



Budgets and BMIs

March is always a busy month for the Board of Supervisors as budget season is in full swing. County Administrator Tim Hemstreet presented his proposed \$3.2 billion budget for FY 20' on February 13. The Board has been reviewing the proposal and will hold many hearings with County agencies and to get input from the public before approving a final budget. The proposed budget is based on the equalized homeowner's tax rate (the rate at which the average homeowner's bill remains the same) of \$1.045 per \$100 of assessed value, which would be a reduction from the current rate of \$1.085, and a commercial rate of \$1.05. I am pleased that Loudoun's schools will be fully funded this year. I will monitor the budget process closely and ensure Sterling's interests are protected.

Progress was made on the two Board Member Initiatives ("BMI") I brought to the Board on February 21. The first was about creating a County street lighting program. I brought this BMI forward after hearing from many of you about poor lighting in our community. This BMI, which was moved forward by the Board, will direct County staff to research the establishment of a County street lighting program, identify any regulatory requirements, potential agreements with energy providers, planning policies and programs in other jurisdictions in the region. There still will be a lot of things to discuss going forward but this is an important first step in bringing lighting to Sterling and other areas of Loudoun that need it.

The second BMI is aimed at addressing safety concerns on Davis Drive near Sterling Blvd. The Board voted to direct County staff to identify the cost and available funding to do a traffic safety analysis. County staff will report back at a future Board business meeting. Like above, this is only the first step in the BMI process but it is an important first and positive step.

I will keep the community updated as these BMIs progress.

BUDGET



Proposed FY 2020 Loudoun County Budget

Where does your money go? See [this](#) graphic which breaks down how a tax dollar is spent.

Loudoun County Transit Advisory Board Seeks Input



The Loudoun County Transit Advisory Board ("TAB") is seeking information from the community to better deliver transit services to Loudoun residents, including with upcoming Metro service extension to Loudoun. The graphic below provides an overview of public transit in Loudoun and ways to contact the TAB with your input. TAB seeks input from both transit riders and those who do not utilize transit. To contact the TAB you can email TAB@loudoun.gov or call 703-771-5665. The TAB meets every two months. For meeting time and locations go [here](#).



LOUDOUN COUNTY Transit Advisory Board

You have transportation needs, wants, and interests. You are not alone. We want to help you but we need you to help us help you! The Loudoun County Transit Advisory Board (TAB) is your voice for all of Loudoun's transit options. Whether it is commuter (long haul bus or Metro), local, or paratransit, we want to hear from you! Don't use transit? Tell us why! **Phone:** 703.771.5665 **Email:** TAB@loudoun.gov

The Transit Advisory Board meets every 2 months. Go to www.Loudoun.gov/transitadvisoryboard for meeting time and locations. Come join us while we make public transit better in Loudoun County!

Number of trips by Loudoun County Transit in 2018:

Commuter Bus Trips	Metro Connection Trips	Local Fixed Route Trips	ADA Trips
+951K	+341K	+384K	+13K

How many bus fares were free due to the I-66 tolls? **+55K**
From 04/02/18 thru 06/20/18

How many miles did they cover? **+127K**

How many cars did they take off the road? **+27K**

Number of miles that Loudoun County Transit covered in 2018:

Commuter Bus Revenue Miles	Metro Connection Revenue Miles	Local Fixed Route Revenue Miles
+972K	+757K	+1.1M

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Visit us at: www.loudoun.gov/transitadvisoryboard



Park View High School Special Concert

Park View High School's Guitar teacher Dr. Miroslav Lončar - one of the recipients of the 2018/2019 Wolf Trap Grant for Performing Arts Teachers - is planning a special concert performance that will feature world premieres of two new compositions especially written for Park View guitar students. With this concert, Dr. Lončar seeks to provide his students a

unique performance experience and to raise the awareness of the growing problem of pollution in the oceans.

Dr. Lončar utilized his \$5,000 grant from Wolf Trap to commission two internationally recognized composers to each write a composition about ocean pollution. The two compositions are written for various levels of playing abilities, which gives all the guitar students an opportunity to be a part of the performance. Dr. Lončar conceived this project as a collaboration between several areas of the music department at Park View and requested that the composers add another performance medium to the guitar ensemble, and as a result the Ode to Thalassa includes a female vocal ensemble, and "response. restoration" uses a flute. Dr. Lončar also plans to collaborate with the environmental science section of the Park View science department to create an interactive portion of the performance.

This special concert will take place on March 12 at 7:00 pm, in the Park View High School Auditorium. Park View High School is located at 400 West Laurel Avenue in Sterling.

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.



Loudoun Symphony

Loudoun Symphony Gala

The Loudoun Symphony's Under the Sea Chefs' Tastings Gala will take place from 7-11 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 at the Lansdowne Resort & Spa (44050 Woodbridge Parkway, Leesburg, VA 20176). This year's event features music from Loudoun Symphony musicians, and culinary tastings by Loudoun's Top Chefs from Casa Nostra, D.C. Prime, Lansdowne Resort & Spa, and Magnolias at the Mill, MacDowell Brew Kitchen and Tuscarora Mill.

Tickets are \$125 per person and table sponsorships are \$1,500 for ten guests. Each ticket includes all food, and open bar. Recommended dress is cocktail attire. Proceeds of the gala benefit the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra and Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra. For more information visit [here](#). You can purchase tickets at [this](#) page.

Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue to Hold Real Estate Tax Relief Seminars



Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert Wertz has scheduled free information sessions to familiarize residents with the eligibility criteria for the county's generous real estate tax relief program and new eligibility thresholds for 2019.

Loudoun County homeowners age 65 or older or with disabilities who are below established income and wealth limits may benefit from a reduction in the amount of property taxes they pay. Qualified applicants for real estate relief must have a gross combined income less than \$72,000, and net worth less than \$920,000. Up to \$10,000 in income of a spouse or relative residing in the home is excluded from the income calculation. Program participants saved almost \$8 million in real estate taxes in tax year 2018.

Find out about the county's tax relief program and have your questions answered. No appointment or RSVP is required to attend these free sessions at the following locations. All sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019: Lovettsville Library, 12 North Light Street, Lovettsville
Wednesday, March 6, 2019: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls
Monday, March 11, 2019: Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road, N.W., Leesburg

Wednesday, March 13, 2019: Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn

Interested Loudouners may obtain an application online at www.loudoun.gov/taxrelief. Residents may also call 703-737-8557 to have a form mailed to them or they may pick one up at the Commissioner's offices in the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg or the Loudoun Tech Center, 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 100 in Sterling. Additional information about the program is available online at www.loudoun.gov/taxrelief.



Loudoun's Draft Comprehensive Plan Presentation

DRAFT Loudoun 2040 General Plan

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

Sanitation Improvement Project (Sterling Park)

One of the things my office is working on, in response to many comments we have received from Sterling Park residents regarding trash services (both positive and negative), is to explore the possibility of creating a special sanitary district in areas of Sterling which are not part of a HOA. This would allow residents to save money by getting a group rate for sanitary services and provide uniformity and consistency in collection among



neighbors. As we develop this proposal we are seeking more feedback from the community. If you are interested in being part of a focus group on this feel free to email my office (Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov) with the subject line "Sanitation Improvement Project."



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Grow with Google Workshop

Grow with Google will hold a free digital skills workshop and coaching to Virginia. Google has teamed up with libraries to offer training. The Northern Virginia workshop will be held in Herndon on Wednesday, March 6 from 10:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Herndon Fortnightly Library. The library is located at 768 Center Street at Herndon, VA 20170. You can sign up [here](#).



If you cannot attend you can access free tools and resources at [google.com/grow](https://www.google.com/grow). Nonprofits interested in the program can get information about partnering with Google at [grow.google/partners](https://www.google.com/grow/partners).

Park View Spring Craft and Vendor Show



Park View High School's spring Craft and Vendor Show will be held on Saturday March 16, 2019 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is Park View's 16th craft show fundraiser. Admission is free.

All vendor fees support Park View's Project Graduation. Bake sales, raffles, donations and concessions all benefit various school groups. Shop from over 75 amazing artisans and vendors, both returning and new. There will be a great selection of pottery, jewelry, clothes, accessories, home decor, baby gifts, wedding gifts, children's toys, cosmetics, candles, spa goods, wreaths, hot sauce, pet treats and more. For more information go to www.facebook.com/ParkViewCraftShow or email ParkViewCraftandVendorShows@gmail.com.



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Inova Loudoun Nursing School Scholarships

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital is accepting applications for nursing school tuition assistance. Scholarships are available to eligible students in various programs of study, including degrees at the associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

Criteria for selection include all of the following:

- Residence or employment in Loudoun County
- Enrollment in or acceptance by an accredited school of nursing (acceptance letter required)
- Completion of one semester (nine credits) of nursing school or 30 undergraduate college credits
- Academic performance. Students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average or its equivalent (transcript required).

Students may be awarded only two consecutive Ladies Board scholarships.

Applications and additional information are available online [here](#) or by calling 703-777-6357. Applications are also available in Leesburg at The Gift Shop at Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway; Inova Loudoun Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 235 Old Waterford Road, NW, and Twice Is Nice thrift shop, 305 E. Market Street. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, April 9.

Inova Loudoun Mobile March 2019 Screenings



Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services will be providing countywide blood pressure screenings at a variety of locations during the month of March. For further information call the Mobile Health hotline at 703-858-8818 or visit www.inova.org/mobilehealth.

Tuesday, March 5, 9 a.m. – noon
Dulles South Multipurpose Center
24950 Riding Center Dr., South Riding
BP Screenings

Wednesday, March 6, 10 a.m. – noon
Leesburg Senior Center
102 North St. North West, Leesburg
BP Screenings

Saturday, March 9, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Safe Sitter Class
44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg
Call to register - 703-858-8818

Sunday, March 10 8 – 11 a.m.
Pot of Gold 10K Race
One Loudoun
Route 7 and Loudoun County Parkway, Ashburn
First Aid & Cooling Station

Tuesday, March 12, 9 a.m. – noon
Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
BP Screenings

Wednesday, March 13, 10 a.m. – noon
Waltonwood
44141 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn
BP Screenings

Monday, March 18, 9 – 11 a.m.
William Watters House
22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling
BP Screenings

Wednesday, March 20, 10 a.m. – noon
Wingler House
20900 Runny Meade Terrace, Ashburn
BP Screenings

Thursday, March 21, 11 a.m. – noon

Lovettsville Community Center
54 East Broad Way, Lovettsville
BP Screenings

Tuesday, March 26, 9 a.m. – noon
Cascades Senior Center
21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling
BP Screenings

Thursday, March 28, 10 a.m. – noon
Carver Center
200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville
BP Screenings

Saturday, March 30, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
H.E.A.L. 5K Race & Health Fair
Middleburg Community Center
300 W Washington Street, Middleburg
BP Screenings, Body Mass Index & Educational Displays



Ride Free on Loudoun County Transit to Metro Stations (March 4–March 30)

Beginning Monday, March 4, 2019, and continuing through March 30, 2019, passengers will ride free on [Loudoun County Transit](#) buses that provide connections to the Wiehle-Reston East and West Falls Church Metrorail stations.

The free rides will be available on all Loudoun Transit routes that serve Metrorail stations. Bus schedules can be found [here](#).

The free bus rides are part of the ISHARE66 Commuter Choice program designed to reduce traffic congestion and promote alternative modes of transportation through the Interstate 66 corridor.

Anyone who currently drives alone to work on I-66 inside the Beltway may be eligible to receive other ISHARE66 commuter incentives by switching to a carpool, vanpool or transit. In addition to the free bus rides, other commuter incentives include:

- \$100 gasoline cards for new carpools;
- \$500 toward expenses for new vanpools; and
- Up to \$300 in Smartrip® cards for new premium commuter bus riders.

Details about the incentives are available at [ishare66.org](#).

Anyone interested in exploring better ways to commute to work is encouraged to contact Loudoun County Commuter Services, which provides personalized trip planning for anyone looking to save time, money, or reduce the stress of commuting. More information is online [here](#) or by calling 703-771-5665.

Ryan Bartel Foundation Bringing FORT to Sterling



THE FORT is a community space where young people can connect with each other, share, have fun and grow strong together. It was created to offer teens and young adults a place to de-stress, connect with others and learn new skills that enable them to cope better with the pressures of life. In addition to fun ice-breaker games, group sharing and discussions, workshops and activities are provided that strengthen and enrich their lives.

On Sunday March 10 FORT will be at Sterling from 2:00-5:00 pm at the Sterling Community Center at 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling. For more information and to register go to [this](#) website.

There also will be a parental support group meeting simultaneously. You can get more information and register [here](#).

Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Park

Open Houses at Frogshackle Nature Cabin and Historic Lanesville House

Saturday, 3/9 from 1-3 pm; free.

Beginners Crochet Workshop

Sunday, 3/10 from 2-4 pm
Register at Loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity #361710; \$20 fee.

Family Fishing Day

Sunday, March 24 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Register at Loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity #361718; \$5 fee.

Family Archery

Sunday, March 24 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.



Register at Loudoun.gov/webtrac for activity #361715 \$15 fee.



Upcoming Events

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](#).

March 5: 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 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.

March 23: Sterling's Chili Cook Off 1:00-5:00 pm the Sterling Foundation & Sterling Ruritan Club are hosting their very first Chili Cook Off on March 23rd at the Sterling Ruritan located at 183 Ruritan Road in Sterling. All cooks must email Suzanne.Belt@comcast.net to enter the event by March 15th. Prizes will be awarded to our top category winners. Participants/Tasters can purchase tickets in advance on event Brite for \$15 or pay \$20 at the door. The ticket includes the event day tasting, and two food/beverage tickets to be used towards additional food and drink purchases. To buy tickets search for "Sterling Chili Cook Off" at Eventbrite.com.

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