



Updates & Important Information
JUNE 22, 2022

**LCPS Community Information Meetings on
Future School Facility Projects**



A series of community meetings are being scheduled by Loudoun County Public Schools' Department of Support Services to provide a forum to share information on funded, planned, and proposed school capital projects

across the county. To focus the discussion and public involvement, each meeting will include a general overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Capital Asset Preservation Program (CAPP) budgets and then spotlight on a specific geographic area of Loudoun. The first three meetings will be in June.

Additional community meetings for other areas of the county will be scheduled and announced.

Upcoming Meetings

- June 23, 2022 - Eastern Loudoun Area, Spotlight on Park View High School
 - 6:00 pm at Park View High School (400 W Laurel Avenue, Sterling, VA)
- June 30, 2022 - Central Loudoun Area, Spotlight on Loudoun County High School
 - 6:00 pm at Loudoun County High School (415 Dry Mill Road SW, Leesburg, VA)

Subsequently, each meeting presentation will be posted on the Loudoun County Public Schools website: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/81470>.

Plastic Bag Tax in Loudoun Effective July 1, 2022

The [new disposable plastic bag tax](#) of five cents per plastic bag that was adopted by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors earlier this year is effective July 1, 2022. The measure is intended to reduce plastic pollution in the region. Shoppers may avoid the tax by bringing their own bags with them to stores.



The new tax will be collected on purchases made at grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores countywide, including those within the county's incorporated towns.

The tax **does not apply to** restaurants, food banks, farmers markets or clothing stores. It also does not apply to:

- Durable plastic bags that are specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse.

- Plastic bags that are solely used to wrap, contain, or package ice cream, meat, fish, poultry, produce, unwrapped bulk food items or perishable food items in order to avoid damage or contamination.
- Plastic bags used to carry dry cleaning or prescription drugs.
- Multiple plastic bags sold in packages and intended for use as garbage, pet waste or leaf removal bags.

Loudoun County joins other jurisdictions in the region that already have adopted a disposable plastic bag tax, including Fairfax County, Arlington County and the cities of Alexandria and Fredericksburg.

The Loudoun County Department of Economic Development is [working with local businesses to help them prepare to collect the tax](#) beginning July 1.

Loudoun County is also making plans to distribute free reusable bags to residents later this summer. More information about the initiative is online at loudoun.gov/BringYourOwnBag.

[Learn More](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Recommended for Children 6 Months Old and Up



Children 6 months of age and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#) has adopted the [recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) to expand eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination to include children 6

months to 4 years of age.

Two COVID-19 vaccines have been [approved by the Food and Drug Administration](#) for children as young as 6 months old. The CDC and VDH recommend that all children 6 months through 5 years of age should receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccine formulation approved for this age group is recommended in multi-dose series depending on the type of vaccine provided:

- **Moderna:** Two-dose series administered 4 weeks apart. Previously, this vaccine had been authorized for use in adults 18 years of age and older.
- **Pfizer-BioNTech:** Three-dose series with the first two doses administered three weeks apart and a third dose at least two months after the second dose. Previously, this vaccine had been authorized for use in individuals 5 years of age and older.

Some providers may choose to offer both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, while others may decide only to offer one. Loudoun County health officials encourage parents and guardians to talk to their health care providers for specific information about which vaccine they will be offering as well as about the CDC recommendations.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Star Spangled Sterling 2022

Join Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, the Sterling Golf Club, and your fellow Sterling community members for an evening of fireworks and fun at this year's Star Spangled Sterling event!

The event will be held Friday, July 1st from 7:00-9:30 pm at the Sterling Middle School Track Field (201 W. Holly Ave).

In addition to fireworks, there will be food trucks, live music, games and obstacle courses, crafts, an outdoor movie, and more.

More Information

For more information, contact Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

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Loudoun County Public Library Summer Reading Program

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Nurturing Minds

This summer, earn your way to great prizes by reading, completing fun challenges and attending events at hot spots around Loudoun County with LCPL's annual [Summer Reading Program](#).

All ages are invited to join the fun — pre-readers, kids, teens and adults.

Sign up using the [Online Challenge Card portal](#). Once logged in, you can create an account for your household and add all your family members. Track your progress by: Completing any of the challenges for your age group listed below, attending a library event ([see schedule](#)), or reading for 30 minutes. Once all 16 challenges are marked as complete, you will be automatically entered into a drawing for a grand-prize valued at over \$200!

Please note: If you choose to download a PDF challenge card, you must still submit your completed card online to be entered into the grand-prize drawing.

Everyone who completes a challenge card will also receive a ticket to a Washington Nationals game and a free book.

The last day to submit challenge cards is Monday, Aug. 22.

Looking for more summer fun? Check out the [Washington Nationals' summer reading page](#).

REMINDER: LCPS Summer Meals Program

Loudoun County Public Schools will expand the summer food program serving food-insecure students and families to include a distribution site at Leesburg Elementary School and the ability to pick up a week's worth of meals. LCPS officials worked closely with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to

receive waivers allowing expansion of the summer feeding program and allowing meals to be picked up by parents or guardians rather than consumed on-site.

The new program is as follows:

- Meal kits can be picked up at Park View High School, Leesburg Elementary School, Rolling Ridge Elementary School, Sterling



Elementary School and Sugarland Elementary School on Mondays, from June 27 - August 8 between 9:30 and 11 a.m. (while supplies last). Meal kits, distributed for children ages 18 and younger, will include breakfast and lunch for 7 days.

- There is no requirement that the food be consumed on-site - it is for pick-up only. This new program replaces previously announced times and information.
- Please note Leesburg Elementary has been added as a pick-up location.

Date & Time for Distributions at All Locations

- Monday, June 27, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 5, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.*
- Monday, July 11, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Monday July 18, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Monday July 25, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, August 1 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, August 8, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Lower Loudoun Girls Softball League Registration



It may be summer--but, on the softball fields, Lower Loudoun Girls Softball League (LLGSL) is thinking fall!

Fall ball registration is now open for LLGSL for girls ages 4-18. For over 30 years Lower Loudoun Girls Softball League has provided young ladies the opportunity to learn and play softball in the Sterling area. With introductory, travel/tournament, and recreational teams, LLGSL offers a positive and fun environment where your

daughter learns softball skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. Whether it is your player's first up-to-bat or she is simply looking for a new dugout, LLGSL offers a welcoming environment to learn, play, and succeed.

Teams will form in August, with games beginning in September. Register and pay by June 26, 2022, and you will receive \$25 off your registration fee.

Financial aid is available on a needs basis.

Register today by visiting www.llgsl.com.

REMINDER: Loudoun Hosts Virtual Public Input Session on Energy Strategy June 29

Loudoun County will host a virtual public input session on the development of an updated energy strategy for the county Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Links to login information for the virtual session are available for review at loudoun.gov/energy.

Members of the public are encouraged to watch a video presentation and submit an [online comment form](#) prior to the meeting. Members of the public must sign up in advance by 12:00 p.m., June 28, 2022, to provide comments during the meeting.

The county is in the process of updating the [Loudoun County Energy Strategy \(PDF\)](#) adopted in 2009 and is seeking comments from members of the community in three major topic areas.

- Supporting Renewable Energy Development in Loudoun County: Facilitating greater solar and other types of renewable energy use.
- Stimulate Communitywide Actions: Ensuring energy equity and reducing emissions from the transportation, residential and commercial sectors.
- Government by Example: Includes actions the Loudoun County government can undertake with its own energy practices.

Wanted: input on updating the Loudoun County Energy Strategy

Virtual Public Input Meeting
June 29, 2022
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



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The public input session follows a [Board of Supervisors' Energy Strategies Planning workshop in 2021](#), which featured a facilitated discussion on the priorities, process and approach for updating the county's current energy strategy, which provides a comprehensive, 30-year road map of energy strategies for the Loudoun County government and community. The discussion included the role of the county government in energy sustainability, possible funding mechanisms for implementing the energy strategy, and the identification of new programs and initiatives that can benefit all residents and businesses.

More information about the county's energy initiatives and the June 29 virtual public input session, including how to sign up to speak at the meeting and provide comments through the online form, can be found at loudoun.gov/energy.

Explaining the Airport Impact Overlay District Letter You May Have Received



zoning item.

Some Sterling residents may have received a letter from the Loudoun County Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ) regarding proposed amendments to the Airport Impact Overlay District (AIOD) map for Dulles International Airport as part of the legal requirements for notices for a public hearing on a

We have received many questions about the letter and in an effort to provide more detail, Dulles District Supervisor, Matt Letourneau has created a quick guide with more context. Below you will find some information on the AIOD, DPZ's letter, as well a link to the full news release from Supervisor Letourneau's Office.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please reach out to my office via email at Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov or contact Project Manager Josh Peters [by email](#).

What is an Airport Impact Overlay District?

An Airport Impact Overlay District (AIOD) is a zoning designation that delineates boundaries of noise impact on the ground from aircraft. Loudoun County has had AIODs in place around Washington Dulles International Airport and Leesburg Airport for decades. The Dulles AIOD is based on studies conducted by the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority (MWAA) in concert with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), measuring current and future noise from aircraft. The studies take into account expected future traffic patterns, additions to the airport, and other relevant factors.

The AIOD is purely a zoning designation - it does not affect flight paths or have any weight with the FAA, which determines traffic patterns.

Why did I receive the AIOD letter?

You received the letter if your home is in the current or future Dulles AIOD. The Loudoun County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider the AIOD amendments on Tuesday, June 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Government Center, located at 1 Harrison St. SE in Leesburg.

If you wish to sign-up to speak at the hearing in advance, please call [703-777-0246](tel:703-777-0246) (option 5) prior to noon on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Loudoun County Planning Commission, 1 Harrison Street SE, PO Box 7000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-7000, or by e-mail to loudounpc@loudoun.gov.

Following action by the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors will take up the amendments this fall.

Why is the County updating the AIOD?

In 2019, MWAA undertook a new study on the Dulles Airport noise contours - the first new study in nearly 30 years. As a result, the County is now updating the AIOD to reflect the latest data and information.

[Continue Reading the Full News Release](#)

June is Homeownership Month: Loudoun Offers Educational Workshops

During June — Homeownership Month — the Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development and its community partners will host three virtual events at no cost for people interested in learning more about owning a home in Loudoun County.



June 2022
Homeownership Month

Learn more about homeownership
at our free, virtual events!

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These workshops will provide information on Loudoun County homebuyer programs, financial literacy and a general housing market update. Information on the next workshop is listed below.

Loudoun County Housing Market Update

Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

- Join representatives from the Dulles Area Association of REALTORS® for a report on the Loudoun housing market.

Registration is required for the workshops. For detailed information about each event and to register, and for more information about Loudoun County's housing programs, visit loudoun.gov/housing.

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

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

Free Classes in June 2022

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



Register: 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. Remaining classes for June 2022 is as follows:

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:

- June 24: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- June 27: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

For More Information

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](#).

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