



Budget Season, We Need Your Input!

I'd like to remind you that the budget season is upon us, which means a lot is at stake. Now is the time to express your opinion on what you think the County ought to support. Some of these things include: teacher salary increases, access to full day kindergarten throughout the county, improving transportation shortcomings, enhancing mental health services, and support for local non-profits. All of these services and commitments are going to require funding from the County. We would like to continue getting your input on the level of commitment you want from us. Please continue to send your opinions our way either by speaking at our next board meeting on March 17th, calling our office and/or emailing your thoughts to the board at bos@loudoun.gov. I cannot stress how important it is to provide us your thoughts on the budget as your opinions are what drive our decisions.

Sterling Representatives' Town Hall Meeting

Sterling District School Board Member, Brenda Sheridan and I invite you to a Town Hall Meeting on March 30th from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Sterling Middle School auditorium. We will discuss updates regarding the school and county budget. Following these updates we will hold a Q&A session. The town hall is open to the public.

Looking for an Affordable Place to Live in Northern Virginia?

Make sure to attend the 2016 Northern Virginia Housing Expo on Saturday, March 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Freedom High School, 15201 Neabsco Mills Road in Woodbridge. The "Housing Opportunities for All" Expo will showcase both homeownership and rental opportunities and resources throughout Northern Virginia and will feature workshops, exhibits and free one-on-one credit counseling. Staff from the Loudoun County Department of Family Services will participate in two local government panels to share information on Loudoun County programs for renters and homebuyers. The event is free and sponsored by Loudoun County and regional partners



Calling All Local Employers - Sterling Job Fair, Sat May 14th

Make sure to save the date! On Saturday, May 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., I am organizing a job fair at Claude Moore Rec Center. I plan to host employers from various industries. Whether you are looking for a Summer job or a permanent one, all are welcome. **If you are a Loudoun employer interested in recruiting at the Fair, please contact my office.**

Text to 911 Now Available in Loudoun County

As of March 1st, you can now text to 911 in the event of an emergency in Loudoun County. You are still encouraged to place a voice call to 911 whenever possible. Loudoun County is one of the few jurisdictions that provides this service. Should you have an emergency, the first text to 911

should be brief and include the specific location and type of emergency. The sender should not copy anyone on the text to 911 and not include photos or videos. Currently, translation services are not available within the text to 911 system; therefore, any text to 911 placed in Loudoun County should be in English. Read more [here](#).



South Greenthorn Ave Residential Permit Parking District Approved

A residential permit parking district has been in the South Greenthorn Avenue has been approved. There has been some confusion in regards to who will need permits. Not everyone on South Greenthorn Avenue is required to obtain a permit. Please refer to the map on the right. Only those homes in blue are required to obtain a parking permit. If you have any questions, please email my office.



Loudoun County Seeks Comment on Proposed Bus Service Changes

Loudoun County Transit is seeking comment on several proposed bus service changes to be implemented July 1, 2016. The proposed modifications include route changes, schedule format changes and fare changes. A summary of the proposed changes include: minor modifications on routes 62, 72, 85 & 89X; re-naming and re-formatting timetables for Metro Connection bus services; a reduction of fares for Routes 72, 83 and 84; a fare increase on commuter buses from \$8 to \$9 dollars per trip; and the addition of free transfers between local Loudoun County bus routes. For details, [click here](#).

"Spring Forward," Change Your Clocks, Check Your Smoke Alarm Batteries

This Sunday, March 13th, 2016, do not forget to "spring forward" and set your clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Savings Time. While your smart phones may automatically adjust, your clocks at home may not be so smart. As we do this, Loudoun County's Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Management encourages you to **check batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms** as well. A working smoke alarm can be the difference between life and death. For more tips, read this [article](#).



Existing Vacancies for Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees

There are still opportunities to serve on the Loudoun County Government boards and commissions. This is a chance to become an active participant in your county government. To apply, fill out the [official application](#) and submit it to the Office of the Board of Supervisors by emailing coadmin@loudoun.gov or mailing it to: Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, 1 Harrison St SE, 5th floor, PO Box 7000, Leesburg, VA 20177. For a list of current vacancies, [click here](#). If you intend on applying, please email me your intent, title of the position you are seeking and your resume to Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov.

Zika Virus Update

According to Health Department Director, Dr. Goodfriend, it is not yet certain how the Zika Virus will affect our county. We have been updated that there have only been three confirmed cases in Virginia, all related to travel abroad. The good news is the virus only shows serious threat and symptoms to one in five of those affected. Common symptoms include: fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes. "In most cases, it's not a very dangerous disease-even among the 20 percent of people who will show symptoms, the disease usually runs its course naturally and is gone within about two weeks," stated Loudoun Now. For more details on the virus, including a thorough presentation, visit www.loudoun.gov/zika.

March Opportunities

- **Virginia Telework Week: March 7 - 11.** Did you know this week was Virginia Telework Week? Many businesses and individuals have participated in Telework Week by working from home one or more days this week. You have one day left. Save some gas, ease the traffic and contribute positively to your environment by teleworking tomorrow!
 - **March 2016 Energy Challenge:** Help Loudoun County conserve energy this month by taking the stairs, bringing your lunch and walking or biking to work!
 - **Free Tax Prep is Still Available at the Cascades Library!** As a reminder, tax preparation services are being provided at no cost to residents with low-to-moderate incomes. Check out [sites](#) near you.
 - **Thursdays ESOL Conversations**, 6-7 p.m. Come to the Sterling Library on Thursdays to practice your English in an informal setting. Details [here](#).
 - **Citizenship Classes on Saturdays**, 3/5-6/18, 2:15 p.m. Bilingual instructors teach relevant civics materials for the U.S. citizenship test at the Sterling Library. Visit [webpage](#).
 - **Discounted Tickets to Hershey Park:** [Purchase](#) 33% discounted park tickets and support Park View PTSA; deadline to purchase is April 8th.
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Upcoming Events

- **Spring Craft Show** - March 12th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Shop from over 75 amazing craft vendors while also helping to raise funds for Park View's Project Graduation and groups; [event](#) is free.
- **Nightlife Economy Public Input Meeting**--Monday, March 14th, 6-8 p.m. at the BLVD in Ashburn, VA. Click [here](#) to rsvp on Facebook.
- **Rise of Heroin Use Discussion**--March 18th, 6 p.m. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Congresswoman Comstock and the DEA is holding a discussion with parents & students at the DEA Museum on the rising use of heroin. See [event page](#) for details.
- **Spring Break March Madness Basketball Tournament!** --March 21-25th; Families staying local during students' Spring Break, support or join the March Madness [Basketball Tournament](#) held at the Ashburn Pavilion and hosted by the Community Policing Unit of Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.
- **Chronic Disease Workshops for 55+**--Every Wednesday, Mar 2nd - Apr 6th, 10:30-1:15 p.m. Free workshops presented by Loudoun County Area on Aging Agency to learn how to self-manage your disease. [Click here](#) for more info.



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