



Weekly Newsflash

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Loudoun County Landfill Now Offers Free Compost

Free Compost Now Available at the Landfill

The Loudoun County landfill now offers free compost in addition to free mulch.

Available on a first-come, first-served basis.



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The Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility is now offering free compost that will enhance soil and promote healthy plant growth for local gardeners. This is in addition to the free mulch at the landfill that the county has offered to residents for many years.

The landfill annually processes more than 7,000 tons of vegetative material received from the public into landscape grade mulch. Through recent program enhancements, the landfill is now able to create a finished compost product from yard waste, such as grass clippings, hedge clippings and leaves.

Stockpiles of the free mulch and compost are limited. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis and are located on the right side of the main entrance of the landfill, located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg. Only hand tools are allowed when loading; no powered equipment.

The upgraded composting operation is the result of a Board of Supervisors initiative to increase composting in the county through advancements in the processing of vegetative material at the landfill. The [Loudoun County Energy Strategy](#), approved by the Board in February 2023, calls for the county to expand the yard waste composting and recycling program to divert solid waste from the landfill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Landfill operating hours are Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information about services provided at the landfill is available online at loudoun.gov/landfill.

Loudoun to Open Housing Choice Voucher Program Waitlist; Will Accept Preliminary Applications

Loudoun County is scheduled to open the waitlist for the county's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 5, 2023, with the release of the preliminary application, which will be available



at loudoun.gov/housingchoice. The HCV Program is a rental subsidy program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program pays a portion of participants' monthly rent, based on household income.

Vouchers are Limited

This opportunity is the first time in over a decade that Loudoun County has opened the waitlist. There are a limited number of vouchers available. Loudoun County will close the waitlist and stop accepting preliminary applications once it has been determined that applicants at the bottom of the list will have to wait at least three years before receiving a subsidy, which is estimated to be 300 preliminary applications. To learn more how this rental assistance program is

administered, review the HCV Administrative Plan online at loudoun.gov/housingchoice.

How to Apply

Residents interested in participating in the HCV Program must begin by completing a preliminary application for the waitlist. Detailed information on how to complete and submit the preliminary application is online at loudoun.gov/housingchoice.

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or needs language assistance in order to participate in this preliminary application process, may call [703-771-5718](tel:703-771-5718)/TTY-711.

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 7th 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](#).

Fiesta de Colores Reception Scheduled for Monday, October 2nd

The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee will hold a reception for the Fiesta de Colores art exhibit on Monday, October 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The free reception will be held in Gallery One, which is located in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE, in Leesburg.

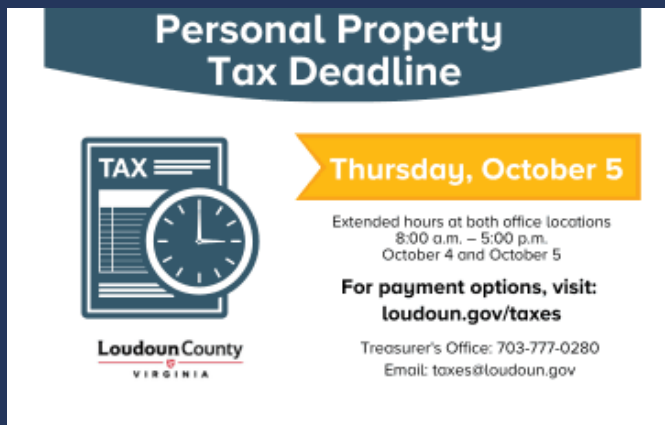


The exhibit is the committee's first art exhibition celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. The Fiesta de Colores exhibit features colorful and imaginative works that celebrate the vibrancy of Latin and Hispanic culture. Reception attendees will have an opportunity to meet the featured artists: Leonor Alvim Brazão, Maria A. Brito, Rafael Franco Dolande, Lizzy Javier, Erika Klein, Sabina Puppo, and Patricia Taylor Holz.

The artworks are available for public viewing now through Friday, November 3, 2023, during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Gallery One exhibits are coordinated by the Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

The committee is responsible for exhibiting work by Loudoun artists and maintaining and exhibiting the county's permanent art collection. For more information about the committee, visit loudoun.gov/advisory-art.

Second-Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is October 5, 2023



The graphic features a dark teal banner at the top with the text "Personal Property Tax Deadline" in white. Below the banner is a white background with a "TAX" icon (a document with a clock) on the left. To the right of the icon is a yellow banner with the text "Thursday, October 5". Below this banner, it says "Extended hours at both office locations 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. October 4 and October 5". Further down, it says "For payment options, visit: loudoun.gov/taxes". At the bottom, it provides contact information: "Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280" and "Email: taxes@loudoun.gov". The Loudoun County Virginia logo is at the bottom left.

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the second-half personal property tax is October 5, 2023.

Payments can be made using electronic check (eCheck), VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Please note that there is a

convenience fee added to credit card transactions. There is no fee for eCheck. For safety and convenience, taxpayers are encouraged to make payments online.

Business Hours

The regular business hours for the Treasurer's offices are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Wednesday, October 4, and Thursday, October 5, the offices will be operating under extended business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For More Information

Contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280) or [by email](#) if you have not received your bill or if there are any questions.

For information regarding Real Property Tax Relief for the Elderly or for Disabled Persons, contact the Tax Exemption and Deferrals Division of the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office [by email](#), by phone at [703-737-8557](tel:703-737-8557) or visit loudoun.gov/taxrelief.

Landfill Temporarily Stops Accepting Tires

The Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg will temporarily stop accepting waste tires at the county landfill effective Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

The landfill must temporarily suspend accepting all types of tires

because the facility has reached its permitted limit for scrap tires. The temporary stoppage is expected to last two to three weeks.

The Commonwealth of Virginia limits the number of tires a facility can store, in part, to promote safe storage environments. The county's landfill has seen a recent increase in scrap tires, likely due to regional limitations on disposal sites accepting tires and increasing costs of disposal. In addition, the limited number of tire hauling operator services available to keep up with the increase volume of discarded tires resulted in the county's facility quickly reaching its permit limit.

Within the next two to three weeks, the Loudoun County landfill expects its service provider will haul away the current accumulation of tires for recycling, at which time the county can resume accepting scrap tires. Tires collected at the landfill are transported to a permitted recycler who can recycle the scrap tires for other beneficial uses, such as "crumb rubber," which is used in road construction and other applications. The tires are also repurposed as tire-derived fuel.

To minimize the potential for the landfill to reach its tire storage capacity in the future, Loudoun County will implement a limit on the number of tires residential and commercial customers may discard daily. Customer limits will enable the

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landfill's contracted hauler to remove the tires in a timely fashion and ensure the number of tires temporarily stored on site do not reach the limits permitted by the state. The fees for discarding tires at the county's landfill range from \$3 to \$39, depending on the size of the tire.

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

Loudoun to Host Job Fair Tailgate with Local Employers October 11



Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate

Pass through the tailgate lot with copies of your resume to share with local employers with open positions.

**Wednesday,
October 11, 2023**
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Segra Field Parking Lot
42095 Loudoun United Drive,
Leesburg

loudoun.gov/JobFairTailgate

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The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host the Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate on *Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*, at the Segra Field parking lot in Leesburg. The event will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and seasonal job openings in Loudoun County.

The Loudoun Job Fair Tailgate will include employers representing multiple industries, such as construction, education, healthcare, hospitality, information technology, landscape, local government, recreation, retail, social services, transportation and warehouse.

In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled to Friday, October 13, 2023, at the same time and location.

Job seekers are encouraged to prepare for the fair:

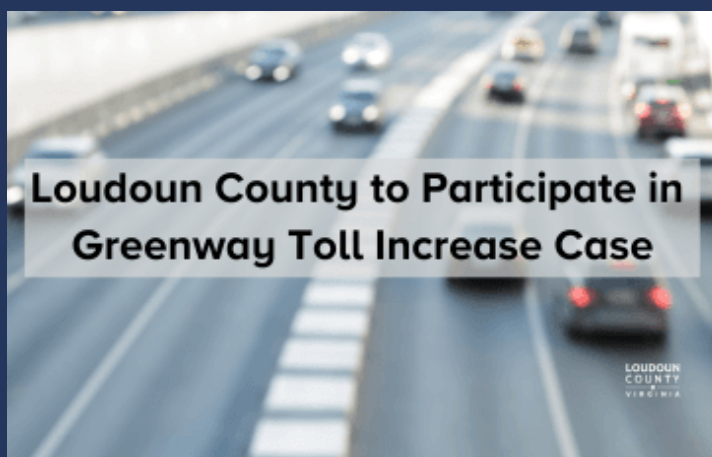
- Attend the virtual preparatory workshop:
 - "Ready, Set, Go to the Job Fair" – Thursday, October 5, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - Register at loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops.
- Get a free copy of "Turn a Job Fair Into a Job Offer:"
 - Call 703-777-0150, [email the Workforce Resource Center](mailto:info@loudoun.gov) or visit the WRC at 705 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176

- Dress professionally and bring multiple resume copies to the job fair.

Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to pre-register at loudoun.gov/jobfairtailgate to receive reminders and updates.

Loudoun County to Participate in Greenway Toll Increase Case

Loudoun County will actively participate in the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) proceedings concerning the toll increase request by the owners of the Dulles Greenway. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously September 19, 2023, to direct the County Attorney to file a “notice of participation” with the SCC in the case.



The notice of participation ensures that Loudoun’s Board will have access to all information provided to the SCC as it considers the application for a 40% increase in the maximum toll for passenger vehicles on the Greenway. It also allows the Board to provide the SCC with testimony and analysis independent of that offered by the owner of the toll road.

Public Comment Period

The SCC has opened its public comment opportunity and scheduled hearings on the application ([Case # PUR-2023-00089](#)) from the owners of the Greenway requesting to increase the maximum tolls for most drivers to \$8.10 during peak hours, up from the current \$5.80, and \$6.40 during off-peak hours, up from \$5.25.

Written Comments

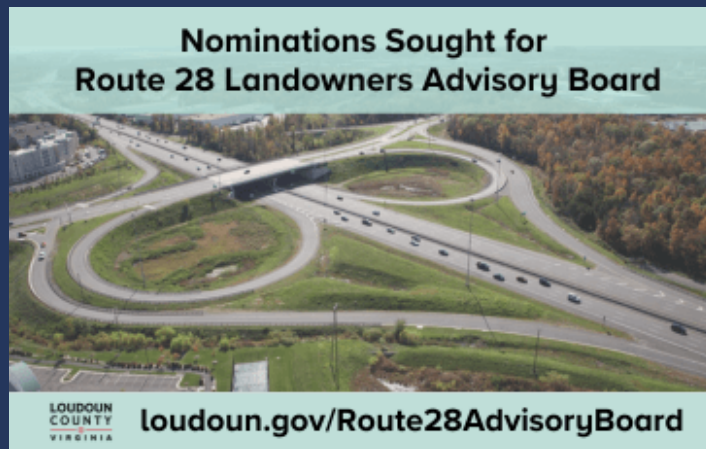
Members of the public may submit written comments through January 24, 2024. Written comments regarding the Greenway’s request for increased toll rates can

be provided online through the SCC's website at scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments (click on "Submit Comments" next to case # PUR-2023-00089).

Written comments can also be submitted by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments must refer to case number PUR-2023-00089.

[Learn More](#)

Nominations Sought for Route 28 Landowners Advisory Board



Nominations for the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District Landowners Advisory Board are being sought. Members of the board are landowners within the Route 28 tax district from Loudoun and Fairfax Counties.

In accordance with the Code of Virginia, residents eligible to serve on this advisory board must meet the following criteria:

- Must own land zoned for commercial or industrial use within the district; or
- In the case of a corporation owning such land, be a designated officer or employee; or
- In the case of a partnership owning such land, be a designated partner.

The timeline for the election process begins in late September 2023 with nomination letters being sent to eligible property owners. Nominations are due to Route 28 Landowners Advisory Board Chair Tadeusz (Ted) Lewis, by October 16, 2023. Ballots will be mailed to property owners on November 6, 2023, and

election results are scheduled to be posted on the [Loudoun County website](#) January 16, 2024.

About the Route 28 Tax District

In 1987, the Boards of Supervisors of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties created the Route 28 Highway Transportation Improvement District to fund improvements to Route 28, including the widening of the roadway and construction of ten grade-separated interchanges.

The district is governed by a commission which is comprised of four members from the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, four members from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and the Virginia Secretary of Transportation. The district is advised by a Landowners Advisory Board comprised of 12 taxpayer representatives. Six of the advisory board members (three from each county) are elected by the taxpaying landowners to serve four-year terms.

More information about the Route 28 Landowners Advisory Board in Loudoun County is available at loudoun.gov/route28advisoryboard.

Halloween Events with Loudoun PRCS

From haunted hikes and playgrounds to puppies and pumpkins, your PRCS has frighteningly fun activities for all ages for the Halloween season.

For more info, visit



bit.ly/PRCSHalloween2023.

Friday, October 20th

- Halloween Fest at Loudoun Valley Community Center
- Mrs. Lucketts Haunted Playground at Lucketts Community Center

Friday, October 20 - Saturday, October 21

- Not-Too-Scary Halloween Trail Presented by the Franklin Park Performing & Visual Arts Center
 - (Visit <https://www.franklinparkartscenter.org/performances/> for more information)

Saturday, October 21st

- Puppies and Pumpkins at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve

Thursday, October 26th

- Halloween Costume Party at Sterling Community Center
- Haunted Hike and Spooky Campfire at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve

Friday, October 27th

- Dulles South Trick or Treat Trail at Dulles South Recreation and Community Center
- Pumpkin Decorating at Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park
- Halloween in the Park at Franklin Park

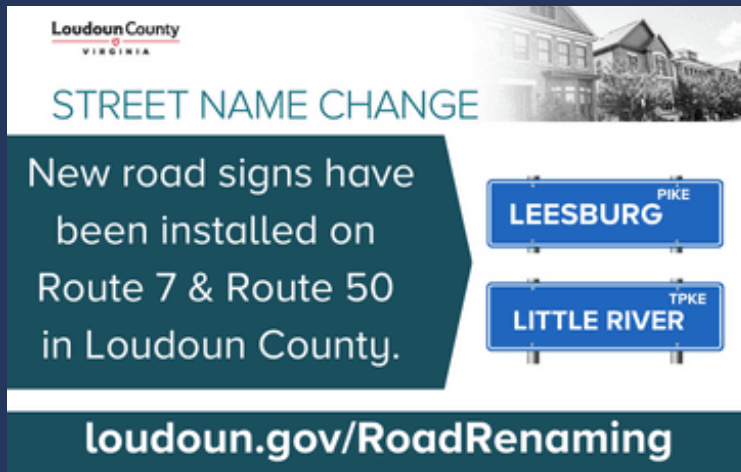
Saturday, October 28th

- Halloween Fairy Folk Trail at Lovettsville Community Park
- Sterling Fear Fest at Sterling Community Center
- Halloween Hay Ride at Philomont Community Center
- Halloween Laser Light Show Presented by Franklin Park Performing and Visual Arts Center
 - (Visit <https://www.franklinparkartscenter.org/performances/> for more information)

Tuesday, October 31st

- Lovettsville Trunk or Treat at Lovettsville Community Center
 - Monster Mash Dance Party at Douglass Community Center
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New Road Signs Installed on Newly Renamed Route 7 and Route 50



Motorists traveling on Route 7 and Route 50 in Loudoun County are seeing new road signs indicating the new names of the highways.

The renaming of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) to Leesburg Pike and the renaming of John Mosby Highway (Route 50) to Little

River Turnpike is effective Thursday, September 28, 2023. Loudoun County has replaced approximately 75 blue rectangular signs on both highways. The Virginia Department of Transportation is expected to begin installing the larger overhead green signs in early to mid-October.

Loudoun County will provide updated address information to the U.S. Postal Service, Apple Maps, Google Maps, TomTom GPS and Waze. In addition, the updated names and addresses have been entered into the county's Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) 9-1-1- system.

To assist property owners in the transition to a new address, the county has prepared a helpful checklist that is available at loudoun.gov/roadrenaming.

Business Assistance Grants

Loudoun County is offering grants to help businesses financially impacted by the renaming of the roads. Businesses or nonprofits with an address on Route 7 or Route 50 may apply for a one-time grant, as well as a sign reimbursement grant, if eligible. The grant program is also open to businesses impacted by the renaming of several other streets and roads in the county. The deadline to apply for the grants is December 1, 2023. Details about the program are online at loudoun.gov/roadrenamingassistance.

More Information

The renaming of the roadways is a result of the Board of Supervisors' September 2020 decision to inventory and review Confederate and segregationist symbols in the county; the Board's November 2021 decision to rename Fort Johnston Road, Jeb Stuart Road and streets adjacent to and within the Town of Round Hill and the Board's December 2021 decision to rename Routes 7 and 50. More information about the renaming process is online at loudoun.gov/roadrenaming.

Updates from Women Giving Back

Get your tickets for Women Giving Back's annual TopGolf fundraiser event on Wednesday, October 11th, from 4pm-7pm!

Reserve a bay spot to practice your swing, or just come socialize, network, and enjoy some food and drinks with us on the open-air rooftop terrace. Be sure to bring your family, friends, or the whole team for a great time supporting a great cause! All proceeds directly support WGB programming.



The online silent auction will also be back in full swing with bidding open October 4th through October 11th at 6pm. Register for the auction, set a reminder, and bookmark the online page to get your bids in early, and easily keep an eye on your favorite items!

[Purchase Tickets and View the Silent Auction](#)

Diaper Need

September 18th - 24th was National Diaper Need Awareness Week. In the past decade, the prevalence of diaper need across our country has increased nearly 15%— almost every other family lacks a sufficient supply of diapers to keep their babies dry, clean, and healthy. Comfort and wellbeing are so crucial during early development; poor hygiene can lead to infections, which in turn can interfere with proper feeding/nutrition, sleep, and growth.

Aside from the hygiene standpoint, diaper need can also affect caregivers' ability to work (no clean diapers means no childcare), further compounding the

struggle to keep up with expenses for essentials. The mental health stressors become twofold: the anxiety of how to secure basic necessities creates personal guilt and depression in a provider who can't provide. Oftentimes personal relationships suffer as well.

WGB works hard to help alleviate this need in our community with the help of generous donors and [Greater DC Diaper Bank](#), one of WGB's nonprofit partners who regularly delivers diapers to distribute through their pantry. Together we can narrow the gap between diaper need and sufficiency.

If you would like to help stock WGB's diaper pantry, consider these options:

- Purchase boxes and drop them off in the blue bin at the WGB warehouse entrance any time!
- Shop and send from the WGB [Amazon wish list](#)
- Host a donation drive-- contact Volunteer@WomenGivingBack.org for tips on getting started

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