

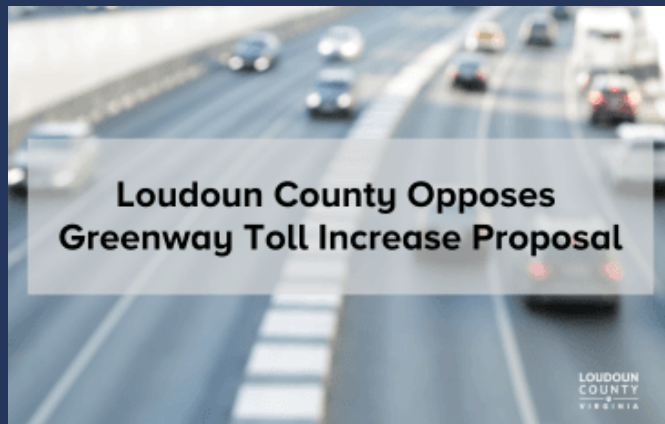


Weekly Newsflash

JULY 14, 2023

Loudoun County to Oppose Greenway Toll Increase Proposal

Loudoun County continues to oppose toll rate increases that have once again been proposed by the operators of the Dulles Greenway. Toll Road Investors Partnership II (TRIP II) has filed an application this week ([Case # PUR-2023-00089](#)) with the State Corporation Commission (SCC), which is the entity that considers such requests.



TRIP II has requested a toll increase of 22% for off-peak hours and a 40% increase during peak morning and afternoon hours, which the corporation claims is necessary to meet its debt obligation. Data show, however, that use of the Greenway is down because of its already high toll rate. Traffic on the Greenway decreased substantially during the COVID-19 pandemic and has not returned to pre-COVID levels.

To promote use of the Greenway by more motorists, Loudoun County has consistently supported changing the Greenway's toll structure to distance-based tolling while also lowering toll rates. The Greenway operator has the ability to implement both changes now.

Virginia law enacted in 2021 provides objective criteria for evaluating toll increase proposals, including a requirement that proposed Greenway toll rates are "reasonable" to users in relation to the benefit they are deriving from using the road so that the rates do not "materially discourage" use of the road. Loudoun County believes TRIP II's proposed rates will further discourage the use of the Greenway. The SCC uses the objective criteria to evaluate toll rate increase proposals and Loudoun County supports the SCC review process.

In addition, Loudoun County has opposed any legislation that would potentially permit automatic toll rate increases each year of an unknown amount and an extension of the Greenway's operator's license for an unlimited period of time, which is not good for Loudoun residents. The county's opposition to automatic toll rate increase legislation and continued support of the SCC review process is intended to protect Loudoun residents who may choose to use the Greenway from arbitrary toll rate increases. Automatic toll rate increase legislation was previously defeated by the Virginia State Senate twice on bipartisan votes.

The SCC is currently considering the TRIP II application. In the coming weeks, members of the public will have an opportunity to [submit comments to the SCC](#) for consideration prior to issuing its determination.

BUSINESSES/NONPROFITS: 2023 Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive



In preparation for the 2023 Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive, my office is seeking out businesses, nonprofits, and community groups that would be interested in serving as either a drop-off

site for supply donations from community members OR hosting an internal supply drive to collect donations among your employees, customers, and professional networks as part of this year's Back-to-School initiative.

The Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive is an annual initiative hosted by the Sterling District Office of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors to support students and educators in the community with much needed tools and supplies as they gear up for the new school year.

The Supply Drive will run during the month of August as students and educators will return to school on Thursday, August 24th. More information on donation collection will be released to the community in the coming weeks; however, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions.

If your business or organization is interested in serving as a drop-off site or hosting a donation drive in support of the Back-to-School Supply Drive, please email my office at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8089.

THIS WEEKEND: Loudoun County Animal Services Dog Days of Summer

It's the dog days of summer! And Loudoun County Animal Services is celebrating by waiving the adoption fees for all of their available dogs over 1 year of age at the shelter (42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175).

Animal Services is open for adoptions from 11:00am-6:00pm. Stop by the shelter this weekend and meet their available dogs. You can also see all of their available dogs on the Loudoun County Animal Services website: www.loudoun.gov/534/Available-Pets.



Frozen Fun Fridays

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

Join Animal Services as they make summer a little more fun for the animals in their care! They 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. Animal Services 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.

[More Information](#)

Loudoun County Adopts Ordinance Governing Conduct on Metro



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has adopted a new section of the county's codified ordinances that governs behavior on Metrorail trains as well as in Metrorail stations and facilities in the county. The Board unanimously [approved](#) the new ordinance at its July 12, 2023, public hearing.

Most prohibited conduct will be considered an "unclassified" misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to 50 dollars for the first offense, and up to 100 dollars for subsequent offenses. Examples of these offenses include fare evasion, smoking, spitting, littering, walking with bare feet and marking or drawing on a rail car.

Offenses that pose a more serious threat to public safety are Class 1 misdemeanors, which are punishable by up to twelve months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,500. These offenses include carrying flammable liquids, opening a door or window on a rail car without justifiable reason, interfering with the operation of an escalator or elevator, being on a track, tunnel, catwalk or any other part of the railcar system and riding on top of, on the side of, or between two rail cars.

The Board's action came at the request of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in support of its efforts to have uniform regulations across the Metrorail system. WMATA's [Silver Line Metrorail service began operating in Loudoun County in November 2022](#) and includes three stations: Dulles Airport, Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn.

The new ordinance will be primarily enforced by the Metro Transit Police Department. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office also will enforce the new ordinance as calls for service dictate.

Text of the adopted ordinance is included in the [July 12, 2023 staff report](#). The newly approved county ordinance will be posted online in the coming weeks at loudoun.gov/ordinances.

Loudoun County Health Department is Now Locally Administered

The Loudoun County Health Department is now under the administration of the county government, completing a process formally initiated by Loudoun County in 2020 with its fall Legislative Report, to serve Loudoun residents better and improve several operational efficiencies. Under an agreement between Loudoun County and the Virginia Department of Health, the department has transitioned from state to local administration, effective July 1, 2023.

Health Department Under Local Administration

The Loudoun County Health Department is now under the administration of the county government.

The department's mission remains the same:
to enhance and ensure the health of all.

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Approximately fifty former state employees of the Loudoun County Health Department have transitioned to county employment, joining other county employees who were already employed in the department, with all reporting up to the County Administrator and the Board of Supervisors.

The benefits of local control of the Health Department include greater administrative efficiencies and the ability to better align resources with community needs and goals. Local administration provides the county with greater control over budget and programmatic choices, allowing the county to better manage responsive programming for Loudoun's residents and businesses and to set priorities for the department in alignment with the Board of Supervisors' vision and strategy.

Local administration also allows the county to better address the disparities in salaries and benefits that occurred between state and county employees performing the same or similar work in the Health Department. In addition, local administration will eliminate the need for duplicate systems in the areas of technology and human resources, for example.

In 2021, Loudoun County sought and received approval from the Virginia General Assembly for the authority to operate and locally administer the Loudoun Health Department. Loudoun becomes the third locally administered Health Department in Northern Virginia; Arlington County and Fairfax County Health Departments have been locally administered for many years. The 2021 legislation also allows Prince William County, the City of Manassas and the City of Manassas Park to locally administer a health department. The City of Alexandria also now has the enabling legislation for local administration of its health department.

More information about the services provided by the Loudoun County Health Department is online at loudoun.gov/health.

Loudoun County to Launch New Online Land Management System in August; Services Impacted



**Loudoun County's new online
land management system**

Launching August 14

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more:

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Loudoun County is scheduled to launch its new online land management system on Monday, August 14, 2023. The system, called LandMARC (Land Management, Applications, Research, Coordination) is designed to increase efficiency and transparency for Loudoun businesses and residents. The

system is a comprehensive online tool for accessing, managing and maintaining Loudoun County's land-related information.

Service Impacts and Deadlines

In preparation for the launch of the new system, some services for land development customers will not be available beginning Wednesday, July 26 through Sunday, August 13.

- New applications will be very limited.
- Payments will not be accepted.
- Edits/updates to existing applications/records cannot be made.
- Inspections will not be scheduled, and permits will not be issued.

The in-person customer service counter on the second floor of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison St., SE in Leesburg will remain open during this time for general help related to permitting and land development, such as questions about county processes or conducting research on a property.

To prepare for these impacts, the county is implementing deadlines for application submissions, payments, and inspections. Specific deadlines for different activities and services are available online at loudoun.gov/landmarc.

LandMARC Overview

LandMARC will leverage new technology to better serve the needs of the county's customers. Through an online portal, members of the public will be able to:

- Submit permit, land development and legislative land use applications.
- Submit electronic copies of plans and other required documentation.
- Track the status of applications and land development projects.

- Request pre-application and pre-submission meetings.
- Request inspections.
- Pay application fees.
- Access public records related to permits and plans.

The new system will replace current internal systems, as well as publicly available systems, including LOLA and e-Permits. These systems, which date back two decades, are no longer able to provide the scalability or transparency required to meet the expectations and needs of the county's customers. LandMARC will add many new online capabilities to better serve the needs of residents and businesses.

Stay Informed and Resources

Members of the public are encouraged to sign up to receive email and text message updates about the project to stay informed about its progress and the implementation and how this change in county services may impact them. To sign up for alerts and for more information, visit loudoun.gov/landmarc.

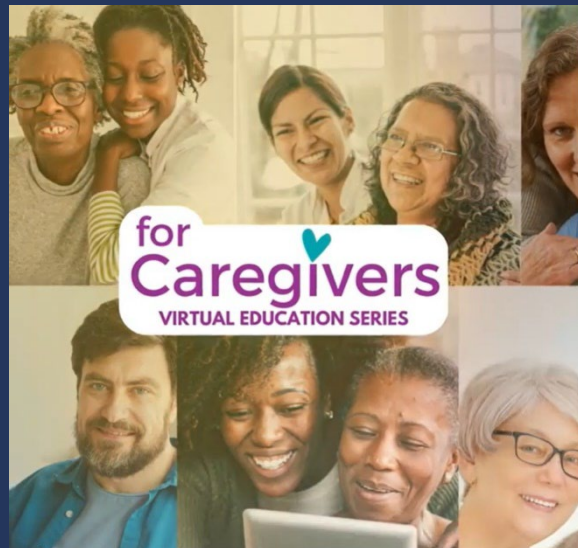
August 2023 Caregiver Virtual Education Series

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is pleased to announce it's August 2023 Caregiver Virtual Education Series beginning Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

The free series for anyone providing care and support to a loved one includes life care planning and real-life tools you can use as you navigate the difficulties of being a caregiver.

The series includes two educational programs:

- **Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances** will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The program is presented



by Phyllis Humphrey of the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area.

- Thriving in the Community: Unlocking Resources for Caregivers and Older Adults, will be held Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The program is presented by Lesley Katz, Caregiver Services and Health Promotion Coordinator, of the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging.

Click here for more information: <https://bit.ly/44CP3cm>

To register, call [571-258-3490](tel:571-258-3490) or email aaasupport@loudoun.gov.

For more information about The Area Agency on Aging (AAA), visit loudoun.gov/aaa.

APPLY TODAY: Loudoun County Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees



The Sterling District Office is seeking Sterling District residents to fill several openings on Loudoun County Government advisory boards, commissions, and committees.

These entities provide opportunities for direct involvement in local government and the Board of Supervisors encourages all individuals to apply

to serve.

There are several vacancies open to Sterling residents, as well as at-large seats, for groups such as the Advisory Commission on Youth, Animal Advisory Committee, Family Services Advisory Board, Transit Advisory Board, Housing Advisory and Housing Choice Voucher Resident advisory boards, and many more.

Additional information and a complete list of Loudoun County advisory boards, commissions, and committees can be found at loudoun.gov/advisory.

For anyone interested in being considered for a position on any commission, committee, or board with a vacancy, please visit the [vacancies page](#) to complete an application online.

If you have any additional questions, please contact my office at Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov.

Loudoun County Landfill Makes Temporary Adjustments to Waste Oil Recycling Service

The collection of waste oil for recycling at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg, is being adjusted due to the need to replace the oil collection tank, a process that could take several months.

Waste oil collection at the landfill was temporarily suspended last week following the discovery of a leak in the oil tank during a routine inspection. Beginning Wednesday, July 19, 2023, customers may bring up to five total gallons per week of the following products for recycling: waste motor oil, engine oil, heating oil, hydraulic oil, kerosene, lamp oil, power steering fluid and transmission fluid. Waste gasoline is not accepted. Customers may be required to leave the product containers in a collection bin instead of pouring the material into a tank.

The oil collection tank being replaced holds an estimated 1,500 gallons. The landfill annually recycles more than 40,000 gallons of oil and related fluids at no charge to customers.

Loudoun County regrets any inconvenience to landfill customers and encourages residents to contact local auto parts stores for other motor oil recycling opportunities. Businesses that generate larger quantities of used motor oil should contact waste oil collection services.

Temporary Adjustments to Waste Oil Recycling Service

Beginning Wednesday, July 19, 2023, landfill customers may bring up to five total gallons per week of approved oil products for recycling. Waste gasoline is not accepted.



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Updates at
loudoun.gov/Landfill

Updates on the status of the oil drop-off center will be posted at loudoun.gov/landfill.

Fall 2023 Classes with CCDA Education and Workforce Development

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FOR ADULTS

ENGLISH CLASSES LEVELS 1-6

OTHER CLASSES

CITIZENSHIP	ENGLISH FOR CHILDCARE 1 & 2
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The Diocese of Arlington has released their class schedule for this fall. Catholic Charities helps newcomers become self-sufficient and productive members of American society by offering a combination of legal immigration consultation and representation, English-language instruction, other adult education programs, workforce development training, naturalization assistance, bilingual community education, and refugee resettlement and assistance services.

Fall 2023 programs include:

- ESOL- English for Speakers of Other Languages and Workforce Development class
- CIT – Citizenship interview

preparation classes at all NOVA locations

The primary goal of this program is to offer immigrants English skills so they can improve their ability to advocate for themselves, enhance their education and employment opportunities, help them better provide for their families, pass the Citizenship Exam, and participate in the larger community.

Please contact Brian Romero, our registration coordinator, for more information about referrals and registration: brian.romero@ccda.net or (571) 208-1572 extension 100

[More Information](#)

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