

Gearing Up for the Winter Holidays

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As we approach the holiday season and the end of this year, I want to first take the opportunity to thank you, the Sterling community, for the opportunity to serve as your Supervisor. Heading toward the end of my first year in office, I am happy with the progress we have made, and remain determined to continue to fight for Sterling at all times. This first year in office has been a season of learning, and a season of growth for me personally and my staff, and I am beyond grateful for all the help and advice I have received from many of you along the way. Our community is at its best when we work together, and it is only through the daily actions of all of us that we continue to make Sterling the incredible place we call home. So in this season of thanks, I say THANK YOU, for the opportunity to serve and to work with, and on the behalf of all of you. I hope that this holiday season brings you peace and joy, and I want to wish all of you a Happy New Year as we look forward to 2017.

Transportation Efforts Underway...

In the Seneca Chase area...

After hearing concerns from the Seneca Chase HOA regarding speeding patterns on S. Cottage Road and Samantha Drive, as well as a



lack of pedestrian safety on both roads, our office worked with the Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) to initiate a traffic study on both roads. DTCI is currently in the process of conducting the study and once results are compiled we will be able to move forward with looking at potential solutions.

On Providence Village Drive...

The Board of Supervisors approved our Board Member Initiative (BMI) at the November 1st Board Business Meeting, to identify funds to conduct a traffic study to address traffic and safety concerns on Providence Village Drive. Our office moved forward with this initiative at the request of residents who are facing difficulty when crossing the road due to the issue of high traffic volume at certain times of the day, an issue which is compounded by the lack of crosswalks along Providence Village Drive. Once an initial estimate of costs for the study is completed by county staff, DTCI staff will come back to the Board of Supervisors for approval of funding to complete the study which will review the existing site condition and determine any potential changes to the condition.

Along Davis Drive & Tippett Hill Drive...

Our office will be presenting a BMI at the December 6th Board Business Meeting to direct DTCI staff to identify funding for a traffic study to address various concerns on both Davis Drive & Tippett Hill Drive. This initiative was brought forth through discussions with The Old Sterling Gable Conservancy community which expressed concerns regarding the traffic behavior on both roads and its impact on pedestrian safety. Following Board approval to identify funding for the traffic study, an initial estimate of costs for the study will be conducted by county staff. Once this initial estimate is complete, DTCI staff will come back to the Board of Supervisors for approval of funding to complete the study which will review the existing site condition and determine any potential changes to the existing condition.

January 3rd Board Member Initiatives

Our office is currently working on a couple Board Member Initiatives for the January 3rd meeting. The first will be in regards to Hardwood Forest Drive addressing the community concerns we have heard about traffic behavior on said road. The second will be regarding the lack of sidewalks along W Church Road, where there are several missing links, and Cascades Parkway between Route 7 and W Church Rd where there is essentially a complete lack of pedestrian pathways outside of a few areas.



Come out to the LAST Envision Loudoun Workshop on Dec 8!

Supervisor Volpe and I worked with the Economic Development department to make sure we have one more workshop right in our backyards. Please attend the last "Listen & Learn" community workshop on December 8th in Sterling from 7–8:30 pm and give your thoughts about what you'd like to see in our County over the next 5–10 years. Please help us have good representation from our district by spreading the word. Bring your friends, neighbors and HOA community! There will be a few tables with Spanish-speaking moderators so please tell your Spanish-speaking friends to come out too. Everyone is welcome.

Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Pl, Sterling, VA.
(located right next to the Cascades Library)
December 8, 2016
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Do not miss out on this fun and unique opportunity to get involved in our County's future. Learn more about the initiative at www.envision-loudoun.org.

Interested in Creating a Community Garden in Sterling?

[Come to a community interest meeting on Monday, December 12th at 7 pm at the Eastern Loudoun Sheriff Station, 46620 E Frederick Dr in Sterling.](#)



My office is holding a community meeting to gauge the interest of the community in building a community garden in our district. We have heard from the Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) that vegetable gardening is a big interest among our community. Given this, we would like to pursue this community meeting.

Currently, my staff is looking at a couple of vacant lots in Sterling to hopefully secure for a community garden. The vision for the garden is a combination of a demonstrative garden and plots. The individual plots would be around 10x4 squared feet each and would be available to any Sterling resident wishing to rent it out for an annual fee.

If you like the idea, please come out to the community meeting on December 12th!



[Urgent: We Need Community Leaders to Fill Current Vacancies on the Heritage Commission & Parks & Recreation Board](#)

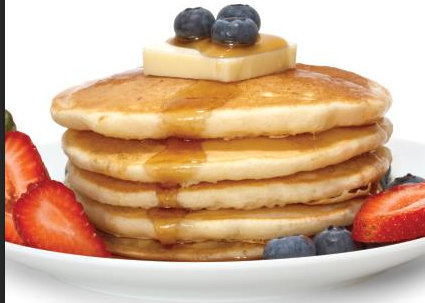
If you've been wanting to get actively involved in public service, please consider applying to serve as the Sterling Representative of the Heritage or Parks & Recreation Commission for the remaining three years while I'm in office. If you are an avid fan of our County's Parks & Recreation department or have suggestions for improvement, please apply to be the Sterling Representative in the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. If you have a passion for preserving Sterling's history, apply to be on the Heritage Commission representing our district. Commitment and passion to represent our community are the only requirements!

If you're interested in serving, [fill out an application](#) online. It's now very easy and quick to complete. Also, email me your resume and why you would like the position. For more information, call 703-777-0204 or e-mail coadmin@loudoun.gov.

Apply to serve now: <https://www.loudoun.gov/advisory>.

Pancake Breakfast

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3



Station 25, 46700 Middlefield Dr., Sterling, VA 20165
www.sterlingrescue.org

Pancakes to the Rescue – Dec 3

Bring the whole family to the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad's first Pancakes to the Rescue event at Patton Hall in Cascades. They will offer a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee and juices.

Where: Patton Hall (building behind SVRS Station 25 in Cascades) 46700 Middlefield Drive Sterling VA 20165

When: 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Who: All ages

How: Walk in! Cost: Adults \$7 each, kids (3–13) \$5 each, and kids under 3 are FREE.

LOUDOUN COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

DEC. 3, 2016 9 AM-12 NOON
OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
22870 DOMINION LANE, STERLING, VA

Collecting New and Gently Used Clothing for Men, Women and Children


NEW:
Hats, Gloves,
Underclothes/T-shirts,
Socks, Long Johns, and
Wool Scarves


GENTLY USED:
Coats, Jogging Suits,
Hoodies/Fleets, Business
Suits, Ladies Accessories,
Purses and Shoes

All donations go to: the Volunteers of America Cold Weather Shelter & The Resourceful Women's Thrift Store in support of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS).

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Warm Clothing Drive – Dec 3

Drop off your new- and/or gently-used men, women and children clothing at Oak Grove Baptist Church on December 3rd from 9–12 pm. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc of Loudoun County is collecting the donations to go to the Volunteers of America Cold Weather Shelter and the Resourceful Women's Thrift Store in support of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS).

Address: 22870 Dominion Lane, Sterling, VA

Free English Classes on Mondays at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Learn Conversational English for everyday situations. Along with learning English, you can learn the following: how to interview for jobs, improve your written English, get ready for the TOEFL, GED, and college admissions. There is also tutoring and/or childcare services available for children. No registration required and you can join anytime.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES: EVERYONE WELCOME!
CLASES DE INGLÉS GRATUITAS: TODOS BIENVENIDOS

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NO ES NECESARIO REGISTRARSE.

FREE CHILDCARE AND HOMEWORK HELP
¡GRATIS! CIUDADO DE NIÑOS Y AYUDA CON LAS TAREAS

WHEN / CUANDO:
MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM STARTING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

WHERE / DONDE:
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
201 E. FREDERICK DR. STERLING, VA

703-430-2121
WWW.STMTTS.ORG



Classes are every Monday at 7 pm at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (201 E. Frederick Dr., Sterling).

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, call 703-430-2121.



Lunch With Santa

(All Ages) Have lunch with Santa! Santa will join participants in the gym to play games, make crafts, and take pictures. Pizza and juice will be served for lunch. Parents who want their own lunch must sign up separately in section -02. Pre-registration is required, space is limited. Remember to bring your camera!

Saturday, 12/10/16
11:00A-12:30P

203789-01 \$8.00/child
 203789-02 \$4.00/optional parent lunch

Admission: \$8.00/child, \$4.00/parent lunch (optional). Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Remember to bring your camera! Fee is \$8.00/child and \$4.00/parent lunch (optional).

Lunch with Santa on Sat Dec 10!

Have lunch with Santa from 11-12:30 pm! Santa will join participants in the Sterling Community Center gym to play games, make crafts, and take pictures. Pizza and juice will be served for lunch. Parents who want their own lunch must sign up separately in section -02. Pre-registration is required, call (703) 430-9480; space is limited. Remember to bring your camera! Fee is \$8.00/child and

\$4.00/parent lunch (optional).

Holiday Potluck Dinner & New Year's Party at Cascades Senior Center

The Cascades Senior Center invites seniors to its Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner on Tuesday, December 13th from 5:30–7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. You are asked to bring a dish to share plus a small gift (valued at \$5) for a gift exchange.



You are also invited to a New Year's Dance Party at the Cascades Senior Center on Thursday, December 29th from 2–4 pm. There will be fun activities including a photo booth, music, and beverages. Tickets for members are \$5 and non-members \$7.

The Plaza
at
CASCADIES OVERLOOK
Towne Center
WHERE THE HOLIDAYS HAPPEN

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7
AT 6:00 PM
• Live music
• Selected scenes from *The Nutcracker* presented by Sterling Ballet
• A very special guest from the North Pole Hot chocolate and cookies for the children

A HOME TOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17
AT 3:00 PM
• Santa and his acrobatic elves
• Honoring two WWII Veterans: Jim Herald & Norman Duncan
• Special presentation from Walt Disney's "Beauty & the Beast" performed by Theater Palloza
• Music & Dance Performances by Studio Blue

LIVE MUSIC BY SELECTED CHORALE GROUPS EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13-22

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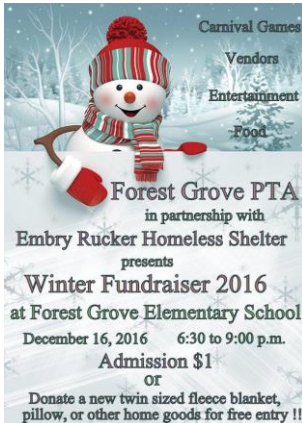
Studio Blue

Don't Miss the Holiday Action at Cascades Overlook Plaza!

Come out to Cascades Overlook Towne Center to celebrate the Holidays. On Wednesday, December 7th at 6 pm, there will be a Tree Lighting Ceremony with live music, The Nutcracker performance by the Sterling Ballet, a very special guest from the North Pole, hot chocolate and cookies for children.

On Saturday, December 17, at 3 pm, there will be a Christmas celebration. The agenda includes: Santa and his acrobatic elves, the

honoring of two WWII Veterans, a special presentation from Walt Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" by Theater Palloza and music and dance performances by Studio Blue.



Fun Winter Fundraiser at Forest Grove Elementary – Dec 16

On December 16 from 6:30–9 pm, the Forest Grove PTA, in partnership with Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter, presents its Winter Fundraiser 2016 at Forest Grove Elementary. Admission is \$1 or a donated new twin sized fleece blanket, pillow, or other home good. Do not miss this fun event, which will have carnival games, entertainment, vendors and food.

Pay Loudoun County Taxes on Your Mobile Device

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. announces that taxpayers can now pay their taxes through their mobile device. A Pay Taxes link is available on the Link2Loudoun app, which can be downloaded for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store. The Pay Taxes link on the app allows taxpayers to access the county's Tax Search and Pay website:

www.loudounportal.com/taxes.

In addition to online payments, Loudoun County offers several other convenient payment options for taxpayers, including electronic check, credit card, telephone and mail. Payment can also be made in person at these Treasurer Office locations from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday:

- 1 Harrison Street, S.E., 1st Floor, Leesburg,
- 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling

More information about taxes in Loudoun County is online at www.loudoun.gov/taxes, by calling the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at 703-777-0280, or emailing taxes@loudoun.gov.





Solarize Loudoun Deadline Extended to Dec 9

The Solarize Loudoun program jointly brought to you by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) has extended its deadline if you're interested in solar power for your home or business. You still have time to take advantage of a streamlined installation and financing process through December 9, 2016. A complimentary home energy checkup is also being offered as a part of this program.

Rooftop solar PV systems typically cost between \$10,000 and \$25,000 – prior to applying any federal tax credit. Solarize Loudoun is intended to help homeowners & business owners who are truly serious about purchasing a PV system, and by signing up you are requesting a free on-site solar assessment from our program installer.

More information about the Solarize NOVA program can be found at <http://solarizenova.org/>.

Thinking of a Career in Teaching?

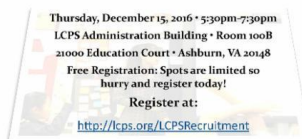
Join LCPS for an Information Night and learn how you can become a Career Switcher! The Career Switcher Alternative Route to Licensure Program is designed to provide an option for career professionals to enter Virginia's classrooms. The career switcher program recognizes the life experiences of qualified individuals and provides participants with skills needed to pursue a teaching career in Virginia.

Thursday, December 15 at 5:30–7:30 p.m.
LCPS Administration Building, Room 100B
21000 Education Court, Ashburn, VA 20148

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LCPS wants you to help empower all students to make meaningful contributions to the world, and we want to make sure you have the information to make that change and start your teaching career with LCPS!



We will have representatives from the four certified career switcher programs in Virginia. They will present their program offerings and be on hand to answer your questions.

- Regent University
- Old Dominion University
- Virginia Community College System (Educate Virginia)
- Shenandoah University

We will also have staff from Human Resources and Talent Development to answer questions about teacher licensure and job opportunities.

Prerequisites for attendance:

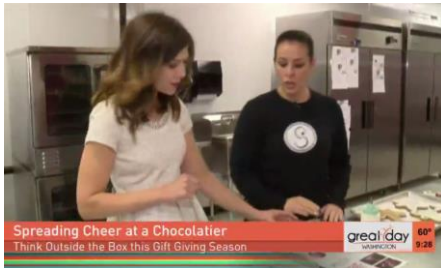
- A bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university
- At least five years of full-time work experience or its equivalent

For questions, please contact:

Lena Collins- Lena.Collins@lcps.org
Laura Collins- Laura.Collins@lcps.org

Free registration, but spots are limited so hurry and register today at:

<http://lcps.org/LCPSRecruitment>



Sterling's Own Sweet Signatures in the News!

Monica Archondo, owner of Sweet Signatures, appeared on the WUSA 9 *Great Day Washington* show yesterday, November 30th! In the [news clip](#), Monica is giving Meaghan the scoop on the candy bar socials, where you can make your own

custom candies.

Visit Sweet Signatures and participate in the next candy bar social or enjoy a delicious pastry and cup of coffee! Some of the shop's upcoming events:

- Dec 9: AMasongrace Project Paint & Sip Open House
- Dec 17, 27, 28: Cookie Decorating Social/Candy Bar Social

Check out their full events calendar at www.sweetsignatures.com/events.

Store is located at: 22446 Davis Drive, Suite #174, Sterling.



Youth Corner

Dec 2: Kid's Dance Workshop. Dominion High School hip-hop dance team is holding their annual dance workshop for youth ages 6-13. Registration begins at 5 pm at Dominion High School, 21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling, VA

20164. \$20 per child. Email dhsdanceteam@gmail.com for questions.

Dec 3: Dominion HS plays against Salem HS in the State Semi-Finals! Please cheer them on and wish them good luck as they play in Salem, VA Saturday at 2 pm!

Dec 15: Moonbounce Party with Santa for ages 5 and under. The Sterling Community Center gym will turn into a fun holiday party with lots of music, moonbounces, crafts

projects, and games, plus a special visit from Santa! Bring your camera for pictures. \$6 per child.

Upcoming Events

Dec 1: Aging & Nutritional Choices Workshop at 10:30 am. Join Loudoun Sports Therapy Center's Athletic Trainer Cierra at the Cascades Senior Center and get health tips, play nutrition bingo, learn how your food choices can prevent chronic disease and help live a longer, healthier life. Address: 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling.



Dec 7: 'Heal your Gut, Heal Your Health' Workshop. Come to the Cascades Senior Center (21060 Whitfield Place) at 10:30 am and listen to Elsa Lam from Golden Health Pharmacy for a special presentation on taking care of your gut.

Dec 9: Holiday Franchise Networking Event, 8–9:30 am: New Day Consulting Systems, LLC is pleased to host an event at Sweet Signatures to help facilitate connections, understanding and expertise among individuals interested in franchising or launching a franchise of their own. Information: www.sweetsignatures.com/events.

Dec 10: Pancake Breakfast at Joe's, 8–10 am in support of the Sterling Cub Scout Pack 1156. Joe's is at 22360 S. Sterling Blvd, #103, Sterling.

Dec 14: Inova Loudoun Hospital Stroke Survivors and Caregivers Support Group at 11 a.m. Inova Loudoun Hospital hosts this free, monthly meeting to provide a supportive and encouraging environment as a part of the stroke recovery process for those who are affected by stroke and their caregivers. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg, in the second floor Patient Education Room. View more info on their [Facebook event page](#).

Dec 13, 19, 27: Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services Dec Screenings in Sterling. Come get your blood pressure screening done for FREE at one of the following locations in December. For further information call the Mobile Health hotline at 703-858-8818 or visit at www.inova.org/mobilehealth.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. – noon
Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling

Monday, Dec. 19, 9 – 11 a.m.
William Watters House
22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling

Tuesday, Dec. 27, 9 a.m. – noon
Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling

Upcoming Opportunities

Angel Tree Toy Packing Needs Volunteers. The Salvation Army program runs through December 14 and is in need of several volunteers. Check out their website with their volunteer opportunities:

<http://virginiasalvationarmy.org/loudouncountyva/>



Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers Seeks Volunteers for their Chore Corps Program or to drive elderly residents to their medical appointments. Chore Corps volunteers would provide simple repairs in and around the house for older adults and adults with disabilities. For more information, call 703-779-8617.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Seeks Volunteers for a nonprofit program, offered in conjunction with the IRS, that provides tax-filing assistance for people of low and middle incomes, with special attention paid to those 60 and older. Training is provided in December and January. For information, go to aarp.org/taxaide .

Claude Moore Park Needs Volunteers to lead interactive tours of the 1779 Lanesville House and the Frogshackle Nature Center at the park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Rd., Sterling. Information: 571-258-3704 or claudemoore@loudoun.gov.

Register for Computer Training Classes. INMED's Opportunity Center is offering computer training and career development to adults aged 18 and up. You must commit to attending classes twice a week for six months beginning February 2017. Find out more information by calling INMED at 703-931-7346, ext 101.

2017 Urban Agriculture Certificate and Fellowship Tricycle Gardens in Richmond, Virginia is currently accepting applications for their fellowship now through January 5, 2017. Tricycle Urban Agriculture Fellows participate in an 11-month long, part-time farm-based training program providing the following:

- A Certificate in Urban Agriculture offered in partnership with USDA-National Resources Conservation Service and Bon Secours Health System.
- Dynamic classroom instruction, both indoors and out
- Experience using sustainable agriculture skills and practices on urban farm sites
- Network opportunities with local farms and food systems leaders
- Hands-on training provided by subject matter experts in all areas of urban agriculture
- Field trips to area farms and opportunities to attend regional workshops

For more information and to download an application please visit www.tricyclegardens.org or call Beth at 804-231-7767.

View more volunteer opportunities here: <https://goo.gl/QBzk6z>.

Supervisor Koran T. Saines
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
www.loudoun.gov/Sterling
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Sterling District,
1 Harrison Street, S.E., 5th Floor, Leesburg, VA 20177

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