



**Updates & Important Information**  
~MAY 25, 2022~

**TONIGHT: Board of Supervisors Chair Randall to Deliver State of the County Address May 25**



Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall is scheduled to deliver her annual State of the County address Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Chair Randall will deliver the address from the Board Room at the Loudoun County Government Center, 1

Harrison Street SE in Leesburg.

Members of the public may view the address online and on television as well as in person. There are several options available:

**Watch Online**

- Live on the [Loudoun County government Facebook page](#).

- Streaming live on the Loudoun County Government website at [loudoun.gov/meetings](https://loudoun.gov/meetings).

### Watch on Television

- Comcast channel 23.
- Verizon FiOS channel 40.

### Attend in Person

- Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg

The text of the address will be available at [loudoun.gov/chair](https://loudoun.gov/chair) following the address.

## **CDC Expands Eligibility for COVID-19 Boosters for 5-to-11-Year-Olds**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has [expanded the eligibility of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older](#). CDC now recommends that children ages 5 through 11 years should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series. This follows the [recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration issued earlier this week](#).



The [Virginia Department of Health has adopted the CDC guidance](#) and authorizes providers in Virginia to begin administering the booster dose immediately to eligible children.

In addition, in the wake of rising COVID-19 cases, the CDC has strengthened its recommendation that [everyone who is eligible should receive a second booster dose at least 4 months after their first dose](#). This includes those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and anyone 50 and older.

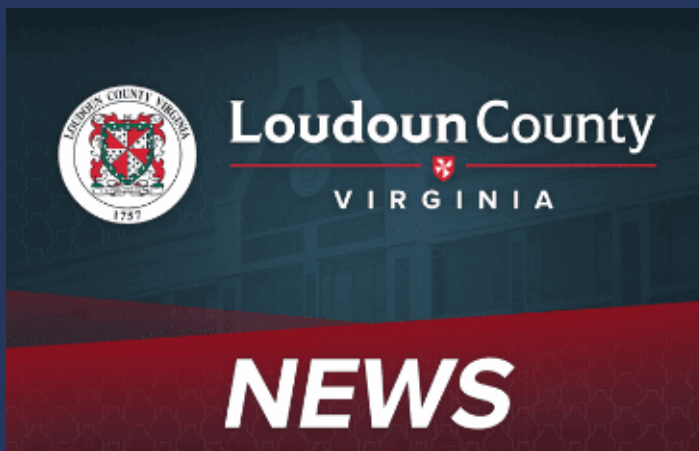
## Vaccination Records

With the new CDC guidance for booster doses, it's important for people to know when they completed their initial series so that they can appropriately time a booster. The dates of the initial series and boosters are on your vaccination card issued at the time of the shots. If you received your shots in Virginia and have misplaced the card, you can find the date by [searching for your vaccine record online](#). If you need assistance over the phone, call [866-375-9795](tel:866-375-9795). Assistance is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Virginia Department of Health has included a [scannable QR code on vaccination records](#). The technology allows anyone vaccinated in Virginia to show proof of vaccination with a digital or printed QR code instead of a paper card.

[Get More Information](#)

## Opportunities Available in the Commonwealth's Attorney Internship Program



The Loudoun County Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney is offering a select number of unpaid internship positions.

The internship program provides an opportunity for students to earn valuable hands-on experience by participating in the day-to-day work of a prosecutor's office. Interns will be fully

immersed in the criminal justice system and work one-on-one with a diverse array of attorneys in aspects of the job ranging from research and case preparation to assisting in litigating cases in the courtroom.

### Eligibility

Internships will be offered to law students in furtherance of their legal education. Law students applying for an internship are encouraged to have their Third-Year Practice Certificate, but other students will also be thoroughly considered. In addition, unpaid internship positions are available for graduate and undergraduate students.

### Length of Internship

Internships will last between 8 to 20 weeks, excluding weeks in which the intern does not work. While the office does not require a full-time commitment, a minimum commitment of 15 hours per week is required.

### Application

Please complete the [online application](#) for consideration.

For additional information, [send OCA an email](#).

## **New Fees for Building and Development Applications Take Effect July 1, 2022**

Loudoun County is implementing new fees on July 1, 2022, for building and development applications. Applicants who receive notification prior to June 30, 2022, that payment is due should submit their payment by close of business on June 30, 2022. Payments for outstanding fees that are not submitted by June 30, 2022, will require a new invoice to be issued using the updated fee schedule and could result in a processing delay.



**New Fees for  
Permits and  
Land Development  
Applications**

**Effective  
July 1, 2022**

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

The fee changes will apply to land development applications, erosion and sediment/land disturbance applications, Virginia Stormwater Management

Program (VSMP) applications, building and trade permits, plans review, and code inspections. The fee changes will not apply to zoning applications.

The fees the county collects for land development and building permit applications are intended to recover the costs of the services rendered by the county, taking into consideration the time, skill and expense involved. While fees for some applications are increasing, efficiencies gained in processing times for some applications resulted in no change to the fee or a lower fee. The current and new fee schedules are available [online here](#).

On July 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors voted to amend [Chapters 1096, 1220 and 1410 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County \(PDF\)](#) and the [Loudoun County Land Subdivision and Development Ordinance \(PDF\)](#) to adopt new fee schedules. These fees were last updated in 2008 and 2014.

## **FIRE AND RESCUE: Pool and Water Safety**



As swimming pools across the area open this Memorial Day weekend and we take to the water to cool off, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue reminds residents to be vigilant about pool and water safety. Not including boating incidents, on average about 10 people die from drowning every day in the United States, according to the National

Safety Council. These deaths are preventable! Follow these water safety tips and educate your family about water safety before your next trip to the pool.

### **FOR ADULTS**

- Children must be actively supervised at all times with no distractions – put that cellphone down!
- Teach children to obey the posted rules to include swimming restrictions and potential hazards.
- Ensure pools and spas are fenced on all sides with a self-closing & latching gate.

- Always have a way to call 911 and know your location should you need help!
- A U.S. Coast guard approved lifejacket should be worn for water sports such as tubing, skiing, or jet skiing. Pool toys such as inner tubes, water wings and inflatable rafts are not safe substitutes for approved lifejackets.
- Swimmers should only use recreational items such as slides, diving boards, etc. in approved areas. Avoid non-commercial items such as tree swings, ropes, and similar items due to potential unsafe conditions.
- Know CPR. [Find a CPR class near you.](#)

### **FOR CHILDREN**

- Ask the lifeguard how deep the water is and stay out of water deeper than your swimming skills allow for.
- Always swim with a buddy.
- Never jump or dive unless the lifeguard or an adult says it is okay to do so.
- Don't eat candy or chew gum when swimming.
- Get out of the water right away if you hear thunder or see lightning.
- When on a boat, everyone needs a seat and his or her own U.S. Coastguard approved lifejacket

\*Source: [National Safety Council](#)

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**REMINDER: Apply 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](#)

## 'Jury Duty' Scams Lead to Reminder from LCSO & Clerk of the Circuit Court



Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman and Clerk of the Circuit Court, Gary M. Clemens, are once again reminding residents to be aware of jury duty scams.

This week several residents reported receiving a telephone call from a person claiming to be a deputy with the

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and stating they have an arrest warrant for failure to appear for jury duty. These individuals, who are not law enforcement nor court employees, claim these potential fraud victims can pay fines to avoid arrest.

According to the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, under no circumstance would a law enforcement official in Virginia be permitted to collect fines of this nature. Any failure to report for jury duty will result in an official written notice from the Circuit Court that provides detailed instructions on what actions those who neglect to report for jury duty must take.

If you are a resident of Loudoun County and believe you were a victim of this scam or a similar scam, please contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's at [703-777-1021](tel:703-777-1021) or file a report online at <http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/reportonline>.

**Green Jobs Fair June 29th**



Join the Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition (GWRCCC) for a Green Jobs Fair on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Frank D. Reeves Center of Municipal Affairs in Washington, DC.

The Greater Washington Region Clean Cities Coalition is one of nearly 80 coalitions in the US that fosters economic, environmental, and energy security by working locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels, energy efficient mobility systems, and other fuel-saving technologies and practices.



**GREATER WASHINGTON REGION  
CLEAN CITIES COALITION**

# GREEN JOBS FAIR

Wednesday  
**06.29.2022**  
10 am-2 pm

**Frank D. Reeves  
Center of Municipal Affairs**  
2000 14th St NW  
Washington, DC 20009

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN:**

- Air Quality
- Water Quality
- Waste Management
- Environmental Education
- Environmental Health
- Electrical/Electrical Engineering
- Laborer
- Wildlife Ecology
- Conservation Science
- Agriculture & Food Science
- Green Construction
- Environmental Law
- Customer service
- Assembly
- Environmental Compliance
- Renewable Energy
- Environmental Justice
- Sustainability Consulting
- Environmental Engineering
- EV Charging
- Environmental Safety
- Technicians/Mechanicians

FOR MORE INFO VISIT: **[gwrccc.org](http://gwrccc.org)** ☎ 202.671.1580 ✉ [info@gwrccc.org](mailto:info@gwrccc.org)

The Job Fair will feature employers across a host of disciplines, subject matters, and technical arenas with opportunities in green construction, renewable energy, electric vehicles and EV infrastructure, sustainable consulting, and more. A full list of opportunities is listed on the attached flyer.

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

Learn more about GWRCCC [here](#).

## Commonwealth's Attorney Launches Justice Academy for Summer 2022



The Loudoun County's Commonwealth's Attorney Buta Biberaj is pleased to announce that the office will hold its first Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Justice Academy June 23-July 28, 2022, weekly on Thursdays from 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

This mission of the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Justice Academy is to create a partnership with the community through education and collaboration. The Justice Academy offers Loudoun County residents the opportunity to learn about the justice system and the Loudoun County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office's mission of Protection, Prevention, and Prosecution.

The participants should expect the following experiences:

- Citizens will have an opportunity to learn about the law and processes related to arrests, criminal charges, and prosecution.
- The Commonwealth's Attorneys will discuss the Office's operations, the statutory mandates for the Office and the intersect between law enforcement and the Commonwealth's Attorney.
- Citizens and the Commonwealth's Attorneys will have an opportunity to discuss matters related to safety and justice.

### **Eligibility**

Membership in the Justice Academy is open to 20 qualifying applicants. To be eligible for consideration, the applicant must be:

1. Over the age of twenty-one years.
2. Free of any active criminal or traffic charges.
3. Able to successfully pass a criminal background check.
4. Agree and sign a Waiver and Release.
5. Able to and agree to attend in-person all sessions of the program.
6. A resident of Loudoun County.

### **Application Process**

The Office of the Commonwealth Attorney's Justice Academy is offered free of charge to attendees.

The application is online at [loudoun.gov/justiceacademy](https://loudoun.gov/justiceacademy). **The application process is open until Thursday, June 2, 2022, 11:59 p.m.**

## Loudoun County Foster Parents Celebrated for Exceptional Service

In observance of May as Foster Care Month, Loudoun County is celebrating and recognizing local foster parents for their service. Loudoun County's foster parents were among those lauded at a recognition event May 19, 2022, hosted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). At the event, Richard

and Ashley Harper were named as Loudoun County's Foster Parents of the Year.

### 2022 Foster Parents of the Year



Ashley and Richard Harper

COG partners with local and state child welfare agencies from 10 jurisdictions in the region to recognize outstanding foster parents on an annual basis. COG is recognizing the Harpers for their commitment to the mission of foster care and for serving as "exemplary foster parents" to thirteen children in the Loudoun community over the past 7 years. The COG citation notes that the Harpers' "graceful demeanor has helped to create bridges between children in foster care and their biological families, promoting growth and healing."

COG says that despite their own goal to grow their family through adoption, the Harpers have consistently prioritized the biological family's needs over their own goals, fully supporting reunification or placements with relatives. They have been flexible as they welcomed numerous adolescents from challenging backgrounds and have demonstrated understanding and support of the child welfare system challenges.

A video featuring the Harpers, which was produced by COG, can be viewed [here](#).

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## Bond Rating Agencies Reaffirm Loudoun's Triple-A Rating



The nation's top bond rating agencies have again affirmed Loudoun County's triple-A rating on its general obligation bonds, noting the county's sound operating performance, the size and diversity of its tax base and strong management. Loudoun County has held the AAA rating from Moody's since 2004, and AAA from Fitch

Ratings and S&P Global since 2005. The three ratings agencies also affirmed Loudoun's AA+ and Aa1 ratings on the upcoming sale of public facility revenue bonds through the Economic Development Authority, as well as outstanding lease revenue and revenue bonds.

"Loudoun's consistently sound and responsible fiscal practices are critical in achieving these highest scores," said Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall. "I am pleased that these agencies recognize our conscientious management of residents' tax dollars, which enables us to leverage these credit ratings to benefit the county."

A triple-A rating is important to the county government and taxpayers because it helps the county continue to get the best possible interest rates to finance capital projects, saving millions of dollars. The reaffirmation comes in advance of the county's upcoming sale of general obligation bonds and public facility revenue bonds through the EDA; the proceeds of which will be used for school and general government projects.

[Learn More](#)

## 2022 Northern Virginia Youth Poet Laureate Poetry Reading Event June 12th

*Please see the following release from Kashvi Ramani, the 2022 Youth Poet Laureate (YPL) of Arlington, VA, representing Northern Virginia.*

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"I am pleased to introduce myself as the 2022 Youth Poet Laureate (YPL) of Arlington, VA, representing Northern Virginia, and as a 2021-22 Virginia Youth Poet in Community (YPIC).

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to an upcoming poetry event brought to you by *Words Beats & Life Inc* in partnership with the American Poetry Museum on **Sunday, 12th June 2022 at 3:00 pm in Washington, D.C.**

I would like to share a bit about my background. My name is Kashvi Ramani and I am a 16-year-old poet and a high school sophomore pursuing a dual program in entrepreneurship and film. My work centers on themes of social justice and advocacy, offering my unique perspective as an Indian American young woman. I address fellow South Asians, women, those facing illness, and teenagers, all of which are groups I connect with. One goal of my work is to speak to these audiences and assure them they are not alone in their struggles.

I plan on using my platform and voice to bring attention to social justice issues and invite young writers to embrace poetry as a means of expression, coping, awareness, or however else they choose.

At the June 12th event at the American Poetry Museum, you will have the opportunity to meet all of the DMV Youth Poet Laureates and hear what we have to say, as well as speak to us afterward. This will be a wonderful opportunity for those in attendance to reflect upon a multitude of perspectives available through experiencing spoken word art.

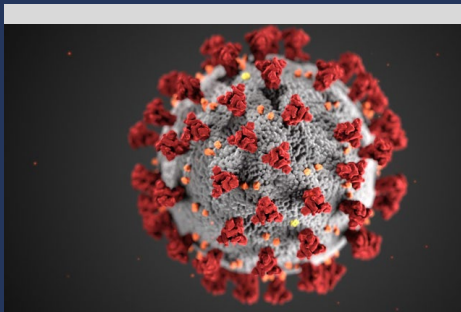




Thank you very much for your time and consideration and hope to see you all there!"

More information about the June 12th event is available at <http://www.apoetmuseum.org/events>.

## 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.

**LOUDOUN  
COUNTY**  
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**VIRGINIA**

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](http://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



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

Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

## Supervisor Koran T. Saines

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