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**Weekly Newsflash**  
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**Loudoun County to Distribute \$10 Million in American Rescue Plan Act Grants**



**American Rescue Plan Act  
NONPROFIT FUNDING**

Loudoun County has allocated another round of ARPA funding to support nonprofit organizations working to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Loudoun residents.



**[loudoun.gov/arpa](https://loudoun.gov/arpa)**

During its February 21, 2023, meeting the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors authorized the distribution of nearly \$10 million in grants from the county’s share of the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, which financially supports local communities as they address the negative

impacts of COVID-19 and lay the foundation for recovery.

**Nonprofit Funding**

Following the Board’s direction for utilizing ARPA funds, the county accepted requests in September and October 2022 from local organizations seeking funding for programs that are mitigating the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board allocated nearly \$2.25 million to 13 nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County:

#### Financial/Employment

- Crossroads Jobs – \$14,361
- Northern Virginia Family Service – \$358,373

#### Food Assistance

- Dulles Food Pantry – \$27,527
- Loudoun Education Foundation – \$12,960
- Loudoun Hunger Relief – \$420,000
- Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers – \$4,860
- Mobile Hope – \$297,387
- Seven Loaves Services – \$16,200
- Tree of Life Ministries – \$148,577

#### Mental Health

- A Place To Be – \$286,200
- INMED USA – \$269,187
- LAWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services – \$146,621

#### Utility Assistance

- Loudoun Cares – \$243,042

In addition, \$250,000 was designated for the county to conduct a childcare needs assessment to identify challenges working families have when placing their children in childcare and for childcare provider training.

### **Community Input for Nonprofit Funding**

The distribution of ARPA funds to nonprofit organizations was informed by an outreach effort that included an online survey and several public information meetings and listening sessions hosted by the county for the nonprofit community. The county received 27 applications from 24 organizations with requests totaling \$11.4 million. Details about the funding process may be found in the [staff report prepared for the February 21 meeting](#).

### **Reserve Funding**

The Board also allocated \$7.5 million in reserve ARPA funding for county projects related to business reinvestment, childcare, community support services, housing, small business reinvestment and transportation.

- Childcare Funding: \$2 million
- Housing Information Management System Maintenance: \$1.5 million
- Small Business Support: \$450,000
- Transformational Initiatives for Resident Support: \$2.55 million

- Transportation & Capital Infrastructure: \$1 million

### **Community Input for Reserve Funding**

The ARPA reserve funding allocations were informed by the results of a community survey, which asked residents and businesses to provide input on how to spend the \$7.5 million. The survey asked participants to rank the top three spending areas identified during the [Board of Supervisors' April 19, 2022, deliberations on how to allocate the remaining ARPA funds](#).

Transportation/capital Infrastructure was the top choice of respondents at 54%, maintaining efficient housing programs through case management was second at 45% and childcare was third with 41%.

A detailed analysis of the survey is available in the [staff report prepared for the February 21 meeting](#). The report also includes results of an internal survey of county agencies and departments.

### **For More Information**

For detailed information about ARPA coronavirus recovery funds and how they have been used in Loudoun County, visit [loudoun.gov/ARPA](http://loudoun.gov/ARPA).

## **REMINDER: Commissioner of the Revenue to Hold Real Estate & Car Tax Relief Seminars**

The Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. has scheduled free information sessions to familiarize residents with the eligibility criteria for the county's generous real estate tax and car tax relief program.

### **2023 Free Tax Relief Seminars**

**The Commissioner of the Revenue is holding information sessions about the county's real estate & car tax relief programs.**

- March 8: Cascades Library
- March 13: Purcellville Library
- March 24: Ashburn Library
- March 27: Rust Library

All sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. No appointment needed.



[loudoun.gov/taxrelief](http://loudoun.gov/taxrelief)

Homeowners 65 or older or with disabilities who are below established income and wealth limits may benefit from a reduction in the amount of property taxes they pay on their homes and cars. Qualified applicants for real estate relief must have a gross combined income less than \$77,000 and net worth less than \$920,000. Up to \$10,000 in income of a spouse or relative residing in the home is excluded from the income calculation for real estate relief. Program participants saved over \$8.4 million in real estate and vehicle property taxes in tax year 2022.

Find out about the county's tax relief program and have your questions answered at the free, upcoming sessions. No appointment or RSVP is required to attend. All sessions begin at 10:30 a.m. The schedule is as follows:

- **Wednesday, March 8, 2023 - Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls**
- Monday, March 13, 2023 – Purcellville Library, 220 East Main Street, Purcellville
- Friday, March 24, 2023 – Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn
- Monday, March 27, 2023 – Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg

Applications will be available online by February 27, 2023, at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief). Residents may also call [703-737-8557](tel:703-737-8557) to have a form mailed to them or they may pick one up at the offices of the Commissioner of the Revenue in the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg or 46000 Center Oak Plaza in Sterling.

Additional information about the program is available online at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief).

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## **Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in March**

## Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

### New Classes Scheduled for March 2023

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
- **Mental Health First Aid**
- **Opioid Overdose Reversal**



[loudoun.gov/MHSADSPrevention](https://loudoun.gov/MHSADSPrevention)

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs. All programs are free, but seats are limited and registration is required, with the exception of Rapid REVIVE! The schedule of upcoming classes for March 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. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and a question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

The next class will be held:

- March 8, 2023, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining](https://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 next training of Youth Mental Health First Aid – for adults who interact with youth – will be held:

- March 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This is a virtual training that will include a 30-minute break for lunch.

For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid](https://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! Rapid REVIVE! is available anytime. No registration is required.

- Visit [loudoun.gov/rapidrevive](https://loudoun.gov/rapidrevive) for Rapid REVIVE! in English.
- Visit [loudoun.gov/reviveespanol](https://loudoun.gov/reviveespanol) for Rapid REVIVE! in Spanish.

Virtual REVIVE! is a one-hour, scheduled training session that requires registration. The next scheduled training will be held:

- March 31, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

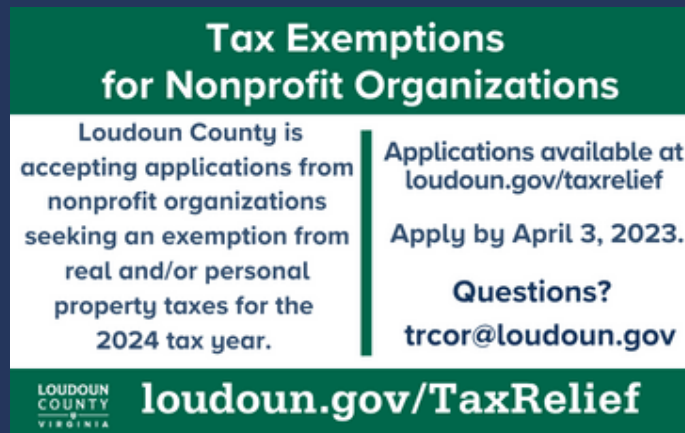
REVIVE! trainings can also be scheduled upon request. For details about the training and to register, visit [loudoun.gov/revive](https://loudoun.gov/revive).

### **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](https://loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention) or [send an email](#).

## **Loudoun County Accepting Applications from Nonprofits for Property Tax Exemptions**

The Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations seeking an exemption from Loudoun County real and/or personal property taxes for the 2024 tax year. The deadline to apply for the exemption is Monday, April 3, 2023.



**Tax Exemptions  
for Nonprofit Organizations**

Loudoun County is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations seeking an exemption from real and/or personal property taxes for the 2024 tax year.

Applications available at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](https://loudoun.gov/taxrelief)  
Apply by April 3, 2023.

Questions?  
[trcor@loudoun.gov](mailto:trcor@loudoun.gov)

LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA **loudoun.gov/TaxRelief**

Most charitable nonprofit organizations are not automatically exempt from local property taxes in the Commonwealth of Virginia, even those that may be exempt from federal income taxes. The filing of an application with the Commissioner of the Revenue is the necessary first step to obtain a local real estate or personal property tax exemption.

Completed applications should be returned to the Commissioner of the Revenue postmarked no later than April 3, 2023, for consideration this year. Any exemption, if granted, would be effective January 1, 2024.

Nonprofit organizations that have already been provided an exemption from Loudoun County property taxes need not file an application.

Organizations that are unsure of their status may contact the Exemptions and Deferrals Division of the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at [703-737-8557](tel:703-737-8557) or [by email](#) for more information.

More information, including a link to the application for property tax exemption, is available at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](http://loudoun.gov/taxrelief).

## Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Volunteer Interest Session



The flyer features a yellow background at the top with the Loudoun County Virginia and Virginia Career Works logos. Below the logos, the text reads "Volunteers Needed!" in large black font, followed by "Make a difference in your community!" in a smaller black font. A pink horizontal bar contains the text "VOLUNTEER INTEREST SESSION" in white. Below this, a dark teal bar contains the date and location: "Wednesday, March 8, 2023 10 - 11 am" and "705 East Market Street, Suite E Leesburg". The bottom half of the flyer shows a close-up photograph of several hands of different skin tones being clasped together in a supportive gesture.

A Call for Volunteers - Put your passion to work and make a difference in your community!

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a volunteer interest session on Wednesday, March 8th from 10:00am - 11:00am at [705 East Market Street, Suite E in Leesburg](#). Join the Loudoun WRC to tour the Center, meet the program staff and hear about current volunteer opportunities in support of their local job seekers and employers.

Reserve your spot today by [registering online!](#)

Date  
03/08/2023 (Wed.)

Time  
10:00AM - 11:00AM EST

Location  
Loudoun Workforce Resource Center  
705 East Market Street Suite E  
Leesburg, VA 20176

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center a program of the Department of Family Services, is a [Virginia Career Works \(PDF English\)](#) ([PDF Spanish](#)) Affiliate. The center provides no-cost resources and equipment to both job seekers and businesses. Our mission is to connect businesses and job seekers to achieve their employment goals.

Learn more about the Loudoun WRC on [their website](#).

## LCSO Partners with GotSneakers & MADD Loudoun to Collect Unwanted Sneakers

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has once again partnered with GotSneakers to help raise funds for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) of Loudoun. The request is simple: Clean out your closets of all unwanted adult and

children's paired sneakers and bring them tied together before March 31, 2023, to one of the LCSO stations, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Headquarters - 803 Sycolin Road in Leesburg
- Dulles South Public Safety Center - 25216 Loudoun County Pkwy, Chantilly

The poster features the MADD logo with the text "NO MORE VICTIMS" and the "gotsneakers?" logo. A red banner at the top right says "MARCH 1-31". The main text reads: "The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has once again partnered with GotSneakers to help raise funds for MADD Loudoun by collecting all styles and conditions of sneakers. Accepting all adult and children's paired sneakers that are tied together." Below this, a red box states: "Stop by any of our stations between 8:30 am - 5:00 pm to drop off sneakers!". To the right, a list of stations is provided: LCSO Headquarters - 803 Sycolin Road in Leesburg; Ashburn Station - 20272 Savin Hill Dr., Ashburn; Dulles South Station - 25216 Loudoun County Pkwy, Chantilly; Eastern Loudoun Station - 46620 East Frederick Dr., Sterling; Western Loudoun Station - 47 W. Loudoun St, Round Hill. At the bottom, there is a row of seven sneakers tied together in pairs.



- **Eastern Loudoun Station - 46620 East Frederick Dr., Sterling**
- Ashburn Station – 20272 Savin Hill Dr., Ashburn
- Western Loudoun Station - 47 W. Loudoun St, Round Hill

MADD Loudoun was founded in 1990 and is run by volunteers who will use the funds raised to help fight against drunk driving and drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking. Throughout each year MADD Loudoun hosts Parent Workshops, participates in Sobriety Checkpoints, and attends DUI/DUID court case trials to end drunk driving.

GotSneakers will compensate MADD Loudoun \$1 for every pair of sneakers the organization collects. The LCSO will accept all styles and conditions of sneakers. After the sneakers are collected, GotSneakers will process and distribute these sneakers around the world specifically within impoverished nations using micro-enterprise partners to help those in need. The damaged sneakers are processed and ground into surfaces for playgrounds, gym floors, tracks, outdoor courts, and synthetic turfs.

Over the past several years, the LCSO and other local businesses and organizations have collected thousands of pairs of sneakers in Loudoun County.

## REMINDER: Public Invited to Provide Comment on the Fair Housing Plan for Loudoun County

**Regional Fair Housing Plan**

Help shape the future of housing in Loudoun and the region!



- Submit comments on the draft Regional Fair Housing Plan.
- Attend a public hearing in Loudoun County 3/8/23.

**loudoun.gov/FairHousing**

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The Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development invites residents to [provide comment](#) on the draft [regional fair housing plan](#) for Loudoun County. The public comment period opened January 31, 2023, and will last until

March 31, 2023. **Residents are also encouraged to attend a public**

**hearing on March 8, 2023**, to learn more about the plan and provide feedback in person.

Loudoun County is one of eight participating jurisdictions that is working collaboratively to develop a regional fair housing plan, also known as the Regional Analysis of Impediments, to Fair Housing Choice. The process is being coordinated by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

### **Public Comment Period**

The public comment period will gather input from Loudoun County residents on the draft fair housing plan. The public comment period is open from January 31, 2023, to March 31, 2023. To submit comments:

- [Email](#)
- Phone/Voicemail: [202-962-3794](tel:202-962-3794) or TDD to [202-962-3213](tel:202-962-3213)
- Mail: MWCOG, 777 N. Capitol St, Washington, D.C. 20002, Attn: Fair Housing

### **Public Hearing**

Loudoun County will host a public hearing on March 8, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Department of Housing and Community Development office located at 106 Catoctin Circle SE in Leesburg. The meeting will be held in the Olmstead Room on the first floor. The program will include an overview of the Loudoun County sections of the fair housing plan including goals, past achievements, and data on affordable housing and barriers to fair housing in the county.

Anyone interested in speaking during the public hearing is encouraged to sign up in advance by contacting the Department of Housing and Community Development at [703-737-8323](tel:703-737-8323) or [by email](#).

To request language interpretation or accommodations for those with disabilities, please contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at [703-737-8323](tel:703-737-8323) or by [email](#). Five days' notice is requested.

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**2023 McGruff Safety Camp with LCSO**

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) are proud to announce the 35th Annual McGruff Safety Camps.

This year the McGruff Safety Camp will be held at three locations.

- **June 26 – 29**  
**Countryside Elementary School, Sterling**

- July 10 – 13 Pinebrook Elementary School, Aldie
- July 17 – 20 Evergreen Mill Elementary School, Leesburg

The camp continues to offer morning and afternoon sessions. All camps run Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. A graduation event for all campers will be held on July 21, 2023, at Bolen Park in Leesburg.

The annual McGruff Safety Camp began in the summer of 1988 and has continued every year through a joint effort between the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. The camps allow children who are entering kindergarten or first grade to learn about various topics on safety including fire safety, bicycle safety, and 911 emergencies.

Throughout the week, children in the camp have the opportunity to meet law enforcement officers and firefighters, plus a chance to see law enforcement and fire/rescue vehicles firsthand.

Applications for the 35th Annual McGruff Safety Camps will be made available at <https://bit.ly/LCMcGruffCamp2023> on **Monday, April 3, 2023, at 9 a.m.**



# Free St. Patrick's Day Lyft Rides Offered Throughout Greater Washington to Prevent Drunk Driving

Keep the Luck of the Irish Alive. Don't Drink and Drive!  
If you're celebrating St. Patrick's Day with alcohol, designate a sober driver or use WRAP's SoberRide® powered by Lyft!



## SoberRide®

Get a FREE Lyft ride home (up to \$15) on St. Patrick's Day  
Visit [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com) for code  
Limited quantities available

Enter the code in the app's 'Payment' tab under the 'Add Lyft Pass' option. Valid for up to \$15 off one ride taken home in the Washington D.C. coverage area from 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2023 until 4:00 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023. You must be 21 or older to use this service. Subject to Lyft's Terms of Service. Valid for new and existing Lyft users while supplies last. The SoberRide® code will be released to the public at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023 and can be used only during the aforementioned period.

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Some restrictions apply. See [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com) for further details or call WRAP at 703.893.0461.  
Limited quantities available. Valid for new and existing Lyft users that are 21 years of age or older. One offer per user. Valid for up to \$15 off one (1) ride taken home in the Washington, D.C. coverage area from 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2023 until 4:00 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023. Discount does not apply to cancellation fees, damage charges, or taxes. No cash value. May not be sold, transferred, or combined with other offers. Subject to Lyft's Terms of Service.

SoberRide® is a registered trademark of the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP).

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2023 St. Patrick's SoberRide® program will be in operation beginning at 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) and operate until 4:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18th as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk period.

During this twelve-hour period, area residents ages 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download the Lyft app to their phones, then enter the SoberRide® code in the app's 'Promo' section to receive their no-cost (up to \$15) safe

transportation home. WRAP's 2023 St. Patrick's Day SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 17th on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

SoberRide® is offered throughout Lyft's Washington D.C. coverage area which includes all or parts of: the District of Columbia; the Maryland counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and towns therein plus the cities of Bowie, College Park, District Heights, Gaithersburg, Glenarden, Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Laurel, Mount Ranier, New Carrollton, Rockville, Seat Pleasant and Takoma Park; and the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William and towns therein plus the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide® initiative can be found at [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

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