



Weekly Newsflash

November 30, 2022

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue's 2022 Toys for Tots Campaign Closes Dec. 8th



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System and the Loudoun Career Firefighters Association continues their participation in the 75th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign.

"We are thrilled to once again participate in this wonderful program and have opened all of our fire and rescue stations across the County as collection points," states System Chief Keith H. Johnson. "The generosity of Loudoun's residents will help put smiles on the faces of many, many children this holiday season."

Donations can be dropped off at any of the [LC-CFRS stations](#), through December 8th, 2022, including the fire and rescue headquarters at 801 Sycolin Road in Leesburg.

If you would prefer to donate online, visit the local Loudoun County Toys for Tots webpage, <https://loudoun-va.toysfortots.org> and click on the "Donate Local" red button on the top right of the page.

For additional information, please contact the LC-CFRS Toys for Tots Coordinator, Technician Rob Boyer at [571-258-3723](tel:571-258-3723) or via email at rob.boyer@loudoun.gov.

REMINDER: 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!

Environmental Commission Seeks Nominations for Environmental Excellence Awards



The Loudoun County [Environmental Commission](#) is calling for nominations for the inaugural Environmental Excellence Awards, honoring individuals, businesses, nonprofit organizations and educators for their leadership on environmental issues. Each year, the awards will encourage a particular environmental theme;

projects that promote that theme will be awarded bonus points. For 2023, the theme will be projects that specifically impact litter prevention, education or clean up. Nominations for projects that focus on other areas of the environment are also welcome.

Award Categories

Nominations are being accepted in seven categories:

- Citizen or Community Group (examples: Nonprofit organization, club, faith-based group, etc.)
- Educator – Teacher or School employee
- Government Employee or Program/Team
- Large Business (over 100 employees)
- Lifetime Achievement (Individual)
- Small Business (under 100 employees)
- Student – Individual or Group

People and projects should be nominated for activities that took place between January 2022 and February 2023, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement award.

[Nominations can be submitted through this online form.](#)

The deadline for nominations is February 28, 2023. Winners will be notified in March with presentation of the awards scheduled for April.

[Get More Information](#)

Help Shape the Future of Transit and Commuting Services in Loudoun

Loudoun County Transit and Commuter Services is seeking community input as the county works to update the strategic plans for its transit and commuter assistance programs. Members of the public are invited to provide comments about their

transportation needs and priorities through listening sessions and an online survey. This input will help the county develop effective transportation services for the community.

Anyone interested in providing comments may do so through an online survey at loudoun.gov/transitstrategicplans as well as a series of listening sessions in November and December, including one virtual session and three in-person meetings.

Listening Sessions

- **Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 6:30 p.m.** - In-Person Listening Session, Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg.
- **Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m.** - [Virtual Public Listening Session](#): Information on how to access the meeting is available at loudoun.gov/transitstrategicplans.
- **Monday, December 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.** - In-Person Listening Session, Woodgrove High School, 36811 Alder School Road, Purcellville.
- **Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.** - In-Person Listening Session, Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn.

If you require a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or need language assistance to participate in a listening session, please contact Loudoun

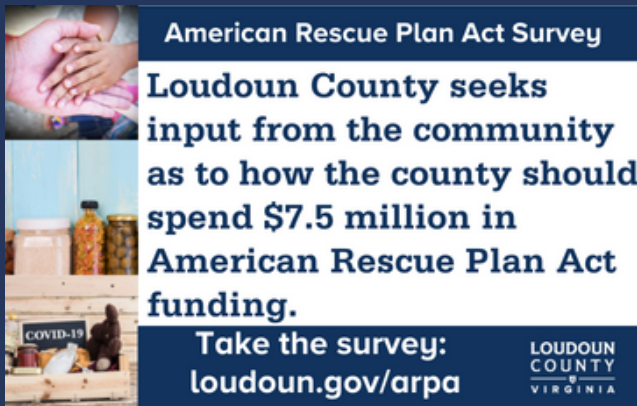


County Transit at [571-509-1469](tel:571-509-1469)/[TTY-711](tel:703-711-7111). Three business days' notice is requested.

More Information

For more information about the strategic planning process for transit service and commuter assistance, including a link to the survey, visit loudoun.gov/transitstrategicplans.

Loudoun County Invites Public Input on American Rescue Plan Act Funding Priorities

A graphic for the American Rescue Plan Act Survey. It features a collage of images: hands clasped in prayer, a person working at a computer, and a person wearing a mask. The text reads: "American Rescue Plan Act Survey", "Loudoun County seeks input from the community as to how the county should spend \$7.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding.", "Take the survey: loudoun.gov/arpa", and the Loudoun County Virginia logo.

American Rescue Plan Act Survey
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Take the survey: loudoun.gov/arpa

Loudoun County is asking residents and employers to provide input on how the county should spend \$7.5 million of the \$80 million it will receive from the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which financially supports local communities as they address the negative impacts of COVID-19 and lay

the foundation for recovery.

The survey seeks information regarding five topics:

- Business reinvestment and recovery.
- Child care.
- Economic development for small businesses.
- Nonprofit funding.
- Transportation.

Members of the public are asked to rank three topics in priority order, and then note specific areas within those topics that are most important. Residents can also add other items not already on the list. Responses to the survey will be presented to the Board of Supervisors as the Board makes decisions regarding the allocation of the remaining ARPA funds.

- [Take the survey in English.](#)
- [Take the survey in Spanish.](#)

The survey can be completed in less than 15 minutes. Responses are anonymous. *The survey will remain open through December 23, 2022.*

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Launches Veterans Treatment Docket

The Virginia Supreme Court has approved Loudoun County's application to establish a Veterans Treatment Docket, which is now scheduled to launch in December. Veterans treatment dockets are specialized court dockets led by the General District Court within the existing structure of Virginia's court system that offer



substance use and mental health treatment for eligible defendants. Loudoun's specialty docket will serve justice-involved veterans of the U.S. military branches who have mental illness or co-occurring disorders.

The Loudoun County Veterans Treatment Docket is part of the county's efforts to expand access to mental health services and to support those who served in the military. The creation of the specialty court docket for veterans is part of a broader criminal justice reform effort supported by the Board of Supervisor's 2020-2023 Strategic Initiatives.

Individuals eligible for the Loudoun County Veterans Treatment Docket include defendants who are:

- 18 years of age or older and reside in Loudoun County.
- Charged with a misdemeanor offense or felony that has been reduced to a misdemeanor.
- Experiencing mental health issues meeting the criteria of serious mental illness based on the diagnosis, intensity, and duration or meet the criteria for a co-occurring diagnosis.
- Assessed at a medium to high risk of recidivism.

- Have prior military service, regardless of discharge, within the six U.S. branches (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, or Space Force) or the National Guard.

Additional eligibility criteria may apply.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Friends of the Sterling Library Annual Book Sale

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ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sterling Library
Saturday, Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 4, noon-4 p.m.

Join us for the Friends of Sterling Library (FOSL) annual book sale. Find books, movies, music and more at rock-bottom prices! All proceeds benefit the Sterling Library. Donations of gently used books are accepted Nov. 24-Dec. 4 during regular library hours.

All Ages

Friends of the Sterling Library-FOSL is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit.

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Library Loudoun.gov

Join the Friends of the Sterling Library (FOSL) for their annual book sale on Saturday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 4th.

You can find books, movies, music and more at rock-bottom prices! All proceeds will go to the Sterling Library.

If you would like to donate toward the book sale, gently used books will be accepted through Sunday, December 4, 2022 during regular library hours.

FOSL could also use a hand with sorting donation items and welcome volunteers who wish to help organize items ahead of the

sale event. If you are interested, please visit the Sterling Library conference room during regular hours, where donation boxes are labeled by fiction and non-fiction categories.

For questions or more information, please contact FOSL at friendsofthesterlinglibrary@gmail.com or on their [Facebook page](#).

Loudoun County Transit Announces Opening of Dulles Transit Center Park and Ride Dec. 5

Effective December 5, 2022, Loudoun County Transit will close the Dulles North Transit Center and move services to the new Dulles Transit Center Park and Ride lot located at 23200 Pacific Boulevard in Sterling to better meet passenger needs.

The new Dulles Transit Center lot provides 1,167 total parking spaces, 23 accessible parking spaces that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, three bus bays, bus shelters with benches and bicycle lockers. The opening of the new lot and closing of the old lot will have the following impacts for bus passengers and commuters:

- All park and ride lot services, such as free parking and bus service, will no longer be provided at the Dulles North Transit Center. Directional signage at the lot will inform passengers about the closures and alternative service locations.
- All bus routes previously serving passengers at the Dulles North Transit Center, including Routes 481, 482, 484, 486, 881, 882, 884 and 886, will now serve passengers at the new Dulles Transit Center.

Details on service changes as well as current schedules may be found at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

Park and ride lots located throughout Loudoun County provide free daytime parking for carpools, vanpools, commuter bus and local bus riders. More information about park and ride lots, including locations and services, is provided at loudoun.gov/parkandridelots.



Virginia Telecommunications Initiative Broadband Project Continues in Loudoun

Broadband Expansion Update

Construction activities to begin early 2023, expanding service to 8,600 unserved addresses.



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loudoun.gov/broadbandexpansion

Residents and businesses in areas of Loudoun that are part of the county's Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) broadband project with All Points Broadband (APB) might see crews working after the beginning of the year. Preliminary planning, permitting and other less visible activities are

underway, with fiber installation on utility poles expected to begin the first quarter of 2023. Completion of all connections is expected to take 24-30 months.

The news was delivered to the Board of Supervisors as part of a quarterly update about the county's overall Emergency Broadband Implementation Plan.

A \$17.5 million grant from the state is supporting plans to connect more than 8,600 unserved residents and businesses in Loudoun County to broadband service. Residents living in those areas of the county are encouraged to register for the planned expansion; however, registration is not required.

Those who have not done so may determine whether their address is included in the VATI broadband project area and register at [APB Fiber - All Points Broadband](#). More information about the project is available at loudoun.gov/broadbandexpansion.

[Read the Full Press Release and Learn More About the VATI Grant](#)

**Second-Half Real Property Tax Deadline is
December 5, 2022**

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the second-half real property tax is Monday, December 5, 2022.

Note that payments received or postmarked after December 5, 2022, will incur a 10% penalty and interest. Any penalty, when assessed, will become part of the tax with interest accruing on both the tax and penalty at a rate of 10% annually. 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.

Contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280) or by [email](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov) if you have not received your bill or if there are any questions. Stay up to date on tax information by subscribing to the Tax Notices category of Alert Loudoun at loudoun.gov/alert. You can also text the word "TAXES" to [888777](tel:888777) to receive text messages about tax-related information, including upcoming deadlines. Please note: Additional message and data rates may apply.

For information regarding Real Property Tax Relief for the Elderly or for Disabled Persons, contact the Tax Exemption and Deferrals Division of the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office by [email](mailto:taxrelief@loudoun.gov), by phone at [703-737-8557](tel:703-737-8557) or visit loudoun.gov/taxrelief.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Real Estate Tax Deadline



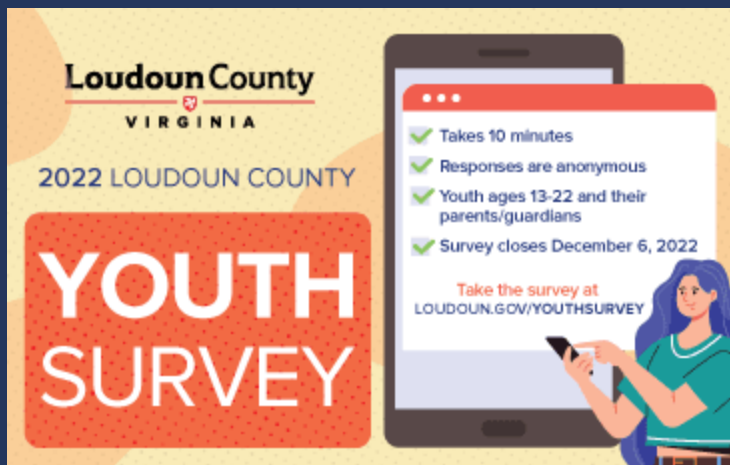
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For payment options, visit:
loudoun.gov/taxes

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Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280
Email: taxes@loudoun.gov

**REMINDER: Loudoun County Youth Survey
Closes Dec. 6th**



The Loudoun County Advisory Commission on Youth (ACOY) is conducting a survey to gather information that will help inform county leaders when making decisions about services and programs designed to meet the needs of young people in the community.

The survey is intended for youth in Loudoun County ages 13-22 and their parents or guardians. The survey consists of 25 questions and is expected to take about ten minutes to complete.

The survey covers four topic areas:

- Activities and interests.
- Drug and alcohol use.
- Mental health and stress management.
- Online access and activity.

Responses are anonymous. Participants are not required to provide any individually identifying information such as their name, home address, birth date, IP address, etc.

- [Take the survey in English.](#)
- [Take the survey in Spanish.](#)

The survey is open through Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Information gathered from the survey will be used to inform ACOY's "State of Loudoun Youth" annual report to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

Board of Supervisors Recognizes Winners of 2022 "Signatures of Loudoun Design Excellence Awards"

The Loudoun County Design Cabinet, a volunteer group of architects, engineers, planners, and designers dedicated to supporting quality design in Loudoun County, presented the 2022 "Signatures of Loudoun" design awards at the Board of Supervisors meeting November 15, 2022.



The awards program, now in its 18th year, recognizes businesses and community organizations that choose superior design standards in building, renovating or expanding a project. Each year, the community is invited to submit nominations, which are voted on by the cabinet.

This year's awardees are:

- **Familiar Award: Lucketts Fire and Rescue Station** (Kiran Parikh, Loudoun County; Chief Keith Johnson, Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System; Chris Roman, architect, Moseley Architects; Waynesboro Construction Company)
- **Infrastructure Award: ReThink9 Hillsboro Traffic Calming, Pedestrian Safety, Infrastructure** (Mayor Roger L. Vance, Town of Hillsboro; Vice Mayor Amy Marasco, deputy project manager, Town of Hillsboro; Volkert Engineering)
- **Interiors Award: Lightridge High School** (Meagan Jancy, architect, MTFA Architecture; Michael Foster, MTFA Architecture; Loudoun County Public Schools; Howard Shockey & Sons Construction, general contractor)
- **Legends Award: VCE Loudoun Master Gardener Demonstration Garden** (Barbara Bailey, Master Gardener volunteer coordinator, VCE Loudoun; Normalee Martin; Inge Radel; Kristin Westfall; Mame Ward; Sharon Perryman; Lorrie Greenman; Karen Salo)
- **Makeovers Award: 338 Net Zero** (Peter Burnett, owner and general contractor; Kevin Ruedisueli, architect)
- **Public Spaces Award: King Street Station Public Plaza** (Don Knutson, owner; Land Design, architect)

- **Vision in Design Award: Paul Reimers, PR Construction.** Reimers, who died in July, was recognized for his dedication to excellence in design and his commitment to the community.

More information about the awards program, including photos of the winning projects, may be found online at loudoun.gov/signaturesofloudoun.

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