

September Edition

September is now upon on us and our children are back in school. Let's help keep them safe. As you drive, please take extra precaution and look out for children walking to and from school. The Sheriff's Office asks that everyone obey the traffic signs, watch crossing guards, and use caution near schools.

Labor Day weekend is also right around the corner. I would like to take a moment to honor all of you who have worked or are currently working for the betterment of our society. Additionally, I want to personally commemorate those of you who have served or are currently serving as a caregiver to a family member.

On September 1, all of us, members of the Board, will proclaim Labor Day Weekend as "Labor of Love" weekend to Norman Duncan, a Loudoun County man who serves as chairman of the International Caregivers Association Board. This board works to create a universal standard of dementia care. Duncan also served as a longtime caregiver for his wife Elsie, who died in 2015. Join us as we present the proclamation to Norman Duncan on Thursday, September 1 at 2:30 pm in the Dulles Room on the first floor of the Loudoun County Government Center.

Please note: The next newsletter, the October edition, will be released on the second week of the month as opposed to the 1st. All others will follow normal schedule.

Hispanic Heritage Month



From September 15 through October 15, my office will be recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month. The celebration of Hispanic heritage started on a national level in 1968. During President Johnson's administration, it was celebrated during a week-long period and during Reagan's administration, the period was extended to a month-long celebration.

Because Hispanic/Latino Americans have been enriching our nation's diversity and economy for hundreds of years; because Hispanic Americans have been living and contributing to the growth and stability of our country and very own district; and because Hispanic Americans have formed an integral part of the Sterling community for the last 20 years, let us celebrate the Latino culture and the group's countless achievements locally as well as nationwide.

My office is working on a resolution to recognize September 15–October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month at the county level. I will be bringing forth this resolution at the September 21 board meeting. Please come by and support the commemoration on September 21 at 5:30 pm. We will recognize the Hispanic/Latino community's contributions in Loudoun and honor their heritage.



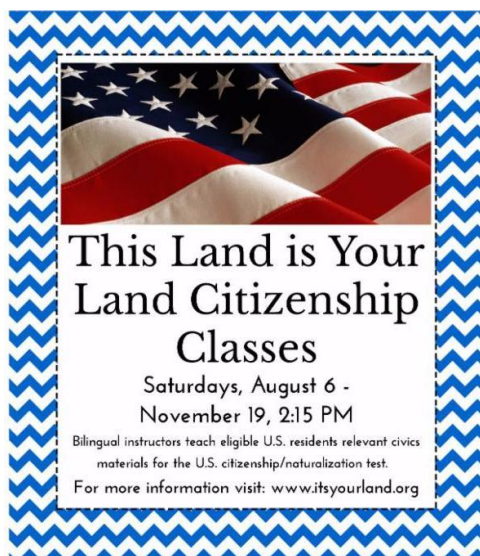
YMCA Sterling Center is Open, Hiring and Accepting Applications for their Youth Programs

The YMCA center, now located at 624 West Church Rd, is currently accepting applications for their year-round infant, pre-school and after school programs. Their programs will provide children with hands-on learning to challenge them in different areas such as; STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), language arts, and social studies for ages 6 weeks to 12 years. The center's nurturing staff will serve as role models where they will engage and encourage all children to develop their sense of self while they broaden their awareness of the world around them. To register your child,

call 703-430-2781 or 703-777-9692. You can also reach out by email at loudounemail@ymcadc.org or visit www.ymcadc.org.

The YMCA Center is also offering employment opportunities including some full-time positions in child-care and 20 or so part-time positions. Applicants should submit a cover letter and a resume to YMCALoudounCountyJobs@gmail.com.

On September 25, the YMCA is having a fundraiser at Burton's Grill & Bar in Sterling. Show your support (and love!) for the programs at YMCA Loudoun County throughout the day. 50 percent of the proceeds of meals ordered from the {B} Choosy children's menu, will benefit the Y! Adult guests are also able to make a donation while they dine. The restaurant is located at Epicerie Plaza, Cascades Overlook, Sterling.



Are You Preparing for your Naturalization Test? Attend the Citizenship Classes On Saturdays!

Citizenship Classes are being held through November 19th at 2:15 pm every Saturday at the Sterling Library. If you are a U.S. resident preparing for the Naturalization test, consider attending these weekly classes. Bilingual instructors teach relevant civics materials to equip you for the U.S.

naturalization test. For more information, visit itsyourland.org.

Fall Festival Claude Moore Park

Fall Festival at Claude Moore Park – September 24

Claude Moore Park invites you to their Fall Festival and 9th Annual Friends of Claude Moore Park Photography Expo from 10 am to 4 pm. The festival is free and open to all ages. There will be handmade crafts from local artisans, foothill spinners and weavers demo, pumpkin painting, a petting zoo (11a-3p), live music, food and

games, and much more! Local photographers will also have their artwork on display at the event.

The event is happening at Claude Moore Park, right in our backyard and next to the Claude Moore Rec Center, at 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road in Sterling. Do not miss this fun-filled event!

The Long-Anticipated 2016 Sterling Fest – October 8

The Sterling Fest reaches 29 years of celebration this October 8th! Come and be a part of Sterling's premier festival, organized by the Sterling Foundation, Sterling Playmakers and the Sterling Community Advisory Board. Food, fun and all types of festivities for the entire family are to be expected. Best of all, the festival is FREE.

In addition to fun activities and games for children, there will be great food provided by several local food vendors, live entertainment, a library book sale, local businesses and craft vendors and an exciting raffle!



To learn more about the festival, visit www.sterlingfest.org.



Loudoun County STEM Day 2016 – Saturday, October 1

Mark your calendars for STEM Day 2016 occurring right in Sterling! Loudoun County STEM Day is a collaborative effort between Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, Loudoun County Public Schools, and NOVA SySTEMic Solutions to expose Loudoun County

youth to opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math. Designed for students of all ages, the day features hands-on exhibits, workshops, food, and music in a festival-like atmosphere. Children will have the opportunity to watch a robotics demonstration, conduct experiments in our science labs, or wander through our exhibitors hall.

The event is FREE and open to the public. STEM Day 2016 is taking place Saturday, October 1st, from 10 to 4 pm at Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus – 21200 Campus Drive in Sterling. [Register here.](#)

High Schoolers Are Needed to Volunteer on Election Day! Bilingual Background is a Plus!



If you're in high school and at least 16 years old, you are encouraged to volunteer on election day! Aside from a great experience, if you volunteer, you will receive community service hours and a commendation form. Bilingual students are especially needed to assist bilingual voters.

If you're at least 18 years old, you can serve as a Paid Election Officer. Be a part of election day and observe democracy in action!. For more information and to view the full duties of the position, visit this [page](#).

The Sports Corner: Football Season is Upon Us!



With our kids being back in school and the football season fully underway, we want to make sure you are informed about all local football games happening in our district. As you might already know, Park View, Dominion and Potomac Falls High School all fall within our district so we will be highlighting these three schools' sports activities during the fall in addition to the Lower Loudoun Football League's schedule.

The Park View varsity football team's first home game is taking place this Friday, Sept 2 from 7–9 pm. The Patriots will play the James Wood Colonels from Winchester, VA. Residents living in the Park View school district, come out and cheer them on at Park View for just \$5! If you can't make this Friday's game, the Patriots' next home game is on Sept 16.

On the same Friday, Dominion HS' varsity football team plays against Potomac Falls HS. Those of you living in the Dominion or Potomac Falls school district should attend what is surely to be a heated game on Sept 2nd! The Panthers' next home game is on Sept 9th and the Titans' on Sept 16th. Come out and support our next generation of athletes!

To view the full schedule of each school's football teams, click on the links below.

- [Patriots' football schedule](#)
- [Panthers' football schedule](#)
- [Titans' football schedule](#)

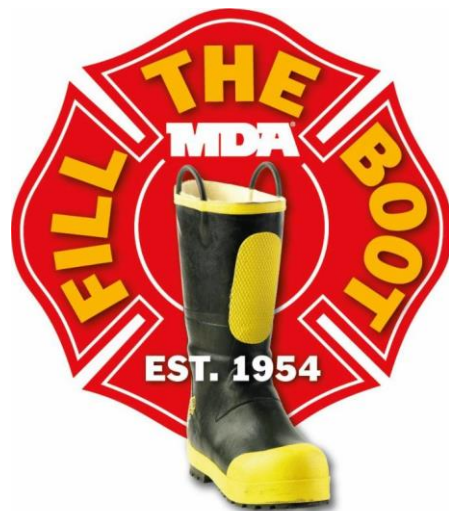
The Lower Loudoun Football League's fall season has also begun. Support them by attending their games at the Bill Allen Field. To view the fall schedule, [click here](#).

Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy – Aug 30 Sept 4

Loudoun County firefighters, with the help of the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue System, will be asking for donations from the public at various locations throughout the county from August 30th to September 4th.

You have 4 more days to donate! To contribute, visit **Joe's Pizzeria at 22360 South Sterling Blvd # 103** in Sterling anytime before September 4th.

MDA and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) partnered to create the Fill-the-Boot drive. For 61 years the IAFF has pledged to assist MDA until a cure was



found. The drive is meant to raise money for research and to help families of individuals suffering from neuromuscular disease. The drive raises millions of dollars annually, according to the IAFF website. All funds collected in the county will assist local families affected by one of the 43 neuromuscular diseases.



Construction/Trades Career Fair September 13

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is hosting a Construction/Trades Career Fair on Tuesday, September 13, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way,

N.E. (2nd floor) in Leesburg.

Featured employers include: Beauchain Builders, Capital Rail Constructors, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Miller Paneling Specialists and Sunbelt Industrial. These employers are recruiting for entry-level and experienced mid-level positions. Anyone searching for a career change or advancement is also encouraged to attend.

Entry-level construction workers have many opportunities to advance in the field. A laborer can work his or her way up to foreman, supervisor, project manager, senior manager and executive. Likewise, a trade apprentice, such as a mechanic or electrician, can advance to a craft professional, supervisor and project manager. According to the Virginia Employment Commission, employment in the construction industry is projected to grow by 12.8% in Virginia by 2024, and the need for construction workers in Loudoun County will remain steady over the next five to six years.

Prior to attending the Career Fair, job seekers are encouraged to stop by the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center for a resume critique session and a Career Fair Tips handout. In addition to the career fair on September 13, the Workforce Resource Center will host a series of job preparation and career advancement events throughout September, which is Workforce Development Professionals Month. A calendar of events is [online](#).



Mobile Phone Users Should Register for Automatic Emergency Voice Notifications

Loudoun County encourages people who live and work in the county to register their mobile phone numbers and addresses in the Alert Loudoun system to receive automatic emergency voice notifications about local emergencies.

"We use this technology for life–safety, local emergency alerts that everyone should know about," said Kevin Johnson, Loudoun County's coordinator for emergency management. "People who have eliminated landlines in their homes will not receive these important notifications unless they register."

The automatic emergency voice notification system provides public safety officials with the capability of sending a recorded message to homes and businesses only when emergency, life–safety–related notifications are necessary. In Loudoun County, the system has been used for flash flood information, incidents involving hazardous materials, missing person notifications and other emergency situations.

To register a mobile phone number for automatic emergency voice notifications and to sign up for county alerts and information via text and email, log on to www.loudoun.gov/alert.

Exciting September Events

Sept 2: LAWS Charity Golf Tournament and Sip and Swing Event

Be a part of LAWS' first Charity Golf Event starting at 11:30 am at 1757 Golf Club. All proceeds benefit the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS)/Loudoun Citizens for Social Justice. One Great Day, Two Ways to Play!

Help support a nonprofit organization that has existed since 1984 and served a countless



number of our very own Sterling residents in need. There will be an Awards Presentation, great raffle prizes and silent auction items. Buy tickets for \$125 each [online](#) or by calling 703-726-2767. Visit their [website](#) for more details.

Sept 2: Beltway Celebrates 3 Year Anniversary with a New Beer! [Beltway Brewing Company](#) is right in Sterling located at 22620 Davis Dr, Ste 110. Celebrate with them from 4-9 pm on Friday, Sept 2.

Sept 3: Community Fun Day with the Christ Chapel AME Church in Sterling. The community event will be from 3-6 pm at the Briar Patch Park pavilion. Come meet your local leaders and businesses while enjoying music, snacks and fun.

Sept 9: Charity Lip Sync Battle. Show Support by attending the first Charity Lip Sync Battle and watch Chair Randall among others compete on September 9th from 7-10 pm at the V Social Eatery & Brew House in Ashburn, Virginia. One Sparrow, the organization hosting the event, is a 501(c)3 organization that puts on fun, family-friendly events in the local community, while raising money for local and global causes.

Battles Include:

- Chairwoman Phyllis Randall
- Antwaan Randle El
- Winter Harris
- Chase Dixon
- Eddie Mason

Tickets are \$20 per person and the ticket sales will go towards current initiatives which include the implementation of a tutoring and mentoring program for local students. [Click here](#) to purchase a ticket or learn more information about the event. To learn more about One Sparrow, visit <http://onesparrowdc.org/>.

Sept 10: HopeFest. Attend an inaugural free event organized by the Leesburg Community Church to help curb the stigma of mental illness and provide support and education to the community. Attend from 9 am-2 pm at Leesburg Community Church, 835 Lee Ave. SW, Leesburg. The event will include health and wellness exhibitors, Q&A panels and breakout sessions with health experts, policymakers and community leaders. For info, [click here](#).

Sept 13: Sterling Foundation Monthly Meeting. Attend, support and be a part of the organization that works tirelessly to keep Sterling in great condition. Their meetings are regularly held on the second Tuesday of the month at Joe's Pizzeria.

Sept 17: Loudoun County Computer Fair, 10–5 pm. See exhibits and presentations about robotics and coding at the Rust Library. Visit loudouncodes.org.

Sept 17: *The One I Feed* Dance Performance – An evening of dance at Potomac Falls HS to benefit Johns Hopkins Children's Center and children's allergy research. Come out and enjoy the performance from top local dance studios and world renowned artists! [Visit their page](#) for tickets and information.

Sept 24–25: Leesburg Fine Art Festival.

Do you enjoy art? Are you an art collector or wish to become one? Or do you just have a passion for art: painting, jewelry, sculpture, photography ceramics, glass – and more? Then, attend the Art Festival in Historic Downtown Leesburg at the intersection of Market and King Streets from 10–6 pm on Saturday and 11–5 pm on Sunday. The festival is brought to you by Historic Downtown Leesburg and the Friends of Leesburg Public Arts and is sure to be a unique outdoor art gallery created from the exquisite, handmade artwork of artisans from across America. The event is FREE. Find out more [here](#).

Oct 1: Annual Hike with Hope. Join the Friends of Loudoun Mental Health for a fun hiking day from 11–2 pm at Rotary Pavilion, Franklin Park in Purcellville. Help raise awareness while enjoying good company along with a nice hike in Franklin Park. Water, snacks, lunch and raffle prizes will be provided. Event is free but we donations are gladly accepted to further the organization's mission.

Oct 4: Dressing for College with Image and Branding Coach, Mischelle O'Neal. Advice will be given on transitioning from high school into the college and business worlds at 6 pm at Cascades Library. To view more library events, [click here](#).

Oct 8: 2016 Loudoun County NAACP Freedom Fund Gala, 5:30 pm at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport located at 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. The theme for the evening is "Equal Opportunity Is Not A Compromise" and the keynote speaker is Ms. Brenda Welburn, Former Executive Director, National Association of State Boards of Education. The "After Party" features the R&B band, Bryan Fox and

Friends. The Gala is the primary fundraising event for the Loudoun County NAACP, which helps pay State and National membership assessments and operations for the coming year. Tickets can be purchased for the dinner or the after party concert at www.naacploudoun.com. The NAACP is seeking sponsors, patrons, ads, vendors and silent auction items. Contact Phillip Thompson at 301-535-0488 for more info.

Opportunities in the Area...

Platelet and Whole Blood Donors

Needed. Please consider giving to our local Inova Blood Donor Center or the American Red Cross. Visit [INOVA Donor Center](#) at Dulles Town Center at the following hours:

Sunday ~ 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday ~ noon to 8 p.m.

Tuesday ~ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday ~ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed Thursday

Friday ~ 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

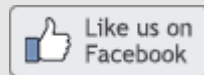


"Ask the Expert" Lecture on Hernias: Causes, Symptoms and Treatment Options. This lecture is free and open to the public and being offered by Inova Loudoun Hospital. The lecture takes place Monday, September 12 at 6 pm and is designed to inform attendees about hernias, a common medical condition in both men and women. Join Board Certified General Surgeon Dr. James Lesniewski as he speaks about the varying types of hernias, causes, symptoms, and treatment options. Learn about the latest advances in minimally invasive robotic-assisted surgery for hernia repair. The lecture will be at Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg, in Conference Rooms A&B (South Lobby Entrance). Free valet parking is available. Participation is also free but seating is limited. To register visit inova.org/AskTheExpert or call 1.855.MY.INOVA (855.694.6682).

Looking for More Volunteer Opportunities? Visit the [Loudoun County Website](#).

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