

February is Black History Month. African-American history is abundantly present among the records retained in the Loudoun Clerk of the Circuit Court's office and intertwined among the Courthouse's history. In the Community Information section, please see a Black History Program offered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company



Within a few days of being sworn in by Chair Randall and Mayor Burk, the men and women of the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company and their County career partners were fighting a fire in downtown Leesburg. We are fortunate to have them with us.

Rescue Squad



LCVRS Vice-president Stevan Porter and Chief Deborah Bowlds run the awards program at the annual meeting of the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad. Congratulations to all recipients and to Marie Householder for continuing as President of the LCVRS Auxiliary.

MLK March



All year long, the members of the "I Have a Dream Committee" prepare for the annual March in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The turnout is always good, but this year, the turnout was spectacular. Thanks to Tammy Carter and her committee for all their efforts.

FY 2024 Budget

At the January 3rd Board business meeting, I moved that the Board direct the County Administrator to prepare the [FY 2024 proposed budget](#) with net new local tax funding being split between the County Government and Loudoun County Public Schools at a ratio of 40 percent/60 percent and at a real property tax rate of \$0.88 and a personal property tax rate of \$4.15, with options to increase the real property tax rate by 1.5 cents,

one that would maintain the 40 percent/60 percent split and one that would direct the full 1.5 cents to the County Government.

The County Administrator will present the proposed FY 2024 budget to the Board on February 15th at 5:00 pm. Budget public hearings are scheduled on Wednesday, March 1st at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 4th at 9:00 am. All meetings will be held in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg.

Data Centers and the Community

Data centers' financial contributions to our county have been well documented. Loudoun's data centers return more than \$15 dollars in tax revenue to the county for every dollar in services they receive, enabling these data centers over the previous year to pay for almost the entire County operating budget. Compare this to housing. For every one dollar of taxes (real estate plus vehicles) paid by the average home with one LCPS student, the home will require \$2.25 in school services, which cost about \$18,000/year per student. Without data centers to support Loudoun's economy, school and other public service costs would drive our projected tax rate up from \$.88 to \$1.43.

Over the past year, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors has heard from many Loudoun small businesses, including construction firms and contractors, restaurants, and professional service firms, about the immense impact and importance of the data center industry in driving economic development and employment in our community. The businesses that support and rely on Loudoun data centers employ over 40,000 people – equivalent to about 10% of our total population.

We know that data centers have a clear economic impact on our County. But, because data centers don't often issue press releases, not as many people know about the tremendous contributions data centers make strengthening communities, like Loudoun, where their teams live and work. Below are a few examples from the past year:

- Data centers have been committed to educating our students and cultivating an interest in STEM and related careers. In December, Amazon Web Services launched its latest Think Big Space at Simpson Middle School in Leesburg. A collaborative effort between Loudoun County Public Schools, Loudoun Education Foundation (LEF), and CodeVA, this educational hub is dedicated to encouraging Loudoun County students to explore hands-on approaches to solving real-world problems. The data center company Equinix has promoted opportunities within the industry at career days in the county, including hosting 10 LCPS students at their corporate offices in Ashburn. Since 2018, AFCOM's local Potomac Chapter has provided paid internships for undergraduate students within the data center community.
- Beyond their support of students and schools, data centers and their employees are committed to helping those in need in our County.
- Data centers like AWS and Equinix have supported LEF's Backpack Coalition to provide weekend meals to food-insecure students and their families.
- Staff from STACK Infrastructure volunteered at a community farm in Purcellville, helping to harvest more than 400 pounds of food - the equivalent of 326 healthy meals, for local food pantry partners.

- Teams from Vantage Data Centers packed nearly 400 meal kits for Loudoun Hunger Relief in September and donated 200 meal bags for Thanksgiving this year.
- Leading up to the holidays, data center CyrusOne donated 10,000 square feet of office space in Sterling for collection, storage, and distribution for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots 2022 toy drive in Loudoun County.
- In November, more than 100 volunteers from the data center industry came together to aid the local bee population and help feed the food insecure for years to come at a "DCs for Bees" event led by 7x24 DC Chapter and Loudoun County Economic Development, in partnership with Host in Ireland.
- And Digital Realty's 2022 Charity Golf Tournament and Annual Heart Walk this year raised over \$93,000 in donations for the Greater Washington American Heart Association.
- The Data Center Coalition (DCC) partnered with Loudoun County Economic Development and the American Red Cross of Loudoun and Prince William Counties to host the #DataCentersSleevesUp blood drive to help address the shortage of blood across the United States. 12 DCC member data center companies participated in the campaign, logging a total of 502 blood donations, enough to save approximately 1,500 lives. In April, DCC and its members donated reusable water bottles in support of Operation Allies Welcome.
- Data centers also are actively helping to bridge the digital divide in our communities. In October, Google announced an initiative to provide free high speed wi-fi in sections of Purcellville in order to "open opportunities for learning, connection, and growth."

In summary, data centers, their people and their business partners are good, contributing members in the communities they call home. While often unrecognized, their donations of time, money, and talent have had a tremendous impact for good in Loudoun County.

Equity Resolution

At the January 17th Board business meeting, I proposed [additional language to the equity resolution](#) to cover the list of federally protected categories in addition to those currently in the resolution. The expanded list of protected categories include race, color, ethnicity, religion, gender, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation or gender identity), national origin, language, age (40 and older), disability, and genetic information (including family medical history), and socioeconomic status. The reason for my addition is to make the resolution more inclusive, by protecting everyone equally against discrimination based on all federally protected categories. The motion passed 6-1-1-1.

Airport Impact Overlay District

At the January 17th Board business meeting, we approved (motion passed 6-1-1-1) the [Airport Impact Overlay District update](#) with the following modifications:

- Delete the phrase: "as well as in homeowner association documents"

- Add the following to the end of the paragraph: "At the time they are created, homeowner association Declarations must clearly state that the community is located near an airport, may be impacted by overflight noise, and subject to the regulation of the Airport Impact Overlay District (AIOD) of the Loudoun County zoning ordinance." In addition, homeowner associations may include a statement in their resale disclosure packets as follows: 'Homes in this community are located near an airport and subject to aircraft overflights and noise due to aircraft. Contact Loudoun County Government to verify whether your home is located within the AIOD and the regulations that apply.'
- Open a dialogue with the FAA to better understand the range of options available to address community concerns.

The Board's vote does not impact the AIOD boundaries surrounding Leesburg Executive Airport.

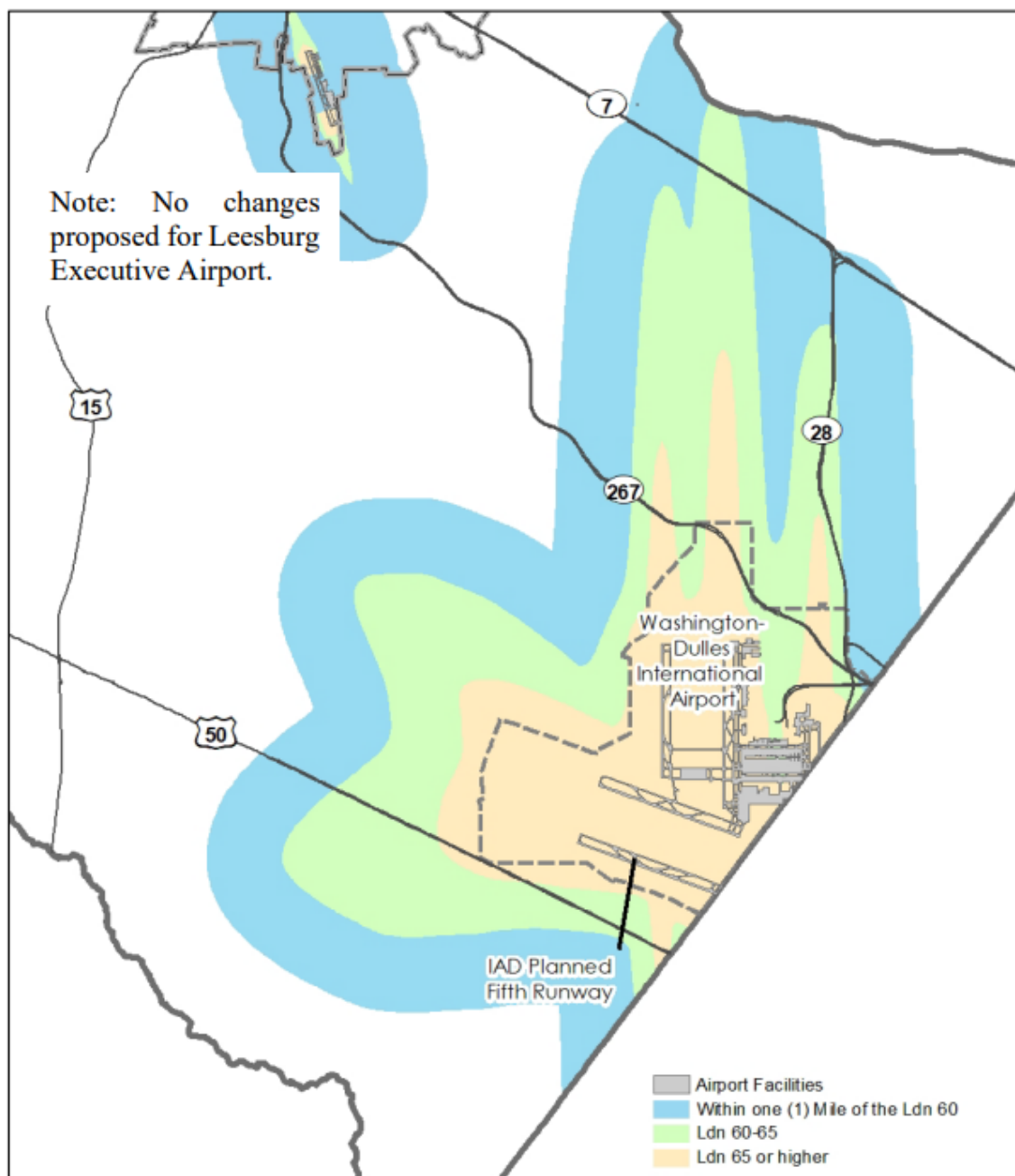
The AIOD is an overlay district of the zoning ordinance that regulates the siting of residential development. There are three aircraft noise contours within the AIOD that the County uses to indicate the level of impact (please see map below). The County refers to these levels using the symbol "Ldn," which stands for "yearly day-night average sound level."

1. Ldn 65 or higher: Properties located within this area are closest to the airport. New residential development is prohibited.
2. Ldn 60 to 65: Properties located within this area are closer to the airport. Any residential development in this area requires disclosures at the time of sale; acoustical treatments for new residential construction and new additions to existing residences; and an easement established prior to construction of a new residence granting the right of overflight in the airspace above the property.
3. One Mile Buffer: Properties located within this area are farthest from the airport while still being located within the AIOD. This designation requires a disclosure notice to be included with each sale of residential property.

I believe you can look at these noise contour lines in two ways. First, they depict the measurement of actual noise which will exist no matter where the lines are drawn. Second, the noise study forms the basis for lines in a zoning map that guides the location of residential development near the airport.

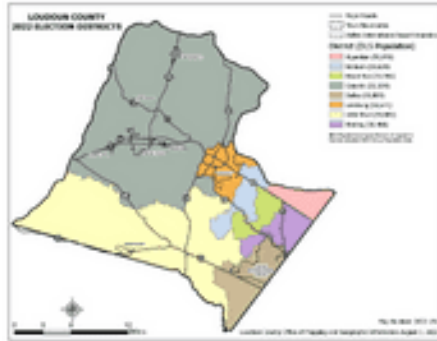
I understand residents are concerned about resale and homeowners insurance when their home is put into higher noise contour areas. Ideally, I would support keeping the old 1993 lines and the new 2019 lines in the higher noise contours to avoid allowing more homes to be built in areas that will certainly experience aircraft noise. I supported the motion to update the AIOD to keep the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance aligned and set up a dialogue with the FAA to discuss flight paths.

Learn more about the changes to the AIOD [here](#). Impacted residents may view the [interactive map](#) to identify the AIOD designation for their properties. Any property owner with questions about how the adopted AIOD impacts their property may contact the Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning by [e-mail](#) or by phone at 703-777-0246.



New Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places

Voting Precincts & Polling Places Update



- Supervisors adopt new precinct boundaries & polling places.
- Virginia Attorney General to review changes.
- Voters to be notified of changes prior to next election.

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During our January 17th business meeting, we adopted amendments to the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County, [Chapter 209, Voting Precincts and Polling Places](#), which revise the county's precinct boundaries and polling places. The revised ordinance will now be submitted to Virginia's Attorney General for a "Certificate of No Objection," which is a certification process required by law.

Once certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration will implement the precinct and polling place changes. As a result, some Loudoun voters will cast their in-person ballots in new locations beginning in the next election. The Office of Elections and Voter Registration will notify voters by mail of changes in their precincts and polling places prior to the next election.

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month

Bespoke Books



[Bespoke Books and Archives](#) is an author- and woman-owned online bookstore offering a curated selection of new, vintage and antiquarian books. We frequently hunt copies of books distinctively special to our customers. If there's a book you've always wanted – like the storybook your grandmother read to you when you were a child or a limited edition copy of your favorite modern novel – we'll set out to find it. Let us help you build a personal collection with books that reflect your distinct interests. [Shop online](#) and support the store while we transition.



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner



The Leesburg Town Council has appointed Council Member Neil Steinberg as its next Vice Mayor. The vote to appoint the Vice Mayor was made at the Council's Organizational Meeting on January 9th. Vice Mayor Steinberg has been a member of the Town Council since first taking office January 1, 2019. He was recently re-elected to this second four-year Council term.

The Leesburg Town Council's regular business meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Work sessions are held on the Mondays before each regular business meeting, unless the meeting falls on a holiday. Agenda packets are posted not later than COB Wednesday before the Council meeting.

Free Parking Continues: Parking in downtown Leesburg will remain free through the end of February. The extended free parking promotion will allow for a smoother transition to the new ParkMobile system for on-street parking. Free on-street parking will continue to be limited to two hours, and will be enforced by the Town's parking staff. Free parking will also remain at the Town Hall parking garage, in recognition of limited availability due to the [ongoing construction work](#). The on-street ParkMobile system allows drivers to easily find and pay for parking simply by scanning a QR code, sending a text message, or downloading the free app. More information about the transition to the ParkMobile system will be forthcoming. Staff will begin the removal of old meters and replace them with new ParkMobile signs the week of February 22nd. New on-street parking rates go into effect on Wednesday, March 1st. Paid parking is expected to resume in the Town Hall parking garage beginning the week of Monday, February 27th.



New Town Council Takes Office

A swearing-in ceremony was held on Thursday, December 15, for Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk, Councilman Neil Steinberg, and Council Members-elect Dr. Todd Cimino-Johnson and Patrick Wilt.

Mayor Kelly Burk was elected to a fourth two-year term while Councilman Neil Steinberg was elected to a second four-year term.

Council Members Cimino-Johnson and Wilt were elected to their first four-year terms. All members took office January 1, 2023.



During a January 2023 organizational meeting, the Leesburg Town Council appointed Council Member Steinberg as its next Vice Mayor.

Steinberg has been a member of the Town Council since first taking office January 1, 2019.

Outside of the Council, Vice Mayor Steinberg and his wife KD Kidder have owned and operated Photoworks in downtown Leesburg for more than 40 years.



Leesburg Town Council

The Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers on the second floor of the Municipal Government Center, 25 West Market Street. The Council holds a work session at 7 p.m. on Mondays preceding regular Tuesday meetings.

Email: council@leesburgva.gov

Winter Residential Newsletter: The Town of Leesburg's winter residential newsletter is now available to view on the Town's website. It highlights current news, development updates, and winter weather reminders. To see the newsletter online, or to register to receive it via e-mail or text, visit [here](#). Limited copies are available in the Town Hall lobby (25 W Market Street).

Snow Emergency Routes: A snow emergency is declared when enough snow, sleet or other icy precipitation has accumulated, or is predicted to accumulate, on Town roadways to warrant plowing. When a snow emergency is in effect, all vehicles must be removed from streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes. Any vehicle not removed from the designated streets when a snow emergency is in effect will be towed at the owner's expense. Snow Emergency Routes are as follows:

- King Street, from the Union Cemetery to Country Club Drive
- Loudoun Street, from Liberty Street to Harrison Street
- Market Street, from Fairview Street to the Route 7/15 Bypass

For more information about the Town's snow removal operations, please visit [here](#).



Community Information

Black History Month Program

Navigating Slavery: The Goose Creek Meeting & The Hopkins Family

February 25, 2023, 2:00 p.m.
Goose Creek Meeting House
18204 Lincoln Road, Purcellville



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Clerk of Circuit Court Offers Black History Program: “Navigating Slavery: The Goose Creek Meeting and the Hopkins Family” is scheduled for 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 25th at the Goose Creek Meeting House, 18204 Lincoln Road in Purcellville. The program will include presentations by scholars from Johns Hopkins University and members of the Clerk’s historic records team. The program will offer discussions related to the Hopkins family’s role in relation to slavery and the Goose Creek Meeting’s (Quaker community) view of slavery in Loudoun County. This program is free to the public. For more information, contact the Clerk of Circuit Court’s Historic Records Division at 703-737-8775 or via [e-mail](#).

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 28th. 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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