



## Updates & Important Information

~MAY 18, 2022~

### **HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Apply Today to the Sterling Foundation Scholarship Program**



**ATTENTION Seniors at Park View, Dominion, and Potomac Falls High Schools,** the Sterling Foundation is now accepting applications to the Sterling Foundation Scholarship Program.

This year, the Sterling Foundation will have scholarships of various denominations available, totaling \$5,000 in awards.

As an organization that values their volunteers and commitment to our community, a major component for selection of awards will be based on

each student's volunteer work.

#### **Eligibility & Judging Criteria**

To be eligible, you must be a student at Loudoun County Highschool in Sterling Virginia (Park View, Dominion or Potomac Falls).

In addition, applications will be judged based upon the following criteria:

1. A minimum of 100 hours of community service
2. Grade point average of at least 3.5
3. Family Federal Adjusted Gross Income must be \$80K or below (preferred)
4. Extracurricular activities, including employment, will be considered
5. Awards and recognition will be considered

*If you are related to any officers, board members, or selection committee members with the Sterling Foundation, unfortunately you are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.*

### **How to Submit Your Application**

All applications must be submitted to the guidance counselor's office at your respective school. **Application Deadline is June 1st, 2022.** A committee of dedicated Board members will evaluate all applications. Scholarships will be awarded on June 10th, 2022.

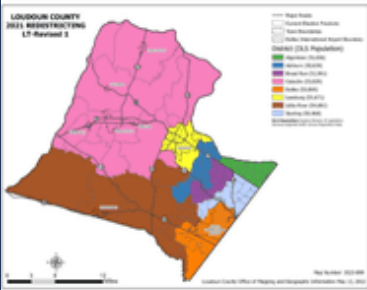
[Click Here to Apply Today](#)

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**Board Prepares for New Election Districts,  
Adopts New District Name**

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors concluded its May 11, 2022, public hearing on a proposed local election district plan, titled the [LT-Revised 1 Plan](#), without making additional changes to the plan. The plan will now be considered for adoption during the Board's regular meeting on June 7, 2022. The Board also selected a new name for election district 7.

### Local Redistricting Update



**LOUDOUN COUNTY**  
2022 REDISTRICTING  
LT-Revised 1

Map Scale: 1:50,000  
Map Number: 2022-004  
Loudoun County Office of Planning and Management | November 14, 2021

**Legend:**  
- Precincts  
- Districts  
- Districts (2022)  
- Districts (2020)  
- Districts (2018)  
- Districts (2016)  
- Districts (2014)  
- Districts (2012)  
- Districts (2010)  
- Districts (2008)  
- Districts (2006)  
- Districts (2004)  
- Districts (2002)  
- Districts (2000)

**STATISTICS (2022 Population):**  
- District 1: 54,880  
- District 2: 54,880  
- District 3: 54,880  
- District 4: 54,880  
- District 5: 54,880  
- District 6: 54,880  
- District 7: 54,880

- Supervisors conclude public hearing on local election district plan with no changes to map.
- District 7 will be Little River District.
- Plan to be considered for adoption June 7, 2022.

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### New District Name

The Board voted to name one of the newly redrawn districts, district 7, as the Little River District. The names of the county's seven other election districts will remain the same. District 7 is located in the southwest area of the county. The Blue Ridge District name will be retired.

### About the Plan

The county's election districts were redrawn following the 2020 census to adjust election districts based on population changes over the past decade, as required by law. The population of each proposed redrawn district currently ranges between 50,468 and 54,880 residents.

[View the proposed election districts](#)

### Next Steps

The [Board of Supervisors](#) is scheduled to vote on the adoption of the LT-Revised 1 Plan during its regularly scheduled meeting on June 7, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Loudoun County Government Center.

If adopted, the plan will be sent to the Commonwealth of Virginia for approval. If approved by the state, the Loudoun County [Office of Elections and Voter Registration](#) will adjust precincts as necessary and establish updated polling places in accordance with the adopted election district plan. All Loudoun County registered voters will receive information by mail from the Office of Elections and

Voter Registration to notify voters of any changes in their precincts, precinct numbers or election districts.

The newly drawn districts will become official following the state's approval of Loudoun's election district plan. The previously scheduled special election in November 2022 to fill two vacant Loudoun County School Board seats will be held under the current existing election districts. The newly drawn districts will be implemented for voting purposes following the November 2022 election.

More information about redistricting in Loudoun County is posted at [loudoun.gov/redistricting](https://loudoun.gov/redistricting).

## Regional Homelessness Continues to Decrease

### HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Results and Analysis from the Annual Point-in-Time Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness



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Learn more:  
[loudoun.gov/pointintime](https://loudoun.gov/pointintime)

According to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' May 2022 [Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the 2022 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness](#) report,

regional homelessness is down 27 percent, or by over 2,800 persons in just the last five years. In Loudoun County, the number of persons experiencing homelessness decreased by 26 percent in the last five years.

Data from Loudoun County is part of a regional analysis by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Homeless Services Planning and Coordinating Committee.

Loudoun County offers a variety of programs to assist households in need through the Department of Family Services and the Loudoun Continuum of Care, a partnership between local government, nonprofit agencies, the public school system, health care providers, faith-based organizations and others that work together to address the needs of those experiencing housing instability or homelessness in Loudoun County.

Anyone who may be experiencing a housing crisis is encouraged to contact the Department of Family Services' [Information & Referral /Coordinated Entry program](#) at 703-777-0420.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## More Free COVID-19 At-Home Tests Available for U.S. Residents

Every household in the United States can order more free COVID-19 tests from the federal government. The White House announced Tuesday that each U.S. household can order up to eight rapid antigen tests through [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov),

which will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service. This is the third round of free at-home tests offered by the government this year.

As the highly transmissible subvariants of Omicron drive a rise in cases in Loudoun County and elsewhere, health officials say free and accessible tests will help slow the spread of the virus.

Anyone who has difficulty accessing [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov) or who needs additional support placing an order can call [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

### Using a COVID-19 Home Test

If you have [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, you may consider using a COVID-19 home test.

Even if you don't have symptoms and have not been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, [using a self-test](#) can give you information about your risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. This is especially important before gathering with [unvaccinated children, older individuals](#), those who are [immunocompromised](#) or [individuals at risk of severe disease](#).



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers information, including videos, on [how to use an at-home test](#) and what to do if you test [positive](#) or [negative](#).

[Read the Full Report](#)

## REMINDER: Registration for Loudoun County Parks & Recreation Summer Programs Begins May 20



Registration for Summer programs offered by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) begins on May 20, 2022.

Adults 55 and older can register for senior activities beginning May 19, 2022.

Summer programs, including swim lessons, theater performances and classes for all ages, run from June through August.

The Guide is available [online](#) and copies will be available at PRCS center and park offices and county libraries beginning next week.

Register online at [loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://loudoun.gov/webtrac). Visit [loudoun.gov/prcs](http://loudoun.gov/prcs) for more information or call 703-777-0343.

[Sign up for text and email alerts about PRCS news and events.](#)

Follow @loudounprcs on [Facebook](#) and other social media.

## LCAS Low-Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinics

Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) at one of our low-cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinics. Dogs and cats as young as 12 weeks may participate in the clinic. Pet owners should bring their cats in carriers. Dogs must remain on a leash of six feet or less. No flexi-



leads, please. LCAS recommends bringing any prior vaccination records, but records are not required. Have questions? [Email LCAS!](mailto:info@loudoun.gov)

### **2022 Rabies & Microchip Clinic Dates**

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic - Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS), 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA

- Thursday, May 19, 2022 - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - \*Please note the time change for this clinic\*

These clinics are walk-in, no appointment needed and open to all cats and dogs. Please bring cats in carriers and dogs on non-extendable leashes. These are low-cost clinics, cash or check only please.

Please bring proof of prior rabies vaccination to receive the 3 year vaccine for your pet.

- Microchip - \$15 (free for Loudoun County residents)
- 1 year Rabies Vaccine & 1 year Dog License - \$20
- 3 year Rabies Vaccine & 3 year Dog License - \$40
- Cat Rabies Vaccine (1 & 3 year) - \$10

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**Loudoun County Latino Festival May 22**



The Loudoun County Latino Festival is a free community festival celebrating and showcasing Latino culture.

The event features live music and entertainment, food, giveaways, local businesses, non-profit and commercial vendors, and children's activities including crafts, moon bounces, stack cups, and more!

The celebration will be held Sunday, May 22, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Douglass Community Center at the Shenandoah Parking Lot, 102 Heritage Way NE, Leesburg, VA 20176 (across from Taco Bell near the intersection of Route 15 Bypass and Edwards Ferry Road).

[Sign up for text, newsletter and email alerts about PRCS news and events](#)

Follow @loudounprcs on [Facebook](#) and other social media

## Celebrate Local Agriculture During the 2022 Loudoun Spring Farm Tour

The Loudoun Department of Economic Development invites residents and visitors to enjoy the best of what local agriculture has to offer during the 2022 Loudoun Spring Farm Tour, held rain or shine, the weekend of May 21-22.

All locations provide an educational component for visitors, and most will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.





From its first iteration in 1996, the annual no-cost, family-friendly, self-guided tour has blossomed into a showcase of western Loudoun's vibrant rural industries. Farms on this year's tour are leaders in the production of responsibly-raised meat, vegetables, fruit, hemp, flowers and fiber, as well as artisan-crafted wine, gifts and more.

Back by popular demand, Loudoun Economic Development is deploying an interactive mobile app in support of the tour, rewarding visitors for making stops and interacting with the farmers.

The app includes a map of farm locations with links for navigation, social media, and a chat feature to ask questions throughout the weekend. To participate, download the Eventzee app on Apple or Android devices, set up a free account, and enter the join code "farmtour" (lower case, one word, no quotations) when prompted.

For full details on this year's Loudoun Spring Farm Tour, please visit [LoudounFarmTour.com](http://LoudounFarmTour.com).

## Avengers Assemble at Rust Library



Through superhuman strength and just a touch of magic, Rust Library (380 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg) is being transformed into the Marvel Universe for Avengers Night on Saturday, May 21, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Adults 18 and older are invited to an evening of

cosplay, trivia, photo ops, a costume contest, maker demonstrations and more than a dozen local artists, with a chance to be a real-life hero by donating nonperishable items to [Loudoun Hunger Relief](#). Items in need include canned goods, dry beans, whole-grain pasta and rice, peanut butter, whole-grain cereal, and healthy cooking oil.

Other highlights of Avengers Night include an Infinity Stone scavenger hunt, and local band Felix Pickles paying tribute to Guardians of the Galaxy with a retro-flavored music lineup. Attendees can also witness three [Super Art Fight](#) throwdowns, which pit regional illustrators against one another in live art competitions, mixing elements of pro-wrestling styled storytelling, character work and improvised humor.

Local food trucks [Kabul Kabob House](#), [New Gourmet Delight](#) and [Tummy Yummy Gourmet Candy Apples](#) will have food for sale.

To help attendees get around on Avengers Night, free shuttle service will be available to Rust Library from the parking lot shared by the Leesburg Senior Center and Loudoun County Public Library's administrative offices at [102 North St. NW](#). Shuttles will run continuously from 6:30-10:30 p.m.

[More Information](#)

## VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners Present: Creating a Wildlife Pond June 2nd

Water is vital to wildlife in our gardens. Learn how to create a simple and beautiful wildlife pond to support toads, dragonflies, frogs, birds, mammals, and water-loving invertebrates with our virtual event scheduled for June 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners welcome Michelle Detwiler, owner of Wild About Native Plants, who will present her favorite native plants best suited for in-pond life as well as plants for moist areas around the pond or elsewhere in the landscape. Dive in for more diversity in your space!

**Creating a Wildlife Pond –  
Water Gardening for Toads,  
Dragonflies and more!**



VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners Virtual Lecture Series



**June 2 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM | Virtual Event**

Photo: <https://www.wildaboutnativeplants.com/resources>

Michelle Detwiler is a wildlife gardener, ecological landscape consultant, planting designer, and naturalist educator in the Pennsylvania Piedmont. She recently brought the Pollinator Pathway Northeast to Lower Merion and Narberth and volunteers through the Pennsylvania Master Naturalist program. She advises customers at Redbud Native Plant Nursery in Media, PA and owns her own business, Wild About Native Plants, which specializes in helping property owners and public space stewards create resilient and wildlife-friendly landscapes by incorporating native plants.

### **WebEx Event Details**

Viewing: [Webex Link](#)

Password: LCPL

## **Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in May**

### **Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs**

#### **Free Classes Scheduled for May 2022**

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
- **Mental Health First Aid**
- **Opioid Overdose Reversal**
- **Suicide Prevention**

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**Register: [loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention](https://loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention)**

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited. The schedule of upcoming classes for May 2022 is as follows:

### **Adverse Childhood Experiences Training**

The Adverse Childhood Experiences training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs--potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. The next class will be held:

- May 24: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

### **Opioid Overdose Reversal**

Loudoun County offers local training sessions of [REVIVE!](#), the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. The virtual sessions last about one hour. Upcoming classes are scheduled:

- May 27: 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

### **Suicide Prevention Training**

The [Question Persuade Refer](#) program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; question, persuade and refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation. The next class will be held:

- May 19: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

For more information on the prevention and intervention services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit [loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention](http://loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention) or [send an email](#).

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**Workforce Resource Center to Host Job Fair  
Tailgate with Local Employers June 9**

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate with local employers Thursday, June 9, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville, in the parking lots by the baseball fields.

The Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and temporary job openings in Loudoun County and the region. Hiring employers will be on-site alongside their vehicles, where they will meet with job candidates. Job seekers will be provided parking near the venue and will be encouraged to enter the tailgate lot to share resumes with employers.

Individuals planning to attend the job fair are [encouraged to register](#) to receive updates and reminders, details on participating employers and possible rain dates.

To help job seekers get the most out of the job fair, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is hosting a virtual preparatory workshop entitled "Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair" on Thursday, June 2, 2022, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Register at [loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops](https://loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops).

Additionally, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is providing free copies of the publication "Turn a Job Fair Into a Job Offer." Contact the center [by email](#) or call [703-771-5132](tel:703-771-5132) to request a copy.

## Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate

Meet local employers hiring for open positions in multiple industries.

June 9, 2022  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Franklin Park  
17501 Franklin Park Drive  
Purcellville

Bring copies of your resume to share with employers.



[Learn More](#)

**Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers Career Workshops During Older Americans Month**



**Older Americans Month**  
AGE MY WAY: MAY 2022

**Employment Workshops & Events for Older Adults**

- How to Avoid Job Scams
- Older Workers & Smart Job Search Strategies
- Changing Careers at Any Age
- Career Trends for Mature Workers
- And More!

Register: [loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops](http://loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops)




During May — Older Americans Month — the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will feature special virtual and in-person events at no cost for those age 50 and up who are seeking job search and career development support.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center provides

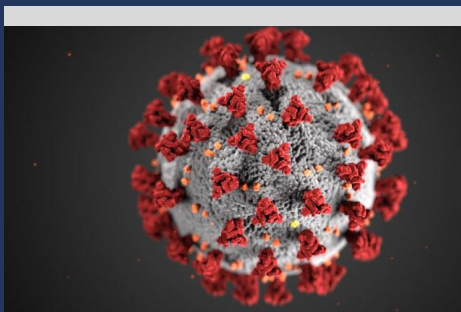
no-cost resources and equipment to job seekers and businesses to help them achieve their employment goals.

Some of the workshops will take place at the center, which is located at 705 E. Market St., Suite E, Leesburg; some workshops will be virtual. Visit [loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops](http://loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops) for detailed information about each event and how to register.

Remaining events include:

- **Workforce Data and Career Trends for Mature Workers:** May 19, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Virtual)

## Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

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 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.

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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