



Weekly Newsflash JUNE 30, 2023

Celebrate Independence Day with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services



The Loudoun County Department of Parks,

Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will host four events in honor of Independence Day beginning Friday, June 30, 2023.

Two of the four events will be held in Sterling. More information is below.

- The Sterling Community Center hosts its annual **Star-Spangled Sterling Friday, June 30, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. to**

10:00 p.m. at the Sterling Middle School. Enjoy various games, including a balloon water toss and potato sack races, live entertainment, balloon twisting, and food for purchase. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. Sterling Middle School is located at 201 W. Holly Avenue in Sterling. The event is free.

- On Tuesday, July 4, 2023, Claude Moore Park hosts its annual **Claude Moore Park 4th Fest** featuring live music, crafts, nature exhibits, historic tours, carnival games, and more. The Claude Moore Park 4th Fest is being held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is free, and food will be available for purchase. Attendees should use the Loudoun Park Lane entrance to the park. Claude Moore Park is located at 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road in Sterling.

Event details and rain dates can be found at loudoun.gov/prcsevents. Alcoholic beverages and personal fireworks, including sparklers, are not permitted at any PRCS events.

In the case of severe weather, a cancellation notice will be posted on the Loudoun County website at loudoun.gov/prcs and PRCS social media accounts.

Doing Your Own Fireworks

If you choose to purchase your own fireworks, the FMO provides important information about fireworks, including annual lists of [approved fireworks stands \(PDF\)](#) and [approved fireworks \(PDF\)](#). If you choose to use fireworks, proceed with caution and follow these safety tips!

[Get More Information](#)

Changes to Virginia Move Over Law Take Effect July 1

AAA estimates more than 1.2 million Virginians will travel this July 4th weekend. When they hit the road, they'll be required to follow a new law designed to protect drivers pulled over on the side of the road.

Virginia's MOVE OVER LAW is changing on July 1, 2023.

Currently, drivers must change lanes or slow down for vehicles on the side of the road with blue, red, or amber lights. Beginning July 1, 2023, this will be expanded to require drivers to move over or slow down for stopped vehicles with activated hazard warning signal flashers, displayed caution signs, or properly lit flares or torches.

A violation will be classified as a Class 1 Misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$2,500.

[Learn More About New Virginia Laws Taking Effect in July](#)



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July 4th SoberRide Promo

This July 4th, Don't Drink and Drive!
Designate a sober driver or use WRAP's SoberRide® powered by Lyft!



SoberRide®

Get a FREE Lyft ride home (up to \$15) on July 4th
Visit 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 Lyft's Washington, D.C. coverage area from 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2023 until 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 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 Tuesday, July 4, 2023 and can be used only during the aforementioned period.

<p>2023 EXECUTIVE SOBERRIDE® SPONSORS:</p>   <p>ENDY RESPONSIBLY. DRINK WISER.</p>	<p>2023 GOLD SOBERRIDE® SPONSORS:</p>    	<p>2023 SILVER SOBERRIDE® SPONSORS:</p>    	<p>2023 PUBLIC PARTNER SOBERRIDE® SPONSORS:</p>   
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Some restrictions apply. See www.SoberRide.com for further details or call WRAP at 703.893.0461.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2023 Independence Day SoberRide® program will be in operation beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 4th and operate until 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5th 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 'Payment' tab (under the 'Add Lyft Pass' option) to receive their no-cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's

2023 Independence Day SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4th on www.SoberRide.com.

Limited quantities available for the first 1,500 passengers who enter the code. Download the app's 'Payment' tab under the 'Add Lyft Pass' option for up to \$15 off one ride taken home in the [Washington D.C. coverage area](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.

REMINDER: PRCS 2023 Passport to the Parks Begins July 1

Visit Loudoun County parks in July in celebration of NRPA's Park and Recreation Month. Throughout the month, Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park, Franklin Park Performing & Visual Arts Center and Claude Moore Park will host programs for participation.

What is Park and Recreation Month?

Since 1985, people in the United States have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote building strong, vibrant, and resilient communities through the power of parks and recreation and to recognize the hundreds of thousands of park and recreation professionals and volunteers that maintain our country's local, state and community parks.



How To Get Your Passport

There are two ways to register:

1. [Complete the registration form here](#) to receive a confirmation email with your passport attached.
2. Scan the QR code at any of the PRCS participating parks listed below. The QR code will take you to a registration form. Once you submit the form, you will receive a passport to keep with you as you complete programs.
 - Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve
 - Hal & Berni Hanson Regional Park
 - Franklin Park Performing & Visual Arts Center
 - Claude Moore Park

How To Win Prizes

Participants must complete the Loudoun Parks Grand Slam by visiting all 4 participating parks to win a tier 1 prize pack*!

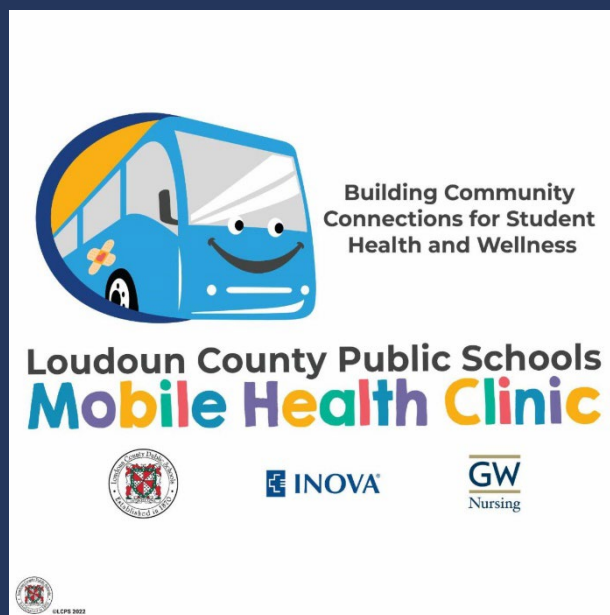
If participants attend at least 6 programs (no more than 2 in each park), they will win a tier 2 prize pack*!

Can't make it to scheduled programs at all the parks? No worries! There are plenty of passive activities at no cost that can also earn you a stamp in place of a program.

*Prizes are limited to the first 100 participants to complete each tier.

Questions? [Email PRCS](#) or call [571-367-8360](tel:571-367-8360).

Loudoun County Public Schools Mobile Health Clinic



The LCPS Mobile Health Clinic can help ensure your child has the healthcare support they need to enroll in school! The Mobile Health Clinic, which is supported by a partnership with INOVA, George Washington University School of Nursing and the Loudoun Education Foundation, provides LCPS students access to school physicals and wellness checks required for school enrollment.

Clinic staff can also provide referrals to community partners offering comprehensive medical

care. This summer, the Mobile Health Clinic will visit the following schools: Forest Grove Elementary, Guilford Elementary, Rolling Ridge Elementary, Sterling Elementary, Sugarland Elementary, Sully Elementary and Sterling Middle. You are invited to visit the clinic to find the support you need.

The Mobile Health Clinic provides free physicals for students entering LCPS. The Mobile Health Clinic is not able to provide sports physicals.

Loudoun County Public School Mobile Health Clinic Summer 2023 Schedule

- Friday, June 30 - Forest Grove Elementary School 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Friday, July 7 - Guilford Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 8 - Sully Elementary School 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 11 - Sugarland Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday, July 14 - Sterling Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 18 - Rolling Ridge Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, July 20 - Sugarland Elementary School 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Friday, July 21 - Forest Grove Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 22 - Sterling Elementary School 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, July 25 - Sully Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 4 - Sterling Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 5 - Guilford Elementary School 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 8 - Sugarland Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Wednesday, August 9 - Rolling Ridge Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 11 - Sully Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 12 - Forest Grove Elementary School 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 15 - Sterling Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Friday, August 18 - Guilford Elementary School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, August 19 - Rolling Ridge Elementary School 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Tuesday, August 22 - Sterling Middle School 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursday, August 24 - First Day of School ... Welcome Back!
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REMINDER: Loudoun County Landfill Waste Disposal Fee to Increase July 1, 2023

The waste disposal fee at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility is scheduled to increase to \$71 a ton effective Saturday, July 1, 2023.

The waste disposal fee at the gate will increase from \$68 to \$71 per ton; all other fees will remain the same, including the minimum charge for waste disposal of \$7 per customer. A complete list of landfill fees, including surcharges for specific items including tires, propane tanks and refrigerated appliances, is available at loudoun.gov/landfill.

The fee increase follows the annual financial review by an outside consultant of the landfill's current and forecasted revenues, expenses and estimated tonnage receipts. The most recent analysis recommends the waste disposal fee be adjusted to remain market competitive and to ensure the long-term viability of the landfill.

More information about the services available at the landfill is online at loudoun.gov/landfill.



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VIRGINIA
**Landfill
Waste
Disposal Fee
Increasing**
**Effective
July 1, 2023**

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Upcoming Solarize NoVA Webinars



Thinking about going solar, but not sure where to start? Solarize Virginia is kicking off their 2023 season on Wednesday, July 5th.

Solarize Virginia is a community-based outreach initiative that reduces the cost and complexity of going solar by providing a one-stop-shop for education and

installation. Managed by the Virginia nonprofit Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), Solarize Virginia offers discounted prices and vetted installers through a competitive bidding process, and provide ongoing customer support and education to make the experience as streamlined as possible. LEAP delivers energy-efficient solutions in Virginia to make homes safer, healthier, and more affordable while reducing energy usage and mitigating climate change.

Solarize NoVA will host three FREE webinars to provide information for residents and/or businesses who have questions about this program. Here are the details:

Participants can register at www.solarizeva.org/events for any of the following dates:

- July 19th at 12:30pm
- August 1st at 6pm
- August 17 at 3pm

LCPS Immunization Reminder for Rising Seniors

A reminder from LCPS that all rising 12th grade students must show proof of having received a MenACWY (Menactra, Menveo, MenQuadfi) vaccine after the age of 16 years to start school on August 24, 2023.

This vaccine is being provided by the Loudoun County Health Department at several immunization clinics this summer. The vaccine is provided at no cost to the family.

If your student has health insurance, you must provide the insurance information at the time of your visit so that the insurance can be billed for the administration of the vaccine. If your student does not have health insurance, there is no charge for the vaccine. Students under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult to receive the vaccine.

The Immunization Clinics will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the following dates at the following schools:

- July 13 – Simpson Middle School
- July 20 – Riverbend Middle School
- August 4 – Lightridge High School
- August 10 – Riverside High School

You are welcome to bring your student to any of these vaccination clinics to receive the required vaccine. Don't wait until the last minute to have your student vaccinated. If you have any questions, please call Student Health Services at [571-252-1017](tel:571-252-1017).

In Spanish:

Le estamos llamando/escribiendo para recordarle que todos los estudiantes a cursar el 12 grado deben mostrar prueba de haber recibido una vacuna MenACWY (Menactra, Menveo, MenQuadfi) después de cumplir los 16 años para comenzar la escuela el 24 de agosto de 2023.

Esta vacuna será proporcionada por el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Loudoun en varias clínicas de inmunización este verano.



La vacuna se proporciona sin costo alguno para la familia. Sin embargo, si su estudiante tiene seguro médico, usted debe proporcionar la información del seguro en el momento de su visita para que se pueda facturar al seguro por la administración de la vacuna. Si su estudiante no tiene seguro médico, no hay cargo por la vacuna. Los estudiantes menores de 18 años deben estar acompañados por un adulto para recibir la vacuna.

Las clínicas de vacunación serán de 9:00 AM a 12:00 PM en las siguientes fechas en las siguientes escuelas:

- 13 de julio – Escuela secundaria Simpson Middle School
- 20 de julio – Escuela secundaria Riverbend Middle School
- 4 de agosto – Escuela preparatoria Lightridge High School
- 10 de agosto – Escuela preparatoria Riverside High School

Le invitamos a traer a su estudiante a cualquiera de estas clínicas de vacunación para recibir la vacuna requerida. No espere hasta el último minuto para vacunar a su estudiante. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a Servicios de Salud para Estudiantes al [571-252-1017](tel:571-252-1017).

REMINDER: PRCS Summer Cooling Program is Available for Senior Residents



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.

Upcoming Animal Services Events

Frozen Fun Fridays

Loudoun County Animal Services, 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175 | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Fridays 6/16/23 through 7/28/23

Join LCAS as they make summer a little more fun for the animals in their care! LCAS will be making frozen treats for the animals to enjoy! After you have helped create an enrichment item to freeze, pick up a popsicle for yourself and enjoy visiting the adoption kennels! This activity is open to animal loves of all ages.



LCAS does ask that those under 18 years of age attend with a parent/guardian.

What to expect:

- This program is walk-in and self-paced.
- Participants will be given various treats and dog/cat food items to use to make pup-cups, frozen frisbees and other enrichment items.
- The timespan is dependent on participant but generally 5-10 minutes. Afterwards, a visit through the kennels generally takes 10 minutes.

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinics

Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) at one of their low-cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinics. Dogs and cats as young as 12 weeks may participate in the clinic.

Pet owners should bring their cats in carriers. Dogs must remain on a leash of six feet or less. No flexi-leads, please. LCAS recommends bringing any prior vaccination records, but records are not required.

Have questions? [Email LCAS!](#)

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic - Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS), 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA

- Tuesday, July 11, 2023 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

These are a walk-in, low-cost rabies vaccination and microchip clinics. No appointments needed. Cats and dogs over 12 weeks of age are welcome to attend.

Please stay in your vehicle and follow staff directions for parking.

To receive the 3-year rabies vaccine, you must bring proof of prior vaccination. Cash or check only.

- Microchips: \$15 (free for Loudoun County residents)
- Rabies vaccine: \$10 (1 and 3 year vaccine)
- Dog license: \$10/year (runs concurrently with your dog's rabies vaccination)

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