



## Hello, Loudoun

To all the students, welcome to a new school year. Study hard, have fun and be safe.

To our teachers and educators, thank you. Your chosen profession is hard and so important. You are often the first line of defense for an "at-risk" youth. Your caring, patience and concern for your students is appreciated. You make a difference

## FDA Approves Pfizer Vaccine

Last week, the **FDA approved the first COVID-19 vaccine** for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 16 years of age and older. The Pfizer vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

As the first FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine, the public can be confident that the Pfizer vaccine meets the high standards for safety, effectiveness, and manufacturing quality the FDA requires of an approved product. I hope this approval will instill additional confidence for the unvaccinated to get vaccinated.

## Booster Shots Against COVID-19

**Federal health officials have announced a plan** to provide booster shots to those people who have received two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. The announcement comes as the Delta variant continues to spread and scientific data indicates that the vaccines' effectiveness against the virus decreases over time.

The proposed plan calls for people to get their third dose eight months after receiving their second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Details about the rollout of the booster shots are still to come and may change pending a formal recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); however, officials say the boosters could begin the week of September 20th. It's expected that the first people to

receive the boosters will be those in high-priority groups such as nursing home residents, health workers and those with underlying health conditions as they were the first groups eligible to receive vaccination last winter.

The announcement of a recommended booster dose for the general population follows the **recommendation from the CDC** of an additional dose of vaccine for people who received two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and who are **moderately and severely immunocompromised**.

## New COVID-19 Vaccination Site

The Loudoun County Health Department will begin operating a new COVID-19 vaccination site at Sterling Elementary School on Saturday, September 4th. The new vaccination site is located at 200 West Church Road in Sterling and will be open every Saturday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm by appointment only. We will notify you when we have updated information about the operations of the Dulles Town Center clinic.

For the County's complete COVID-19 vaccination schedule, to make an appointment and for links to vaccine providers, visit [here](#).



**New COVID-19  
Vaccine Clinic  
Opens September 4**

**Sterling Elementary School  
200 West Church Road, Sterling  
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
By Appointment Only**

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**[loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine)**

## Philomont Fire and Rescue Station Meeting

There is a public information meeting about the Philomont Fire and Rescue Station on Thursday, September 9th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at the Woodgrove High School cafeteria, 36811 Alder School Road in Purcellville. Members of the public are invited to join this in-person meeting to learn more, ask questions and provide input about the project. County

staff will discuss the feasibility study that evaluated utilizing the current site of the existing fire station for a new or updated 18,500 square foot fire and rescue facility.

Meeting materials including a speaker sign-up and comment form are available on the [project website](#). Members of the public must sign up in advance to ask questions during the event by 12:00 pm, Wednesday, September 8th.

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**6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Woodgrove High School**  
36811 Alder School Road  
Purcellville



**[loudoun.gov/philomontstation](https://loudoun.gov/philomontstation)**

## AT&T Monopole Public Hearing

The public hearing for the AT&T Morrisonville monopole is Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm. To give electronic or in-person public comments, speakers are strongly encouraged to sign up in advance by calling (703) 777-0200 by 12:00 pm on the day of the public hearing. The board room remains open for members of the public who wish to attend or provide public comment in-person. Thank you.

## Redistricting Process

The **census data** released by the U.S. Census Bureau on August 12th indicates that Loudoun County continues to grow. The County's total population is 420,959, an increase of nearly 110,000 residents, or 35%, since 2010.

This data will allow the County to prepare a detailed analysis, including the population growth in election districts and precincts from 2010 to 2020. County staff can begin to develop possible local redistricting scenarios, which will be presented at the October 19th Board business meeting. A public submission period is scheduled to take place in November 2021. The County will provide an online tool through which residents can view

information and propose local redistricting plans. Residents will have an opportunity to comment on staff scenarios or submit their own plans for consideration.

We are expected to adopt the final redistricting plan in May 2022, and the map of updated boundaries is slated to be completed by August 2022. Please visit this [website](#) for updates to the local redistricting process.

Thank you and have a nice Labor Day weekend!

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## Community Information

**Loudoun Coalition on Women and Girls Summit:** The Girl emPower Virtual Summit is Saturday, September 25th and is geared toward empowering and mentoring young girls, ages 12 to 18. The theme of this year's summit is *Into the Future*, focusing on empowering young women to find their passions and ensure their bright and healthy future. The summit features immersive breakout sessions with topics including:

- College & Careers
- Entrepreneurship and Leadership
- Mental Health and Wellness

- Financial Independence

This event is free, thanks to the generous support of Amazon Web Services (AWS), Backflow Technology, and other sponsors. Please click [here](#) to register.



**Workforce Development Month:** During September, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will feature special virtual and in-person events at no cost for job seekers and people who are considering changing careers.

Visit [here](#) for detailed information about each event and how to register. Events will include:

- Ride Confidently: Tapping into TransitApp and SmarTrip® on Loudoun County Transit: Friday, September 10, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.
- Community Connections: Drop In & Discover: Tuesday, September 7, 9:00 – 11:30 am.
- Childcare Options for Working Families: Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm.
- Remote Work in the New Normal: Thursday, September 9, 10:00 – 11:15 am.
- Making Work, Work for You - An Introduction to Social Security Disability Work Incentives: Thursday, September 9, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- Youth WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Information Session: Monday, September 13, 1:00 – 2:00 pm.
- Is WIOA ((Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Right for You? (two sessions): Thursday, September 16, 10:00 – 11:00 am; Thursday, September 23, 10:00 – 11:00 am.
- Transition to Work: Re-engaging with Co-workers and Customers: Friday, September 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm.
- Career Conversations: A Panel Discussion & Networking Reception: Monday, September 27, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm.



- Managing Your Money – Budgeting & Savings Strategies (two sessions): Tuesday, September 28, 12:00 - 1:15 pm; Wednesday, September 29, 12:00 - 1:15 pm.



**Financing Opportunities for First-Time Homebuyers:** The availability of \$10 million through Virginia Housing's Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) program will provide lower interest rates on home loans in Loudoun County for qualifying buyers. To qualify for SPARC, the prospective homebuyer must meet the following criteria:

- Have an annual household income between 70%-100% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for a household size of four (currently between \$90,300 and \$129,000);
- Be a first-time homebuyer, which is defined as someone having had no ownership interest in real property in the past three years;
- Currently live and/or work in Loudoun County for a minimum of six months immediately prior to submission of the application;
- Purchase a new or existing home located in Loudoun County for \$525,000 or less; and
- Receive a mortgage loan from a VH-approved lender participating in VH mortgage loan program.

In addition, Loudoun County offers two other homeownership loan programs to help moderate-income, first-time homebuyers purchase a home in the County:

- Down Payment/Closing Costs Assistance Program: Loans are used for down payment and closing costs.
- Public Employee Homeownership Grant Program: Forgivable loans of \$10,000 are used for a purchase of a home located within Loudoun County.

Information on all three homeownership loan programs, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, may be found [online](#) or by contacting Hannah Choi at [hannah.choi@loudoun.gov](mailto:hannah.choi@loudoun.gov) or 571-258-3814.

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**Loudoun County Recycling Guide:** This guide lists items that can be recycled through curbside recycling and at the County's **recycling drop-off centers**. Items not specifically listed as acceptable materials should not be placed in a recycling container until your local service provider is contacted to confirm whether they can be recycled.

### **Common Mistakes**

Plastic bags, plastic foam (such as Styrofoam), empty motor oil containers and recyclables sealed in plastic trash bags are common items mistakenly set out for recycling. Here's what to do instead:

- Return plastic grocery bags to grocery stores for recycling.
- Place plastic foam and empty motor oil containers in the trash.
- Do not seal recyclables in plastic bags; instead deposit them in recycling bins.

### **Hazardous Items**

Items such as batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, pressurized cans and other hazardous materials should not be placed in recycling bins or even the trash, but instead disposed of at one of the County's **household hazardous waste** or **business hazardous waste** collection events.

### **Glass Bottles and Jars**

Currently, one of the most common questions about recycling concerns glass bottles and jars. While glass bottles and jars are still accepted in some curbside recycling programs, the glass is not always able to be put to a beneficial use and may be discarded as waste. Loudoun County has established a glass recycling program at six recycling drop-off centers where glass bottles and jars are collected separately from other recyclable materials to ensure they are recovered for another use. More details are available **here**.

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Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's

# Native Plant Sale



American beautyberry (*Callicarpa Americana*)

**Saturday, September 11, 2021**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Morven Park**  
17195 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg

For more information and updates:  
[www.loudounwildlife.org/event/fall-native-plant-sale/](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/event/fall-native-plant-sale/)

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