

## INSIDE STERLING

*Koran T. Saines, Sterling District Supervisor*

### February Updates

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Our office has had many conversations with residents in the area surrounding Guilford Elementary School, as well as parents of children who attend Guilford ES, regarding safety along West Poplar Road. Both the safety of vehicular traffic, as well as pedestrians are of concern in this corridor. Our Board Member Initiative that was passed at the January 19, 2017 Board of Supervisors' Business Meeting, directed staff to identify funds to conduct a traffic analysis study would review the existing site conditions and determine potential alternatives to establish safety improvements along West Poplar Road between South Sterling Boulevard and South Greenthorn Avenue.

Once funds are identified, county staff will come back to the board to authorize the expenditure of these funds to conduct the study. The timeline for identifying funds can take 1-2 months, and then the traffic analysis study can take several months to complete. Once the traffic analysis study is complete, our office will work with county staff to identify funds to implement agreed upon solutions to address the issues identified. We appreciate the community's support and patience as we work with staff and our board colleagues to advocate for positive change in this area.



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### LCPS Parent Seminar on Suicide Prevention - Feb 2

LCPS is holding a Parent Seminar on Suicide Prevention Thursday, February 2 from 6-8:30 pm at Broad Run High School (21670 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn). Research-based principles of suicide prevention, including specific guidance for parents will be shared at the event. LCPS will also go over its suicide prevention strategies and

To register, call 571-252-6540 or [click here](#). View event topics on the [LCPS website](#).

## Know Your Rights Event - Feb 3

Just Neighbors, Catholic Charities and other organizations are holding a FREE seminar on immigrant rights. At the seminar, you will learn:

- your rights in the US, regardless of your immigration status
- what to do if you are detained by the police or by immigration officials
- how to create an emergency plan for you and your family in case you are detained or deported

The event is on Friday, February 3 from 7-9 pm at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Hwy, Sterling in the Atonement Hall. For questions, please call 703-979-1240.



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS**

**What:** FREE Know your Rights and Creating an Emergency Plan Seminar

**When:** Friday, February 3, 2017  
7 pm - 9 pm

**Where:** Christ The Redeemer  
46833 Harry Byrd Hwy  
Sterling, VA 20164  
Atonement Hall

**Questions:** 703-979-1240  
Just Neighbors

**You will learn:**

- Your rights in the US, regardless of your immigration status
- What to do if you are detained by the police or by immigration officials
- How to create an emergency plan for you and your family in case you are detained or deported

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## Feb 4 Boulevard Cleanup & Buffalo Wing Night in Support of Sterling

Help the Sterling Foundation cleanup our Sterling Boulevard this Saturday, February 4. Meet at Briar Patch Park at 8:30 am and bring friends! Bring gloves and a water bottle. Safety vests and bags will be provided, but if you have your own vest, please bring it. Rain date is Feb 11. RSVP on [Facebook](#).

Buffalo Wing Date Night is on February 22 in the evening, 5 pm at the Buffalo Wing Factory. A portion of the proceeds will support the Foundation, which works arduously to upkeep the Sterling Park community. Email \_\_\_ to become a member for only \$20 a year and to receive updates!

## Transit Services Seeks Your Input - Feb 4 Public Meeting in Sterling

Loudoun County has launched an annual effort to obtain input from members of the public about the county's bus routes and transit services. The public may provide feedback through March 31, through a survey or by attending one of four community meetings scheduled in the coming weeks. The county is seeking suggestions specifically for new or modified bus routes and enhanced services.



Fill out the survey now!

English survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017Transit>

Spanish survey: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/SP2017Transit>

Attend the February 4 meeting in Sterling with Transit Services staff:

10:30 - 11:30 am: Cascades Library, Meeting Room A, 21030 Whitfield Place.

View more information on the initiative at <https://www.loudoun.gov/TransitSurvey>.

## Legislative Town Hall - Feb 4

Delegate Randy Minchew and Senator Wexton will be holding a Legislative Town Hall in Leesburg on Saturday, February 4. The event will take place at Rust Library from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. They will be reviewing their legislative agendas and giving updates from the Virginia General Assembly's ongoing Legislative Session.

Saturday, Feb 4, 1:30 pm

Rust Library (380 Old Waterford Rd NW, Leesburg)

Join us for a  
**LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL**

**Senator Jennifer Wexton  
and  
Delegate Randy Minchew**

Saturday, February 4  
1:30-2:30 p.m.

Rust Library  
380 Old Waterford Rd NW  
Leesburg, VA 20176



**FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup> 10:30-12PM**  
**IMMIGRATION**  
**INFO SESSION**

IGLESIA DE VIDA CHURCH  
21606 STONETREE CT, STERLING, VA 20164

Please join Supervisor Saines for an informational session on immigration guidelines and other topics provided by USCIS! Learn about the different paths towards citizenship and other immigration benefits. This event is open to the public, but seating is limited so arrive early! A Q&A will follow the discussion.



FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

LEGAL CONCERNS ADDRESSED

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- NATURALIZATION & CITIZENSHIP
- PERMANENT RESIDENCY
- DACA & OTHER IMMIGRATION STATUSES
- EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION
- AVOIDING IMMIGRATION SCAMS

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## Immigration Info Session with USCIS on Feb 11

My office has partnered with USCIS to host an Immigration Info Session on February 11 from 10:30-12 pm at Iglesia de Vida in Sterling. Learn about immigration guidelines, the different pathways towards citizenship and other topics provided by USCIS representatives. A Q&A will follow the info session. The event is open to the public. Please help us spread the word about this event.

**Saturday, February 11**  
**10:30-12:00 PM**  
**Iglesia de Vida**  
**21606 Stonetree Ct, Sterling**

## Next Eastern Loudoun Sheriff Station Quarterly Meeting - Feb 15

**February 15, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Loudoun Sheriff's Station located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling.**

Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in our area, traffic safety concerns and other public safety related issues. The meetings will be led by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Captain who represents our service area, and Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.



## Sterling Community Center



**Holiday hours**  
2/26: CLOSED  
DMV Connect  
2/1-2

**February 2017 e-Newsletter**

February is short on days, but it's definitely not short on fun things to do at the Sterling Community Center! Here are some of the educational, fitness, and entertainment programs we're offering this month:

**MULTI-SESSION CLASSES**  
Just for 2s (ages 2)  
These is for Me! (age 3)

**SINGLE-SESSION ACTIVITIES**  
**For Ages 3-5**  
2/1 Silly Chefs: Nutella Day  
2/3 Fun with Five Senses: Wind  
2/6 Playing with Math: Nesterman  
2/8 Crafty Kids: Puzzle Picture Frame  
2/10 Music Makers: Rhythmic  
2/13 Animal Engineers:  
Goopy Groundhogs  
2/15 Little Scientist:  
Daring Dinosaurs  
2/17 When I Grow Up... Pilot  
2/22 Hands on Helpers:  
Pet Helpers  
2/24 History Explorers: Rome  
2/27 The Very Arty Story Time:  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

**DROP-IN ACTIVITIES**  
Adult Volleyball (ages 18 & up)  
Archery Drop-In\* (ages 10 & up)  
Tot Drop-In (ages 5 & under)

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
2/1-2 DMV Connect  
2/3-4 Build & Bounce  
(Ages 18 & under)  
2/17 Parents' Escape Night  
(Ages 2-12)  
2/18 Juergen Para Rebotax Y Dia  
de Cine  
(Edades 2-10)

Don't be without a contingency plan for snow days this year! Our Snow Day Drop Off program is open on the days that school is closed due to weather and Loudoun County Government is open. Registration is free and you pay only when camp is attended. Snow Day Drop Off (ages 6-12).

\* See flyer or call the center for prerequisites.  
Sterling Community Center | 225 Exchange Street | Sterling, VA 20157 | 703-430-9480

ADA: Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you need reasonable accommodations to attend a program, call the Sterling Community Center at 703-430-9480 at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the activity.

## Sterling Community Center February E-Newsletter

Please view the Sterling Community Center's e-newsletter for February. There are lots of educational, fitness and entertainment programs lined up for the month, including several activities for toddlers aged 3-5, drop-in activities and special events.

A reminder that the Community Center has a Snow Day Drop Off program, open on the days that school is closed due to weather and Loudoun County Government is open. Registration is free and you pay only when camp is attended. The program is for children ages 6-12. Contact the Sterling Community Center at 703-430-9480 with any questions.

## FREE Tax Prep Services

Free tax preparation services are available to low-to-moderate income families and seniors in Northern Virginia through April 18. This AARP program provides 1-on-1 assistance to individuals at the 5 sites in Loudoun.

PLEASE BRING photo ID and social security cards. The two sites in Sterling:

- Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling VA (WALK-IN ONLY)**  
Tues, Thurs: 6-8 pm & Saturdays: 10am-12pm
- Falcons Landing, 20522 Falcons Landing Circle, Sterling VA (BY APPT ONLY)**  
Mon, Thurs, Saturdays: 12:45pm-5:00pm  
Call for appointment: 703-404-5216

### 2017 Loudoun County FREE Tax Assistance Sites

Walk-in (No Appointments)	Monday & Friday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Rust Library 380 Old Waterford Road Leesburg, VA	Open Feb 3 - April 14	
Walk-in (No Appointments)	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
HealthWorks for Northern VA 1153 Fort Evans Road NE Leesburg, VA "NEW ADDRESS" (formerly Shenandoah Building)	Saturday Open Jan 31 - April 15	10:00 am - Noon Info: 703-829-0394
Walk-in (No Appointments)	Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Cascades Library 21030 Whitfield Place Sterling, VA	Monday & Wednesday Open Feb 1 - April 18	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Appointments Required	Mon, Thurs, Sat	Call for appointment: 703-404-5216
Falcons Landing Algonquin Pkwy west of Potomac View Rd Sterling, VA	Open Feb 2 - April 17	12:45 pm - 5:00 pm
Appointments Required	Wednesday & Friday	Call for appointment: 571-258-3400 ask for Trini
Career Center 200 Willie Palmer Way Purcellville, VA	Open Feb 6 - April 14	9:00 am - 2:30 pm

#### Preparation of IRS form 1040 and Virginia state tax forms.

All returns are filed electronically - if joint return, BOTH spouses must be present

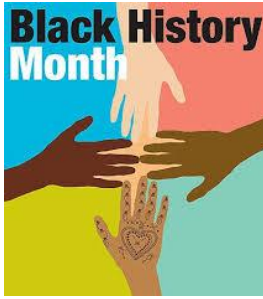
Tax Payers MUST bring: Photo ID and Social Security Cards  
Even if you previously filed at the same site

- Social Security cards, Social Security benefit statement, TIN letters and biometrics for all persons on tax return
- Copy of 2015 Federal & State tax return (very helpful, but not required)
- Prior year refund and/or payment information
- All wage & earnings information (W-2s, W-2cs, 1099s, and etc.) from all employers & Unemployment Compensation (Form 1099-G) for 2016
- Interest and Dividend Statements (Forms 10818 and 1099-DIV), miscellaneous income (Form 1099-misc)
- A check or deposit slip if you want direct deposit
- Dependent Expenses (to stay on grandparent name address and federal ID number) paid in 2016
- Record of tuition (if over 1061), purchase of books and/or student loan payments (Form 1098E)
- Payment history to Energy Efficient Home Improvements, low or no interest and low home purchase (closing agreement)
- 2016 Paperwork regarding medical expenses, tax payments, charitable donation receipts, mortgage interest
- Affordable Health Care Act Form - Form 10883, 10889 or 10887 if you purchased health insurance through the HealthCare.gov marketplace, you MUST have your 1095-A to file your taxes.

For more locations in Northern Virginia check out this website:  
[www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)  
[www.irs.gov/2016](http://www.irs.gov/2016)



Note: Not sure if you should bring something? Bring it along so you won't have to come back at another time!



## February is Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, Loudoun County Public Library and the Clerk of the Circuit Court commemorate African-American achievement and the Civil Rights movement with the following programs:

- **Feb 4 at 2:00 pm at Cascades Library: African American Troops in the Civil War:** author and historian Bob O'Connor will share his research on the soldiers of the United States Colored Troops that fought for the Union army and navy during the American Civil War. He'll also recognize soldiers from Loudoun County. Book sale & signing to follow. For Grade 9 - Adult.
- **Feb 5 at 3:30 pm at Cascades Library: The Greatest Sports Heroes from A to Z:** Bright Star Theatre's tribute to amazing African American athletes, including Michael Jordan, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, and Jackie Robinson. Learn fun facts and important lessons about perseverance, health, wellness, and integrity. For Preschool - Grade 5. More info is online: <http://library.loudoun.gov/events>.
- **Clerk's Historic Records Division Open House, 12-2 pm.** Honorable Gary Clemens invites the public to attend the open house at the Loudoun County Courthouse, 18 East Market Street in Leesburg. More information online: [www.loudoun.gov/clerk/archives](http://www.loudoun.gov/clerk/archives).

## AART Love to Read-A-Thon

Love to read? In February and March, you can read a great book while supporting Loudoun County children without leaving your favorite reading spot! All Ages Read Together (AART) offers free books in its school readiness classes for low-income children at locations throughout Loudoun County, and the All Ages Love 2 Read-A-Thon will help them continue those valuable programs.



Pledge funds for the amount of time you read during the Read-A-Thon and then start reading! All participants will be entered into a weekly drawing for prizes! Sign up at [www.allagesreadtogether.org](http://www.allagesreadtogether.org). Get pledges from family and friends; read and log minutes!



## VCE's New AgroEcology Hub

Have you ever searched for information or classes about local food systems, vegetable gardening, landscaping, or natural resources and been frustrated by the large number of different

websites? Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) in Loudoun has heard that complaint and created the AgroEcology Hub, an online clearinghouse to help residents immediately download information published by Virginia State University and Virginia Tech.

The AgroEcology Hub also spotlights nearby education classes on agriculture, horticulture, forestry and natural resources that you or your children can attend. Best of all, this new website connects you to our Extension Agents serving Sterling who are asking for feedback to make the AgroEcology Hub better. Visit the Hub at [www.AgroEcologyHub.info](http://www.AgroEcologyHub.info).



## **Business of the Month: Crooked Run Brewery**

A Leesburg brewery named Crooked Run and Leesburg taqueria, Señor Ramon are coming to Sterling and opens to the public on February 12! The business will be located off of Davis Drive. This will be the first brewery featuring a restaurant within in all of Northern Virginia and will be located right in our district!

Every couple of weeks a different sauce will be created using one of their beers. There will be 12 beers on tap using handmade ingredients and featuring flavors of cherry, pomegranate and lemons. The Sterling operation will also feature an outdoor space. Read more about the operation [here](#).



## **Youth Corner**

### **Government In Action Youth Tour Accepting Applications through Feb 17**

NOVEC is currently accepting applications from area high school and home-school students for the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Tour, June 11-15, 2017, to see government in action.

Application deadline is February 17, 2017.

Sophomore and junior students interested in government and history should apply. Students will be selected based on their grades, a written essay, and short interview. Their parents or guardians must receive electric service from NOVEC. View more information and download the application here: [www.novec.com/youthtour](http://www.novec.com/youthtour).

### **Feb 3: Winter Wildlife Campfire \$5, 6:00-7:15 pm at Claude Moore Park**

(All ages) Find out how different animals are staying warm in the winter. Stay toasty around a campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallows (provided) while finding out what our critter friends are doing to stay cozy and warm.

### **Feb 4: Frogshakle/Lanesville Open House (Free), 1:00-3:00 pm at Claude Moore Park**

(All ages) Do you love animals? How about fossils, sea shells, bird's nests, and feathers? Well why not explore our nature center with treasure troves of hands on nature items.

(All ages) The Lanesville House was built in stages between the 1770s and early 1900s. Enjoy a guided tour to check out the progress of the research into and restoration of

this National Register of Historic Places listed property. Learn the United States history that these families witnessed first hand over the years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration is required.

**Feb 14: Teen Tuesdays "Chews" You.** Run off with your friends' hearts and chew your way to win a prize at the Sterling Library (meeting room) from 7-8 pm. Gaming, crafts and art supplies will also be available. Teens only.

**Feb 17: Parents' Escape Night at Sterling Community Center, 5:30pm-9:00 pm.** Spaces still remain for ages 2-12. Come have fun in the moonbounces, enjoy pizza and a movie. Register online at [www.loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://www.loudoun.gov/webtrac) using activity number 203750-05. Email the center at [sterling@loudoun.gov](mailto:sterling@loudoun.gov) or call 703-430-9480 with any questions.

**Feb 25: Ordinary Times: Life in Colonial Lanesville (Free), 10:00-2:00 pm at Claude Moore Park.** (All ages) Visit the Lanesville Ordinary and take part in early American activities. Enjoy bread making and open fire cooking. Try your hand at candle making, toy making, woodworking, and more! Refreshments served.

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## Opportunities in Loudoun

**Computer C.O.R.E. offers computer training and career development** support to low-income adults in Northern Virginia. C.O.R.E. classes meet twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Class begin Feb 21. Few spots left! To register, call Shante Johnson at 703-931-7346 x 101.



**English language tutoring program** for adults needs volunteers who can commit to eight weeks, one or two hours a week. If interested, email [amanda.frazier@loudoun.gov](mailto:amanda.frazier@loudoun.gov).

**Home-delivered meals program seeks volunteers** 18 and older with vehicles to provide weekday meals and friendship to homebound seniors in Ashburn, Leesburg, South Riding and Purcellville. Administered by the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging. Call 703-777-0505 or email [debra.bressler@loudoun.gov](mailto:debra.bressler@loudoun.gov).

**Homeless Animals Rescue Team needs volunteers** 13 and older to hold cats at its adoption events; those 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Sundays noon to 3 p.m., PetSmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. Call 703-444-6500 or go to [hart90.org](http://hart90.org).

**Homeless Animals Rescue Team needs foster homes** for dogs and cats. The team pays veterinary fees. 703-691-4278 or [hart90.org](http://hart90.org).

**Loudoun County Department of Parks and Recreation needs high school students** to help at community centers. Go to [loudoun.gov/teenvolunteers](http://loudoun.gov/teenvolunteers).

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## Upcoming Events in the Area!

**Feb 4, 11, 18, 25: Free Date Nights.** The Community Church (19790 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn) provides free babysitting every Saturday night from 6-10 pm in February for children aged 3 mos to 5th grade. For more info or to register, visit [datenights.org](http://datenights.org).



**Feb 10-12: My Bloody Valentine fundraiser.** Join the Paxton Manor during FEARbruary, a time of twisted love, on a bloody valentine trip through love-wrecked horrors. Doors will open at 7 pm. Event proceeds will go towards the nonprofit, Paxton Campus to support people with disabilities living in Loudoun. Purchase tickets here: <http://www.shocktober.org>. The Paxton Manor: 601 Catocin Cir, NE, Leesburg.

**Feb 11: Interesting Perspective on the Immigrant Experience.** Dr. Debra Shutika, a specialist on community immigration issues is giving a presentation on the American immigrant experience at St. Matthew's Church (201 E Frederick Dr). The program is relevant to those who attempt to create a more welcoming climate for those new to this country. Debra Shutika has studied the ways US communities respond to immigration and the way immigrants begin to lose their place in their home communities when they remain here for long periods of time.

**Feb 11: Family Fun: Valentine Crafternoon.** Create whimsical Valentine's Day cards with your child from 2:30-3:30 pm at the Sterling Library (meeting room). Open to all ages.

**Feb 20: Happy Hour to Support Student Scholarships, 5:30-7:00 pm**  
Join Chris Cooley, Redskins Radio Broadcaster and Visit Loudoun at D.C. Prime restaurant in Ashburn for a fun happy hour! 15% of proceeds will go towards the Visit Loudoun Foundation Scholarship Program. RSVP at [bit.ly/QuenchHappyHour](http://bit.ly/QuenchHappyHour). Call 703-669-2008 for info.

**Feb 24: 30th Annual YMCA Chocolates Galore & More.** Attend an evening featuring tastings of hors d'oeuvre and dessert specialties from the area's most talented chefs and bakers. You can dance the night away while enjoying free-flowing champagne, live music, and a silent auction. Proceeds directly fund the YMCA's Caring for Community scholarship program Website & ticket information: <http://www.loudouchocolates.com/>.

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