



Updates & Important Information ~APRIL 6, 2022~

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Virtual Academy Day for Military Academy Nominations

An invitation graphic for the 2022 VA-10 Virtual Academy Day. It features the U.S. House of Representatives seal and logos for the Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, and the Virginia State Police. The text reads: "Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton Invites you to the 2022 VA-10 Virtual Academy Day Saturday, April 30th, 2022 10:00am-12:00pm Join the Facebook Live event at facebook.com/CongresswomanWexton *Academy Nomination Applications available May 1st*"

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The Office of Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton in Virginia's 10th Congressional District would like to invite all high school students that have interest in attending any of the five United States Service Academies, or have an interest in a future in the US military, to participate in the 2022 VA-10 Virtual Academy Day, to be held on **Saturday April 30th, from 10:00am-12:00pm.**

The event will be held live on the Congresswoman's Official Facebook

Page, www.facebook.com/CongresswomanWexton.

This will be an outstanding opportunity for your students to hear from staff, alumni, and current cadets from the four nomination required academies (USNA, USMA, USAFA, and USMMA) as well as the Coast Guard Academy and representatives from ROTC and Military Colleges from across the state.

Frequently asked questions regarding the nomination process are available at <https://wexton.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations.htm>.

Board of Supervisors Adopts FY 2023 Budget; Lowers Personal and Real Property Tax Rates

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a budget totaling approximately \$3.5 billion in total appropriations for the general county government and school system for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. The adopted budget includes a real property tax rate of \$0.89 cents per \$100 in assessed value for tax year 2022, which is 9 cents lower than the current tax rate. The adopted budget also includes a personal property tax rate of \$4.15 per \$100 in assessed value in tax year 2023, which is 5 cents lower than the current rate.



The FY 2023 adopted budget includes:

- An increase over FY 2022 of approximately \$53.7 million in local tax funding to Loudoun County Public Schools.
- \$15 million in base budget adjustments to continue providing current services, including increases in contracts and ongoing maintenance agreements, lease and utility increases and inflationary impacts.
- An increase of \$19.1 million for employee compensation, which includes a 5% merit increase for the general workforce and a step increase for public safety employees, as well as funding for salary scale adjustments and pay compression adjustments.

- The addition of 196 positions in 21 different county departments to open new facilities, maintain or enhance current service levels, support the county's Capital Improvement Program and position the organization to pursue the Board's strategic initiatives.
- Funding in an amount equivalent to one-half cent of the real property tax rate dedicated to affordable housing programs through a combination of dedicated revenue and cash proffers, which amounts to approximately \$6.2 million in FY 2023.

The FY 2023 budget will go into effect July 1, 2022. The complete adopted budget document will be posted on the county's website in the coming weeks. More information about the budget process is online at loudoun.gov/budget.

[Learn More](#)

JOB SEEKERS: RSVP Today to Attend the 2022 Sterling District Job Fair



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THE
**2022 STERLING
DISTRICT JOB
FAIR**
SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 10 AM - 1 PM
STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER
120 ENTERPRISE ST, STERLING, VA
20164
REGISTER TODAY AT [BIT.LV/STRUTPE](https://bit.ly/strutpe)
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

Are you on the hunt for a new job? Interested in making a career shift? Or looking for summer opportunities geared toward students? If so, please join us at the 2022 Sterling District Job Fair on Saturday, April 23rd!

The job fair will feature dozens of diverse employers looking to hire new employees today, and can also provide information on internships and volunteer opportunities within the county. Some recruitment may even occur on-site!

Employers present span several industries including: technology, healthcare, trade/construction, hospitality/food service, retail, service and the public sector.

RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY AT bit.ly/3trUtpE

For more information or if you have any questions, please email Tianni Ivey in my office at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov or Viviana Herbas of SSJI Driving School at vherbas@ssjidrivingschool.org.

This event is a community effort in partnership with SSJI Driving School, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services, the Sterling Foundation, Loudoun County Public Schools, and New Virginia Majority.

Solarize NOVA Offers Loudoun Homeowners Free Solar Assessments, Discounted Prices on Solar Systems

The [Solarize](#) [NOVA program](#) has returned to Loudoun County. Now through June 30, 2022, Loudoun County homeowners have the opportunity to sign up to learn more about solar power options specific to their property and take advantage of streamlined installation and financing processes.



In addition to free satellite solar assessments, the program offers discounted pricing on solar panels and electric vehicle chargers and will connect participants with information on the current 26% federal tax credit, which is due to expire at the end of 2022, and other incentives, including the Solar Renewable Energy Credit market.

Anyone interested in learning more about solar power is encouraged to attend an [upcoming virtual information session](#) about the Solarize NOVA program.

- Wednesday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 19, 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 7, 1:00 p.m.

Solarize NOVA is sponsored by the Local Energy Alliance Program in partnership with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and participating municipal governments, including Loudoun County.

More information about the Solarize NOVA program in Loudoun is online at solarizenova.org/loudoun.

Information about obtaining the proper permits for installing either a residential or commercial solar photovoltaic system in Loudoun County is available at loudoun.gov/solarpermits.

Board of Supervisors Proclamations for Public Health and Safety



On April 5, 2022, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors presented ceremonial proclamations honoring public health systems, public safety telecommunicators and volunteers.

Proclamation to Recognize April 4 - 10, 2022 as Public Health Week in Loudoun County

The first full week in April has been recognized as National Public Health Week across the United States since 1995. During this week, communities recognize the impacts of public health systems and the importance of policy and prevention measures. This past year has demonstrated the role that public health plays in protecting our residents and reinforced the critical importance of a strong public health workforce.

Read the proclamation: <https://bit.ly/35Ki1hI>

Proclamation Declaring April 10-16, 2022, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is celebrated annually during the second week of April and honors public safety telecommunications personnel from the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, and Loudoun County Animal Services for their service and dedication to our community.

Read the proclamation: <https://bit.ly/3Jk1LBM>

Proclamation Declaring April 17 – 23, 2022 as National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is celebrated annually during the third week of April and recognizes the hundreds of dedicated volunteer members of the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System who selflessly donate their time, talent and energy to serve and protect the community.

Read the proclamation: <https://bit.ly/3LMwnh2>

Students Encouraged to Apply for Loudoun County's 'Youth in Government Day'

Loudoun County is offering high school students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of their local government by participating in Youth in Government Day, Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

Students in grades 9-12 are invited to apply for the event, which offers students

the chance to meet members of the Board of Supervisors and attend the Board's business meeting May 3. The students will also meet county staff members to learn about county government departments as well as careers they might be interested in pursuing. Participants in the event will also actively participate in a problem-solving exercise involving real-world challenges faced by local governments.



The deadline to apply to participate in the event is Friday, April 22, 2022.

More information, including an online application form to be filled out by students and their parents or guardians, may be found at loudoun.gov/teens.

LCSO and LC-CFRS Announce Dates for 34th Annual McGruff Safety Camps



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office & Loudoun County Combined Fire & Rescue System present the **2022 McGruff Safety Camp**

June 27-30 Countryside Elementary	July 11-14 Countryside Elementary	July 18-21 Pinebrook Elementary
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REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
at that time we will share the registration link

Questions? Send us an email
McGruffCamp@Loudoun.gov



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) are proud to announce the 34th Annual McGruff Safety Camps.

Due to scheduled school renovations, this year's camps will be held at two different locations. The first

camp will be held June 27 – June 30 at Countryside Elementary School in Sterling, VA. The second camp will be held July 11-July 14 and will also be held at Countryside Elementary School. The third camp will be held July 18 – July 21 at Pinebrook Elementary School in Aldie, VA.

The camp continues to offer morning and afternoon sessions. All camps run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. A graduation ceremony for all campers will be held on July 22, 2022 (location and time to be announced at a later date).

The annual McGruff Safety Camp began in the summer of 1988 and has continued every year through a joint effort between the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. The camps allow children who are entering kindergarten and first grade to learn about various topics on safety including fire safety, bicycle safety, and 911 emergencies.

Throughout the week, children in the camp have the opportunity to meet law enforcement officers, firefighters, plus a chance to see law enforcement and fire/rescue vehicles firsthand.

Applications will be made available online Wednesday, April 13th at 9:00 am at <https://bit.ly/McGruffCamps>

Board Amends Parking Meter Ordinance; Sets Rates for Parking Near Ashburn Metro Station

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved amendments to the county's [parking meter ordinance](#), establishing parking rates for metered and residential parking in the Moorefield Station neighborhoods and mixed-use areas, adjacent to the Ashburn Metro Station.

The parking meter rates within the On-Street Parking Management Area in the Moorefield Station neighborhood are \$1.25 per hour (off-peak hours) and \$1.75 per hour (peak hours). Residents of communities within the Parking Management Area will have the option to purchase parking passes at a cost of \$10 per year for each resident parking pass. Details of how the program will be administered will be determined at a future Board meeting. A smartphone mobile app will be used for metered parking in the mixed-use area, which will begin in advance of the start of Metro Rail service. The residential parking zone will be phased in once the details of the program are approved by the Board.

For more information about the Moorefield Station On-Street Parking Management Area and to sign up to receive email and text updates, visit loudoun.gov/moorefieldstationparking.

Moorefield Station On-Street Parking Management Area

The Board of Supervisors has established parking rates for the new On-Street Parking Management Area in the Moorefield Station neighborhood.

- **Peak Hours:** \$1.75 per hour
- **Off-Peak Hours:** \$1.25 per hour



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loudoun.gov/moorefieldstationparking

LC-CFRS Kicking Off Annual Smoke Alarm Program to Protect Loudoun Residents



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System's (LC-CFRS) annual smoke alarm program is now active, with the first event previously held on April 2, 2022.

As part of the annual smoke alarm program, firefighters from stations across Loudoun County are taking a hands-on

approach to fire safety by canvassing neighborhoods one weekend a month from April to October. First responders will go door to door between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. offering free smoke alarm assessments and valuable information about fire safety and home escape planning. During the assessment, firefighters will test existing smoke alarms, assist with battery replacement, and replace the smoke alarms at no cost if they are not working properly or exceed the ten-year recommended lifespan.

This year, the smoke alarm canvasses are scheduled for the following dates:

- Saturday, May 7, 2022
- Saturday, June 4, 2022
- Saturday, July 9, 2022
- Saturday, August 6, 2022
- Saturday, September 10, 2022
- Saturday, October 1, 2022.

In addition to the scheduled smoke alarm canvasses through October, Loudoun residents can request a free smoke alarm assessment at any time by completing the online form at loudoun.gov/smokealarms or by calling the smoke alarm program hotline at [703-737-8093](tel:703-737-8093).

Looking for a Ride? Loudoun County Surplus Auction Rolls Out Harley Davidson Motorcycles & More

The current Loudoun County surplus auction features several Harley Davidson motorcycles as well as automobiles and utility vehicles. For those who would like something with smaller wheels, the auction also includes a lot of 14 rolling office chairs. In addition, the auction features children's craft stands, wooden cubbies, tripods, exercise equipment, dishwashers as well as typical office items, such as filing cabinets, computers and more. The auction will close at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 14, 2022.



Detailed information and photographs of the items for sale are online [here](https://www.loudoun.gov/surplus).

Loudoun County sells selected items online through Public Surplus, which was created specifically for public agencies. Anyone interested in bidding on the items must be registered with publicsurplus.com. Registration is free; however, a 9.75% buyer's premium is charged to all purchases. Loudoun County government and school employees are subject to bidding limitations under the auction terms and conditions, which are available on the Public Surplus site.

Loudoun County has specific hours for buyers to pick up their items at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106, in Leesburg. Items must be picked up by appointment, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The dates for items to be picked up are noted on each auction item listed on the Loudoun County auction site.

More information about the sale of Loudoun County government surplus items is online at [loudoun.gov/surplus](https://www.loudoun.gov/surplus).

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center to Host Job Fairs with Local Employers in April

Spring into a New Career at a Loudoun County Job Fair!

Meet local employers with full-time, part-time & seasonal job openings in Loudoun County.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Loudoun Virtual Job Fair

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Loudoun In-Person Job Fair: Day 1

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Loudoun In-Person Job Fair: Day 2



Register at loudoun.gov/jobfairs.



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host six Loudoun Job Fairs in April; two job fairs will be held virtually and the remaining four will be held in-person at the Douglass Community Center, 705-H East Market Street, Leesburg.

Tuesday, April 19 – Loudoun Virtual Job Fair

- Morning Session – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Evening Session – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20 – Loudoun In-Person Job Fair: Day 1, Douglass Community Center

- Afternoon Session – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Evening Session – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 21 – Loudoun In-Person Job Fair: Day 2, Douglass Community Center

- Afternoon Session – 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Evening Session – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Job seekers are advised to be prepared to meet with employers by dressing professionally and bringing multiple copies of their resumes to their selected job fair. Additionally, those planning to attend a virtual job fair are encouraged to attend the virtual preparatory workshop, **The Competitive Edge: Preparing for the Loudoun Virtual Job Fair**, Monday, April 18, 2022, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[More Info](#)

CDC Expands Eligibility for Additional COVID-19 Booster Shots

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its [guidance for COVID-19 vaccine booster shots](#) to allow for immunocompromised individuals and certain adults the choice to receive a second booster dose of an mRNA vaccine. These recommendations allow people who may be at increased risk for severe outcomes due to COVID-19 to receive additional protection. People should assess their own personal risk and are encouraged to consult with a healthcare provider on what would be best for their situation. The Virginia Department of Health has [adopted this guidance](#). Second boosters may now be provided to certain individuals in Virginia.



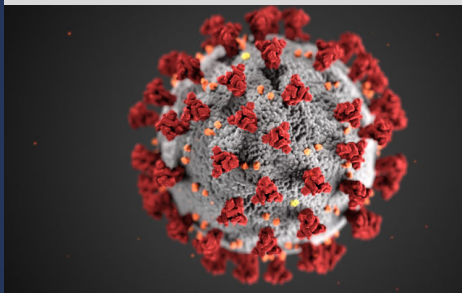
The detailed updated guidance is as follows:

- Adults aged 50 years and older may choose to receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) at least 4 months after the first booster dose.
- Adults aged 18–49 years who received Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine as both their primary series dose and booster dose may receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the first Johnson & Johnson/Janssen booster dose.
- People aged 12 years and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised may choose to receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine at least 4 months after the first booster dose.

If you believe you may be eligible for a second booster, the Loudoun County Health Department encourages you to consult with your primary healthcare provider regarding your own risk to decide whether or not to receive a second booster.

Other individuals who are up to date with their vaccine remain well protected from severe illness without a second booster.

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
- 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

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

tissue or your sleeve (not your 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.

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