



Updates & Important Information
JUNE 29, 2022

THIS FRIDAY: Star Spangled Sterling



Join Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, the Sterling Golf Club, and your fellow Sterling community members for an evening of fireworks and fun at this year's Star Spangled Sterling event!

The event will be held this Friday, July 1st from 7:00-9:30 pm at the Sterling Middle School Track Field (201 W. Holly Ave).

In addition to fireworks, there will be food trucks, live music, games and obstacle courses, crafts, an outdoor movie, and more.

More Information

For more information, contact Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

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REMINDER: Plastic Bag Tax in Loudoun Effective July 1, 2022

The [new disposable plastic bag tax](#) of five cents per plastic bag that was adopted by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors earlier this year is effective July 1, 2022. The measure is intended to reduce plastic pollution in the region. Shoppers may avoid the tax by bringing their own bags with them to stores.



The new tax will be collected on purchases made at grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores countywide, including those within the county's incorporated towns. The tax does NOT apply to restaurants, food banks, farmers markets or clothing stores. It also does NOT apply to:

- Durable plastic bags that are specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.
- Plastic bags that are solely used to wrap, contain, or package ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, produce, unwrapped bulk food items or perishable food items in order to avoid damage or contamination.
- Plastic bags used to carry dry cleaning or prescription drugs.
- Multiple plastic bags sold in packages and intended for use as garbage, pet waste or leaf removal bags.

Loudoun County joins other jurisdictions in the region that already have adopted a disposable plastic bag tax, including Fairfax County, Arlington County and the cities of Alexandria and Fredericksburg.

Revenues generated by the tax can only be spent on programs that address litter and pollution or help low-income residents obtain durable reusable shopping bags free of charge.

In addition to supporting the purchase of reusable bags for participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Women, Infants, and Children Program, Loudoun County will use the tax revenue to expand existing environmental programs.

[Learn More](#)

TONIGHT: Loudoun Hosts Virtual Public Input Session on Energy Strategy

Wanted: input on updating the Loudoun County Energy Strategy

Virtual Public Input Meeting

**June 29, 2022
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**



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loudoun.gov/energy

Loudoun County will host a virtual public input session on the development of an updated energy strategy for the county Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Links to login information for the virtual session are available for review at loudoun.gov/energy.

Members of the public are encouraged to watch a video presentation and submit an [online comment form](#) prior to the meeting. Members of the public must sign up in advance by 12:00 p.m., June 28, 2022, to provide comments during the meeting.

The county is in the process of updating the [Loudoun County Energy Strategy \(PDF\)](#) adopted in 2009 and is seeking comments from members of the community in three major topic areas.

- Supporting Renewable Energy Development in Loudoun County: Facilitating greater solar and other types of renewable energy use.

- Stimulate Communitywide Actions: Ensuring energy equity and reducing emissions from the transportation, residential and commercial sectors.
- Government by Example: Includes actions the Loudoun County government can undertake with its own energy practices.

The public input session follows a [Board of Supervisors' Energy Strategies Planning workshop in 2021](#), which featured a facilitated discussion on the priorities, process and approach for updating the county's current energy strategy, which provides a comprehensive, 30-year road map of energy strategies for the Loudoun County government and community. The discussion included the role of the county government in energy sustainability, possible funding mechanisms for implementing the energy strategy, and the identification of new programs and initiatives that can benefit all residents and businesses.

More information about the county's energy initiatives and the June 29 virtual public input session, including how to sign up to speak at the meeting and provide comments through the online form, can be found at loudoun.gov/energy.

APPLY TODAY to Loudoun's \$150,000 "Shark Tank" Business Pitch Competition

Every successful business starts with a good idea and the funding to make it happen. That's why the Loudoun Economic Development Authority and Department of Economic Development are once again opening the stage (and wallets) to entrepreneurs dedicated to investment in Loudoun County.



In this third year of the Loudoun Innovation Challenge business pitch competition, a total of \$150,000 in grants will be awarded. This contest has introduced us to outstanding innovators in every industry and corner of the county, resulting in a plethora of #LoudounPossible success stories.

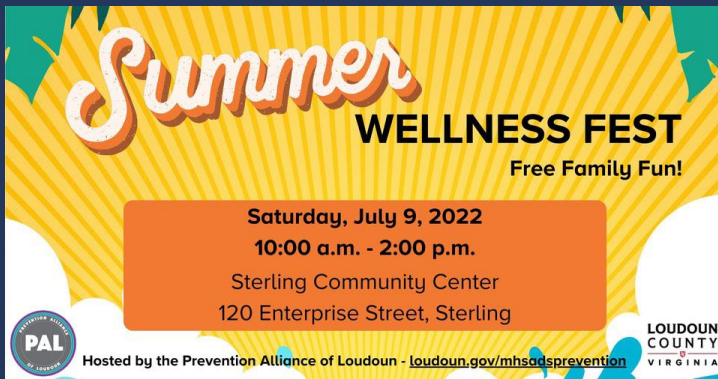
Winners for this year's challenge will be selected from the following categories:

- **Innovation Challenge Grand Prize Winner (\$40,000):** the business with the top overall scores, regardless of industry.
- **Agri-Tech Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses developing technology that improves yield, efficiency or profitability for agriculture, horticulture or aquaculture businesses and growers.
- **Information and Communications Technology Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses providing technology that allows people and organizations to better interact with the digital world.
- **Clean Energy Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses developing renewable, less environmentally invasive forms of power, including solar, wind, water, geothermal, bioenergy, natural gas and nuclear.
- **Highly-Specialized Manufacturing Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses improving quality control, shop floor management, inventory management and worker training processes and designs, which increase quality or productivity.
- **People's Choice Award (\$10,000):** the business that receives the most votes from attendees at the live pitch event.

Following a new format this year, the 12 selected finalists will make their presentations for funding at a live, in-person pitch event on September 24, 2022. Winners will be announced at Segra Field during the Loudoun United FC vs. Detroit City matchup on October 1, 2022.

[Learn More and Apply Today](#)

**Loudoun County, Prevention Alliance of
Loudoun Host Summer Wellness Fest July 9**



Loudoun County, in partnership with the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL), will host the inaugural Summer Wellness Fest on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Sterling Community Center, 120

Enterprise Street in Sterling.

The Summer Wellness Fest is free and open to everyone and all ages. The event will feature music, food trucks, games, arts and crafts, and a variety of health and wellness vendors to offer members of the community the opportunity to learn about and connect with services over the summer.

Some of the participating agencies, organizations and vendors include:

- Aria Yoga and Wellness Center
- Bach to Rock
- Bike Loudoun
- Brown Beauties, LLC
- Equality Loudoun
- Global Local
- Inova Community Health
- Inova Nutritional Programs - Healthy Plate Club
- Just Neighbors
- Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter
- Loudoun County Department of Family Services
- Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, & Developmental Services
- Loudoun County Fire & Rescue
- Loudoun County Health Department
- Loudoun County Public Schools
- Loudoun Literacy Council
- Mr. Falafel Inc.
- Northern Virginia Community College

PAL is a coalition of youth, parents, Loudoun County agencies, faith-based organizations, and other community stakeholders dedicated to mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention efforts. PAL leadership board members include representatives of the Loudoun County Department of Mental

Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, Loudoun County Public Schools, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Control Program and Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. For more information on PAL, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or [send an email](#).

For more information on services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsads or call 703-771-5155.

Silver Line Metrorail Coming Soon to Loudoun County; Control Transferred to Metro

Passenger service on Metrorail's Silver Line extension into Loudoun County is one step closer to reality. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority (WMATA) [announced in a news release](#) that it is taking control of the Silver Line extension, one of the final steps in the project's completion.

This milestone known as the Operational Readiness Date (ORD) marks the point where control of the extension is formally transferred from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), which managed construction of the project, to WMATA, which operates Metrorail.

The opening date for passenger service will be announced at a later date. Phase 2 of the Silver Line is expected to open to the public approximately 90 to 150 days after ORD is announced.

Loudoun County is preparing for the opening of the Silver Line Metrorail Service to and from the Dulles Airport, Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn Metro Stations. In this phase, the final 11.4 miles of the 23.1-mile Silver Line extension from East Falls Church to Dulles Airport was completed. The extension of Metrorail will provide reliable transportation and an alternative to vehicular traffic between



the Dulles Corridor and Herndon, Reston, Tyson's Corner, Arlington and downtown Washington, D.C.

When Metrorail service in Loudoun begins, Loudoun County Transit will provide bus routes to and from the Metrorail stations. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/silverline.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun Fire Officials Offer Critical Fireworks Safety Tips and 2022 Fireworks Event Schedule

2022 FIREWORKS EVENTS

6/26/2022 - Hillsboro, 37110 Charles Town Pike, Purcellville
7/1/2022 - Greens at Willowsford, Aldie (PRIVATE)
7/1/2022 - South Riding, 43237 Golf View Drive, Chantilly
7/1/2022 - Sterling Middle School Practice Field: 201 Holly Ave, Sterling
7/2/2022 - Brambleton, Evergreen Mills Rd/Loudoun Co. Pky, Ashburn
7/2/2022 - Lansdowne Resort, Ashburn (PRIVATE)
7/3/2022 - Lovettsville, 57 East Broad Street, Lovettsville
7/3/2022 - Trump National Golf, Sterling (PRIVATE)
7/4/2022 - Creighton Farms, Aldie (PRIVATE)
7/4/2022 - Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
7/4/2022 - Ida Lee Leesburg, 60 Ida Lee Drive, Leesburg
7/4/2022 - Middleburg, 500 North Pendleton Street, Middleburg
7/5/2022 - Ashburn Village, 44078 Cheltenham Circle, Ashburn



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The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) wants to ensure a memorable and SAFE Fourth of July holiday for you and your family. Fireworks cause thousands of serious injuries every year, sending adults and children to the emergency room. LC-CFRS encourages residents to leave fireworks to the experts and attend professionally coordinated fireworks shows instead of using fireworks on your own.

If you choose to use fireworks, know the risks, PROCEED WITH CAUTION and follow these tips!

- DON'T use illegal fireworks! DO use only legal fireworks purchased from a retail stand with a Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office permit.
- DON'T use fireworks while impaired by drugs or alcohol!
- DON'T light fireworks indoors! DO use fireworks a safe distance away from homes, and steer clear of brush, leaves and flammable substances. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby.
- NEVER allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. DO maintain constant adult supervision.
- DON'T light fireworks in your hand! DO place fireworks on stable ground, never in a container, and ensure the device will not tip over when firing.
- NEVER point or throw fireworks at anyone!
- DON'T try to re-light "a dud" or malfunctioning firework! DO soak spent fireworks in water for several hours before discarding into a fire-proof container. Keep the container outside, away from the home.

The list on the attached flyer includes information about all permitted public displays in the area, kindly note that some events are PRIVATE for residents only.

Remember that fireworks can disrupt those sleeping, scare pets, and can be traumatic for veterans. Be a good neighbor and be considerate of those around you.

For a more detailed list of upcoming shows, permissible fireworks, and approved retail stands visit [Loudoun.gov/fireworks](https://www.loudoun.gov/fireworks).

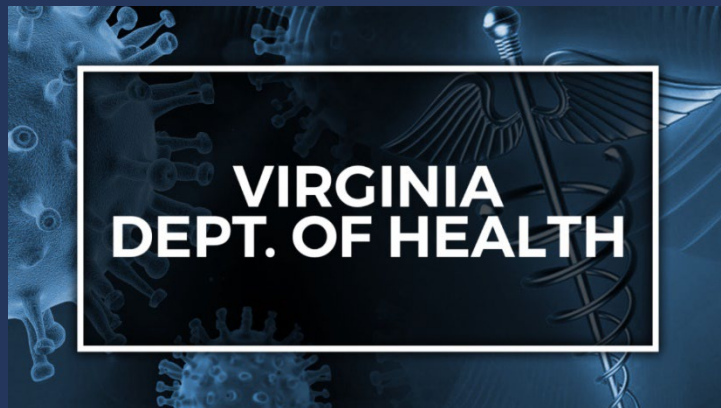
**Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Now Available for
Ages 6-17**

Virginia parents and guardians of older children and adolescents now have a second choice of a COVID-19 vaccine.

On June 24, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gave its approval to a recommendation of the

Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for children and adolescents aged 6 years through 17 years. That approval came after the CDC's independent panel of experts, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), recommended the administration of the vaccine on June 23, following the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) granting of an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) on June 17.

The Moderna vaccine for children aged 6–11 years of age is half the adult dose; for older children and adolescents aged 12–17 years of age, the dose is the same as for adults aged 18 years and older. The vaccines for these age groups are two-dose series administered at least 28 days apart. Previously, only the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine was approved for use in children and adolescents aged 5–17 years.



[Learn More and Read the Full VDH Press Release](#)

Upcoming Events with Loudoun County Animal Services

Free Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic

JULY 12, 2022 | 10AM-2PM

Walk-In | No Appointments Needed
Open to all cats and dogs over 12 weeks old.



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Animal Services



42225 Adoption Drive
Leesburg, VA 20175

www.loudoun.gov/animals
703-777-0406

Book Club, Summer

Meeting

July 9, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

LCAS, Leesburg

In partnership with the Loudoun County Public Library, Loudoun County Animal Services is excited to offer Book Club! Join LCAS and other animal lovers in the community to read and discuss an animal-focused book each quarter!

The summer meeting will be on July 9 and the book is "How To Be A Good Creature" by Sy Montgomery. Book Club kits are available for pick-up at LCAS during business hours (Monday-Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.). Stop by today to get your copy! There is no cost to attend this program.

Free Rabies & Microchip Clinic

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

LCAS, Leesburg

Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) at one of their 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!](#)

Storytime at the Shelter

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

LCAS, Leesburg

Join LCAS for Storytime at the Shelter! This program is for our youngest animal lovers! LCAS will read a story and then meet a few of the adoptable animals at the shelter.

All ages are welcome but those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. This is a walk-in event, there is no sign-up needed to attend.

- The next Storytime dates are: July 5 | August 2
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Residents Invited to Attend LCSO Quarterly Meetings This Month

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will hold public safety meetings at each of the agency's four service area stations and residents are encouraged to attend.

The first of four meetings will be held on July 13, 2022, for the Ashburn

Station area at 7 p.m. The Ashburn Station is located at 20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn, VA.

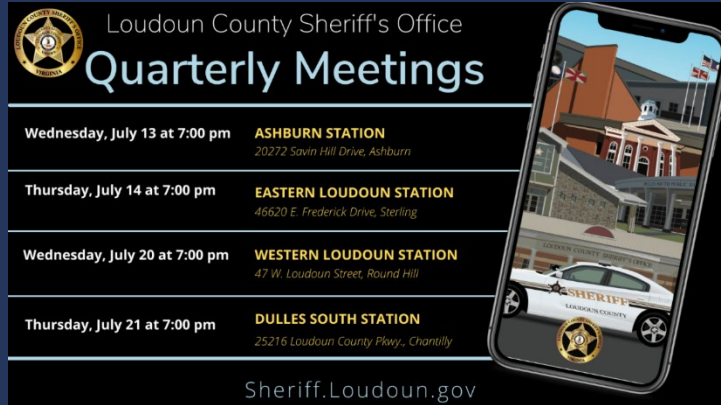
The Eastern Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held on July 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Loudoun Station, located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA.

The Western Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held on July 20, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Western Loudoun Station, located at 47 W. Loudoun St., Round Hill, VA.

The Dulles South Station quarterly meeting will be held on July 21, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Dulles South Public Safety Center, located at 25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly, VA.

Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in your area, traffic safety concerns, and other public safety-related issues. The meetings will be led by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Captain who represents your service area. Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.

To determine what station area your home or business is in, please visit <http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/findmystation>.



Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
Quarterly Meetings

Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 pm	ASHBURN STATION 20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn
Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 pm	EASTERN LOUDOUN STATION 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling
Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 pm	WESTERN LOUDOUN STATION 47 W. Loudoun Street, Round Hill
Thursday, July 21 at 7:00 pm	DULLES SOUTH STATION 25216 Loudoun County Pkwy., Chantilly

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