



Updates & Important Information JULY 6, 2022

THIS WEEKEND: Loudoun County, Prevention Alliance of Loudoun Host Summer Wellness Fest July 9



Loudoun County, in partnership with the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL), will host the inaugural Summer Wellness Fest on Saturday, July 9, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Sterling Community Center, 120

Enterprise Street in Sterling.

The Summer Wellness Fest is free and open to everyone and all ages. The event will feature music, food trucks, games, arts and crafts, and a variety of health and wellness vendors to offer members of the community the opportunity to learn about and connect with services over the summer.

Some of the participating agencies, organizations and vendors include:

- Aria Yoga and Wellness Center
- Bach to Rock

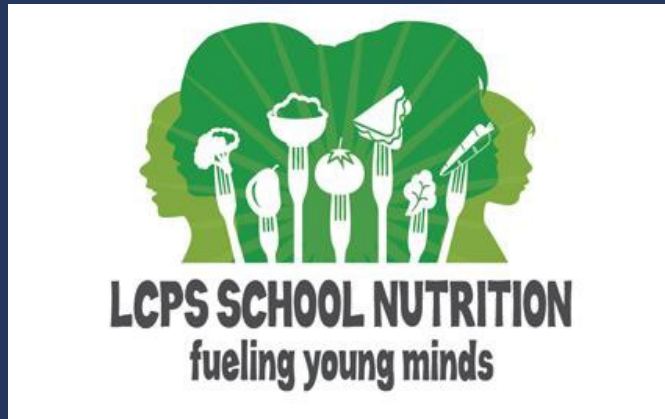
- Bike Loudoun
- Brown Beauties, LLC
- Equality Loudoun
- Global Local
- Inova Community Health
- Inova Nutritional Programs - Healthy Plate Club
- Just Neighbors
- Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter
- Loudoun County Department of Family Services
- Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, & Developmental Services
- Loudoun County Fire & Rescue
- Loudoun County Health Department
- Loudoun County Public Schools
- Loudoun Literacy Council
- Mr. Falafel Inc.
- Northern Virginia Community College

PAL is a coalition of youth, parents, Loudoun County agencies, faith-based organizations, and other community stakeholders dedicated to mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention efforts. PAL leadership board members include representatives of the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, Loudoun County Public Schools, Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Control Program and Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth. For more information on PAL, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or [send an email](#).

For more information on services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsads or call 703-771-5155.

LCPS Summer Meal Program Expands to Offer Meal Pick-Up at 22 Food Distribution Sites

Beginning Monday, July 11th, 16 Loudoun County Public Schools high schools will be serving as meal kit distribution sites, as well as the previously announced school locations. All LCPS high schools except North Star, Academies of Loudoun, and Heritage High will be serving as meal distribution sites through Monday, August 8.



High schools that will serve as meal kit distribution locations are: Briar Woods, Broad Run, Dominion, Freedom, Independence, John Champe, Lightridge, Loudoun County, Loudoun Valley, Park View, Potomac Falls, Riverside, Rock Ridge, Stone Bridge, Tuscarora and Woodgrove.

The following previously announced sites will continue to serve as meal kit distribution sites through Monday, August 8: Banneker Elementary School, Farmwell Station Middle School, Leesburg Elementary School, Rolling Ridge Elementary School, Sterling Elementary School and Sugarland Elementary School.

Meal kits may be picked up on Mondays through 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.

Date & Time for Distributions at All Locations

- 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.

The sites will distribute meal kits on Mondays from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. through August 8.

Loudoun County Publishes Digital Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Story

Learn about the Loudoun County FY 2023 budget & how it affects you.



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loudoun.gov/budgetstory

Loudoun County has published a digital [Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Story](#) that highlights county programs and spotlights some of the ways the county puts tax dollars to work.

In the FY 2023 Budget Story, the county explains how its \$3.5 billion budget

affects Loudoun residents and businesses, including how new programs and resources will serve residents and businesses in the coming fiscal year. The FY 2023 Budget Story also highlights selected projects from the Capital Improvement Program.

The digital publication serves as a companion piece to the county's Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget and provides an additional resource for Loudoun residents and businesses to learn about the county's budget.

The FY 2023 budget went into effect July 1, 2022. The adopted budget document and details about the budget process are online at loudoun.gov/budget.

Metro Service Updates

**More Affordable Unlimited
Metrorail and Metrobus Passes
Now on Sale; Weeknight \$2
Metrorail Fares**

Metro recently announced that lower-priced unlimited Metrorail and Metrobus monthly passes are now on sale for travel beginning July 1, providing more flexibility and value to customers who may no longer be commuting five days a week.

Effective Monday, June 27, all customers traveling on Metrorail after 9:30 p.m. on weekdays will benefit from a flat fare of \$2 per one-way trip.

“As gas prices remain high and people continue to increase travel and commute to work more often, lowering the price of unlimited passes makes Metrorail and Metrobus an even more attractive option for work and pleasure travel throughout the region,” said Metro Board Chair Paul C. Smedberg.

“Metro is giving customers even more value with a flat Metrorail fare of \$2 per one-way trip after 9:30 p.m. beginning Monday, June 27, providing a welcome savings to service workers and those using Metro to get to and from nightlife attractions across the region.”

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Metro Testing Silver Line Extension, Has Target Date for New
Service**

Metro is testing the extension of the Silver Line to Dulles International Airport after Metro taking control of the project last week.

Halloween is the target date for when the six new stations will open, sources said.

The project is about four years behind schedule. Both phases of the project were constructed by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, with the first phase being constructed in 2014.



The second phase of the Silver Line includes six new stations in Northern Virginia: Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center, Dulles international Airport, Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn.

[More Information](#)

REMINDER: Apply to Loudoun's \$150,000 "Shark Tank" Business Pitch Competition



Every successful business starts with a good idea and the funding to make it happen. That's why the Loudoun Economic Development Authority and Department of Economic Development are once again opening

the stage (and wallets) to entrepreneurs dedicated to investment in Loudoun County.

In this third year of the Loudoun Innovation Challenge business pitch competition, a total of \$150,000 in grants will be awarded. This contest has introduced us to outstanding innovators in every industry and corner of the county, resulting in a plethora of #LoudounPossible success stories.

Winners for this year's challenge will be selected from the following categories:

- **Innovation Challenge Grand Prize Winner (\$40,000):** the business with the top overall scores, regardless of industry.
- **Agri-Tech Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses developing technology that improves yield, efficiency or profitability for agriculture, horticulture or aquaculture businesses and growers.
- **Information and Communications Technology Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses providing technology that allows people and organizations to better interact with the digital world.

- **Clean Energy Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses developing renewable, less environmentally invasive forms of power, including solar, wind, water, geothermal, bioenergy, natural gas and nuclear.
- **Highly-Specialized Manufacturing Innovation (\$25,000):** businesses improving quality control, shop floor management, inventory management and worker training processes and designs, which increase quality or productivity.
- **People's Choice Award (\$10,000):** the business that receives the most votes from attendees at the live pitch event.

Following a new format this year, the 12 selected finalists will make their presentations for funding at a live, in-person pitch event on September 24, 2022. Winners will be announced at Segra Field during the Loudoun United FC vs. Detroit City matchup on October 1, 2022.

[Learn More and Apply Today](#)

Current Loudoun County Auction Features Bargains on Wide Variety of Surplus Items

From children's furniture to industrial-strength tools, the current Loudoun County surplus auction offers a wide variety of items. This month's auction features children's furniture, including wooden lockers and cubbies; a Parker hydraulic hose crimping machine with hose, dies and fittings; Dell laptops; exercise equipment; computers and other miscellaneous items.



The auction will close at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 14, 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. 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.

REMINDER: Loudoun County Animal Services Hosts Free Clinic for Pets July 12



Free Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic

JULY 12, 2022 | 10AM-2PM

Walk-In | No Appointments Needed
Open to all cats and dogs over 12 weeks old.



LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA | Animal Services |  42225 Adoption Drive Leesburg, VA 20175 | www.loudoun.gov/animals 703-777-0406

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, Loudoun County Animal Services will host a free rabies vaccination, microchip and wellness event for pets, in partnership with Banfield Pet Hospital and the Friends of Loudoun County Animal Services.

The clinic will take place at Loudoun County Animal Services, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or while supplies last, and is open to all Loudoun County residents. Rabies vaccinations, microchips, nail trims and flea/tick preventative treatments will be available for cats and dogs, at no cost to their owners. Dogs receiving vaccinations at this clinic will also receive a complimentary one-year Loudoun County dog license.

This is a drive-up clinic; no appointments are necessary. All participants are asked to remain in their vehicles with their animals and follow staff direction. Participants are asked to provide proof of residence with a piece of mail or driver's license with their current Loudoun County address on it.

All cats and dogs over 12 weeks of age are welcome to attend. Cats should be brought in secure carriers and dogs should be on a 6-foot or shorter leash (no retractable leashes). Previous vaccination records are required for those wishing to receive a 3-year vaccine. Only one-year dog licenses will be distributed at this clinic. Those wishing to purchase a 2- or 3-year license may do so online after the event at loudoun.gov/doglicense.

More information about Loudoun County Animal Services, including directions to the event, may be found at loudoun.gov/animals.

Write On! Loudoun County Public Library 2022 Adult Short Story Contest

Loudoun County Public Library's ninth annual adult writing contest for ages 19 and older has now begun. Winning and honorable mention entries will be published as a free eBook.

The results will be announced online Oct. 12 both here and on LCPL's YouTube channel. Winners will be mailed their prizes.

This program is made possible by the generous support of the [Loudoun Library Foundation](#).



Submission Requirements

- Submissions are accepted from July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022.
- Only one story per writer may be submitted and your work must be in English, original, and previously unpublished (including on the Internet) and not scheduled for publication anywhere before August 31st. A story that is unpublished but has won a monetary award in any other contest is ineligible.

- Your story should be no longer than 2,500 words and story content should be appropriate for all readers.
- Attach your Microsoft Word readable document (please do not send a PDF) to an email and send it by August 31st (11:59 p.m.) to: writeon@library.loudoun.gov with the title of your short story as the subject line.

[Learn More About Contest Requirements](#)

Update from LCPS: Launch of New Payment System for the 2022-2023 School Year



Loudoun County Public Schools is very excited to announce the launch of SchoolCash Online, a new online payment system that allows parents to pay for school-related fees, including everything from field trips to

yearbooks. As mentioned in an earlier email, SchoolCash Online will replace Online School Payments effective July 5th.

How does it work?

SchoolCash Online is the industry leader in the safe and secure management of school fees. Schools post their items and activities and assign the relevant fees to your student, so you can then make purchases online using your credit card. This allows you to keep track of the school fees that require your attention.

Register Now!

Registering for your free SchoolCash Online account takes less than two minutes! Visit <https://lcps.schoolcashionline.com/> and click "Register," and follow the simple instructions to set up your account.

If you have any difficulties registering for an account, please do not hesitate to contact the SchoolCash Online parent help desk by visiting: schoolcashionline.com/Home/Support.

Please note: SchoolCash Online is not used for meal payments. LCPS has a new meal payment system, TITAN Family Portal, that allows students to put money on an account to purchase school meals or other food items in our school cafeterias. You will receive a separate email with details about this new meal payment tool in a few days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our Business and Finance Team at: lcpsaf@lcps.org.

Sterling Boulevard Quarterly Cleanup July 30th

Several times a year community members and volunteers tidy Sterling Boulevard, removing litter from the medians and communal areas.

Join the Sterling Foundation on Saturday, July 30th for their next Sterling Boulevard Quarterly Clean Up event from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm.

Safety vests, orange trash bags and pick-up sticks (while supplies last) are provided by Keep Loudoun Beautiful for the event.

Volunteers will meet at 8:45am at Briar Patch Park to collect trash bags and receive an assignment. There will be some safety vests available, but consider wearing a bright color to be safe when walking across Sterling Boulevard into the medians.

Any time commitment is appreciated, and generally volunteers will end their cleanup efforts around noon and gather at Joe's Restaurant in Sterling Park for pizza provided by the Sterling Foundation.

Volunteer hours can be verified upon request.



[Get More Information](#)

The Sterling Playmakers Present: Ragtime the Musical



Details

Dates: July 29-31,
August 5-7, & August 12-
14, 2022

Location: The Theatre at
Potomac Falls High
School

Times:

Fridays/Saturdays at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm

About

This sweeping musical portrait of early-twentieth-century America tells the story of three families in pursuit of the American Dream.

Written by the award-winning composer/lyricist team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens (*Once on This Island*, *Seussical* and *Lucky Stiff*), noted playwright Terrence McNally, and based on E.L. Doctorow's distinguished novel, *Ragtime* is the winner of the 1998 Tony Awards for Best Score, Book and Orchestrations, and both the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical and Best Score. Called by *TIME Magazine* "A triumph for the stage," and by the *International Herald Tribune* "the best musical in twenty years," this acclaimed musical is filled with pageantry, emotion and hope, bursting onto the stage like no other musical.

At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing... and anything is possible. Set in the volatile melting pot of turn-of-the-century New York, three distinctly American tales are woven together – that of a stifled upper-class wife, a determined Jewish immigrant and a daring young Harlem musician – united by their courage, compassion and belief in the promise of the future. Together, they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to live in America.

The beautiful, Tony-winning score is just as diverse as the melting pot of America itself, drawing upon many musical styles, from the ragtime rhythms of Harlem and Tin Pan Alley to the klezmer of the Lower East Side, from bold brass band marches to delicate waltzes, from up-tempo banjo tunes to period parlor songs and expansive anthems. A truly unique and powerful portrait of America, Ragtime is sure to inspire actors and audiences alike!

This musical contains words of a racially sensitive nature and may not be appropriate for all audiences.

[Learn More and Purchase Tickets in Advance](#)

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