

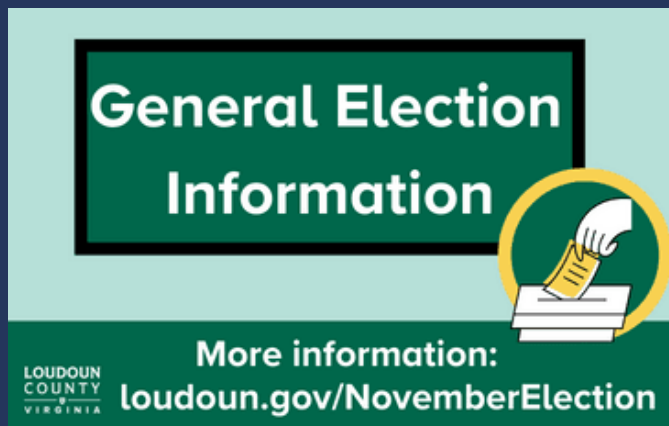


Weekly Newsflash

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Virginia Voters Receiving Notices from State Department of Elections

Loudoun County election officials want voters to be aware of notices being sent by the Virginia Department of Elections to all Virginia voters this week regarding their polling locations for the November 8, 2022, general election. They want voters to know:



- **There is only one polling place in Loudoun County that has changed from the last election.** In the Middleburg Precinct, voting will take place at the Middleburg American Legion Post 295, 111 The Plains Road, until the new Middleburg Town Hall is completed.
- **There will be future changes in Loudoun that will go into effect after the November 2022 election,** due to the [local redistricting plan](#) adopted by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year.

- **No action is required upon receipt of the notice.**

“The only thing we would ask in regards to this notice from the state is that the voter write ‘return to sender’ on the envelope if the notice does not belong to someone in their household,” said Loudoun County General Registrar Judy Brown. “This will help us with our efforts to maintain our records of registered voters.”

November 8, General Election

As a reminder, [early voting](#) for the November 8 general election begins Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C in Leesburg. Hours for early voting will be 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday -Friday, with expanded locations starting October 24.

Offices on the November 8, 2022, general election ballot in Loudoun County will include the 10th Congressional District seat, Loudoun County School Board members for the Broad Run and Leesburg Districts, mayor and town council in Hamilton, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Lovettsville and Purcellville and a town council seat in Round Hill. Three county government bond questions will also be on the ballot.

Stay Informed

- Text LCVOTES to [888777](#) to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update category through [Alert Loudoun](#), the county’s email and text notification system.
- Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Loudoun County Government also posts general information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

FAQs: Route 7/Winchester Wall Painting



**Board of
Supervisors**
Sterling District

There have been many questions and comments regarding the Route 7/Winchester Wall Painting Project. Please see the information below in

response to the common questions and comments we have received:

Why is this project happening and what work is being completed as part of the project?

In February 2020, I brought forward legislation and secured funding to improve the appearance of the concrete, jersey-style wall between Route 7 and Winchester Drive near the Sterling Boulevard/Route 7 intersection in response to concerns expressed by constituents about the aesthetic condition of the structure.

The work involves tree trimming and shrub removal where needed, hydro-blasting to clean the surface layer of the concrete, priming and painting, as well as landscape replacements.

Additionally, as part of the work being completed, temporary lane closures will be implemented to ensure the safety of both the workers and drivers.

Why not paint a mural along the wall instead?

This idea was proposed by members of the community during initial discussions as a fun way to display community pride and welcome visitors to the Sterling Park community. My office presented the idea during the planning and coordination stage with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to determine if a mural painting would be allowable; however, we concluded that a mural may create a distraction for drivers, posing a threat to public safety. In response, VDOT did provide a list of potential colors they would allow, and a shade of matte green was selected.

Why not install the tall, faux rock barriers seen along Route 7 and other major roadways in Fairfax County?

There are a few reasons for this. First, I would like to clarify that these structures, unlike the concrete jersey wall, are *sound barriers*. The jersey wall that is being painted as part of this project was designed specifically to provide a protective barrier between the main roadway (Route 7) and the neighborhood streets in the event that a vehicle runs off the road—similar to the function of a guardrail. While the tall barrier walls could provide some protection in this event, that is not their intention.

Additionally, these taller barriers are not structures that can simply be installed by request—it is a mitigation method associated with a small number of capital improvement projects that are tied to federal aid and must meet specific criteria from the federal government. One of the criteria that must be met is that the project would need to be a construction project that would increase capacity on the roadway (ex: widening the road with two additional lanes) and would result in substantially increased noise levels along that roadway beyond a specific threshold because of that construction. If the sound impact of a capital project increases noise levels above that threshold, it would necessitate mitigation of some form, which is generally in the form of the tall sound walls you may see in some places in Fairfax County.

This is not the situation that is occurring along the stretch of Route 7 near Sterling Boulevard where the concrete wall is being cleaned and repainted. As mentioned, this project is a cosmetic update in response to concerns expressed by residents regarding the wall's appearance.

Why was vegetation and shrubbery cut down as part of the project? Will they be replaced?

In the spring of 2020, letters were sent to residents of homes along the wall providing three options for the work to be done:

- **Option 1:** paint the wall on both sides matte green, which would include trimming or removal of the vegetation on the south side to allow the construction contractor to access the wall and replacing vegetation.
- **Option 2:** paint the whole wall facing Route 7 and areas of the wall facing Winchester Drive where there are dead trees or spaces not covered by vegetation. This option would not paint areas covered by healthy trees on the Winchester Drive side of the wall.
- **Option 3:** paint the whole wall facing Route 7 and leave the back of the wall facing Winchester Drive as it is.

Responses received from this letter were mixed, but the majority of those who responded favored Option 1, which was also the recommendation of County staff. Selecting Option 2 would have left large segments of the wall unpainted and should some of the vegetation die or be struck by vehicles and destroyed, the older unpainted wall would be exposed. These unpainted segments would have likely elicited a negative response from residents, and possibly result in the

County returning to the site in the future to paint the newly exposed wall segments.

Initial site assessments revealed that many of the existing trees and shrubs appeared to be declining in health and would need replacement over the next few years, hence the recommendation for Option 1 which includes a landscaping component to replace decaying vegetation. This landscaping component will be completed after the rest of the scope of work is taken care of, with the goal of have everything planted in the coming weeks to take advantage of planting season. VDOT, the contractor for the project, as well as an arborist on-site will take special care to avoid damage to existing plants that would not need to be replaced within the next few years; however, for plants that would have needed to be replaced in the short-term, the goal is to complete that replacement now as part of this project.

Will my property be damaged in the process of repainting the wall?

Regarding the application of the paint, it will be completed by experienced professionals who will prevent overspray as much as possible. There may be a time when the contractor could ask a resident to move their vehicle out of an abundance of caution, but in the rare case that there is an overspray incident, those impacted would be fully entitled to file a claim and my office would be more than happy to assist with that process. However, given the work area, the likelihood of damage to vehicles or properties in the neighborhood is slim.

**Celebrate Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month
This Weekend at !Fiesta Sterling!**

Celebrate Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month this weekend with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services at **!Fiesta Sterling!** **this Saturday, September 24th from 1:00-5:00 pm** at the Sterling Community Center, located at 120 Enterprise St, Sterling, VA 20164.

The event is a free community festival featuring live music, entertainment, food, free raffles/giveaways, and children's activities.

The festival will bring together, local government agencies, county resources, local businesses, community service providers to increase community and neighborhood solidarity in celebration of the rich diversity that is Sterling Park and its surrounding localities.



Community Development Block Grant Process is Underway in Loudoun

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Nonprofit groups may schedule meetings now in advance of the grant application release Oct. 11.



Find details at: loudoun.gov/cdbg

Loudoun County has opened the application process for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CDBG program provides funding on an annual basis for local projects that address a variety of housing, public service and community development needs.

Eligible applicants for CDBG funds include local nonprofit organizations and local government entities in Loudoun County or those serving Loudoun County residents. Proposed projects should address the goals of the CDBG program which include providing affordable housing opportunities, revitalizing neighborhoods, renovating substandard housing, providing public services and expanding economic development opportunities, primarily for persons of low- and moderate- income households.

Virtual Pre-Application Meetings: Through October 7

Organizations interested in applying for CDBG funding are encouraged to request a pre-application meeting with the CDBG Program Manager. Virtual pre-application meetings can be scheduled now through Friday, October 7, 2022, by contacting CDBG Program Manager Eileen Barnhard [by email](#) or 703-737-8971.

Application Release: October 11

The Loudoun County CDBG competitive applications will be available on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Application packets will be available online at loudoun.gov/CDBG or by contacting CDBG Program Manager Eileen Barnhard [by email](#) or 703-737-8971.

Public Hearing on Housing and Community Development Needs: October 12

As part of the CDBG process, the Loudoun County Housing Advisory Board will conduct a public hearing at 400 p.m., Wednesday, October 12, 2022, to gather input on addressing housing and community development needs. The public hearing will be held at the Department of Housing and Community Development, 106 Catocin Circle SE in Leesburg in the Olmstead Room on the first floor. Those interested in speaking during the public hearing are encouraged to sign up in advance by contacting CDBG Program Manager Eileen Barnhard [by email](#) or 703-737-8971. The public may also choose to attend virtually. Details on how to participate can be found on the [Loudoun County government meetings online calendar](#).

Application Deadline: November 16

Applications for the Loudoun County CDBG program must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

More Information

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or who needs language assistance to participate in the CDBG process should contact CDBG Program Manager Eileen Barnhard [by email](#) or 703-737-8971. More information about the program is available at loudoun.gov/CDBG.

Metro is “Working Differently” to Support Customer Safety and Community Service Initiatives

Metro is “Working Differently” to launch several public safety initiatives that will strengthen and support customer safety and community service for those who use our transit system.

Metro Transit Police (MTPD) have strategically increased officer availability to be more visible throughout the Metrobus and Metrorail system to offer customers additional support. Officers are riding trains and buses in intervals throughout the day as part of the new safety patrol operation “HelpingHands.”

“We’ve been listening to customers over the past two months, and it’s clear that a better, safer customer experience is paramount to rebuilding ridership and customer trust,” said GM and Chief Executive Officer Randy Clarke. “The steps we are taking are part of a larger framework that enhances the work MTPD is already implementing to improve Metro daily.”

In the coming months, Metro will hire several Crisis Intervention Specialists trained in mental health awareness and de-escalation methods. They’ll be paired



with an MTPD officer or Operating staff to respond to customers with mental health disorders, intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Metro will also implement a new Customer Experience Liaison (CXL) outreach program to enhance staff visibility in stations and to make Metrobus and Metrorail an easy and seamless experience. CXL staff will wear easily identifiable uniforms and be in Metrorail stations and at Metrobus transit center throughout the system. Their support will be particularly valuable during special events and service disruptions.

These initiatives expand on Metro's larger efforts to meet and serve customers where they are. If you are interested in these roles, please visit wmata.com/careers.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Upcoming Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Training



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Learn more: loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining

QPR Training

Question Persuade and Refer (QPR) - three simple yet powerful steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

Upcoming Session:

Thursday, September 29, 2022 7pm

In one hour, learn to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help.

Question Persuade Refer (QPR) Training

The QPR suicide prevention training teaches three simple yet powerful steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide -

Question, Persuade and Refer.

Just as people trained in CPR help save lives, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to the help they need. Each year, thousands of Americans, like you, are saying "yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor by becoming a part of the QPR life-saving network.

QPR can be learned in a free, 60-minute virtual training course. Anyone age 16 and over is encouraged to take QPR training – parents, friends, neighbors,

teachers, ministers, doctors, nurses, office supervisors, police officers, volunteer coaches, youth organization leaders, caseworkers, firefighters, and anyone who might be strategically positioned to recognize and refer someone at risk of suicide.

Class Dates & How to Register

The virtual training lasts about one hour. Extended discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation.

- [Thursday, September 29, 2022, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.](#)

Contact Information

If you have questions or would like more information, email cmhfirstaid@loudoun.gov.

Loudoun Innovation Challenge Pitch Event

Loudoun County is home to an entrepreneurial environment that encourages and nurtures innovative concepts by established businesses and startups throughout all stages of the business cycle. To offer a clear financial

pathway to getting new ideas off the ground, the Loudoun County Economic Development Authority (EDA) and Loudoun Economic Development Department developed the Innovation Challenge, an annual pitch competition that offers \$150,000 in total prize money for entrepreneurs to take their business to the next level.

This year is the third annual Innovation Challenge, and we have an incredibly strong mix of applicants who are pioneering new initiatives and investing heavily in Loudoun County as an area that offers high growth opportunities through unique infrastructure, a talented workforce, and abundant natural resources. An impressive list of over 60 highly qualified applications will be narrowed to a group



of twelve finalists who will participate in the live pitch portion of the Innovation Challenge on September 24 at the CIT Building. Finalists this year represent some of the finest Loudoun County entrepreneurs in the Agri-Tech, Information and Communication Technology, Clean Energy, and Highly Specialized Manufacturing industries:

- Agri-Tech: Kappa AgTech, Wheatland Spring Farm & Brewery, Worm Works
- Clean Energy: Black Hydrovac, Flying Ship Company, Fuel & Tire Save Systems Company
- Highly Specialized Manufacturing: Birdie Everything, FireBot Suppression, Periscope Aviation
- Information and Communications Technology: Capango, CodeLock Inc, Gigasheet

Learn more about the competition at LoudounInnovationChallenge.com

When

Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM EDT

Where

Center for Innovative Technology
2214 Rock Hill Rd
Auditorium
Herndon, VA 20170

Agenda:

- 8:00-9:00am Breakfast & Networking
- 8:40-8:55am Economic Development Authority opens their public meeting (*roll call & approval of minutes*)
- 8:55-9:10am Opening remarks
- 9:10-10:33am Finalist Pitches- Agri-Tech and ICT categories
- 10:34-10:55am Break (*snacks and coffee provided*)
- 10:55am-12:18pm Finalist Pitches- Clean Energy and HSM categories
- 12:18-12:30pm Closing remarks

[Get Your Free Ticket Today](#)

DONATE TODAY: Guilford Elementary School Field Trip Fundraiser



The Guilford Elementary School PTA is raising money to take students on field trip to the historic Jamestown settlement.

For anyone interested in donating, please see the information below

from the fundraiser GoFundMe page:

"Growing up, FIELD TRIP DAY was one of the best days of the year. Those of us that were fortunate enough to experience a field trip often have lasting memories of invaluable and fun, hands-on experiences.

While school funds cover some field trip costs, parents & families are often required to contribute money or PTA/PTO organizations can cover the cost of field trips.

I work at a Title I elementary school in one of the richest school districts in the U.S, Loudoun County Public Schools. Most of our county schools draw from affluent neighborhoods and receive generous funds from PTA /PTO. The GUILFORD community is made up of the hardest working and most appreciative families I've ever met. Education is a priority, but the cost of a field trip competes with rent, utilities, and putting food on the table.

Many 4th grade classes in the county take a day trip to Jamestown, Virginia to supplement classroom lessons in Virginia History. Many county residents can afford to pay \$100 for their child's field trip, our families do not have that luxury.

Please help raise funds to take our students to Jamestown and enhance their understanding of colonial life in the First Settlement with invaluable hands-on experiences."

[Donate Today](#)

Loudoun to Host Job Fair on October 15 to Commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, in collaboration with the Arc of Loudoun, will host a Loudoun Job Fair to commemorate National Disability Employment Awareness Month. The event will take place **Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**, at the Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding. The event will highlight career opportunities for people with disabilities.



The Loudoun Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County. Immediate opportunities are available in the fields of health care, hospitality, landscaping, leisure, nonprofits, retail, security, staffing, trades, public safety and warehouse/transportation.

The event will also offer free educational workshops. Attendees can also explore the exhibition area, where information about programs and resources will be available from disability service providers.

Job seekers are encouraged to prepare for the fair:

- Attend one or both of the preparatory workshops:
 - "Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair" and "Let's Chat Disability Disclosure."
 - Register at loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops.
- Get a free copy of "Turn a Job Fair Into a Job Offer:"
 - Call [703-777-0150](tel:703-777-0150) or [send an email](#).
- Dress professionally and bring multiple resume copies to the job fair.

Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at loudoun.gov/loudounjobfair to receive reminders and updates.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or needs language assistance to participate in the Loudoun Job Fair or related events may contact Loudoun County Accessibility Services Manager Sahar Behboudifar at [571-285-3282](tel:571-285-3282) (TTY-711) or [by_email](#). Three business days' notice is requested.

For more information, contact the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center at [703-777-0150](tel:703-777-0150) or visit loudoun.gov/wrc.

LC-CFRS Blood Drive October 7th

A promotional poster for a blood drive. At the top, there is a decorative border of Halloween-themed icons like pumpkins, ghosts, and bats. The main text reads "BLOOD DRIVE" in large red letters, followed by "FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2022" and "9:00 AM - 3:00 PM". The location is "751 MILLER DR SE, SUITE F, LEESBURG, VA 201". Below this, it says "SIGN UP TODAY!" in large black letters. To the left, a man in a blue uniform and face mask holds a sign that says "INOVA BLOOD DONOR SERVICES". To the right, there are logos for "LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA FIRE-RESCUE" and "INOVA Blood Donor Services". A QR code is in the bottom center, and a speech bubble says "WE WANT YOUR BLOOD TO HELP US SAVE LIVES!". At the bottom right, it says "GIVE LOCAL. SAVE LOCAL." and provides the URL "https://bit.ly/LCFR1007" and phone numbers "1-866-BLOODSAVES" and "1-866-256-6372" with code "5245".

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue is 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, October 7, 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.

"Blood products donated through Inova stay local, right here in the Northern Virginia region, so your donation is truly an example of neighbors helping neighbors," says System Chief Keith H. Johnson.

Sign up today to help save up to 3 lives here in Northern Virginia! [#GiveLocalSaveLocal](#)

<https://bit.ly/LCFR1007>
or
1-866-BLOODSAVES
(1-866-256-6372) CODE: 5245

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