



Weekly Newsflash SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Loudoun County, Prevention Alliance of Loudoun Host Recovery Festival September 16th

Loudoun County, in partnership with the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL) and Loudoun Serenity House, will celebrate Recovery Month by hosting the third annual Loudoun Recovery Festival on Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Douglass Community Center, 407 E. Market Street in Leesburg.

The Loudoun Recovery Festival is free and open to everyone of all ages. The event will provide the opportunity to connect with others while learning about community programs and resources. The festival will feature music, food, raffle prizes, and a variety of health and wellness vendors.

Some of the participating agencies, organizations and vendors include:

- Inova Behavioral Health Services

- Loudoun Cares
- Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development
- Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services
- Loudoun County Health Department
- Loudoun Free Clinic
- Loudoun Homeless Services Center
- Loudoun Hunger Relief
- Loudoun OAR - Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources
- Loudoun Workforce Resource Center
- Mobile Hope
- Narcotics Anonymous
- National Alliance on Mental Illness, Northern Virginia
- Northern Virginia Family Service
- Prevention Alliance of Loudoun
- Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services
- Virginia Department of Veterans Services

The Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services leads PAL, a coalition of youth, Loudoun County agencies, faith-based organizations, other community stakeholders and parents dedicated to mental health awareness and substance misuse prevention efforts.

For more information on PAL, visit loudoun.gov/preventionalliance or [send an email](#).

For more information on prevention and intervention programs and services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or call 703-771-5155.

Board Endorses FY 2024 Environmental Commission Work Plan and Committee Members



During its September 5, 2023, meeting, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors endorsed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Environment and Energy Work Plan and accepted the Environmental Commission's Annual Report. The work plan represents a more focused county effort on energy

sustainability and the environment.

Five initiatives were developed by the commission with the help of staff in the Department of General Services and was informed by public comment and engagement:

- Environmental Justice
- Government by Example
- Natural Resource Protection
- Public Engagement
- Sustainable Energy

The initiatives are composed of 21 items, such as the implementation of the County Energy Strategy, studying the possible beneficial use of landfill gas, an energy-equity residential weatherization program, a new watershed management plan, and a study of wildlife corridors in the county to reduce vehicle/deer collisions.

In addition, the board approved committee membership for the commission. Additional [details about the Environmental Commission can be found on the county website](#). A breakdown of the committees for which each commission member will serve can be found in the [Environmental Commission's FY 2023 Annual Report \(PDF\)](#).

During the 2023 fiscal year, the commission's activities included 18 meetings, a half-day retreat at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, [a public forum focused on energy and the environment \(PDF\)](#) and the [Environmental Excellence Awards \(PDF\)](#).

[More Information](#)

Applications for Loudoun's ARPA Community Support Services Nonprofit Grant Program Now Available

Loudoun County is now accepting applications from nonprofit organizations for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Community Support Services Grant Program.

The program is designed to assist nonprofits in supplying funds for durable medical equipment, utility assistance and other financial support to residents with low incomes who continue to be affected by the negative economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and require support to maintain their employment, transportation, insurance and other services.

Nonprofit organizations with a history of working in the Loudoun County community and that assist residents who with low income—at or below 80% of the Area Median Income—are encouraged to apply.

To assist nonprofit organizations with understanding the application process, Loudoun County will host an informational webinar Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. through the [Microsoft Teams platform](#). Anyone who does not have a Teams account may join the webinar by following [these instructions](#).

Applications are due by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023.

Detailed information about the grant program and the application process can be found at loudoun.gov/grantopportunities.



Community Support Services Grants

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November 2023 Election Important Dates



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2023 NOVEMBER ELECTION

- September 22- Early Voting begins
- October 9- The Office of Elections is closed
- October 16- Deadline to register to vote*
- October 23- Additional Early Voting Sites open
- October 27- Last day to request a ballot be mailed to you
- November 4- Last day to Vote Early in-person
- November 7- Election Day

*Voters may register through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot.



• A general election will be held in Loudoun County on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Polis will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Voters must vote at their assigned precinct on Election Day. Voter precinct information can be found [here](#).

Important Dates

Voter Registration Deadlines:

- Online - Monday, October 16, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. vote.virginia.gov.
- In-person - Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
- By-Mail - Postmarked no later than Monday, October 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
 - Voters may register through Election Day, and vote using a provisional ballot.
- Early & Absentee Voting:
 - Early voting opens - Friday, September 22, 2023
 - Last day to request a ballot be mailed to you - Friday, October 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.
 - Last day to Vote Early in-person - Saturday, November 4, 2023
 - Final locations, dates, and hours for early voting can be found [here](#).

Three Ways to Vote: Pick the Option that Works Best for You

All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote at home, vote early, or vote on election day. No excuses are required no matter your choice. Just click on the underlined title of the voting option you would like to visit that page for more information.

- [Vote at Home](#): We'll mail your ballot and important information to you. You'll fill it out following the instructions enclosed, and send it back.
 - [Learn more about absentee voting.](#)
- [Vote Early](#): Early voting will be available for all registered Loudoun County voters at the Office of Elections in Leesburg starting 45 days before the election and additional early voting centers in the final weeks before the election. There is no pre-application required to vote early in person, simply check the locations, dates, and times and go vote when it's most convenient for you!
 - [View details on locations, dates, and hours for early voting.](#)
- [Vote on Election Day](#): Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 - [Learn more about voting on election day.](#)

What's on Your Ballot?

- Sample ballots can be found [here](#).
- Voters are encouraged to double-check their voting precinct at www.vote.virginia.gov to ensure they know their precinct number and are viewing the correct ballot

DEADLINE: Public Comment on FAA Noise Policy Review Due September 29th

The FAA is reviewing its noise policy as part of their ongoing commitment to address aircraft [noise](#). This effort builds on [their work](#) to advance the scientific understanding of noise impacts as well as the development of analytical tools and technologies.



FAA Invites Public Comment
on its Noise Policy Review
Extended to September 29, 2023

For more information and comment submission instructions visit:
faa.gov/NoisePolicyReview

The deadline for public comments on the Noise Policy Review has been extended to September 29, 2023. For more information and to submit comments, visit: <https://www.faa.gov/noisepolicyreview>

Noise Policy Review Webinars

The FAA held four webinars to discuss how the FAA is reviewing their current aircraft noise policies. FAA provided an introductory overview during the first 25 minutes of each webinar. [The presentation slides can be accessed here](#). Each of the webinars was recorded and a text-searchable transcript of each webinar, including the question-and-answer sessions, is available at the links below.

To learn more about the policy review, the impacts of aviation noise exposure, how the FAA analyzes and communicates with communities regarding noise impacts, and manages and responds to aviation noise concerns, please review the webinar recordings and transcripts below.

- [Noise Policy Review Webinar #1](#)
 - View a [PDF transcript of this presentation](#).
- [Noise Policy Review Webinar #2](#)
 - View a [PDF transcript of this presentation](#).
- [Noise Policy Review Webinar #3](#)
- [Noise Policy Review Webinar #4](#)

Applications Available for Virginia Housing Trust Fund's Homeless Reduction Grant

Nonprofit Funding Opportunity

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Eligible nonprofits serving Loudoun County are encouraged to apply for local grant funding through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) 2024 Virginia Housing Trust Fund – Homeless Reduction Grant. The goal of the grant program is to

reduce homelessness in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The application period for the grant is open. Eligible projects are:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Re-housing
- Underserved Populations Innovation Project

The purpose of the Underserved Populations Innovation Project is to support innovative local efforts to serve members of an underserved population experiencing homelessness and pilot new models of assistance to determine the array of interventions necessary to serve the target population. The Underserved Population Innovation Project targets members of an underserved population that are experiencing homelessness. Underserved populations are defined by a lack of resources targeted towards providing culturally appropriate and trauma-informed services for a vulnerable population.

Examples of underserved populations include but are not limited to:

- Persons 60 years of age or older.
- Unaccompanied youth aged 18 to 24.
- Persons identifying as LGBTQ+.
- Persons with disabilities, including physical or cognitive impairments, or substance use disorder.
- Persons living in rural areas.

The application deadline is October 2, 2023.

Details from the Loudoun Continuum of Care are online at loudoun.gov/CoC.

**Next Board of Supervisors Zoning Ordinance
Rewrite Work Session - September 11th**

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 next 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

Another 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](#).

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE: Latino Heritage Celebration -
September 23rd**

Join the Sterling Community Center and Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services to celebrate and recognize the history and rich culture of Latinos living in Loudoun and across the world.

Enjoy a diverse palate of food vendors, nonprofit and commercial vendors, children's activities, moon bounces, giveaways, live music, DJ, and more!

The Latino Heritage Celebration of Sterling will be held on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Sterling Community Center, located at 120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA.



DAY OF CELEBRATION

FREE!

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*Latino Heritage Celebration
of Sterling*

Sterling Community Center
120 Enterprise St
Sterling, VA
Saturday, September 23
12:00pm-5:00pm

Children's Activities
Live Music & Entertainment
Food & Giveaways

Hosted By
Sterling Community Center

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If you require a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or need language assistance to participate, please contact ada@loudoun.gov, 703-777-0343, TTY: 711. At least three business days of advance notice is requested; some accommodations may require more than three days of notice.

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For more information on other exciting PRCS events, visit loudoun.gov/prcsevents.

Current Loudoun County Auction Features Bargains on Government Surplus Items

Loudoun Surplus Auction



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The September Loudoun County surplus auction offers bargains on a variety of items, including a Life Fitness treadmill, Caterpillar diesel generator and 2015 Jeep Compass Sport 4x4. Other items include a battery-powered dolly, water polo goals, office furniture and many miscellaneous items.

The online auction will close at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 14, 2023.

Detailed information and photographs of the items for sale are online [here](#).

Loudoun County sells selected items online through Public Surplus, which was created specifically for public agencies. Anyone interested in bidding on the items must be registered with publicsurplus.com. Registration is free; however, a 9.75% buyer's premium is charged to all purchases. Loudoun County government employees are subject to bidding limitations under the auction terms and conditions, which are available on the Public Surplus site.

Loudoun County has specific hours for buyers to pick up their items at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106, in Leesburg. Items must be picked up by appointment, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The dates for items to be picked up are noted on each auction item listed on the Loudoun County auction site.

The Loudoun County surplus auction helps keep items out of the Loudoun County landfill by repurposing them. More information about the sale of Loudoun County government surplus items is online at loudoun.gov/surplus.

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