



New Initiatives for the New Year

The new year brings with it new Board Member Initiatives to make Sterling an even better place. My initiatives are based on constituent feedback. Two things I have heard a lot about are the need for street lights on Sterling Boulevard and safety issues at the intersection of Sterling Boulevard and Davis Drive.

A lack of street lights has been a big concern to Sterling residents. A lack of lighting creates danger for pedestrians, increases the risk of vehicular crashes, and discourages economic activity in the area. Given Sterling Boulevard's importance to Sterling, having proper lighting on the roadway is essential. I am proposing a Countywide street lighting program, starting with a pilot program on Sterling Boulevard.

Davis Drive and Sterling Boulevard is a busy intersection. During the morning and evening peak periods, vehicles going south on Davis Drive are "stacking." This has led to 52 crashes over the last three years and made it difficult for people to access the business center on Davis Drive.

Finally, I want to inform you of an upcoming community meeting that will be held by Milestone Communications, which is applying to build a telecommunications "monopole" in Claude Moore Park.

Tuesday, February 26

- 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Claude Moore Park Recreation Center (46105 Loudoun Park Lane, multipurpose room #151A on the first floor)

More information on Milestone's proposal is on the next page.



Milestone Telecom Monopole Proposal in Claude Moore Park

Milestone Communications and Sprint have filed an application for a wireless telecommunications monopole at Claude Moore Park, addressed 21544 Old Vestals Gap Road, Sterling, VA 20164. The proposal is to replace an existing sports field light pole with a 124-foot tall monopole and then restore the lights back to the original height. A community meeting has been scheduled for 6:30 PM on February 26 at the Claude Moore Park Recreation Center, addressed 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling, VA 20164. The meeting will be held in Multipurpose Room #151A, and will consist of a short informational presentation followed by public comment/question.

Department of Family Services Opens Office in Sterling



To better serve residents of Sterling, the Loudoun County Department of Family Services (DFS) has opened a new location in Sterling! The Eastern Family Services Center is located at 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 101 (first floor). Hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Staff from several DFS programs are available to meet customer needs at the Sterling location. These programs include Public Benefits (SNAP/Food Stamps, Medicaid/Health Insurance, Fuel Assistance, etc.), Child Protective Services, Older Adult Services, Community Support Services, and Information and Referral. DFS also continues to serve customers at its original location at 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg.

More information about DFS programs and services is available [here](#).

Please feel free to drop in, call the Eastern Family Services Center at (703) 777-0555, or email dfs@loudoun.gov.



Annual YMCA Chokolates Galore Event

The YMCA of Loudoun will be holding its annual "Chokolates Galore" event on March 1 from 6:30-11:00 pm at the Lansdowne Resort & Spa located at 44050

Woodridge Parkway in Leesburg. The event will feature tastings of desserts and hors d'oeuvre's from local bakers and chefs. There will also be music, an auction, and dancing. The fundraiser benefits the YMCA's Caring for Community scholarship program and enables the YMCA to serve the needs of local families. To purchase tickets and for more information go to www.loudouchocolates.com. If you have a question you can call 703-777-9622 or email loudounemail@ymcadc.org.

Health & Wellness Expo in Sterling



The third annual Health & Wellness Expo will be held on Saturday April 27 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Sterling Community Center located at 120 Enterprise in Sterling. Over 60 health care professionals will provide a range of services. This will include free vision and hearing exams along with free screens for blood pressure, glucose, weight, and body mass index. Moreover, valuable health information and counseling will be shared by experts on a range of topics, including nutrition, diabetes, women's health, domestic violence, oral health, drug addiction, smoking, and pre-natal care.

INOVA Blood Donor Services will accept blood donations at the expo. Other organizations participating in the event include the Loudoun Health Department, Catholic Charities, Good Shepherd Alliance, Legal Services, Area Agency on Aging, Loudoun Commuter Services, Salvation Army, Loudoun Fire and Rescue, the Loudoun Sherriff's office, Loudoun Parks & Recreation department, Wegmans, YMCA, and Mobile Hope & Food pantries.

To volunteer for the event email ken@kencourter.com.

Non-profits are welcome to exhibit their services. There is no charge to participate or attend the expo.

The Health & Wellness Expo is a product of support from Supervisor Koran Saines and Board Chair Phyllis Randall.



New Sterling Fire & Rescue Station

Work on a new Sterling Fire & Rescue Station (pictured to the left) is moving forward. An item on this will go before the Board of Supervisors on February 13.

The current 8,772 square foot Fire and Rescue facility was built in 1971. Needless to say, much has changed since then. The new facility will be much larger, to meet the needs associated with Sterling's growth over the past five decades, at 23,700 square feet. This will be a state-of-the-art facility that will provide a world-class home for our fire and rescue staff and volunteers. Getting this project done is a priority of mine and I will keep the community updated as it progresses.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraising Campaign (Dominion High School)



Students on Team Hope at Dominion High School are raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This money goes towards research for finding a cure for blood cancer. For more information on the student's initiative and to donate visit [this page](#). For more information on the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society go to their [website](#).



Information on Conservation Easement Assistance Program

A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or a government agency that permanently limits uses of the land in order to protect its conservation values.

Beginning in 2019, the county's new Conservation Easement Assistance Program will help landowners with the upfront costs of placing land under conservation easement.

Landowners interested in the possibility of placing their land under a conservation easement should contact a land trust to begin the process. If the land trust agrees, the land trust will apply on behalf of the landowner.

Program funding can cover:

- Attorney's fees
- Land appraisal fees
- Processing and document fees
- Stewardship costs

Funding for half of these costs (maximum \$15,000) will be provided to land trusts working with qualifying landowners in Loudoun County.

Applications are available on March 1, 2019. For more information visit [here](#) or email conservationeasements@loudoun.gov or call (703) 771-5778.

Loudoun County and Nonprofit Partners Seek Public Input for Human Services Strategic Plan

**TELL US WHAT
YOU THINK**

Loudoun County is partnering with local nonprofit organizations to develop a five-year human services strategic plan, which will provide a roadmap for implementing improved, coordinated systems of care that meet the human service needs of Loudoun County.

The strategic plan will focus on services such as affordable health care, child care and housing as well as funding and advocacy. The plan is being developed through a collaborative effort by the County government, the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties and the Loudoun Human Services Network. Representatives of these groups are serving on the Human Services Strategic Plan Steering Committee, which is developing the strategic plan.

As part of this effort, a series of meetings are being held on Friday, February 8, 2019, to seek public comment on the county's human services needs and recommendations on how to meet those needs. Local human services professionals will be attending the day-long series of meetings.

In addition, members of the public, particularly those who have received assistance from the county's human services departments or nonprofit groups—such as food, healthcare, therapy, childcare, housing assistance or other services—are invited to attend a 90-minute public forum in Leesburg:

- Patients and Clients of Nonprofit or Loudoun County Human Services
Friday, February 8, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Healthworks, 163 Fort Evans Road NE in Leesburg

Anyone with questions about the meetings may call 703-779-3505, ext. 2 or email info@CommunityFoundationLF.org. Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation, including language interpretation, is asked to provide notice at least four days in advance.

The steering committee is scheduled to make final recommendations on a strategic plan to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors in the fall of 2019. The development of a human services strategic plan was one of the key recommendations of the [nonprofit needs assessment implementation plan](#) adopted by the Board of Supervisors in December 2017.

**PROTECT
YOUR PET**



**RABIES VACCINATION
CLINIC**

Sterling Rabies Clinic

Loudoun County Animal Services will be hosting low cost rabies clinics in Sterling this year, to help Sterling residents get their cats and dogs vaccinated. These friendly, bilingual, low-cost clinics will be held on a

weekend day, to help as many pet owners as possible.

The first clinic in Sterling will be on Saturday, February 23, from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Sterling Community Center located at 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling.

No appointments are necessary. The minimum age for eligible pets is 12 weeks. Dogs must be leashed and cats kept in carriers. The cost is \$20 for dogs and \$10 for cats. Payments can be made via cash or check.

For more information visit www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers Needs Evaluations to Businesses



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is offering a new service to local businesses: a needs evaluation. The center's employer services professionals will conduct a no-cost review of local businesses, which in turn will help determine how the center can meet their needs in the areas of recruitment, connection to community resources, employee training and informational seminars, as well as opportunities to partner with the center.

To get started, businesses can complete an online form [here](#). After submitting the form, the business will be contacted by Employer Services Coordinator Michael Bozeth for an in-depth analysis.

The Workforce Resource Center provides local businesses with no-cost services and resources to meet their employment needs, including on-site recruiting events and posting of employers' open positions. The center also provides a wide variety of no-cost services to job seekers as part of its mission to connect businesses and job seekers to achieve their employment goals.

For more information about the needs assessment and other services that the Workforce Resource Center provides to local businesses, contact Employer Services Coordinator Michael Bozeth at 703-777-0688 or Michael.Bozeth@loudoun.gov.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is open to the public and located at 102 Heritage Way NE in Leesburg. More information about the center's services can be found [here](#).



DRAFT Loudoun 2040 General Plan

Loudoun's Draft Comprehensive Plan Presentation

The Sterling Foundation, along with the Save Old Sterling group, will be co-sponsoring the Loudoun County Preservation Coalition's presentation on Loudoun's draft Comprehensive Plan in order to inform and engage voters so residents can make informed decisions about what their future will hold. The Comprehensive Plan will define planning policy for the next two decades in Loudoun and will have an enormous impact on residents' quality of life.

The content focuses on the Planning Commission's targets for growth and the resulting impact on quality of life, green space, traffic, schools and the County budget. A summary of the presentation is posted on the Coalition's web site and can be viewed [here](#).

The event is scheduled for March 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sterling Library. The event is free and open to the public.

All Ages Read Together Read-A-Thon

Make a resolution to read more while supporting a great cause! Join All Ages Read Together's Read-A-Thon. Calling all book clubs, sports teams, and families to participate by reading from February 14 – March 2 and making a donation in honor of the commitment to read. Visit www.allagesreadtogether.org.



AART Read-A-Thon
February 14 (Valentine's Day) through
March 2 (National Read Across America Day)

Celebrate the love of reading and support AART to provide
free school readiness programs to 4-5 year olds in need!
www.allagesreadtogether.org



Residents Give Loudoun County High Marks for Livability

Loudoun County residents enjoy a positive quality of life, feel safe in their communities and rate the overall value of county government services highly. These are some of the results of the 2018 Loudoun County Survey of Residents scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at its business meeting Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Loudoun County periodically conducts surveys of its residents. Results are used to help inform the county government's assessment of its performance and to provide data for strategic decision making and improvement of service delivery.

The 2018 survey measured Loudoun's "livability," or the sum of the factors that add up to a community's quality of life. Key findings of the 2018 survey include:

- **Quality of Life:** About nine in ten people rated their overall quality of life in Loudoun County as excellent or good. About nine in ten people would recommend living in the county to others.
- **Safety:** At least nine in ten residents gave positive reviews to the overall feeling of safety in the county and feelings of safety in their neighborhoods. At the same time, eight in ten residents thought it was essential or very important for the county to focus on crime and drug use over the next two years.

- **Government Services:** Eight in ten residents gave positive reviews to the overall quality of services provided by the Loudoun County government. About eight in ten residents positively rated the overall customer service provided by the Loudoun County government.
- **Economy:** At least two-thirds of residents gave favorable reviews to the county's overall economic health, with ratings of different facets of the economy higher than those in other communities nationwide. Measures related to affordability, such as affordable quality housing and the cost of living, were lower than national benchmarks.
- **Mobility:** Ratings for several transportation-related aspects of livability were lower than national averages. These aspects include overall ease of travel in the county and traffic flow on major streets. About nine in ten residents thought it was essential or very important for the county to focus on traffic, which emerged as the top overall issue of importance.

The scientifically based survey questionnaire was mailed to a random sample of residents and was later opened up to the community at-large, beyond the random sample, through an online survey.

The complete Loudoun County 2018 Survey of Residents is posted online [here](#).

Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Park

Free Open Houses at Historic Lanesville house and Frogshackle Nature Center cabin

Saturday, 2/2 from, 1-3 pm:

Beginners Knitting Workshop

Saturday, 2/2 from 2-4 pm

Register at Loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity #261727; \$20 fee.

Life in Colonial Lanesville

Saturday, 2/23 from 12-3 pm; free family event. Visit the Lanesville Ordinary and take part in early America activities (weather permitting). Call 571-258-3700 for more information.





Upcoming Events

February 6, 13, 20, 27: Nutrition & Cooking Class Series starting at 6:00 pm at the Sterling Library located at 22330 S. Sterling Blvd. in Suite A117. The four class series will be taught by the Loudoun County Master Food Volunteers. To register, call 571-258-3309, email sterlinglibrary@loudoun.gov or visit the information desk. There is no fee but there is a limited number of spaces.

February 12: Sterling Foundation Monthly Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm at the Sterling Community Center on 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The public is invited to attend and learn about the Sterling Foundation's upcoming efforts and activities.

February 20: Eastern Loudoun Station Quarterly Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Loudoun Station, located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA. This is a chance to directly share concerns you have about crime, traffic safety, and public safety in general in Sterling directly with local law enforcement officials.

March 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10: the Philadelphia Story presented by the Sterling Playmakers at Seneca Ridge Middle School at 98 Seneca Ridge Drive in Sterling. Shows will begin at 7:30 pm on March 1, 2, 8, and 9. There will be 2:00 shows on March 3 and March 10. The Philadelphia Story is a spirited, 1930s high comedy about the maturing transformation of Tracy Lord, the heiress-divorcee from Philadelphia's Main Line who finds herself torn between three suitors, one of them her ex-husband, on the eve of her second marriage. To purchase tickets and for more information go [here](#).

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