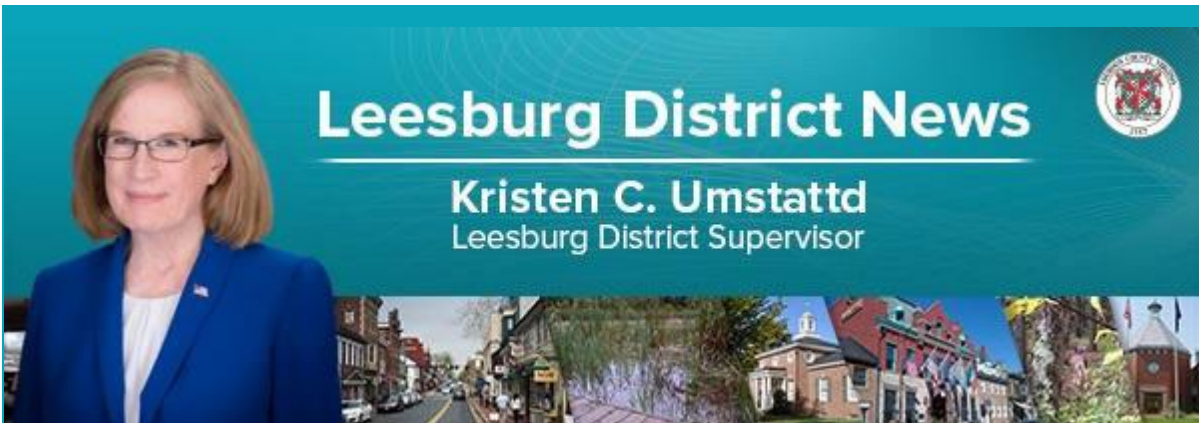




Leesburg District News

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Leesburg District Supervisor

I am pleased to include Loudoun County School Board Representative Erika Ogedegbe's update in this newsletter. Please look for her article each month. Thank you!

WW2 Veteran Celebration



Thanks to WW2 veteran Dominick Giarratana for allowing Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk and me to attend his birthday celebration, organized by Herb Valle of [Chariots of Honor](#).

Congratulations to Leesburg's New Chief of Police



Chief Pirnat became an active member of the Leesburg community when she began attending Town events months before she came onboard. She now leads the finest men and women in law enforcement.

Zoning Ordinance Work Sessions

Board of Supervisors' Zoning Ordinance Rewrite (ZOAM-2020-0001) Work Session/Public Hearing Schedule	
Meeting Date	Potential Discussion Topics/Zoning Ordinance Chapter
September 7, 2023 (Thursday)	Chapter 1: Introduction Chapter 2: Zoning Districts
September 11, 2023 (Monday)	Uses in Urban, Suburban, Office, and Industrial Zoning Districts: Chapter 3: Uses Chapter 4: Use-Specific Standards Chapter 12: Definitions
September 25, 2023 (Monday)	Uses in Rural, Transition, and JLMA Zoning Districts Chapter 3: Uses Chapter 4: Use-Specific Standards Chapter 12: Definitions
October 2, 2023 (Monday)	Chapter 5: Overlay Districts Chapter 6: Natural and Environmental Resources
October 12, 2023 (Thursday)	Chapter 7: Development Standards
October 16, 2023 (Monday)	Chapter 8: Signs
October 23, 2023 (Monday)	Chapter 9: Attainable Housing
October 30, 2023 (Monday)	Chapter 10: Procedures Chapter 11: Officials, Boards, and Commissions Appendix C: Flexible Regulations
December 13, 2023 (Wednesday)	Public Hearing
NOTE: All Work Sessions/Public Hearing will begin at 6pm in the Board Room, 1st Floor, Government Center	

The table above is the schedule for the Board's Zoning Ordinance work sessions with the last public hearing tentatively scheduled December 13th. The Zoning Ordinance is the regulation that implements the Loudoun County 2019 General Plan.

To assist the public with comparing the current Zoning Ordinance (Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance) with the Planning Commission Draft Zoning Ordinance, staff sought consultant services to develop a wayfinding tool. The tool is intended to allow users who are already familiar with the current Zoning Ordinance to locate a regulation in the Planning Commission Draft Zoning Ordinance. This tool may be helpful given the reorganization of the Planning Commission Draft Zoning Ordinance chapters. The wayfinding tool is in its final development stage and will be published on the [County's website](#) as soon as possible.

You can see the major changes staff identified between the current Zoning Ordinance and the Planning Commission Draft Zoning Ordinance in the [staff report](#) from the July 26th public hearing.

Vehicle Tax Relief Program for the Elderly and Disabled

Vehicle Tax Relief for the
Elderly & Disabled
First-Time Applications

Due September 1

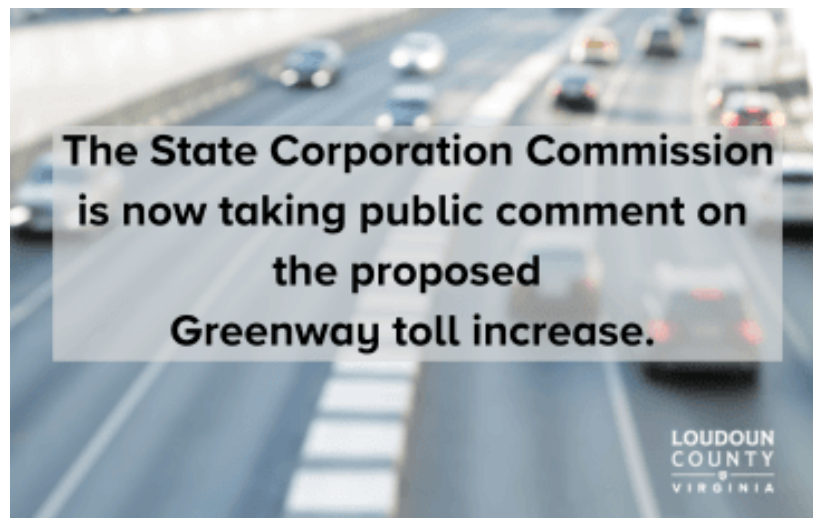
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For more information, visit:
loudoun.gov/TaxRelief

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. reminds residents that first-time applications for the County's Personal Property Tax Relief for the Elderly & Disabled program are due Friday, September 1st. Vehicle owners who are 65 and older or permanently and totally disabled and who meet income and net worth requirements are eligible for a reduced tax rate on one vehicle per qualified applicant.

Applications and details about the vehicle tax relief program are [online](#). Residents who have questions about the program or who would like an application mailed to them may email taxrelief@loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8557.

Greenway Toll Increase Request



The Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) has opened its public comment opportunity and scheduled hearings on an application from the owners of the Dulles Greenway requesting to increase the maximum tolls for most drivers to \$8.10 during peak hours, up from the current \$5.80, and \$6.40 during off-peak hours, up from \$5.25. This is a toll increase of 40% during peak morning and afternoon hours and 22% for off-peak hours, which the corporation claims is necessary to meet its debt obligation. Data show, however, that use of the Greenway is down because of its already high toll rate.

Loudoun County continues to oppose toll rate increases that have once again been proposed by the operators of the Dulles Greenway. To promote use of the Greenway by more motorists, Loudoun County has consistently supported changing the Greenway's toll structure to distance-based tolling while also lowering toll rates. The Greenway operator has the ability to implement both changes now.

Members of the public may submit written comments through January 24th. Written comments regarding the Greenway's request for increased toll rates can be provided online through the [SCC's website](#) (click on "Submit Comments" next to [case # PUR-2023-00089](#)).

Written comments can also be submitted by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments must refer to case number PUR-2023-00089.

The SCC has also scheduled hearings regarding the Greenway's request for increased toll rates. The public witness session is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 1300 East Main Street in Richmond. Public witnesses will testify by telephone. The SCC allots each witness five minutes to provide testimony.

Public witnesses who wish to provide oral testimony must pre-register by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in one of three ways:

1. Complete a public witness form for case number PUR-2023-00089 on the [SCC's website](#).

2. E-mail a [PDF version of the form](#) to SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov.
3. Call the SCC at 804-371-9141 during normal business hours (8:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and provide your name and a phone number where you can be reached during the hearing.

A separate public evidentiary hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 31, 2024, to receive testimony and evidence from the company, any respondents and the SCC staff. Although testimony from members of the public will not be accepted, the hearing will be open to the public. Both hearings are scheduled to be [webcast](#).

Loudoun County Health Department Locally Administered

Under an agreement between Loudoun County and the Virginia Department of Health, the [Loudoun County Health Department](#) is now under the administration of the County government, effective July 1, 2023.

Approximately fifty former State employees of the Loudoun County Health Department have transitioned to County employment, joining other County employees who were already employed in the department, with all reporting up to the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors.

Local control of the Health Department provides the following benefits:

- Aligns resources with community needs and goals and with the Board's vision and strategy.
- Allows the County to better manage responsive programming for Loudoun's residents and businesses.
- Addresses the disparities in salaries and benefits that occurred between state and County employees performing the same or similar work in the Health Department.
- Provides administrative efficiencies and eliminates the need for duplicate systems in the areas of technology and human resources.

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month Mama Lucci's



Located in historic Leesburg, Virginia, [Mama Lucci's](#) offers an authentic Italian, Greek and Middle Eastern cuisine. Stop by and dine with us, or call for take out or delivery to your door. We also provide off-site catering, which means you can share the Mama Lucci's experience with your guests. Events can be as simple as an office-meeting "boxed lunch," an eye and palate-pleasing buffet, or an elegantly served sit-down dinner. We look forward to serving you soon at Mama Lucci's.



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

New Proclamation Process: The Leesburg Town Council has adopted a new proclamation process, which now allows users to submit requests online. The web-based form will help streamline the process while reducing the amount of time it takes staff to research and prepare proclamations.



Patriot Cup Winner: The Leesburg Town Council presented Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy with a Certificate of Recognition on Tuesday, July 11th after their float won the “Best in Show” Patriot’s Cup trophy during last week’s 33rd annual Independence Day Parade. The float depicted a waterfall, greenery, frogs, monarch butterflies, and an eagle’s nest, which helped spread Loudoun Wildlife’s mission.

Changes to Trash and Recycling Schedule: Due to the high temperatures and heat indices typically experienced in July and August, Patriot Disposal will begin all trash, recycling, and yard waste collections in the Town of Leesburg at 6 a.m., instead of 6:30 a.m., through Friday, September 8th.

Market and King Street Improvements: The final phase of the Market and King Street Improvement Project has begun. Work will involve the relocation of storm structures from the corners of the intersection, replacement of streetlights, underground utility conduits, and replacement of sidewalks, ramps, and pavement. The entire project is expected to be completed by October 2023.



Update from Erika Ogedegbe

Another Loudoun County school year is beginning later this month, and I hope that everyone was able to enjoy a fun and restful summer break! Students will begin the 2023 - 2024 school year on Thursday, August 24th. I encourage you to bookmark the [Student Calendar at the LCPS website](#) to stay on top of all the important holiday and grading period dates.

**Back-to-School
Meet & Greet**

with Erika Ogedegbe
*Leesburg District
School Board Representative*

SATURDAY
AUGUST 26, 2023
3 PM - 4 PM

RUST LIBRARY
(LEESBURG)
LARGE MEETING ROOM

Please also add Saturday, August 26th to your calendar; I will be hosting an open house-style Meet & Greet in the Large Meeting Room at Rust Library in Leesburg from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This hour will be dedicated to the students and families of our district so that you can ask questions and share thoughts with me, your School Board Representative, in-person. You can [RSVP at the Facebook event](#) to let me know that you'll be there!

This June, Dr. Aaron Spence was named our new superintendent. He will be officially joining on September 5th, but I know we will be seeing him around and at events before then. More information about him can be found [on our website](#). I am thrilled to welcome him to Loudoun, and I look forward to our work together!

As the new school year gets underway, you may be interested in tutoring resources for your child. Please [visit the LCPS website](#) for information about these resources, including free tutoring services provided to Virginia public school students through Engage Virginia. You'll see a list of LCPS employees interested in tutoring as well.

One of the very best ways to stay informed and involved with your child's school is to attend Back to School Night. These events will be staggered for elementary, middle, and high schools throughout the district so that parents may attend when they have children at different schools. Contact your child's school if you need more information, and while you're at it, consider asking how you can join the PTO/PTA, volunteer your time, or otherwise take an active role at the school level!

Please feel free [to reach out to me](#) with comments or questions. I'm looking forward to a wonderful year for all LCPS teachers, staff, families, and students!



Community Information

YOUTH & FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Hosted by the Loudoun County Juvenile Court Service Unit at the

Youth & Family Resource Center

42055 Gourley Transit Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175

Families with children aged 5-17 are invited to join these free workshops to hear from community partners on a variety of topics. Each workshop will include a 30-minute presentation followed by a Q&A session. Dinner will be provided.

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Back to School & Why Attendance Matters

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS)

SEPT
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Vaping: What Parents Need to Know

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by LCPS and the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun

OCT
25
2023

No More Birds & Bees: Talking to Teens about Healthy Relationships

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Presented by LAWS

Register today!

YFRC@loudoun.gov or 571-367-8450

For more information, visit loudoun.gov/familyresourcecenter



New Youth Services Center: Loudoun County is offering new support services for young people and their families at the new Youth Services Center located at 42055 Gourley Transit Drive in Leesburg. Please attend a free youth and family workshop listed in the flyer above.

The Youth and Family Resource Center is a new service open to Loudoun youth ages 11-17 who may face behavioral challenges, including issues at home, in the community and with peers. The Youth and Family Resource Center connects young people and their families to appropriate Loudoun County programs and services and other local resources. The process includes a brief screening and the development of an action plan so youth and families can get help quickly. The goal of the Youth and Family Resource Center is to prevent or reduce delinquency and court involvement. The Youth and Family Resource Center will be open Monday - Thursday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. To request assistance, visit the [Youth and Family Resource Center webpage](#) or call 571-367-8450.



Residents Encouraged to Go Solar: Town residents are invited to take advantage of Solarize Virginia, a program to reduce the cost and complexity of going solar. Through a community-based outreach initiative managed by Virginia nonprofit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), homeowners can sign up to receive a free solar satellite assessment and discounted prices from vetted installers. Anyone interested in learning more about solar power is encouraged to attend a virtual information session about the **Solarize NOVA** program. The last session is Thursday, August 17th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.



Summer Jams: Saturdays through August, 7:00 to 8:30 pm on the Town Green, 25 West Market Street (no concert on August 12th).

Don't miss Downtown Leesburg's popular summer concert series, held every Saturday through August. This is a FREE concert series; no admission or ticket needed. Bring your lawn chair or blanket with you and picnics are encouraged! No smoking, alcoholic beverages or pets will be allowed. If you have your pet with you, we ask that you remain on the sidewalk.

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