



Happy Fourth of July!

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On the Fourth of July we celebrate the birth of our nation, we celebrate our freedom, and we celebrate life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We celebrate and honor the history of yesterday because of the meaning and context it brings to the opportunities of today and tomorrow.

Loudoun County has a storied and impactful role in this history. In 1774, a group of Loudoun residents met in the County Courthouse to discuss the protection of rights and liberties in North America. The group adopted the Loudoun Resolves as well as a motion to formally protest the Stamp Act. In the years to come a number of Loudoun County residents fought in the Revolutionary War. It is thanks to sacrifice of those brave patriots and countless other men and women throughout our Country's history that Loudoun County is able to be the beautiful and vibrant place we call home today.

As we look back at our community's contribution during the early days and throughout our nation's history, we must not forget those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to protect our independence. As you enjoy the festivities of the Fourth, I hope you will join me in remembering those who have served and honoring those in service currently, both here at home and across the globe, and may our community have a safe, fun, and Happy Independence Day!

Fourth of July Plans? Stay and Celebrate in Loudoun!



Lansdowne Celebrates America on Sunday, July 2. Celebrate America's most patriotic holiday at Lansdowne Resort and Spa from 3-10 pm with live music, food trucks, local brews and wines, and fireworks!

Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence on Tuesday, July 4. Come to the [Sterling Community Center](#) at 11 am with friends and family for a Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence, presented by Michael O'Connell Jr. The event is free and open to the public, family-friendly and going on rain or shine. This event is privately sponsored and is not affiliated with the Sterling Community Center. Address: 120 Enterprise St., Sterling, VA.

Independence Day at Franklin Park, 2:00 pm - 10:30 pm. Music and family activities begin at 5 pm with groups like Franklin Park Big Band, Loudoun Symphonic Winds and headline group Zydeco-a-Go-Go with lively zydeco musical performance at 8 pm. (Full line-up on the [website](#)). Fireworks begin at approximately 9:15 pm.

Ol' time 4th of July Celebration at Claude Moore Park, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm. An old-fashioned Fourth of July with pony and wagon rides, music, crafts, nature exhibits, historic tours, old-time and family games, and "Reptiles Alive." Food is available for purchase. Use Loudoun Park Lane entrance and park by the Farm Museum. Register in advance [online](#) using event # 461710-01 or pay at the door (cash or check). Call 571-258-3700 for more information. \$5 per person ages 5 & up.

Independence Day Parade in Leesburg on July 4. Start the holiday by showing your patriotic spirit at the annual Independence Day Parade, held through Historic Downtown Leesburg, beginning at 10 am. The parade will start at Ida Lee Park, travel down King Street and conclude at Fairfax Street. Put on your patriotic best and join your friends and neighbors to celebrate the birthday of our country! This year's parade will also feature the 9th annual Patriot's Cup Competition, sponsored by the Loudoun Now newspaper. This award will go to the best parade entry; winners' names will be engraved on the Patriot Cup, which will be on display at the Town Hall for the remainder of the year.

Board Member Initiative Updates!

Sidewalk Analysis

The Board of Supervisors has directed county staff to identify funding to complete a transportation analysis to address sidewalks along West Church Road, Cascades Parkway, Potomac View Road and a pedestrian connection between Claude Moore Park and Park View High School.



Route 7 Pedestrian Update

I will be meeting with county staff and VDOT this month on how to best move forward with addressing the safety and accessibility issues along Route 7.

Traffic Issues in Richland Acres

I am moving forward on a Board Member Initiative to further address the traffic concerns within the Richland Acres community.



The New W&OD Trail Crossing Flashing Beacons at Sterling Boulevard

The W&OD trail crossing at Sterling Boulevard is now operating with a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon system (RFFB) to address and alleviate some of the safety concerns at the intersection. The RFFB works by allowing cyclists and pedestrians to press a button at the crossing which, activates flashing beacons. These flashing beacon alert motorists, traveling in both directions, that there are cyclists or pedestrians either in the process of crossing or waiting to cross. This system does not guarantee nor does it imply that motorists will stop at the crossing, even when the beacons are flashing. Cyclists and pedestrians should proceed with caution after activating the RFFB system. Pedestrian and cyclists should stop and look to ensure that vehicles have in fact come to a stop, allowing them to cross safely. The RFFB system will stay in place until the currently planned overpass is constructed.

Instructional videos in both English and Spanish can be viewed online at the following links: <https://youtu.be/czCqoC4wo0I> (English Version), <https://youtu.be/ibpvLmqZxd0> (Spanish Version)

Supervisor Saines has worked hard to ensure that the safety concerns at this intersection are addressed. In October of 2016 the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Saines initiative to look at options for improving the safety of crossing of the W&OD trail at Sterling Boulevard. As part of the FY18 Budget approved this year, \$7.745 million in funding was formally included in the County's FY18-22 Capital Infrastructure Program budget to be used for the design and construction of an elevated crossing.

It's Pool Time! How to Stay Safe:

Summer is upon us! Please make sure to stay safe when enjoying the pool this summer. Loudoun County Fire and Rescue urges residents to follow several water safety tips:



For Adults:

- Children should only swim when they have permission and being actively supervised at all times with no distractions.
- Swimmers should only use recreational items such as slides, diving boards, etc. in approved areas. Non-approved items such as tree swings, ropes and similar items should not be used due to potential unsafe conditions.

For Children:

Talk with your child and make sure they know to:

- Ask the lifeguard how deep the water is and stay out of water deeper than your swimming skills allow for.
- Never jump or dive unless the lifeguard or an adult says it is okay to do so.
- Never swim at night.
- Get out of the water right away if you hear thunder or see lightning.
- When on a boat, always wear a U.S. Coastguard approved life jacket.

For a more complete list, visit the [Loudoun County website](#):



Loudoun Transit Bus Route Changes

There will be some changes coming to Loudoun County Transit bus routes.

- Beginning in July 2017, Loudoun County will discontinue three Local Connection and Metro bus routes. Route 85 (Dulles South Express), Route 86 (Ashburn Link Shuttle), and Route 89X (Telos to Wiehle-Reston Metro Station) will all be discontinued. The last day to ride these routes is June 30, 2017. The mid-day, Monday - Friday shuttle bus from the Dulles North Transit Center to Christian Fellowship Church, Ashburn North and Telos will also be discontinued beginning June 30, 2017.

On Friday July 7, 2017 two Premium Commuter Bus routes will be discontinued. Route 102E (from Telos, Ashburn North and Christian Fellowship Church to the Pentagon and Crystal City) and Route 800D mid-day bus (from Washington D.C. to Dulles North, Brambleton and Dulles South) will both be discontinued.

Several other new stops will be added including a stop on Enterprise Street near the new Sterling Library! Suggested options for riders of routes that are being eliminated, may be found at www.loudoun.gov/BusChanges. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Loudoun County Transit via email at Transitcomments@loudoun.gov.

For more information please visit, <https://www.loudoun.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=3938>.

Loudoun County Animal Shelter

Mobile Adoptions: The mobile adoption bus goes to multiple locations in Loudoun County year round. All pets on the bus are available for adoption and normal adoption procedures apply for all adoptions from the bus. Many pets can go straight home with their new family!



Upcoming mobile adoptions events include:

- Saturday, July 1 - Wellness Farmers Market in Stone Ridge, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 2 - Lansdowne Adoption Event (440505 Woodridge Pkwy, Leesburg), 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, July 9 - Blend Coffee Bar Adoption Event (43170 Sothern Walk Pl, Ashburn), 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 15 - Leesburg Farmers Market, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Independence Day Pet Adoption Promotion: Adoption fees for available shelter pets will be \$17.76 from June 31 to July 2 to celebrate Independence Day and help pets get into homes over the holiday weekend. The shelter is closed to the public on July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Youth Corner

July 6: Frogshackle Nature Cabin Open House Claude Moore Park. 11:30 am - 4 pm

Kids home from school and need an activity? Bring them to [Frogshackle Nature Center log cabin in Claude Moore Park's](#) historic area for some time to explore and learn about animals and plants. In this hands on building, feel animal furs, bones, rocks, feathers, and more! The nature center is a short walk from our Visitor Center at 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road



July 8: Kids Night at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum. 6 pm - 9 pm. Ages 3 to 10. Drop of your children for a night of educational play in our hands-on exhibits. Dinner, dessert, and crafts along with an educational component and supervised playtime in our interactive gallery will be provided. KN@M is scheduled for the second Saturday of every month. [Registration](#) and prepayment REQUIRED. Children must be potty-trained to attend. \$16.00 per child.

Upcoming Events

July 5: Introduction to Meditation. 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm.

Integrative Functional Medicine Center. If you've been wanting to start meditating but are afraid you can't do it - or won't do it right - this is the workshop for you! Dr. Martha Calihan will teach meditations that can easily fit into even the busiest schedule. More and more published research shows the benefits of meditation for stress management, heart health and chronic pain. Sign up today [online](#). Space is limited, preregistration required.



July 6: SVFC July Volunteer Information Session. 7 pm - 10 pm

Come find out how you can be part of the [Sterling Volunteer Fire](#) family. The community needs folks to ride the trucks and to manage the company (recruitment, fund raising, etc.). If you have the time and desire there is a place you can help.

July 9: Family Fishing Day at Claude Moore Park. 10 am - 12 pm

Enjoy a relaxing morning at our stocked ponds. Don't worry if you don't have the equipment or experience. Staff will be available to provide assistance and bait. Poles are available on a first come, first serve basis. [Register online or in person that day.](#)

July 19: INOVA Informational: Robotic Joint Replacement: What's New in Hips & Knees? July 19 at 6 pm - 7:30 pm. [Join Dr. Nauman Akhtar](#), Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon and Medical Director of Inova Loudoun Hospital's Joint Replacement Program, for an informative lecture and Q&A session about the latest advances in computer navigated and robotic-assisted hip and knee replacements. Location and Parking Information: Inova Loudoun Medical Campus - Leesburg 224D Cornwall Street, NW Medical Office Pavilion Leesburg, VA 20176

Get Involved!

July 21: Career Connections (Employer Panel Discussion)

9:00 am - 10:00 am. Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way, N.E. Leesburg, VA 20176. Please visit this website for more information

<https://www.loudoun.gov/careerfair>.



Come to the Sterling Foundation Monthly Meeting, July 11, 7-9 pm at the new Sterling Library. Get involved in your community by joining this organization. [RSVP on Facebook](#).



Community Yard Sale

Sterling Community Center is hosting a community yard sale Saturday July 8, 2017 from 8 am - 12 pm. Advanced vendor registration and payment is required. Registration includes a 10x10 site space, 6ft table, and one chair. Registration is just ten dollars and the event is free for shoppers!

Sterling Community Center is also having 'Drop-in' events all summer long! Every Monday until August 28, families can enjoy Family Game Night. Game Night will include Ping Pong, Foosball, Video and Board games. You can buy an SCC drop-in activities card for \$25 or pay \$2.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children 7-17. Other drop in events include adult soccer on Mondays from 7:45 - 9:00 pm and adult volleyball Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The cost for both events is

\$2.50 per day or buy an SCC drop-in card for \$25. There will be no drop in dates on July 3 and July 4.

For more information find the Sterling Community Center on Facebook or call 703-430-9498.

The NEW Sterling Library

The Sterling Library in its new and renovated location has many fun and new features including; a Teen Center that offers a spot for teens to hangout, socialize, read, and play video games. There is an Awe Learning computers that help children improve their literacy, as well as a large collection of books that are in Spanish. In the Maker Space Section there is a 3D printer, sewing machines, and you can even press and embroider your own t-shirts! A more detailed feature of the library and its new technology can be found on my [YouTube](#) page.



Library Events for the Summer

Sterling Library has a variety of events throughout this month.

- July 5 and 12 there will be a 3D printing basics tutorial for both teens and adults at 6:30pm. A
- A Job Lab for adults to get help with resumes, job applications, and more will be held on Thursdays at 3:30pm!
- On Saturdays at 6:30pm there will be a Family story time held in the Meeting Room.
- A Super Smash Bros Tournament will be held in the Meeting Room on Friday, July 7.
- On Wednesday, July 12 at 1pm there is a Senior Yoga session with a certified yoga instructor.
- July 25 there DIY Stop Motion Video session for teens at 4 pm in the MILL Studio.

- July 26 at 6:30pm Sewing Social where you can learn sewing basics or bring your own machine and current project.

There are lots of fun things to do at the Sterling Library this summer. The library is open Monday - Saturday from 10 am - 9pm. and Sunday 1pm - 5 pm. The address is 22330 S. Sterling Boulevard, Suite A117 in the Sterling Plaza Shopping Center. Sterling Library can be reached via email at Sterlinglibrary@loudoun.gov or via telephone at 571-258-3309.

[Text Link](#)

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