



Weekly Newsflash December 8, 2022

THIS WEEKEND: Park View Breakfast with Santa Saturday Dec. 10th



Park View's Breakfast with Santa event will be held this 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!

Park View Toy Drive

The Park View High School Toy Drive will continue through this weekend. 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.

Loudoun to Offer Temporary Saturday Trash Drop-Off for Haulin' Trash Customers

Loudoun County will be offering a temporary trash drop-off service on the next two Saturdays to Loudoun residents who were customers of Haulin' Trash. The household waste-hauling company informed customers earlier this week that it would cease operations in northern Virginia effective December 1, 2022. As a result of the unexpected announcement, some customers—primarily in the eastern part of Loudoun County—have trash piling up outside their homes.



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When and Where to Drop Off Trash

On Saturday, December 3, 2022, and again on Saturday, December 10, residents may drop off household and yard waste at Park View High School, located at 400 W. Laurel Avenue in Sterling. The drop-off site will be located in a parking lot adjacent to the school's ballfields.

The drop-off site will be open on both Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

What is Accepted

The temporary drop-off site will accept regular household and yard waste. Bulk waste, such as furniture, electronics and other large items, will not be accepted. Commercial waste also will not be accepted.

Recyclable materials should continue to be dropped off at the existing Sterling Park Community Recycling Center, which is also located at Park View High School. Please note that trash is not accepted at recycling centers. More information about the county's recycling centers is posted at loudoun.gov/recycle.

Cost

Any former customers of Haulin' Trash who would like to drop off trash at the temporary site will be charged a fee of \$7 for 10 bags of household and yard waste. Cash only will be accepted.

County Landfill

Residents may also choose to drop off waste and recyclables at the county's landfill, located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg. The landfill is open Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. More information about the county's landfill services is posted at loudoun.gov/landfill.

Trash Service Providers

While Loudoun County is offering emergency relief for residents who are impacted by the abrupt closure of Haulin' Trash, the county does not provide trash hauling services. Residents and homeowner associations are responsible for procuring curbside trash hauling services.

Information about trash service providers is posted on the county's website at loudoun.gov/trashserviceproviders.

- [Read this news release in Spanish](#)
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Loudoun County Encourages Residents to Participate in Community Survey



Loudoun County is asking residents to participate in The National Community Survey during the coming weeks. Loudoun County surveys its residents periodically to get their feedback on government services, the county's quality of life and priorities for government initiatives.

Loudoun is one of many communities across the United States that use this tool to help improve governmental performance, guide policy decisions, strengthen communications with community stakeholders and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

The county contracts with the National Research Center, Inc., to participate in The National Community Survey, which was developed with the assistance of the International City/County Management Association. This scientific survey allows Loudoun to make comparisons with peer counties and has been used in more than 700 jurisdictions across 46 states.

The survey includes questions about quality of life in the community, local policies, demographics, rating of local government services and residents' use of services.

Households that are selected to participate are scheduled to receive a survey invitation in the mail in mid-December. The mailing is being sent to a statistically representative sampling of 5,000 Loudoun County households. A follow-up online survey will be made available to the broader community in mid-January so that anyone who is interested may participate. Responses are anonymous and will be analyzed to gain a full understanding of the Loudoun County community.

Results of the survey are expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2023.

For more information on the 2022 Loudoun County survey, call [703-777-0539](tel:703-777-0539). To view results of previous surveys conducted by the county, visit loudoun.gov/survey.

Loudoun County Seeks Proposals from Rental Property Owners & Developers for Project-Based Vouchers

The Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development will accept proposals from December 8 through January 23, 2023, from the owners of rental properties to contract with the county for Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs).

Loudoun County is accepting proposals from rental property owners & developers for Project-Based Vouchers.



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PBVs will be awarded to rental property owners for assistance tied to specific housing units, which may be newly constructed or rehabilitated rental housing. PBVs may be awarded to the owners of affordable rental housing who provide fully accessible housing for people with disabilities, in accordance with federal regulations for accessibility and housing quality standards. Housing units that are fully accessible and compliant with Section 504 of the U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973 will be given priority.

Proposals will be evaluated based on an owner's experience and capability to manage or build rental housing as identified in the proposal. Proposals should address and include the following:

- The extent to which the project deconcentrates poverty and expands housing and economic opportunities.
- The extent to which the project fulfills a critical housing need identified in the Loudoun County [Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan](#).
- A site location near transportation, education and employment centers.

- If applicable, the extent to which services for special populations are provided on-site or in the immediate area for occupants of the property.
- Location in a census tract undergoing significant revitalization as a result of federal, state or local dollars invested in the area.
- Location in a census tract where there are meaningful opportunities for educational and economic advancement.

Proposals must be submitted electronically [by email](#) no later than 5:00 p.m., January 23, 2023. The Department of Housing & Community Development reserves the right to not award PBV contracts.

For more information about the proposal review process and submission procedures, visit loudoun.gov/projectbasedvouchers or contact Tandi Butler in the Department of Housing & Community Development by [email](#) or phone at [703-771-5204](tel:703-771-5204).

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



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

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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 Animal Services 'Home for the Holidays' Adoption Event Set for December 17

On Saturday, December 17, 2022, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host its annual fee-waived pet adoption event, Home for the Holidays, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg. Adoption fees will be waived for all available pets, which include cats, kittens, dogs, small pets and livestock.



In an effort to help as many pets as possible, LCAS is transferring in dogs and cats from overcrowded and under-resourced partner shelters throughout the region before the event.

"Animal intake numbers at many of our partner shelters are higher than they have been in three years," said Community Relations Manager Talia Czapski. "They are treading water to save lives and we want to help them. This holiday adoption event gives us the chance to offer hope and homes to animals in need."

The event will be full of holiday cheer with goodie bags for adopters and more. Santa himself will even stop by for a visit! Prospective adopters can [view available pets online](#). The standard adoption screening process still applies during this promotion; most adoptions can be completed on the same day.

All dogs, cats and rabbits adopted from LCAS are spayed or neutered and receive a microchip, which is registered to their adopter. Dogs and cats also receive age-appropriate vaccinations.

For more information about Loudoun County Animal Services, visit loudoun.gov/animals.

Home Heating Safety Tips from Loudoun Fire and Rescue



Did you know that home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of the year? From 2017 to 2019, heating was the second leading cause of all residential building fires, following cooking.

Follow these heating tips from the Loudoun

County Combined Fire and Rescue System and the [U.S. Fire Administration](#) to help prevent winter fires and stay safe this winter season:

- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room.
- Before going to sleep, ensure the fire in your fireplace is completely extinguished. NEVER close the fireplace damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.
- Let ashes cool completely before putting them in a closed metal container. Soak ashes thoroughly with water and place the container outside, a safe distance away from your home or other structures.

- If you use a portable electric space heater, plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord or surge type protector. Inspect cords for cracked or broken plugs or loose connections. Always turn off portable heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Keep children and anything that can burn at least three feet away from all heating equipment, stoves and fireplaces.
- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors. CO is an invisible, odorless gas. Heating and cooking appliances, vehicles and generators are potential sources of this "silent killer."
- Another important tip - "Close before you Doze!" A closed door can dramatically slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.

For more information on home fire safety, to schedule a free home safety assessment, or obtain information regarding our LC-CFRS smoke alarm program, visit www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms or call 703-737-8093.

Take Loudoun Home for the Holidays

There's no place like home for the holidays. Families, friends, loved ones, coworkers, and acquaintances gather to celebrate in their unique ways, bringing together different cultures, traditions, and merriments. The diversity and curiosity

of Loudoun's residents, consumers, and visitors along with the unique offerings of local farms and businesses are the foundation of #TakeLoudounHome.

When you #TakeLoudounHome, you are welcoming the craftsmanship, traditions, values, and care of the local farms and businesses that you support, into your home.

While there is no shortage of shops, markets, and boutiques, #TakeLoudounHome is much more than just a holiday shopping experience.



You are welcoming generations-old traditions as well as newly minted ones into your gatherings and gift-giving. You are keeping dollars in the local economy and reducing environmental impact. You are recognizing the workmanship, artistry, and skill of local artists, farmers, vintners, brewmasters, innovators, crafters, curators, and creators. You are taking Loudoun home for the holidays.

Visit www.TakeLoudounHome.com to give the gift of Loudoun County this year!

LC-CFRS Blood Drive Friday Dec. 9th

BLOOD DRIVE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022 9AM-3PM
751 MILLER DR SE, SUITE F
LEESBURG, VA 201

SIGN UP TODAY!

<https://bit.ly/LCFRDec9>
or 1-866-BLOODSAVES
(1-866-256-6372) CODE: 5245

INOVA Blood Donor Services
FACTO Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response

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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.

Next Session of Loudoun Online Initiative to Develop Fatherhood Skills Begins January 10

The next session of the program sponsored by Loudoun County to help fathers build skills to become even stronger dads begins Tuesday, January 10, 2023. All fathers are welcome to attend the free, 12-week virtual program.

Area fathers are encouraged to register for the National Fatherhood Initiative's 24/7 Dad® program to strengthen their relationships with their children. The virtual workshops will take place weekly on Tuesdays, beginning January 10, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Early registration is encouraged as space is limited.

Developed by parenting experts, the 24/7 Dad program teaches fathering techniques and strategies, provides fathers with peer support and guidance and allows fathers the opportunity to discover their own parenting strengths.

To register, [sign up online](#) or contact Luther Miller of the Loudoun County Department of Family Services [by email](#) or by phone at [703-737-8188](tel:703-737-8188). Information is also available at loudoun.gov/fatherhood.

If you require an accommodation to participate in this program, contact the department at [703-737-8237](tel:703-737-8237). Three days' notice is requested.

NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE™

A free 12-week program

VIRTUAL Meetings

Tuesdays | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Starting January 10, 2023

*Register early!
Space is limited!*



Build your skills to become an even stronger dad.

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Register now: loudoun.gov/fatherhood

Loudoun Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs for December

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

New Classes in Nov & Dec 2022

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



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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 remaining classes for December 2022 is as follows:

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. The training also teaches the skills that someone needs to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. 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 training of Adult Mental Health First Aid will be held:

- December 15 & 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. each day. The in-person training will be at the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services office at 906 Trailview Boulevard SE, Leesburg, Aspen Room.

The next training of Youth Mental Health First Aid will be held:

- December 8 & 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day. The in-person training will be at the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services office at 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, Lucketts Room.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid.

Opioid Overdose Reversal

[REVIVE!](#) is the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The training is free and anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend a training. Loudoun County offers two versions of the program - Rapid REVIVE! and Virtual REVIVE!

The next scheduled trainings will be held:

- December 12, 2022, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/revive.

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 classes will be held:

- December 13, 2022, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining.

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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