

Sterling Community Center, Coronavirus, and the 2020 Census

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY:

Please join me along with Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Loudoun County Government, and the Sterling community for a **groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the beginning of renovations for the new Sterling Community Center.**

The event will take place in the center's existing gymnasium with the groundbreaking ceremony occurring just outside the gymnasium doors.

Location: Sterling Community Center
120 Enterprise Street

Date: Saturday, February 8th

Time: 11:00 am

The Sterling Community Center project is expected to be completed in 2022. During the renovation, the center will provide services at an adjacent county-owned property at 150 Enterprise Street.

More information, including a link to sign up for updates on the project, can be found at loudoun.gov/sterlingccproject.

Join us for the groundbreaking for



Sterling Community Center Renovation

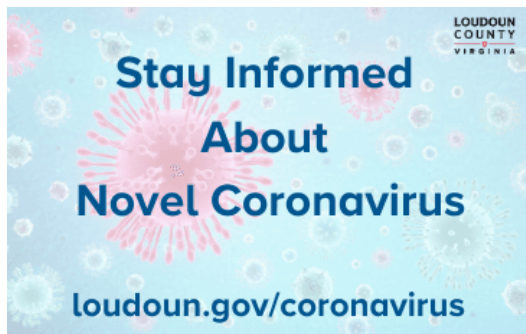
Saturday, February 8, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Event Location

120 Enterprise Street
Sterling, Virginia 20164

Event program to take place inside the existing gymnasium.



CORONAVIRUS:

The Loudoun County Health Department encourages residents to stay informed about the novel coronavirus situation. To learn more about coronavirus and for links to information about the current situation, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

Loudoun County residents, visitors or workers with questions about coronavirus may also contact the Loudoun County Health Department by [email](mailto:) or by phone at 703-771-5829.

2020 CENSUS:

Every ten years, the Constitution requires a count of everyone in our nation. The next census, begins in March 2020.

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WHY IS THE CENSUS IMPORTANT?

For every person not counted in the Census, Loudoun loses \$2,000 a year for the next 10 years for our schools, healthcare, roads, affordable housing, and more. Over 40,000 Loudoun residents rely on Census counts for everyday needs, so your count helps more families thrive.

HOW DOES THE CENSUS WORK?

In March, you will receive an invitation in the mail to respond. Filling out the Census is easy—respond online or by phone in 13 languages or by mail. Your information is safe and cannot be shared with any other government agency.

There are just 10 questions, and most residents will only need 10 minutes to respond. Make sure from 1 day to over 100 years old, everyone in your home is counted so everyone can benefit.

Visit www.loudoun.gov/2020Census to: **Learn more about the 2020 Census and how you can help increase outreach efforts to target historically undercounted populations.**



Farming in Sterling: The Edds, Ewing, and Nokes Families

The Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum will present a program about African American-owned farms in Sterling during the early to mid-1900s.

Focus will be on the farms of the Edds family (the farm is now Countryside), Ewings (now part of Cascades), and Nokes (now Dulles Town Center). It is a little known piece of Loudoun's history, and descendants of the Edds and Nokes families will be present to share their memories.

The program will be held on Saturday, February 15th at 1:00 pm at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum (21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling, VA 20164).

Beware of Social Security Phone Scams

The FBI and the Social Security Administration have seen a rise in telephone scams in which scammers pretend they are government officials. Beware callers who demand immediate payment from you to avoid arrest or other legal action, or who threaten to suspend your SSN.



What to look out for:

- The caller says there is a problem with your Social Security number or account
- Any call asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, cash, wire transfer, or pre-paid debit card
- Scammers pretend they are from Social Security or another government agency

These calls are scams. Report them at www.oig.ssa.gov.



Loudoun Seeks Public Input on Proposed Commuter Bus Route Changes

Members of the public have an opportunity to shape future routes and schedules for Loudoun County Transit's Premium Commuter Bus service. The county is seeking feedback on proposed route and schedule changes for the bus service through an online survey. All responses to the survey will be taken into consideration before a final decision is made on the routes and schedules.

The changes are focused on improving the on-time performance of the various routes that travel through Washington, D.C. A major change is splitting the routes that had been designated as "All City" into "DC East" and "DC West." This change is designed to shorten the travel time for riders on the east side of the district while improving the schedule reliability for riders on the west side. Although the change will result in a reduced number of buses serving either side of the city, the shorter travel times and improvements in on-time performance should offset that change.

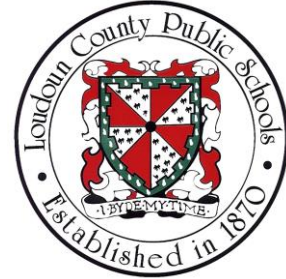
Members of the public may submit comments on the proposed changes through an interactive, online survey map that illustrates each proposed route or schedule change. Clicking on the name of the route will display a summary of the current and proposed route with links to a current and proposed timetable as well as the proposed schedule for the corresponding Loudoun County park and ride lot. The survey map is posted at loudoun.gov/proposedroutechanges. **The survey will be online through February 3, 2020.**

The proposed route changes are scheduled to go into effect in spring 2020.

The Loudoun County Premium Commuter Bus system operates morning and late afternoon rush hour service from Loudoun Park and Ride lots to Rosslyn, Crystal City, the Pentagon, and Washington, D.C. More information about all Loudoun County Transit bus services is online at loudoun.gov/transit.

CAMPUS Information Session

The College Achievement & Multicultural Program for Unique Students (CAMPUS) is an academic and college preparation initiative for students in grades 9-12. CAMPUS is a high school college access program designed to remove barriers and/or meet the specific needs of first-generation college-bound students attending Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS).



Attached you will find a general description of the CAMPUS program in both English and Spanish. There will be a CAMPUS Countywide parent & student information meeting held at the LCPS Administration Building from 7:00-8:30pm on February 5, 2020. At the meeting, there will be laptops to complete the application.

If you have any questions, please contact [Chris Clarke](#), the CAMPUS Director.



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program

From February 1st to April 15th, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation and e-filing help to anyone 50 and older, and can't afford a tax preparation service. Retirement or other life changes may mean your taxes are a little more complicated now. With the help of the Tax-Aide team of IRS-certified volunteers, AARP makes it easy for you.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has more than 5,000 locations in neighborhood libraries, malls, banks, community centers and senior centers. There's no fee and no sales pitch for other services and AARP membership is not required.

Sterling locations are:

- CASCADES LIBRARY
 - 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling, VA 20165-7222
- FALCONS LANDING SENIOR RESIDENCE
 - 20522 Falcons Landing Circle, Sterling, VA 20165-7595

For more information on the program, visit: www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2004/about_aarp_taxaide.html

You will need to bring a number of important documents to the site for your appointment. [Access the complete list.](#)

For more locations in throughout Loudoun County, [click here](#).

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Quarterly Meeting



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will hold public safety meetings at each of the agency's four service area stations and residents are encouraged to attend.

The Eastern Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19th, at 7:00 pm at the Eastern Loudoun Station, located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA.

Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in your 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 your service area. Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.



Loudoun Kicks Off Shared Bike and Scooters Pilot Program

Loudoun County launched the Shared Mobility Device (SMD) Pilot Program on January 1, 2020, to provide a framework for the operation and use of dockless SMDs for hire within the county and to evaluate their impact. SMDs include motorized skateboards and scooters (e-scooters), electric-assist bikes (e-bikes) and pedal bicycles.

The Board of Supervisors approved the SMD Pilot Program on December 3, 2019, following legislation recently passed by the Virginia General Assembly allowing SMD operators to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Under the legislation, Loudoun County may establish further guidelines and restrictions for SMD use within the county. In addition to establishing SMD regulation, the pilot program furthers Loudoun County's 2019 Countywide Transportation Plan objectives to provide comprehensive access and mobility, and better quality of life for residents, workers and visitors to the county.

The pilot program will continue at least six months following the opening of Silver Line Metrorail stations in Loudoun County, which is expected in mid-2020.

The county is currently seeking SMD operators to provide shared mobility devices for hire during the pilot program. Interested operators are required to sign an agreement with the county and obtain a permit for their fleets, including paying a one-time fee for each device type. Permit applications will be accepted until the 1,000 device limit has been reached.

Members of the public will be able to rent the devices once the first authorized SMD operator successfully completes the permit application process. Authorized operators and their contact information will be listed on the Loudoun County website.

To learn more about the pilot program, including the operator permit application process, and to view a map of the Shared Mobility Device Service Area in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/SharedMobilityDevices.

Loudoun Offers Community Water and Wastewater Project Assistance

The Loudoun County Water and Wastewater Program will begin accepting applications for county assistance with community water and wastewater projects starting January 1, 2020.



The Water and Wastewater Program is designed to support Loudoun County communities experiencing issues with deficient or non-existent water and/or wastewater systems with funding and other resources. Properly functioning water and wastewater systems help to assure a cleaner and healthier community.

Communities that need assistance are encouraged to learn more about the program at loudoun.gov/waterprojects. Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 31, 2020.

Additional information can be found at loudoun.gov/waterprojects or by contacting Loudoun County Environmental Program Specialist Scott Fincham, at 703-771-5520 or Scott.Fincham@loudoun.gov



Glass Containers Continue to be Recycled in Loudoun County

Loudoun County officials remind residents and businesses that glass food and beverage containers continue to be recycled in the county. Recycling collectors who receive a permit from the county to operate as "major" collectors are required to collect glass containers for recycling, along with cardboard and paperboard, steel/tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines, plastic beverage and detergent containers and yard waste.

Those residents who do not have curbside recycling service may recycle their glass containers at one of several county-operated recycling drop-off centers conveniently located throughout the county.

Before being recycled, all glass containers should be empty and relatively clean, with little or no food residue or liquids, and should be placed loosely in the recycling bin, not in plastic bags. Taking these steps will help reduce the contamination of glass containers that has led some local governments to stop recycling glass.

Glass containers currently collected in Loudoun County through curbside recycling services are taken to material recovery facilities where all materials are sorted and prepared for shipping and recycling. Due to the presence of contaminants in the glass following the sorting process, the glass is primarily repurposed as a low-value material for landfill operations such as road base and daily cover. While Virginia law allows this repurposing, the Loudoun County landfill does not accept glass materials for its operations.

Loudoun County is exploring alternative collection methods for glass containers to help ensure they are able to be fully recycled, including a future pilot program involving “container glass only” collection bins at a few county recycling drop-off centers.

For more information about recycling in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/recycling. Contact the Loudoun County Department of General Services with any questions at 703-771-5514.

Loudoun Sponsors Training on Reversing Opioid Overdoses



Loudoun County continues to host training sessions on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

The next Revive! session is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the offices of the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS), 906 Trailview Boulevard in Leesburg.

The free training covers:

- Signs of opioid overdose
- How to respond to an opioid overdose emergency with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.
- Also, any registered participant completing the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray that evening from the Loudoun County Health Department.

The training is open to the public; however, classroom space is limited and advanced registration is required. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is first come, first served. Those interested in attending may register online at loudoun.gov/revive.

The training is part of the REVIVE! program, which is the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Loudoun County Community Services Board, MHSADS and the Loudoun County Health Department are sponsoring the local training session.

For more information about the opioid overdose reversal training, contact the MHSADS Prevention and Intervention Program at 571-258-3365 or by email at LCMHFirstAid@loudoun.gov.



Loudoun Chocolates: Chocolates Galore

A delicious evening benefiting Loudoun County children.

Join YMCA Loudoun on Friday, February 28th from 7:00-11:00 pm for the best party of the winter season! Enjoy dancing, tasty food, flowing champagne, networking, silent auction and much

more fun in this elegant evening at Lansdowne Resort (44050 Woodridge Parkway, Leesburg, Virginia 20176).

Bring your friends and an appetite! Get your tickets before they sell out!

Tickets are available for purchase [here](#).

Loudoun County Business Tax Filings Due March 2, 2020



Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. has issued notices of business tax filing requirements to business owners for tax year 2020. The notice provides the necessary account number to enable taxpayers to report by Monday, March 2, 2020, their calendar year 2019 gross receipts at loudoun.gov/efile. The license tax or fee can then be paid at loudoun.gov/paytaxes. The filing of receipts and payment of the tax are due by midnight March 2. The annual filing deadline is March 1, but has been extended to March 2 because March 1 falls on a weekend.

Owners of business equipment that was located in Loudoun County on January 1, 2020, must declare it for taxation to the Commissioner of the Revenue at loudoun.gov/efile. The reporting of original cost, year of purchase and item description is due by midnight, March 2, 2020. Semi-annual bills for this equipment will be issued by the Loudoun County Treasurer and will be due May 5 and October 5.

Owners of businesses within one of Loudoun's incorporated towns should contact the respective town regarding local license renewal. The reporting of business equipment is made to the Commissioner of the Revenue for all businesses in the county whether within or outside of an incorporated town.

Taxpayers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-777-0260 or btcor@loudoun.gov with questions. Business owners may also obtain more information online at loudoun.gov/cor.



Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Park

Open Houses

Saturday, February 8th, 1:00-3:00 pm

- Frogshackle
- Lanesville

Backyard Bird Count Kick-Off

Friday, February 14th 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Help kick-off the Great Backyard Bird Count with some fun filled bird activities. Stop by anytime from 9-5 and make a bird feeder, listen to bird calls, and see who is visiting our feeders. Take home some

information so you can do your own bird count at home and join in this fantastic event or check them out at www.audubon.org/conservation/about-great-backyard-bird-count

Life in Colonial Lanesville

Saturday, February 29th 12:00-3:00 pm

All ages are welcome to come and visit the Lanesville Ordinary House and take part in early American activities. Enjoy open fire cooking. Try your hand at candle making, woodworking, and more. Refreshments served. Free Call 571-258-3700 for more information.

Upcoming Activities at Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center



Mom & Me Winter

February 5th-February 26th 9:15-10:00 am

Enjoy this time together to express your creativity with art, singing and play. Featuring new themes each month!

- \$32; Ages 1-2.5

Winter Day Off Camp – Elementary School

Through Feb 17, 2020 (Ages 6-12)

No school? No problem! Come enjoy your day with us at CMRCC! Kids will climb the rock wall, go swimming, play in the gym, arts & crafts and MOORE!

- Register at www.webtrac.loudoun.gov

Telework Day

Thursday, February 20th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm (Ages 18+)

Working from home? Come to CMRCC for the day instead! Fee includes admission to our facilities for the day, light breakfast, coffee, tea, a quiet place to work and Wi-Fi! Food Vendors will be on-site for the day if you would like to purchase additional food. Sign-Up for our interest email list (273608-01) to be notified of the days we will be offering this program.

- Contact Recreation Programmer Becky Shearer at 571-258-3600 if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events

February 11: Sterling Foundation Monthly Meeting Join the Sterling Foundation for their monthly community meeting, where the board of the Sterling Foundation discusses foundation business, upcoming events, and the needs of our Sterling neighbors! The meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Sterling Community Center from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Supervisor Koran T. Saines
Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
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