



Weekly Newsflash

January 5, 2023

REMINDER: Please Do Not Pay Haulin' Trash Automated Invoices

My office has received a few emails from residents indicating that they have recently received invoice emails from Haulin' Trash. As a reminder, these emails are being sent in error through an automated system and ARE NOT to be paid. The original notice from Haulin' Trash is copied below.

County staff is working to determine if and how the automated notices can be terminated prior to the appointment of a trustee by the courts. Additionally, the County is still awaiting more definitive information on the status of Haulin' Trash's bankruptcy case, as the County is not directly involved in any legal proceedings related to the company. However, please note that this may take some time as the bankruptcy process unfolds, trustees are appointed, and communications with customers begin to take place. Please know that if the County receives additional info beyond what will be communicated to customers



through the court-appointed trustee, we will update the community as soon as possible.

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Please see the original notice from Haulin' Trash leadership, dated November 30, 2022, below:

"I am incredibly saddened to inform you that Haulin' Trash, LLC will be closing its business effective December 1st, 2022. We have faced many challenges over the past several weeks that we simply cannot overcome.

This decision has not only affected our customers but it has affected dozens of employees and their families. The "keys to the business" will be handed over to a court appointed trustee over the next couple of weeks and they will be in charge of any credits or refunds. Please understand, moving forward, everything will be communicated and handled by the appointed trustee.

Invoices sent after this message would have been sent in error as they are on an automated schedule.

The counties have asked that I suggest for you all to start the process of looking for a new trash provider. If you need guidance, you can visit your county website for permitted haulers within your area. However, the county is not responsible for providing a temporary service.

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and I thank you for the support over the past several months. I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season."

**TONIGHT: Informational Meeting on Proposed
Addition to Loudoun County Ordinance
Chapter 612**



Tonight, Thursday, January 5, 2023, Loudoun County Animal Services will host a virtual public information meeting from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a brief overview of the proposed addition to Chapter 612, regarding the proposed prohibition of private ownership of venomous and exotic

species of animals.

Members of the public may ask questions and provide feedback to staff regarding the proposal.

Details for joining the virtual meeting:

- Viewing: [Webex Link](#)
- To listen by phone: [1-844-992-4726](tel:1-844-992-4726); Access Code: 2343 788 1757

Provide Comments

Members of the public who would like to provide comments about the proposed ordinance may do so through an online comment form.

- [Submit comments on proposed addition to Chapter 612.](#)

Background

In November 2022, the Board of Supervisors' [Animal Advisory Committee](#) voted unanimously to support the staff proposal for a new section of the ordinance, which is being proposed by the Department of Animal Services, whose humane law enforcement officers have encountered venomous animals when responding to routine calls for service. LCAS identified a public safety concern after learning no effective anti-venom is readily available in Loudoun County. Informing the proposed ordinance is LCAS officers' collective experience investigating complaints involving wolf-hybrids, scorpions, monkeys and venomous snake species, which indicates that exotic and venomous species are present in Loudoun County residential settings.

The proposed ordinance also prohibits the breeding of such animals. Virginia law already restricts private ownership of many other wild and exotic animals, such as big cats and bears. The proposed ordinance would not impact entities that are licensed or permitted through the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources or other state or federal agencies to house restricted species, such as zoos, exhibitors or rehabilitators. The Board will also consider whether to allow current owners of the listed animals to keep them upon registration through a process the county would establish to ensure awareness by first responders in the event of an emergency. Currently, a violation of Chapter 612 is a class 4 misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$250.

Loudoun Offers Christmas Tree Recycling at Several Locations

Loudoun County is offering five locations for residents to recycle their Christmas trees now through January 20, 2023. Only natural cut trees and wreaths will be accepted: no artificial trees or artificial wreaths. The trees will be converted into mulch, which is available free of charge to Loudoun County residents year-round at the Loudoun County landfill.



Residents who receive curbside recycling service may contact their homeowners association, town office or recycling service provider for Christmas tree collection schedules.

Whether dropping off at one of the county's Christmas tree collection sites or at the curb, remember to remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, wire, stand and tree bag. If the tree is in a tree bag, remove and dispose of the bag with your regular trash. To recycle a natural wreath, remove and dispose of all wire, bows, twine, lights and ornaments before recycling the wreath. If removal of these items is not possible, then dispose of the tree or wreath with your regular garbage.

The Christmas Tree Recycling Program is a public service for Loudoun County residents only. Tree vendors operating in Loudoun County with leftover trees may recycle them at the Loudoun County landfill for \$68 a ton. Netting, rope, wire, tags and other items must be removed and disposed of prior to recycling. Visit loudoun.gov/landfill or call 703-771-5500 for more information.

For residents, Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling free of charge at the following locations through January 20, 2023:

- **Leesburg:** Loudoun County Landfill Recycling Center, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg, 20175, Open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Lovettsville:** Game Protective Association, 16 South Berlin Pike, Lovettsville, 20180, Open daily
- **Purcellville:** Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville, 20132, Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- **South Riding:** Town Hall, rear parking lot next to tennis court, 43055 Center Street, South Riding, 20152, Open daily
- **Sterling:** Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, 20164 (Use Loudoun Park Lane entrance, follow signs for ball fields.), Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More information about the Christmas Tree Recycling Program and other Loudoun County recycling programs is available at loudoun.gov/recycle.

Public Invited to Comment on New Draft Text for Loudoun Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

Comment on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite



Review proposed Zoning Ordinance text in advance of the January 24 Planning Commission public hearing.

loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite

The Loudoun County Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a second public hearing to consider portions of the draft Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to provide their comments to the Planning Commission at the hearing.

The Planning Commission heard public comment on several chapters of the draft ordinance at a public hearing in August 2022. The Planning Commission has continued its review of the draft ordinance through a subsequent series of work sessions throughout the fall and winter.

Provide Input on the Draft Ordinance

The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for January 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg.

- Sign Up to Speak: To provide input and comment on the current draft text, members of the public can sign up to speak at the public hearing. Information about how to sign up to speak at the Planning Commission's public hearing is posted on the [county's website here](#).
- Submit Comments Online/By Phone: Members of the public may provide input on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite to the Planning Commission at any time by [submitting an online form](#). Residents without access to the internet may provide comments on the draft ordinance by phone at [703-777-0246](tel:703-777-0246).

Next Steps

Following the January 24 public hearing, the Planning Commission will continue its process for reviewing and updating the proposed Zoning Ordinance text. Following completion of the Planning Commission's review, the recommended text will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for review. The Board of Supervisors is expected to vote to adopt the final ordinance text in the coming months.

[Review Portions of the Draft the Planning Commission Will Consider](#)

**Loudoun County Resumes Silver Line Bus
Fares As of January 3**

On Tuesday, January 3, 2023, Loudoun County resumed collecting fares on its Silver Line bus routes, including the paratransit bus service. In November 2022, the Board of Supervisors approved a temporary waiver of fares on the Silver Line bus routes to promote the use of bus services to Metrorail's Silver Line.



Riders can visit loudoun.gov/busfare for more information on bus fares on commuter, local, paratransit and Silver Line bus routes. Fares may be paid with Metro's SmarTrip® or exact cash.

Silver Line Bus Service in Loudoun County

Loudoun County Transit offers commuter, local, paratransit and Silver Line bus services, including new routes for 21 Silver Line bus routes that began November 15, 2022, taking passengers to and from the Ashburn and Loudoun Gateway stations in Loudoun County and to and from the Innovation and Reston Town Center stations in Fairfax County.

For a complete list of the Loudoun County Silver Line bus routes, the Metrorail stations they connect to, the route schedules and a summary of routes, visit loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes. Expanded service hours on these routes is being phased in over the next several months.

Stay Informed

Users of the bus service are encouraged to visit the county's website for ongoing, up-to-date information regarding the county's Silver Line bus services. Regular updates are posted at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

Loudoun County Transit riders are also encouraged to sign up for alerts at loudoun.gov/rideralerts to stay informed about changes to the county's bus services.

REMINDER: Online Communitywide Survey Open to All Loudoun County Residents Through January 9



An online version of the Loudoun County 2022 Community Survey is now open to all Loudoun County residents. Loudoun County surveys its residents periodically to get their feedback on government services, the county's quality of life and priorities for government initiatives. Residents may

take the survey online by visiting loudoun.gov/survey through January 9, 2023.

The online version of the survey allows all residents to provide their feedback. In addition, surveys were mailed to a statistically representative sampling of Loudoun County households in November. Responses are anonymous and will be analyzed to provide a full picture of the Loudoun County community.

The county contracts with the National Research Center, Inc./Polco, to participate in The National Community Survey, which was developed with the assistance of the International City/County Management Association. This scientific survey allows Loudoun to make comparisons with peer counties and has been used in more than 700 jurisdictions across 46 states.

Loudoun is one of many communities across the United States that use this tool to help improve governmental performance, guide policy decisions, strengthen communications with community stakeholders and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

Results of the survey are expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors later in 2023.

For more information on the 2022 Loudoun County survey, call 703-777-0539 or [send an email](#).

To view results of previous surveys conducted by the county, visit loudoun.gov/survey.

Residents Asked to Verify Vehicle Information Online for 2023 Tax Year

Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. is mailing notification of 2023 personal property filing requirements to all owners of automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, campers, trailers, boats, motorhomes, aircraft and mobile homes currently on the county's tax rolls. Residents will soon

begin receiving notices in the mail with an account number and instructions that they will use to review and update their personal property tax records for the 2023 tax year.

While information is regularly received from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), this online process allows residents to review and update information on the more than 372,000 vehicles now located in the county. Residents can access their 2023 personal property information online at loudoun.gov/efile utilizing their social security or tax identification number, mailing address ZIP code and unique account number, which is displayed on the notice. Residents may receive more than one notice depending on how their property is owned or registered.

Residents should report corrections, an address change, the sale or disposal of a vehicle, or unusually high mileage as well as unrepaired body damage or serious mechanical defect since these factors may affect the property's valuation or the number of months a vehicle is taxed in the county. The commissioner requests that all changes be submitted by February 1, 2023, to assist in establishing accurate assessments for the 2023 tax year.

Beginning this year, motorcycles may be eligible for an assessment reduction for high mileage. Filing forms have been mailed to motorcycle owners currently on Loudoun County's tax rolls so that they may report the motorcycle's mileage

Personal Property Filing Requirements

Commissioner of the Revenue is notifying Loudoun County vehicle owners they may update their personal property tax records online.

Report changes by **2/1/2023**

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The graphic also includes a screenshot of the online filing interface with the text: 'Commissioner of the Revenue Online Services', 'Welcome to the Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue's Online Filing Page. Please select one of the options below to get started.', and three buttons: 'Forgot Account Info', 'Forgot Password', and 'New Account Number'.

as of January 1, 2023. A high mileage chart is available online at loudoun.gov/vehicle-mileage.

The Commissioner of the Revenue encourages residents to connect with the office virtually as most transactions can be completed online. For more information or filing assistance, visit loudoun.gov/cor or contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue [by email](#) or by calling [703-777-0260](tel:703-777-0260). Regular office hours are weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

January 2023 Parenting Wisely Group Session



Parenting Wisely Parent Group

For parents of middle- & high-school- age children
5-week program in English starts Jan. 11, 2023

Find details at loudoun.gov/family

A new in-person session of the Parenting Wisely program, FREE parent support, 5-week program for parents of middle- and high-school-aged children starts January 11, 2023.

Parenting Wisely is a parent support program for parents of middle and high school aged children. The program helps parents learn strategies and techniques to better support their children and

manage difficult situations in the home. Parents will learn constructive skills proven to decrease problem behaviors, reduce family conflict, and improve the family dynamic.

The course curriculum covers these parenting issues:

- Getting kids up on time for school
- Helping kids manage household chores
- Monitoring schoolwork and friends
- Monitoring electronic devices and sibling conflict
- Managing curfews and drug use

Parents learn how to:

- Improve communication skills
- Set realistic & consistent expectations
- Use mindfulness techniques
- Use planned ignoring and self-talk
- Develop a family agreement/contract
- Use assertive discipline & prompts

In addition, at the completion of the parent support group, families are able to work individually with staff to further develop and put into practice the skills and techniques they have learned.

For more information visit loudoun.gov/family and to register, contact: Linh Carter at [703-737-8237](tel:703-737-8237).

Independent Audit Shows Loudoun's Financial Strength

A Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 financial audit and report on the year-end fiscal condition of Loudoun County government spotlights the county's positive fiscal health in the year ending June 30, 2022. The annual audit, which is required by Virginia law, was conducted in accordance

with Government Auditing Standards. Loudoun County has once again received an 'unmodified' or 'clean' opinion from an independent auditor.

The audit, which was conducted by Cherry Bekaert LLP, assessed whether the county is better or worse off as a result of the past year's activities and found that the county ended the fiscal year in a strong financial condition. The county's positive net position at the end of FY 2022, which is defined as all of the county's capital and current assets minus the current liabilities and long-term debt, was \$2.4 billion. This year-end position amounts to an increase of \$251.1 million, or

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Financial audit highlights Loudoun's positive fiscal health.

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11.8%, over FY 2021. This demonstrates an improved position over the prior year.

Among the highlights of the FY 2022 audited financial performance are:

- General Fund revenues—used for the general operating functions of Loudoun County—exceeded revised budget estimates by \$79.8 million, or 3.9%.
- The county saved \$66.7 million in expenditures during the year.
- The county received federal American Rescue Plan Act funds totaling \$40.2 million as well as \$22.8 million in other federal funds related to COVID-19.
- The unassigned fund balance at year end is \$113.8 million, or 24% of the total General Fund balance.
- Loudoun maintains a fiscal reserve of at least 10% of operating revenues, and in FY 2022, the fiscal reserve increased by \$13.76 million for a total of \$256 million.
- The audit affirmed that the county financial statements are fairly presented and adhere to generally accepted accounting standards and are in compliance with relevant provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters.

The county's published [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report \(PDF\)](#) for FY 2022 contains all financial information related to the county's operations, the Independent Auditors' Report, and transmittal letters from the County Administrator and the Department of Finance and Budget.

Loudoun County Offers Community Water and Wastewater Project Assistance

Community Water & Wastewater Project Assistance

Apply by
March 31, 2023

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The Loudoun County Water and Wastewater Program will begin accepting applications for county assistance with community water and wastewater projects starting January 1, 2023.

The Water and Wastewater Program is designed to support Loudoun County communities experiencing

issues with deficient or non-existent water and/or wastewater systems with funding and other resources. Properly functioning water and wastewater systems help to assure a cleaner and healthier community.

Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 31, 2023.

Communities that need assistance are encouraged to learn more about the program at loudoun.gov/waterprojects or by contacting Loudoun County Environmental Program Specialist Scott Fincham at [703-771-5520](tel:703-771-5520) or [by email](#).

Loudoun County Popular Annual Financial Report for FY 2022 is Online

Loudoun County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Popular Annual Financial Report is online.

The report is specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to members of the general public who do not have a background in public finance.

Loudoun County Popular Annual Financial Report Online



Learn about the strong financial condition of the Loudoun County government, presented in a concise and accessible format.

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The report is intended as a companion document to the award-winning Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, presenting the highlights of the county's complex financial activities in a concise and accessible format.

Loudoun's Popular Annual Financial Report has been recognized with the Outstanding Achievement Award in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the past five years.

Links to both the Popular Annual Financial Report and the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report are online at loudoun.gov/financialreports.

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