



## Chair **Phyllis J. Randall** Newsletter



### Hello, Loudoun



February is Black History Month. I presented a proclamation at the Board business meeting on Tuesday, February 7th to celebrate and honor the changemakers of the past. Let's continue the push for an America that truly embraces the principles of liberty and justice for all. In the Community Information section, please see a Black History program offered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

### Equity Resolution

At the Board business meeting on January 17th, I moved to approve a **resolution to affirm equity as a fundamental value** of Loudoun County (motion passed 6-1-1-1).

Firstly, this resolution is an intra County document focusing on how we function inside County government. It has no bearing on your business or your family. Secondly, an

equity resolution does not place hiring priorities on one person over another, it simply expands the field we can hire from.

When I came to this County as Chair in 2016, we had one person of color in senior management because we were not casting a wide enough net and inviting diversity. Once the net was cast wider, we got a broad range of applicants and interviewed more qualified people. Now, senior management is diverse and well qualified.

## Transit Strike

Due to the ongoing labor action by the employees of Loudoun County's Transit contractor, bus service decisions will be made each morning and each afternoon based on driver availability. Please plan your commute accordingly. Riders can stay informed about service changes on this [website](#) and subscribe to bus rider alerts [here](#).

## ARPA Housing Fund

At the Board business meeting on January 17th, I moved to approve the proposed activities and funding allocations for the **“Preservation of Affordable Housing and Displacement Services,”** as shown in the table below.

A rental Buy-Down Program was requested by members of the community to provide rent relief to eligible tenants for 3 years. My concern is the number of residents we can assist will be a much smaller number. We can help more residents for up to 6 months with rental assistance. While we don't control evictions, we are working hard on rent stabilization and rental eviction prevention. Displacement services prioritizes residents who need to relocate from a mobile home park to a new dwelling. Other nonprofits that may not have the issue of housing in their mission are also looking for ARPA funds. With the \$12 million that we have, we need to include other life saving nonprofits. In closing, ARPA money is not forever money. My goal is to stretch the \$12 million ARPA housing fund as far as we can.

Activity	Amount
<b>1. Displacement Services</b>	<b>\$2,750,000</b>
Housing Navigation Prioritizing, but Not Limited to, Mobile Home Parks	(\$1,500,000)
Extension of housing affordability with expiring ADU-rental sites in 2023 and 2024	(\$1,250,000)
<b>2. Rental Assistance</b>	<b>\$5,750,000</b>
Housing stability by addressing cost burden	
<b>3. Housing Preservation of Households with Eviction Filings</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
Legal and financial assistance to cure non-payment of rent	
<b>4. DHCD Housing Management System</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>

## New Precinct Boundaries and Polling Places

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.

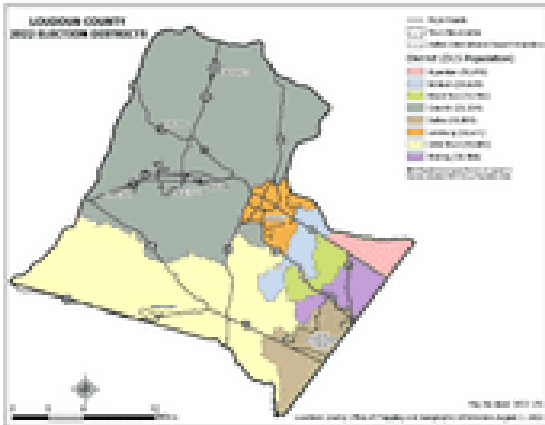
Once certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration will implement the precinct and polling place changes. As a result, some Loudoun voters will cast their in-person ballots in new locations beginning in the next election. The Office of Elections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

The changes to the ordinance include:

- Precinct changes to accommodate new Senate, House of Delegates, and County election district lines.
- Precinct divisions related to an increase in the number of registered voters.
- Precinct names, polling places, and boundary corrections.

These changes are taking place as a result of **new election districts** following a redistricting process that was informed by the 2020 census and input from the public. The adopted local redistricting plan redrew the election districts to balance the number of residents in each district over the next decade. Please note: There is no longer a district named "Blue Ridge." At the request of the current Supervisor in that area, the new name is the "Little River District."

# 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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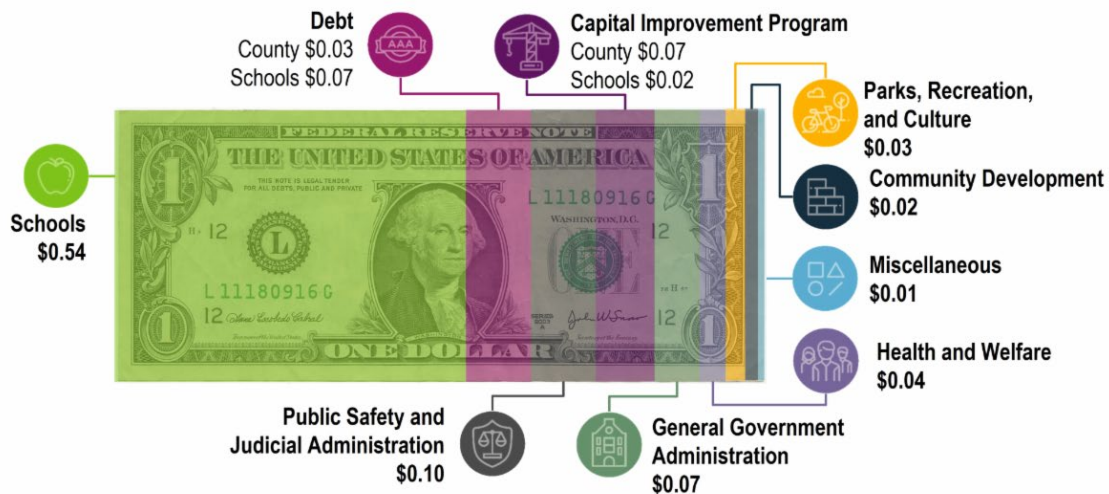
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# Board Business

## Your Tax Dollar at Work

FY 2024 Proposed Budget

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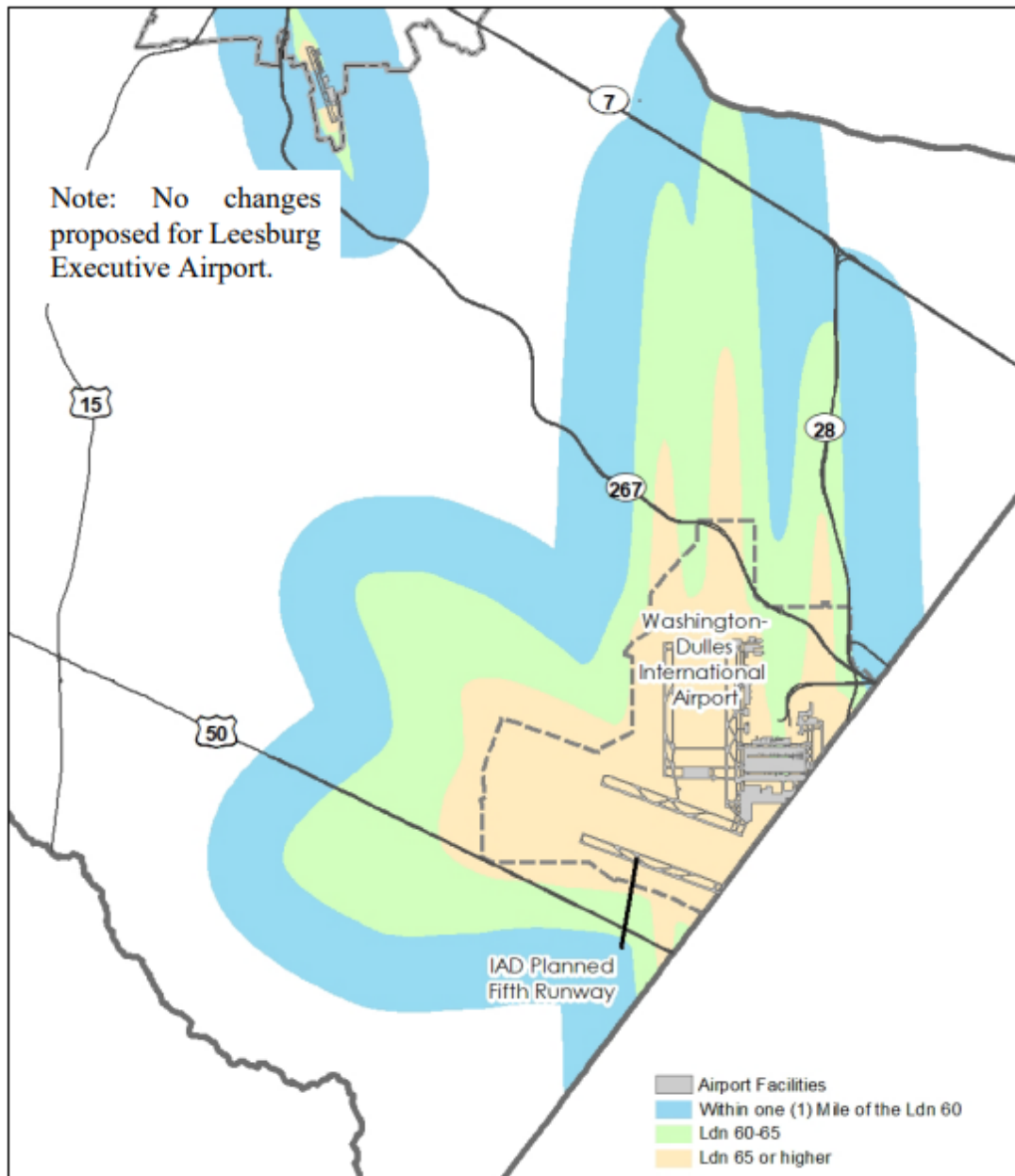
**FY 2024 Budget:** County Administrator Tim Hemstreet presented a proposed budget for FY 2024, which begins July 1, 2023. The budget totals \$4.2 billion in appropriations for the County Government and Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS). The proposed budget has been prepared at a real property tax rate of \$0.87 per \$100 of assessed value, which is 2 cents below the current real property tax rate of \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. Under the proposed budget, the average homeowner would have a real property tax bill increase of \$302, or about \$25 per month, in tax year 2023.

The proposed budget includes a reduction in the personal property tax rate from \$4.20 per \$100 of assessed value to \$4.15 per assessed value for tax year 2023. This reduction is to give residents some relief on their vehicle tax bills.

The Board will hold three budget public hearings that are scheduled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, March 1, 3:00 pm, Board Room, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 pm, Board Room, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- Saturday, March 4, 9:00 am, Board Room, LCPS Administration Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn

Residents may sign up to speak in advance by calling 703-777-0204. Public input may be provided in person or virtually. More information about providing input to the Board is posted on the [County's website](#).



**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.

There are three noise contours within the AIOD that the County uses to indicate the level of impact (please see map). The county refers to these levels using the symbol "Ldn," which stands for "yearly day-night average sound level." The designations are:

1. Ldn 65 or Higher: Properties located within this area are closest to the airport. New residential development is not permitted in this area.
2. Ldn 60-65: 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.

We approved a carve out to the boundary of the Ldn 65+ aircraft noise impact area so that areas previously approved for residential development do not receive the Ldn 65+ designation. Justification for this carve-out is that the residential development has already occurred or received rezoning approval. Therefore, designating the area as Ldn 65+ after the fact does not make sense.

I have been working for months with the community to address aircraft overflight and noise concerns. My four goals are to protect existing residents, not repeat mistakes made in the past by siting residential development in high noise contours, continue the important relationship with the Dulles Airport, and approve an attainable housing application in Arcola that is located in the highest noise contour in the 1992 study.

I supported Supervisor Turner's alternative motion (motion failed motion 4-4-1) to adopt the 2019 AIOD noise contours in the comprehensive plan and retain the 1992 AIOD noise contours in the zoning ordinance and form an FAA Community Roundtable to seek a change in departure procedures for Runway 30. This is a quality of life issue for the residents who are experiencing noise. Currently, we are asking our federal delegation to engage the FAA and work with the community to resolve this issue.

## Investing in Transportation



**Ryan Road Widening Ribbon Cutting:** On Thursday, February 2nd, I participated in a ribbon cutting event for the widening of Ryan Road from Northstar Blvd to Beaverdam Drive. This project includes the reconstruction and widening to a four-lane median divided roadway with a shared use path. I was joined by Supervisor Tony Buffington and members of the Brambleton Group, TDS, Brambleton HOA and VDOT representatives to celebrate the opening of the road funded by the Brambleton Group. This new road completes one of the final Brambleton proffer obligations as the community enters its final stages of homebuilding after 20 years of development. Brambleton has been a wonderful community partner in building multimodal transportation options and fulfilling their proffer commitments.

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## Arcola Mills Drive - New Traffic Pattern Map

Beginning February 1, 2023



**Segment of Arcola Mills Drive Closed Permanently:** Loudoun County has permanently closed a segment of Arcola Mills Drive in Aldie to through traffic between Evergreen Mills Road and Belmont Ridge Road. A 700-foot segment of Arcola Mills Drive will close in advance of the county's project to extend Northstar Boulevard from Evergreen Mills Road to Route 50. Road signs will be posted to establish the new traffic pattern and drivers are encouraged to review the Arcola Mills traffic pattern map for guidance (map is pictured above).

The Northstar Boulevard project will construct a new four-lane, median divided roadway from Evergreen Mills Road to Route 50, which will pass through the closed segment of Arcola Mills Drive. The project also includes 10-foot-wide shared use paths on both sides

of the new roadway. Once constructed, the new 1.6-mile segment of Northstar Boulevard will serve as a minor arterial roadway from Route 50 to Evergreen Mills Road.

## 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



[loudoun.gov/clerkarchives](https://loudoun.gov/clerkarchives)

**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](#).



**Public Input for Fair Housing Plan:** The Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development invites residents to provide comment on the draft regional fair housing plan. The public comment period will last until March 31st. To submit comments:

- E-mail
- Phone/Voicemail: 202-962-3794 or TDD to 202-962-3213
- Mail: MWCOG, 777 N. Capitol St, Washington, D.C. 20002, Attn: Fair Housing

Residents are also encouraged to attend a public hearing on March 8th at 6 pm at 106 Catoctin Circle SE in Leesburg in the Olmstead Room on the first floor. The program will include an overview of the Loudoun County sections of the fair housing plan including goals, past achievements, and data on affordable housing and barriers to fair housing in the county. Anyone interested in speaking during the public hearing is encouraged to sign up in advance by contacting the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-737-8323 or by e-mail.

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