



Weekly Newsflash

January 12, 2023

Loudoun County Continuum of Care Conducting Annual Point-in-Time Count

The Loudoun County Continuum of Care, along with jurisdictions that make up the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, is preparing to conduct the annual Point-in-Time Count of people in the community experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness. The count is scheduled to be conducted the night of Wednesday, January 25, 2023. In the event of inclement weather, the count will be rescheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

Loudoun Continuum of Care Point-in-Time Count

The annual count of people in the community experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness is to be conducted in Loudoun 1/25/23.

 loudoun.gov/pointintime

The Point-in-Time Count, which is conducted locally and nationally, is intended to provide a single-day snapshot of a community's homeless population as well as households that may be on the brink of becoming homeless.

During the count, members of the Continuum of Care Street Outreach teams along with staff from local nonprofits will canvass the county to assist anyone

who is unsheltered by providing resources and information on programs and services. Local law enforcement personnel and mental health clinicians will also assist with outreach efforts across the county. The count will be conducted safely with all staff following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including wearing face coverings and practicing social distancing.

Key benefits of the Point-in-Time Count include:

- **Communitywide Assessment:** The Point-in-Time Count includes outreach to a wide range of people, including young adults ages 18-24, veterans, people over 60, families and others.
- **Increased Awareness:** The count encompasses all areas of Loudoun County with targeted outreach to rural areas to ensure a connection for needed community resources.
- **Program Development:** Results from the Point-in-Time Count contribute to data-driven decision-making for specific types of housing needs and areas of program development.
- **Racial Equity Analysis:** The Loudoun County Continuum of Care is participating in a regional project with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and other Continuums of Care across the region to analyze and address racial equity in homeless services.

For More Information

- Anyone who has questions about the Point-in-Time Count should contact Loudoun Continuum of Care Coordinator Corinne Wyss at [703-737-8416](tel:703-737-8416) or [by email](#).
- To get connected to health and human services information and resources in Loudoun County, including coordinated entry for housing and homeless assistance, contact the Loudoun County Information and Referral program at [703-777-0420](tel:703-777-0420).
- The [Loudoun Continuum of Care](#) is a partnership between local government, nonprofit agencies, the public school system, health care providers, faith-based organizations and others who work together to address the needs of those experiencing housing instability or homelessness in Loudoun County.
- More information about the Point-in-Time Count is online at loudoun.gov/pointintime.

Loudoun to Host Job Fair January 21, 2023



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a Loudoun Job Fair on Saturday, January 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling.

The Loudoun Job Fair will feature more than 30 local

employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County. Immediate opportunities are available in the fields of aviation/transportation, construction, education, government, health care, home health, hospitality, juvenile justice, landscaping, nonprofits, retail, security and staffing.

Job seekers are encouraged to prepare for the fair:

- Attend an in-person or virtual preparatory workshop:
 - "Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair."
 - Register at loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops.
- Get a free copy of "Turn a Job Fair Into a Job Offer:"
 - Call 703-777-0150 or [email the Workforce Resource Center](mailto:info@loudoun.gov).
- Dress professionally and bring multiple resume copies to the job fair.

Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at loudoun.gov/loudounjobfair to receive reminders and updates.

Anyone who requires an accommodation for any disability in order to participate, including language assistance, should contact the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center at 703-777-0150. Three days' notice is requested.

For more information, contact the center at 703-777-0150 or visit loudoun.gov/wrc.

Labor Action May Impact Loudoun County Transit Bus Service Beginning January 11

Loudoun County has been notified by the county's bus contractor, Keolis, that a labor action may occur beginning on the morning of Wednesday, January 11, 2023. As a result, the county's bus services may be impacted.

The number of bus routes that are impacted cannot be predicted. Loudoun County Transit Services is actively working to have as many routes as possible remain operational while also prioritizing paratransit services. It is unknown how long any labor action could impact Loudoun County bus services.

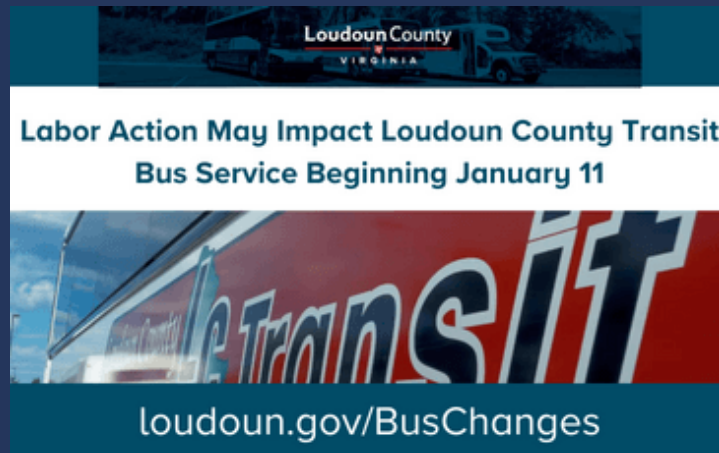
Riders of Loudoun County transit buses should plan for the potential disruption in services and any impact that service disruptions may have on their travels throughout the county.

Stay Informed About Changes

Riders should stay informed about any changes to the county's bus services, which will be announced as quickly as possible at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

Bus passengers are advised to check this webpage frequently for updates.

Riders may also subscribe to bus rider alerts at loudoun.gov/busbiz to stay informed about bus service changes.



Loudoun County Health Sterling Booster Event January 21st

Free Pfizer COVID Bivalent Boosters



For people ages 5 and up

Must be at least 2 months since completing the COVID primary series or getting a monovalent booster

Saturday,
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Sterling Community Center

11:00 AM
- 3:00 PM

120 Enterprise Street
Sterling, VA 20164

Walk-in only

No identification (ID) necessary

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well-being of all people in Virginia.

Need a bivalent booster? Join the Loudoun County Health Department at the Sterling Community Center on Saturday, January 21, 2023 between 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

Anyone 5 years of age and older is eligible to receive an updated booster 2 months after their last COVID-19 dose (either a completed primary series or last monovalent booster).

Appointments will not be available as the event is walk-in only.

Only the Pfizer vaccination will be available.

Misplaced Your Vaccine Card?

For vaccine card replacement, use the [Vaccination Record Request Portal](#) to view and print a record of your COVID-19 vaccinations or call the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) Help Desk at (866) 375-9795 between 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday for assistance.

Have Questions?

- [Email the Loudoun County Health Department](#)
- Call the Health Department's COVID-19 information line: **703-737-8300**
 - Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except county holidays)
- Call the Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 hotline: **877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682)**
 - Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TONIGHT: VCE Loudoun Master Gardeners Present: Hard to See, but the Spotted Lanternfly is Still Here

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is still a threat, even despite the chill of winter. Knowing the SLF life cycle and understanding 200 Growing Degree Days (GDD) helps us determine how to proactively target the SLF. At this virtual event, we will train our eyes to spot SLF egg masses in the wild! Learn how to identify the Spotted Lanternfly's egg masses and discover steps you can take to reduce SLF's impact in Loudoun County.



Hard to See, but the Spotted Lanternfly is Still Here

Part of VCE Loudoun Master Gardener's Free Virtual Lecture Series

- January 12, 2023
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Hosted by Loudoun County Public Library

Event Details:

- To View the Event: [Event Link](#)
- Password: LCPL

Speaker Bio:

Beth Sastre has served Loudoun County growers as VCE Loudoun's Commercial Horticulturalist for more than ten years. Her work experience includes horticulture, propagation, entomology, fungi microbiology, postharvest physiology, Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), lab research, extension, and educational programs. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy from the Universidad Autonoma Agraria Antonio Narro (UAAAN-UL), and a Master's Degree in Nutrition and Postharvest

Physiology at the Food & Development Research Center (CIAD) in Hermosillo, MX.

- [Hard to See, but the Spotted Lanternfly is Still Here: Check Out The Event Flyer! \(PDF\)](#)

Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in January and February

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

New Classes Scheduled for Jan & Feb 2023

- 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 upcoming classes for January and February 2023 is as follows:

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training

The Adverse Childhood Experiences training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness and substance use problems in adulthood.

- January 25, 2023, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- February 8, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

For details and to register, visit loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining.

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 trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day.

- February 14 & 15, 2023, 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 Blvd SE, Leesburg, Aspen 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!

- January 20, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- February 13, 2023, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

REVIVE! trainings can also be scheduled upon request. 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.

- January 31, 2023, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Loudoun Landfill to Require Proof of Origin of Commercial Construction, Demolition Waste

Beginning February 1, 2023, Loudoun County will require written documentation that commercial construction and demolition waste being delivered to the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility comes from sources within Loudoun. In addition, all haulers of commercial construction and demolition waste must be pre-authorized to use the landfill.

New Landfill Requirements

Loudoun Landfill to Require Proof of Origin of Commercial Construction and Demolition Waste Beginning Feb.1, 2023



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For more information visit:
loudoun.gov/landfill

The new requirements reinforce existing county policy that only waste generated in Loudoun County is accepted at the landfill and come in response to a recent increase in the amount of commercial construction and demolition waste being delivered to the facility.

Pre-authorization forms and information about the new requirement for written documentation have been mailed to more than 200 commercial haulers, contractors, businesses and institutions that have landfill accounts and that routinely deliver commercial construction and demolition waste.

Documentation accepted at the time of delivery includes affidavits from the property owner or customer, construction permits, notice of award, work orders or signed quotes. Other forms of written documentation may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Under [Chapter 1084](#) of the Loudoun County Codified Ordinances, commercial construction and demolition waste is solid waste which is produced or generated during the construction, remodeling, or repair of pavements, houses, commercial buildings, and other structures. Construction waste includes, but is not limited to, lumber, wire, sheetrock, broken brick, shingles, glass, pipes, concrete, paving materials, and metal and plastic if they are part of the construction material or empty containers for such materials.

More information, including a link to the pre-authorization form, is available at loudoun.gov/landfill.

Board of Supervisors Funds Various Projects and Reserves with Mid-Year Budget Adjustments



On January 3, 2023, the Board of Supervisors authorized the use of unassigned General Fund balance from the Loudoun County Adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget. The \$114,561,290 fund balance includes revenue collected during the fiscal year that was not anticipated and therefore not assigned to

budgetary items and expenditure savings.

The largest portions of the balance were set aside for one-time needs of the county's capital budget. The Board directed \$40 million to the FY 2024 Capital Improvement Program, Capital Asset Presentation Program and the Debt Service Fund. Other funding decisions for FY 2023 include:

- \$31.4 million for potential county land acquisition and capital contingency purposes.
- \$0.5 million for an enhanced scope for a public safety monitoring system in school facilities.
- \$25 million to establish a contingency account for Loudoun County Public Schools' capital budget, though management of the account will remain with the county.
- \$15 million for the county's fiscal reserve, which the Board funds as part of its prudent fiscal planning.

In addition, the Board appropriated \$1.4 million to general government uses and \$1.3 million for board-directed uses, including:

- A countywide arts plan and temporary program staff (\$550,000).
- Road Renaming Business Assistance Program (\$445,250).
- Replenishment of the Conservation Easement Assistance Program (\$38,079).
- Reconciliation for Segregated Schools Study Project (\$250,000).

Additional details of these mid-year budget adjustments are available in the [FY 2022 General Fund Balance county staff report](#). Video of the [Board's discussion is online](#). Learn more about the adopted FY 2023 budget on the county's website at loudoun.gov/budget.

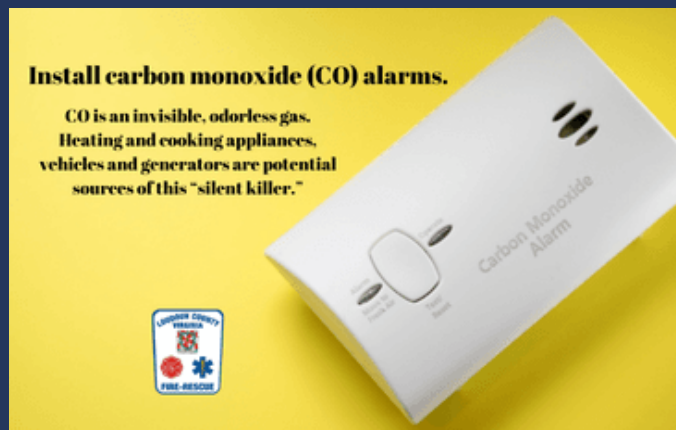
The Board has already started its annual budget development process. More information is available in the January 3 staff report, [FY 2024 Budget Development, Final Budget Guidance](#). Video of the [discussion is also online](#). The County Administrator is scheduled to present a proposed FY 2024 budget to the Board in February.

Free Smoke Alarm Assessments from Loudoun Fire and Rescue

The risk of Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning increases during winter months due to cold temperatures forcing home heating systems to run longer and more frequently. Often called the silent killer, CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane,

oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, fuel burning heating and cooking equipment when damaged or misused can be sources of CO. Other sources of CO include cars, generators, lawn mowers and grills.

CO alarms provide early warning of CO in your home. To help prevent CO poisoning, the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) recommends installing CO alarms on every level of the home if your home has fuel-burning appliances or an attached garage. ***If you show symptoms of CO poisoning, immediately move to a fresh air location, and seek medical care.*** CO poisoning symptoms include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.



Here are some important CO Alarm tips:

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- Check for low batteries during your monthly test. If the battery is low, replace it.
- Replace CO Alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location, such as outdoors or by an open window or door. Call for help from the fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.

The LC-CFRS Smoke Alarm Program offers free home safety assessments to all residents. During the free home safety assessment, personnel will check smoke alarms and CO alarms for proper placement and operation. If your smoke alarms are broken or outdated, LC-CFRS will replace them with battery powered alarms at no cost and install additional alarms as necessary.

LC-CFRS recently received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for a limited number of combination smoke and CO alarms. During the free home assessment, personnel will be able to install these combination smoke and CO alarms as needed while supplies last. If LC-CFRS personnel run out of the combination smoke and CO alarms, they can install smoke alarms where needed and provide homeowners with information on CO alarms for their home.

For more information about the program or to schedule an appointment, call the hotline [703-737-8093](tel:703-737-8093) or visit www.loudoun.gov/smokealarms and complete the online form.

It's All Write: Short Story Contest for Teens



LCPL's annual short-story contest for Grades 6-12 is back! Middle- and high-school students can submit entries below between January 1st and March 1st for a shot at cash prizes.

Winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on Saturday, May 27, from 4:00-7:00

p.m. at [Eagle Ridge Middle School](#) hosted by author [Lillie Lainoff](#).

It's All Write is sponsored by the James Horton for the Arts Trust Fund and the [Loudoun Library Foundation](#).

Please follow directions carefully. Incorrect submissions may be disqualified. Questions? Email itsallwrite@library.loudoun.gov.

Submission Requirements

- Accepted works include: Fiction, narrative nonfiction, stories-in-verse
- Unaccepted works include: Poetry anthologies, fanfiction
- Submission deadline: March 1
- Format requirements: Microsoft Word-readable document or PDF
- Length: 2,500 words or less
- Spacing: Double
- Margins: 1-inch
- Font: Arial, 12 point
- Document name:
- Your school level (MIDDLE or HIGH) followed by the story title
- Example: HIGH The End of the Road.doc
- DO NOT include your name in the file name.

[Get More Information](#)

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