

The Kiwanis Club of Leesburg will host the 67th annual Halloween parade for the community on October 31st at 6:00 pm. The parade will be along King Street and start at Ida Lee Park. This is a family friendly event to see floats and marching bands, and kids can dress up and get candy. The parade occurs rain or shine so please dress accordingly.

### Crossing Guard at Catoctin Elementary



We're lucky to have Ben Trittipoe as the crossing guard at Catoctin Elementary. He has a wave and a smile for everyone walking or driving by. At his other job, Ben has been one of the official scorers at the Washington Nationals' home games since the team arrived in D.C. for the 2005 season.

## Loudoun Hunger Relief Expansion



Loudoun Hunger Relief has opened its expanded space off Miller Drive. The expansion includes a real grocery store for over 600 patrons a week and a location for other critical nonprofits like Backpack Buddies, Loudoun Literacy Council, Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers, and Crossroads Jobs. Last year, Loudoun Hunger Relief served 2.4 million pounds of food to over 14,000 customers - over 3% of the County's population. Thanks to Jennifer Montgomery and all the volunteers for making sure everybody has access to nutritious meals.

## Lafayette at Temple Hall Farm

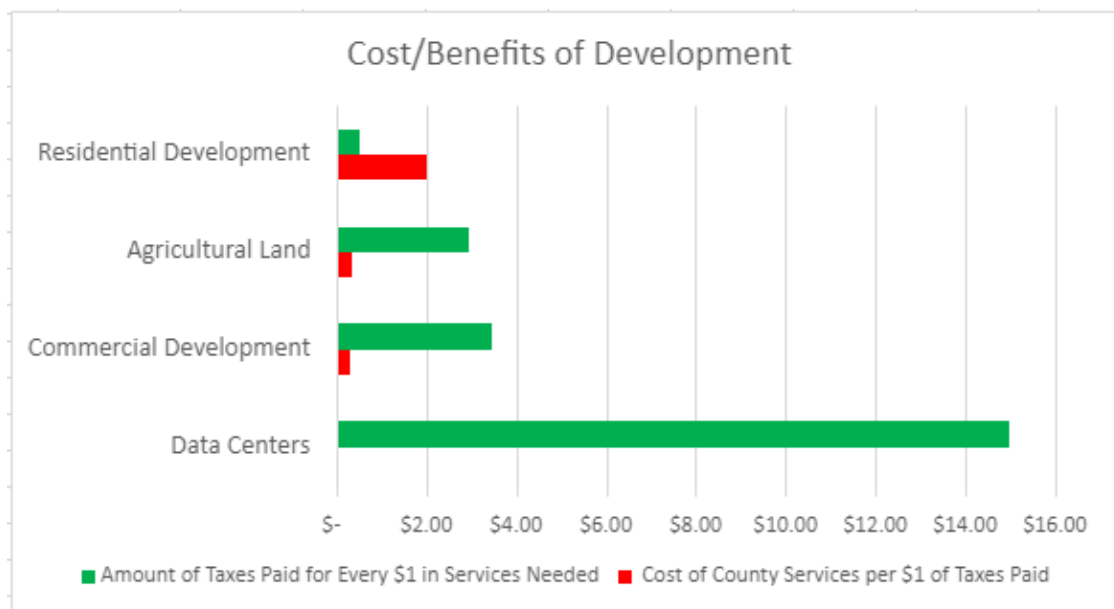


The Sons of the American Revolution sent their color guard to Temple Hall Farm north of Leesburg for the unveiling of a plaque to honor the Marquis de Lafayette. The French embassy also sent a representative to reinforce an American-French alliance that has now stood for centuries. Lafayette, a key player in the American Revolution, spent several days in Loudoun County, including at the farm that is now operated by NOVA Parks.

## Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

The Board of Supervisors continues to work on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite which is necessary following adoption of the County's Comprehensive Plan in 2019. I remain focused on working towards an Ordinance that provides the flexibility for our business community needs to ensure diverse economic growth in Loudoun. To find information about the dates of work sessions or to submit comment visit the [County's website](#).

## Costs and Benefits of Different Types of Development



A few years back, I published a cost/benefit analysis on the service costs and tax revenue benefits of different types of development. I have updated the figures for residential uses to reflect today's higher property values and for data centers. Largely because of school costs, residential development - both affordable housing and market priced housing - does not pay for itself. New residential development imposes an additional tax burden on existing homeowners and businesses; and it increases rents as landlords pass their higher real property taxes on to their tenants. Open land and commercial development help reduce taxes on homeowners and businesses, because these types of uses require very few services. They pay more in taxes than they require in services.

### [Data Centers](#)

Data centers pay the most taxes and require the fewest services of all types of development: \$.06 (6 cents) in services for every \$1 paid in taxes. Put another way, for every \$1 in services that a data center requires, the data center pays \$15 in taxes.

#### **Commercial Development (e.g., office buildings)**

Commercial development requires \$.29 (29 cents) in services for every \$1 paid in taxes. Put another way, for every \$1 in services that commercial development requires, the commercial development will pay \$3.45 in taxes.

#### **Agricultural Land**

Open land or agricultural land requires \$.34 (34 cents) in services for every \$1 paid in taxes. Put another way, for every \$1 in services that open or agricultural land requires, the landowner will pay \$2.94 in taxes.

#### **Residential Development**

One \$700,000 home with two \$30,000 cars and one student in the public schools will require \$2 in services for every \$1 paid in taxes. (At current tax rates, the homeowners will be paying \$6,615 in real property taxes and \$2,490 in vehicle taxes - for a total of about \$9,000. The annual school costs will be \$18,000 for each student.) Put another way, for every \$1 in services that this homeowner requires, the homeowner will pay \$.50 in taxes.

## **Voting Information**

Election Day is November 7th, 2023. On the ballot this year, you will find candidates for the General Assembly, Constitutional Officers, Board of Supervisors, School Board, Soil and Water Conservation Directors, and bond issues. Early voting has begun at the [Office of Elections](#) in Leesburg at 750 Miller Drive, Suite C, in Leesburg. Early voting hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The Office of Elections will be closed Monday, October 9th.

Extended hours begin October 24th until November 4th. The last day to vote early in-person is Saturday, November 4th.

- Tuesday- October 24 and October 31 – office remains open until 7:00 pm.
- Thursday- October 26 and November 2 – office remains open until 7:00 pm.
- Saturday- October 28 and November 4– office will be open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Important dates and deadlines for Tuesday, November 7th General Election:

- Deadline to register or update your information is Monday, October 16th.
- Voters may register after October 16th and vote a provisional ballot. For information about Same Day Voter Registration, visit the [Virginia Department of Elections website](#).
- Last day to request an absentee ballot is October 27th. Request your ballot [here](#).

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Warm Regards,

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## Business of the Month Williams Center for Wellness & Recovery



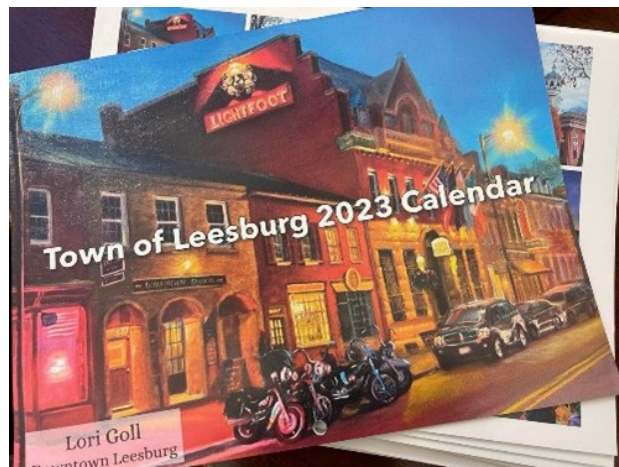
The [Williams Center for Wellness & Recovery](#) in Leesburg offers flexible substance abuse treatment programs founded on the fundamental principles of care and concern for the patient and the families we are privileged to serve. Our committed team of health professionals truly understand and accept the challenge of restoring the hope which has been lost through substance use disorders and co-occurring conditions. The center values the dignity of each person, and with compassion provides diverse medical treatment programs with the belief that 'every life matters' and 'living life free of addiction is attainable.'



## Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner

**Department Merge:** The Planning & Zoning and Plan Review departments will be merged into one to create the combined Department of Community Development. The goal of the merger will be focused on customer service while also gaining organizational efficiency and implementing additional process improvements. Residents and business owners should expect a seamless transition when they do business with the Town. The merger comes ahead of a planned move out of Town Hall for the Department of Community Development to the Jewell Building located at 222 Catocin Circle.

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**Artwork for 2024 Town Calendar:** The Leesburg Commission on Public Art (COPA) is seeking photograph and artwork submissions for the upcoming 2024 Town calendar. Twelve to fourteen full color photographs, paintings, and drawings will be selected for the 8.5 x 11 calendar. All submissions can be [emailed](#) on or before the deadline, which is Friday, October 27th. Please include your name, address, and phone number when submitting your image(s). Visit [here](#) for more information.

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**Leesburg Police Department Renovation:** The Leesburg Police broke ground on a project that will bring a 14,500-square-foot addition and 21,000-square-foot renovation to the Leesburg Police Department Public Safety Facility located at 65 Plaza Street NE. This expansion and renovation will help to modernize and improve the facility with several key features, including updating the Emergency Communications Center and IT infrastructure to support the entire police facility. Learn more [here](#).

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**Loudoun History Awards:** Thomas Balch Library Advisory Commission seeks nominations for the 31st annual Loudoun History Awards. The awards honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to preserving Loudoun's past through collection of county documents and memorabilia, preservation of historic landmarks, visual arts, writing, or long-term involvement in local history organizations. Deadline for nominations is Monday, October 2nd. The awards ceremony will be held at the Thomas Balch Library on Sunday, November 5th. For more information, contact Alexandra Gressitt at 703-737-7195 or [email](#).

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Update from Erika Ogedegbe

From drama rehearsal to after school clubs, from football practice to nightly reading assignments, from classroom discussions to formative quizzes, I hope that all LCPS activities are off to a great start! To help keep your busy schedules on track, don't forget to bookmark the [Student and/or Staff Calendars](#) for this school year.

In September, we officially transitioned from the service of Acting Superintendent Dr. Daniel Smith to our new Superintendent Dr. Aaron Spence. Dr. Smith stepped up during a difficult time, and his leadership was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Dr. Smith!

Dr. Spence will hold a series of community listening sessions. The next one in Leesburg will be at Tuscarora High School on October 26th. For timing, as well as further locations, please visit [here](#).

**Survey Results:** Each year, LCPS surveys staff, students, and families for feedback about their experiences in our schools. This year, surveys were distributed in March, via email to staff and to two adults per student. Students in grades 3-5 and 9-12 were surveyed in school, while middle school students instead participated in the [Virginia School Climate Survey](#).

The [2023 LCPS Stakeholder Survey](#) results reflected several indicators that point to overall satisfaction at the school level. For example, the majority of students said that they like their school, and nearly 90% of staff consider their school a good place to work.

LCPS will be exploring the concerns raised in the survey results, looking for opportunities for change and/or improvements. For instance, roughly 20% of staff and high school students said that bullying is a problem in their schools. Overall highlights and school-level LCPS stakeholder [survey results are now available](#).

**Intramural Sports:** This fall, two Leesburg District schools will participate in a four-school pilot program for middle school intramural sports. Smart's Mill and Harper Park will offer four sports throughout the school year: flag football, volleyball, basketball, and soccer. The focus will be on participation, and there will be no tryouts to be on the teams. More information, including how to participate in the first season of flag football, will be available through each school as they help students create their teams.

**Tutoring:** If your child is in need of extra support in academics, I encourage you to check out tutoring resources available to LCPS students. Options include free tutoring services provided to Virginia public school students through Engage Virginia and LCPS employees who offer tutoring. Note that LCPS Parent Resource Services provides a list of tutors on [our website](#), but has no involvement in fees or scheduling.

As always, if I can be of any assistance as your School Board Representative, please don't hesitate to [reach out to me](#) with comments or questions!

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## Community Information

**Job Fair Tailgate with Local Employers:** Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host the Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate on Wednesday, October 11th, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Segra Field parking lot in Leesburg. The event will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County. The Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate will include employers representing multiple industries, such as construction, education, healthcare, hospitality, information technology, landscape, local government, recreation, retail, social services, transportation and warehouse. Dress professionally and bring multiple resume copies to the job fair. Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to [pre-register](#) to receive reminders and updates.

In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled to Friday, October 13, 2023, at the same time and location.

Job seekers are encouraged to prepare for the fair by attending the virtual preparatory workshop: "Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair" – Thursday, October 5th 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Register [here](#). Get a free copy of "Turn a Job Fair Into a Job Offer:" Call 703-777-0150, [email](#) or visit the WRC at 705 E Market St, in Leesburg.

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**Open Burning Regulations for Fall and Winter:** The Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Fire Marshal's Office (FMO) reminds residents that from October 1, 2023, through midnight February 14, 2024, open burning is permitted for the burning of leaves and trees, brush, yard, and garden trimmings generated on-site, except where always prohibited. Note: all fires must be called into the Loudoun County Emergency Communications Center at 703-777-0637 prior to ignition and when extinguished. If current weather conditions for open burning deem it to be a high-risk activity, additional restrictions may apply. Burning is always prohibited in urban or built-up areas (such as subdivisions) throughout Loudoun County and the Town of Leesburg. Or in the town limits of Lovettsville, Middleburg, Purcellville, and Round Hill.

#### **Legally Set Open Air Fires are Subject to All Local Regulations**

- Fires are to be constantly attended by a competent person(s) at least 18 years of age, with means to control and extinguish the fire.
- Open burning may be no closer than 50 ft. from any structure and pose no hazards to a roadway.
- Bonfires are permitted, provided that they consist of neatly piled seasoned wood, stacked no more than 5' x 5', and no closer than 50 ft. from any structure.

#### **Prohibited Open Burning**

- The burning of household trash, garbage, refuse, household waste, commercial waste, construction waste or debris, combustible liquid, hazardous waste, impregnated lumber, junk, rubber, stumps, products of salvage operations, plastics, tires, tar-based materials, oil or petroleum-based products, hazardous materials, chemicals, animal carcasses and similar materials or waste is prohibited countywide (Incorporated towns included).
- Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions, or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, open burning shall be prohibited.

#### **Development-Related Burning**

- Agricultural burning, such as clearing of a field or fence row, is limited to materials generated on-site. The burning may be no closer than 50 ft. from a structure and 1,000 ft. from an occupied structure unless prior permission has been given by the occupant and poses no hazard to highways and airfields.
- All land clearing (pit burn) operations by contractors/landowners for development purposes shall be approved by the FMO. Burning of trees, stumps or brush may require a permit from FMO and the State Air Pollution Control Board.
- Warming barrels at a construction site shall be approved by the FMO. Only clean lumber can be burned, in a barrel or similar container that is screened or covered to prevent flying embers and is not within 15 ft. of any structure.

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**Landfill Temporarily Stops Accepting Tires:** The Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg will temporarily stop accepting waste tires at the county landfill effective September 26th. The landfill must temporarily suspend accepting all types of tires because the facility has reached its permitted limit for scrap tires. The temporary stoppage is expected to last two to three weeks.

The Commonwealth of Virginia limits the number of tires a facility can store, in part, to promote safe storage environments. The county's landfill has seen a recent increase in scrap tires, likely due to regional limitations on disposal sites accepting tires and increasing costs of disposal. In addition, the limited number of tire hauling operator services available to keep up with the increase volume of discarded tires resulted in the county's facility quickly reaching its permit limit.

Within the next two to three weeks, the Loudoun County landfill expects its service provider will haul away the current accumulation of tires for recycling, at which time the county can resume accepting scrap tires. Tires collected at the landfill are transported to a permitted recycler who can recycle the scrap tires for other beneficial uses, such as "crumb rubber," which is used in road construction and other applications. The tires are also repurposed as tire-derived fuel. The fees for discarding tires at the County's landfill range from \$3 to \$39, depending on the size of the tire.

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