



Weekly Newsflash

JUNE 8, 2023

Air Quality Alert Issued for the Region

Understanding the
AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI)

Good	No health impacts expected. AQI 0-50
Moderate	Very sensitive people may wish to limit outdoor exertion. AQI 51-100
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Sensitive people should limit outdoor exertion. AQI 101-150
Unhealthy	Everyone should limit exertion outdoors. AQI 151-200
Very Unhealthy	Sensitive people should avoid all outdoor activity. AQI 201-300
Hazardous	Everyone should avoid all outdoor activity. AQI 301-500

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The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has canceled all outdoor programs and activities scheduled for Thursday, June 8, 2023, due to the [Code Purple Air Quality Alert](#) issued for Northern Virginia and the

greater metropolitan Washington, D.C. region.

All athletic fields, outdoor pools and spray pads will be closed on June 8, 2023. Residents should postpone visits to Loudoun County parks, playgrounds and other PRCS outdoor facilities due to the unhealthy air quality, caused by the smoke from wildfires in Canada.

Loudoun PRCS indoor programs provided at indoor spaces will continue as scheduled.

Loudoun PRCS regrets any inconvenience, but the safety of Loudoun County residents is of the utmost importance.

Three Things to Know about the Air Quality Alert for Loudoun & the Region

A Code Purple Air Quality Alert indicates very unhealthy air conditions for the entire public, not just those with respiratory illnesses. Health officials recommend these precautions:

- For sensitive groups, including children, older adults and people with heart or lung disease: Avoid all physical activity outdoors. Reschedule to a time when air quality is better or move activities indoors.
- For everyone else: Avoid long or intense activities. Consider rescheduling or moving activities indoors.

Here are three things residents should know about air quality:

1. Know How to Protect Yourself from Poor Air Quality

- Limit strenuous outdoor activity.
- Keep outdoor activities short.
- Consider rescheduling outdoor activities or moving them indoors.
- Avoid being outdoors if you have a respiratory or heart ailment, emphysema, asthma or chronic bronchitis.
- Avoid waiting in long drive-thru lines.
- Combine trips.

2. Know What You Can Do to Reduce Air Pollution

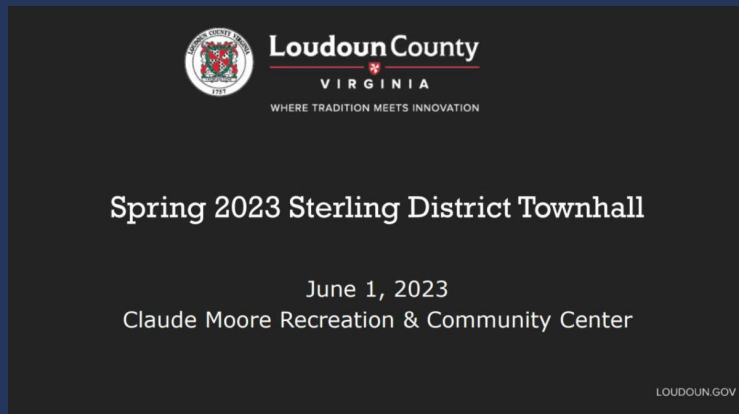
- Carpool or take public transit.
- Drive less. Avoid long drive-thru lines.
- Postpone mowing.
- Refuel vehicles after dark.

3. Stay Air Quality Aware

- Monitor local air quality forecasts offered by:
 - [AirNow](#) – a partnership of several U.S. government agencies.
 - [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#)
 - [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#)

**Sterling District Townhall Presentation Slides
Available Online**

I would like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to everyone who was able to attend last week's in-person Sterling District Town Hall event at Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center.



We were joined by staff members from the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure, as well as Zoning Enforcement.

Discussion items included:

- Recent County Initiatives & Updates
- Sterling Specific Updates
- Transportation & Infrastructure Topics
- Zoning Enforcement Topics
- How to File a Complaint
- How to Contact the Sterling District Office

For those who were unable to attend or anyone who was in attendance, but would like to review the presentation, PowerPoint slides are now [available online](#).

2023 Loudoun Juneteenth Celebration

"BURG" FAMILY REUNION CLUB PRESENTS

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12NOON TO 6PM

ADVANCE TICKET SALES \$15
BEGINS APRIL 1 AND ENDS JUNE 3
DAY OF EVENT TICKET COST \$20
11 AND UNDER ARE ADMITTED FREE
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY
VISITING BFCR WEBSITE
www.thebfcrc.com

FOOD TRUCKS
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
CRAFT VENDORS
EMCEE: MICHAEL TAYLOR
DJ: DJ HENRY
GOSPEL: HOWARD HARMONIZERS
GOSPEL: LOUDOUN COUNTY MULTI CHURCH
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CALL: 703 593 4673
FREE PARKING
IDA LEE PARK
60 IDA LEE DR LEESBURG, VA 20176

The "BURG" Family Reunion Club is pleased to announce its third annual Juneteenth Celebration 2023.

The event will be held--rain or shine--at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg (60 Ida Lee Drive) on Saturday, June 17th from 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

This family-friendly event will feature a variety of food trucks, craft vendors, musical performances, face painting, and more.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online and day-of tickets will be available for \$20. Children under the age of 11 are admitted for free. Pets are not permitted; however, service animals are welcome. Guests are also encouraged to bring their own registered tents, camp chairs and blankets for a comfortable experience.

How can I volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer for this event, please send an email to Carolyn Crisp at Carolyn.A.Crisp87@gmail.com

For questions and more information, please send an email the event sponsors to juneteenthcelebrationburg@gmail.com or call: 703 593 4673.

June is Homeownership Month: Loudoun Offers Educational Workshops

During June—Homeownership Month—the Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development and its community partners will host four virtual events at no cost for people interested in learning more about owning a home in Loudoun County.



The graphic is titled "June 2023 Homeownership Month". It features a blue header with a key icon and the text "June 2023 Homeownership Month". Below the header, it says "Learn about housing opportunities in Loudoun County and other helpful information for current and prospective homeowners during FREE virtual events in June." The main content is a light green box with four event cards, each with a date in a blue box and the event title. The events are: June 15: Affordable Dwelling Unit Purchase Program and Homeownership Loan Programs; June 21: Fire Safety and Home Escape Plans; June 22: Home Improvement and Repair Programs; and June 27: The Virginia Mortgage Relief Program. At the bottom, it says "Register at: loudoun.gov/Housing" with several logos including Loudoun County, Housing and Community Development, and others.

These workshops will provide information on Loudoun County homebuyer programs, fire safety, home improvement and repair programs, and the Virginia Mortgage Relief Program.

- **Affordable Dwelling Unit Purchase Program and Homeownership Loan Programs:** Thursday, June 15, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
 - Join the Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development for an overview of Loudoun County's Affordable Dwelling Unit Purchase Program and Homeownership Loan Programs: Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program, Public Employee Grants for Homeownership, and Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities.
- **Fire Safety and Home Escape Plans:** Wednesday: June 21, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
 - Join the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office for an overview on home fire safety and home escape plans.
- **Home Improvement and Repair Programs:** Thursday, June 22, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
 - Join the Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development for an overview of Loudoun County's Home Accessibility and Repair Program, Rental Unit Accessibility Modification Program and Granting Freedom Program.
- **The Virginia Mortgage Relief Program:** Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
 - Join Virginia Housing for an overview of the Virginia Mortgage Relief Program.

Registration is required for the workshops. Details on how to register, as well as more information about Loudoun County's housing programs, may be found at loudoun.gov/housing.

Next Session of Online Initiative to Develop Fatherhood Skills Begins July 11

NATIONAL FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE™

Free, 12-week program

VIRTUAL Meetings

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

Starts July 11, 2023

Build your skills to become
an even stronger dad.



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Register now: loudoun.gov/fatherhood

The next session of the program sponsored by Loudoun County to help fathers build skills to become even stronger dads begins Tuesday, July 11, 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 July 11, 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.

For more information and to register, visit loudoun.gov/fatherhood.

Anyone who requires an accommodation to participate in the program may contact the Department of Family Services at [703-737-8237](tel:703-737-8237). Three days' notice is requested.

REMINDER: Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center Annual Maintenance Closure

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services announces Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center is temporarily closed for annual maintenance of the facility Monday, June 5, through Sunday, June 11, 2023. The facilities gymnasium, fitness areas, climbing wall and other non-pool related features will reopen at 5:00 a.m., Monday, June 12.



The competition and leisure pools will remain closed for maintenance through Tuesday, June 13. Pool operations and water-based programs will resume Wednesday, June 14.

CASA Academy at the Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center will not be impacted by the closure.

During the annual maintenance, patrons of the facility are encouraged to visit the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center to enjoy the facility's recreational amenities, including the 25-yard by 50-meter competition pool and the leisure pool featuring a 125-foot water slide, children's play area, hot tub, vortex, lazy river, and free swim and play area. The Dulles South Recreation and Community Center is located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding. Other indoor swimming opportunities for patrons include the Round Hill Indoor Aquatic Center located at 17010 Evening Star Drive, Round Hill.

Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center is located at 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. For membership and information, visit loudoun.gov/claudemoorerec or call 571-258-3600.

Disability Services Board Calls for FAIME Award Nominations

Disability Services Board Seeks Nominations for 2023 FAIME Award



Honoring Loudoun businesses & organizations displaying a strong commitment to the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace.



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Nominate a Business/Organization:
loudoun.gov/FAIMEAwards

The Loudoun County Disability Services Board sponsors an awards program that honors businesses and organizations that display a strong commitment toward the full inclusion of people with disabilities in the workplace. Nominations are open for the 2023 Full Accessibility and Inclusion: Moving toward Equity

(FAIME) Awards, which honor businesses and organizations that go above and beyond to recruit, hire, train and promote people with disabilities and that have an inclusive workplace and business model.

Eligibility Requirements for Award Nominees

- Businesses and organizations must demonstrate a commitment to hiring people with disabilities, to providing accommodations in the workplace and to offering people with disabilities professional development opportunities so they can grow their skills.
- Nominees may be for-profit or nonprofit businesses and organizations, but may not be government agencies, nonprofits or businesses whose mission is to provide services to people with disabilities.
- Businesses and organizations may nominate themselves.

Nominations should be submitted through [this online form](#). The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, June 23, 2023.

Winners will be notified in July 2023 and an awards reception will be scheduled in October 2023, which is National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

For more information, email [Loudoun County Accessibility Manager Sahar Behboudifar](mailto:Sahar.Behboudifar@loudoun.gov), call 571-258-3282 (TTY 711) or visit loudoun.gov/FAIMEAwards.

PRCS Summer Senior Cooling Program is Underway

2023 marks the 33rd year Dominion Energy has provided numerous tools for adults 60+, for additional cooling in their homes with collaboration from the Area Agencies on Aging.

The Summer Senior Cooling program provides single-room fans, window air conditioners and now portable air conditioners to elderly Virginians who live within Dominion Energy's service area and who meet eligibility requirements and need additional cooling at home.

The program will run through October 20, 2023.

For more information, call [703-777-0257](tel:703-777-0257) or email aaa@loudoun.gov.

The mission of the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) as part of Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services is to foster independence and healthy aging, and improve the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers through comprehensive programs and services.

For more information on Loudoun AAA, visit the website loudoun.gov/aaa.



Sterling Playmakers Presents: HONK!

Sterling Playmakers
A Non-Profit Community Theatre Group in Partnership
with LCPRCS - Sterling Community Center

Produced by Lora Buckman
Directed by Liz Mykiety

HONK!

A Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling

Music by George Stiles Books and Lyrics by Anthony Drewe

July 28-30, August 4-6 & 11-13
Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 pm
Sundays at 2:00 pm

Tickets \$20

In the Theatre at Dominion High School
21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling, VA 20164

For more information call (703) 437-6117 or
visit www.sterlingplaymakers.org

Group Rates Available

HONK!
Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.
www.mtishows.com

Sterling Playmakers announces the cast of their upcoming musical HONK! A Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling. Ugly, played by Henry Waldrop, looks quite a bit different from his siblings (Amara Horton, Annabel Stein, Hannah Hillman, Annie Lian) and is feeling down, which leads him on an adventure of self-discovery where he meets a whole flock of unique characters along the way. In the end, he discovers being different is not a bad thing to be.

Sterling Playmakers is your hometown theatre for the entire community as shown by the cast made up of many

families.

Henry Waldrop (Ugly) and his mother Jane Waldrop (Ida) are excited to be playing a mother and son in the show. TJ Hillman (Turkey and Farmer voiceover) and Hannah Hillman (Downy Duckling and Froglet) are also excited to spend the summer before TJ leaves for college performing in HONK! Adam Gurson (Greyleg and Father Swan) will be on stage with his son Charlie Gurson (Barnacles, Froglet, and Boy's voiceover). Jenna Stein (Dot) is excited to be singing and acting on stage with her daughter Annabel Stein (Beaky Duckling and Froglet). Sisters Amara Horton (Billy Duckling and Froglet) and Arabella Horton (Pinkfoot and Froglet) can't wait to share the stage in their first Sterling Playmaker show.

The Playmakers will be celebrating different all summer long! Don't miss the opportunity to meet the cast and learn more about the story of the ugly duckling.

Saturday, June 24th Sterling Playmakers will be hosting **Fun on the Farm at Claude Moore Park** from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Play games, go on scavenger hunts, take a storybook stroll, dress up and take some pictures with the cast of HONK!

Tuesday, July 4th come see HONK! Perform at noon at the 4th of July celebration at Claude Moore Park.

Friday, July 7th catch the cast of HONK! at First Night Leesburg.

Saturday, July 22nd Sterling Playmakers will be hosting Fun with Fables at Ridgetop Coffee and Tea at 2:00 pm. Listen to the story of the ugly duckling, play some games, color some pictures to be displayed in the lobby at the show.

Come see the show:

July 28-30, August 4-6 & 11-13
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm
Sundays at 2:00 pm

The Theatre at Dominion High School
21326 Augusta Drive
Sterling, VA 20164

Regional Homelessness on the Rise; Loudoun Continues to Provide Homeless Support Services

As homelessness in the Washington D.C. region rises, Loudoun County continues to offer support services for people facing a housing crisis. Homelessness in the Washington D.C. region is up 18% over last year, according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' [May 2023](#)

[Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington: Results and Analysis from the 2023 Point-in-Time Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness](#) report. The number of people experiencing homelessness in the region increased by 1,300 since 2022. In Loudoun County, the number of persons experiencing homelessness

Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington

**Results and Analysis from the 2023 Point-in-Time
Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness**



loudoun.gov/PointInTime



increased by 30% in the last five years, from 169 persons in 2019 to 220 in 2023.

Homeless Support Services

Loudoun County offers a variety of programs to assist households in need through the Department of Family Services; Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services; and the Loudoun Continuum of Care, a partnership between local government, nonprofit agencies, the public school system, health care providers and faith-based organizations. Members of the Continuum of Care work together to address the needs of those experiencing housing instability or homelessness in Loudoun County.

Unsheltered individuals and families can receive assistance with their housing search, obtaining identification documents, employment services, health care services and other supportive services. In addition to year-round sheltering, Loudoun County offers a drop-in services program that provides information on community programs and resources as well as lunch and snacks, laundry facilities, showers, and a computer lab.

Anyone who may be experiencing a housing crisis is encouraged to contact the Department of Family Services' [Information & Referral /Coordinated Entry program](#) at 703-777-0420.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

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