



Weekly Newsflash AUGUST 25, 2023

Board of Supervisors Schedules Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Sessions

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will consider potential revisions to the county's Zoning Ordinance during a series of work sessions in September and October. The work sessions are the next step in the multiyear Zoning Ordinance Rewrite (ZOR) project and follow the [Board's July 26, 2023, public hearing, on the Draft Zoning Ordinance](#).

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Sessions



The Board of Supervisors will hold work sessions throughout Sept. & Oct. beginning September 7.

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Schedule of Work Sessions

The Board's first work session is scheduled for Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The sections and chapters scheduled for review are:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Zoning Districts

Documents prepared for the September 7 meeting are [posted online here](#).

The second work session is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and will cover chapters and sections related to uses in Urban, Suburban, Office and Industrial Zoning Districts:

- Chapter 3: Uses
- Chapter 4: Use-Specific Standards
- Chapter 12: Definitions

A third work session in September is scheduled for September 26, followed by five work sessions in October. The complete schedule of work sessions is posted online at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite. The dates and times of all Board of Supervisors public meetings are posted at loudoun.gov/calendar.

More Information

Detailed information about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project, including a history of the process and a link to sign up for email and text updates on the project, is on the county's website at loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite.

Get more info on attending or watching ZOR Work Sessions, submitting comments to the Board of Supervisors, reviewing the draft ordinance text and more by [reading the full press release](#).

Office of Mapping and Geographic Information Closed to In-Person Services August 28 – September 1

Temporary Closure for In-Person Services

The Office of Mapping and Geographic Information
will be closed for in-person services
Aug. 28 - Sept. 1, 2023, for office renovation.

The front counter reopens
Tuesday, September 5.

Email: mapping@loudoun.gov
Phone: 703-771-5778

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The Loudoun County Office of Mapping and Geographic Information will be closed to the public for in-person services Monday, August 28 through Friday, September 1, 2023, for office renovation.

Members of the public may contact the office by email

and phone for service while the front counter is closed. The office will reopen for in-person services on Tuesday, September 5. The county will be closed on Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Online Services

The office will continue to process and deliver requests for digital maps and mapping data. Paper printed maps will be unavailable for purchase during the closure. [More information is available online regarding purchasing maps and mapping data.](#)

In-Person Drop-Off

The secure drop boxes for the public will continue to be available for the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information in the lobby of the [Government Center](#).

More Information

More information about the office's services, including contact information, is available at loudoun.gov/mapping.

Loudoun County Animal Services Hosts Annual "Clear the Shelters" Event Aug. 26 & 27

Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host a fee-waived pet adoption event on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., in participation with the nationwide, "Clear the Shelters" adoption initiative. The adoption facility is located at 42225 Adoption Drive in Leesburg.



Adoption fees will be waived for all available pets which includes cats, kittens, dogs, rabbits, small pets and livestock. LCAS conducts a standard adoption screening process and most adoptions can be completed in the same day. Prospective adopters can view available pets online at loudoun.gov/animals.

To date in 2023, LCAS has seen a substantial increase in animal intakes.

All dogs, cats and rabbits adopted from LCAS are spayed or neutered and receive a microchip which is registered to their adopter. Dogs and cats also receive age-appropriate vaccinations. The shelter frequently has many pets available for adoption including hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, rabbits, other small pets and livestock.

In addition to adoptions, other event activities during the "Clear the Shelters" event include a kids' craft station and giveaways for all adopters.

Loudoun Supervisors Participate in Kickoff of Dominion Solar Project at Dulles Airport



Members of the Loudoun Board of Supervisors joined with representatives from Dominion Energy, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and federal, state and local leaders Tuesday for the [ceremonial groundbreaking for the Dulles Solar and Storage project at Dulles International Airport](#).

In December 2022, the Board adopted an amendment to the county's zoning ordinance that rezoned airport property to allow for uses, such as solar generation facilities, in Planned Development-General Industry Zoning Districts. The Board also added solar facilities as a permitted by-right use for properties greater than 500 acres. The Dominion Energy project will be developed across 835 acres in the southwest corner of the airport property.

According to Dominion Energy, the Dulles Solar and Storage project is expected to generate up to 100 megawatts (MW) of solar energy and store up to 50 MW of power, making it the largest renewable energy project developed at a U.S. airport. It will provide enough energy to power more than 37,000 homes during their peak output. The energy generated will serve Dominion Energy customers in Virginia.

Dominion Energy plans to develop two 1 MW solar carports that will partially power Dulles facilities, and provide 18 electric transit buses, 50 electric fleet vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations for Dulles operations.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2023 and is expected to be complete by late 2026.

The project received final approval earlier this year after an extensive, multi-year review by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration and Virginia State Corporation Commission, among other state and federal agencies.

REMINDER: Briar Patch Park Playground Resurfacing Begins Monday, August 28

Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has announced the resurfacing of the Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park playground in Sterling will begin on Monday, August 28, 2023.



To ensure patrons' safety and equipment access, the playground will be temporarily closed during the resurfacing project. The public is asked to respect any construction fencing and signs on the property. The resurfacing is expected to be completed by late September 2023, subject to weather conditions.

The project will not impact the other amenities at the park including the pavilion, tennis/pickleball and volleyball courts, and the national fitness court.

The park is located at 21660 Sterling Boulevard, Sterling, Virginia. For more information on your nearest PRCS community and neighborhood park, visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/5591/PRCS-Facilities-Maps>.

Workforce Resource Center Offers Special Events During Workforce Development Month



During September — Workforce Development Month — the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will feature special virtual and in-person events at no cost for job seekers and people who are considering changing careers.

The in-person events will take place at several locations: the Workforce Resource Center at 705 E. Market Street, Suite E in Leesburg, Loudoun County Public Library branches, community centers and a recreation center.

Visit loudoun.gov/workforcemonth for detailed information about each event and how to register. Events will include:

Open House

- Friday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Workforce Resource Center

The Resume Roadshow (Four sessions)

- Tuesday, September 12, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Sterling Library, 22330 S. Sterling Blvd, Suite A117, Sterling, 20164
- Thursday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Loudoun Valley Community Center, 320 W. School Street, Purcellville, 20132
- Tuesday, September 19, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Gum Spring Library, 24600 Millstream Drive, Stone Ridge, 20105
- Thursday, September 21, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road, Leesburg, 20176

Re-set and Re-start Your Job Search Strategy (Three-part series)

- Session 1 – Employers' Expectations: How Do You Measure Up?, Monday, September 11, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Virtual
- Session 2 - My Next Move, Wednesday, September 13, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Workforce Resource Center

- Session 3 – Setting Realistic Job Search Expectations & Resume Alignment, Friday, September 15, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Workforce Resource Center

Creating an Effective Elevator Speech

- Tuesday, September 12, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m., Workforce Resource Center

Employment Resource Expo and Job Fair

- Wednesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Claude Moore Recreation Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, 20164
- Prepare for the fair:
 - Attend the “Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair” Workshop, Monday, September 18, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Virtual
 - Get your free copy of “Turn a Job Fair into a Job Offer” booklet. Visit the Workforce Resource Center or call 703-777-0150

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation to participate in Workforce Development Month events may contact the Workforce Resource Center at [703-777-0150](tel:703-777-0150). Three business days’ notice is requested.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, a Virginia Career Works affiliate, provides no-cost resources and equipment to job seekers and businesses to help them achieve their employment goals. More information about the center can be found at loudoun.gov/wrc or by visiting the center at 705 E. Market Street, Suite E, in Leesburg.

Country Side Area Stream Restoration Project to Begin in October

Loudoun County plans to begin a stream restoration project in the CountrySide area this fall that is intended to increase animal habitat, improve local water quality and reduce pollutants and sediments into the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The stream, which is a Potomac River tributary, flows between

River Bend Middle and Potomac Falls High schools along the north side of Algonkian Parkway through property owned by CountrySide Proprietary.

The two-year project will require the closure of the pedestrian path north of Algonkian Parkway between Rutherford Circle and Chelmsford Court. A detour will guide pedestrians to and from an alternate route on the south side of Algonkian Parkway.

Work to restore 3,125 linear feet of the stream and reintroduce native species will result in the planting of approximately:

- 600 trees.
- 6,000 live stakes. Live stakes are stem cuttings inserted directly into the stream bank; the developing root networks help reduce soil loss.
- 5,000 sage and rush grass plugs.

Removal of some existing trees in the work area will be required; a tree survey was conducted to identify trees that will remain as the work proceeds. Most trees removed will be used for the restoration process; woody debris provides animal habitats, among other environmental benefits.

The project supports state and federal requirements to reduce pollutants into the Chesapeake Bay from local streams and is estimated to:

- Eliminate more than 200 pounds of phosphorus per year.
- Eliminate more than 500 pounds of nitrogen per year.
- Prevent more than 130,000 pounds of total suspended solids, such as sediment or particles that do not dissolve in water, from reaching the Potomac.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-October.



More info on the project is online at loudoun.gov/RiverBendStreamRestoration.

2nd Annual LoCo Kids Festival, September 4th at Segra Field



Join Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) for a fantastic and free family-friendly event at the second annual LoCo (Loudoun County) Kids Fest.

The LoCo Kids Fest will be held Monday, September 4, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to

3:00 p.m. at the Segra Field parking lot in Leesburg. Enjoy hours of free fun, featuring interactive activities for kids of all ages, a touch-a-truck area featuring Loudoun County public safety vehicles, live music from local musicians, delicious food trucks, a variety of Loudoun child-focused businesses, plus – moon bounces, and a petting zoo!

Segra Field is located at 42095 Loudoun United Drive, Leesburg, VA, 20175.

The LoCo Kids Fest will be hosted rain or shine. 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.

For more information on the LoCo Kids Fest and for other exciting PRCS events, visit loudoun.gov/prcsevents.

LCSO Launches Service Puppy Program at the Adult Detention Center in Partnership with Heeling House

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is proud to announce the launch of our Service Puppy Program on behalf of inmates at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center (ADC). The program is a unique collaboration between the LCSO and Heeling House, Inc., a local non-profit.



The Service Puppy Program recognizes the potential for life-changing outcomes that a bond between humans and animals can facilitate. Through this program, inmate handlers who are part of the ADC's Changing Habits and Nurturing Community Engagements (C.H.A.N.C.E.) program will have the opportunity to train and care for service puppies on-site, enabling them to develop new skills and an enhanced sense of personal responsibility. In turn, the puppies will receive obedience training in a nurturing environment that prepares them for their future roles as service animals on behalf of children and others.

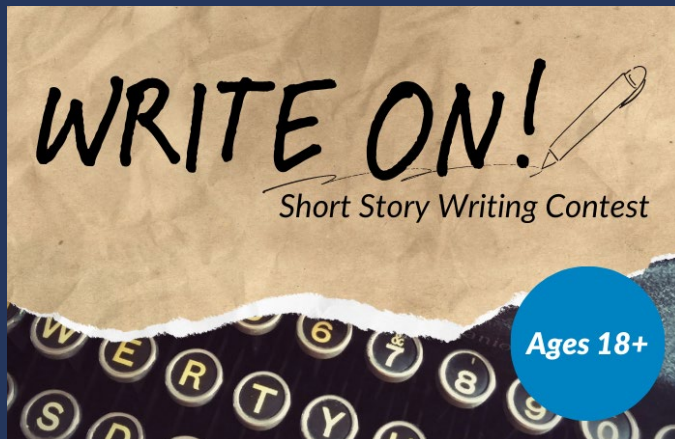
Program highlights include the following:

- **Inmate Rehabilitation:** The program offers selected inmates a chance to develop life skills such as patience, empathy, responsibility, and teamwork.
- **Puppy Training:** Service puppies will receive comprehensive training, including basic commands, socialization with people, and exposure to various environments.
- **Therapeutic Benefits:** Positive interactions with animals are proven to have therapeutic benefits, including reducing stress, anxiety, and depression. The interaction between inmates and the puppies is intended to promote emotional healing and personal growth, contributing to a more positive correctional environment.
- **Employment Benefits:** Inmates who successfully complete the program may gain skills that enhance their employability upon release.

The C.H.A.N.C.E. program seeks to help interested inmates prepare for life after incarceration. Inmates participate in class curriculum that includes Anger Management, Impact of Crime, Peer Relationships, Financial Literacy, Social Values, Self-Control, and Seeking Employment. The program also provides optional programs such as Art, Culinary Arts, Computer Skills, Music, and Health and Wellness.

Heeling House, Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, based in Sterling, VA. Its mission is to improve the lives of children with special needs using animal-assisted interactions. The Service Dog Program trains and places Psychiatric, Autism, and Mobility Service Dogs for individuals with special needs. Please visit HeelingHouse.org to learn more.

Write On! 2023 Adult Short Story Contest Deadline August 31st



About the Contest

Write a short story based on the Loudoun County Public Library's Summer Reading theme: "Voyage Through Time." For example, it could be historical fiction, a science fiction tale, or even about a transporive travel experience. This is your chance to be creative!

Prizes

- 1st prize: \$200
- 2nd prize: \$100
- 3rd prize: \$50

Participants must be 18 and older. Submit your entry beginning July 1 through Aug. 31. Winners will be announced Thursday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. at Brambleton Library.

Submission Requirements

- Submissions are accepted July 1 through Aug. 31.

- Writers entering this contest must be at least 18 years old.
- Only one story per writer may be submitted.
- Only send the final draft.
- Your work must be in English, original, and previously unpublished (including on the Internet) and not scheduled for publication anywhere before Aug. 31.
- A story that is unpublished but has won a monetary award in any other contest is ineligible.
- Please keep your story content appropriate for wide audience.
- Your story should be no longer than 2,500 words.
- First page: Title page with story title only
- Font: Arial
- Font size: 12
- Document name: The document name should be the story's title. Please do not include your name in the document name.
- Every page should have a header with the story's title and page number.
- Last page: Title of story and your contact information (name, home address, phone number and email address). To help us, please include where you heard about the Write On! Contest.

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

[Learn More](#)

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