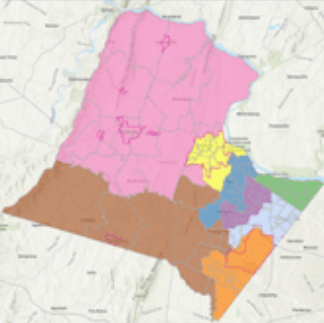




Updates & Important Information ~MARCH 30, 2022~

Loudoun Board Moves Electoral District Plan Forward

Redistricting Update



- Supervisors to discuss redistricting plan April 5
- Public hearing May 11
- Public comment encouraged

loudoun.gov/redistricting

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors is moving closer to finalizing a new electoral district plan that will reshape the county’s eight existing districts. The Board voted on March 15, 2022, to forward the [LT-Revised 1 Plan](#) to the May 11 public hearing.

The LT-Revised 1 Plan includes refinements that primarily focus on the goal of keeping communities of interest together while balancing the requirement to distribute the population equally in the eight districts based on the 2020 Census. The LT-Revised 1 Plan includes the following:

- Locates all of Ashburn Farm in one election district
- Locates all of Ashburn Village in one election district
- Locates all of Birchwood at Brambleton in one election district
- Locates all of Broadlands in one election district

- Moves the St. Louis Precinct from District 8 to District 7
- Moves The Regency from District 2 to District 4
- Moves the rural and transition policy areas southwest of Leesburg from District 6 to District 8

The Board directed staff to analyze the LT-Revised 1 Plan, which will be discussed during the April 5 Board of Supervisors meeting. If any issues are identified that would prevent this plan from being implemented, the Board voted on March 15 to revert to the previously considered Letourneau-Turner Refined Plan as a “backup” plan.

The Board also agreed at the March 15 meeting to retain the majority of the current district names, including Algonkian, Ashburn, Broad Run, Dulles, Leesburg, and Sterling. The Board also voted to advance the name Catoctin for consideration for District 8, and to advance Blue Ridge, Evergreen and Little River for consideration for District 7.

Members of the public may provide input on the proposal to the Board of Supervisors during the April 5 business meeting or at the May 11 public hearing. The Board could take action to adopt the final redistricting plan as early as May 11.

Loudoun residents are encouraged to provide input to this process through these channels:

- Provide in-person comments during an upcoming business meeting in April and/or the public hearing on May 11. [Sign up to speak during these meetings.](#)
- Submit an [online comment form](#) for the Board’s consideration.
- [Email the full Board of Supervisors.](#)

For more information about local redistricting in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/redistricting.

Amazon Workforce Training Opportunity for Sterling District Residents

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is excited to announce a free 2-Day Fiber Optic Fusion Splicing Certificate Course on April 13 and 14, 2022. This course will be hosted by Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) in collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Sumitomo Electric Lightwave. Sumitomo Electric Lightwave is a recognized leader in optical fiber technologies and solutions for data center, enterprise, and communication networks.



There will also be an opportunity to meet employers in the fiber business who are interested in recruiting motivated individuals for fusion splicing jobs.

Here are some of event details:

- **Overview.** The course will be held at NOVA Loudoun Campus on April 13-14, 2022. The course will run from 8am to 5pm each day.
 - **Location:** NOVA Higher Education Center, 21200 Campus Drive, Sterling, VA 20165
 - **Culminating Reception.** There will be a certificate ceremony and employer networking event at the end of day 2, which will conclude at 6:30pm.
- **Food.** Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. There will be light snacks/refreshments served at the culminating reception.
- **Cost.** There is no cost for this training course.
- **Limited availability.** There are a total of 30 seats available for this course, and they are expected to fill up quickly. If we are not able to offer you a spot for this course, you will be added to a waiting list for future workshops.
- **No pre-requisites, but short prep course.** No prior experience or coursework is required to enroll in this workshop. That said, we will

ask you to complete a short online course (2-3 hours of content) prior to attending the in-person training.

- **Additional info.** For more information, see the [AWS Fusion Splicing Certificate website](#).

If you are interested in this course, please submit the form found here:
<https://form.jotform.com/220733706778160>.

You will receive additional instructions and training details upon your submission.

For more information, please contact Becky Ford at rebfor@amazon.com or 843-697-5854.

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



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THE
**2022 STERLING
DISTRICT JOB
FAIR**
SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 10 AM - 1 PM
STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER
120 ENTERPRISE ST. STERLING, VA
20164
REGISTER TODAY AT [BIT.LY/STRUTPE](https://bit.ly/3trUtpE)
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

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

For more information or if you have any questions, please email Tianni Ivey in my office at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov or Viviana Herbas of SSJI Driving School at 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.

Students Encouraged to Apply for Loudoun County's 'Youth in Government Day'

Loudoun County is offering high school students the opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of their local government by participating in Youth in Government Day, Tuesday, May 3, 2022.

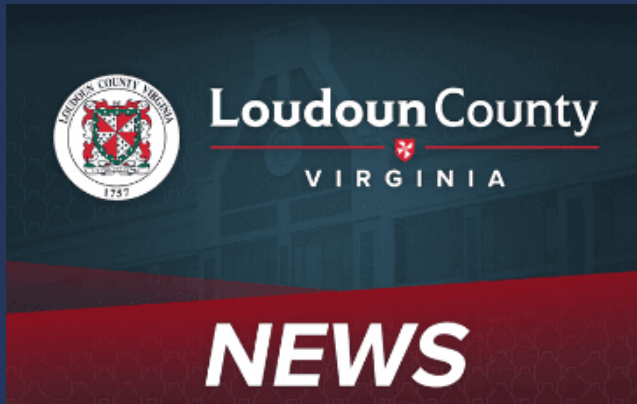
Students in grades 9-12 are invited to apply for the event, which offers students the chance to meet members of the Board of Supervisors and attend the Board's business meeting May 3. The students will also meet county staff members to learn about county government departments as well as careers they might be interested in pursuing. Participants in the event will also actively participate in a problem-solving exercise involving real-world challenges faced by local governments.



The deadline to apply to participate in the event is Friday, April 22, 2022.

More information, including an online application form to be filled out by students and their parents or guardians, may be found at loudoun.gov/teens.

Board Approves Use of Assessment Ratio to Blunt Impact of Increased Vehicle Values on Car Tax Bills



Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. is pleased that the Board of Supervisors has approved his recommendation to use an assessment ratio that will reduce the taxable basis of vehicles, which has skyrocketed over the last year.

The values of 65% of the used vehicles in the county went up over the last year. While vehicles normally depreciate, market forces have resulted in substantial increases in values which typically translate into increased car tax bills. The change in values varied from 1% to 158% depending on the model. The total assessed value of vehicles went up by approximately 23 percent. While many taxpayers will see their tax bills go down as usual, others may rise. By applying the 80 percent ratio, most taxpayers will be spared the full impact of these increases.

The Commissioner's use of an assessment ratio for the 2022 tax year was unanimously approved on the Board's consent agenda at its regular business meeting on March 1. Car tax bills that will be due May 5 and October 5 will incorporate the 20 percent reduction in value. This reduction should not be confused with Personal Property Tax Relief (PPTR) that is applied to the first \$20,000 of value of qualifying personal use vehicles, which was also adopted by the Board at the same meeting. This year's PPTR is 27 percent, down from 35 percent last year due to the growth in the pool of vehicles in the county that qualify.

Taxpayers should begin receiving first half 2022 vehicle tax bills from the Treasurer's Office beginning in April. Commissioner Wertz asks vehicle owners with questions regarding the assessed values of their vehicles to contact his office at cartax@loudoun.gov or 703 777-0260.

[Learn More](#)

Register Today for the Virginia Veterans Experience Action Center

Registration is now open for the Virginia Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC) taking place April 26-28, 2022 by following the instructions on the flyer or by visiting the VEAC registration link: [Appointment Plus \(appointment-plus.com\)](https://appointment-plus.appointment-plus.com). **Space is limited** and this is a **First Come, First Served** event.

Join the Department of Veterans Affairs virtually to speak directly with a Veteran Service Organization and VA for one-on-one personalized assistance to sign up for VA health care and benefits, community resources, check the status of your claim, and more. Please note this event is for residents of Virginia only, all out of state registrations will be cancelled. This event is for Veterans, Service members, family members, caregivers, and survivors residing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. If you register for this event and you are not a resident of Virginia, your registration will be cancelled.

Questions and Answers about the event? There will be a Q&A chat available on April 7, 2022 at the following link:

VetXL link: [Virginia Veterans! Do You Have Health and Benefits Questions? Need Peer Support? Ask Questions Now! | RallyPoint](https://www.vetxl.com/VA-Veterans-Do-You-Have-Health-and-Benefits-Questions-Need-Peer-Support-Ask-Questions-Now-RallyPoint)

*Note: you must have a VetXL account to post questions

The flyer features a scenic background of rolling green hills and a winding road. At the top right, it displays the VA logo and the text "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs". The main heading reads "VIRGINIA VETERANS: JOIN US FOR TWO VIRTUAL BENEFIT EVENTS". Below this, it specifies "VETERANS EXPERIENCE ACTION CENTER (VEAC) APRIL 26-28 10 AM-3PM ET". A quote from VA Secretary Denis McDonough is included: "Together, VA and our ecosystem of partners can work to deliberately and consciously change the way benefits, care, and services are delivered to marginalized and underserved communities." A list of services available includes VA Benefits, VA Health Care, Community Services, Peer-to-Peer Connection, Memorial Affairs, and Crisis Resources. A QR code is provided for registration, with the text "REGISTER FOR THE VIRGINIA VEAC TODAY!" and a note that limited appointments are available through Sunday, April 24th. A section for "VETXL Q&A CHAT APRIL 7 1-2 PM ET" is also present, along with a link to register and learn more at www.va.gov/veac. Logos for "SUPPORTING PARTNERS" and the "VETERANS EXPERIENCE ACTION CENTER" are at the bottom.

Loudoun County Launches New Affordable Housing Financing Program

New Affordable Housing Financing Program



Loudoun County has created a new affordable housing financing program for developers; the Rental Housing Acquisition and Preservation Loan Program (RHAP). The purpose of this new program is to preserve affordable, multi-family rental housing units in Loudoun County by making funding available for the acquisition

and preservation of rental housing that is either market affordable or affordable through rent restrictions. RHAP is a complement to the county's existing [Affordable Multi-Family Housing Loan Program](#) and will help to implement the county's [Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan](#), which was approved in 2021.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved \$5 million to support RHAP in December 2021, and on March 15, 2022, the Board approved the first RHAP loan to support Winn Development's acquisition of Sommerset Independent Living. This \$4.75 million loan will lead to the acquisition and rehabilitation of an existing rental community to create 102 units that are affordable to those who are age 55 or older and have household income which is at or below 60% Area Median Income, which is currently \$54,200 for an individual and \$61,950 for a two-member household. The units are expected to be available in the fall of 2023.

In June, Loudoun County is scheduled to issue a pre-qualification opportunity to create a pool of certified developers. Only certified developers will be eligible to apply and project applications will be required to meet county priorities for the program. Once approved, developers will remain certified for 12 months. Pre-qualification opportunities will be issued annually.

To learn more about the county's affordable housing financing programs and to sign up to receive notifications about housing programs, visit loudoun.gov/multifamilyfinancing.

Residents Encouraged to Attend Upcoming Quarterly Meetings held by the LCSO

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will hold public safety meetings at each of the agency's four service area stations and residents are encouraged to attend.

The first of four meetings will be held on April 7, 2022, for the Ashburn Station area at 7 p.m. The Ashburn Station is located at 20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn, VA.

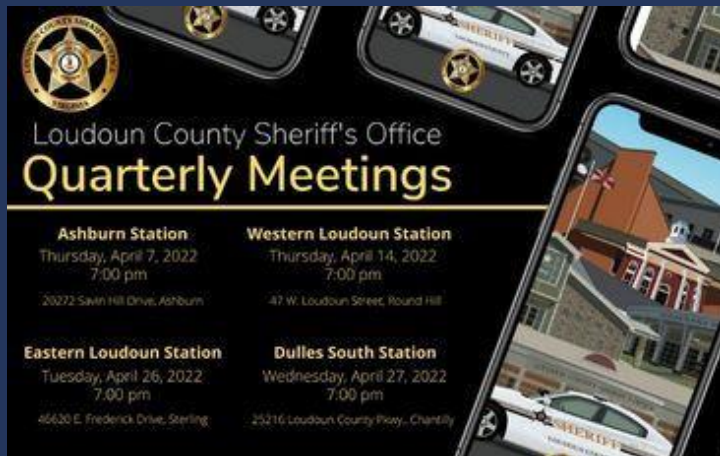
The Western Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held on April 14, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Western Loudoun Station, located at 47 W. Loudoun St., Round Hill, VA.

The Eastern Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held on April 26, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Loudoun Station, located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA.

The Dulles South Station quarterly meeting will be held on April 27, 2022, at 7 p.m. at the Dulles South Public Safety Center, located at 25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly, VA.

Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in your area, traffic safety concerns, and other public safety-related issues. The meetings will be led by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Captain who represents your service area. Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.

To determine what station area your home or business is in, please visit <http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/findmystation>.



Theme of 2022 Loudoun Arbor Day Photo Contest: 'Trees That I'm Thankful For'

Arbor Day 2022 Photo Contest



The annual Loudoun County Arbor Day tree photo contest is underway. The theme of this year's contest is "Trees That I'm Thankful For." **Entries are being accepted through Monday, April 18, 2022.** They will be included in the county's virtual Arbor Day Celebration, which will be posted in May on the Loudoun County website

at loudoun.gov/trees.

Contest Rules

- Entries must be a photo of a single tree or group of trees that are in Loudoun County.
- The photos must have been taken by the entrant. There is a limit of two entries per person.
- Only digital pictures will be accepted. JPEGs are acceptable. High resolution photos are encouraged.
- [Email photos to Loudoun County Urban Forester Mike Ronayne](#) of the Department of Building and Development.
- Include the photographer's contact information (name, phone number and email) as well as the approximate location of the tree and tree species, if known, and a brief explanation of why the photographer is thankful for the tree or trees in the photo.

Awards will be distributed to the top three photos and the winners will be notified. Photos will not be returned and will become the property of the Loudoun County Arbor Day Committee.

For more information about the Arbor Day photo contest or the virtual Arbor Day celebration, contact Mike Ronayne at [571-252-0678](tel:571-252-0678) or [send an email](#).

CORRECTION: April Sterling Stream Clean Up with the Sterling Foundation

The Sterling Foundation will partner with the community on April 23 to remove trash and litter from waterways that feed the Cabin Branch Stream in the Sterling Park area.

Sign in begins at 8:30am at **Bill Allen Field at 22281 S. Sterling Blvd.** A presentation and team assignments will begin at 9:15. Easy access to the cleaning area and shallow water make this an event for all ages. Students must be accompanied by an adult, with a group ratio recommended of 1 adult per 8 students. Trash bags, some gloves, some grabbers and team leader vest will be provided. Rubber boots, gloves and long sleeves are suggested. We will have clean water to fill reusable water bottles, a hand washing station and some snacks. Lunch will be provided at 2:30pm.



Volunteers should sign up through the Chesapeake Network at <https://www.chesapeakenetwork.org/cleanup/sterling-foundation-inc-project-clean-stream/>

For more information visit <https://www.sterlingfoundation.org/stream/>

For questions, email Stream@SterlingFoundation.org

Important Updates from Inova



Updated COVID-19 Status – Visitation, Vaccination Requirement, Emergency Status

Visitation Update: Inova has updated visitation guidance to further reflect the change in COVID-19 prevalence in our region. Under most circumstances, two visitors (ages 16+) are now permitted visitation hours, which have been extended from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (visitors remain prohibited for patients with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis).

For more information visit the Inova visitation webpage [here](#).

Updated Vaccination Requirement: As of April 4, 2022, Inova will be requiring a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccination for all team members. Team members may request an exemption for medical or religious reasons.

COVID-19 Emergency Status: As COVID-19 hospitalizations in the region continue to subside and Northern Virginia enters “low” transmission status, Inova ceased emergency operations status, which had enabled flexibility to make decisions during a dynamic Omicron surge. Mitigation efforts, combined with system-wide vaccination requirements, helped Inova to provide care to more COVID-19 patients than ever before; *continue all procedures, services, and surgeries*; and welcome visitors into care sites to support the well-being of our patients.

Inova Expansion of Inpatient Behavioral Health Capacity Receives Final Approval

Inova Health System, having filed a Certificate of Public Need (COPN) application last August to build 20 additional inpatient behavioral health beds at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, has received final COPN approval. Construction of the new beds is anticipated to begin later this year.

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

Inova is calling for applicants for its 2022 Health Equity Grant program. This year, the Health Equity Grants program will award \$1 million in funding – ***more than quadrupling the available funding from last year***, resulting in the largest level of funding to date for the program. Grants will be awarded to nonprofit organizations that provide services to address health needs for the under-resourced and promote equity for all, with special consideration to first time applicants and eligible organizations owned and/or operated by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

Additional details may be found [here](#).

Inova Conducts Northern Virginia Community Health Assessment Survey

What are the most important health issues for our community? What would most improve your quality of life and the lives of those in your community? Inova is

conducting a short, anonymous survey to identify the most pressing health-related needs in your community. Your input will help inform our ongoing efforts to deliver accessible, quality, patient-centered care throughout the region.

The survey is available in nine languages and can be accessed [here](#). The survey only takes 3-4 minutes to complete and includes questions designed to gather community feedback on local health issues, improving quality of life, and understanding the strengths of the community.

REGISTER TODAY: Loudoun County to Host Pit Stops for Bike to Work Day Event May 20

Loudoun County will host two pit stops for participants of Bike to Work Day to be held on Friday, May 20, 2022. This annual event celebrates a healthy and fun way to get to work at 100 different pit stops throughout the Washington metropolitan region. Participants will ride to a pit stop, pick-up free t-shirts and giveaways, and enjoy refreshments before beginning their workday.



Adults planning to participate in this free event are encouraged to register online to pick up a T-shirt at one of the Loudoun County pit stops. Both pit stops are adjacent to the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail:

- Leesburg at Raflo Park on Harrison Street, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Sterling, just east of Route 28, at Ruritan Road behind Northrop Grumman, 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

[Bike to Work Day](#) is coordinated regionally by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and Commuter Connections and is held rain or shine. The annual event attracts thousands of cyclists in the region. The local festivities are planned by Loudoun County Commuter Services.

Find details and a link to register at loudoun.gov/BiketoWork.

Loudoun County Animal Shelter Temporarily Adjusts Adoption Hours

Temporary Change in Adoption Hours

March 28 - May 14, 2022

Monday - Sunday

12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Loudoun County Animal Shelter
42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg



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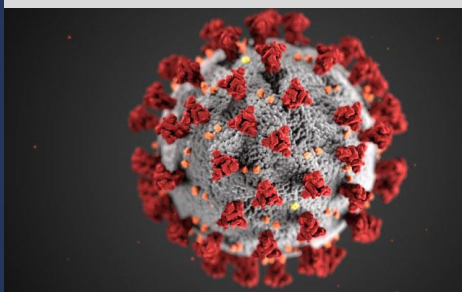
The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is temporarily adjusting its schedule for adoptions. As of Monday, March 28, 2022, adoption hours will be 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Sunday. The one-hour per day reduction will be in effect through Saturday, May 14, 2022.

The change is designed to enhance the management of comprehensive animal care activities and facilitate increased training for employees. Training is a critical component for the staff of the Animal Services facility, which is the first public animal shelter in the United States to meet 100% of the Association of Shelter Veterinarians Animal Shelter Guidelines.

The facility provides a wide range of services, including pet adoptions; humane law enforcement; housing of stray, abandoned, or relinquished companion animals; dog license sales; volunteer and foster care opportunities; dispatch services; educational programs; and pet retention counseling. The facility also features a veterinary clinic and surgical suite for medical treatment of shelter pets.

More information about the services offered by the Department of Animal Services is online at loudoun.gov/animals.

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
- 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

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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.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text 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.

- 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.

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