



Happy New Year, West Poplar Road, and the Sterling Community Center

Happy New Year! I am excited to return to the Board of Supervisors for my second term, and to kick off the year with our first business meeting next Tuesday, January 7th.

My office, in conjunction with the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI), will host a **community meeting** to provide information to the residents within the boundaries of **W. Church Rd., S. Sterling Blvd., W. Poplar Rd., and W. Maple Ave.** regarding the process to establish a Residential Permit Parking District (RPPD) on West Poplar Road and its connecting streets.

Location: Guilford Elementary School

Date: January 16, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM

For questions about this informational meeting, please send an e-mail to RPPD@loudoun.gov or call Carolina Siguenza at (703)-737-8384

I would like to remind everyone that the **Sterling Community Center** (previously located at 120 Enterprise Street) **has relocated to 150 Enterprise Street** for the duration of renovation and construction of the new Community Center. The current facility will undergo extensive renovation and new construction beginning early next year. The project is anticipated to be completed by 2022. The outdoor gazebo and playground area will be closed during renovation and construction.

Operating hours and contact information will remain the same. The temporary location will feature space for community center classes, rentals and events. For information about the renovation project, visit loudoun.gov/transportation. To contact the community center, call 703-430-9480.



Vehicle Owners Personal Property Filing Requirements

Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. recently mailed notification of 2020 personal property filing requirements to all vehicle owners currently on the county's tax rolls.

Personal property includes: automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, campers, trailers, boats, motorhomes, aircraft, and mobile homes. Residents will begin receiving notices in the mail with an account number and instructions that they will use to review and update their personal property tax records for the 2020 tax year. As of January 1, 2020, citizens can access their personal property information online at loudoun.gov/efile, utilizing their tax identification number, mailing address ZIP code and unique account number which is displayed on the notice.

Residents should report corrections, an address change, the sale or disposal of a vehicle, or unusually high mileage as well as unrepaired body damage or serious mechanical defect since these factors may affect the property's valuation or the number of months a vehicle is taxed in the county. **The Commissioner requests that all changes be submitted by February 3, 2020, to assist in establishing accurate assessments for the 2020 tax year.**

To avoid late filing penalties, newly acquired vehicles or those recently entering Loudoun County must be reported to the Commissioner of the Revenue within 60 days of purchase or move to Loudoun County or one of Loudoun County's incorporated towns.

Under a new Loudoun County ordinance, as of January 1, 2020, owners of vehicles displaying out-of-state license plates who are not otherwise exempt from obtaining Virginia license plates will be charged an additional annual license fee of \$100. A \$250 penalty may also be imposed on owners of vehicles that are not registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles within 60 days of the owner having established residency in Virginia. Questions or concerns about unregistered or non-compliant vehicles maybe directed to the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue.

For more information or filing assistance, visit loudoun.gov/cor, [email](mailto:) the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue or call 703-777-0260. Residents may also stop by the Leesburg office in the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street SE or the Sterling office at 21641 Ridgetop Circle. Regular office hours are weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park Renovation Project

As of December 23, 2019, sections of Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park in Sterling, Virginia are closed to the public for recreational area improvements.

The existing swing set equipment will be replaced and a new, multi-level adult fitness area will be constructed. The project is expected to be completed by late spring 2020. The public is asked to avoid the designated fenced areas during the closure.



For more information, visit Planning & Development at www.loudoun.gov/prcs or email prcs@loudoun.gov.



Loudoun Offers Community Water and Wastewater Project Assistance

The Loudoun County Water and Wastewater Program will begin accepting applications for county assistance with community water and wastewater projects starting January 1, 2020.

The Water and Wastewater Program is designed to support Loudoun County communities experiencing issues with deficient or non-existent water and/or wastewater systems with funding and other resources. Properly functioning water and wastewater systems help to assure a cleaner and healthier community.

Communities that need assistance are encouraged to learn more about the program at loudoun.gov/waterprojects. Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 31, 2020.

Additional information can be found at loudoun.gov/waterprojects or by contacting Loudoun County Environmental Program Specialist Scott Fincham, at 703-771-5520 or Scott.Fincham@loudoun.gov

Glass Containers Continue to be Recycled in Loudoun County



Loudoun County officials remind residents and businesses that glass food and beverage containers continue to be recycled in the county. Recycling collectors who receive a permit from the county to operate as "major" collectors are required to collect glass containers for recycling, along with cardboard and paperboard, steel/tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines, plastic beverage and detergent containers and yard waste.

Those residents who do not have curbside recycling service may recycle their glass containers at one of several county-operated recycling drop-off centers conveniently located throughout the county.

Before being recycled, all glass containers should be empty and relatively clean, with little or no food residue or liquids, and should be placed loosely in the recycling bin, not in plastic bags. Taking these steps will help reduce the contamination of glass containers that has led some local governments to stop recycling glass.

Glass containers currently collected in Loudoun County through curbside recycling services are taken to material recovery facilities where all materials are sorted and prepared for shipping and recycling. Due to the presence of contaminants in the glass following the sorting process, the glass is primarily repurposed as a low-value material for landfill operations such as road base and daily cover. While Virginia law allows this repurposing, the Loudoun County landfill does not accept glass materials for its operations.

Loudoun County is exploring alternative collection methods for glass containers to help ensure they are able to be fully recycled, including a future pilot program involving “container glass only” collection bins at a few county recycling drop-off centers.

For more information about recycling in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/recycling. Contact the Loudoun County Department of General Services with any questions at 703-771-5514.



Loudoun Offers Christmas Tree Recycling

Loudoun County is offering five locations for residents to drop off their Christmas trees for recycling beginning Thursday, December 26, 2019, through Monday, January 20, 2020.

Only natural, cut trees are accepted. The trees will be converted into mulch, which is available for free year-round to Loudoun County residents at the Loudoun County landfill, located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg.

Residents who receive curbside recycling services may contact their homeowners association, town office or recycling service provider for Christmas tree collection schedules.

Whether dropping a tree off at one of the Christmas tree collection sites or at the curb, please remove all ornaments, lights, tinsel, wire, stand and tree bag. Dispose of the tree bag in your regular trash. If you wish to recycle a natural wreath, please remove all wires, bows, twine, lights and ornaments before recycling the wreath. If removal of these items is not possible, then dispose of the tree or wreath with your regular garbage.

The Christmas Tree Recycling Program is a public service for Loudoun County residents only. Tree vendors operating in Loudoun County who have leftover trees may recycle them at the Loudoun County landfill for \$62 a ton. Netting, rope, wire, tags and other items must be removed prior to recycling. Visit loudoun.gov/landfill or call 703-771-5500 for more information.

For Sterling residents, Christmas trees will be accepted for recycling free of charge through January 20, 2020:

- **Claude Moore Park** (use Loudoun Park Lane entrance), 46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, 20164, Open daily, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More information about the Loudoun County Christmas Tree Recycling Program is available at loudoun.gov/recycling.

Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Job Fair

Start the new year off with a new job! The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will hold another job fair January 7, 2020.



Job interviews will be conducted on site. The department is hiring full-time, part-time and seasonal positions in several areas, including child care, summer camp, class instruction, maintenance, aquatics, after-school care, facility supervision, adaptive recreation and preschool.

Interested applicants are encouraged to complete an online application prior to attending the fairs. The event will be held from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at PRCS Administration, 742 Miller Drive SE, Leesburg, VA 20175.

More details about the job fair, as well as job descriptions, can be found at loudoun.gov/prcsjobs.



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Inova Loudoun Hospital
Mobile Health Services
January Screenings

Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services will be providing countywide blood pressure screenings at a variety of locations during the month of January. 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

Tuesday, January 14, 9 a.m. – noon

Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
BP Screenings

Monday, January 20, 9 – 11 a.m.

William Watters House
22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling
BP Screenings

Tuesday, January 28, 9 a.m. – noon

Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
BP Screenings

Seats Available in Upcoming Adult Mental Health First Aid Classes



Anyone interested in having a better understanding of mental illness and how to help those experiencing a mental health challenge is encouraged to attend an upcoming Mental Health First Aid class offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services.

Similar to a medical first aid class, Mental Health First Aid prepares participants to interact with someone who is in crisis and connect that person with help.

There are two versions of the program, one for adults who interact with young people and one for adults in general.

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid** focuses on the unique risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in those ages 12 to 18. The course is intended for anyone 18 years of age or older with an interest in learning how to help an adolescent in crisis or experiencing a mental health challenge.
- **Adult Mental Health First Aid** is appropriate for anyone 18 years of age and older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, psychosis and more.

Classes are offered to the public at no-cost throughout the year. Each course is taught over a two-day period. The next sessions are:

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid: January 24 & 31, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
 - [Register for Youth Mental Health First Aid](#)
- **Adult Mental Health First Aid: February 7 & 14, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
 - [Register for Adult Mental Health First Aid](#)

The classes will be held at 906 Trailview Boulevard in Leesburg.

More information is online at loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid.



Art Advisory Committee Seeks Artwork for 'Brilliance & Resilience' Exhibition

Loudoun County artists are invited to submit artwork for an exhibit highlighting African American history, culture and contributions to Loudoun County. For the exhibit,

entitled "Brilliance & Resilience," submissions may:

- Be artwork created by African American artists living in Loudoun County, and/or
- Depict real or imagined scenes from past, present and/or futuristic African American life and culture.

Artwork must be original and can be in any two-dimensional medium, including painting, fiber arts, photography, drawing, screen printing, etc. The artwork will be exhibited in Gallery One on the first floor of the Loudoun County Government Center from January 13 through March 13, 2020.

The gallery has an installed hanging system, so all artwork must be framed with wire on the back for hanging. Artwork may not be for sale; however, artists can provide contact information for the public.

Artwork will be received at Gallery One Monday, January 13, 2020, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Artists will complete a registration form on-site. There is no fee for participating. Questions should be directed to the Art Advisory Committee by emailing Elizabeth Bracey at Elizabeth.Bracey@loudoun.gov or calling 540-338-7973.

This exhibition is sponsored by the Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee. The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1978 to collect and display works of art that reflect the diverse Loudoun community. The AAC manages a large and growing permanent and loaned art collection as well as producing six art exhibits each year. More information about the committee is online at loudoun.gov/advisory-art.

Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Park



Feeding Time!

Friday, January 3rd 10:00-11:30 am

Meet & greet the resident reptiles at Claude Moore Park. Free family event but you must preregister to attend (www.loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity 261743). Call 571-258-3700 for more information.

Winter Story Stroll & Campfire

Friday, January 3rd 1:00-2:30 pm

Enjoy a stroll through the woods with interactive stops to read an exciting children's nature story. After, relax at our campfire to drink hot chocolate and roast marshmallows. Free family event. Call 571-258-3700 for more information.

Beginners Crochet Workshop

Saturday, January 11th 10:00-11:30 am

Learn the basics to complete a simple project. Price includes yarn. \$20. Register at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity 261727). Call 571-258-3700 for more information.

Citizen Science-Tracking

Saturday, January 25th 10:00-11:30 am

Travel through the Park looking for signs of who lives here! Free family event. Call 571-258-3700 for more information.

The Great Dino Hunt & Campfire

Saturday, January 25th 1:00-2:30 pm

An invisible dino is loose in the Park! Help a park naturalist find it by following its trail. After your adventure, warm up by the fire and toast marshmallows. \$5; Register at www.loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity 261723. Call 571-258-3700 for more information.



Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center

Open House

Saturday, January 4th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
Claude Moore is doing Moore 4 You in 2020! Join us on Saturday January 4th and experience all of the exciting new programs Claude Moore has to offer you. New fitness programs, Kid Kare, Swim Lessons,

Preschool Classes, Programs, and Events!

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

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

Upcoming Events



January 9: Older Workers & Smart Job Search Strategies

In this Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (102 Heritage Way, Leesburg, VA) workshop from 10:00 am-12:30 pm, attendees will look at ways you can make a positive, long lasting impression on hiring managers so that all candidates for the job can be equitably assessed by the only real criteria that matters--"Who is the best candidate for the job?"

January 25: Community Conversation-Healthcare Healthcare is the third topic in the Sterling Library's series of Community Conversations: a civil exchange of ideas on current, challenging issues in our country leading up to the election. The Conversation will be held in the Sterling Library Meeting Room

A+B from 2:00-4:00 pm. Attendees are free to share opinions and listen to other points of view in an effort to understand and find connection. Loudoun Now reporter, Renss Greene will moderate.

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