



## Weekly Newsflash AUGUST 11, 2022

### Donation Drop Off Sites for the 2022 Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive



**SUPPLIES CAN BE DONATED AT THE  
DROP-OFF SITES BELOW:**

- **Sterling Library:** 22330 S. Sterling Blvd, Suite #a117
- **Sterling Community Center:** 120 Enterprise Street
- **SOLDIERFIT Sterling:** 21592 Atlantic Blvd, Suite #130a
- **New Virginia Majority:** 21515 Ridgetop Circle, Suite #240



Contact Sterling Supervisor Koran Saines for more information at

703-737-8089 | [tianni.ivey@loudoun.gov](mailto:tianni.ivey@loudoun.gov)

Donations are still being accepted for the 2022 Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive.

High-need items include:

- Dry erase markers
- Cleaning and COVID supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, tissues, sanitizing wipes, etc.)
- Colored folders with pockets and prongs
- Backpacks and lunch boxes
- Ear buds and headphones
- Hard pencil boxes/cases
- Writing utensils (pre-sharpened #2 pencils, multicolor highlighters, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Glue, glue sticks, and tape
- Paper items (packs of loose-leaf paper, spiral & composition notebooks, index cards, etc.)
- Three-ring binders (between 1"-3")

Collection boxes for community members to donate school supply items are currently available at:

**Sterling Library**

22330 S. Sterling Blvd., Suite A117, Sterling, VA

**Sterling Community Center**

120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA

**Soldierfit Gym - Sterling**

21592 Atlantic Blvd., Suite 130a, Sterling, VA

**New Virginia Majority**

21515 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 240, Sterling, VA

The community's support in this effort is truly appreciated and the Sterling District Office looks forward to having another successful school supply drive!

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](mailto:Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov) or call [703-737-8089](tel:703-737-8089).

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## Public Invited to Comment on New Draft Text for Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

With the posting of revised draft text in advance of a Planning Commission public hearing on August 30, 2022, the Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite process is entering a new public participation phase.

### Comment on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite



Proposed text updates to the Zoning Ordinance are available for review in advance of the Planning Commission public hearing August 30.

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[loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite](https://loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite)

### Review the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text

The proposed text updates are available for public review and comment in advance of the August 30 meeting. The portions of the draft Zoning Ordinance the Planning Commission will consider on August 30 include:

- Acronyms
- Definitions and Rules of Interpretation
- Development Standards
- Land Development Fees
- Nonconformities and Adaptive Reuse
- Officials, Boards, and Commissions
- Procedures
- Signs

The current proposed text incorporates preliminary public input and feedback provided to the county through public engagement activities that included a series of focus group and open house meetings, as well as a 90-day public comment period conducted earlier this year. The public engagement process also identified areas needing further discussion by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

To review the current proposed text in advance of the August 30 Planning Commission public hearing, visit [loudoun.gov/ZoningOrdinanceRewrite](https://loudoun.gov/ZoningOrdinanceRewrite).

### Provide Input on the Draft Ordinance

The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for August 30, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg.

- **Sign Up to Speak:** To provide input and comment on the current draft text, members of the public can sign up to speak at the public hearing. Information about how to sign up to speak at the Planning Commission's public hearing is posted on the [county's website here](#).
- **Submit Comments Online/By Phone:** Members of the public may provide input on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite to the Planning Commission at any time by [submitting an online form](#). Residents without access to the internet may provide comments on the draft ordinance by phone at 703-777-0246.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## Attorney General's Office Certifies Loudoun Redistricting Plan

The graphic is titled "Local Redistricting Update" and features a map of Loudoun County showing redistricting boundaries. To the right of the map, it states "Virginia Attorney General certifies Loudoun's redistricting plan." and includes the URL "loudoun.gov/redistricting". The Loudoun County logo is in the bottom left corner.

The Virginia Attorney General's Office recently certified that it found no reason to object to Loudoun County's redistricting plan, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 7, 2022. The attorney general's "certification of no objection" means that the county may now

implement its new local election districts as adopted by the Board. The certification process is required by state law.

The next phase in the process involves amendment of the county ordinance to adjust some existing precincts to align with the new state and local election district boundaries, to create new precincts due to an increased number of registered voters in some existing precincts, and to identify new polling places for some of redrawn or newly created precincts.

Staff anticipates that a public hearing concerning the precinct and polling place changes will occur in December.

Following Board action on the ordinance amendment, an additional certificate of no objection review by the Attorney General's Office is required for any polling place changes.

The county's new election districts are the result of a process that was informed by the 2020 census and input from the public. The redrawing of election districts each decade is required by law. The redrawn districts were designed based on input from the Board and members of the public to help maintain districts in which the number of residents is balanced over the next decade.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## Virginia Senate and House Page Programs

### Senate Program

The application for admission to the Senate Page Program class of 2023 is now available.

The Senate Page Program is a dynamic, engaging and educational experience that honors and preserves the tradition of service to the legislature. Senate Pages have served the upper chamber of the legislature since at least 1850.

The mission of the Senate Page Program is to facilitate a structured environment in which young Virginians accept responsibility and accountability, develop professional characteristics through strict standards of conduct and engage in the legislative process through work, observation and discussion.



**The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 17, 2022.**

Applications that are postmarked October 17 will be considered on time. An online application is not available this year.

Applicants seeking admission must be 13 or 14 years of age on the first day of session (second Wednesday in January) and a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

[Click here to access the application form](#)

For questions and more information, please e-mail the program directly at: [pageinfo@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:pageinfo@senate.virginia.gov)

### **House of Delegates Program**

Each year the Speaker of the House of Delegates appoints 13- and 14-year-olds from across the Commonwealth to serve as House Pages during the Regular Session of the General Assembly. Appointed House Pages assist the Members of the House of Delegates and the House Clerk's Office staff in performing the daily duties required for the successful operation of the House of Delegates during session.

For those interested in applying, applicants must be 13 or 14 years old by January 11, 2023; in good academic standing; and in cooperative agreement with their school administrators and teachers for program participation. Serving as a House Page is an immersive educational opportunity that requires hard work, initiative, responsibility, and a positive attitude.

The [2023 House Page Program Overview & FAQs](#) contains additional program information for your planning purposes and application submission.

If you have further questions about the House of Delegates Page Program, please contact House Information and Communication Services at [\(804\) 698-1500](tel:8046981500).

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**Apply to Become a Loudoun County Crossing Guard**

## Loudoun County Sheriff's Office



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Become a Loudoun County Crossing Guard

**\$17.22 - \$ 22.82/hr.**

To apply or for more information  
please visit [www.loudoun.gov/jobs](http://www.loudoun.gov/jobs)

Loudoun County Government encourages qualified women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities to apply for employment with the county. The Loudoun County Government is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE).



For More Information Call 703-771-5735



- Calling All Stay-at-Home Parents, Grandparents, Retirees & College Students...
- Great Part-Time Position
- Work Only when School is in Session
- Various Locations

Two Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is seeking dedicated community members interested in serving as Crossing Guards in a part-time capacity.

Crossing Guards are located at public schools throughout Loudoun County--including Guilford Elementary School in Sterling with an immediate need--and the Town of Leesburg, and

are tasked with the control of traffic and ensuring safety of children arriving and leaving schools daily.

This is a great position for stay-at-home parents, grandparents, retirees, as well as college students. Work will only be needed when school is in session.

### Job Requirements

The position requires a high school diploma or equivalent. You must be at least age 18 and six (6) months of related work experience is required--or equivalent combination of education and experience.

[Learn More and Apply Today](#)

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## Virginia Association of Counties Recognizes Loudoun for Model Programs

Two Loudoun County programs have been recognized for excellence and innovation by the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). The presentation of historic records by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Teen Micro Art Gallery at Loudoun County Public Library have received 2022 Achievement Awards from VACo.



### **Presenting the People's Records: Building Community Awareness of Historic Legacy**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Historic Records Division developed innovative virtual presentations of its popular historic records program that began with in-person public events in 2015. To broaden the educational value of the virtual programs, the Clerk's Office developed public and private partnerships with several Loudoun-based organizations involved in local historic preservation and interpretation. These partnerships resulted in the presentation of four virtual programs. In addition, the Clerk's Office created a series of local history trading cards — reminiscent of baseball trading cards — that reflect local history based upon actual court records retained in the Clerk's Office.

More information about the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Historic Records Division is online at [loudoun.gov/clerkarchives](https://loudoun.gov/clerkarchives).

### **Teen Micro Art Gallery at Loudoun County Public Library**

To supply a need for fine art opportunities for teens, the Loudoun County Public Library created a Teen Micro Art Gallery at Brambleton Library where young artists can create, curate, and display original "micro" artwork. The goal of the program is to inspire teens by encouraging active learning and personal development through the visual arts. The initiative has created an innovative artistic outlet for local youth and partnerships and collaborations with schools, nonprofits and established artists in the community who have provided teen artists with career advice and mentorship.



More information about the programs and services of the Loudoun County Public Library is online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

The Loudoun County programs were among 29 recipients of the 2022 Achievement Awards for which VACo received 100 submissions.

## Volunteering with Loudoun County Fire and Rescue



Whether you're new to public safety or if you are a veteran looking for a new challenge, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue wants you! Fire and Rescue volunteers come from a wide age range, and many different backgrounds. They are your neighbors, your friends, and your family. This is a great way to support your local

community, prepare for a paid career in the fire-rescue or health care field, learn invaluable skills, and grow as an individual. Volunteering is an experience you will never forget.

Many of Loudoun's volunteer companies also have Junior Programs, comprised of individuals that are 16 and 17 years of age. Our junior members volunteer their time learning and practicing their operational and/or administrative skills. Operational junior members can even obtain important Fire and EMS certifications.

### Types of Volunteer Memberships

#### **Operational**

Operational Members are those that provide emergency services to the public. They are required to become certified EMTs, Firefighters, or Emergency Vehicle Operators, attend required training classes to maintain their certifications, and be present at their assigned duty times.

## **Firefighting**

Firefighters in Loudoun County are trained to perform many duties besides putting out fires. Training will prepare you to be able to respond to a variety of unique fire suppression and rescue situations. Firefighters respond to a wide range of calls from minor car accidents to emergencies on the river and in the mountains. Once you complete basic firefighting training you will have the opportunity to specialize in water rescue, confined space, technical rescue, high angle, and others.

## **Emergency Medical Services**

Emergency Medical Technicians in Loudoun County are trained to provide high level emergency medical care. Initial training certifies you at the basic life support level. Loudoun County offers training up to the Paramedic level. In addition to responding to medical emergencies EMTs are trained to assist on fire and rescue scenes, and public education.

## **Administrative/Auxiliary**

Every volunteer fire and rescue department need more than just firefighters and EMTs to respond to calls. Each department relies on their administrative members to keep the department running smoothly from day to day. Areas in which administrative members serve include: fundraising, public service events, marketing, public education events, legal, event planning, logistics, website development, facilities, social networking, procurement, fleet management, food preparation, database management, technology development, chaplain services and accounting. Everyone has a talent and we encourage you to use it to help your local fire-rescue department.

Some stations have an auxiliary component that can provide food and drinks to firefighters and EMTs on a long duration emergency scene. In these instances, admin/auxiliary members respond to the scene in special vehicles containing food and drinks.

[Get More Information](#)

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**NOVA Parks 2023-2027 Strategic Plan**

NOVA Parks has released a Strategic Plan with priorities that follow their values of conservation and entrepreneurship.

This comprehensive vision includes:

- Plant over 50,000 trees creating new areas of forest
- Create or improve trails with a focus on sustainability and an investment of over \$6 million
- Create a W&OD Visitor Center
- Create a new wetland park for environmental education and sustainability
- Invest in electric vehicles and mowers, and take other steps to lower carbon footprint
- Add five new parkland properties, and manage existing parkland to better sequester carbon
- Expand cultural events and festivals
- Lead effort to commemorate the Declaration of Independence with interpretive efforts focused on liberty, justice, and freedom
- Expand partnerships with community groups
- Grow entrepreneurial revenues to support park improvements
- Create a team and programs that are reflective of our changing and diverse community



The regional park authority, NOVA Parks, maintains Loudoun County and five other jurisdictions: the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, and the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax.

Click here to view the [NOVA Parks website](#) and see the [NOVA Parks 2023-2027 Strategic Plan \(PDF\)](#) to read more about their goals and objectives.

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**Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Friday,  
August 12th**



The Battle of the Badges is back! The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) are competing to see which agency will collect the most units of donated blood.

Sign up today to donate and help either LC-CFRS or LCSO bring home the Battle of the Badges trophy!

<https://bit.ly/Badges812>

or

Call [1-866-BLOODSAVES \(1-866-256-6372\)](tel:1-866-BLOODSAVES) CODE: 5245

LC-CFRS and LCSO are joining Inova Blood Donor Services to host a blood drive at the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Center for Fitness, Wellness and Support Services in Leesburg on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and encourages all Loudoun residents to participate.

Each year hemorrhage or uncontrolled bleeding accounts for nearly 1.9 million deaths worldwide and loss of blood is the leading cause of preventable death from injury.

As part of the innovative FACT\*R (Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response) program, whole blood is now being carried on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units in both Loudoun and Arlington Counties, a first for Virginia, and the Washington D.C. Metropolitan region. The success of the FACT\*R program is directly impacted by the availability of blood from Inova Blood Donor Services and your donations.

## Service Changes for Loudoun County Transit

## **Labor Day Bus Service Changes for September 5, 2022**

On Monday, September 5, 2022, Loudoun County Transit will not provide bus service in observance of Labor Day. Commuter, Local and Metro Connection bus services and the [Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle](#) will not run.



### **Service Change Notifications**

All riders should monitor [loudoun.gov/buschanges](https://loudoun.gov/buschanges), after 4:00 a.m. for possible unexpected service changes. A voice mail message at 703-771-5665 also will be updated should any service changes occur.

To receive Loudoun County Transit notifications, download Transit app for free on Google Play or the Apple Store. After download, set your favorite routes to begin receiving notifications for the buses you ride. For more information, visit [loudoun.gov/transitapp](https://loudoun.gov/transitapp).

### **Contact Loudoun Transit and Commuter Services**

Comments regarding any suggested route, stop or schedule changes are welcomed and should be [emailed to Transit Comments](#). Commuters may also contact us by phone at [877-465-2287](tel:877-465-2287) or [703-771-5665](tel:703-771-5665). A customer service representative is available to speak to callers Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please be aware that the Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure (DTCI), which includes Loudoun County Transit, will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022, and remain closed until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

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