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Newsletter



Hello, Loudoun

Yesterday, our Commonwealth conducted a free and fair election. Congratulations to Governor-Elect Glenn Youngkin and Lieutenant Governor-Elect Winsome Sears. At the writing of this newsletter, the Attorney General race has not been called. I also want to thank anyone who put themselves forward to run for office. Running for elected office is hard, but it is noble.

J&J and Moderna Booster Shots

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) **authorized** local health districts to administer booster doses of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for certain individuals as approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration. There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines. In addition, the CDC and VDH approved a "mix and match" approach to boosters, allowing people to receive a different brand of vaccine for the booster dose than what they received in their initial vaccine series.

Who Can Get Booster Shots Now

If you received the J&J vaccine at least two months ago, you are eligible for a booster dose of any of the three vaccine types. If you received your initial two-dose series of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago, you are eligible for a booster dose of any of the three vaccine types.

COVID-19 booster shots are available for the following groups:

- People 65 years and older.
- Residents of long-term care facilities.
- People 18-64 years old with underlying medical conditions.
- People 18-64 years old who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional settings, such as, but not limited to, health care workers and caregivers for frail or immunocompromised people.

You can find the date you completed the initial series on your vaccination card. If you received that dose in Virginia and have misplaced the card, you can find the date by searching for your [vaccine record online](#). If you need assistance over the phone, call 877-829-4682. Assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**COVID-19 Vaccine
Booster Doses
Expand
to Include
J&J and Moderna
for Eligible Groups**

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The image features a light green background with a white vaccination record card on the right side. The card is titled "COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card" and includes a table with columns for "Date" and "Vaccine". There are two syringes, one yellow and one blue, positioned at the bottom right of the card. The Loudoun County Virginia logo is in the bottom left corner, and the website URL is in the bottom right corner.

Collective Bargaining Public Hearing

A public hearing is scheduled on Wednesday, November 10th regarding the proposed Loudoun County Collective Bargaining Ordinance. You can review the draft ordinance [here](#). To give electronic or in-person comments, speakers are strongly encouraged to sign-up in advance by calling 703-777-0200 by 12:00 pm on the day of the hearing.

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Please join me at the 17th annual Veterans Day Commemoration on the grounds of George C. Marshall's Dodona Manor in Leesburg at 10:30 am. The keynote speaker LTG Bruce Crawford U.S. Army (Ret.) will address the crowd and then you'll have time to visit with local veteran-focused non-profits: Veterans Moving Forward, the VFW and Loudoun Therapeutic Riding. Vintage military vehicles will be on site for exploration. No RSVP is necessary. The event is free and open to the public. Thank you!

Environmental Commission Public Hearing

The Loudoun County Environmental Commission is hosting a virtual meeting at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 17th to gather input from the public on five proposed

initiatives for the Board to consider for future action: Energy Sustainability, Enhancing Natural Resources, Environmental Justice, Public Engagement and Government by Example. Please visit this [website](#) to participate in the virtual meeting.

StoneSprings Hospital Behavioral Health Unit

As I continually say "Mental Health is Health," that is why I was so pleased to join the dedicated staff at StoneSprings Hospital as we cut the ribbon on their new 17 bed Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit. Although we definitely need more inpatient options for Mental/Behavioral Health and Substance Use Disorders, this unit is a great start. Congratulations Cynthia Benbow, Executive Director, Behavioral Health Services, John Dearnorff, HCA Northern Virginia Market President & CEO of Reston Hospital and Tracy White, HCA Government Relations, for making this goal a reality.



Sterling Park Safety Center

We broke ground on what will be the new Sterling Fire & Rescue Safety Center. After 50 years, the Sterling Combined Fire & Rescue Station was torn down. In its place will be a state of the art facility. Thank you to the men and women who serve, and have served at one of the more active stations in Loudoun for a half century.



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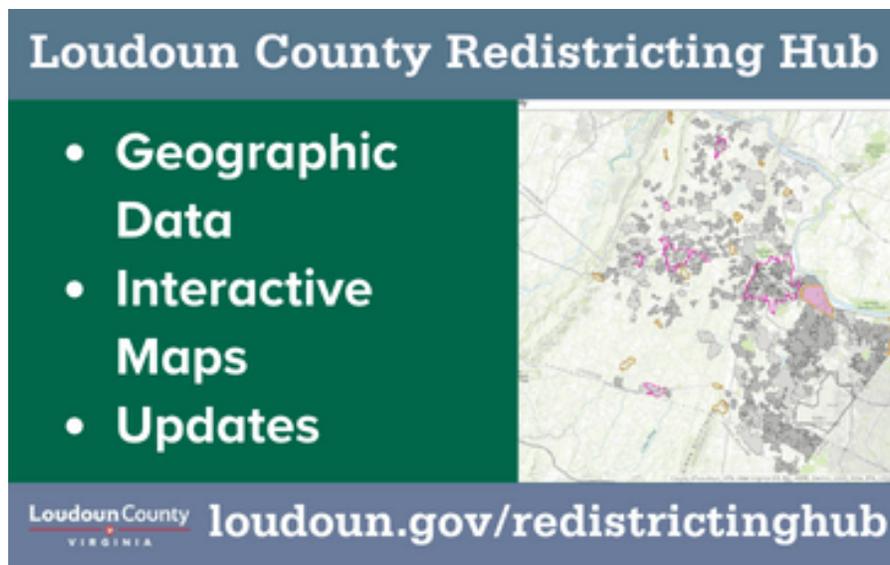
Board Business

Local Redistricting Update: At the October 19th Board business meeting, we voted to add staff-developed examples A through G to the **Redistricting Hub** to provide the public with a starting point to submit their own plans. We also agreed to include a link to the existing election districts for residents to view if they choose. The seven examples are based on adjusted 2020 census data provided by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services, as well as on the **Board's adopted 2021 redistricting guidelines**.

The **local redistricting process** determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district and ensures residents have equal representation on the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

In November, the public will have an opportunity to view these examples and develop and submit their own plans for consideration via the **Redistricting Hub**. Given our direction to retain eight (8) districts, the ideal district size is 52,641. Each election district will need to achieve 52,641 with a + / - 5% margin. The maximum (+5%) population of each district will be 55,273, and the minimum will be 50,009.

The **Redistricting Hub** is available now until November 30th and then will be deactivated to allow all submitted plans to be reviewed and considered. Redistricting plans submitted by the public will be discussed at the January 18, 2022 Board business meeting. A public hearing will be held in May 2022 before adoption of the final plan.



Loudoun County Redistricting Hub

- Geographic Data
- Interactive Maps
- Updates

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The graphic features a dark green background on the left with white text for the bullet points. On the right, there is a map of Loudoun County with various colored overlays representing different redistricting plans. At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the Loudoun County logo and the URL.

Union Street School: At the October 19th Board business meeting, I submitted a Board Member Initiative to rehabilitate and convert the African American school located at 20 Union Street, NW in Leesburg into either an educational museum and/or another adaptive reuse. We will solicit proposals for a resident curator for the furnishing, operation, and maintenance of the publicly accessible facility, and nominate the school on the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Historic African American Sites in Virginia listing.

The historic two-story Union Street School opened in 1884 as the first large school (four rooms) for African American students. The school closed in 1958 when the first modern elementary school for African Americans opened in Leesburg named Douglass Elementary School. For the past 60 years, Loudoun County Public Schools used the Union Street School for storage before declaring the building surplus. The Board received the property from the Loudoun County School Board in 2019. On September 13th, the Leesburg Town Council voted unanimously to rezone the property and include it in the Town's historic district.



AT&T Monopole: At the October 5th Board business meeting, we denied (8-1 vote) the application to allow a 125-foot-tall monopole in the Agricultural Rural-1 (AR-1) zoning district on top of the Short Hill Mountain ridgeline. While we continue to bring broadband to western Loudoun, I believe we shouldn't confuse cellular with fiber. A tower on Short Hill is not broadband and, in my estimation, a short "fix" of hotspots is not worth the permanent damage to the environment, therefore I voted against the AT&T tower. I appreciate all residents feedback (for and against) on this item. Thanks everyone.

Emergency Broadband Implementation Plan: On September 13th, Loudoun County successfully submitted the 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant application. VATI allocates funding to eligible grant applicants to provide “lastmile” services to unserved areas of Virginia. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds are being leveraged for the County match of \$12 million to strengthen the application. If we are awarded the grant, it will provide 660 miles of fiber to the remaining 8,850 unserved or underserved residents and businesses. The anticipated announcement of grant awards is late December or January 2022. You can view the VATI application in its entirety [here](#).

Emergency Broadband Assistance: The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program launched by the Federal Communications Commission provides a temporary discount of up to \$50 per month for broadband services for qualifying low-income households. Additionally, the program provides a one-time device discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider. The one-time discount requires a consumer co-payment of more than \$10 and less than \$50.

Investing in Transportation

Northstar Boulevard from Route 50 to Tall Cedars Parkway: The public is invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction of Northstar Boulevard, Phase II, from Route 50 to Tall Cedars Parkway, on Friday, November 5th at 11:00 am. The event will take place near the intersection of Northstar Boulevard and Tall Cedars Parkway in Aldie.

The County is also developing Northstar Boulevard, Phase 1, from **Evergreen Mills Road (formerly Shreveport Drive) to Route 50**, which will join this segment with the existing roadway in the Brambleton area.

This project provides for the construction of the remaining two lanes of Northstar Boulevard between Route 50 and Tall Cedars Parkway. It includes a shared-use path along the new travel lanes and the construction of a new signalized intersection on Route 50, located near VDOT’s Arcola maintenance area headquarters. Estimated completion of the roadway is early 2024.

Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment C: This project provides for the design, right of way acquisition, utility relocation and the construction of a four-lane median-divided road between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway Interchange. The length of this project is approximately 2,700 linear feet and it includes a four-span bridge over the south tributary to Sycolin Creek. A **public information meeting** was held on October 25th but you can still **submit a comment** until November 8th.



Route 7 Shared Use Path: The project involves the design and construction of a 10-foot-wide shared use path along the north side of Route 7 between Campus Drive (Route 391), the entrance of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), to Lakeland Drive (Route 821). The total length of the proposed shared use path is approximately 1.3 miles (6,700 feet). This project is part of the Route 7 pedestrian improvements which funds improvements to three pedestrian crossings – Bartholomew Fair Drive, Potomac View Road and Lakeland Drive. A virtual public meeting was held on October 27th but you can still **submit a comment** until November 12th.

Community Information

Security Screening: Loudoun County is implementing security screening for visitors at three of its facilities on the following schedule:

- October 27th, Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- November 10th, Eastern Loudoun Service Center, 21641 Ridgeway Circle, Sterling
- November 17th, Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way NE, Leesburg

Members of the public visiting the three buildings will be directed to pass through the designated security lane at each building. The screening equipment will be operated by contracted security personnel in uniform. The process is touchless; no one will need to empty their pockets or remove their purse, briefcase or backpack. The system is safe for use with medical devices and is wheelchair accessible. The system is designed to detect weapons and alert the security guards who will be at each station. The security screening will be conducted during each building's regular operational hours. This generally includes business hours and evenings when the building remains open to the public past regular business hours, such as during Board of Supervisors meetings.

More information about the prohibition of firearms and ammunition in Loudoun County government facilities is **online**.

Urgent Need for Blood Donation: Our community has a critical need for blood donors. Visit [here](#) or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES to schedule an appointment today. The Arcola Volunteer Fire Department in partnership with Inova Blood Donor Services hosts a blood drive each month at the Arcola VFD Annex located at 24300 Stone Springs Blvd. Please consider giving blood at an upcoming Inova blood drive. Every donor provides life saving blood!

Human Service Nonprofit Grant Application: Loudoun County's nonprofit grant application process for community nonprofit organizations will open on November 8th. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 pm, December 21st. The amount of funding for FY 2023 will be determined by the Board as part of the County's adopted FY 2023 budget. In FY 2022, the budget for human service nonprofit grant funding was \$1.8 million.

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a pre-application information webinar scheduled for November 9th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Information on how to access the webinar is available [here](#).

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2022 STEP UP LOUDOUN YOUTH COMPETITION IDEA WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 16 AT 7PM

Are you having trouble identifying or developing your project? Attend this virtual workshop for ideas and strategies on how best to proceed!

Email StepUp@LoudounYouth.org to register for Idea Workshop



COMPETITION REGISTRATION CLOSES DECEMBER 17

Working as a team or individually, middle and high school youth across the county are encouraged to identify an issue of their choice and share their project during the Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition and win \$\$ for their hard work.

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Workforce Resource Center Offers Saturday Seminars in November: The following virtual workshops will be offered on Saturdays in November for job seekers as well as

current workers seeking to upgrade their skills. Visit [here](#) for detailed information about each event and how to register.

- **Coffee with a Career Counselor:** November 6th, 9:00 - 10:00 am.
- **Navigating LinkedIn for New Users:** November 6th, 10:00 - 11:00 am.
- **Employment Information Session:** November 13th, 10:00 - 11:15 am.
- **The Mystery of Applicant Tracking Systems:** November 20th, 9:00 - 10:30 am.
- **Avoiding Job Scams:** November 20th, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs: All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited. The schedule of upcoming classes for November 2021 is as follows:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences Training,** November 16 at 6:00 pm
- **Mental Health First Aid:**
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid: November 3 & 4, 6:00 – 9:00 pm each day.
 - Adult Mental Health First Aid: November 17 & 18, 6:00 – 9:00 pm each day.
- Opioid Overdose Reversal, visit [REVIVE! website](#) for list of training classes.
- **Suicide Prevention Training,** November 15, 12:00 pm

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