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Learn more about what you can do:
loudoun.gov/AirQuality

As you have probably heard by now, the wildfires raging across Canada has resulted in smoke that has spread across much of the East Coast. As of today, air quality across all of Loudoun County has been classified as unhealthy. Yesterday a Code Red Air Quality alert was issued, meaning that air pollution concentrations in the region are unhealthy for the general population and that everyone should take precautions. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has classified Northern Virginia as "Very Unhealthy" air quality.

Because of the safety risks posed by poor air quality, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) canceled all outdoor programs for today, June 8, 2023. All athletics fields, outdoor pools, and spray pads will be closed today. Residents are encouraged to postpone visits to parks, playgrounds, and other outdoor facilities due to the poor air quality. Indoor PRCS programs will not be affected. Please visit their website for service updates over the next few days as the air quality issues continue to develop.

To the greatest extent possible, please limit any outdoor activities, especially those that are strenuous. Consider moving any planned outdoor activities inside or delaying them to a future time when the air quality issues have abated. Sensitive groups, including children, older adults, and people with respiratory illnesses such as heart or lung disease are especially at risk during any outdoor activities.

Sources to keep track of air quality:

- [AirNow](#) – a partnership of several U.S. government agencies.

- [Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments](#) - provides daily air quality forecasts for the metropolitan Washington region.
- [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#)

View the county press release [here](#).

View the county announcement of PRCS facility closures [here](#).

Loudoun Pride Festival



I was thrilled to join my colleagues on Sunday, June 4th for the Loudoun Pride Festival, an event hosted annually by the Equality Loudoun. During the event, I joined my Board of Supervisors colleagues in a presentation of the 2023 Proclamation to commemorate LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Loudoun County. The festival brought together elected leaders, community advocates, nonprofits, businesses, and more who showcased the Loudoun as an inclusive and supportive community for our LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors. This month is a time to renew our support for the LGBTQ+ community in the face of growing hostility and hate.



Home Ownership Month

June 2023 Homeownership Month

Learn about housing opportunities in Loudoun County and other helpful information for current and prospective homeowners during FREE virtual events in June.

June 15	Affordable Dwelling Unit Purchase Program and Homeownership Loan Programs	June 21	Fire Safety and Home Escape Plans
June 22	Home Improvement and Repair Programs	June 27	The Virginia Mortgage Relief Program

Register at: loudoun.gov/Housing

June is Home Ownership Month. To mark the month, Loudoun County's Department of Housing and Community Development is hosting a set of virtual programs to provide information to residents on homebuyer programs, fire safety, home improvement and repair, and the Virginia Mortgage Relief Program.

Affordable Dwelling Unit Purchase Program and Homeownership Loan Programs: Thursday, June 15, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- Join the Loudoun County Department of Housing & Community Development for an overview of Loudoun County's Affordable Dwelling Unit Purchase Program and Homeownership Loan Programs: Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program, Public Employee Grants for Homeownership, and Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities.

Fire Safety and Home Escape Plans: Wednesday: June 21, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- Join the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office for an overview on home fire safety and home escape plans.

Home Improvement and Repair Programs: Thursday, June 22, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- Join the Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development for an overview of Loudoun County's Home Accessibility and Repair Program, Rental Unit Accessibility Modification Program and Granting Freedom Program.

The Virginia Mortgage Relief Program: Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- Join Virginia Housing for an overview of the Virginia Mortgage Relief Program.

Registration is required for the workshops. Details on how to register, as well as more information about Loudoun County's housing programs, may be found at loudoun.gov/housing.

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