



Shreveport Ridge Community News

October 2020



Happy Fall Y'all! There is so much to tell you this month, we added two extra pages to the newsletter!

- ◆ Page 2 is all about voting. Make sure your voice is heard.
- ◆ Page 3 features updates from the County Health Department .
- ◆ Page 4 covers local and LCPS updates



New This Month:

Panera's Back! Pick up free bread and baked goods every Tuesday at 12:00 pm.

Friday Teen Online Fun Night & Family Fun Kits: Every Friday we deliver fun at 3:00 pm and online at 7:00 pm . Registration still available.

Study Buddies

Don't miss the chance to register your child for homework help and tutoring when **Study Buddies** returns **mid-month on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm online.** Contact Sarah for more information.



National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day :

Join us to celebrate the flavor of the season and grab a slice. **Wednesday, October 21 at 3:30 pm** at the back door of the office .

Pumpkin Give Away

Lets get creative! On **Wednesday, October 28 at 3:00 pm**, please visit the snack share table for a free pumpkin.

No Tricks, Just Treats

Trick-or-treating may be cancelled, but we have the candy! Children up to age 18 are invited to pick up filled treat bags on **Friday, October 30 at 3:00 pm.**



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Community Resources

Food Giveaways:

- **Open to ALL Residents—Salvation Army Food Boxes.** Come out on **Friday, October 16 at 1:00pm** for a box full of great food! Boxes usually include chicken, eggs, veggies, pasta & more.



***Contact Sarah ASAP if you would like a box but are unable to pick-up in person.

- **Community Food Share Table** -- Every Friday at 11:00 am. Back door of the office.
- **Fall Food Boxes** will be delivered to every household this week. Call Sarah if you do not need one.

Rent Assistance - If you are having trouble paying rent:

1. Please first contact Lisa, your Property Manager.
2. If you still need help, contact:
 - Salvation Army at 703-771-3371 between 8 am and 4 pm Mon-Fri or
 - Tree of Life Ministries at 540-441-7920 or email info@tolministries.org
 - Loudoun Cares and Catholic Charities at 703-669-5040
 - Loudoun County's Limited Rental Assistance Program at 703-777-0420

Utility Assistance:

If you need help paying your fall and winter heating bills:

1. If you have been affected by COVID-19, Sarah will call you back to see if we can help you.
2. If your issue is not COVID-related, contact:
 - Loudoun County's Department of Family Services. To check eligibility or to apply, call (703) 777-0352 or visit vaservices.dss.virginia.gov/CARES or www.commonhelp.virginia.gov. Applications are accepted from October 13th to November 13th
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Election 2020



General Information

A general election will be held in Loudoun County on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Offices on the ballot will include president and vice president of the United States, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and Loudoun County bond questions.

Three Ways to Vote: All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote at home, vote early or vote on Election Day.

<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/absentee>

Phone: 703-777-0380

1. Vote at Home - All registered voters in Virginia are eligible to request, receive, mark and return their ballot all from the comfort of their own home. Not only is it easy, but it's safe and secure too.

Please note that if you request that a ballot be mailed to you and decide you would like to vote early in-person or on election day you must bring the ballot with you in order to vote.

If you will be completing your ballot and then dropping it off at the Office of Elections or an early voting site please make sure it is in 'Envelope B' and that Envelope B is in the purple envelope. This will ensure that we can mark your ballot as returned and turn it over to the Absentee Precinct for processing.

Important Dates & Deadlines:

- **Deadline to request a ballot be mailed to you – October 23, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Deadline to return your mail ballot – post-marked no later than November 3, 2020**

2. Vote Early - Please note that if you have requested that a ballot be mailed to you, you must have that ballot with you and turn it in if you change your mind and decide to vote early. Before you head to an early voting site:

- ♦ Check your registration and make sure everything is correct on the Virginia Department of Elections Citizen Portal.*
- ♦ Have your acceptable ID with you. This includes voter card, driver's license, state ID card, and more. Check out the sample ballots so you can get in, vote, and get moving safely.
- ♦ Be prepared for social distancing measures in place at all locations.
- ♦ **Bring your mask! Face coverings are required when entering county facilities.**

Important Dates & Deadlines:

- **Deadline to register or update your information - Tuesday, October 13, 2020**
- **Additional early voting sites open - Saturday, October 17, 2020**
- **Last day to vote early in-person - Saturday, October 31, 2020**

Early Voting Locations and Hours:

- Dulles South Senior Center -
24950 Riding Center Drive, Chantilly, 20152**
- Early voting starts - Saturday, October 17, 2020
 - Saturdays October 17, October 24 and October 31 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 - Weekdays October 19 through October 30; Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday - Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Loudoun County Government Office at Ridgetop - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, 20164

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3. Vote on Election Day - Vote at Stone Hill MS, 23415 Evergreen Ridge Dr on Election Day. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

COVID-19 Updates



Loudoun County officials recommend that residents do not engage in traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating this Halloween or other activities that risk transmission of COVID-19.

“We all have a role in making Halloween as safe as possible this year by taking precautions that limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community,” said Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend. “We encourage parents and anyone planning to participate

in Halloween-related events to take actions to protect themselves, their children and others from the virus that causes this disease.”

Halloween activities that are considered **high-risk** and are **not recommended** include:

- Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Trick-or-treating at houses where individuals are not wearing a face covering and where 6 feet of physical distance is not maintained between individuals.
- Trunk-or-treating where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Events that involve large gatherings, such as crowded costume parties held indoors and any events where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming.

For those who are planning to participate in Halloween events, officials urge these precautions:

- Stay home and away from others when sick.
- Stay at least 6 feet from others at all times.
- Wash your hands before and during trick-or-treating or handing out candy. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available.
- Wear a cloth face covering under costume masks. Halloween masks may not fit snugly and may not protect against inhaling respiratory droplets from other people.
- If you choose to offer candy, hand out candy outside and from a distance. Consider setting up a table and placing individually-wrapped treats so that multiple people do not have to reach into the same bowl. For trunk-or-treating, create distance between cars by parking in every other space.

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends staying home and away from others when sick. Anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not met the criteria for when it is safe to be around others, has COVID-19 symptoms or who has been in recent contact with someone with the disease should not participate in Halloween activities this year.

The Health Department considers haunted houses to be particularly risky for spreading COVID-19 because they typically involve people screaming, which is known to increase the production of respiratory droplets. Haunted houses that choose to operate must strictly follow Phase 3 Guidelines for Entertainment and Public Amusement settings (PDF).

For more detailed information, including suggestions for low-risk Halloween activities for families,

FREE FLU VACCINE
For Adults and Children

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Park View High School
400 West Laurel Avenue, Sterling, VA 20164

Open to all Loudoun County residents age 9 and older
No insurance or appointment required
Drive-up or Walk-up

LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA | Health Department | **VDH** VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Healthy People in Healthy Communities
www.vdh.virginia.gov

Offered and hosted by Loudoun County Health Department as part of an emergency preparedness exercise

Free COVID-19 Testing: HealthWorks is offering testing for new and current patients. All patients must be screened before their visit to our health centers to determine whether a telehealth or in-office visit is required and if testing for COVID-19 should be performed. COVID-19 testing is free for uninsured patients. Testing costs are covered by Medicaid, Medicare and all health insurance, including group plans and individual health plans (co-payments are waived).

Call (703) 443-2000 and press option #1 or visit <https://hwnova.org/covid19/>

What's Happening This Month



Loudoun County's K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program

Includes options for 2-day, 3-day and 5-day child care at proportionate rates. The child care will continue to be offered at 11 elementary school sites and 2 other sites that are operated by the county.

The new reduced monthly fees are listed below. Parents who wish to enroll children in a full day program (7:40 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) should register for both the school day and after school sessions.

SCHOOL DAY (7:40 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

5 days per week: \$345/month

3 days per week: \$204/month

2 days per week: \$136/month

AFTER SCHOOL (2:30 – 6:00 p.m.)

5 days per week: \$345/month

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2 days per week: \$136/month

LCPS Free and Reduced Lunch Program Participants are eligible for a 50 percent discount.

Registration for the five-day-per week option must be completed online through the WebTrac system. Visit www.loudoun.gov/DLchildcare for more information and to register. To register for the two-day or three-day options, call 703-777-0343.

The county's other [child care programs](#), including **CASA** and **YAS**, will operate as normally scheduled. If you have any questions, please email prcs@loudoun.gov.

LCPS Resources for Families Contact your child's school's Parent Liaison for more information



- Internet Café - For students who are having trouble connecting to the Internet.
- Pandemic EBT Cards - P-EBT Cards are being renewed for students who qualify for free or reduced priced meals. Cards will be replenished between September 30 and October 15.
- Free Meals - Daily free breakfast and lunch meals are still being distributed for all children aged 18 and younger at local school bus stops. Schools may also have weekend food boxes for families.
- Some students in Kindergarten - Grade 2, English Language Learners and those with Special Needs will return to face-to-face instruction two days per week starting Tuesday, October 13.

* **Creighton's Corner Elementary School:** 703-957-4480

* **Brambleton Middle School:** 703-957-4450

* **Independence High School:** 571-367-4200



Enjoy a family outing at Temple Hall Farm Pumpkin Patch open daily from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, October 1-31.

The playground, jumping pillows, and slides will also be available for your entertainment. Located at 15855 Limestone School Road Leesburg; 703-359-4601
Price \$10 per person, includes pumpkin

Bag-To-Bag Program

Women Giving Back Program is offering a Bag-to-Bag program which includes women's and children's clothes and shoes. If you would like a referral, contact Sarah.



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