



**Updates & Important Information**  
 ~MAY 5, 2022~

**Loudoun County Animal Services Hosts Free Adoption Event May 7**

**HOMeward BOUND** Saturday, May 7  
 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Fee-Waived Adoption Event

Loudoun County Animal Shelter  
 42225 Adoption Dr.  
 Leesburg

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On Saturday, May 7, 2022, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host a "Homeward Bound" free pet adoption event from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Adoption fees will be waived on all available cats, kittens, dogs, puppies, small pets and reptiles during the event, which will take place

at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, 42225 Adoption Dr., Leesburg. *(Please note: Kincaid Boulevard is closed from the direction of Battlefield Parkway. You must use Crosstrail Boulevard to access the facility.)*

In an effort to help as many pets as possible to be adopted, LCAS will be receiving up to twenty dogs and cats from overcrowded shelters in the region and they will all be up for adoption in addition to the animals already being cared for in the Loudoun County Animal Shelter.

All dogs and cats adopted from LCAS are spayed or neutered, have age-appropriate vaccinations and receive a microchip registered to their adopter. The shelter frequently has many pets available for adoption, including hamsters, guinea pigs, reptiles, rabbits, other small pets and livestock. Potential adopters can view available pets online at [loudoun.gov/animals](https://loudoun.gov/animals). The standard adoption screening process will apply during the Homeward Bound event and most adoptions can be completed on the same day.

For more information about LCAS, visit [loudoun.gov/animals](https://loudoun.gov/animals).

## Loudoun Accepting Loan Applications for Development of Affordable Multi-Family Rental Housing

Loudoun County's application process for the Affordable Multi-Family Housing Loan Program has opened with the release of the [2022 Notice of Funding Availability](#). For-profit and nonprofit affordable housing developers are eligible to apply for loans for the development of long-term, affordable multi-family housing rental units.



The loans are to be used in conjunction with the [Virginia Housing Development Authority Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program](#) and/or the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 221\(D\)\(4\) Program](#) financing.

The application process is competitive. Project applications will receive points in the following categories:

- **Consistency with Countywide Housing Needs:** Scoring will be higher for projects serving a mix of incomes below 60% of Area Median Income, providing longer affordability periods than required and in close proximity to transportation and jobs.

- **Project Design:** Scoring will be higher for projects that have universal design, innovative features, services and project amenities.
- **Project Readiness:** Scoring will be higher for projects with construction plans that are permit ready, have a public participation process and where project feasibility is clear.
- **Experience:** Scoring will be higher for projects with a design team, general contractor, developer and property manager with relevant project experience who have a track record of project completion, strong organizational capacity and success at building partnerships.
- **Budget and Leverage:** Scoring will be higher for projects that have a sound financing plan, clear budget documents, multiple funding sources, developer participation, meet leverage requirements and have reasonable operating costs.

[Learn More](#)

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

### Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

#### Free Classes Scheduled for May 2022

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

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

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 May 2022 is as follows:

### 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--potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. The next class will be held:

- May 24: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

### **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. There are two versions of the program, a general adult program and a program for adults who interact with youth. The trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day. The next trainings are:

- Adult Mental Health First Aid: May 11 & 12: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day (Virtual)
- Youth Mental Health First Aid: May 17 & 18: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day. (In-person training, Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, 906 Trailview Blvd. SE, Leesburg).

[Register Today](#)

### **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:

- May 13: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- May 16: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- May 27: 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

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### **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 suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; question, persuade and refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation. The next class will be held:

- May 19: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

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](#).

## Free Smoke Alarm Assessments Saturday, May 7

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue System members will be in neighborhoods across Loudoun County for our annual smoke alarm program this **Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

As part of the annual smoke alarm program, firefighters from stations across Loudoun County are taking a hands-on approach to fire safety by canvassing neighborhoods one weekend a month from April to October.

The first responders will go door to door between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. offering free smoke alarm assessments and valuable information about fire safety and home escape planning. During the assessment, firefighters will test existing smoke alarms, assist with battery replacement, and replace the smoke alarms at no cost if they are not working properly or exceed the ten-year recommended lifespan.

In addition to the scheduled smoke alarm canvasses through October, Loudoun residents can request a free smoke alarm assessment at any time by completing the online form at [loudoun.gov/smokealarms](https://loudoun.gov/smokealarms) or by calling the smoke alarm program hotline at [703-737-8093](tel:703-737-8093).

SATURDAY. APRIL 2. 2022  
SATURDAY. MAY 7. 2022  
SATURDAY. JUNE 4. 2022  
SATURDAY. JULY 9. 2022  
SATURDAY. AUGUST 6. 2022  
SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 10. 2022  
SATURDAY. OCTOBER 1. 2022

**FREE SMOKE ALARM ASSESSMENTS**

**LOUDOUN.GOV/SMOKEALARMS**

## Make Your Own Kind of Music: Loudoun Surplus Auction Features Audio Mixer, Speakers and More



## Loudoun Surplus Auction



[loudoun.gov/surplus](http://loudoun.gov/surplus)

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You can make your own kind of music – or other sounds – with a Mackie Premium Mic-Line Mixer, which is one of the many items featured in the current Loudoun County surplus auction. The auction also includes Anchor speakers with stands, Dell laptops and desktop computers, large whiteboards, a theater-size

popcorn maker, office furniture and other miscellaneous items. **The auction will close at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2022.**

Detailed information and photographs of the items for sale are online [here](#).

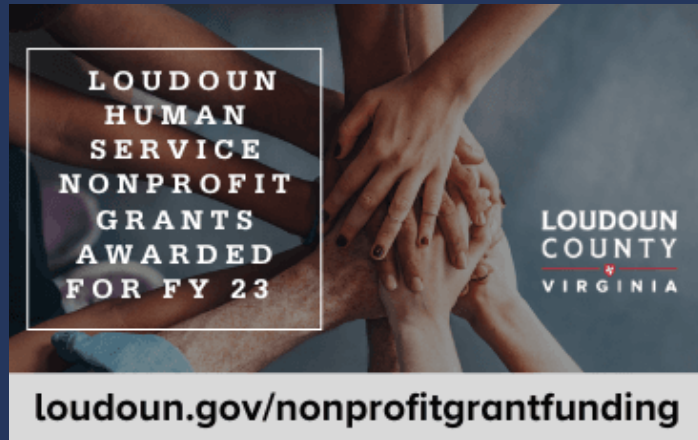
Loudoun County sells selected items online through Public Surplus, which was created specifically for public agencies. Anyone interested in bidding on the items must be registered with [publicsurplus.com](http://publicsurplus.com). Registration is free; however, a 9.75% buyer's premium is charged to all purchases. Loudoun County government and school employees are subject to bidding limitations under the auction terms and conditions, which are available on the Public Surplus site.

Loudoun County has specific hours for buyers to pick up their items at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106, in Leesburg. Items must be picked up by appointment, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The dates for items to be picked up are noted on each auction item listed on the Loudoun County auction site.

More information about the sale of Loudoun County government surplus items is online at [loudoun.gov/surplus](http://loudoun.gov/surplus).

## **Board of Supervisors Approves Nonprofit Human Service Grant Funding Awards for FY 2023**

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved annual awards for funding to community nonprofit organizations during its May 3, 2022, meeting. Funding opportunities were made available to tax-exempt, private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations that provide human services to Loudoun County residents in the areas



of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023), which begins July 1, 2022.

The areas of need are:

- **Prevention and Self-Sufficiency:** Services focused on assisting individuals and families in becoming and/or remaining independent and stable, and providing tools, skills, strategies, and resources to individuals and families.
- **Crisis Intervention and Diversion:** Services provided to individuals and families in crisis to overcome immediate problems, and reduce or prevent the need for more restrictive and expensive higher-level services.
- **Long-Term Support:** Services that focus on assisting individuals who have continuing, long-term support needs to remain healthy, safe and independent in the community.
- **Improved Quality of Human Services:** Services and opportunities provided to individuals, organizations and communities that enhance the quality, accessibility, accountability and coordination of services provided by community organizations.

The county's FY 2023 Adopted Budget includes a \$1,864,647 allocation for this year's competitive grant process and the mini-grant process in addition to \$2,870,658 in funding for core human services and partnership grants.

[More Information](#)

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# TODAY: Loudoun First-Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is May 5, 2022

**Personal Property Tax Deadline**



**May 5**

For payment options, visit:  
[loudoun.gov/taxes](http://loudoun.gov/taxes)

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Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280  
Email: [taxes@loudoun.gov](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov)

The deadline for payment of the first-half personal property tax is Thursday, May 5, 2022.

Payments received or postmarked after May 5, 2022, will incur a 10 percent penalty and interest. Any such penalty, when assessed, will become part of the tax with interest accruing on both

the tax and penalty at a rate of 10% annually. Personal property taxes remaining unpaid after 60 calendar days from the original due date will incur an additional 15% penalty. The due date will not be extended for bills where assessment questions have been filed with the Board of Equalization.

Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Office of the Treasurer's Collections Team at [703-771-5656](tel:703-771-5656) for assistance.

Payments may be made:

- Online: [loudounportal.com/taxes](http://loudounportal.com/taxes)
- Telephone: [1-800-269-5971](tel:1-800-269-5971) may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280). Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By Mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In Person: Treasurer's Office Locations
  - 1 Harrison St. S.E., First floor, Leesburg
  - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling
  - A 24-hour drop box is located outside the Leesburg and Sterling offices.

## **Business Hours**

The regular business hours for the Treasurer's offices are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Wednesday, May 4, and Thursday May 5, 2022, the offices will be operating under extended business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



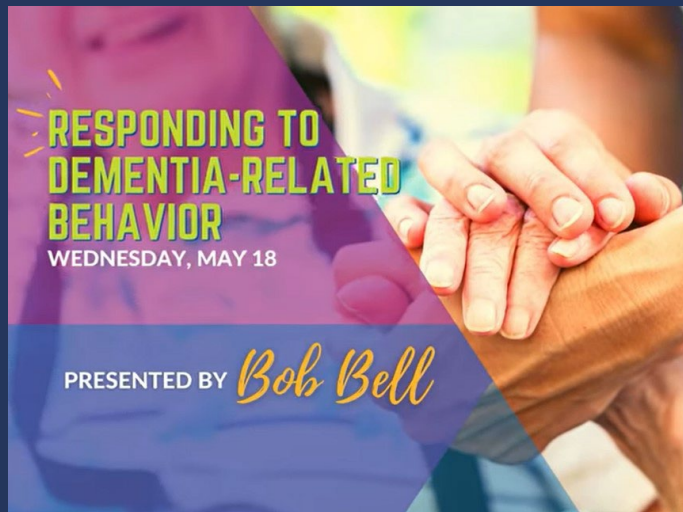
### For More Information

Contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280) or [by email](#) if you have not received your bill or have any questions.

## Family Caregiver Education Series - Responding to Dementia-related Behavior

Behavior is a powerful form of communication and is one of the primary ways people living with dementia communicate their needs and feelings as the ability to use language is lost. However, some behaviors can present real challenges for caregivers to manage.

Join the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services to learn to decode behavioral messages, identify common triggers, and learn strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.



**Wednesday, May 18,  
12:00pm-1:30pm  
Virtual**

Presented by Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging and Bob Bell Alzheimer's Association

To register for this free virtual program, please send an email to [aaasupport@loudoun.gov](mailto:aaasupport@loudoun.gov).

More information is available at <https://www.loudoun.gov/aaa>.

## Lyme Disease Awareness Month

**SPRING IS HERE! SO ARE TICKS**   
Prevent Lyme Disease.  
Be sure to check your family for ticks.



May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

The best way to prevent getting Lyme disease is to reduce your chances of getting bitten by a tick and making sure no tick is attached more than a day.

- Avoid tick-infested areas, such as tall grasses.
- Wear insect repellent.
- Wear light-colored clothing

with long sleeves and long pants so that ticks are easier to see and remove. Tuck your pants into your socks and tuck your shirt into your pants to keep ticks off your skin.

- Keep ticks off your pets.
- Keep ticks off your property.
- Conduct tick checks at least daily for you and your whole family.
- Safely remove any attached ticks promptly and carefully.

Visit [loudoun.gov/lyme](http://loudoun.gov/lyme) for more information.

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## **4-H Honor Council Launches Book Drive for Loudoun Literacy Council**

Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) Loudoun's 4-H Honor Council is hosting a book drive May 2 - 13, 2022, to benefit the [Loudoun Literacy Council](#). Books are being accepted at VCE Loudoun's Office: 750 Miller Dr. SE, Leesburg, VA, 20175.

Please make sure books are in good condition – whether that's gently used or brand new. Below are some helpful guidelines when considering and gathering your donations.



### **Donation Guidelines**

- No ripped pages or bindings
- No writing on the pages of the books
- Books are clean
- No adult level or adult content books
- No textbooks or workbooks

### **Examples of Donations Needed**

- Board Books (0-3 year olds)
- Story Books (4 and 5 year olds)
- Short Chapter Books/Series (6-10 year olds)
- Longer Chapter Books, Fantasy, Graphic Novels (middle & high school age)

Drop Off: Books can be dropped off between May 2 and May 13 at VCE Loudoun's Office during regular business hours (M-F; 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.). When you arrive, just let a staff member know you have a donation for the 4-H Book Drive.

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**Loudoun Delivers Fire Engine to Holmes County, Mississippi; Sister County Agreement Signed**



fire engine for Holmes County.

What began as an informal conversation between community leaders about protecting the life and safety of residents has culminated in the signing of a formal Sister County agreement between Loudoun County, Virginia, and Holmes County, Mississippi, and in the delivery of a much-needed

In 2018, Chair Randall and then-Holmes County Supervisor Eddie J. Carthan met at a National Association of Counties (NACo) conference and discussed, among other things, the economic disparities between the two counties – Loudoun having one of the highest median incomes in the United States and Holmes County having one of the lowest. Concurrently, NACo began discussions that led to the creation of the [Economic Mobility Leadership Network](#) initiative, which connects counties of differing economic circumstances. In April 2019, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors approved a [Sister County partnership agreement \(PDF\)](#) between Loudoun and Holmes counties, which called on both counties to “work together for the mutual benefit of their citizens.”

The opportunity to help Holmes County with a pressing public safety need arose earlier this year when a 2008 Pierce/Dash fire engine in Loudoun County was moved to “surplus” status and replaced with a newer model. On March 1, 2022, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors [agreed to sell the fire engine](#), which can cost as much as \$700,000 new, to Holmes County for \$25,000. The engine holds up to 500 gallons of water and can transport four firefighters.

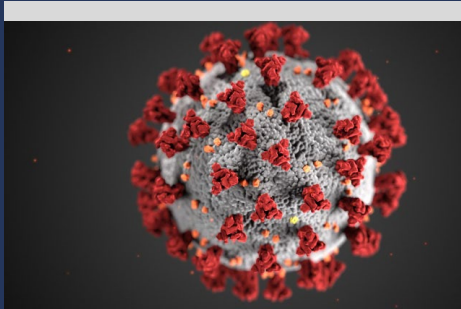
On April 30, 2022, Chair Randall, Broad Run District Supervisor Sylvia Glass and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue (LCFR) Battalion Chief Adam Davis delivered the fully equipped fire engine to Holmes County. In addition, LCFR staff worked with firefighters in Holmes County to familiarize and train them with the fire engine and its equipment.

In addition to celebrating the delivery of the fire engine with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Chair Randall and Holmes County Board of Supervisors President Leonard Hampton also formally signed the Sister County agreement, a ceremony that had been delayed by nearly two years due to the pandemic. The two counties have committed to “beneficial exchanges between schools, cultures, business

relationships, as well as connections between citizens and the institutions designed to serve them.”

[Learn More](#)

## 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

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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 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).



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.

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