



Weekly Newsflash DECEMBER 15, 2023

Board Allocates \$172 Million in Unspent Funds to Range of Initiatives

On December 5, 2023, the Board of Supervisors authorized the use of unassigned General Fund balance from the Loudoun County Adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Budget.

The \$172,168,860 fund balance includes revenue collected during the fiscal year that was not anticipated and therefore not assigned to budgetary items and expenditure savings.

The largest portion of the balance was set aside for one-time needs of the county's capital budget. The Board allocated \$55 million to the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program, Capital Asset Presentation Program and to the Debt Service Fund.

Other funding decisions for FY 2024 include:

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- \$7.4 million for general government uses, including the 2024 presidential election.
- \$6.6 million for Loudoun County Public Schools' Operating Fund.
- \$4 million in Capital Improvement Program funds for the planned Children's Science Center at Kincora.
- \$1 million for the Douglass High School Documentary Project.
- \$250,000 to help identify strategy and action plan for addressing the issues of invasive species in the county through collaboration with stakeholders.
- \$20 million for the county fiscal reserve, which the Board funds as part of its prudent fiscal planning.
- \$15 million contribution to the Revenue Stabilization Fund.

Additional details of these mid-year budget adjustments are available in the December 5, 2023, staff report, [Uses of Projected FY 2023 General Fund Balance and FY 2024 Mid-Year Appropriation \(PDF\)](#).

More information about the adopted FY 2024 budget is available on the county's website at loudoun.gov/budget.

The Board has already started its annual budget development process. The Board also [provided guidance for the development of the FY 2025 budget \(PDF\)](#). The County Administrator is scheduled to present a proposed FY 2025 budget to the Board in February.

Loudoun County Animal Services Hosts 'Empty the Shelters' Fee-Waived Adoption Event Dec.

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On Saturday, December 16, 2023, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host its annual fee-waived pet adoption event from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Animal Shelter, 42252 Adoption Drive, Leesburg. Adoption fees will be waived for all available pets, which include cats, kittens, dogs, small pets

and livestock.

This year, the LCAS event is again part of the nationwide, "Empty the Shelters" event, sponsored by BISSELL Pet Foundation, with the goal of finding homes for all shelter pets for the holidays.

The event will be full of holiday cheer with goodie bags for adopters and more. Santa himself will even stop by for a visit! Prospective adopters can view available pets online at loudoun.gov/animals. The standard adoption screening process still applies during this promotion and most adoptions can be completed on the same day.

In an effort to help as many pets as possible, LCAS is transferring in dogs and cats from overcrowded and under-resourced partner shelters throughout the region before the event.

All dogs, cats and rabbits adopted from LCAS are spayed or neutered and receive a microchip which is registered to their adopter. Dogs and cats also receive age-appropriate vaccinations.

More information about LCAS programs and services may be found at loudoun.gov/animals.

2023-2024 Holiday Bus Service Changes

Loudoun County Transit has made the following bus service changes for December 22, 2023, through January 1, 2024, in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays:



On Friday, December 22, 2023:

- Commuter Bus Service will operate.
- Local Bus Service will operate [on a regular schedule](#).
- The Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle from the Pennington Garage and Lot to the Courthouse will stop running at 1:30 p.m.
- Silver Line Bus Service will operate [on a regular schedule](#).
- Paratransit Bus Service will operate.

On Saturday, December 23, 2023:

- No changes.

On Sunday, December 24, 2023:

- Route 54 Safety Ride will operate.

On Monday, December 25, 2023:

- Loudoun County bus services will not run, including Commuter, Local, Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle, Paratransit, and Silver Line.

December 26, 2023 – December 31, 2023:

- No changes.

On Monday, January 1, 2024:

- Loudoun County bus services will not run, including Commuter, Local, Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle, Paratransit, and Silver Line.

Service Change Notifications

- All riders should monitor this web page, loudoun.gov/buschanges, after 4:00 a.m. for possible unexpected service changes. A voice

mail message at [703-771-5665](tel:703-771-5665) also will be updated should any service changes occur.

- To receive Loudoun County Transit notifications, download Transit app for free on Google Play or the Apple Store. After download, set your favorite routes to begin receiving notifications for the buses you ride. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/transitapp.

Contact Loudoun County Transit

Comments regarding any suggested route, stop or schedule changes are welcomed and should be [emailed to Transit Comments](#). Commuters may also contact us by phone at [877-465-2287](tel:877-465-2287) or [703-771-5665](tel:703-771-5665). A customer service representative is available to speak to callers Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Opportunities to Serve: Loudoun Seeks Applicants for Board of Zoning Appeals, Other Boards



Opportunity to Serve Your Community

Loudoun County seeks applicants for:

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Advisory Boards, Commissions & Committees

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Loudoun County offers residents opportunities to get involved in local government by serving on a variety of boards, committees and commissions.

Board of Zoning Appeals
Loudoun County is seeking applicants to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals

(BZA). There is one opening for a member whose term would begin January 1, 2024.

The duties of the BZA include hearing and deciding:

- Appeals of administrative decisions and notices of violations made in accordance with the zoning ordinance.
- Applications for variances as authorized by the zoning ordinance.

- Appeals from the decisions of the Loudoun County Zoning Administrator regarding interpretation of the zoning map where there is uncertainty as to the location of a zoning district boundary.
- Applications for special exceptions when buildings or structures have inadvertently encroached into a setback.

The BZA has five members and two alternates who are appointed by the chief judge of the Loudoun County Circuit Court for staggered terms of five years. BZA members must be residents of Loudoun County.

The BZA meets approximately once a month for a public hearing.

The deadline to apply is January 12, 2024. More information, including a link to the online application form, is available at loudoun.gov/bza.

Advisory Boards, Commissions & Committees

There are also opportunities to serve on boards, commissions and committees that advise the Board of Supervisors on a wide variety of topics. Find out more at loudoun.gov/advisoryvacancies.

REMINDER: Home Weatherization Programs and Tips

As the seasons shift, it's time to prepare your home for changing weather. Heating and cooling are major energy consumers, so now is a great time to weatherize your home to save time, money and be more sustainable. Weatherizing reduces the energy we use to make our homes more comfortable by improving moisture control, air sealing, ventilation, and upgrades to insulation, doors and windows.



LEARN MORE:
loudoun.gov/Weatherization

There are several programs, rebates and incentives that Loudoun County residents can take advantage of to upgrade their homes, improve comfort and save energy and money.

- Federal Tax Credits: Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, federal income tax credits for energy efficiency home improvements will be available through 2032. A broad selection of ENERGY STAR certified equipment is eligible for the tax credits. [Learn more about federal tax credits from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.](#)
 - [Energy-Saving Tips from Energy.gov](#)
- Utility Rebates and Incentives:
 - [Dominion Energy: Save Energy & Money](#)
 - [Tips for Saving Energy](#)
 - [NOVEC: Ways to Save Energy](#)
 - [Washington Gas: Programs and Rebates](#)
 - [Columbia Gas of Virginia: Energy Efficiency Rebates](#)
- Weatherization Assistance: [Community Housing Partners](#) offers no-cost home weatherization for eligible residents.
- ENERGY STAR Products: Learn how you can upgrade to [energy efficient products and make other home improvements](#) that can deliver significant energy and cost savings.
- Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) Energy Assessments: LEAP works with residents to devise and execute plans to make their homes more energy-efficient, comfortable, and solar-powered. [Learn more about LEAP energy assessments.](#)

As part of the [Loudoun County Energy Strategy](#) adopted by the Board of Supervisors in April 2023, the Loudoun County Government supports efforts to create a community that uses less energy and has lower greenhouse gas emissions while ensuring that energy is clean, reliable and affordable for residents and businesses in the county.

**Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and
Community Services Open House Hiring Event
- Thursday, December 21st**



Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services is now hiring for seasonal and summer jobs!

The open house event is an opportunity to receive assistance with applications and meet directly with PRCS hiring managers.

There are numerous employment opportunities for both teens who are rising 11th graders and adults.

When: Thursday, December 21, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm -5:00 pm

Where: 705 E Market St. Leesburg, VA 20176

[Registration](#)

Pre-interviews will be performed by hiring managers for the following positions:

- Seasonal Maintenance Worker
- Recreation Aide
- Lifeguards
- Summer and Seasonal Assistant Manager for Parks and Pools
- Camp Supervisors
- Camp Leaders
- Camp Leaders for Adaptive Recreation
- Camp Instructors for Parks

Bring a printout of your completed application or come ready knowing your social security number to complete your application online with PRCS assistance.

Interested candidates are encouraged to fill out an application on loudoun.gov/prcsjobs.

For more information, call [703-777-0343](tel:703-777-0343) or email prcsrecruiting@loudoun.gov.

**Virginia Department of Transportation
Announces First Website Overhaul Since 2008**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) just launched its new website. The new website prioritizes user experience and makes popular content, such as real-time traffic alerts and resources for business partners, easier to find.



VDOT's website was last redesigned in 2008. The new website is accessible for all types of users, including those accessing on mobile devices, needing translation options, or using assistive technology.

"We are excited to be delivering a website built with the future in mind," said **VDOT Commissioner Stephen Brich**. "We know that people are seeking information to help them move through the Commonwealth, and VDOT's new site provides a modern way for all users to find that information easily."

Virginia 511 resources have also been integrated to help the public quickly access real-time traffic information. The new website features equivalent auditory and visual content alternatives, translation options, tags to group information, and streamlined viewing and functionality for mobile browsers.

Visit the new VDOT website now on desktop and mobile devices at vdot.virginia.gov.

**Loudoun County Human Services Nonprofit
Grant Application Process Closes Dec. 21st**



Loudoun County's annual grant application process for community nonprofit organizations is now open with the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 2025) Human Services Nonprofit Grant Application available

Find details at: loudoun.gov/NonprofitGrants

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Nonprofits certified as 501(c)3 organizations that provide human services to Loudoun County residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for FY 2025 are eligible to apply for funding.

The areas of need are:

- **Crisis Intervention and Diversion:** Services provided to individuals and families in crisis to overcome immediate problems and reduce or prevent the need for more restrictive and expensive higher-level services.
- **Improved Quality of Human Services:** Services and opportunities provided to individuals, organizations and communities that enhance the quality, accessibility, accountability, and coordination of services provided by community organizations.
- **Long-Term Support:** Services that focus on assisting individuals who have continuing, long-term support needs to remain healthy, safe, and independent in the community.
- **Prevention and Self-Sufficiency:** Services focused on assisting individuals and families in becoming and/or remaining independent and stable, and providing tools, skills, strategies and resources to individuals and families.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, December 21, 2023.

Happy Holidays from Dulles Town Center

Holiday Performance Schedule

Get ready for a December to remember!

Join the Dulles Town Center for their month-long celebration packed with amazing musical performances and exciting events at Dulles Town Center (21100 Dulles Town Circle Dulles, VA 20166).



**HOLIDAY MAGIC
HAPPENS HERE**

Mark your calendars – you won't want to miss out!

All performances are located on the lower level, which is on the Macy's wing side. Please see the remainder of the performance schedule below.

- Friday, December 15, 5:30-6:30 PM - Sanders Corner Elementary
- Saturday, December 16, 2-3 pm - Rocknoceros
- Sunday, December 17, 2-4 PM - Potomac Falls Music
- Monday, December 18, 5:30-6:30 pm - West End Tuba Euphonium Ensemble
- Tuesday, December 19, 6-7 PM -Performance - Aldie Elementary
- Friday, December 22, 5-7 PM Performance - United Bank

Photos with Santa

Photos with Santa will be available through Sunday, December 24th. To make a reservation and pre-purchase a photo package, click [HERE](#).

Reservations are recommended but not required. Walk-ups are always welcome and will be accommodated on a space-available basis.

SANTA HOURS*

- Monday through Friday 11am-7pm (break 3pm - 4pm)
- Saturdays 11am - 7pm (break 3pm - 4pm)

- Sunday 12am-6pm (break 3pm - 4pm)
- Christmas Eve 9am-4pm (break 1-2pm)

Photo packages start at \$39.99. Book reservations in advance to receive one free personalized phone call from Santa before your visit. [Click here](#) to view all photo package pricing.

REMINDER: Loudoun County Seeks Comments about Accessibility for ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan



Loudoun County is asking for feedback from members of the public about the accessibility of county services for people with disabilities, including county-sponsored programs, activities, facilities and website. The survey is part of an update to the county's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and

Transition Plan.

The survey, which is one part of the county's self-evaluation, will help the county identify any barriers impeding the participation in the county's programs, services and activities by people with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited: to obtaining a permit, paying a fee, participating in a recreational program and attending a public meeting. The responses to the survey will also help inform the county's Transition Plan that addresses any barriers to improving access for individuals with disabilities.

The survey will be open through January 2, 2024. Anyone who requires the survey in an alternative format may call [703-777-0113](tel:703-777-0113) or [send an email](#).

More information about the county's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan as well as links to the survey and to sign up for email and text updates on the project, can be found at loudoun.gov/adastudy.

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