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Newsletter



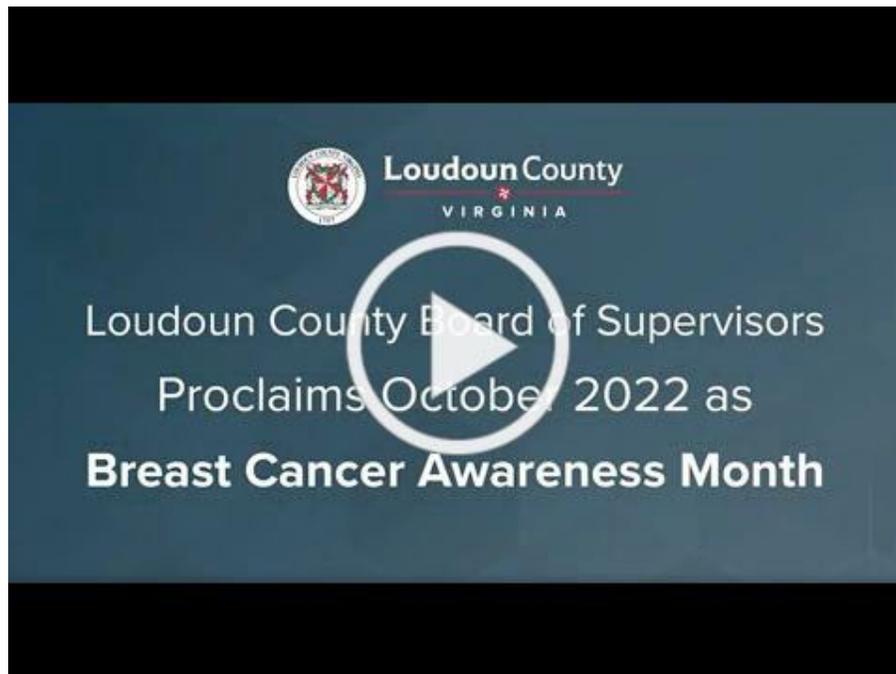
Hello, Loudoun

The general election is Tuesday, November 8th, and polls will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. In the Community Information section, are six important things election officials would like voters to know before heading to the polls. Remember, you can vote early until November 5th at **four locations** throughout the County.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Since 1985, Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been recognized each October to share the message that by working together through promotion and education, we can raise the awareness of breast cancer in our community.

At the October 18th Board business meeting, I sponsored a **proclamation** to recognize October 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. My Voice for a Cause was **Step Sisters**, a local nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer by funding needed support services locally. Please see the Public Service Announcement video that I did encouraging women to get their mammogram. Thank you!



Opening Day for Metro

Opening day is Tuesday, November 15th for the Silver Line Extension connecting Metrorail customers to Washington Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County for the first time. On opening day, customers who visit the six new Silver Line stations – Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center, Washington Dulles International Airport, Loudoun Gateway, and Ashburn – will be greeted by Metro teams handing out commemorative pennants, a Metro tradition that started when the first station opened in 1976.

I'm very pleased we finally have a date that Metrorail will initiate operations in Loudoun County. Metrorail to Dulles Airport and beyond will be pivotal in developing Loudoun's emerging Urban Policy Area, providing high paying employment opportunities and diverse housing options. In addition, Metro will allow citizens throughout the Washington Capitol area to explore and experience all of the amenities and recreational opportunities Loudoun has to offer. Finally, Metro offers a transit option for federal government employees and others to leave the car at home and not contend with heavy commuter traffic.

Riders will be able to access the stations by bus or car as follows:

- Transit service will begin new and modified bus routes. More information is provided on the [Silver Line Bus Routes webpage](#).
- There will be three garages to serve two metrorail stations - one at the Loudoun Gateway Metrorail Station and two at the Ashburn Metrorail

Station. More information is provided on the [Metrorail Parking Garages webpage](#).

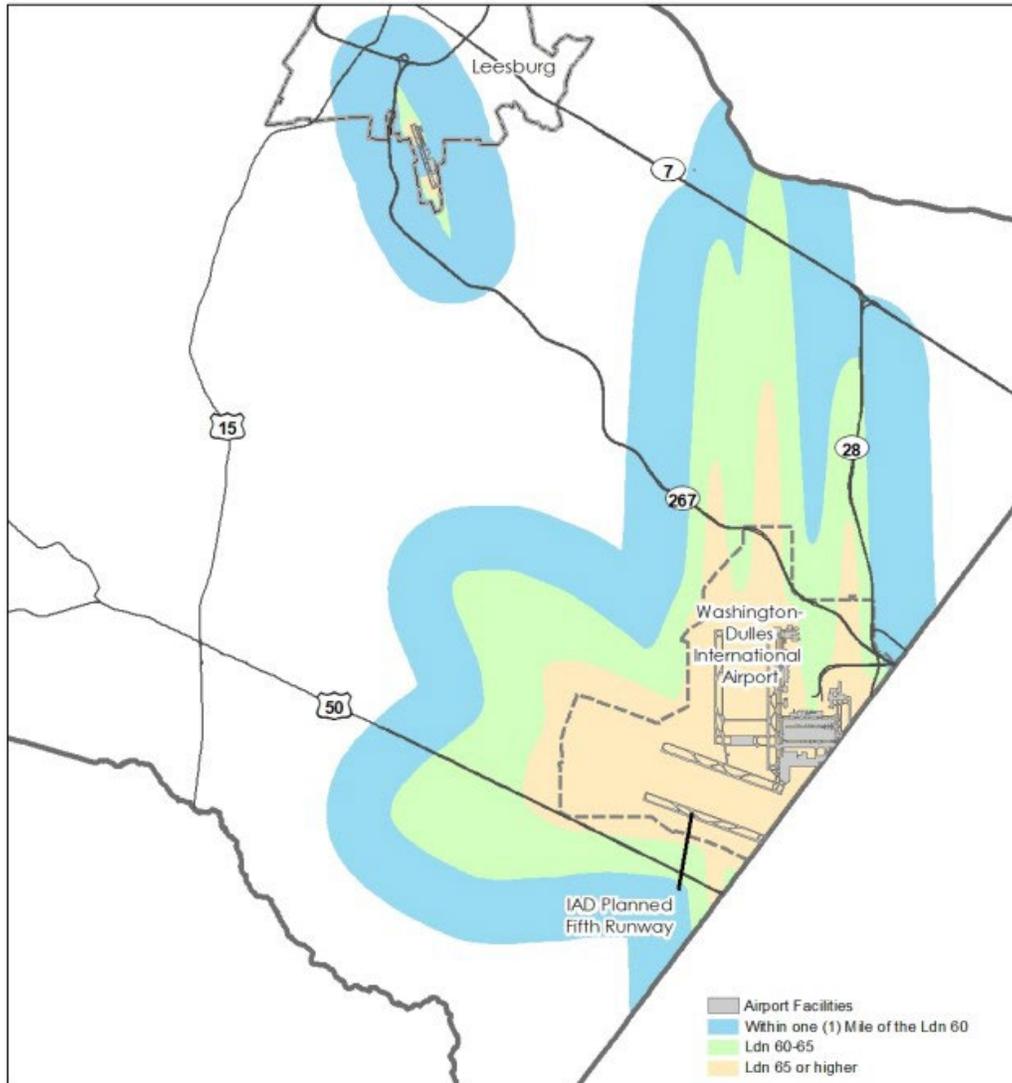
Airport Impact Overlay District Public Hearing

On Wednesday, November 9th, there is a Board public hearing about the **proposed amendments to the Airport Impact Overlay District (AIOD)**. The current overlay district was implemented in the early 1990s to prevent residential development in areas that would be affected by aircraft noise and to mitigate impacts to prospective homebuyers. It is outdated and needs to be amended. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority updated the noise exposure maps for Dulles International Airport in 2019. The update reflects changes in the aviation environment over the last 30 years and prepares for future changes in airport usage. Please see the proposed AIOD noise contours depicted in Figure 2.

Loudoun County cannot regulate airport noise or control flight paths; however, the County can update its policies that regulate the use of land around the airport. The AIOD is a zoning tool to plan appropriate land uses in the areas where airport noise is known to occur. For more information, please visit the County's [website](#).

The public hearing will be held in the Board Room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison St. SE, in Leesburg. The meeting can be viewed in person, on Comcast Government Channel 23, Verizon FiOS Channel 40 and via [livestream](#). Speakers can sign up in advance by noon on the day of the public hearing by calling 703-777-0200. Beginning 30 minutes before the start of the meeting, speakers may sign up in person on a first-come, first-served basis.

Figure 2: Proposed Noise Contours Map



Public Input for Non-English Speakers

On October 18th, we adopted changes to the Rules of Order that formalized the procedures for the translation of public input by non-English speakers during board meetings. In addition, the Board authorized advance online sign-up for all public speakers.

In an effort to ensure each speaker who appears before the Board has equal time while also assuring that members of the Board and the public can understand input from non-English speakers, the Board opted to continue the practice of providing consecutive

interpretation. The consecutive interpretation process relies on an interpreter who is either present in the meeting room or participating in the meeting virtually and translates spoken words into English in real time. The Board's updated rules indicate that the additional time required for translations will not count against a speaker's total allotted time for public input or count against the total time allowed for public input.

Gold Star Families Tax Relief

At the October 18th Board business meeting, the Board unanimously moved to advertise a public hearing for Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 pm to consider the new ordinance to establish a tax rate of one cent for real property owned by surviving spouses of certain persons killed in the line of duty. I sponsored this initiative to take care of the spouse and family of a loved one who is killed in the line of duty.

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Board Business

FY 2024 Preliminary Budget Guidance: At the October 18th Board business meeting, I moved (passed 5 to 4) to prepare the FY 2024 proposed budget at a real property tax

rate that approximates the revenues and expenditures for Scenario 3 Revised (\$0.905), including options to increase or decrease the proposed budget (current tax rate is \$0.89). This scenario would fund compensation, base budget adjustments, and resource requests needed to open new facilities. It is based on the split of new Local Tax Funding (LTF) between the County Government and LCPS of 40 percent/60 percent.

We also moved (passed 6 to 3) to prepare the FY 2024 proposed budget at a personal property tax rate of \$4.15 per \$100 assessed value for TY 2023 and TY 2024. We made a commitment to decrease the personal property tax to \$4.15 starting in TY 2023, and I believe we should keep this commitment. For TY 2022, we agreed to apply an 80% assessment ratio to vehicles because used vehicle values remain elevated well above their pre-pandemic levels.

The purpose of preliminary budget guidance is to give high level direction. It is likely that additional revenue will become available as we develop the budget and begin to receive updated data.

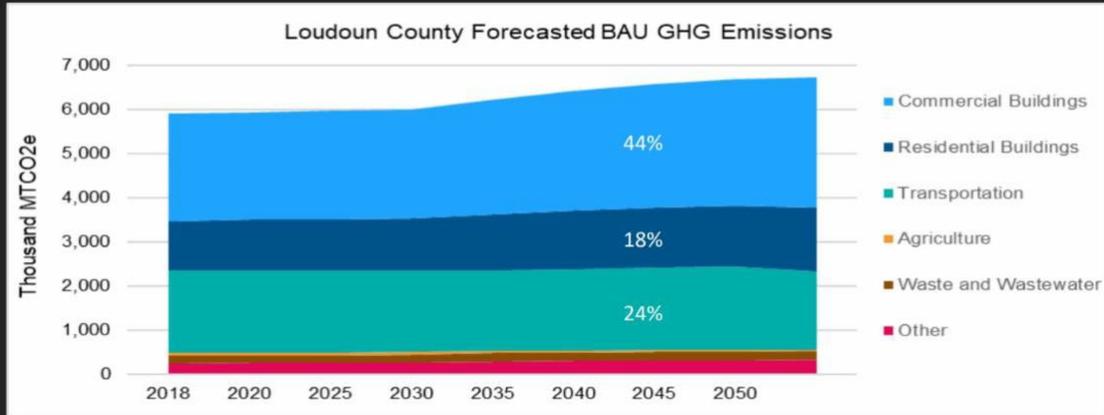
County Energy Strategy Update: On October 18th, the Board received an update on the status of the County Energy Strategy. The vision is to achieve the goal set by the Virginia Clean Economy Act for net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 and a carbon free grid by 2050 while ensuring energy is clean, reliable, and affordable for all residents and businesses. Three goal areas will help meet the vision: 1) Government by Example, 2) supporting renewable energy development in the County, for which government and community recommendations overlap, and 3) stimulating community-wide efforts.

Under a Business as Usual scenario (see Figure 5), greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the County would increase 8% from 2018-2050. This increase is driven by rising energy consumption in the transportation and building sectors due to an expected growth in population leading to additional buildings and more miles driven. Energy consumption from buildings and transportation increases 23% from 2018-2050. A significant portion of the growth in energy usage is from the forecasted tripling in data center square footage by 2030.

The first County Energy Strategy was completed in 2009 but none of the strategies were implemented. Eleven years later we are updating it to get on the right track. I believe adding more buses and mass transit will help reduce the GHG emissions from transportation. Elaine E. Thompson Elementary School, which opened this fall, won the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) national Decarbonize Your Design Challenge. The school's design features will save an estimated \$65,553 per year in utility costs. Features include a solar photovoltaic array, natural daylighting, a high-efficiency HVAC system, enhanced air filtration and LED lighting. The County and LCPS are increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy use to reduce GHG emissions. Anyone interested in environmental- and energy-related news and updates may subscribe [here](#).

Business As Usual Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Figure 5. Forecasted GHG Emissions from County: Business As Usual Scenario



Investing in Transportation

Intersection Improvement Program: At the October 18th Board business meeting, we advanced fourteen unsignalized and five signalized rank 5 intersections for advanced intersection safety analysis (please see list below). Each intersection was assigned a ranking of 1 to 5 based on several factors including reported crashes, vehicular volumes, and proximity to significant traffic generators, or public facilities, such as schools. Intersections receiving a ranking of 5 were deemed to be top candidates for improvements.

The Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) will give the results of the advanced safety studies at a future Board business meeting, including recommended safety improvements. Through the advanced safety study process, preliminary cost estimates will be developed for each recommended improvement and cost estimates will be used to program the recommended intersection improvements into the FY 2025 Capital Improvement Program.

Unsignalized		
Intersection Major Road (Route Number) and Minor Road (Route Number)	2011 Election District	2022 Election District
Cascades Parkway (1794) and Middlefield Drive (1799)	Algonkian	Algonkian
Ashburn Farm Parkway (625) and Golden Meadow Circle / Summerwood Circle (1851)	Ashburn	Ashburn
Berlin Turnpike (287) and Morrisonville Rd/Ash George Road (693)	Blue Ridge/ Catoctin	Catoctin
City Center Boulevard (1345) and Haleybird Drive (ND)	Broad Run	Sterling
Pacific Boulevard (1036) and Relocation Drive (775)	Broad Run	Sterling
Pacific Boulevard (634) and Moran Road (1036)	Broad Run	Sterling
Shellhorn Road (643) and Ashburn Metro Drive (ND)	Broad Run	Broad Run
Route 15 and Lime Kiln Road (773)	Catoctin	Catoctin/ Little River
Loudoun County Parkway (607) and Dulles Greenway Eastbound Ramp (267)	Dulles	Sterling
South Riding Boulevard (2201) and Defender Drive (1279)	Dulles	Dulles
Old Ox Road (606) and Pebble Run Place (2963)	Dulles	Dulles/ Sterling
Sterling Boulevard (846) and Poplar Road (1419)	Sterling	Sterling
Magnolia Road (1525) and Blossom Drive (3254)	Sterling	Sterling
Circle Drive (1401) and Providence Village Drive / South Fillmore Avenue (1535)	Sterling	Sterling
Signalized		
Intersection Major Road (Route Number) and Minor Road (Route Number)	2011 Election District	2022 Election District
Route 7 and City Center Boulevard (1949)/ Countryside Boulevard (1570)	Algonkian/ Broad Run	Algonkian/ Sterling
Route 7 and Palisade Parkway (1795)/ Loudoun Tech Drive (1795)	Algonkian/ Broad Run	Algonkian/ Broad Run
Loudoun County Parkway (607) and Route 7	Algonkian/ Broad Run	Algonkian/ Broad Run
Belmont Ridge Road (659) and Creighton Road (774)	Blue Ridge	Little River
Route 50 and South Riding Boulevard (2201)	Dulles	Dulles

Community Information

November 8, 2002, Election: Six Things to Know

1. Know When to Vote
2. Know Where to Vote
3. Bring Acceptable ID
4. Know Who & What is on the Ballot
5. Know Who Can Vote
6. Stay Informed



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Find more information:
loudoun.gov/NovemberElection

1. Know When to Vote

- Polls in Loudoun County will be open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, Tuesday, November 8th.
- Early voting continues in Loudoun through Saturday, November 5th. Locations and hours for early voting are [online](#).
- Completed absentee ballots may be returned by mail (postmarked no later than November 8th).

2. Know Where to Vote

- Anyone who is not sure about where to vote may check their voter registration card or look up their polling place and related information [online](#). A list of polling places in Loudoun is available [here](#).

3. Bring Identification

- Voters will be asked to show an [acceptable form of identification](#), such as a Virginia DMV-issued driver's license. Voters who do not have an acceptable form of ID can sign an ID statement affirming their identity and they will be able to vote a regular ballot.

4. Know Who and What is on the Ballot

- Offices on the November 8th ballot in Loudoun County include the 10th Congressional District seat; Loudoun County School Board members for the Broad Run and Leesburg Districts; mayor and town council in Hamilton, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Lovettsville and Purcellville; and a town council seat in Round Hill. Three county government bond questions will also be on the ballot. Sample ballots are available [online](#).

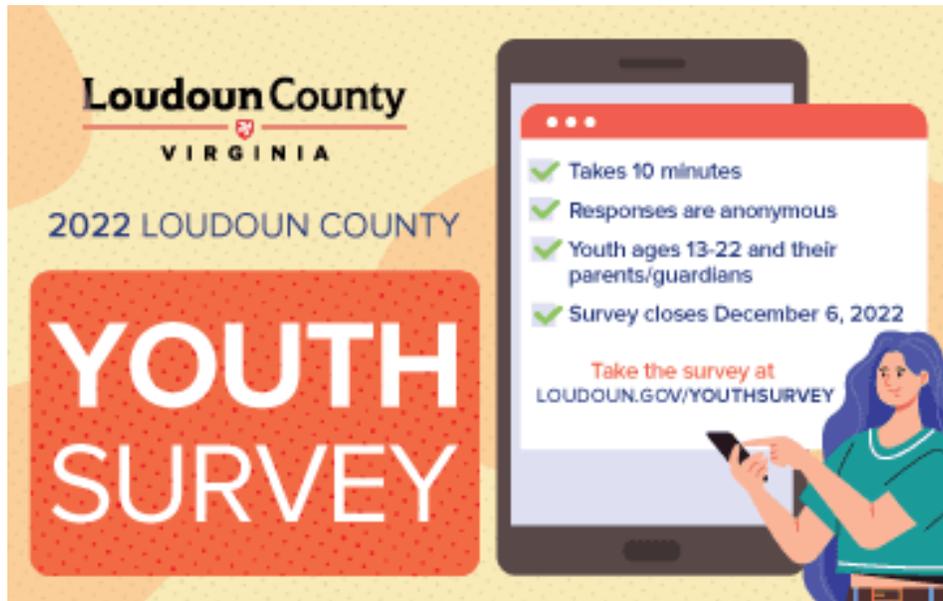
5. Know Who Can Vote

- All registered voters in Loudoun County are eligible to vote in the general election. A new feature this year is what is referred to as [Same Day Voter Registration](#), allowing voters to register and vote a provisional ballot up to and including Election Day. Provisional ballots are used by voters who do not appear on the list of registered voters at their polling location.

Provisional ballots are not processed by a vote counting machine at the time of voting; they are subject to approval by the local electoral board.

6. **Stay Informed**

- Preliminary results will be available **online** following the closing of the polls on election night.



Survey of Youth & Parents to Help Young People Thrive: 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 youth ages 13-22 and their parents or guardians. The survey consists of 25 questions and 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.

- **Take the survey in English**
- **Take the survey in Spanish**

The survey is open through Tuesday, December 6th. Information gathered from the survey will be used to inform ACOY's "State of Loudoun Youth" annual report to the Board.

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