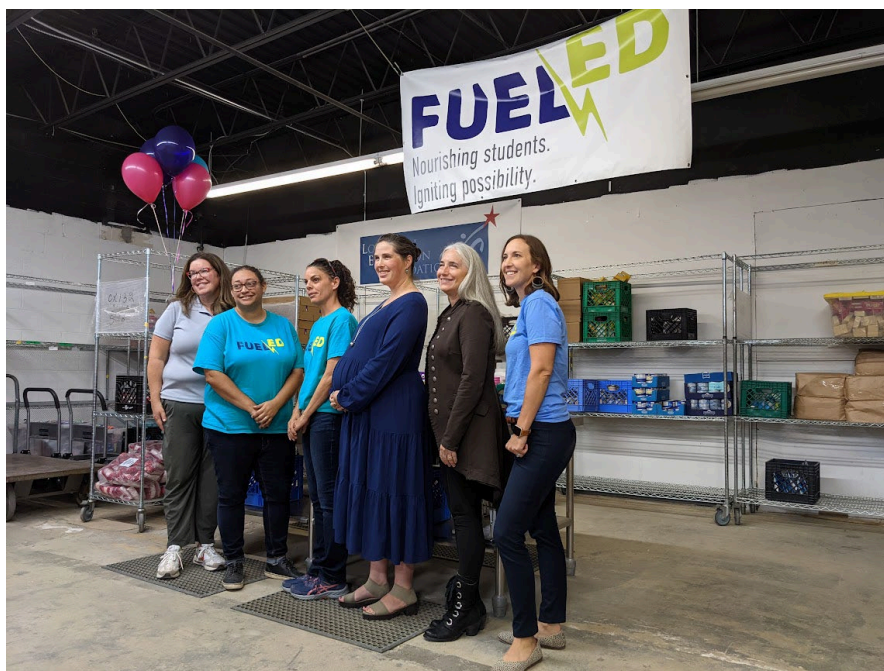


I would like to congratulate all of the newly and re-elected officials representing Loudoun County. I look forward to working with you!

Fueled



Thanks to Danielle Nadler of Loudoun Education Foundation for partnering with Jennifer Montgomery of Loudoun Hunger Relief and Karen Schaufeld of 100 Women Strong for taking the Backpack Coalition to a whole new level with Fueled. [Fueled](#) is a compassionate, student-centered food security program ignited by Loudoun Education Foundation's mission to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Bank



Thanks to the Knights of Columbus from Leesburg 's St. John the Apostle Church for collecting donations to [Catholic Charities](#). While visiting their food pantry, we got to see the brand new forklift donated by the Leesburg and Ashburn families from the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Thanks to the Catholic and LDS families who are always so generous supporting county food banks.

67th Kiwanis Leesburg Halloween Parade



The Kiwanis Club of Leesburg hosted their 67th Halloween parade with help from the Leesburg Police Department, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Leesburg Parks and

Recreation, Leesburg Public Works, and VFW Post 1177. This year, every VFW biker was in full Halloween regalia.

Chariots of Honor



Chariots of Honor honored WW2 veteran and Leesburg resident John Psaris on his 100th birthday. Thanks to Herb Valle and Mr. Psaris's family for enlisting the help of the Sons of the American Revolution, Mayor Kelly Burk, Delegate David Reid and Delegate-elect Geary Higgins.

Special Places to Visit in Leesburg



On the edge of Leesburg lies [Morven Park](#), with its miles of woodland trails. It is an easy walk from Old Waterford Knolls and worth a visit.

If, in your wanderings, you should walk past the North Star School and cross the Route 7 Bypass on Children's Center Road, you will find one or more deer waiting for you at [Rust Nature Sanctuary](#).

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

The Board of Supervisors has completed its work on the [Zoning Ordinance Rewrite](#). This has been long process and I want to thank County staff, the stakeholders, and community members who have dedicated so much time working on it. The Zoning Ordinance Rewrite will come before the Board at the December 13th public hearing for a final vote.

New Loudoun County General District Courthouse Opens



Loudoun County's new [General District Courthouse](#) is now open. The new courthouse is located at 2 Church Street NE in Leesburg, adjacent to the existing courthouse, which remains open. The Loudoun County Courthouse Complex is now comprised of three courthouses: the Loudoun County General District Courthouse, the Loudoun County Courthouse and the historic Charles Hamilton Houston Courthouse.

With the opening of the new courthouse, several courts and judicial services are moving. The General District Court, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney and Department of Community Corrections are currently in the process of moving into the new courthouse. The Loudoun County Courthouse, located at 18 East Market Street in Leesburg, will continue to house the Circuit Court, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Juvenile Court Service Unit and the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

The County has updated the operation of the courtesy shuttle that runs between the courthouse buildings and the designated parking areas for the Loudoun County Courthouse Complex.

- The shuttle service will now begin earlier, at 7:15 a.m., Monday through Friday.
- The shuttle route will now start at the recently reopened Semones Parking Lot where accessible parking is available for the courthouse complex. The Semones lot is located at the intersection of North Street NE and Cornwall Street NE in Leesburg.
- The shuttle stop for both the Loudoun County Courthouse and General District Courthouse will be relocated from East Market Street to 2 Church Street SE on the recently reopened street between the complex's two main courthouses.
- The courtesy shuttle will continue to run until 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The shuttle service also continues to serve the Pennington Lot and Pennington Garage, which are located at 210 Church Street NE in Leesburg. Both

general and accessible parking are available at the Pennington Lot and Garage.

The courthouse shuttle service is provided as a courtesy to visitors to the Loudoun County Courthouse Complex; however, riding the free shuttle is optional. The designated parking areas for the courthouse complex are located approximately two to three blocks from the courthouses.

Update from our Nonprofits

[Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers](#) is a community of volunteers helping frail elderly and adults with disabilities to maintain independence and quality of life. They offer simple home repair and household chores to include snow removal and yard and garden maintenance. They also offer Assisted Transportation, and to that end, have purchased a van that can carry two people in wheelchairs. They also have a Money Management Program designed to assist caregivers who have difficulty managing their financial affairs and have no family or friends to help. They are always looking for volunteers and donations.

[Loudoun Hunger Relief \(LHR\)](#) recently opened a Community Service Center at 750 Miller Drive SE Ste 110, Leesburg VA (near the Elections Office). The center is an expanded grocery-style food market as well as space to serve as a non-profit hub so staff and volunteers can serve area families and individuals in need. In 2023, LHR distributed 2,400,000 pounds of food (two million meals), 170,000 service instances for 14,000 Loudoun residents, 758,871 pounds of produce from local farmers and grocery store chains, 12,480 volunteer hours in the year, serving an average of 650 families each week. We were reminded that the level of need continues at historic highs. Donations are always appreciated. We were told that 80% of their funding comes from private donations.

The [Loudoun County Advisory Commission on Youth \(ACOY\)](#) is conducting a survey to gather information that will help inform County leaders when making decisions about services and programs designed to meet the needs of young people in the community. The survey is intended for parents of elementary, middle and high-school-aged students, and youth in middle and high school. The survey is expected to take about ten minutes to complete. The survey covers four topic areas:

- Activities and interests.
- Drug and alcohol use.
- Mental health and stress management.
- Online access and activity.

Responses are anonymous. Participants are not required to provide any individually identifying information such as their name, home address, birth date, IP address, etc. The survey is open through Tuesday, December 5th. Information gathered from the survey will be used to inform ACOY's "State of Loudoun Youth" annual report to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. More information about the [youth survey is online](#). Please see the commission's "[State of Loudoun Youth – 2023](#)" report.

Warm Regards,

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Business of the Month **Cowbell Kitchen**



Cowbell Kitchen is a farm and local producer-driven food business. We have built strong relationships with like-minded farmers, producers and small businesses. Founded in 2013 by vision in a dream, Cowbell continues to be a labor of love. Female lead, we are a small close knit and driven team.

The **Love, KK Foundation** commemorates the beautiful life of Kaeley "KK" Brady, the co-owner of our shop. Our mission is to support KK's passions: her bakery, Cowbell Kitchen, and other local small businesses and farmers. With the money raised, we keep her dreams alive and support what she loved.



Mayor Kelly Burk's Corner



Leesburg Police Service Dog: The Leesburg Police Department has onboarded Mooney, a one-year-old Golden Retriever who is the Town's first ever crisis response canine. Mooney comes to the Leesburg Police Department at no cost from Thin Line Service Dogs (TLSD), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Mooney is specifically bred and trained to identify people struggling with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). He has been partnered with Officer Rzewnicki, an 11-year member of LPD and a member of the department's Peer Support Team. Mooney will remain with Officer Rzewnicki for one year while he completes his second and final year of training. Upon completion of training, Mooney will go to his "forever" person, a previously identified first responder or veteran that experiences PTSD. At the conclusion of this pilot program, LPD will conduct a program evaluation to determine if the program should continue or be expanded.



Freeze Your Gizzard: The Leesburg Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Loudoun Hunger Relief, is hosting the 21st annual Freeze Your Gizzard Cross Country 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, November 18th. Runners of all skill levels and ages are invited to join this community tradition. 5K start time is 9:00 am with the 1-Mile Fun Run starting at 9:45 am. [Register here](#) for each race. All participants are asked to bring 2 canned goods or non-perishable items to donate to the Loudoun Hunger Relief food bank.



Holiday Tree Lighting and 33rd Annual Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Show: Tree lighting is Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm. The ceremony will be held on Town Green in front of the Leesburg Town Hall. Arts and Crafts Show is Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. The crafts show will be held at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center in the main hallway, basketball courts, group fitness room and lower level. Shop for one-of-a kind, handcrafted items from over 95 local and regional artisans.

Distinguished Budget Award: The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Town of Leesburg its prestigious Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, which began July 1st. Leesburg has received this award every year since 1986. It is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.



Update from Erika Ogedegbe

As the second quarter gets underway this school year, remember that you'll have opportunities throughout the year to connect with our new Superintendent, Dr. Aaron Spence. For more details and locations, please visit [here](#).

The [LCPS Mobile Health Clinic](#) will continue to provide school physicals and wellness checks, with clinic dates available into December! The Mobile Health Clinic provides free physicals for students entering LCPS and is NOT able to provide sports physicals.

At present, in the Town of Leesburg, [proffer monies](#) are funding the construction of walking tracks at John W. Tolbert, Jr. Elementary School; Leesburg Elementary School; and Smart's Mill Middle School. Proffers are funds that developers offer communities to help support infrastructure, facilities, and more as development brings population growth.

Funds are now available, with more expected based on new Town development, and these funds can be applied to additional qualifying LCPS capital projects that address growth and serve Leesburg resident students.

The School Board is awaiting feedback from the Town regarding the amount of funds, and we have shared with them a list of suggested school facilities projects. At-Large School Board Member Denise Corbo and I represent Town of Leesburg constituents, and we have discussed prioritizing school playground improvements because these playgrounds benefit both the schools themselves and their surrounding communities.

The age and condition of existing playgrounds and Town school facilities will be top considerations for the full School Board during this funding process. Town and LCPS staff will be further assessing identified projects following review and direction from the School Board.



On October 17th, I attended the 9th Annual HBCU Showcase at Tuscarora High School. This event drew hundreds of participants interested in exploring opportunities at HBCUs here in Virginia and across the US. There were representatives from colleges, universities, and community organizations, as well as military recruiters sharing information about program offerings, admissions, and scholarships. The evening was both fun and informative, and the great news is that if you couldn't make it in-person, you can still visit the [website](#) to learn more about the HBCUs represented and available scholarships!

As always, please feel free [to reach out to me](#) with comments or questions. Thank you!

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Community Information

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER

November 15, 2023 - March 31, 2024

Check in at:

Loudoun Homeless Services Center
19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg



Loudoun County
VIRGINIA

loudoun.gov/HomelessServices

Loudoun Hypothermia Prevention Shelter: Opens Wednesday, November 15th for single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. This temporary shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment and meals, will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31st.

The Hypothermia Prevention Shelter is located at 16450 Meadowview Court in Leesburg, just past the Loudoun Homeless Services Center. The shelter had been previously co-located within the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, which had a limited capacity. This new temporary location allows for additional capacity, while remaining in close proximity to daytime services, if needed. All shelter guests will be required to first check in at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center located at 19520 Meadowview Court. After checking in, guests will be served dinner and then directed to the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter.

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Trainings: All trainings are free, but seats are limited and registration is required, with the exception of Rapid REVIVE! The schedule of upcoming classes for November 2023 is as follows:

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training aims to raise awareness of the impact of potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness and substance abuse in adulthood. The training teaches that ACEs prevention is a key to improving a community's well-being. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and a question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

- The next class will be held: Monday, November 20th, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

REVIVE! is the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The training is free and anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend a training. Loudoun County offers two versions of the program - Rapid REVIVE! and Virtual REVIVE! Participants who complete the training

are also eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup.

- The next training will be held: Friday, November 17th, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Question Persuade Refer (QPR) training helps people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; Question, Persuade and Refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation.

- The next class will be held: Monday, November 27th, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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