



## INSIDE STERLING

*Koran T. Saines, Sterling District Supervisor*

### The New Sterling Community Center, Class & Compensation, and Building on Progress

Last month, the County awarded a contract to begin construction on the **new Sterling Community Center**. This is a project that has been years in the making—with funding being secured back in 2016—and I am excited to move onto the next step!

As this project develops, I will work closely with County staff to monitor the progress of this project to ensure that it is completed efficiently, correctly, and in a timely manner. A **groundbreaking ceremony** to kick off construction will be announced in the first quarter of 2020. I will update the public as things progress, so stay tuned!

I am also happy to announce that the County is making progress to better recruit and retain hardworking County employees through proper compensation. The **new, market competitive compensation plan**, which will help Loudoun County remain competitive with our neighboring jurisdictions will include:

- **Open range pay** for the general workforce, and
- A **grade and step pay plan** for Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues over the next few months to finalize the plan and begin implementation as we work to ensure that County employees are compensated fairly and competitively.

As this is the last newsletter for 2019, I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve the Sterling District for the last four years. Sterling is my home and I am extremely proud of the progress we have made since 2016 and I look forward to building on that progress in my next term!

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## Real Estate Tax Deadline



Thursday, December 5

For payment options, visit:  
[loudoun.gov/taxes](http://loudoun.gov/taxes)

Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280  
Email: [taxes@loudoun.gov](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov)

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## Loudoun County Second Half Real Property Tax Deadline is December 5th

Payments postmarked after December 5, 2019, will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty. Additional interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum will be assessed. The due date will not be extended for bills

where assessment questions have been filed with the Board of Equalization.

Payments may be made:

- **Online:** [loudounportal.com/taxes](http://loudounportal.com/taxes)
- **Through a mobile device:** The Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store. The app allows access to [loudounportal.com/taxes](http://loudounportal.com/taxes) to pay your taxes.
- **Telephone:** 1-800-269-5971 may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call 703-777-0280. Please 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 Street SE, First Floor, Leesburg
  - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling

The offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays. Deposit boxes, which can be used 24-hours a day, are located outside each office.

Please contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at 703-777-0280 or [email](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov) if you have not received your bill or if there are any questions.

Stay up to date on tax information by subscribing to the Tax Notices category of Alert Loudoun at [loudoun.gov/alert](http://loudoun.gov/alert). You can also text the word "TAXES" to 888777 to receive text messages about tax-related information, including upcoming deadlines.

For information regarding Real Property Tax Exemptions and Deferrals, contact the Exemptions Division of the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office by [email](mailto:taxrelief@loudoun.gov), by phone at 703-737-8557 or visit [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](http://loudoun.gov/taxrelief).

## Toys for Tots 2019

The Loudoun County government is supporting the Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots campaign this year to provide toys for needy children during the Christmas season.



The Sterling Foundation has partnered with Toys for Tots for the holiday season. Toy drop off locations include:

- **Crooked Run Brewing** (22455 Davis Dr. #120, Sterling, VA 20164)
- **Nectar Cocktail Bar** (22455 Davis Dr. Suite 133, Sterling, VA 20164)

- **Sterling Community Center** (120 Enterprise St, Sterling, VA 20164)
- **Claude Moore Community Center** (46105 Loudoun Park Ln, Sterling, VA 20164)
- **Joe's Pizzeria** (22360 S Sterling Blvd #103, Sterling, VA 20164)
- **Sterling Library** (22330 S Sterling Blvd Suite A117, Sterling, VA 20164)

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. will also hold a toy drive to benefit Toys for Tots on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the Sterling Walmart (45415 Dulles Crossing Plaza, Sterling, VA).

Please consider donating new, unwrapped toys and help bring joy to children in need in Sterling and across Loudoun County. Online donations are also accepted.

For more information on Toys for Tots, donations, and events, please visit [www.loudoun-va.toysfortots.org/](http://www.loudoun-va.toysfortots.org/).

Events supporting the Loudoun County Toys for Tots 2019 program will be listed on their page as they are scheduled.



## Get Insured for 2020 with Enroll Virginia

Enroll Virginia is providing free, one-on-one appointments at the Sterling Library (22330 S. Sterling Blvd., Suite A117, Sterling, VA) on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> to help those who are uninsured learn more about their options and to enroll in a plan.

Enroll Virginia estimates that tens of thousands of people in Northern Virginia who are eligible for free coverage through recent Medicaid expansion remain uninsured.

**Open enrollment ends on December 15th**--call 571-572-2521 to schedule an appointment.

## Sterling Fire Photos With Santa

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Company is hosting their "Photos with Santa" event on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm at 46700 Middlefield Drive, Potomac Falls, VA.

While all scheduled appointments are booked, the station will welcome walk-in customers until 5:00 pm on both days. (Friendly reminder that Santa takes a lunch break from 1:00-2:00 pm both days).

The base photo package is \$30 and includes one 5x7 print (additional prints are only \$4 each). You can also purchase a USB Flash Drive with ALL of your photos for an additional \$15. Parents please come prepared to get your pictures taken too!





Health and  
Human Services

## INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
excluding holidays

703-777-0420

[loudoun.gov/humanservices](http://loudoun.gov/humanservices)

## Loudoun County Launches Information and Referral Program for Health and Human Services

Loudoun County is launching a communitywide Information and Referral (I&R) program for health and human services information and resources.

The I&R program is a call-based service that connects individuals to health and human services information and resources within Loudoun County. The phone line, 703-777-0420, will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

I&R staff work with callers to understand their needs and then provide linkages to county and community programs to meet those needs.

I&R can connect residents to a myriad of county and community services and resources, such as:

- Child Care Assistance
- Employment Services
- Food Resources
- Health and Dental Care
- Housing and Homeless Services
- Legal Services
- Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services
- Older Adult Services
- Public Benefits
- Utility Assistance

Anyone looking for health and human services-related information and resources within Loudoun County is encouraged to call I&R at 703-777-0420. Additional information about county services and programs can be found online at [loudoun.gov/humanservices](http://loudoun.gov/humanservices).

## Loudoun Workforce Resource Center to Host Job Fair with Local Employers December 6

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host its second Loudoun Job Fair this fall on Friday, December 6, 2019, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Shenandoah Office Building, 102 Heritage Way NE, second floor, in Leesburg.



The Loudoun Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County. Immediate opportunities are available in the fields of accounting/finance, construction, customer support, government, healthcare, information technology, management, recreation, retail, service operations, sales and technical.

Job seekers are advised to be prepared to meet with employers by dressing professionally and bringing multiple copies of their resumes to the job fair. **Resume critiques are offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 to 11:30 am** at the Workforce Resource Center.

Additionally, those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at [loudounjobfairleesburg.eventbrite.com](http://loudounjobfairleesburg.eventbrite.com) to receive reminders and updates.

For more information, call 703-777-0150 or visit [loudoun.gov/wrc](http://loudoun.gov/wrc).



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**Inova Loudoun Hospital  
Mobile Health Services  
December Screenings**

Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services will be providing countywide blood pressure screenings at a variety of locations during the month of December. For more information, call the Mobile Health hotline at 703-858-8801. Below are screening locations in Sterling; for additional locations across the County, visit [www.inova.org/mobilehealth](http://www.inova.org/mobilehealth)

**Tuesday, December 10, 9 a.m. – noon**

Cascades Senior Center  
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling  
BP Screenings

**Monday, December 16, 9 – 11 a.m.**

William Watters House  
22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling  
BP Screenings

**Monday, December 23, 9 a.m. – noon**

Cascades Senior Center  
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling  
BP Screenings



## Seats Available in Upcoming Adult Mental Health First Aid Class December 11 and 12

The Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services offers free Adult Mental Health First Aid classes, which introduce participants to common risk factors and warning signs of mental illness, including anxiety, depression, substance abuse, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and schizophrenia, and how to offer initial help to someone in a mental health crisis.

The course is appropriate for anyone 18 years of age or older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem.

Seats are available in the next session of Adult Mental Health First Aid, which will be taught over two days, Wednesday, December 11 and Thursday, December 12, 2019, from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm at the MHSADS offices, 906 Trailview Boulevard SE in Leesburg.

Learn more about the program at [www.loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid](http://www.loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid)



## Holiday Fire Safety Checklist

Decorating for the winter holidays is fun and festive, but holiday decorations can increase the risk of fire in your home. As you deck the halls this season, take a moment to review our holiday fire safety checklist and be fire smart!

### Christmas Trees:

- Choose a tree with fresh, springy, green needles. Add water daily to avoid letting the stand become dry.
- Keep trees at least 3 feet away from heat sources such as fireplaces, candles, heat vents or lights and ensure that trees are not blocking an exit.
- Ensure artificial trees are labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Remove the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dry trees are a fire hazard and shouldn't be left inside the home, garage or placed outside directly next to the home. For information on how to recycle your Christmas tree in Loudoun County visit [loudoun.gov/recycling](http://loudoun.gov/recycling).

### Holiday Décor:

- Choose only flame resistant/retardant decor and keep it away from candles, fireplaces and heating equipment.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you use real candles, make sure they are on a sturdy surface and keep children and pets away.
- Ensure you are using the proper type of lights. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any light strings that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more strands or bulbs than the manufacturer suggests.

- Never dispose of wrapping paper in the fireplace.
- Before heading out or going to bed, blow out any lit candles and turn off all light strings and decorations.

**REMEMBER** working smoke alarms save lives! Ensure your home has working smoke alarms on every level and inside/outside sleeping areas. Test and clean smoke alarms monthly.

For more information about fire safety, please contact Lisa Braun, Public Education Manager, at 571-258-3222 or via email.

## Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Park



### **Holiday in the Park**

*Saturday, December 7, 3:30-6:00 pm*

- Free; No registration needed

### **Lanesville and Frogshackle Nature Cabin Open House**

*Saturday, December 14, 1:00-3:00 pm*

- Free; No registration needed

### **Winter Gift Workshop**

*Saturday, December 14, 3:30-5:00 pm*

- \$5; Please pre-register by 12/10 at [www.loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://www.loudoun.gov/webtrac) for activity 261722

### **Marshmallow Madness! Campfire**

*Friday, December 27, 1:00-2:30 pm*

- Free; No registration needed



## Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center

### **Santa Events**

*Saturday, December 7 from 8:30 am-12:30 pm (Ages 1-12)*

- Candy Cane Hunt & Breakfast/Brunch
- Swim with Santa
- Candy Cane Hunt & Lunch

There are several ways to register: Online at [www.webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://www.webtrac.loudoun.gov), call 571-258-3600, or in person at any PRCS office

### **Letters From Santa**

*Through December 19 (Ages 12 & under)*

Your child will be thrilled to receive a hand written letter from Santa! This letter from Santa will be personalized with your child's name and postmarked from the North Pole. It also includes Christmas stickers, a craft activity idea from the elves and a recipe from Mrs. Claus.

- Your child must be registered by December 15th.
- The letter will be ready for pickup on December 19th.
- Call 571-258-3600 for more information.

### **Winter Day Off Camp – Elementary School**

*Dec 23, 2019 - Feb 17, 2020 (Ages 6-12)*

No school? No problem! Come enjoy your day with us at CMRCC! Kids will climb the rock wall, go swimming, play in the gym, arts & crafts and MOORE!

- Register at [www.webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://www.webtrac.loudoun.gov)

### **Preschool Winter Break Camp**

*Dec 23, 2019 – Jan 3, 2020 (Ages 3-5)*

Schools out? No problem! Come for our winter break camp. Campers will play in our small gym, enjoy arts and crafts and MOORE activities! Pack a nut free snack and lunch. Athletic shoes required.

- Register at [www.webtrac.loudoun.gov](http://www.webtrac.loudoun.gov)

## Upcoming Events



**December 7: Santa Extravaganza** Come celebrate the arrival of the holiday season with friends & family at the Dulles Town Center from 9:00-11:00 am. Visit with Santa Claus, receive a free gift with purchase of a Santa Photo Package, enjoy hot cocoa and snacks, donate to Toys for Tots and more.

**December 7: Coffee Tasting with Lone Oak Coffee Co.** Professional coffee roaster Sam Kayser discusses the varieties and origins of coffee at the Sterling Library (22330 S. Sterling Blvd.) from 5:30-7:00 pm. Sample different varieties and roasts and learn how each made its way into your cup.

**December 17: Teen Tuesday Team Gingerbread House Competition** Compete in teams to create the best gingerbread house. Materials provided.  
Sterling Library (22330 S. Sterling Blvd.) from 4:30-6:00 pm

**December 21: Winter Solstice Festival** A fun-filled day for the whole family. Multiple craft programs during the afternoon and community dinner in the evening. For all ages. Sterling Library (22330 S. Sterling Blvd.) from 1:00-9:00 pm

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