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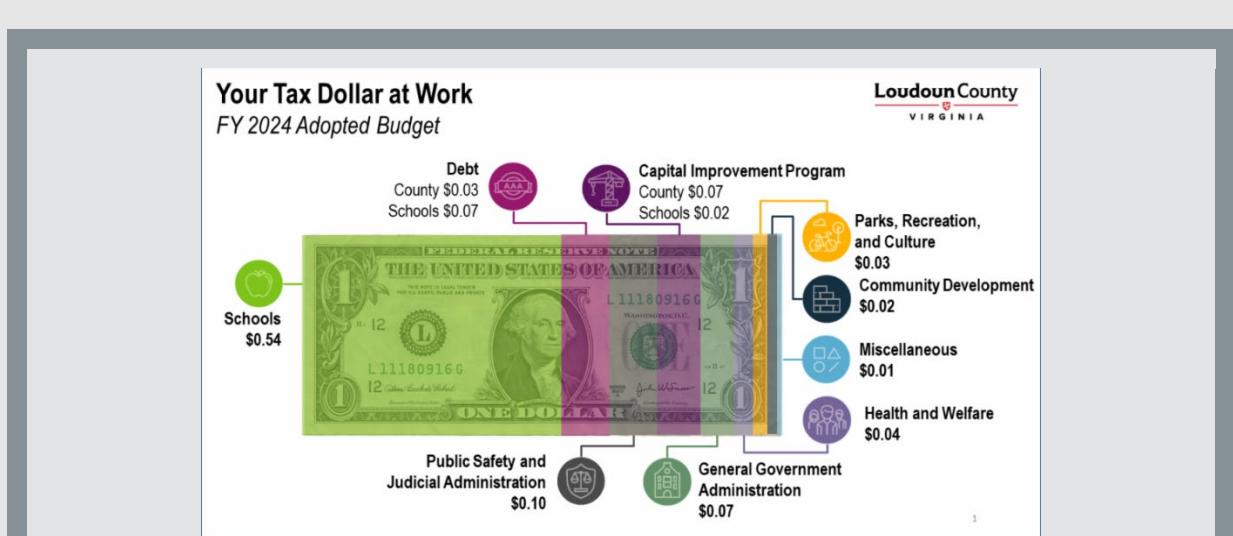
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FY24 Budget Adoption

During Tuesday's Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, I voted with my colleagues to adopt the FY24 Operating Budget. The budget totals approximately \$4.2 billion in total appropriations. The BOS lowered the real tax rate by one-and-a-half cents to \$0.875 cents per \$100 in assessed value for tax year 2023. The adopted budget also includes a five-cent reduction of the personal property tax rate to \$4.15 per \$100 in assessed value for tax year 2023.

The budget included an additional 127 positions in 16 different county departments, which will help open new facilities, expand or maintain service levels, and address important Board priorities. This budget provides for an increase of \$27 million for employee compensation, including a 6% merit increase for the general workforce. It will ensure our hardworking county employees are adequately compensated for their work.

Read the news release from the county [here](#). In the coming weeks, the complete adopted budget document will be posted at loudoun.gov/budget.

Short-Term Residential Rentals Ordinance

Regulations Adopted for Short-Term Residential Rental Businesses

The Board of Supervisors
has approved amendments
to the Zoning Ordinance &
Codified Ordinances
affecting short-term
residential rentals.



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loudoun.gov/ShortTermRentals

After many years of work by county staff and the Board of Supervisors, I voted with my colleagues in favor of an ordinance to regulate short-term residential rentals (STRR's) in Loudoun County. Existing short-term residential rental businesses will have until September 30, 2023 to comply with the ZOAM's new regulations or submit the application needed to come into compliance.

Two new categories have been established for short-term residential rental uses:

- Short-Term Rental-Residential Accessory (STR-RA), which is an accessory use to a principal or accessory dwelling unit.
- Short-Term Rental-Commercial Whole House (STR-CWH), which is a principal use located in a single-family detached or accessory dwelling unit that is solely used as a STRR use.

The ordinance establishes a new set of standards that short-term rentals must abide by, including but not limited to:

- Parking requirements: STR-RA and STR-CWH uses will require one parking space in addition to the number that would be needed for the residential use on the property.
- Rental Period for STR-RA Use limited to a maximum of 180 days per year.
- Zoning Enforcement: the county will conduct inspections of properties for compliance and will also respond to complaints of zoning violations.
- STR-CWH in Different Zoning Districts: The zoning district of the subject property will determine the permissions required to establish STR-CWH, i.e., whether the STR-CWH is a permitted by-right use or requires Special Exception or Minor Special Exception approval.

My office has received a variety of complaints regarding short-term rentals operating in the Algonkian district. This ordinance is an important step to give the county enforcement power to address existing short-term rentals and prevent problems in the future.

You can read the staff report from the April 4, 2023 Business Meeting [here](#). More information about the operation of STRRs in Loudoun County may be found at loudoun.gov/shorttermrentals.

Fatherhood Skills Program Begins April 11



NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE™
A free 12-week program
VIRTUAL Meetings
Tuesdays | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Starting April 11, 2023
Build your skills to become an
even stronger dad.

Register now at loudoun.gov/fatherhood
Questions? Contact Luther Miller:
luther.miller@loudoun.gov or 703-737-8188

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Loudoun County's Fatherhood Skills Program is returning Tuesday, April 11th. The free 12-week virtual program is open to any Loudoun fathers. The program is intended to help dads strengthen their relationships with their children. 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.

The program will take place weekly on Tuesdays from 6pm - 8pm. Early registration is encouraged because space is limited. Learn more and register at loudoun.gov/fatherhood.

Educational Webinars on Parenting Strategies to Support Teens

FREE Webinars

PARENTING STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT TEENS
Presented by: Aaron Weiner, Ph.D., Board-certified psychologist and addiction specialist

 **How to Talk About the Portrayal of Drug Use in Popular Media**
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

 **Supporting Adolescent Mental Health**
Thursday, April 20, 2023, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

REGISTER TODAY:
loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention 

 LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA | Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services
prevention@loudoun.gov | loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention

The Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL) will host two free educational webinars in April on parenting strategies to support teens. The PAL is a coalition of youth, parents, Loudoun County agencies, nonprofit organizations, and other community stakeholders dedicated to behavioral health awareness and substance use prevention efforts.

- April 13 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm: How to Talk About the Portrayal of Drug Use in Popular Media
- April 20 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm: Supporting Adolescent Mental Health

Learn more [here](#).

Arbor Day Photo Contest

The annual Loudoun Arbor Day Tree Photo Contest is underway and submissions are due next week on April 12th. This year's theme is "Trees of Character". Entrants are asked to provide a brief explanation of why they think the tree they photographed has a unique character. Winning photos and honorable mentions are scheduled to be posted on the county's website at loudoun.gov/trees on April 28.



Entry requirements include:

- A photo of a single tree or group of trees located in Loudoun County.
- Original photos taken by the entrant.

Submit your photos at the online form linked [here](#). Only two entries allowed per person or group. High resolution photos are encouraged.

Fair Housing for People with Disabilities Training



A Fair Housing for People with Disabilities Training will be offered on Tuesday, April 11, from 1pm to 4pm. The event is sponsored by the Loudoun County Disability Services Board and will be administered by a Fair Housing Training Specialist from the Virginia Fair Housing Office. Topics will include: Accessibility in Construction; Exemptions in the Virginia Fair Housing Law; Group Homes; History of the Virginia Fair Housing Law; Protected Classes; Restrictive Covenants and Retaliation; Unlawful Discriminatory

Housing Practices; Updates on Fair Housing.

Advanced registration is required at the following [link](#). Learn more [here](#).

Register for Bike to Work Day



You can register now for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 19, 2023. Loudoun County will host two pit stops along the Washington and Old Dominion Trail. Participants may bike to a pit stop, pick-up a free T-shirt and giveaways, and enjoy refreshments before work.

The two pitstops will be in Sterling and Leesburg at the following addresses:

- Sterling, just east of Route 28, at 183 Ruritan Road behind Northrop Grumman, 6:30 - 9:00 a.m.
- Leesburg at Raflo Park, 345 Harrison St. SE, 6:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Learn more about the event and register [here](#). Participants are encouraged to tag Loudoun social media pages and use the hashtag #BTWD2023

Board of Supervisors Meetings Next Week

Finance Committee

4/11/23 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

4/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

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