., the Town's trash and recycling contractor. If residents have leaves during the winter months, and they are prepared as noted above, they will be collected as trash on residents' regular trash and recycling collection days. For more information, please call 703-771-2790.



Community Information



Loudoun Coalition on Women and Girls Voices of Loudoun Women Pulse Survey:

The online five-minute survey is 14 questions long. Previous surveys identified child care support, employment connections, and access to health care as the top three challenges faced by Loudoun women. The survey is open until Saturday, December 31st.

Community Survey: The survey includes questions about quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local government services and residents' use of services. Households that are selected to participate are scheduled to receive a survey invitation in the mail in December. The mailing is being sent to a statistically representative sampling of 5,000 Loudoun County households. A follow-up online survey will be made available to the broader community in mid-January so that anyone who is interested may participate. Responses are anonymous and will be analyzed to gain a full understanding of the Loudoun County community. Results of the survey are expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2023.

Nominations for Environmental Excellence Awards: For 2023, the theme will be projects that specifically impact litter prevention, education or clean up. Nominations for projects that focus on other areas of the environment are also welcome. Nominations can be submitted through this [online form](#) and the deadline is February 28, 2023. Winners will be notified in March with presentation of the awards scheduled for April.

The nominations should include a brief overview of the project or person being nominated, information on how the project or person contributed to the preservation and protection of Loudoun County's environment, what specific results have been achieved, whether the project is sustainable and what best practices can be learned from the initiative.

Nominations are being accepted in seven categories:

- Citizen or Community Group (examples: Nonprofit organization, club, faith-based group, etc.)
- Educator – Teacher or School employee
- Government Employee or Program/Team

- Large Business (over 100 employees)
- Lifetime Achievement (Individual)
- Small Business (under 100 employees)
- Student – Individual or Group



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luther.miller@loudoun.gov or 703-737-8188

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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 January 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

Developed by 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 online](#) or contact Luther Miller of the Loudoun County Department of Family Services at luther.miller@loudoun.gov or 703-737-8188.

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