




Updates & Important Information ~APRIL 13, 2022~

Public Engagement Period for Zoning Ordinance Rewrite to Open April 18

Comment on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite



Public engagement "open houses" set for April and May

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loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite

Loudoun County residents, businesses, community groups and other stakeholders will have the opportunity to review and comment on the first draft of the new county Zoning Ordinance during a 90-day public engagement period that begins April 18, 2022.

The Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance defines and implements land use and design standards for unincorporated areas of the county. Input from the public, the Board of Supervisors, advisory bodies, county departments, and community and professional groups will be factored into the final ordinance.

A new online interactive platform will enable individuals to read through the draft Zoning Ordinance and provide comments on the content.

The online draft version of the ordinance will be available at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite on April 18.

The public is also invited to attend meetings in an “open house” format to ask questions of county staff, learn more about the process and provide input on the ordinance.

In-person meetings will be held:

- Thursday, April 21, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Dulles Room, Government Center, 1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg
- Monday, April 25, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling
- Wednesday, April 27, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Dulles South Senior Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

In addition, a [virtual meeting](#) will take place Monday, May 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

NOW OPEN: LCSO and LC-CFRS 34th Annual McGruff Safety Camps

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) are proud to announce the 34th Annual McGruff Safety Camps.

Due to scheduled school renovations, this year's camps will be held at two different locations. The first camp will be held June 27 – June 30 at Countryside Elementary School in Sterling, VA. The second camp will be held July 11-July 14 and will also be held at Countryside Elementary School. The third camp will be held July 18 – July 21 at Pinebrook Elementary School in Aldie, VA.



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
& Loudoun County Combined Fire & Rescue System

present the

2022 McGruff Safety Camp

June 27-30	July 11-14	July 18-21
Countryside Elementary	Countryside Elementary	Pinebrook Elementary

REGISTRATION BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022
at that time we will share the registration link

Questions? Send us an email
McGruffCamp@Loudoun.gov



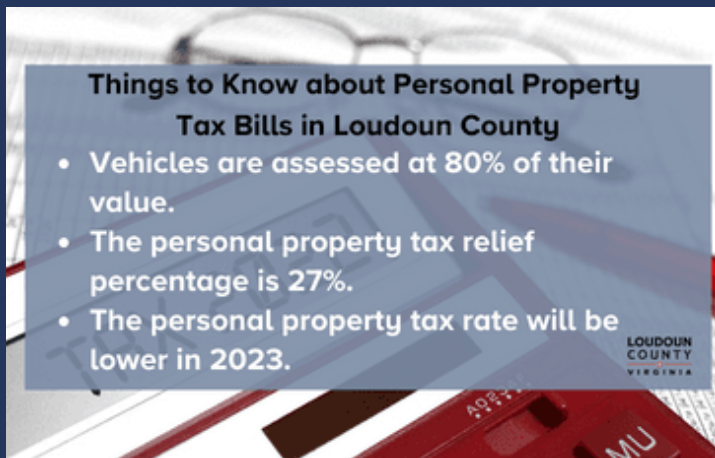
The camp continues to offer morning and afternoon sessions. All camps run Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. A graduation ceremony for all campers will be held on July 22, 2022 (location and time to be announced at a later date).

The annual McGruff Safety Camp began in the summer of 1988 and has continued every year through a joint effort between the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. The camps allow children who are entering kindergarten and first grade to learn about various topics on safety including fire safety, bicycle safety, and 911 emergencies.

Throughout the week, children in the camp have the opportunity to meet law enforcement officers, firefighters, plus a chance to see law enforcement and fire/rescue vehicles firsthand.

Applications will be made available online Wednesday, April 13th at 9:00 am at <https://bit.ly/McGruffCamps>

Three Things to Know About Personal Property Tax Bills



Many Loudoun County vehicle owners are receiving their personal property tax bills and are observing that their used vehicles have increased in value and their car tax bills are higher than they expected.

Values of used cars have skyrocketed across the country due to global supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue, the values of 65% of the used vehicles in the county went up over the last year.

Loudoun County has taken several steps to help reduce personal property tax bills. Here are three things to know about personal property assessments in Loudoun County:

1. **Lower Vehicle Assessments:** Virginia law allows jurisdictions the option to uniformly apply what is called an “assessment ratio” when determining vehicle assessments. Due to the increase in vehicle values, the [Commissioner of the Revenue](#) recommended and the [Board of Supervisors](#) approved using an “assessment ratio” of 80%.

2. **Personal Property Tax Relief:** In addition to the 80% assessment ratio, the Board of Supervisors approved a [Personal Property Tax Relief](#) percentage of 27% for 2022, which is applied to the first \$20,000 of value of qualifying personal vehicles.

3. **Lower Personal Property Tax in 2023:** To further mitigate the impact of rising values of vehicles, the Board of Supervisors [adopted a Fiscal Year 2023 budget](#) that includes a personal property tax rate of \$4.15 per \$100 in assessed value in tax year 2023, which is 5 cents lower than the current rate.

[Learn More](#)

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.

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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/strutpe)
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

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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.

Loudoun County Offers Financing Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers

Financing Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers

Now accepting applications from first-time homebuyers for the low interest rate mortgage program - SPARC!



Learn more!

loudoun.gov/homeloanprograms



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Loudoun County continues to accept applications from first-time homebuyers for funds made available through the Virginia Housing (VH) Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities Program (SPARC). The program provides lower interest rates on homeownership loans in

Loudoun County.

To qualify for the program, the prospective homebuyer must meet the following criteria:

- Have an annual household income between 70%-100% of the Area Median Income for a household size of four. Currently, incomes must fall 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 for \$550,000 or less;
- Receive a mortgage loan from a VH-approved lender participating in VH mortgage loan program; and

- Purchase a home located in Loudoun County.

SPARC is open to all prospective homebuyers that meet the program's criteria and not limited to those participating in Loudoun County's Affordable Dwelling Unit program. For full program information and eligibility requirements, visit loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms or contact Hannah Choi [by email](#) or 571-258-3814. Program participation is subject to availability and approval.

Public Invited to Comment on Electoral District Plan at May 11 Public Hearing

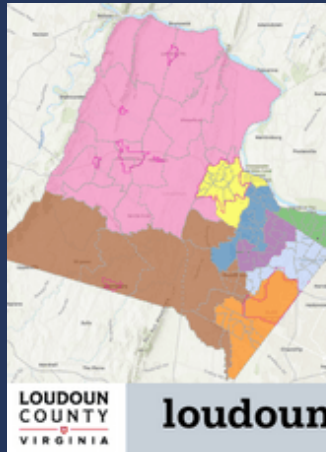
The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed local electoral district plan, titled the [LT-Revised 1 Plan](#), at the Board's regularly scheduled public hearing on May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Members of the public may watch the public hearing on cable TV (Comcast Channel 23 or Verizon FiOS Channel 40), via live stream at loudoun.gov/meetings, or in person at the Government Center (1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg).

Loudoun residents are encouraged to provide input to this process for the Board's consideration through these channels:

- Provide in-person or virtual comments during the public hearing on May 11. Find information [here](#) about how to sign up to speak during the public hearing.
- Submit an [online comment form](#).
- [Email the full Board of Supervisors](#).

In addition to adopting the election district plan, the Board also will choose a name for District 7. Currently, two name options are under consideration: Evergreen and Little River.



Redistricting Update

- Board of Supervisors to hold public hearing on proposed local redistricting plan 5/11/22
- Public comment is encouraged.

loudoun.gov/redistricting

At its April 5, 2022, meeting, [the Board reviewed](#) a staff analysis of the LT-Revised 1 Plan, which confirmed that the plan can be accommodated by the Office of Elections and Voter Registration and adheres to the ten guidelines established by the Board in June 2021 for the county's local redistricting process.

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

Loudoun County Offers Educational Workshops During Fair Housing Month



April is Fair Housing Month

Check out these events to learn more!

- Fair Housing for People with Disabilities
- Overview of the Virginia Residential Landlord & Tenant Act and Eviction Laws in Virginia
- Updates on Federal, State, and Local Fair Housing Protections

Register Today!

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During the April observance of Fair Housing Month, Loudoun County is featuring special virtual events at no cost for people interested in learning more about fair housing.

"Fair housing is a critical component to building an inclusive and equitable community," said Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development Acting Director Sarah Coyle Etro. "These workshops offer the community an opportunity to learn more about fair housing protections and recent updates to these laws."

Visit loudoun.gov/fairhousing for detailed information about each event and to register. Events will include:

- Fair Housing for People with Disabilities
 - Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Overview of the Virginia Residential Landlord & Tenant Act and Eviction Laws in Virginia
 - Tuesday, April 26, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- Updates on Federal, State, and Local Fair Housing Protections
 - Thursday, April 28, 2022, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

More information about Loudoun County's housing programs may be found online at loudoun.gov/housing.

APPLY TODAY: WGB Referral & Client Services Coordinator

Women Giving Back is looking to hire a bilingual (English/Spanish) Referral & Client Services Coordinator.

[Women Giving Back](#) (WGB) is a non-profit organization that provides local women and children living in poverty and/or emerging out of homelessness, with quality clothing, and other necessities that they need. WGB operates a dedicated boutique, diaper pantry and warehouse facility in Sterling, Virginia where women can shop in a dignified environment, free of charge, through referrals from human service providers and community partners and assisted by caring volunteers.



The Referral & Client Services Coordinator will be responsible for the day-to-day coordination of WGB's Boutique and Diaper Pantry working collaboratively with program staff and volunteers while focusing on overall satisfaction and service enhancement. The Referral & Client Services Coordinator provides direct client service at all shopping and diaper pantry pickup shifts and supports other program initiatives and special events including open houses, workshops, and seasonal client events and assists with outreach efforts to spread awareness of programs and expand the network of referral partners.

How To Apply

Email your cover letter and resume to info@womensgivingback.org with "Referral & Client Services Coordinator" in the subject line.

No phone calls, walk-ins, or social media inquiries. If your application is selected, you will be contacted for an interview.

[Read the Full Job Description](#)

Loudoun Disability Resources Fair April 29th



The Arc of Loudoun, in conjunction with the Loudoun County Disability Service Board, will host its Disability Resource Fair on Friday, April 29th from 10:00 am-3:00 pm at Rust Library in Leesburg (380 Old Waterford Road NW).

The Disability Resource Fair is an opportunity for The Arc and the Disability Service Board to showcase the wide variety of local resources that are available for people with disabilities in our community. The fair is open to anyone with an interest in learning more about programs, services, and resources

for those with disabilities--all are welcome to attend!

Participating Organizations

- Disability Service Board
- Diversifi Consulting Group, LLC
- The Arc of Loudoun
- ECVN (formerly Loudoun ENDependence)
- Crossroads Jobs
- Tree of Life
- Brain Injury Services
- Advocacy Partners
- A Farm Less Ordinary
- A Place to Be
- Formed Families Forward
- Loudoun County Workforce Resource Center
- Northern Virginia Resource Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NVRC)
- Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
- Loudoun County Parks and Recreation, Adaptive Recreation
- Mid-Atlantic ADA Center
- Loudoun County Parent Resource Services
- Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers
- Town of Leesburg

- Loudoun County Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services
- View of Heaven Farm

The Arc of Loudoun is a full-service organization with a mission to advocate for, educate, serve, and support people with disabilities and their families, and to bring about a more just and equitable world for people with disabilities. Learn more about The Arc at www.thearcofloudoun.org/.

Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in April

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 April 2022 is as follows:

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 virtual trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day. The next training is:

- Adult Mental Health First Aid: April 20 & 21: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day.

For details about the training and to register, visit 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. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. The virtual sessions last about one hour. Upcoming classes are scheduled:

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

April 2022: New Classes

- Mental Health First Aid
- Opioid Overdose Reversal
- Suicide Prevention

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- April 15: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- April 18: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- April 29: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/revive.

Suicide Prevention Training

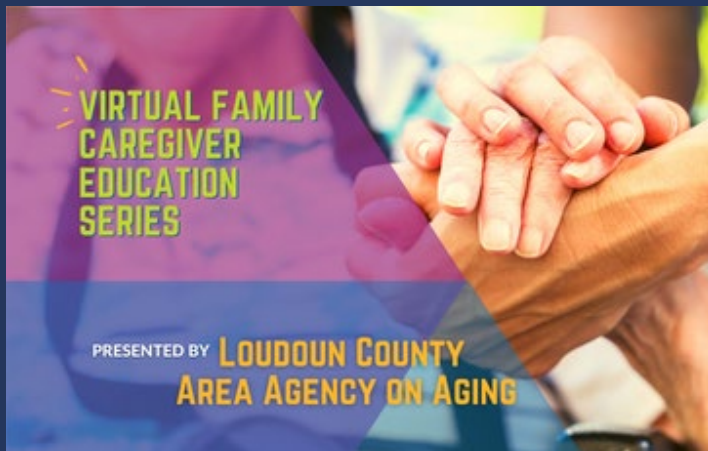
The Question Persuade Refer program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The next class will be held:

- April 18: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit 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 or [send an email](#).

Area Agency on Aging Hosts Virtual Family Caregiver Education Series



Virtual Family Caregiver Education Series - Effective Communication Strategies

Presented by Bob Bell, Alzheimer's Association - National Capital Area Chapter.

- April 28, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Does communicating with your loved one frustrate you? Is there a better way to reach a person with neuro-cognitive difficulties? This program will give you real-life tools you can use as you navigate the difficulties of being a care partner.

To sign up for this free workshop, [send an email to the Area Agency on Aging](#).

To learn more about AAA programs and community resources, visit loudoun.gov/aaa or call [703-777-0257](tel:703-777-0257) to speak with a specialist.

The Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Loudoun Celebrates Public Safety Communications Staff

As proclaimed by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the week of April 10 – 16, 2022 is designated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Throughout the week, the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Animal Services will join forces to honor our local 911 call-takers, dispatchers, and communications professionals.



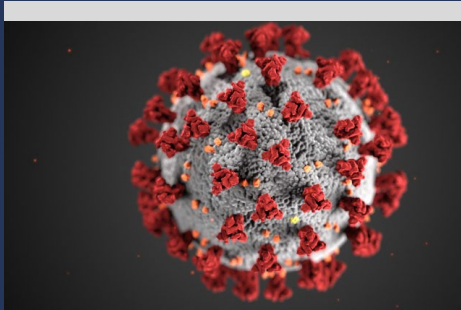
National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is observed annually during the second week of April and celebrates the men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the world's citizens.

Across the nation in times of intense personal crisis and community-wide disasters, the first access point for those seeking all classes of emergency services is 911. Public safety communicators who receive these calls are the first and single point of contact for persons seeking immediate relief during an emergency and often mean the difference between life and death.

The importance of celebrating the hard work of these dedicated professionals is immeasurable. Please follow us on social media throughout the week using the hashtags [#HeadsetHeroes](#) and [#NPSTW2022](#) as we recognize public safety telecommunications personnel from the Loudoun County Combined Fire and

Rescue System, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Animal Services for their service and dedication to our community.

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.

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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.

- 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.

Supervisor Koran T. Saines

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