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Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



Governor Northam Announces \$65.8 Million to Increase Child Care Access, Help Providers

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Governor Northam Allocates CARES Act Dollars to Help Free Clinics

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Governor Northam Announces \$22 Million for Virginia COVID-19 Vaccination Program

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Board of Supervisors to Hold Strategic Planning Retreat October 26

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to hold an all-day strategic planning retreat Monday, October 26, 2020.

In preparation for the retreat, which will be facilitated by a consultant, the Board discussed [the proposed agenda and potential broad focus areas \(PDF\)](#) at its October 20, 2020, business meeting.

The focus areas include:

- Outdoor Recreation/Open Space/Environment
- Connecting Loudoun
- Meet and Confer/Collective Bargaining
- Equitable Communities
- Economic Development

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Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter Opens November 15

**LOUDOUN COUNTY
COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

**November 15, 2020-
March 31, 2021**

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The Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter will open Sunday, November 15, 2020 through March 31, 2021 for adults in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness.

The Cold Weather Shelter will be located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center,

19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg.

The county will provide free transportation to the shelter with shuttle buses departing nightly at the times and locations below. Personal bags and belongings must be limited and no bicycles will be allowed. Face coverings, temperature checks and COVID-19 symptom screenings will be required to board the bus.

- 5:00 p.m. – Williams Watters House, 22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling (near Loudoun County Transit Local Bus Route 82 bus stop)
- 6:00 p.m. – Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market Street, Leesburg

[Get More Information](#)

DryHome to Donate New Roof for the Holidays

DryHome Roofing is seeking nominations for a struggling family or nonprofit in need of a new roof.

This year will be the 19th year that DryHome owner, Steve Gotschi, sponsors the holiday giveaway to give back to the community.

Nominations will be accepted during November and the winner will be selected in early December.

To submit a nomination, go to dryhome.com and click on the nomination form or send an email to info@dryhome.com. Nominators should include their name and phone number as well as nominee's name, address, phone and reason why they are being nominated.



How to Apply for Limited Rent Assistance from Loudoun County



Loudoun County government has created an instructional video for how to apply for limited rent assistance from Loudoun County, available in both English and Spanish.

The limited rent assistance program is for Loudoun County households

economically impacted by COVID-19. Applicants must submit an online application form along with eligibility documentation, such as a current lease and paperwork that shows a job loss or reduced income due to COVID-19. The online application system allows applicants to use a computer, tablet or mobile phone to complete their application, including uploading all eligibility documentation.

Learn more about the program at loudoun.gov/lra and watch the 'How to Apply' video for a detailed tour of the website and online application:

- [English video](#)
- [Spanish video](#)

Loudoun County to Hold Virtual Public Meetings for Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan Oct. 28 and 29

Members of the public are invited to take part in a series of community conversations on the development of the Loudoun County Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan (UHNSP). The Loudoun County Office of Housing will host two virtual public meetings to share more information about the UHNSP and seek public input on housing, community development needs and fair housing issues.



The county would like to hear from the public regarding housing needs, gaps and opportunities, so that the strategic plan can help the county and its partners improve housing access, quality and affordability for all families. Public participation in this process will help the county better understand the type, locations and prices of needed future housing.

The first meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

Free Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance



**Medicare
Open Enrollment**
October 15 - December 7

We can help find:

- Better coverage
- Lower copays
- Lower plan premiums

The graphic features a photograph of an elderly couple smiling and looking at a Medicare brochure together. The brochure is titled 'MEDICARE & YOU'.

Need help during Medicare Open Enrollment? The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging VICAP counselors are here to help (virtually)! Agency staff trained in the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program will work with you to help you find better coverage with lower premiums and copays.

Open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7, 2020.

The deadline to submit your Part D worksheet to VICAP counselors is November 8. Part D worksheets are available at Loudoun County senior centers, online at loudoun.gov/aaa or by calling [703-737-8036](tel:703-737-8036).

Loudoun County Announces Transit System Adjustments Beginning November 2

Loudoun County Transit will modify Commuter Bus and Metro Connection Bus services beginning Monday, November 2, 2020.

Due to changes in passenger demands, the number of trips on some existing routes will be reduced, while new Commuter Bus routes will be added to include stops at Dulles South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park and Ride lots.

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes. Details on service changes as well as current schedules may be found at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

[Get Details on the Service Adjustments](https://loudoun.gov/buschanges)

Commuter & Metro Connection Bus Routes Service Changes



loudoun.gov/buschanges

Toys for Tots 2020



The 2020 Loudoun County Toys for Tots season began on October 1st.

Due to the pandemic, the Loudoun County Toys for Tots has come up with a plan for the 2020 season that would make it safe for all involved and still provide toys to children in need.

This year it is not possible to have groups of volunteers working together in the warehouse and the Loudoun County fire stations, which have been the largest public toy drop-off locations, are currently restrict access to on-duty personnel only.

In light of the above, the program will be conducted as reflected below.

- Loudoun County Toys for Tots has partnered with four local non-profit organizations (Help for Others, LINK, Mobile Hope and The Salvation Army).
- Individual families and other non-profit organizations requesting toys are provided information on how to register with one of these four partnering organizations.
- Once registration is completed, each of the four partnering organizations will provide Loudoun County Toys for Tots with the total number of children signed up with them.
- Loudoun County Toys for Tots will then order the toys on line, and/or work directly with local stores, and have the toys shipped directly to each of the four partnering organizations, and/or have the toy orders ready for pick-up by the organizations at one of the local stores.
- Loudoun County Toys for Tots representatives will be present to check the toy orders when they are received or ready for pick-up to confirm they are correct.
- Each of the four partnering organizations will then distribute the toys to the families on their scheduled distribution dates.

In order to allow enough time to order and have the toys shipped out, it would be ideal for the donations to be received by mid-November 2020. Organizations/businesses collecting \$3,000 or more should email Loudoun.VA@ToysforTots.org and if they wish, a Marine in Dress Blues and Santa Claus will visit their location to accept the donation. A W-9 form will be provided to businesses donating by corporate check.

To Donate Online

Visit the [Loudoun County Toys for Tots](http://LoudounCountyToysforTots.org) website and click on the "Donate Local" red button on the top right of the home page.

To Donate by Check

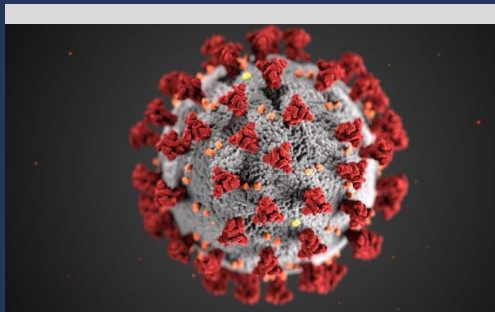
Make check payable to "Toys for Tots" and either mail to:

Toys for Tots
c/o Loudoun County Marine Corps League
P.O. Box 162
Purcellville, VA 20134

Or drop off at:

- Reception in the Town Hall main lobby, located at 25 West Market Street, Leesburg VA
- Ida Lee Park Recreation Center, 60 Ida Lee Drive, NW, Leesburg VA
- Leesburg Executive Airport, 1001 Sycolin Road, Leesburg VA

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's

hands) when coughing or sneezing.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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