



## October Edition

As a reminder, I want to let you know of some county tools available at your disposal in case you need to report something. If you come across a non-urgent issue in our community or elsewhere in Loudoun that you think the County needs to take care of, you should notify the County directly through the [LEx system](#). The Loudoun Express Request (LEx) is a citizen request system online or through the app (search for "Loudoun Express Request") intended to increase the efficiency, security, and accountability in responding to citizen concerns and questions. Examples of items you can report through LEx are: a trash sighting on Sterling Blvd, a pothole on a Loudoun County road, a zoning violation, etc. Please feel free to simultaneously notify our office about any concern you report through the LEx system via phone or email.

If you have a non-emergency situation to report to the Sheriff's department, you can report it online through their [website](#) or through their app called "Loudoun County Sheriff's Office." If there is an Emergency or you witness a crime in progress/just occurred, please call 911.

If you are not sure where to report something, always feel welcome to email/call me or my staff directly. Also know that our office is available to assist you with individual matters as much as we can. My office can provide you information on or help with County programs; connect you with our Congresswoman or state legislators; and connect you with community resources or organizations that may be able to provide business development assistance, low-cost legal assistance, affordable health services, and more.

## SterlingFest 2016 Recap

Despite the rain, my office and I had a great time at the 2016 SterlingFest this past Saturday, October 8th. We had a booth at the fair and were handing out information, meeting new residents and catching up with others. The festival was very well-attended and there was lots of ongoing live entertainment, a multitude of different vendors, games for children and a wide selection of food. If you were not able to make it, follow the [SterlingFest's Facebook page](#) to stay informed for next year's!

If you attended the festival, please do the organizers a favor and [fill out this survey](#) . The survey will help improve SterlingFest for the coming years ahead.



## Positive Update Regarding the W&OD Trail at Sterling Blvd

In case you haven't already heard via Facebook, our office has taken the first step towards hopefully bringing a permanent solution to the Sterling Boulevard W&OD Trail crossing! The Board and I have directed county staff to study and report preliminary cost estimates for the project to its finance committee and will be considering including the project in the fiscal year 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program.

As I promised, I will continue to look for funding sources in the meantime. It is one of my top priorities during my term as the intersection has been a huge safety hazard to the community. Last month, I reached out to my colleagues, our state delegation, congresswoman and senators for their help. For the moment, flashing warning lights will be installed at the crossing to alert drivers, both ways, when pedestrians or bicyclists are crossing.

## Red Cross Home Fire Campaign in Sterling - Oct 15

Volunteer this Saturday with the Red Cross and help pass out and install smoke detectors as part of their Home Fire Preparedness Campaign.



The meeting location on October 15 is at Rolling Ridge Elementary School, 500 E Frederick Drive. Registration begins at 8 am and training kicks off at 8:30 am. Volunteers will be walking the neighborhoods from 9-1 pm. A light breakfast and snacks will be provided. [Sign up here](#) and be sure to spread the word. Families are welcome!



## YMCA Loudoun County's Youth Development Center's Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting - Oct 15

YMCA Loudoun County's Youth Development Center has finally obtained its own space and it's in Sterling! They are now located at 624 W. Church Road and are having their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, October 15 from

11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

All families are welcome! The YMCA will have exciting activities for children of all ages. Come paint a pumpkin with your child, or have your child's face painted to celebrate fall! You can have our caricature artist draw your portrait, or have our balloon twister make some unique balloon animals for you! There will also be games such as pumpkin tic-tac-toe, corn hole, target throw, and more! Your children will love racing through the two obstacle courses! Watch the exciting Smithsonian Air & Space Museum flight experiments where your child can participate in hands-on learning! Don't forget to pick up your free raffle tickets; there will be awesome prizes and delicious snacks! You won't want to miss this event. [RSVP on Facebook.](#)

## Deadline to Register to Vote for November Election is Oct 17; Absentee Ballot Continues

Loudoun County election officials remind citizens that 5:00 pm, Monday, October 17, 2016, is the deadline to register to vote or update a registered voter's address for the upcoming election on November 8, 2016. If you are registering to vote by mail, the application must be postmarked no later than October 17.

Citizens may also submit a voter registration application online or check their voter registration status [online](#).



In-person voter registration is available through Monday, October 17, at the Loudoun County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 750 Miller Drive, S.E., Suite C, Leesburg, from 8:30 am to 5 pm. In addition, absentee balloting for the November general election is under way at the same location, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5 pm, through October 21, 2016.

Beginning October 24, 2016, hours for absentee voting at the Office of Elections will be extended and will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 8 pm. Absentee voting will be available at the office on Saturday, October 29, and Saturday, November 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 pm. Beginning October 24 through November 4, absentee voting will also take place at the Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling, and the Dulles South Multipurpose Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, Monday through Friday, from 4 pm. to 8 pm.

The deadline for voters to apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them is 5 pm, Tuesday, November 1, 2016. The last day to vote an absentee ballot in person is Saturday, November 5, 2016. More information about voting and elections in Loudoun County is [online](#). A list of candidates and questions on the ballot is also [online](#).

## Sterling Playmakers Presents *Great Stage of Fools* - Oct 21-23

Neighbors, theatre fans, you are encouraged to view the *Great Stage of Fools* live play performance at Sterling Middle School on October 21, 22 or 23 at 7:30 pm or 2 pm on Saturday or Sunday. Tickets may be purchased [online](#).



Inspired by the classic works of William Shakespeare, *Great Stage of Fools* is a new stage play that calls forth many of his most notable characters in an unforgettable lampoon of the murder mystery genre. The cast, featuring infamous characters such as Puck (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*) and Marc Antony (*Julius Caesar*, *Antony and Cleopatra*) and Lady Macbeth (*Macbeth*), casts an irreverent look at the stories we place on pedestals, and how those stories can change when adapted for the modern audience. The play is an original work by Sterling's own Keaton Crowe and Erin Marie Paquette, produced by Lora Buckman and directed by Keaton Crowe.

**Medication Disposal Drop Box**

Do you have unused or expired medications?

Leesburg Police Department now has a permanent Medication Disposal Drop Box.

The box is located in the lobby of the Leesburg Public Safety Center (Leesburg Police Department) and is available to the public 24/7.

You may drop off:

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medications for pets

The following are NOT accepted:

- Thermometers
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Alcohol Cans
- Ointments, Lotions, or Liquids
- Medication From Businesses
- Needles (Sharps)

Leesburg Public Safety Center  
(Leesburg Police Department)  
55 Plaza Street NE  
Leesburg, VA 20176

## Nationwide Prescription Take-Back Day - Oct 22, 10-2 pm

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Purcellville Police Department have once again partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the "Take-Back" initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft.

Residents can discard potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction on October 22, 2016, from 10 am - 2 pm, at four sites in the county.

The sites include, the **Eastern Loudoun Sheriff's Station located at 46620 East Frederick Drive in Sterling**; the Dulles South Public Safety Center

located at 25216 Loudoun County Parkway in South Riding; and the Lansdowne Public Safety Center located at 19845 Sandridge Way in Lansdowne. The Town of Purcellville Police Department will set up a drop-off location in the parking lot for Fireman's Field, located at 250 S. Nursery Avenue in Purcellville.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. For more information, visit the [County website](#).

## Eastern Loudoun Station Quarterly Meeting - Oct 26, 7-9 pm

The quarterly meeting will take place at the Eastern Loudoun Station, 46620 East Frederick Dr., in Sterling (as usual). Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in your area, traffic safety concerns and other public safety-related issues. The meeting will be led by the new Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Captain, Chris Hines - who has replaced Captain Brown and now represents the Eastern Loudoun service area - and Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.



## INMED Opportunity Center's October FREE Workshops *en Español*

As part of INMED's Healthy Families program, INMED offers free classes in Spanish on everything from parenting to financial management every Friday from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. They'll be covering the following in October:

- 10/14: How to Restore Your Credit/*Cómo Restaurar su Crédito*
- 10/ 21: How to Handle Authority with Our Children/*Cómo Lograr una Autoridad Positiva con Los Hijos*
- 10/28: How to Become a Homeowner/*Cómo Convertirse en Dueño de Casa*

Free child care and snacks provided. These classes are sponsored by the Virginia Department of Social Services, CDBG, the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Initiative, the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, and the County of Loudoun.

To register for any of the free workshops, email Coralís Fernandez at [cfernandez@inmed.org](mailto:cfernandez@inmed.org) or call her at 571-465-5999. Most workshops will be held at the Opportunity Center located at 21630 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 130 in Sterling.

## Get Involved with Envision Loudoun. Our County. Our Future



Envision Loudoun is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for everyone who cares about Loudoun, to work together, to understand our choices for the future and develop a new comprehensive plan that reflects our collective vision.

Help make Loudoun County an even better place to live, learn, work, play, visit, shop, and raise a family. Come to one of the following *Learn & Listen* Workshops from 6:30-8 pm and share your ideas in a fun, interactive, casual and small group setting:

- Nov 7 - National Conference Center, 18980 Upper Belmont Pl., Leesburg
- Nov 14 - Washington Dulles Airport Marriott, 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles
- Nov 15 - Clarion Inn Historic Leesburg, 1500 E Market St., Leesburg
- Nov 16 - TBD; see website for location.

Aaron Gilman is our Sterling representative on the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholders Group. At any of the workshops, you will be able to meet him and other County stakeholders and express your ideas directly to him. He will be holding an **informal briefing at Joe's Pizzeria next week** for anyone who would like to know more about the project before attending a workshop. Stay tuned on the [Facebook Sterling Park Neighborhood Exchange](#) for the time and date of briefing. Learn more at [Envision-Loudoun.org](#).



## October is Fire Prevention Month

The Board and I have proclaimed October as Fire Prevention Month in Loudoun County. The Loudoun County Fire & Rescue department along with the National Fire Protection Association remind you to replace your smoke alarms every ten years.

You can find out how old your smoke alarm is and its expiration date, by looking on the back of the alarm where the date of manufacture is marked. The smoke alarm should be replaced ten years from that date (not the date of purchase). To schedule a home safety inspection or get more information about the Put a

Finger On It smoke alarm program, visit our [county website](#) or call Lisa Braun, Public Education Manager at 571-258-3222.



## Apply to Serve on a County Government Board or Commission

With a new online application, you can apply to serve on an advisory board, committee or commission in a much easier and faster manner.

The new, user-friendly, web-based form may be filled out and submitted online through a secure connection. In addition to providing increased online security, the technology behind the new form will help streamline the appointment process.

I encourage you to become actively involved in our county government. There are currently opportunities for you to serve on many Board-appointed advisory boards, commissions and committees, including the Economic Development Advisory Commission. We currently need individuals to represent Sterling in our Heritage Commission and Lyme Disease Commission. A listing of all other current vacancies the Board is seeking to fill and a link to the new application form can be found [here](#). If you're interested in serving, please email me your resume in addition to applying online. For more information, call 703-777-0204 or e-mail [coadmin@loudoun.gov](mailto:coadmin@loudoun.gov).

## Next Household Hazardous Waste Event on Oct 15 in Leesburg

Loudoun County will host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event at the Leesburg Park and Ride commuter lot, at 19730 Sycolin Road, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016.



Loudoun residents are welcome to bring HHW such as fluorescent light bulbs, dry-cell batteries (alkaline, Ni-Cad, Lithium, rechargeable, etc.), oil-based paint/stain/varnish, paint thinner, mineral spirits, metal polish, rust remover, wood strippers and preservatives, furniture polish, waxes, sealants and solvents, bleach, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizer, pool chemicals, muriatic acid, ammonia, mercury thermometers and thermostats, gasoline, gas-oil mixes, expired fuel, auto cleaners and flushes, brake and transmission fluid, windshield washer fluid, fire extinguishers, moth balls, pet care products, and photo chemicals.

The limit per household is 15 gallons of liquid HHW (container size not to exceed 5-gallon), and 40 pounds of solid HHW. Participants must have proof of Loudoun County residency such as a Loudoun County vehicle decal or applicable town sticker.

To read more information including non-permitted items, visit the [county website](#).



## Attend Loudoun's Fall Farm Tour on Oct 15 & 16

Celebrate Loudoun's thriving agricultural community during the 2016 Loudoun Fall Farm Tour.

The tour runs from 10 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16. A map and descriptions of 56 participating farms and other venues is included in the Loudoun Fall Farm Tour brochure, available now at county libraries,

community centers, and [online](#).

Bring your friends and family along on the Fall Farm Tour and see all that Western Loudoun has to offer. Venues will have special activities for the weekend, including educational exhibits, live music, farm animals, and local foods and beverages. Several new venues have been added to this year's tour, including:

- Aldie Mill, Aldie Festival and Duck Race: antiques and crafts vendors, food, music, children's activities, an art show, grinding demonstrations and mill tours.
- Fairbrook Farm: Cider pressing, hay rides and face-painting.
- Old Apple Valley Farms: How to make apple cider and corn husk flowers.
- Wagenburg Farm: Shade tree nursery with greenhouse. Pruning and planting demonstrations.

## Public Hearing on Housing & Community Development Needs Set for Oct 18 in Leesburg



Loudoun County is seeking public comment in connection with preparing the county's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Annual Action Plan.

The Family Services Advisory Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday, October 18, at 6:00 pmt to obtain citizens' views and to respond to proposals and questions for the purpose of addressing housing and community development needs. These include priority non-housing community development needs, fair housing issues, development of proposed activities, and review of program performance.

Comments received at the public hearing will be considered in preparing the CDBG Annual Action Plan for 2017-2018. All citizens and organizations are invited to present their views and comments. The Annual Action Plan identifies the projects in Loudoun County that will receive CDBG funds as well as the program goals, objectives and outcomes. The federally-funded CDBG program provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

The public hearing will be held at the the Loudoun County Department of Family Services, in the Shenandoah Room on the 2nd floor of the Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way, N.E.



in Leesburg. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in the hearing, may contact DFS at 703-777-0353 (V/TTY). For more information, visit the [County website](#).

## Loudoun Joins the Solarize NOVA Program - Attend a Workshop!

Beginning October 1st, we are partnering with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) to promote the use of solar power in Loudoun County homes and businesses.



Solarize NOVA is a grassroots, community-based outreach initiative sponsored by NVRC and LEAP that aims to make solar power more accessible and affordable. The program offers a one-stop-shop for community members to learn more about solar power options for their homes and businesses, and facilitate the installation and financing of their own project. Through bulk purchasing and free solar site assessments, Solarize NOVA puts solar within reach.

Now through November 30, Loudoun County residents can utilize Solarize NOVA to learn more about solar power options specific to their homes and take advantage of a streamlined installation and financing process. A complimentary home energy checkup is also being offered as a part of this program.

Three Solarize NOVA workshops have been scheduled for Loudoun area residents and business owners who are interested in learning more about their solar and reduced-pricing options. The workshops are free and open to the public and will be held on the following dates:

- Tues, Oct 25; 6:30 p.m. - Gum Spring Library, 24600 Millstream Drive, Stone Ridge
- **Mon, Nov 7; 6:30 p.m. - Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls**
- Tues, Nov 22; 6:30 p.m. - Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, N.W., Leesburg

Read about the great reasons to solarize your house or commercial property here. More information about the Solarize NOVA program is posted [online](#).

## I-395 Express Lanes Northern Extension Design Public Hearings in October



The Virginia Department of Transportation, in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation will hold two Design Public Hearings on plans to extend the I-395 Northern Express Lanes for eight miles from Turkeycock Run near Edsall Road to Eads Street near the Pentagon. The draft Environmental Assessment also will be presented for public review and comment.

Hearings are from 6:30-8:30 p.m., with a presentation at 7:00 pm at the following locations:

Monday, October 24, 2016  
Wakefield High School  
1325 S. Dinwiddie Street  
Arlington, VA 22206

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
Francis C. Hammond Middle School  
4646 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304

Learn more details about the extension project on the [VDOT website](#).

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## The Youth Corner

**2017 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition Accepting Applications.** Registration goes through Dec. 16th. Middle and high school students are eligible for the competition and may compete as individuals or as a team to address a community problem, be it related to health/wellness, social stress, substance abuse or other topics. Find out

more information or register [here](#).

**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is Accepting Applications for the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship (October 25 deadline) and the College Scholarship Program (November 30 deadline).** The Cooke Foundation provides scholarships to high achieving, low-income students and also educates the public on the issue, awards prizes, makes grants to other organizations with similar missions, and conducts high-visibility research..This year marks Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's 16th anniversary. To apply for either scholarship or learn more information, visit their [website](#).

**Workforce Resource Center Offers Youth Employment and Education Services.** Young people in Loudoun who are looking for employment opportunities can significantly improve their job and career options through the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center. The center offers eligible young adults the skills needed to be successful in today's workforce through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

"If you're between the ages of 17 and 24 and opportunity hasn't been knocking on your door lately, then the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act program might be right for you," said Shelly Rodriguez of the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center. Services are offered at no cost and include resume building, interview coaching, internships, college exploration, tutoring assistance and more! Interested young adults and family members are encouraged to schedule an appointment or register for an information session by visiting [myskillsource.org](http://myskillsource.org) and clicking on "Young Adults," or contacting Fariyah Kuraishi at 571-385-9672 or by email [Fariyah.Kuraishi@loudoun.gov](mailto:Fariyah.Kuraishi@loudoun.gov). Read the [full article](#) for more details.

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## The Sports Corner

As we are in the midst of October, please consider supporting our aspiring local athletes at the little league level as well as high school. The next home high school football games in October are:



Park View Home Football Games:

- 10/21 at 7 pm: Park View vs. Woodgrove
- 11/04 at 7 pm: Park View vs. Dominion

Dominion Home Football Games:

- 10/28 at 7 pm: Dominion vs. Heritage

Potomac Falls Home Football Games:

- 10/14 at 7 pm: Potomac Falls vs. Briar Woods
- 10/28 at 7 pm: Potomac Falls vs. Stone Bridge

Lower Loudoun Boys Football League plays every Saturday for the remainder of the month. The times and locations vary every Saturday. This Saturday, the LLBFL will have the following games at the Bill Allen Field:

- 12-1:45 pm: Broncos vs. Titans
- 1:45-3:30 pm: Patriots vs. Cougars
- 3:30-5:15 pm: Jaguars vs. Bucs
- 5:15-7 pm: Stealers vs. Saints

To see the remainder of October games, visit their [website](#).

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## Upcoming Opportunities

**LINK Coat Drive in Sterling.** Please donate coats and winter apparel to the Sterling United Methodist Church (304 E. Church Rd) from Monday 11/14 to Friday 11/18 from 8:30 am - 8:30 pm. Donated coats will be distributed to local families in need by LINK at the annual coat drive. Refer any questions to Amy Thomas at 317-372-3866 or [athomas2003@hotmail.com](mailto:athomas2003@hotmail.com).

**Fall Cascades Trash Bash & Food Drive - Sunday, October 23.** Participate in a great community litter cleanup event from 12:30-5 pm.



Snacks and hydration will be provided; there will be many door prizes, t-shirts and giveaways. Those interested in helping out, should bring gloves, sturdy shoes and insect repellent. Food donations will also be accepted throughout the event; The food drive will benefit Loudoun Interfaith Relief. [See flyer](#) for more details.

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## Upcoming Events



**Oct 14-15, 21-22, 28-29: Haunted Forest at Halloween Woods.** Come to Algonkian Regional Park in celebration of Halloween on any Friday or Saturday of October and get spooked out! "Should you dare to patronize The Haunted Forest you will be required to walk through the woods on uneven paths that are not lit. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear! Enter at your own risk." Purchase tickets [here](#).

**Oct 14: Redskins Rally at Dulles Town Center.**

The community is invited to a pre-game Redskins Rally at the Dulles Town Center on Friday, Oct. 14 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Special guest appearances by the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders and alumni players Gary Clark and Santana Moss! Free to attend. The event will take place at the main entrance of the Dulles Town Center Mall, by P.F. Chang's and The Cheesecake Factory. For more information, [click here](#).

**Oct 15: Loudoun Salute to Military, Veterans & Their Families.** Please visit the Ashburn American Legion Post 2001 [online](#) to make a tax deductible donation which will directly support needy Veterans and their families. On October 15, from 12-4 pm at Stone Bridge HS, Service officers will be assisting Veterans and their families with new or existing VA claims.

**Oct 15: 78th Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale:** From 9 am to 3 pm at Morven Park in Leesburg, come to Mid-Atlantic's biggest rummage sale, named BEST CHARITY EVENT IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA in 2015 and 2016 by Virginia Living Magazine. This fun event raises funds for patient services at Inova Loudoun Hospital and for nursing scholarships. Admission is free during general sale hours but tickets are required for the Early Bird Hour from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Saturday. Learn more about the sale [here](#).

**Oct 15: Epicurience Virginia.** Taste the finest in Virginia wines, meet top tastemakers and master winemakers, sample cuisine prepared by celebrated chefs from around the country at 12:00 pm at the Barn Amphitheater in One Loudoun. General admission tickets are \$75 per person. Read more about the event [here](#).

**Oct 21: The Internet of Things.** As More of the World Connects Online, Will Your Business Keep Up? From cars to clothes and cities to pets, many ordinary objects are being connected online in a phenomenon known as the Internet of Things. In this rapidly evolving space, what are the threats and opportunities for your business? The event will take place at AOL, 44900 Prentice Drive, Dulles, VA from 8-10 am. [Register online](#).

**Oct 25: Putting the Punch in Your Pitch.** Business owners, learn how to pitch with energy and confidence, and help your audience want to listen to you. Join Barbara Ann Beisler, certified coach and communications expert, to learn what you need to be doing when you

pitch so you increase your credibility, confidence and the likelihood that clients will want to find out more about working with you. The event is from 9-10:30 am at the Small Business Development Center, 202 Church St SE, Leesburg. [Get tickets here.](#)

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