



## Updates & Important Information ~MARCH 9, 2022~

### Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue to Hold Real Estate Tax Relief Seminars

**Real Estate Tax Relief Seminars**

The Commissioner of the Revenue is holding information sessions about the county's real estate tax relief program.

- March 9: Cascades Library
- March 15: Purcellville Library
- March 25: Ashburn Library
- March 29: Rust Library

All sessions are free & begin at 10:30 a.m. No appointment needed.

**loudoun.gov/taxrelief**

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. has scheduled free information sessions to familiarize residents with the eligibility criteria for the county's real estate tax relief program.

Loudoun County homeowners 65 or older or with disabilities who are below established income and wealth limits may benefit from a reduction in the amount of property taxes they pay. In July 2021, the Board of Supervisors raised the program's upper income limits.

Find out about the county's tax relief program and have your questions answered at the free, upcoming sessions. No appointment or RSVP is required to attend. All sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. at the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 – Purcellville Library, 220 East Main Street, Purcellville

- Friday, March 25, 2022 – Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn
- Tuesday, March 29, 2022 – Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, NW, Leesburg

Applications are available online at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief). Residents may also call [703-737-8557](tel:703-737-8557) to have a form mailed to them or they may pick one up at the Commissioner's offices in the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg or the Loudoun Tech Center, 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 100 in Sterling.

Additional information about the program is available online at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief).

## **JOB SEEKERS: RSVP Today to Attend the 2022 Sterling District Job Fair**

Are you on the hunt for a new job? Interested in making a career shift? Or looking for summer opportunities geared toward students? If so, please join us at the 2022 Sterling District Job Fair on Saturday, April 23rd!

The job fair will feature dozens of diverse employers looking to hire new employees today, and can also provide information on internships and volunteer opportunities within the county. Some recruitment may even occur on-site!

Employers present span several industries including: technology, healthcare, trade/construction, hospitality/food service, retail, service and the public sector.

**RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY AT [bit.ly/3trUtpE](https://bit.ly/3trUtpE)**

For more information or if you have any questions, please email Tianni Ivey in my office at [Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov](mailto:Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov) or Viviana Herbas of SSJI Driving School at [vherbas@ssjidrivingschool.org](mailto:vherbas@ssjidrivingschool.org).



*This event is a community effort in partnership with SSJI Driving School, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services, the Sterling Foundation, Loudoun County Public Schools, and New Virginia Majority.*

## **Loudoun to Hold Virtual Public Meeting on W&OD Trail Bridge Over Sterling Boulevard Project March 23**

### **Sterling Boulevard and W&OD Trail Overpass**

**Virtual Public  
Information Meeting**

**March 23, 2022**

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

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

Loudoun County is hosting an online meeting to gain input from the public on the proposed Washington & Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail bridge over Sterling Boulevard. The public information meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from**

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Members of the public are invited to join the virtual meeting to learn, ask questions and provide input about the project.

Login information and meeting materials are available for review at [loudoun.gov/trailoverpass](https://loudoun.gov/trailoverpass). Members of the public must sign up in advance to ask questions during the event by March 22, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

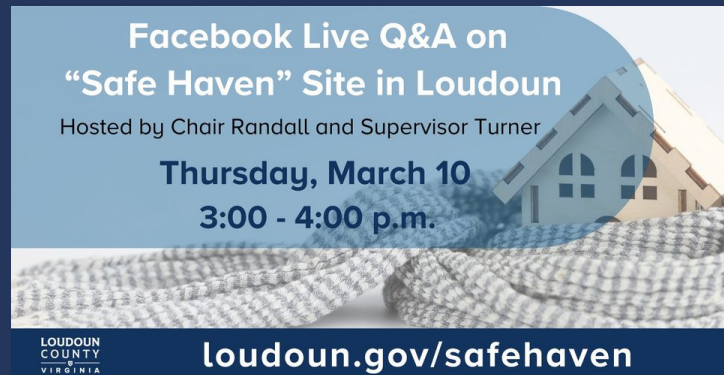
The proposed project provides for the design and construction of a W&OD pedestrian/bike bridge over Sterling Boulevard (Route 846). Sterling Boulevard is Loudoun County's only four-lane roadway that crosses the W&OD Trail. When complete, the pedestrian/bike overpass will separate pedestrians, bicyclists, horseback riders and other users of the W&OD Trail from roadway traffic on Sterling Boulevard.

For more information about the proposed Sterling Boulevard and W&OD Trail overpass, including a link to sign up for updates about the project and details about the upcoming public meeting, visit [loudoun.gov/trailoverpass](https://loudoun.gov/trailoverpass).

## Facebook Live Q&A on "Safe Haven" Site in Loudoun

The federal government entered a contractual agreement with The National Conference Center (NCC) in Lansdowne to use the center as a "safe haven" to temporarily house Afghan evacuees beginning in March 2022 as part of [Operation Allies](#)

[Welcome](#). The site will function as a brief stop for thousands of Afghan evacuees while they are resettled into new homes located throughout the United States.



### Facebook Live Question-and-Answer March 10, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

Loudoun County residents who have questions about the "safe haven" facility at The National Conference Center in Lansdowne are invited to view a Facebook Live question-and-answer session Thursday, March 10, 2022, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Ashburn District Supervisor Michael R. Turner will host the session on the [Loudoun County government page on Facebook](#). Questions should be submitted in advance by 12:00 p.m., March 10, through this online form:

[Submit Questions for Facebook Live Q-and-A by 12:00 p.m., March 10](#)

Video of the conversation will be posted on the county's Facebook page following the event.

## Inova Announces \$1 Million Grant Program to Address Health Equity



Inova Health System is calling for applicants for its [2022 Health Equity Grant program](#). This year, the Health Equity Grants program will award \$1 million in funding – the largest level of funding to date for the program – to nonprofit organizations that provide services to

address health needs for the under-resourced and promote equity for all.

In 2021, Inova awarded \$240,000 to 14 nonprofit organizations in Northern Virginia through the (then named) Community Health Fund. With the healthcare inequities experienced by many in our community exacerbated by the global pandemic, Inova nearly quadrupled its grant funds to \$1 million and refocused the program to specifically address health equity locally.

Inova is dedicated to supporting programs and opportunities that make a difference in the quality of life, health, and welfare of the communities it serves. Inova seeks to harness the collective power of community partners, agencies, and organizations to create positive social impact. Special considerations will be given to those eligible organizations owned and operated by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Applications are due April 6, 2022. Past awardees include but are not limited to: Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, The Campagna Center, Loudoun Literacy Council and La Cocina VA.

For more information and to apply for grants, visit the [Inova Health Equity Grants webpage](#).

## Driving Loudoun's Tourism Economy Through the Visit Loudoun Tourism Survey



Visit Loudoun has completed the first phase of the development of its FY23-FY25 strategic plan, which included one-on-one interviews with elected officials and key stakeholders. They are now moving into the next phase in the process which is

collecting data from residents and businesses in Loudoun through an online survey and a series of facilitated input sessions in April.



### **Visit Loudoun Tourism Survey**

Please take a few minutes to fill out our [survey on tourism in Loudoun County](#). The survey is open to residents, business owners, past visitors and potential visitors. Participants will have the opportunity to enter a giveaway upon completion of the survey. All survey responses will remain anonymous.

[Click Here to Take Survey](#)

### **Visit Loudoun Strategic Planning Sessions**

Visit Loudoun will also be hosting strategic planning sessions for its new three-year strategic plan being introduced on July 1st, 2022. These sessions are open to residents, business owners, past visitors and potential visitors and allow all stakeholders to give input on the initiatives outlined in the strategic plan. The sessions will take place:

- **April 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington-Dulles International Airport
- **April 13th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington-Dulles International Airport
- **April 13th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at the Hampton Inn & Suites Washington-Dulles International Airport
- **April 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at 8 Chains North Winery

- **April 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at 8 Chains North Winery
- **April 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** virtually

You only need to attend one of the sessions. Space is limited in each session. Please choose two dates/times that work for your schedule. You will be notified on Monday, April 11th of the session you should plan to attend based on your choices.

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Declare Your Energy Independence with Solarize NoVA



Thinking about going solar, but not sure where to start? LEAP has you covered.

LEAP is a trusted local non-profit delivering energy-efficient solutions throughout Virginia to make homes safer, healthier, and more affordable while reducing energy usage and mitigating climate change.

Through a competitive review process, LEAP evaluates proposals from local installers and selects a high-quality installer that has committed to providing discounted prices to all program participants. With low upfront costs, a streamlined process, and energy savings, Solarize Virginia is a win-win for you and the environment.

LEAP's 2022 Solarize NoVA campaign will launch in April! [Sign up today](#) to participate. There is no cost to residents or businesses to participate in this program.

To assist homeowners and business owners in understanding the solar potential of their home or building, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission has created a [solar map](#).

[Learn More](#)

## County Accepting Applications from Nonprofits for Property Tax Exemptions

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations seeking an exemption from Loudoun County real and/or personal property taxes for the 2023 tax year. **The deadline to apply for the exemption is Friday April 1, 2022.**



### Nonprofit Organizations Seeking Tax Exemptions

Loudoun County is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations seeking an exemption from real and/or personal property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

Apply by April 1, 2022.

[loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief)

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Most charitable nonprofit organizations are not automatically exempt from local property taxes in the Commonwealth of Virginia, even those that may be exempt from federal income taxes. The filing of an application with the Commissioner of the Revenue is the necessary first step to obtain a local real estate or personal property tax exemption.

Completed applications should be returned to the Commissioner of the Revenue postmarked no later than April 1, 2022, for consideration this year. Any exemption, if granted, would be effective January 1, 2023.

Nonprofit organizations that have already been provided an exemption from Loudoun County property taxes need not file an application.

Organizations that are unsure of their status may contact the Exemptions and Deferrals Division of the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at [703-737-8557](tel:703-737-8557) or by [email](#) for more information.

More information, including a link to the application for property tax exemption, is available at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief).

## "Spring Forward," Change Your Clocks & Check Your Smoke Alarm Batteries!





Sunday, March 13, 2022, we “spring forward” and set our clocks ahead one hour in observance of daylight-saving time. The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System asks that you also check the batteries in your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and practice your home escape plan.

Smoke alarms are on duty, twenty-four hours a day, scanning the air for fire and smoke, always ready to alert your family to a fire.

Remember, smoke alarms must be maintained! A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. To keep smoke and CO alarms in optimal condition:

- Test smoke and CO alarms monthly.
- Clean away any dust or debris from the alarm.
- Replace batteries according to manufacturer’s recommendations (alkaline versus 10-year lithium).
- Replace all smoke alarms after 10 years OR if the alarm does not respond properly when tested.

The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System’s Smoke Alarm Program offers free home safety inspections to all residents. If your smoke alarms are broken or outdated, we will replace them with battery powered alarms at no cost and install additional alarms as necessary. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the smoke alarm hotline [703-737-8093](tel:703-737-8093) or visit [www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms](http://www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms).

## **Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in March**

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited. The schedule of upcoming classes for March 2022 is as follows:

## Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

### New Classes in March 2022

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Mental Health First Aid
- Opioid Overdose Reversal
- Suicide Prevention

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[loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention](https://loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention)

### Adverse Childhood

### Experiences Training

The Adverse Childhood Experiences training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. The next class will be held:

- March 15: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining](https://loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining).

### Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid offers training that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The next trainings are:

- Adult Mental Health First Aid: March 16 & 17: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. each day.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid: March 30 & 31: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid](https://loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid).

### Opioid Overdose Reversal

Loudoun County offers local training sessions of REVIVE!, the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Upcoming classes are scheduled:

- March 7: 5:30 – 6: 30 p.m.
- March 18: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- March 21: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/revive](https://loudoun.gov/revive).

### **Suicide Prevention Training**

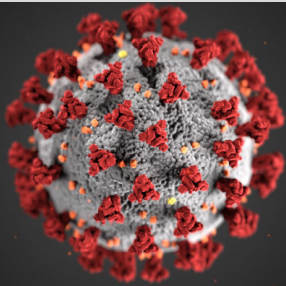
The Question Persuade Refer program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The next class will be held:

- March 14: 7:00 p.m.

For details and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining](https://loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining).

For more information on the prevention and intervention services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit [loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention](https://loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention) or [send an email](#).

## **Stay Informed!**



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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