



# Chair Phyllis J. Randall Newsletter



## Hello, Loudoun

You are cordially invited to my 2023 State of the County Address that will take place in the Loudoun County Government Center Board Room, 1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 pm. I hope you can make it to the last address of this Board's term. Please RSVP to Ruth Immanuel at [ruth.immanuel@loudoun.gov](mailto:ruth.immanuel@loudoun.gov). Thank you!



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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

*Chair Phyllis J. Randall*

Cordially invites you to the

**STATE** Of  
The **COUNTY ADDRESS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | 6:00 P.M.

Guests may attend in person or watch on TV or online.

# Adopted FY 2024 Budget

On April 4th, the Board approved a budget totaling approximately \$4.2 billion in total appropriations for the general county government and school system for Fiscal Year 2024. The budget includes a real property tax rate of \$0.875 cents per \$100 in assessed value for tax year 2023. This is one-and-a-half cents lower than the current tax rate. However, because assessments increased, the average homeowner will see a real property tax increase of approximately \$340 in FY 2024. The budget also includes a five-cent reduction of the personal property tax rate to \$4.15 per \$100 in assessed value for tax year 2023. As you can see from the chart below, Loudoun residents continue to enjoy the lowest real property tax rate in the region. Please visit [here](#) for more information about the FY 2024 budget.

## Real property tax rates

By calendar year, per \$100 of fair-market value

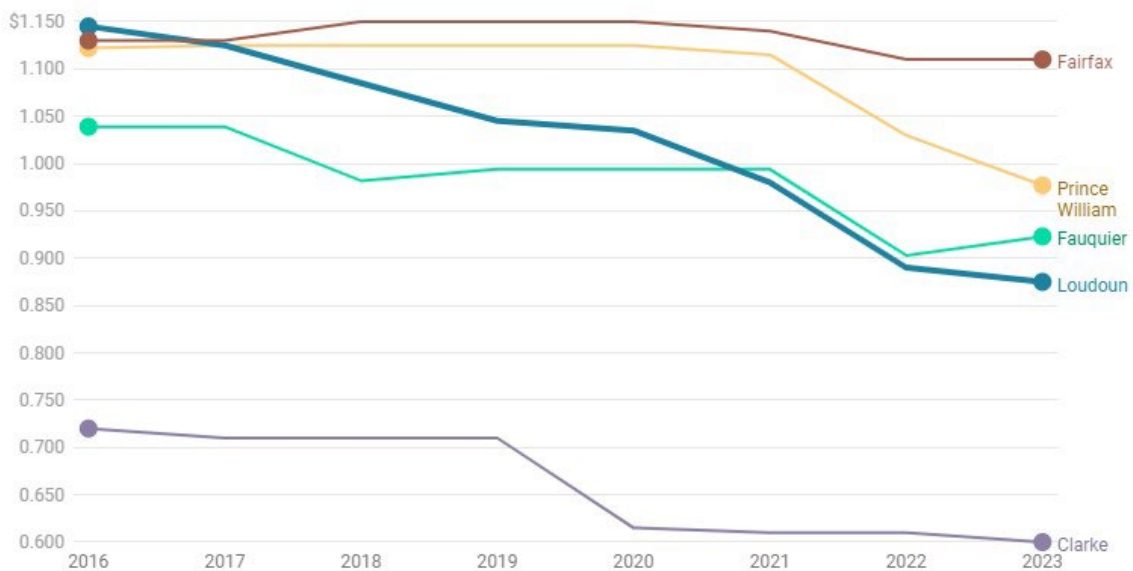


Chart is current as of March 18, 2023. Data prior to calendar year 2023 comes from adopted county budgets. Data for Loudoun County in CY2023 comes from the tentative tax rate set at a March 16 work session. All other CY2023 rates come from each county's proposed fiscal year 2024 budget. All tax rates are subject to change until formally adopted by each county's board of supervisors.

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The allocation to Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) this year was 58% of the budget. During the development of the FY 2024 budget, we provided guidance to share net new local tax funding between the County Government and LCPS at the ratio of 40 percent to the County and 60 percent to LCPS, which was a change from the traditional 34 percent/66 percent split. We increased the local transfer to LCPS by \$3 million to cover part of the \$6.2 million gap in local tax funding. The delta between what LCPS

requested and what was received is 3.2 million dollars (or 0.0018) of their 1.67 billion dollar budget.

Regarding state appropriations to the schools, there is a \$3.1 million shortfall in FY 2023 due to a calculation tool error by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). The VDOE calculation tool error was not addressed as part of the FY 2024 General Assembly “skinny” budget and LCPS has now projected a \$13 million shortfall from the state. During the March 16th budget work session, we committed to utilize current year fund balance to address LCPS’ state revenue shortfall, or at least a portion of the shortfall, that remains unresolved by the General Assembly. County staff anticipates returning to the Board in May 2023 with a recommendation to appropriate current year fund balance for this purpose.

## Personal Property Tax Relief

At the March 7th Board business meeting, we approved a 95% assessment ratio for tax year 2023 that reduces the value of vehicles assessed using the JD Power National Automobile Dealers Association valuation guides to offset the continued unprecedented increase in vehicle values. We also adopted a **Resolution** for the personal property tax relief for tax year 2023 that includes the following:

1. Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,000 or less will be eligible for 100% tax relief.
2. Personal use vehicles valued at \$1,001 to \$20,000 will be eligible for 33% tax relief.
3. Personal use vehicles valued at \$20,001 or more shall receive 33% tax relief only on the first \$20,000 of value.
4. All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of “qualifying” (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for personal property tax relief.

To help blunt the impact of increased values, we reduced the personal property tax rate to \$4.15 from \$4.20, increased the tax relief from 27% to 33%, and approved a 95% assessment ratio.

## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week



At the April 4th Board business meeting, we recognized National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, the week of April 9 - 15, 2023 to celebrate the men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance. Across the nation in times of intense personal crisis and community-wide disasters, the first access point for those seeking all classes of emergency services is 911. Public safety communicators who receive these calls are the first and single point of contact for persons seeking immediate relief during an emergency and often mean the difference between life and death. The importance of celebrating the hard work of these dedicated professionals is immeasurable.

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**Board Business**

**Short-Term Residential Rental Regulations:** At the April 4th Board business meeting, we adopted a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOAM) that will regulate short-term residential rental (STRR) uses. STRR properties are those that are typically listed on websites, such as Airbnb and VRBO. Under the County's adopted ZOAM, STRR properties are defined as those available to rent for fewer than 30 consecutive days. Existing STRR businesses will have until September 30th to comply with the ZOAM's new regulations or submit the application needed to come into compliance. All STRR properties must comply with the ZOAM's new regulations. County approval of applications does not supersede HOAs or other private covenants and restrictions.

Beginning July 1, 2023, the levy and collection of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) on overnight stays in Loudoun will be applied to lodging facilities that offer lodging or accommodations to one or more people. The TOT currently applies only to facilities that can accommodate four or more people at one time. The TOT is paid by transients and collected by the lodging business or any person receiving the total room charge, including STRR accommodation intermediaries, and remitted to the County. In Loudoun, the TOT is levied at 8% of the total price charged to the customer for their stay. The tax collected is used to promote tourism and fund transportation.

## Investing in Transportation

**Northern Virginia Paving Program:** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has opened its 2023 paving season to resurface roads in Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, and Arlington counties. Please see the [interactive map](#) for the 2023 paving schedule. Information on the point of contact for any given contract can be found by clicking on the road of interest.

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**Virtual Public Meeting on Croson Lane Widening:** Members of the public are invited to join the virtual meeting to learn, ask questions and provide input about the project Thursday, April 20th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Login information and meeting materials are available for review [here](#). Members of the public must sign up in advance to ask questions during the meeting no later than 12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 19th. Online participants may also send questions to the project team as Q&A messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows.

This project provides for the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction to widen Croson Lane (Route 645) to four lanes between Claiborne Parkway (Route 901) and Mooreview Parkway (Route 2298) and transitioning from four lanes to two lanes from Mooreview Parkway to Old Ryan Road (Route 772). The project also includes the construction of a sidewalk on one side of the road and a shared-use path on the other side.

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**Public Comment on Belmont Ridge Road Corridor Safety and Operational Study:**  
The comment period will be open through Friday, April 21st and members of the public



are encouraged to watch a recorded presentation and submit a comment about the study [here](#).

This corridor study is being conducted in two phases. In fall 2022, the Phase 1 portion of the study completed an operational and safety analysis to review existing traffic conditions along Belmont Ridge Road. The study also examined pedestrian and bicycle accommodations. Phase 1 identified short-and mid-term improvements on the corridor. Phase 2 analyzes future traffic conditions and identifies long-term improvements. The purpose of the April 2023 public comment period is to present the findings from Phase 2 of the study and to receive input from the public on the long-term recommendations.

The public comments and recommendations for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 are scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in the summer of 2023.

## Community Information

**Ceremony for Ashburn Recreation and Community Center:** The public is invited to attend a topping out ceremony for the Ashburn Recreation and Community Center, on Tuesday, April 25th, at 3:00 pm. The ceremony—a tradition in construction—symbolizes the completion of structural steel installation, which is marked by invited guests signing the final steel beam that is then placed into the structure. The event will take place at the end of Van Metre Drive near the Ashburn Recreation Center construction site in Ashburn.

The project will construct a 117,000-square-foot recreation and community center on Broadlands Boulevard, west of the intersection with Claiborne Parkway. The two-story facility will feature a 50-meter competition pool with spectator seating, leisure pool, spa, full-size gymnasium, large fitness area, running track, soft sensory playroom, multipurpose room with a catering and teaching kitchen, classrooms, offices and meeting spaces.

The gymnasium will be the largest in the county's PRCS system and will include game line markings for basketball, volleyball and pickleball courts. Outside, the center will include a multi-use trail around the property, a large courtyard with seating, a splash play area and playground equipment. Construction is currently estimated for completion in summer 2025.

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**Westpark Property Informational Meeting:** The public is invited to attend a public information meeting to learn more about the County's current and future plans for the recently purchased Westpark property. The information meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Drive SE, in Leesburg.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested residents with an update on the interim maintenance that the County will conduct until the future park improvements are complete. In addition, the County will provide a preview of the upcoming improvement project schedule and future public input process that will begin in the coming months.



**Small Business Week 2023:** In honor of Loudoun’s 10th Small Business Week Celebration, the Department of Economic Development is hosting an educational summit on Tuesday, May 2nd from 8am-3pm at the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling. The goal of the summit is to connect to and provide resources for small business from all industries who are looking to start or scale their concept or current plan. The day will include a keynote speaker and two facilitated workshops: one on finance and one on sales and marketing.

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**Loudoun Environmental Commission Hosts Energy & Environment Forum:**

Members of the community are encouraged to learn and engage about the County’s efforts to increase environment and energy sustainability at the Energy and Environment Forum Thursday, May 11th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm, at the Academies of Loudoun, 42075 Loudoun Academy Drive in Leesburg. The forum will feature information stations to learn about ongoing activities in the areas of energy and the environment and provide comments. Topics will include:

- Loudoun County Energy Strategy
  - Energy Equity
  - Solar Ordinances
  - Tree Protection
  - Wildlife Corridors
  - Watershed Management
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