



Weekly Newsflash

MAY 11, 2023

LoCo Food Truck Festival Saturday, May 13

The 2nd Annual LoCo Food Truck Festival is coming to Segra Field and we are already hungry! This year it's double the food trucks and double the fun!

Enjoy a buffet-on-wheels at this free event on **Saturday, May 13** from **11:00a.m.** -

3:00p.m. at Segra Field in Leesburg (42095 Loudoun United Drive) with a selection of the most incredible food trucks in the region!

Participate in this annual event, indulge your food cravings, and support local trucks! Enjoy live music, entertainment, and games, including a Cornhole tournament and axe-throwing. Registration is limited to 16 doubles on a first come first serve basis and players must be 18 years or older. Bags fly at 11:00 a.m.!

Cornhole Tournament registration here: <https://bit.ly/CornholeTour>



Disability Resource Fair Set for May 12 at Rust Library



The Loudoun County Disability Services Board and The Arc of Loudoun will co-host a Disability Resource Fair, **Friday, May 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**, at Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW in Leesburg.

The free event is intended to highlight a

wide variety of community resources available to people with disabilities. Participating organizations will include representatives of the Loudoun County government as well as organizations that provide educational, employment and recreational opportunities to Loudoun residents.

The [Loudoun County Disability Services Board](#) advises the Board of Supervisors on issues of importance to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers.

[The Arc of Loudoun](#), based in Leesburg, advocates for, educates, serves and supports people with disabilities and their families.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or needs language assistance in order to participate in the Disabilities Resource Fair should contact Loudoun County Public Affairs and Communications at [703-777-0113](tel:703-777-0113) or [by email](#). Three business days' notice is requested.

SAVE THE DATE: Sterling District Townhall Meeting - June 1st

STERLING RESIDENTS:

My office is gearing up to host an in-person townhall meeting to:

- Connect and engage with residents,
- Provide updates on projects in the Sterling District,
- Address common concerns in our area,
- Provide updates on general County initiatives and programs,
- Review County services, systems, and processes, and
- Discuss other topics of interest to the community.

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Be sure to save the date and spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Event Details

Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center, Multipurpose Room
46105 Loudoun Park Ln, Sterling, VA 20164

As we prepare for the townhall meeting, I highly encourage residents to submit questions, concerns, and any other topics of interest that you wish to discuss to my office. This will allow my team to gather the necessary information or staff members to make for a productive and informative meeting.

Please direct submissions to my Legislative Aide, Tianni Ivey at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov, with the subject line "Sterling District Townhall".

Loudoun Offers Resources and Educational Seminars During Mental Health Awareness Month



During May – Mental Health Awareness Month – Loudoun County encourages the community to explore the mental health resources and educational opportunities available through the county government.

Educational Workshops

Loudoun County is offering a new interactive, educational workshop for parents, caregivers, educators and community members to learn more about preventing underage drinking and other substance use; “Talk. They Hear You.” Each workshop aims to help inform, prepare and motivate parents and caregivers to talk with their kids about these issues. Two sessions are available:

- May 18, 2023, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg
- May 23, 2023, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling (Spanish session available May 23.)

Loudoun County also continues its ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs, including Mental Health First Aid, REVIVE!, Question Persuade Refer, and Adverse Childhood Experiences.

To learn more about these workshops and to register, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention.

Events and Resources

The Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL) is a community coalition that hosts events and activities to promote mental health and wellness and distributes educational materials and resources. The Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services leads PAL, a coalition of youth, Loudoun County agencies, faith-based organizations, other community stakeholders and parents dedicated to mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention efforts.

To learn more about PAL activities and resources, visit loudoun.gov/preventionalliance.

For More Information

For more information about mental health wellness programs offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention.

County Implements New Election Districts, Precinct and Polling Changes

As Loudoun County implements new local election districts, the Office of Elections and Voter Registration is mailing information to all registered voters to provide them with current information on their precincts and polling places. The new election districts were adopted by the Board of Supervisors as part of the redistricting process that occurred after the 2020 census.

Voting Precincts & Polling Places Update

- Loudoun County is implementing new election districts.
- Voters are receiving notices of their precinct & polling information.

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Upcoming Elections and Mail to Registered Voters

The redrawn districts will be used for the first time in the upcoming June 20, 2023, Democratic primary election and the November 7, 2023, general election. There is no Republican primary this year.

Voters are receiving notices by mail from the Office of Elections and Voter Registration that indicate their precinct and polling place information. Any resident who receives a notice for a voter who no longer lives at the address is encouraged to let the Office of Elections know by writing "return to sender" on the envelope and putting the letter back in the mail. Officials will use the

returned letters to update their records. The Office of Elections cannot update voting records by phone.

Early Voting

Early voting for the June 20, 2023, primary election begins Friday, May 5, 2023. Information about the upcoming June primary and the November general election, including voting deadlines, sample ballots, and how to vote at home, is posted at loudoun.gov/upcomingelections.

Precinct Changes

The county's precinct boundaries and polling places have been adjusted to align with new state and local election district boundaries, creating some new precincts and polling places. Earlier this year, the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia issued a "certification of no objection" to the changes, which include revisions to the boundaries of 17 precincts.

Online Resources: Districts, Precincts and Polling Places

All of the updated information voters need to find information about election districts, precincts and polling places is posted online. The online resources will help voters determine their local, state and congressional districts prior to voting.

- [Election Districts](#): Find your local election district in Loudoun County.
- [Polling Place & Precinct Lookup](#): Find your polling place and precinct in Loudoun County.

Background on New Local Election Districts

The county's new election districts are the result of a process required by law that was informed by the 2020 census and input from the public. Based on the 2020 census, the population of each district now ranges between 50,468 and 54,881 residents.

As part of the redistricting process, the Board of Supervisors voted to name one newly redrawn district as the Little River District. The Blue Ridge District name is being retired. The names of the county's seven other election districts, also redrawn, remain the same.

Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center Annual Maintenance Closure



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services announces Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center will temporarily close for annual maintenance of the facility Monday, June 5, through Sunday, June 11, 2023. The facilities gymnasium, fitness areas,

climbing wall and other non-pool related features will reopen at 5:00 a.m., Monday, June 12.

The competition and leisure pools will remain closed for maintenance through Tuesday, June 13. Pool operations and water-based programs will resume Wednesday, June 14.

CASA Academy at the Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center will not be impacted by the closure.

During the annual maintenance, patrons of the facility are encouraged to visit the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center to enjoy the facility's recreational amenities, including the 25-yard by 50-meter competition pool and the leisure pool featuring a 125-foot water slide, children's play area, hot tub, vortex, lazy river, and free swim and play area. The Dulles South Recreation and Community Center is located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding. Other indoor swimming opportunities for patrons include the Round Hill Indoor Aquatic Center located at 17010 Evening Star Drive, Round Hill.

PRCS outdoor pools located at Franklin Park and the Lovettsville Community Center will open for the season May 27, 2023. For more information on these locations, admission fees, and to learn more about all that Loudoun PRCS has to offer, please visit loudoun.gov/prcs.

Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center is located at 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. For membership and information, visit loudoun.gov/claudemoorerec or call 571-258-3600.

Loudoun County Animal Services Hosts Free Adoption Event May 13

On Saturday, May 13, 2023, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host a "Homeward Bound" free pet adoption event from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Animal Shelter, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg. Adoption fees will be waived for all available cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, small pets and reptiles.



"The average amount of time it takes an animal to get adopted is continuing to increase," says Animal Shelter Operations Manager Melissa Heard. "For example, Sheila the dog has been waiting for over 100 days, while Dolly and Miley the cats have been waiting for over 180 days for a family to come adopt them. We know their future families are out there and we're hopeful that this event may help find them the loving homes that they have been waiting months for."

All dogs and cats adopted from LCAS are spayed or neutered, have age-appropriate vaccinations and receive a microchip which is registered to their adopter. Adopters will also receive goodie bags with supplies to help their new pet settle into their home.

The shelter frequently has many pets available for adoption including hamsters, guinea pigs, reptiles, rabbits, other small pets and livestock. Potential adopters can view available pets online at loudoun.gov/animals. The standard adoption screening process still applies during this promotion and most adoptions can be completed on the same day.

Next Household Hazardous Waste Event is May 13 in Ashburn

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, May 13, 2023
One Loudoun Park & Ride
20360 Savin Hill Drive
Ashburn
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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The next Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event is scheduled for Saturday, May 13, 2023, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the One Loudoun Park and Ride, 20360 Savin Hill Drive in Ashburn.

Loudoun residents are welcome to bring HHW

from their homes to the event, free of charge.

Event Procedures

Because of safety concerns related to the handling of various types of hazardous materials, the events feature a drive-through process in which residents are instructed to remain in their vehicles and allow event staff to unload any items accepted for disposal. To ensure everyone remains in their vehicle while at the point of service, items must not be in sealed or tied plastic bags. Staff are not allowed to open any plastic bag containing HHW.

Future Loudoun County HHW Events (All events are from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.)

- Saturday, June 24, 2023, Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding
- Saturday, July 29, 2023, Lovettsville Elementary School, 29 South Loudoun St., Lovettsville

[View the 2023 schedule of HHW events](#)

HHW Contact Information

For more information about the Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste Program, call 703-771-5500 or [visit loudoun.gov/hhw](https://loudoun.gov/hhw).

New Online Land Management System Planned for Loudoun

Loudoun County is preparing to launch a new online land management system designed to increase efficiency and transparency for Loudoun businesses and residents. The new system, called LandMARC, will create a comprehensive online tool for accessing, managing and maintaining Loudoun County's land-related information. The

system is expected to launch in the near future, with additional announcements about the system "go-live" date coming soon.

In preparation for the launch of the new system, some services for land development customers will not be available for approximately a week leading up to the launch, including submitting or updating applications, scheduling inspections and submitting payments.

LandMARC will leverage new technology to better serve the needs of the county's customers. Through an online portal, members of the public will be able to:

- Submit permit, land development and legislative land use applications.
- Submit electronic copies of plans and other required documentation.
- Track the status of applications and land development projects.
- Request pre-application and pre-submission meetings.
- Request inspections.
- Pay application fees.
- Access public records related to permits and plans.

The new system will replace current internal systems, as well as publicly available systems, including LOLA and e-Permits. These systems, which date back two decades, are no longer able to provide the scalability or transparency required to meet the expectations and needs of the county's customers.



LandMARC will add many new online capabilities to better serve the needs of residents and businesses.

Members of the public are encouraged to sign up to receive email and text message updates about the project to stay informed about its progress and the implementation and how this change in county services may impact them. To sign up for alerts and for more information, visit loudoun.gov/landmarc.

Loudoun to Host Pit Stops for 2023 Bike to Work Day May 19



Loudoun County will host two pit stops in Leesburg and Sterling for Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 19, 2023. This free annual event celebrates a healthy and fun way to get to work with over 100 different pit stops throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

Participants may bike to a pit stop, pick-up a free T-shirt and giveaways and enjoy refreshments before beginning their workday.

New and experienced bicycle commuters planning to participate in the event are encouraged to [register online](#) before the event to pick up a T-shirt at one of Loudoun County's pit stops. Both pit stop locations are adjacent to the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail:

- Leesburg at Raflo Park, 345 Harrison St. SE, 6:00 - 9:00 a.m.
- Sterling, just east of Route 28, at 183 Ruritan Road behind Northrop Grumman, 6:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Participants are invited to share their photos by tagging [Loudoun County social media pages](#) and adding the hashtag #BTWD2023.

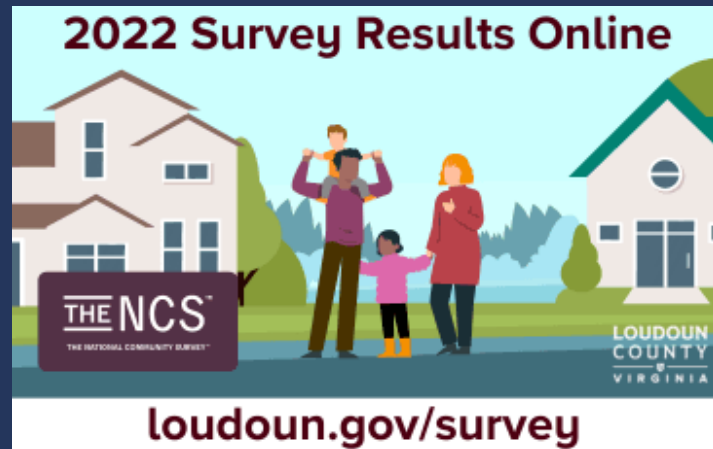
[Bike to Work Day](#) is coordinated regionally by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and Commuter Connections and is held rain or shine. The annual

event attracts thousands of cyclists throughout the region. The local festivities are planned by Loudoun County Commuter Services.

Find details and a link to register for the event at loudoun.gov/BiketoWork.

Loudoun Resident Survey Shows Satisfaction with County Services, Quality of Life

Loudoun County residents continue to give the county high marks and express satisfaction with county services and the quality of life, according to results of the 2022 Loudoun County Survey of Residents, which were presented to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, May 2, 2023.



The survey results illustrate the nationwide trend of a decline in overall perception of county services, which is a trend for the approximately 500 national benchmarks that participate in the survey. Loudoun County fared well compared to its benchmarks, with 50 of the 123 ratings being 10 percentage points higher than other jurisdictions with similar populations. This finding indicates that residents have excellent or good views of the county's economic health, their feeling of safety, the availability of recreational opportunities, and the county's utility infrastructure. In addition, economic health, safety, utility infrastructure, residential and commercial design, and the natural environment were the top areas of importance for residents, according to the survey.

Key findings include:

- The economy in Loudoun County remains an asset and a priority for residents.
- Many aspects of Loudoun County's community design receive positive reviews, but residents identify some areas of opportunity.
- Ratings for mobility and transportation are generally positive; alternatives to automobile-based transportation may be an area of focus for the county.

- Safety is a community strength and remains a priority for residents.
- Affordability is an area of opportunity for the county, with survey respondents rating the cost of living, cost of housing and Loudoun as a place to retire as less positive than other indicators.

Residents also identified areas where Loudoun should focus its attention in the next two years. These included schools, the cost of living/cost of housing, road maintenance, youth activities/reduction of youth crime, crime/drug use and traffic. Each of these areas were rated as essential or very important by 80 percent or more of survey respondents.

The 2022 Loudoun County Survey of Residents was conducted by the National Research Center. This periodic survey of residents helps Loudoun County glean insight regarding residents' level of satisfaction with county services and obtain residents' opinions on key county issues, such as growth management, public safety and taxes.

More information about the 2022 Loudoun County Survey of Residents and results of past surveys are online at loudoun.gov/survey.

Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services Senior Trips Registration



Summer 2023 Senior Trips registration is now open!

The Senior Trips Program is designed for independent adults 55 years of age or over. Day or overnight trips are available. All transportation is provided by Senior Center buses unless otherwise noted. Most trips have pick-up and drop-off points at Cascades Senior Center in Sterling, the Wal-Mart in Leesburg and the Carver Center in Purcellville.

From local day trips to overseas adventures in Scotland, PRCS offers a variety of Senior Trips this Summer and Fall.

Local day trips provide several opportunities for you to root on the Washington Nationals, tour our National Museums, and even experience a cruise to a remote island in the Chesapeake Bay.

Overnight trips include regional trips, fall foliage tours in the Smokey Mountains, and overseas adventures!

Registration

- Registration is required for all trips. [Sign up online with the activity number and WebTrac](#) or in person at any PRCS office. Early registration is suggested since trips can fill quickly.
 - Registration can be completed [online](#) or by phone.
 - [Search or register for Senior Trips.](#)
- Once you register, please note there are no refunds issued by the county. However, a refund minus an administrative fee may be issued if your seat is resold.

Learn more at www.loudoun.gov/seniortrips.

Bond Rating Agencies Reaffirm Loudoun's Triple-A Ratings

The nation's top bond rating agencies have again affirmed Loudoun County's triple-A ratings on its general obligation bonds, noting the county's strong financial performance, a robust economic profile with a diverse tax base and strong management.



Loudoun County has held the Aaa rating from Moody's since 2004, and AAA from Fitch Ratings and S&P Global since 2005. The three ratings agencies also affirmed Loudoun's AA+ and Aa1 ratings on the upcoming sale of public facility revenue bonds through the Economic Development Authority, as well as outstanding appropriation-backed bonds.

Fitch Ratings noted the county's:

- Broad and diverse economy, supporting strong revenue performance and moderate long-term liabilities relative to its resource base.
- Strong financial performance, which maintains a stable unrestricted general fund balance sustaining the county's ability to respond to fiscal stresses.

Moody's noted the county's:

- Diverse tax base outside of Washington, D.C., with very strong income and wealth levels.
- Strong and stable reserves and liquidity levels, supported by the county's policies, proactive management and large budget, which together create financial flexibility.

S&P Global noted the county's:

- Robust economic profile, supported by proactive management policies and long-term planning.
- Track record of positive financial performance through conservative budgeting practices that have enabled the county to build and sustain reserves, while continuing to make progress on capital needs.

A triple-A rating is important to the county government and taxpayers because it helps the county continue to get the best possible interest rates to finance capital projects, saving millions of dollars. The reaffirmation comes in advance of the county's upcoming sale of general obligation bonds and public facility revenue bonds through the EDA; the proceeds of which will be used for school and general government projects.

More information on Loudoun County finances and its triple-A status is online at loudoun.gov/bondratings.

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