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Dear Neighbors,

Aside from the ever-present issue of the pandemic and vaccines, which you can read about in the COVID Update below, we have spent the month of February reviewing the FY22 county budget, examining land use cases coming to the board and working on my initiative to get a gunsense ordinance passed in Loudoun.

Great news in the budget comes in the form of investment in Algonkian schools. Working together with School Board Vice Chair and Algonkian representative, Atoosa Reaser, we were able to accelerate the monies for the Potomac Falls High School weight room into the FY 22 school Capital Improvement Program, in addition to the LED lighting project for Seneca Ridge Middle School. I am proud to share that the funds for the weight room expansion and upgrade were provided through renegotiation with the developer that is building the new townhomes in Countryside. One additional Algonkian project was accommodated in the budget as requested. The renovation of the Broad Run Toll House and trailhead creation was accelerated into the FY 2022 budget as part of the larger Broad Run Stream Valley Park project.

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The county administrator is preparing the budget with a tax rate of 1 cent above and 1 cent below the equalized rate. The budget presentation can be found [here](#) and includes:

- A 3% merit increase for county employees and a step increase for public safety employees.
- Funding to address pay compression and retiree healthcare benefits, which are deliverables from the multi-year classification and compensation study.
- Funding for critical resources including 150 new positions in 21 departments to maintain or enhance current service levels, open new facilities and support Board priorities, such as collective bargaining, a full-time staffer to support the new Environmental Commission and body-worn cameras for the Sheriff's Department.
- Restoration of the frozen FY21 funds to complete recruitment of new positions adopted last year.

I am anxiously awaiting the unmet housing needs assessment so that we can adequately fund the housing trust fund and other potential vehicles to help those who work in the county live in the county and use less than 30% of their overall income on housing.

Don't forget to attend my town hall on the budget tomorrow at noon on Facebook Live to learn more and ask questions! Questions can also be sent in advance to Zachary.Harris@loudoun.gov.

We've had several tough land use applications come through the board that will impact Algonkian District. Unfortunately, we lost the fight against installing ball fields being built in a major flood plain along the Broad Run just south of Route 7. While the application provides some trail connectivity, I do not think it is worth the tradeoff. Additional development along the Broad Run (Kincora) will come to public hearing on March 10. I believe this application also needs some serious work to protect our natural assets in the East and have met with the developer to discuss.

We also have an application for town houses near Cascades Marketplace making its way through the

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process. I have met several times with the developer and the owners of Cascades marketplace and will share information as it becomes available.

My initiative for a gunsense ordinance was forwarded from public hearing on Feb. 10 and will be considered by the full board on March 2. I am confident that a new ordinance of some form will pass as the board continues to discuss the wisdom of allowing concealed carry in our public parks. As you probably know, I am against allowing this exception and will make a strong case against it at the meeting. Please sign up for public comment at 703-777-0200.

BOS Meetings

November's Board of Supervisors meeting will be held Thursday, November 5th because of Election Day. Normally, the BOS meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Public Hearings are held the Wednesday after the 1st Board meeting.

Check out the [BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming meetings

Want to speak? [Visit the county web page for information.](#)

Stay well,

Juli

Join me for a Virtual Town Hall on the FY22 Budget Process!

 Virtual Town Hall	TOPIC FY22 BUDGET PROCESS
	WHERE FB.ME/SUPERVISORBRISKMAN
	TIME FRIDAY, FEB. 26, 12:00-1:00 PM
<p>The FY22 budget process is underway soon. Join Department of Finance and Budget Assistant Director Caleb Weitz and Supervisor Juli Briskman for a "Lunch and Learn" discussion on the overall budget process and the distinct roles of both county staff and the Board of Supervisors. The event will be livestreamed on Supervisor Briskman's Facebook page. All questions must be submitted in advance to Zachary.Harris@loudoun.gov.</p>	

QUICK TIPS

Can't find time to get to DMV? No problem. They will come to you with DMV2Go!!!

Apply for or renew your ID or driver's license, take road and knowledge tests and much more.

Check the DMV2Go [calendar](#) for upcoming dates and locations

Loudoun County Health Department hotline (703) 737-8300

SCAMS

[IRS Issues Warning about Coronavirus-Related Scams; Watch Out for Schemes Tied to Economic Impact Payments](#)

The Virginia Coronavirus



Loudoun Offering Low-Contact Tax Assistance to Seniors

Free, low-contact tax assistance is available to seniors at HealthWorks for Northern VA and Cascades Library. Information on hours of operation and how to register is available [here](#).

Proposed Silver Line Bus Routes Public Information Meeting

Help shape future routes and schedules.

February 25, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes

Loudoun Seeks Public Input on Proposed Bus Routes to Metrorail Silver Line Stations

The public is invited to join the online public information meeting for the proposed Silver Line Bus Routes on Thursday, February 25, 2021, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. to ask questions, provide input and learn more about the proposed routes. Login information and meeting materials are available for

Fraud Task Force and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations are warning taxpayers to be alert about possible scams relating to [COVID-19 economic impact payments](#).

[Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force](#)

Eastern Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator, Assistant U.S. Attorney [Email Kaitlin F. Cooke](#) or 804-819-5416.

To report fraudulent activity to the Virginia State Police, Virginians can [Email Virginia Fusion Center](#).

To report a COVID-19 fraud scheme or suspicious activity, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud

review at loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes and loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation. Meeting materials include detailed route graphics and a speaker sign-up form. Members of the public must sign up in advance to ask questions during the event by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2021. Online participants may also send questions to the transit team as chat messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows.

Comments from the public regarding the proposed Silver Line Bus Routes may be submitted using the online form at loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes, by email or postal mail. All comments received by March 26, 2021, will be included in the process to finalize the route.



Community Foundation Scholarships Open for High School Seniors and College Students

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. Eligible students include high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students in Northern Virginia. Last year the annual program awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to help 110 area Northern Virginia students attend the college of their choice.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2021. Additional scholarships are available, with deadlines throughout the spring. To learn more about each scholarship opportunity and to apply visit: cfnova.org/grants-and-scholarships.

(NCDF) by calling the NCDF Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or [send an email](#).



Here's What's Happening with Traffic Around Algonkian

VDOT has provided updates to several infrastructure projects throughout Algonkian:

Algonkian Pkwy and Lowes Island Blvd Intersection Improvements:

- Loudoun Water provided VDOT with a "No Objection" letter while Building and Development comments are anticipated in March 2021.

George Washington Blvd Overpass:

- VDOT continues to prepare the advertisement package and such work is expected to be completed in June 2021

Riverside Pkwy:

- Construction activity continues including the completion of water lines, installation of the storm drainage pipe, and installation of the curb gutter.
 - While Riverside has been base paved to Smith Circle, the remaining paving is expected to resume in spring 2021.
 - Construction will continue through the winter by maintaining erosion controls and storm water basins.
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Food Giveaway on February 27

The Catch A Meal Program is excited to announce that it will host a FREE Community Giveaway. The Catch a Meal Program was created to support those in need with the support of community organizations. Through the continued support of the Board of Supervisors it has selected Sugarland Elementary School as the host location. It will provide families with food, children coats, blankets, diapers, and toys. In accordance with local CDC guidelines, all items will be available to people in vehicles via a drive-through system and monitored walk-up designated area that allows for strict social distancing. People will need to remain in their vehicles as volunteers load the items into their vehicles. For media inquiries and partnering with The Catch A Meal Program contact April Taylor at team@catchameal.org.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2021

Location: 65 Sugarland Run Dr, Sterling, VA 20164

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Organizer: April Taylor team@catchameal.org



2021 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program Accepting Applications

Applications are now being accepted for Loudoun Youth, Inc.'s 2021 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program. A virtual week-long program designed to introduce youth to leadership concepts and to provide exposure and interaction with local business, government and community leaders. Participate via Zoom and choose one of two sessions on either July 12 - 16, or August 2 - 6, 2021. The program is open to all rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, public or private, who live in Loudoun County. Youth participating in the week-long sessions will learn leadership skills, observe leadership in action with business and civic leaders from around the county, as well as taking part in interactive team building experiences.

Applications will be accepted until March 31 and can be found at <http://www.loudounyouth.org>. Tuition is \$125/student. Financial aid is available to qualifying students.



Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy Hosts Online Auction

Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy is currently hosting an online auction! Available items include birdhouses, artwork from local artists, and unique experiences such as a picnic tour of JK Black Oak Wildlife Sanctuary. The auction will close February 27 at 10:00 p.m.



Update from Algonkian Planning Commissioner Jane Kirchner

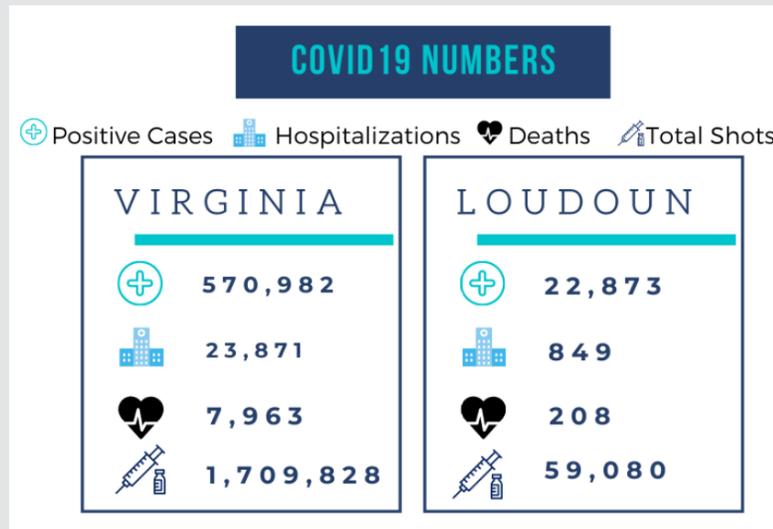
Neighbors - I am honored to represent the Algonkian District on the Loudoun County Planning Commission. Along with commissioners representing the other Loudoun districts and an at-large commissioner, we review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for approval or denial of development and land use proposals that come before us. We have public hearings and work sessions every month at the county building in Leesburg that are available to view and participate in remotely.

During our upcoming March 23rd public hearing, we will consider the "Cascades Parkway Subdivision" proposal in the Sterling District for 219 multi-family residences on a 7.6

acre parcel located at the corner of Cascades Parkway and Potomac View Road. The parcel is the pine tree filled area shown in the photo, across from Claude Moore Park and generally behind the COSTCO parking lot. We also will consider the "Oak Grove" proposal in the Broad Run District to build 49 single family attached residences on 4.73 acres on Dominion Lane, south of the W&OD Trail, along with facility-related proposals "Alban CAT Facility" in Sterling and the "Sycolin Road Distribution Facility" in Leesburg.

I am particularly concerned about how proposed projects will affect the quality of life for current and future residents and opportunities to protect and restore our natural areas and waterways. Please reach out to me at Jane.Kirchner@loudoun.gov with your questions and thoughts on development and land use issues.

COVID-19 Update



State and Local COVID-19 Trends

According to Loudoun's February 24 COVID-19 Summary Report, the County's seven-day test positivity rate is 7.7 percent (down 0.4% since last report). At the state level, Virginia has experienced a decrease in its seven-day moving average of cases since February 18. More

information about COVID-19 from the Virginia Department of Health can be accessed [here](#).

According to LCPS's case data, their two core indicators remain at elevated levels. Total number of cases per 100,000 people remains at the highest risk level while test positivity rate has declined to a state of "higher risk." You can access COVID-19 data from LCPS by clicking [here](#).

The Loudoun County COVID-19 data dashboard can be accessed by clicking this [link](#).



Loudoun Schedules Twice-Weekly COVID-19 Testing Events Throughout March

Loudoun County will continue to hold twice-weekly, free drive-thru COVID-19 testing events at multiple locations. These weekly, fixed events are not mass testing sites and are intended to provide regular, predictable testing opportunities for the community. As a result, capacity at these fixed testing sites is limited.

The events will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- March 2 and 4: [Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)

- March 9 and 11: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- March 16 and 18: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)
- March 23 and 25: Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing events are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information, including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

- Registration Form: English (PDF) | Spanish (PDF)

The fillable form may be downloaded, filled out, and printed, and completed forms should be brought with you to the testing site. Forms will also be available at the testing site for individuals who do not have access to a printer or otherwise are unable to complete the forms in advance. The forms are also available at loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.



More Sites in Virginia Join Federal Retail Pharmacy Program

In addition to the CVS Pharmacy at Lansdowne Town Center in Leesburg, the following retailers have opted to join the program:

- Giant, 43760 Greenway Corporate Drive, Ashburn
- Safeway, 12. W. Washington Street, Middleburg
- Safeway, 22350 S. Sterling Boulevard, Sterling Park
- Safeway, 30 Pidgeon Hill, Sterling
- Safeway, 437 S. King Street, Leesburg



PPP for Small Businesses

The U.S. Small Business Administration has established a 14-day, exclusive Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan application period for businesses and nonprofits with fewer than 20 employees. This will give lenders and community partners more time to work with the smallest businesses to submit their applications, while also ensuring that larger PPP-eligible businesses will still have plenty of time to apply for and receive support before the program expires on March 31, 2021. [Read more about the program from the Loudoun Department of Economic Development.](#)



Data Migration Continues on Statewide Registration System

As was reported over the weekend, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) continues to work to improve the new statewide system for COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration and to migrate the pre-registration data from health districts across the state, including Loudoun. Many people who submitted a Loudoun County pre-screening survey prior to 5:00 p.m., February 12, have not been able to find themselves in the statewide system because the "Check the List" feature is not yet working correctly. Please note that anyone who previously submitted a pre-screening survey to Loudoun County is still on the county's waitlist and the Health Department is working to schedule vaccination appointments for those on the list. [Find out more in the county's earlier update.](#)



Governor's Update

At a briefing yesterday, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced that as COVID-19 hospitalizations and infection rates continue to decline and vaccinations rise in Virginia, certain outdoor sports and entertainment venues may begin to operate at increased capacity starting Monday, March 1. He amended Executive Order Seventy-Two with the next steps of the "Forward Virginia" plan to safely and gradually ease public health restrictions while mitigating the spread of the virus. The current modified Stay at Home order will expire on February 28, 2021.

Governor Northam is beginning to ease public health restrictions by taking steps to increase capacity limits in outdoor settings, where evidence shows the risk of airborne transmission of COVID-19 is lower. The key changes in the Third Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two include:

- **Social gatherings:** The maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase from 10 to 25 people for outdoor settings, while remaining at 10 persons for indoor settings.
- **Entertainment venues:** Outdoor entertainment and public amusement venues will be able to operate with up to 1,000 individuals or at 30 percent capacity, whichever is lower. If current trends continue, these venues may be able to operate at 30 percent capacity with no cap on the number of people permitted to attend starting in April. Indoor entertainment and public amusement venues must continue to operate at 30 percent capacity with a cap of 250 people. All entertainment venues were previously limited to a maximum of 250 individuals.
- **Dining establishments:** The on-site sale, consumption, and possession of alcohol will be permitted until midnight, extended from 10:00 p.m. All restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms still must be closed between midnight and 5:00 a.m.
- **Overnight summer camps:** As of May 1, overnight summer camps will be able to open with strict mitigation measures in place. Registration can begin now.

Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll share them in our updates and newsletter.

ATOOSA REASER

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School Board Snippets

ALGONKIAN DISTRICT CLASS OF 2021 – CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

In order to showcase and support our community's upcoming graduates, we invite you to send us your "Class of 2021 Senior Spotlight." Please email any of the following information for us to share on social media and in newsletters, to my staff aide at Cori.Sanzano@lcps.org:

- Name, social media tags, and current high school.
- Hobbies; participation in clubs, organizations, sports, arts, theater, music, volunteer work, etc.
- If you plan to attend college, what do you hope to study and what contributions will you be able to make with your education?
- If you do not plan to attend college, what jobs are you interested in pursuing? How will you contribute to your family or community in your profession?
- Anything you would like us to know about you.
- A picture.

RETURN TO HYBRID

Since my update last month, students in grades K-5 who chose hybrid returned to the classrooms on February 16th and students in grades 6-12 who chose hybrid will return on March 3rd. Dr. Ziegler and Staff will be monitoring the effectiveness of mitigation strategies and plan to discuss the feasibility for expanded in-person learning at the March 23rd School Board Meeting.

SUMMER SCHOOL AND NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- **Summer School:** Staff will present a detailed plan for expanded Summer School on March 9th.
- **2021-2022 School Year:**
 - LCPS is planning for the 2021-2022 school year with the intent to deliver 5 days of in-person instruction.
 - Plans include continued options for distance learning based on need or choice.
 - LCPS anticipates surveying parents regarding the 2021-2022 school year in May.

VACCINE UPDATE

As of February 19th, the LCPS POD has distributed a total of 13,573 doses of the COVID vaccine. Of those doses, 2,873 were second doses. LCPS anticipates having enough vaccines to provide one to each staff member who requests it. At the current rate of distribution, the POD will start to shut down around March 3rd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SEARCH

The online survey requesting input from the Loudoun County community on our next Superintendent closed on February 14th with a total of 10,090 responses. Focus Groups and personal interviews concluded last week with 144 participants. Based on the feedback received, HYA created a Leadership Profile containing candidate characteristics that are important to our community. The Leadership Profile will be used by HYA during the recruitment process.

EQUITY COMMITTEE

Brandon Jackson will be representing the Algonkian District on the Equity Committee. Mr. Jackson is a long-time member of this community, having attended Meadowland Elementary, Sugarland Elementary, Seneca Ridge Middle, and Potomac Falls High Schools. He graduated from Ferrum College where he studied Sports Management. He coaches several sports, in Loudoun. Mr. Jackson lives here with his wife, who works at Countryside Elementary and serves as an Equity Lead for the school.

I am confident that his familiarity with the history of our district, given his various perspectives as a student, community member, spouse, coach, and staff member, will help inform and assist me in making the best decisions for our students and families

Thank you,



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