



Weekly Newsflash

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

SAVE THE DATE: SterlingFest Saturday, October 7th

Celebrate everything Sterling at this year's SterlingFest hosted by the Sterling Foundation!

The event will be held on Saturday, October 8th from 11:00 am-5:00 pm at 120 Enterprise Street, and will feature live music, food & drinks, a car show, petting zoo and reptile exhibit, scavenger hunt, business expo, crafters and much more!



What is SterlingFest?

Every October, The Sterling Foundation throws a massive block party, celebrating the best of our hometown! Bring the whole family, explore booths offering the best of local businesses and artisans. Sample fine food from a wide variety of local restaurants. While the kids enjoy games, obstacle courses, and

crafts, parents can sit down in the Beer Garden for a pint of locally brewed beer or a lovely glass of Virginia's finest wine.

SterlingFest takes over multiple streets surrounding the Sterling Community Center, turning it into one giant party celebrating the best that Sterling has to offer. Get to know your neighbors, learn about local businesses, buy unique gifts from local artists, and have a great time! Best of all, the entire event helps raise funds to benefit The Sterling Foundation, ensuring we can continue our work to strengthen and beautify our hometown.

Sterling Parade

In addition to the SterlingFest festivities, the Knights of Columbus will host the 42nd Annual Sterling Parade on the morning of Saturday, October 7th. The Knights work with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office for traffic control and pedestrian safety along the parade route, and are raising money to assist with the costs. To donate or learn more, visit their [Go Fund Me campaign](#).

THIS WEEKEND: Latino Heritage Celebration - Saturday, September 23rd



A poster for the 'iFIESTA! Latino Heritage Celebration of Sterling'. At the top, a banner reads 'DAY OF CELEBRATION' with 'FREE!' on either side. The main title 'iFIESTA!' is in large, bold, black letters, with 'Latino Heritage Celebration of Sterling' in a purple script font below it. The event details are listed in two columns: 'Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise St, Sterling, VA, Saturday, September 23, 12:00pm-5:00pm' and 'Children's Activities, Live Music & Entertainment, Food & Giveaways'. It is hosted by the Sterling Community Center. At the bottom, there is a logo for PRCS (Parks, Recreation & Community Services) and a QR code.

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.

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

Early Voting for November Election Begins September 22; Deadline to Register to Vote is October 16

Loudoun County election officials remind voters of important dates and deadlines for the upcoming general election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

- Friday, September 22: First day of [early voting](#) at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite 150, Leesburg, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday -Friday. (Note: The office will be closed October 9 for Indigenous Peoples Day.)
- Monday, October 16: Last day to [register to vote a non-provisional ballot](#).
- Monday, October 23: In-person early voting expands to [additional locations](#).
- Friday, October 27: Last day to [request a ballot by mail](#).
- Saturday, November 4: Last day for [early voting](#).
- Tuesday, November 7: [Election Day](#); In-person voting, 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

The graphic features a green header with the text "November Election Important Dates". Below this, on a light green background, it states "Early voting for November election begins September 22 in Loudoun" next to a calendar icon for September 22. Below that, it says "Deadline to register to vote a non-provisional ballot is October 16" next to a calendar icon for October 16. At the bottom, it includes the Loudoun County Virginia logo, the text "More information: loudoun.gov/NovemberElection", and an icon of a hand putting a ballot into a box.

What's on the Ballot

Offices on the November 7, 2023, general election ballot in Loudoun County include the Board of Supervisors, School Board, Virginia House and Senate,

Constitutional Officers, Mayor and Town Council in Middleburg and Round Hill, Town Council seats in Hamilton, Lovettsville and Purcellville, and Soil and Water Conservation Director-Loudoun District. There are also three ballot questions involving the issuing of bonds for parks and recreation, public safety, school and transportation projects.

Links to sample ballots are online at loudoun.gov/sampleballots.

Stay Informed

- Text LCVOTES to [888777](tel:888777) to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update category through [Alert Loudoun](#), the county's email and text notification system.
- Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Loudoun County Government also posts general information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

More information about the November 7, 2023, general election is online at loudoun.gov/novemberelection.

Prospective Jurors Needed for 2024 Jury Trials in Loudoun

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The Clerk of the Circuit Court's Jury Management team is sending out 50,000 jury questionnaire postcards to Loudoun County residents in the month of September for the purpose of determining who is qualified for jury duty in Loudoun County in 2024.

These mailings have begun will continue through the month of September.

Loudoun residents who receive a postcard are required to use an online, secure portal to complete the jury questionnaire instead of using paper documents. The postcard questionnaires are less expensive, and the online portal is a more

efficient way for the recipient to complete the questionnaire and more efficient for the Clerk's Jury Office team to process tens of thousands of questionnaires.

The annual jury questionnaire process enables the circuit court to establish a qualified pool of jurors who may be summonsed to serve jury duty in 2024. While the questionnaire process is beginning now, those citizens who are deemed qualified to serve as jurors will not be called to serve jury duty until calendar year 2024.

Clemens is requesting that citizens who receive a jury questionnaire postcard to take the time to read and complete the questionnaire online by using the secure website link to access the online process. There are instructions in the questionnaire postcard to assist recipients who may not be able to complete the process online.

More information about jury duty and the juror questionnaires may be found at loudoun.gov/jury. To find out more about the services offered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, visit loudoun.gov/clerk.

Applications for Loudoun's ARPA Tourism Grant Program Now Available

Loudoun County is now accepting applications for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Tourism Grant Program.

The grant funding is available to organizations that are responsible for organizing and hosting festivals, events and other activities that draw visitors and overnight stays to

Loudoun. The program is designed to assist local organizations in their tourism planning, marketing and execution. The maximum award is \$50,000.

Loudoun is one of 133 localities in Virginia to receive ARPA funding through the Virginia Tourism Corporation to assist in the revitalization of Virginia's tourism

A promotional graphic for ARPA Tourism Grants. It features a collage of three images: a vineyard path, a group of people at a festival, and people kayaking on a river. The text reads: "ARPA TOURISM GRANTS", "Loudoun County is now accepting applications for the American Rescue Plan Act Tourism Grant Program. Groups responsible for organizing and hosting festivals, events and other activities that draw visitors and overnight stays to Loudoun are encouraged to apply.", "LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA", and "loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities".

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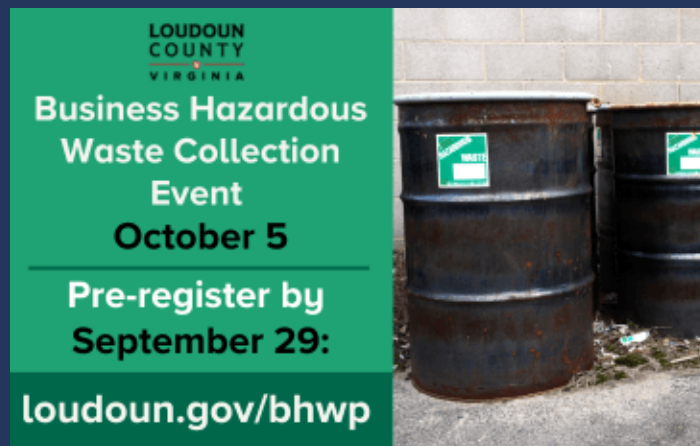
industry to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and support attracting visitors to destinations and events across the state.

To assist organizations with understanding the application process, Loudoun County will host an informational webinar Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 2:00 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., Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Detailed information about the grant program, the application process and how to join the webinar, can be found at loudoun.gov/grantopportunities.

Business Hazardous Waste Collection Event Set for October 5, 2023



Loudoun County will host a hazardous waste collection event for businesses and other non-residential generators on Thursday, October 5, 2023.

Pre-registration is required to participate, and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 29.

The program consists of two collection events a year where eligible hazardous waste generators may deliver toxic, reactive, ignitable and corrosive materials for proper disposal.

The Loudoun County Business Hazardous Waste Program is offered for businesses and organizations located in Loudoun County that are considered "Very Small Quantity Generators" that do not exceed the following thresholds:

- Less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste is generated per calendar month.
- Less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste is generated per calendar month.

- Not more than 2,220 pounds (roughly five 55-gallon drums) of hazardous wastes are accumulated on-site at any time.

Hazardous waste disposal through this program typically results in reduced costs for participants as compared to establishing collection service directly with a hazardous waste management company. The business or organization pays for disposal of the material but does not pay for the waste collection or mobilization.

Visit loudoun.gov/bhwp for registration forms and event information or call 571-233-1937.

Next Session of Online Initiative to Develop Fatherhood Skills Begins October 10

The next session of the program sponsored by Loudoun County to help fathers build skills to become even stronger dads begins Tuesday, October 10, 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 October 10, 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. Three days' notice is requested.

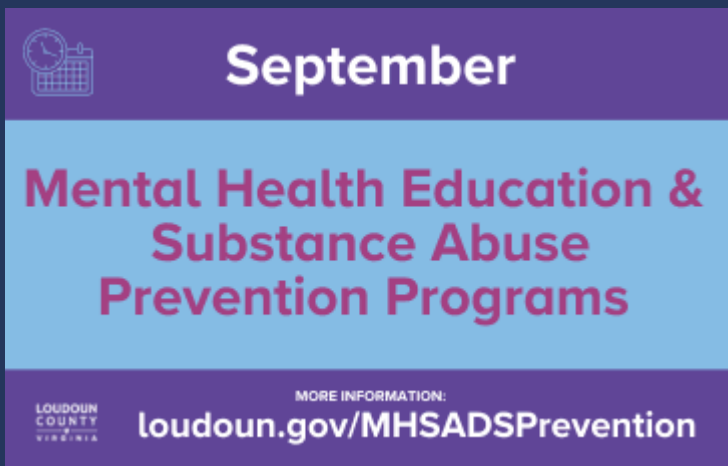
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Tuesdays | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Starts Oct. 10, 2023



Build your skills to become an even stronger dad.

LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA Register now: loudoun.gov/fatherhood

Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Trainings in September



The graphic features a purple header with a calendar icon and the word "September" in white. Below this is a light blue section with the text "Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs" in purple. At the bottom is a dark purple section with the Loudoun County logo and the URL "loudoun.gov/MHSADSPrevention".

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention trainings. All trainings are free, but seats are limited and registration is required, with the exception of Rapid REVIVE! The schedule of upcoming classes for September 2023 is as follows:

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training aims to raise awareness of the impact of potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and a question-and-answer session will follow the presentation. The next class will be held:

- September 25, 2023, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining.

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid offers training that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. The next trainings will be held:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid (Virtual): September 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid.

Opioid Overdose Reversal

REVIVE! is the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The training is free and anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend a training. Loudoun County offers two versions of the program - Rapid REVIVE! and Virtual REVIVE!

Rapid REVIVE! is a shortened format that allows individuals to complete the training in six minutes. After watching a short video and then providing their contact information, participants receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup. Rapid REVIVE! is available anytime. No registration is required.

- Visit loudoun.gov/rapidrevive for Rapid REVIVE! in English.
- Visit loudoun.gov/reviveespanol for Rapid REVIVE! in Spanish.

Virtual REVIVE! is a one-hour, scheduled training session that requires registration. Participants who complete the training are also eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup. The next scheduled training will be held:

- September 29, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

REVIVE! trainings can also be scheduled upon request. For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/revive.

Loudoun Residents Alerted about Jury Scam

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is alerting citizens to another jury duty scam reported by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, including calls to victims from someone posing as a Sheriff's Deputy demanding payment of court fines for failure to appear for jury duty. The Clerk's Office will contact any known victim and also urges them to file a report with the LCSO.



The LCSO or any other law enforcement agency will never contact anyone by telephone to inform them of a failure to report for jury duty or threaten them with a fine or imminent arrest. Anyone who misses a scheduled appearance for jury duty can expect to receive an official written notice from the Circuit Court with instructions on the necessary next steps. Officials urge anyone who receives an unexpected call regarding legal or law enforcement matters to exercise caution and common sense. Anyone who has concerns may reach out to the LCSO and any other relevant authorities.

Anyone who believes they have been the victim of a scam may contact the Sheriff's Office at [703-777-1021](tel:703-777-1021).

More information about scams is available from the [Federal Trade Commission](#).

Loudoun Earns Achievement Award for Popular Annual Financial Report



Loudoun County has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in financial reporting.

Loudoun County has again received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award is for the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Popular Annual Financial Report](#)

[\(PDF\)](#).

The award recognizes jurisdictions that create annual financial reports specifically designed to be readily accessible and easily understandable to members of the general public who do not have a background in public finance. To receive the award, the report must meet high standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal. This is the sixth year in a row that Loudoun has earned the award for the Popular Annual Financial Report.

The Popular Annual Financial Report for FY 2022 is part of the Loudoun County government's commitment to transparency. The report is intended as a companion document to the award-winning Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, presenting the highlights of the county's complex financial activities in a concise and accessible format.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving more than 21,000 government finance professionals in the United States and Canada.

Links to both the Popular Annual Financial Report and the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report are online at loudoun.gov/financialreports.

LCSO to Host Second Community Forum on Fighting Fentanyl Together

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) will host an in-depth forum on how the threat of fentanyl and other dangerous drugs is being addressed by key stakeholders, and how to best work together to save lives in Loudoun County.

The forum, Fighting Fentanyl Together, will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy, 45299 Research Place, Ashburn.

The featured guest speaker is Delaine Mazich, who lost her son, Grey, to a fentanyl overdose on September 2, 2020.

Expert panelists include:

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Presents

Fighting Fentanyl Together:

Education, Enforcement, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery in Combating the Opioid Crisis

Hosted and Moderated by  Sheriff Mike Chapman

Wednesday, September 27, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy
45299 Research Place, Ashburn

Join us for an important discussion about how we are addressing the threat of fentanyl and other dangerous drugs in Loudoun County, and how we can best work together to save lives. Our panelists will share their wide range of knowledge and experience, and answer questions.

Featured Speaker  Delaine Mazich
Mrs. Mazich will share her family's struggle with losing her son on September 2, 2020.
"Whatever pill Grey had taken that night to sleep was 100% fentanyl. He never had a chance."

Expert Panelists

 Jessica Aber U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia	 Susan Carroll President, INOVA Loudoun Hospital	 Terry Cole Virginia Secretary of Public Safety	 John Cook Deputy Director, Investigative Support Center, WB/HDTA	 Jared Forget Special Agent in Charge, DEA Washington Division
 Dr. Ramia Gupta Medical Director, Loudoun County Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services	 Melissa Hinton Founder and Chair, Loudoun Serenity House	 Chief Keith Johnson Chief, Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue Services	 Dr. Daniel Smith Chief of Staff, Loudoun County Public Schools	

- Jessica Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia
- Susan Carroll, President, INOVA Loudoun Hospital
- Terry Cole, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety
- John Cook, Deputy Director, Investigative Support Center, WB/HIDTA
- Jared Forget, Special Agent in Charge, DEA Washington Field Office
- Dr. Ramia Gupta, Medical Director, Loudoun County Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services
- Melissa Hinton, Founder and Chair, Loudoun Serenity House
- Keith Johnson, Chief, Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue Services
- Dr. Daniel Smith, Chief of Staff, Loudoun County Public Schools

Each will address the role of their respective organizations, and answer questions from the audience. Sheriff Mike Chapman will serve as host and moderator.

The forum, which builds on a similar one sponsored by the LCSO last year, is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

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