



Weekly Newsflash

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Loudoun Announces Financing Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers

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Now accepting applications from first-time homebuyers for the low interest rate mortgage program - SPARC!



Learn more!

loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms



Housing and Community Development

Loudoun County is accepting applications from first-time homebuyers for funds made available through the Virginia Housing (VH) Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities Program (SPARC). The program provides lower interest rates on homeownership loans in Loudoun County.

To qualify for the program, the prospective homebuyer must meet the following criteria:

- Have an annual household income maximum of:
 - \$162,000 for a household of two or fewer people (\$129,600 if using a VH Down Payment Assistance or Closing Cost Assistance Grant).
 - \$189,000 for a household of three or more people (\$151,200 if using a VH Down Payment Assistance or Closing Cost Assistance Grant).
- Be a first-time homebuyer, which is defined as someone having had no ownership interest in real property in the past three years.

- Currently live and/or work in Loudoun County for a minimum of six months immediately prior to submission of the application.
- Purchase a new or existing home for \$665,000 or less, located in Loudoun County.
- Receive a mortgage loan from a VH-approved lender participating in VH mortgage loan program.

Homebuyers do not have to participate in Loudoun County's homeownership programs to use this VH program. Program participation is subject to availability and approval.

For full program information and eligibility requirements, visit loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms or call the Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development at [703-737-8323](tel:703-737-8323).

PRCS After-School Program Registration Now Open

Open Registration (Week 3) for Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) after-school programs for the 2023-2024 school year is open as of Tuesday, April 25.

Now is a good time to review the PRCS Frequently Asked Questions page at



www.loudoun.gov/PRCSAfterSchoolfaqs. The page includes information on how to register, about CASA, CASA Academies, and YAS.

WebTrac is the PRCS online registration system and is the best way to sign up for after-school programs. The online registration system is located at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac.

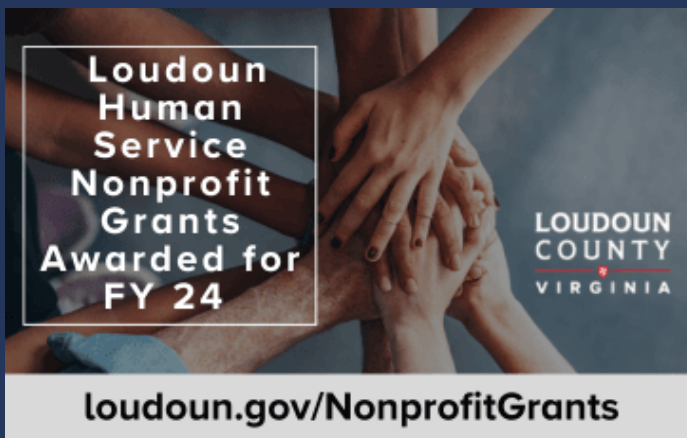
If PRCS starts to receive a high volume of users during the first week of registration, they may implement a Virtual Waiting Room for WebTrac customers. Once you have entered the Virtual Waiting Room, you will retain your place in line. Rest assured that you keep your place in the Waiting Room

line even if your phone/computer goes to sleep, you lose your internet connection, or you close the Virtual Waiting Room page. When you return to the page, you will see your updated progress in the line.

The CASA and YAS programs are operated by your Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services and are designed to deliver an experience that empowers elementary school and middle school-aged children to explore their interests and passions in a social, educational, and recreational setting.

For more information on CASA, CASA Academies, and YAS please visit www.loudoun.gov/AfterSchool.

Board of Supervisors Approves Nonprofit Human Service Grant Funding Awards for FY 2024



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved annual awards for funding to community nonprofit organizations during its April 18, 2023, meeting. Funding opportunities were made available to tax-exempt, private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations that provide a wide variety of services

to Loudoun County residents. These services include health and human services and related infrastructure of care services, particularly for underserved residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY 2024), which begins July 1, 2023.

The areas of need are:

- **Prevention and Self-Sufficiency:** Services focused on assisting individuals and families in becoming and/or remaining independent and stable, and providing tools, skills, strategies and resources to individuals and families.

- **Crisis Intervention and Diversion:** Services provided to individuals and families in crisis to overcome immediate problems, and reduce or prevent the need for more restrictive and expensive higher-level services.
- **Long-Term Support:** Services that focus on assisting individuals who have continuing, long-term support needs to remain healthy, safe and independent in the community.
- **Improved Quality of Human Services:** Services and opportunities provided to individuals, organizations and communities that enhance the quality, accessibility, accountability and coordination of services provided by community organizations.

The county's FY 2024 Adopted Budget includes a \$2,369,818 allocation for this year's competitive grant process and the mini-grant process in addition to \$2,859,351 in funding for core human services and partnership grants.

[View the Full List of Recipients](#)

First-Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is May 5, 2023

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the first-half personal property tax is Friday, May 5, 2023.

Payments received or postmarked after May 5, 2023, will incur a 10 percent penalty and interest. Any such penalty, when assessed, will become part of the tax with interest accruing on both the tax and penalty at a rate of 10% annually. Personal property taxes remaining unpaid after 60 calendar days from the original due date will incur an additional 15% penalty. Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Office of the Treasurer's Collections Team at [703-771-5656](tel:703-771-5656) for assistance.

**Personal Property
Tax Deadline**



Friday, May 5

**Payment options:
loudoun.gov/taxes**

Loudoun County Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280
VIRGINIA Email: taxes@loudoun.gov

Payments can be made using electronic check (eCheck), VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Please note that there is a convenience fee added to credit card transactions. There is no fee for eCheck. For safety and convenience, taxpayers are encouraged to make payments online.

Payments may be made:

- Online: loudounportal.com/taxes
- Telephone: [1-800-269-5971](tel:1-800-269-5971) may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280). Have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By Mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In Person: Treasurer's Office Locations
 - [1 Harrison St. SE](#), First floor, Leesburg 20175
 - [46000 Center Oak Plaza](#), First floor, Sterling 20166
- A 24-hour drop box is located outside the Leesburg and Sterling offices.

Business Hours

The regular business hours for the Treasurer's offices are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Thursday, May 4, and Friday May 5, 2023, the offices will be operating under extended business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For More Information

Contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280) or by [email](#) if you have not received your bill or have any questions.

**Environmental Commission Honors
Environmental Excellence Award Winners**



WINNERS ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Loudoun County Environmental Commission has announced the winners of its inaugural Environmental Excellence Awards. The awards were presented during the Board of Supervisors' April 18, 2023, meeting. The awards honor individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations and educators

for their leadership on environmental issues.

The 2023 winners and categories are:

- **Citizen or Community Group:** Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's Stream Monitoring Program, which supports stream health in the county.
- **Government Employee or Program/Team:** Michele Seib, member, Loudoun County Department of General Services' Stormwater Team, for a constructed wetland project.
- **Small Business:** Little Tree Huggers, which is a nature-based preschool.
- **Student:** Eyasu Neale, Tuscarora High School junior, for a project that encourages reducing waste caused by the mass production of clothes known as "fast fashion."
- **Lifetime Achievement:** Joe Coleman, founding member of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.
- **Lifetime Achievement:** Shirley Pearson, longtime Keep Loudoun Beautiful volunteer.

The Environmental Commission was created by the Board of Supervisors in 2021 to advise the Board and make recommendations on policies and practices related to the environment, sustainability and energy management. Members of the commission include representatives from the community, industry and higher education.

Upcoming Energy & Environment Forum May 11

The Environmental Commission is holding an Energy and Environmental Forum **Thursday, May 11, 2023, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**, at the Academies of Loudoun, 42075 Loudoun Academy Drive, Leesburg. Read details in this [this news release](#).

Stay Informed

Anyone interested in energy- and environmental-related news from the Loudoun County government may subscribe to the Environment & Energy category available from the [Notify Me/News Flash](#) section of the Loudoun County website. Subscribers can choose to receive email and/or text updates, news releases and other information of interest to residents and businesses regarding environmental topics.

More Information

More information about the county's efforts to increase environmental sustainability and resilience for Loudoun residents and businesses is online at loudoun.gov/environment.

Courthouse Marker to Commemorate Lafayette Visit to Loudoun

A new marker is scheduled to be installed on the Loudoun County Courthouse Complex grounds later this year to honor the Marquis de Lafayette's contributions to the Revolutionary War and his stop in Loudoun during his farewell tour of the United States in 1825. At its April 18, 2023, meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the request by the Ketocin Chapter of the Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution (Virginia DAR).



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Lafayette, a French aristocrat, came to the United States in 1777 to support the U.S. Continental Army. He served under the command of George Washington, eventually earning the rank of general. He also lobbied the French government for troops to aid the U.S. Continental Army.

In 1825, Lafayette returned, touring all 24 states in 13 months. During his visit to Loudoun in August 1825, he met with former President James Monroe at his Oak Hill home. He was honored with a procession through downtown Leesburg that included Monroe and former President John Quincy Adams, followed by a grand banquet on the courthouse lawn. Lafayette also visited Temple Hall, north of Leesburg, and Belmont, on what is now Route 7.

The Virginia DAR is working with Lafayette Trail Inc., a national group commemorating Lafayette's historic tour. The Loudoun marker is one of many being installed throughout the country to educate the public about the national significance of Lafayette's tour and to promote a broader understanding of his contributions to American history.

Lafayette Trail Inc. will pay to fabricate and deliver the marker and the county will install it on a post near the "Spirit of Loudoun" Revolutionary War monument on the north side of the historic 1895 courthouse in Leesburg. The inscription on the marker will read "On August 9, 1825, General Lafayette, Revolutionary War Hero, was greeted by local officials and escorted to the Courthouse for a dinner."

Loudoun Youth Accepting Applications for Teen Volunteer Program

LOUDOUN YOUTH INC. Claude Moore Community Builders

Teen Volunteer & Leadership Program
for rising 10th-12th grade Loudoun residents

Gain real-life, relevant, valuable
Skills that colleges & employers want

While Helping Others

Application Deadline
April 30, 2023

Learn More & Apply Today
loudounyouth.org

Questions? Contact Jill Weiss
jweiss@loudounyouth.org

Applications are open now through April 30th for Loudoun Youth's 2023-2024 Claude Moore Community Builders program (CMCB). Forty high school students will be accepted into this 10-month program which connects teens with meaningful volunteer opportunities at local non-profit organizations.

Since 2007, with the help of a generous grant from the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, CMCB has enabled youth to develop important

leadership skills while serving their communities. Last year's participants represented 17 Loudoun high schools, supported 40 local non-profit organizations, and volunteered more than 3,000 hours.

CMCB participants have described the program as "life altering" because it gave them the ability and confidence to help individuals in their community in ways they didn't know were possible. Others appreciated the connections they built through the program with one recent participant stating "CMCB...enabled me to make incredible relationships with the other builders and coordinators...find many new opportunities and organizations...and brought me happiness without knowing it."

The CMCB program, which runs from June-March each year, is open to rising 10th-12th grade Loudoun residents. Volunteer opportunities and professional development trainings take place throughout the county. Students can learn more and apply now through April 30, 2023 at www.loudounyouth.org.

Loudoun Free Dental Day - June 3rd

Loudoun County has been fortunate to partner with the non-profit [Hope for Tomorrow](#) for several years to provide a free dental care day to hundreds of Loudoun residents aged 12 years of age and older.

This year, the free dental day will take place on Saturday June 3, 2023 at Sterling Community Center (120 Enterprise St., Sterling, VA).

More information, including how to request an appointment, is available on the Loudoun County website at

<https://www.loudoun.gov/DentalClinic>.

Register Online

- [Register online for the free June 3, 2023, dental clinic.](#)

Register in Person

In-person registration will take place at the Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling.


- Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

About the Dental Services Clinic

- The free dental clinic is for those 12 years and older. Services provided include cleanings, fillings and extractions.
- A government-issued photo ID is requested. Children 12-to-17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Information

For questions about the free dental clinic, [email the Loudoun County Health Department](#).



Free Dental Clinic

Hope For Tomorrow & Loudoun County
Saturday June 3, 2023 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sterling Community Center -120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA 20164


Services provided include
Cleanings - Extractions - Fillings

PRE-REGISTRATION & APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE
In Person - May 13, 2023
Saturday 9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Sterling Community Center - 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA 20164

Online
www.loudoun.gov/DentalClinic
for more information on how to pre-register.

Government issued Photo ID Requested
Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
Appointments are limited. Pre-registration will be first come, first served basis

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Friends of the Sterling Library Annual Book Sale

FRIENDS OF THE STERLING LIBRARY

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facebook.com/friends@thesterlinglibrary

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sterling Library
Friday, May 5 (Presale), 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 6, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join us for the Friends of Sterling Library (FOSL) annual book sale. Find books, movies, music and more at rock-bottom prices! All proceeds benefit the Sterling Library. Donations of gently used books are accepted during regular library hours, April 28-May 4.

All Ages

Friends of the Sterling Library-FOSL is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit.

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library.loudoun.gov

The Friends of the Sterling Library (FOSL) are gearing up for their Annual Book Sale event, which will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Sterling Library (22330 S. Sterling Blvd, Suite A117, Sterling, VA).

FOSL will begin collecting books for the sale on Friday, April 28th. The collection period will run through Thursday, May 4th. Only items that are in good condition will be accepted.

While the regular sale will occur on Saturday, May 6th, presale tickets to get into the sale early can be purchased for \$15. The presale event will be held on Friday, May 5th from 6:30-8:30

pm. FOSL will accept cash, check, credit cards, Venmo or Cash App as a form of payment.

Volunteer for the Book Sale

Additionally, volunteer help is needed to make the Book Sale event a success. The primary need is before and after the book sale, beginning this weekend through next Friday, as FOSL accepts and sorts through many donations.

It also helps to have an extra hand during the book sale to restock and answer customer questions. In addition to event setup, help is needed during the take down period, which generally takes 30-90 minutes after the sale concludes on Saturday.

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to FOSL by sending them a message on [Facebook](#) or by emailing FOSL treasurer, Joel, at FOSLtreasury@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events with Loudoun County Animal Services

Summer Camp at the Animal Shelter

Loudoun County Animal Services, 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175

Join LCAS for Summer Camp at the Animal Shelter! LCAS is offering two sessions of camp this summer. Campers will learn about the shelter, meet adoptable animals, learn about our local wildlife and more! Campers should bring a packed lunch and be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities. Summer camp is open to campers ages 7-11. [Sign up here!](#)

- Session 1 - June 26 - 30, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- Session 2 - July 24 - 28, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Book Club

Loudoun County Animal Services, 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175

Saturday, April 29, 2023 - 10:00am

Join LCAS for Book Club at the Animal Shelter! On Saturday, April 29th LCAS will be discussing Nature's Best Hope by Dr. Doug Tallamy. Pick up your copy at the animal shelter or your local library today.



REMINDER: Loudoun Economic Development Small Business Summit



In honor of Loudoun's 10th Small Business Week Celebration, the Department of Economic Development is hosting an educational summit on Tuesday, May 2nd from 8am-3pm at the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling.

The goal of the summit is to connect to and provide resources for small business from all industries who are looking to start or scale their concept or current plan. The day will include a keynote speaker (stay tuned for an exciting announcement on this soon!) and two facilitated workshops: one on finance and one on sales & marketing.

About the Program

Entrepreneurs who lead businesses of all sizes, at all stages of development, and in all industries, encounter common issues that can stall or kill progress. Whether a business is at the Start or Scale phase of growth, this Small Business Summit will kickstart a program designed to be a trusted resource partner for Loudoun entrepreneurs.

A full team of professionals at your service: Businesses of all sizes will benefit from each level of comprehensive programming & value-added services provided by the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development and partners. Join the Small Business Summit to gain inspiration from a keynote speaker and learn essential business concepts directly from industry leaders.

[Reserve Your Free Spot Today!](#)

Supervisor Koran T. Saines

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