



Weekly Newsflash

JULY 28, 2022

DEADLINE: Apply to Loudoun's \$150,000 "Shark Tank" Business Pitch Competition by July 28



Loudoun County is a unique place that has grown from a variety of diverse entrepreneurial achievements. In the eastern part of the county, an entire industry was born from internet entrepreneurs that spawned the highest

concentration of data centers in the world. This infrastructure is the foundation for Loudoun County's primary focus on technology and the basis for efforts to grow high tech entrepreneurship in the county.

The goal of the Loudoun Innovation Challenge is to promote entrepreneurship and business growth by identifying and supporting companies that are developing truly innovative products and services in Loudoun County.

The Loudoun County Economic Development Authority (EDA), in partnership with Loudoun Economic Development, has announced the dates for the 2022

Loudoun Innovation Challenge, the third-annual competition for entrepreneurs seeking to take their business to the next level.

Applications will remain open until July 28, 2022.

[Learn more and apply today](#)

Seeking Businesses, Nonprofits, Community Groups for the 2022 Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive

In preparation for the 2022 Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive, my office is seeking out businesses, nonprofits, and community groups that would be interested in serving as either a drop-off site for supply donations from community members OR hosting an internal supply drive to collect donations among your employees, customers, and professional networks as part of this year's Back-to-School initiative.

The Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive is an annual initiative hosted by the Sterling District Office of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to support students and educators in the community with much needed tools and supplies as they gear up for the new school year.

If your business or organization is interested in serving as a drop-off site or hosting a donation drive in support of the Back-to-School Supply Drive, please email my office at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov or call [703-737-8089](tel:703-737-8089).



**ATTENTION BUSINESSES, NONPROFITS,
AND COMMUNITY GROUPS!**

If your business/organization would like to serve as a drop-off site for school supply donations from the community OR host an internal supply drive in support of the initiative...

Contact Sterling Supervisor Koran Saines at
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Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in August

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

Free Classes in August 2022

- Mental Health First Aid
- Opioid Overdose Reversal
- Suicide Prevention

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Details: 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 August 2022 is as follows:

Mental Health First Aid

[Mental Health First Aid](#) offers training that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The training also teaches the skills that someone needs to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. There are two versions of the program, a general adult program and a program for adults who interact with youth. The trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day. The next training is:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid: August 30 & 31: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day. In-person training; for adults who interact with young people.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid.

REVIVE!: 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:

- August 1: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- August 12: 12:00 -1:00 p.m.
- August 15: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- August 26: 12:00 -1:00 p.m.
- August 29: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/revive.

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:

- August 25: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining.

For More Information

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 or [send an email](#).

Monkeypox Vaccine Information

Monkeypox is a rare contagious disease caused by the monkeypox virus. Most people have mild illness and recover without treatment.

[Monkeypox symptoms](#) include a rash, fever, chills, headache, muscle and back aches

**Monkeypox
Post-Exposure
Vaccine Available**



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and swollen lymph nodes. Monkeypox is rarely fatal. Anyone who believes they are ill with monkeypox should contact their doctor.

Monkeypox Vaccine

Anyone who lives in Loudoun County and believes they may be at risk of having an exposure to monkeypox and are interested in the monkeypox post-exposure vaccine should complete the screening form at the link below. Individuals who live in jurisdictions other than Loudoun should contact their [local health department](#) for information on how to obtain the vaccine. Once the information has been reviewed by a public health nurse, the Health Department will contact you. Your information and survey response will only be reviewed by authorized individuals at the Health Department.

- [Monkeypox Vaccine Screening Form](#)

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) does not recommend widespread vaccination for monkeypox at this time. The Health Department has received a small amount of vaccine from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and will provide more information as additional vaccine supplies become available.

Learn More About Monkeypox

Individuals who are at increased risk of exposure to monkeypox are encouraged to learn more about how the disease is spread, symptoms of the disease and how to prevent contracting it by visiting the CDC and VDH websites.

- [CDC: Monkeypox Prevention and Lowering Your Risk](#)
- [VDH: Monkeypox in Virginia](#)

For More Information

Anyone who has questions or would like more information about monkeypox may [email the Health Department](#).

**Loudoun County Again Recognized for
Excellence in Procurement**



Loudoun County has again received national recognition for its commitment to procurement excellence.



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Loudoun County has again received national recognition for organizational excellence in public procurement. The Loudoun County Division of Procurement has earned the 2022 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the [National Procurement Institute](#).

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award is earned by public and nonprofit agencies that demonstrate a commitment to procurement excellence. This annual program recognizes procurement organizations that embrace innovation, professionalism, productivity, leadership and e-procurement.

Loudoun County is one of only 36 counties in the United States and Canada to receive the prestigious award this year. Loudoun has been a recipient of the award for 24 consecutive years.

The Loudoun County Division of Procurement is responsible for the acquisition of all goods and services, including professional services and construction, for Loudoun County government operations.

More information about Loudoun County's procurement process can be found at loudoun.gov/procurement.

Details about many of Loudoun County's award-winning programs and services may be found at loudoun.gov/awards.

Loudoun Cares Annual Art Auction Early Bird Tickets

The Annual Art Auction is Loudoun Cares' biggest fundraising event. Each year the event features the work of local artists in the Virginia, West Virginia, DC and Maryland regions.

The event this year will be hosted once again by NOVAIS partners at the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) in Herndon.

The auction will be in-person (with all state-mandated sanitary and social distancing precautions) and live-streamed online on Saturday October 15, 2022. Bidding will take place using the ReadySetAuction mobile platform.



Art Preview Reception: 5:00pm-7:00pm. Live Art Auction: 7:00pm-10:00pm.

Early Bird Tickets (purchased before July 31): \$45/pp; \$80/per couple (couples code: ART2)

After July 31st: \$50/pp; \$90/per couple (couples code ART2)

Included in the price of admission:

- Entry into Live Art Auction
- Samples from some of Loudoun's finest food vendors
- Wine, Beer, other refreshments
- Auction to benefit Loudoun Cares

Sponsor opportunities are available. For more information, please email valerie@loudouncares.org

Loudoun Cares is a Loudoun based 501(c) 3 nonprofit dedicated to connecting those who serve with those in need to build a stronger community.

[Purchase Early Bird Tickets Today](#)

REMINDER: Sterling Boulevard Quarterly Cleanup July 30th



Several times a year community members and volunteers tidy Sterling Boulevard, removing litter from the medians and communal areas.

Join the Sterling Foundation on Saturday, July 30th for their next Sterling Boulevard Quarterly Clean Up event from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm.

Safety vests, orange trash bags and pick-up sticks (while supplies last) are provided by Keep Loudoun Beautiful for the event.

Volunteers will meet at 8:45am at Briar Patch Park to collect trash bags and receive an assignment. There will be some safety vests available, but consider wearing a bright color to be safe when walking across Sterling Boulevard into the medians.

Any time commitment is appreciated, and generally volunteers will end their cleanup efforts around noon and gather at Joe's Restaurant in Sterling Park for pizza provided by the Sterling Foundation.

Volunteer hours can be verified upon request.

[Get More Information](#)

The Sterling Playmakers Present: Ragtime the Musical

Details

Dates: July 29-31, August 5-7, & August 12-14, 2022

Location: The Theatre at Potomac Falls High School

Times: Fridays/Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm



About

This sweeping musical portrait of early-twentieth-century America tells the story of three families in pursuit of the American Dream.

Written by the award-winning composer/lyricist team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens (*Once on This Island*, *Seussical* and *Lucky Stiff*), noted playwright Terrence McNally, and based on E.L. Doctorow's distinguished novel, *Ragtime* is the winner of the 1998 Tony Awards for Best Score, Book and Orchestrations, and both the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical and Best Score. Called by *TIME* Magazine "A triumph for the stage," and by the *International Herald Tribune* "the best musical in twenty years," this acclaimed musical is filled with pageantry, emotion and hope, bursting onto the stage like no other musical.

At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing... and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future. Together, they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in America.

The beautiful, Tony-winning score is just as diverse as the melting pot of America itself, drawing upon many musical styles, from the ragtime rhythms of Harlem and Tin Pan Alley to the klezmer of the Lower East Side, from bold brass band marches to delicate waltzes, from up-tempo banjo tunes to period parlor songs and expansive anthems. A truly unique and powerful portrait of America, *Ragtime* is sure to inspire actors and audiences alike!

This musical contains words of a racially sensitive nature and may not be appropriate for all audiences.

[Learn More and Purchase Tickets in Advance](#)

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