



NEWSFLASH
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Silver Line Opening Community Celebration
Set for Saturday, November 19



Loudoun County invites the community to join in a free celebration of the opening of the Silver Line Metrorail extension **Saturday, November 19, 2022, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.** at Loudoun Station, 43751 Central Station Drive in Ashburn.

Loudoun County and Comstock are co-hosting the “The Silver Line Metro Celebration,” a free, family-friendly street festival, which will include live music by The Legwarmers, food trucks and activities for all ages, such as balloon artists, glitter tattoos, moon bounce, touch-a-truck and bus and more. In addition, Loudoun County government agencies, Metro and community partners will be on hand at the festival with informational resources and giveaways.

Members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and other officials will take the event’s main stage at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the opening of the Silver

Line. The event is open to everyone and provides an opportunity to learn more about the arrival of Metrorail in Loudoun County, including how to ride Metro, access Silver Line bus routes and commuting options, as well as entertain the whole family on a Saturday afternoon.

The festival comes just days after the long-awaited opening of the Silver Line Metrorail extension in Loudoun November 15, and the beginning of passenger service to and from the three new Metrorail stations in Loudoun — the Ashburn, Loudoun Gateway and Dulles Airport stations. The celebration is taking place in the Loudoun Station community, which is adjacent to the new Ashburn Metrorail Station.

More Information

More information about the Metrorail Silver Line extension in Loudoun County is online at loudoun.gov/silverline.

Final Household Hazardous Waste Event of 2022 is November 19 in Sterling

The final Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event of 2022 is scheduled for **Saturday, November 19, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**, at Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. Loudoun residents are welcome to bring HHW from their homes to the event, free of charge.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Sat., Nov. 19, 2022

Claude Moore Park

46150 Loudoun Park Lane

Sterling

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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loudoun.gov/hhw

Event Procedures

Because of safety concerns related to the handling of various types of hazardous materials, the events feature a drive-through process in which residents are instructed to remain in their vehicles and allow event staff to unload any items

accepted for disposal. To ensure everyone remains in their vehicle while at the point of service, items must not be in sealed or tied plastic bags. Staff are not allowed to open any plastic bag containing HHW.

Future Loudoun County HHW Events (All events are from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.)

- The next HHW event is scheduled to be held in March 2023. Once the date is available, it will be posted at loudoun.gov/hhw.

HHW Contact Information

For more information about the Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste Program, call 703-771-5500 or visit loudoun.gov/hhw.

Four Things to Know about the Opening of the Silver Line Metrorail Extension in Loudoun County



With the official opening of the Silver Line extension, here are four things to know about riding Metrorail in Loudoun.

#1) Three New Stations: Loudoun County has three new Metrorail stations: Ashburn, Loudoun

Gateway and Washington Dulles International Airport. More information about each station, including video tours, may be found at loudoun.gov/silverlinestations.

#2) Metro Parking: Need to park your car or bike before you hop on a train? The Metro parking garages in Loudoun feature electric vehicle charging stations, bike racks, daily parking and reserved parking. Loudoun County operates the

Ashburn South and Loudoun Gateway garages. The Ashburn North garage, which is operated privately, is also an option for commuters.

#3) New Bus Routes: Beginning Wednesday, November 16, 2022, Loudoun County Transit will begin to phase in [new bus service](#) that connects riders with Metrorail, including to and from [Loudoun Park and Ride lots](#).

- Sign up to receive transit updates at loudoun.gov/rideralerts.
- View any changes to bus service at loudoun.gov/buschanges.
- Download the Transit app at loudoun.gov/transitapp to get real-time information and updates for Loudoun County Transit's bus services.

#4) Plan Your Trip: Riders can plan their trips with online tools, including [WMATA's Metro Trip Planner](#), which includes Metrorail service and bus service to and from Metrorail stations. You can also use the planner to calculate your fare, which is based on the service, ride length, day, and time you ride. Purchase a [SmarTrip®](#) card, which is the easiest method to pay Metrorail fares.

For More Information

Everything Loudoun residents need to know to use Metrorail's Silver Line extension is online at loudoun.gov/silverline.

America Recycles Day 2022

This is the 26th year that America Recycles Day has been celebrated on November 15 as part of a national and regional effort to raise awareness of the environmental and economic benefits of recycling and recycled products.

Recycling diverts usable materials from disposal, reduces emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants, conserves natural resources and plays a critical role in the U.S. economy.



Recycling in Loudoun County

In 2021, 130,000 tons of material was collected in Loudoun County for recycling. More than 50% of that included bottles, cans, paper and cardboard boxes coming from homes, offices and businesses.

Loudoun County supports recycling through a variety of programs and encourages everyone to make the effort to recycle and to follow [local guidelines](#) for recycling.

[Recycling collection centers](#) are available in multiple locations for free recycling of bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

Materials that require specialized handling such as used motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, scrap metal and appliances, and yard waste are accepted for recycling at the county's [Solid Waste Management Facility](#); some fees may apply. The county also provides collection days for recycling electronics and properly disposing of household chemicals and other potentially hazardous materials.

A reminder that the final household hazardous waste collection event in 2022 is this Saturday, November 19, at Claude Moore Park in Sterling. [Find details here.](#)

For More Information

Detailed information about recycling in Loudoun County is available at loudoun.gov/recycle or by calling 703-771-5514.

**Park View High School Toy Drive and
Breakfast with Santa**



The Park View High School Toy Drive is underway!

Donations can be dropped off through Saturday, December 10th in the red, wooden donation box located in front of Park View's main doors (400 W Laurel Avenue, Sterling, VA). The preferred age range for gifts is 12 years old and under, or gift cards for older kids.

If you would like to mail items, they can be shipped directly to the school at:

Attention: Sophie Fowler
400 W Laurel Avenue
Sterling, VA 20164

Toys will be distributed to children in the Sterling community at Park View's Breakfast with Santa event on December 10th.

Breakfast with Santa

Park View's Breakfast with Santa event will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

The event will feature a variety of breakfast foods (pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, juice, etc.), photos with Santa, face painting, a coloring station, musical performances, an array of local vendors and more!

REMINDER: Loudoun County Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Now Open

The Loudoun County Hypothermia Prevention Shelter is now open for single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals, laundry and shower facilities, will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31, 2023. The shelter also provides information on other community resources, such as food, clothing, medical care, mental health care, public benefits, obtaining an ID and employment opportunities.

LOUDOUN COUNTY HYPOTHERMIA SHELTER

November 15, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Loudoun Homeless Services Center
19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg

For adults age 18 or older

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loudoun.gov/HomelessServices

The Hypothermia Prevention Shelter is located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg. Due to limited space, all guests will be asked to store personal belongings (outside of limited essential items) in secure storage on site. Note that the Loudoun County firearms ordinance prohibits firearms and ammunition in county facilities.

Free bus transportation will be provided daily at the times and locations listed below:

- Leesburg: The front of the Shenandoah Office Building, 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. Pickup time is 6:30 p.m.
- Sterling: Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House, 22365 Enterprise St. in Sterling. Pickup time is 5:30 p.m.
- For more information about transportation, call [703-771-5429](tel:703-771-5429).

The county will provide limited morning transportation from the shelter, if needed.

More information about services available to those experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County may be found at loudoun.gov/homelesservices or by calling [703-777-0420](tel:703-777-0420).

Loudoun County Announces Promotional Silver Line Bus Fare Waiver and Free Parking at Garages



During its November 15, 2022, meeting, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved waiving Metrorail station parking garage fees during the opening week of the Silver Line extension and waiving fares on the county's new Silver Line bus routes.

The temporary waiver of fees is intended to help promote the use of Metrorail's Silver Line through the temporarily free Silver Line bus service and free parking at the two county operated parking garages. Bus fare collections are waived on the Silver Line bus routes through January 2, 2023. The collection of fares on the Silver Line bus routes will resume on January 3, 2023. Paratransit bus service that offers ADA-accessible buses will also have a waived fee within three-quarters of a mile of the new routes through January 2, 2023.

In addition, parking fees at Loudoun County's two parking garages, located at Ashburn Station (South) and Loudoun Gateway Station, will be waived through November 20, 2022. Parking garage fees will begin Monday, November 21, 2022.

New Silver Line Bus Routes

The county's new Silver Line bus routes will take passengers to and from the Ashburn and Loudoun Gateway stations in Loudoun County and to and from the Innovation and Reston Town Center stations in Fairfax County.

For a complete list of the 21 new Loudoun County bus routes, the Metrorail stations they connect to, the route schedules and a summary of routes, visit loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes. Expanded service hours on these routes will be phased in over the next several months.

Members of the public will notice a new naming and numbering system of the Loudoun County bus routes, which minimizes any confusion with other jurisdictions' bus route numbering systems.

[Get More Information](#)

Adopt a Pet, LCAS Will Bake You a Pie

It's back again! Our favorite adoption promo of the year - PIES AND PETS!

Once again, Loudoun County Animal Services has found themselves find with many adult pets looking for homes, and they are seeing the length of time the animals spend at the shelter start to increase. So, from Wednesday November 16th through Sunday, November 20th, LCAS is waiving adoption fees for all pets over 1 year old!



Here is the pie portion of this concept - LCAS wants their pets to find loving homes so badly, that they are going to be baking homemade pies (pumpkin or caramel apple) and delivering them to any family in Loudoun who adopts an adult pet from November 16-20, 2022!

The bakers on the LCAS team will be hard at work Wednesday night baking away, so come in before the holiday to bring home a best friend and reserve your dessert baked by animal-loving shelter staff! A new family pet, a delicious dessert and some very thankful LCAS staff- what more is there to be thankful for?

Loudoun County Animal Shelter (LCAS)
42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 - Sunday, November 20, 2022
Adoption Hours 11:00 am.- 6:00 p.m.

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming LC-CFRS Blood Drive

A promotional graphic for a blood drive. It features a firefighter in a Santa hat and face mask holding a sign that says 'INOVA BLOOD DONOR SERVICE'. The sign also lists 'Loudoun County Fire-Rescue' and 'Blood Donor Services'. To the right, the text reads 'BLOOD DRIVE' in large red letters, followed by 'FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 9AM-3PM' and the address '751 MILLER DR SE, SUITE F, LEESBURG, VA 201'. Below this, it says 'SIGN UP TODAY!' in large red letters. A circular graphic with a map of Virginia is labeled 'GIVE LOCAL' and 'SAVE LOCAL'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'INOVA Blood Donor Services' and 'FACTOR Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response'. The background is decorated with a string of colorful Christmas ornaments and gift boxes.

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue is joining Inova Blood Donor Services to host a blood drive at the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Center for Fitness, Wellness and Support Services in Leesburg (751 Miller Drive SE, Suite F) on **Friday, December 9, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and encourages all Loudoun residents to participate.

Each year hemorrhage or uncontrolled bleeding accounts for nearly 1.9 million deaths worldwide and loss of blood is the leading cause of preventable death from injury.

As part of the innovative FACT*R (Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response) program, whole blood is now being carried on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units in both Loudoun and Arlington Counties, a first for Virginia, and the Washington D.C. Metropolitan region. The success of the FACT*R program is directly impacted by the availability of blood from Inova Blood Donor Services and your donations.

“Blood products donated through Inova stay local, right here in the Northern Virginia region, so your donation is truly an example of neighbors helping neighbors,” says System Chief Keith H. Johnson.

Sign up today to help save a life here in Northern Virginia at <https://bit.ly/LCFRDec9> or by calling 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372) and using CODE: 5245.

VCE Loudoun 4-H Teaches Students about Life Sciences with Embryology & Poultry Production Programs

Virginia Cooperative Extension - Loudoun (VCE Loudoun) 4-H celebrates a banner year for its Embryology Program, an annual program that provides first-time agricultural experiences to youth who are far removed from the sources of the food they eat. Through the program, 4-H collaborates with Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) to provide students the opportunity to observe the beginning of a life cycle of a chicken. VCE Loudoun 4-H provides fertilized eggs and teacher education; LCPS provides incubators.



In partnership with 57 Loudoun County schools, this program teaches basic biology and life science to students. This spring, nearly 18,000 students observed the beginning of the life cycle of a chicken, all while learning through a curriculum that matches Standards of Learning (SOL) criteria in living processes, investigation, and reasoning.

Beyond the SOL curriculum, teachers said that the Embryology Program helped students build life skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, resiliency, cooperation and managing feelings. Teachers also cited examples of curiosity and engagement. One teacher shared that a student with limited language use was “very engaged and vocal about this project.”

New this year, VCE Loudoun 4-H initiated a pilot Poultry Production Program that expands the scope of their annual Embryology Program with a goal to raise youths’ consciousness around food systems and food insecurity. With generous

support from the Val & Bill Tillett Foundation, VCE Loudoun 4-H raised 25 embryology chicks for production and donation to a local nonprofit, Tree of Life Ministries.

VCE Loudoun 4-H has recently received an endowment and grant from the Val & Bill Tillett Foundation. The \$100,000 endowment will fund 4-H programming, and the \$100,000 grant will fund agricultural programming, including the Poultry Production Program.

4-H is the youth development education program of Virginia Cooperative Extension, which focuses on development of life skills. Anyone who would to learn more about 4-H may contact Loudoun 4-H Extension Agent Carly Wright at [703-777-0373](tel:703-777-0373) or by [email](#).

More information about 4-H also is online at loudoun.gov/4-H.

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