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Happy Summer Algonkian,

My office was proud to write and sponsor the LGBTQ+ Pride Month Resolution this month and I was honored that Equality Loudoun joined us in the Board Room for the presentation. Loudoun's Vision Statement adopted last year by the Board makes it clear that "Loudoun County strives to be a prosperous, inclusive, equitable and sustainable

community where residents feel free to live, work, learn and play."

I very purposely argued for the specific terms in our vision statement so that we indicate that our board and county are committed to ensuring all persons, regardless of gender, skin color, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation feel valued, empowered, and accepted by our community, elected leaders, and educators.

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Want to speak?
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information.](#)

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*Members of the Board and I presenting the Pride Month Resolution to
Equality Loudoun*

I have also made statements this month supporting the school board in their equity work and adoption of LCPS Policy 8040, and condemning any actions that tarnish our county's reputation and our work toward equity for all.

Another point of personal pride was the celebration of Juneteenth where we dedicated the reflection area near the lynching site of Orion Anderson, a 14-year old lynching victim and witnessed the donation of an underground railroad quilt to the Loudoun County Freedom Center. I thank the General Assembly and Governor Ralph Northam for making Juneteenth a state holiday. Acknowledging the history and contributions, and even the pain of others, should not be viewed as diminishing anyone else.

While we are talking about hard topics, I must take the opportunity to condemn the outrageous behavior displayed at this week's LCPS School Board meeting. No matter our differences of opinion or perspective on issues, civility is what keeps our society going and allows us to debate ideas. I think we can all agree that free speech is not hindered by simply taking your turn and respecting others' right to speak, especially when the board's rules of order require decorum.

I hope you all had a chance to watch the Environmental Commission (EC) Town Hall this week. If not, you can check it out on my supervisor [Facebook page](#). The EC was created earlier this year to advise the Board on policies regarding the environment, sustainability, and energy management. As our county continues to grow, these environmental goals

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are essential to keeping Loudoun a great place to live and to contributing to the worldwide solution on climate change. We must all do our part and do so immediately.

A big thanks to the members of the Broad Run Farms community and the Countryside Homeowners Association for hosting meetings about potential development near the Hidden Lane landfill. I know development near this area is a sensitive and unsettling prospect and I hope county staff was able to answer some of those questions. As I said during both meetings, I do not support a formal application for building on these two properties as presented and commit to keeping the community informed should an application be filed in the coming months. The community will have ample time to provide input should this application move forward.

Have a happy and safe summer,

Juli



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Environmental Commission lunch and learn earlier this week! We covered a range of topics from data center pollution to environmental activism and everything in between. Thanks

The Virginia
Coronavirus
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
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activity to the
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COVID-19 fraud
scheme or
suspicious
activity,
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again to Algonkian appointees Scott Emery and Chris Tandy. If you were unable to watch the event, a recording is available here.

The graphic features two images on the left: the top one shows several hands clasped together in a supportive grip, and the bottom one shows a wooden crate filled with various food items like jars and bottles, with a small sign that says 'COVID-19' in front of it.

American Rescue Plan Act
NONPROFIT & FAITH-BASED FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
Loudoun County is allocating \$2.5 million to support eligible nonprofit & faith-based organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
To prepare for the application process, join Loudoun County for a webinar at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 30.
Register by email: nonprofits@loudoun.gov
Applications available June 28, 2021.
Apply by July 28, 2021.
loudoun.gov/grantopportunities
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Nonprofits Encouraged to Apply for American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Nonprofits and faith-based organizations serving Loudoun County residents are encouraged to apply for financial assistance available through the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This funding will support organizations that are working to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications will be available Monday, June 28, 2021, at loudoun.gov/grantopportunities.

Priority will be given to those organizations that continue to experience and demonstrate COVID-19-related changes in services that provide direct, life-sustaining assistance, with a focus toward recovery and sustainability. Those priority areas include rental assistance to those not eligible under the state's Rental Relief Program, utility assistance, food assistance and health and wellness support.

More details are available here.

National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) by calling the NCDF Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or send an email.



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Route 7 Corridor Study - Route 28 to Fairfax County Line

Virtual Public Input Meeting

July 12, 2021
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Transportation and
Capital Infrastructure

Join us!



loudoun.gov/route7corridorstudy

Virtual Public Meeting on Route 7 Corridor Study

Loudoun County is hosting an online meeting to gain input from the public on the Route 7 corridor study on Monday, July 12, 2021, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The limits of the draft study, completed in February 2021, were from Route 28 to the Fairfax County line. The public meeting will examine current safety and traffic operations as well as travel forecasting and traffic operations for proposed future alternatives to the existing conditions on the Route 7 corridor. Members of the public are invited to join the virtual meeting to learn about the proposed alternatives and areas along the corridor that need attention and to ask questions about the corridor.

Login information and meeting materials are available at loudoun.gov/route7corridorstudy and loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation. Meeting materials will include detailed corridor alternatives and speaker sign-up and comment forms. Members of the public must sign up in advance by 12:00 p.m., Friday, July 9, 2021, to ask questions during the meeting. Online participants may also send questions to the project team as chat messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows.

The draft study, titled "[Route 7 Concept Study: Traffic Operations and Safety Report](#),"(PDF) examined existing and projected future conditions along Route 7 in Loudoun County, between Dranesville Road (Route 228) at the Fairfax County line to the Route 28 interchange, approximately 4.25 miles. The study included an evaluation of the history of

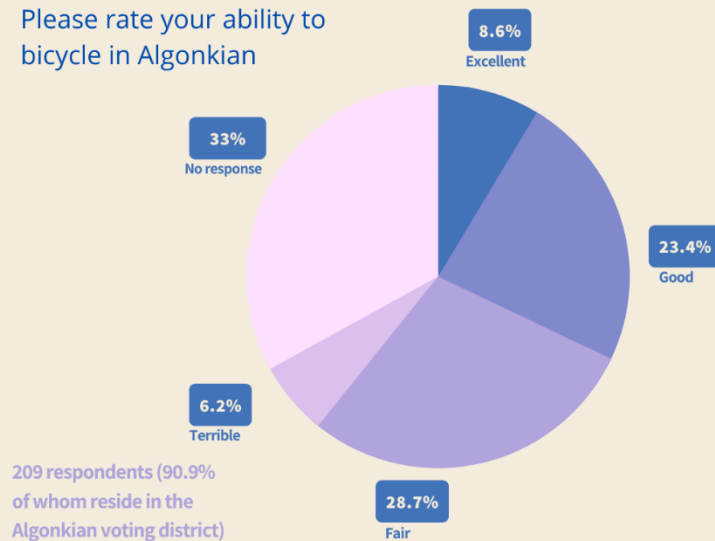
reported crashes occurring during recent years, an analysis of traffic operations along the corridor under existing conditions, travel demand forecasts, and an analysis of traffic operations.

Community Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took our community survey last month! We received a total of 210 responses and some of the highlights include:

2021 Algonkian District Survey

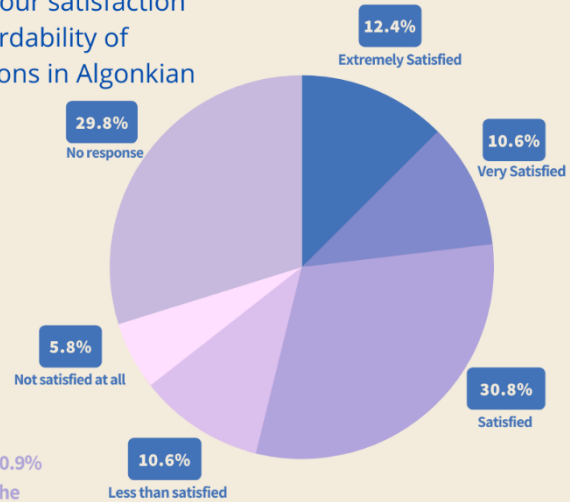
Please rate your ability to bicycle in Algonkian



209 respondents (90.9% of whom reside in the Algonkian voting district)

2021 Algonkian District Survey

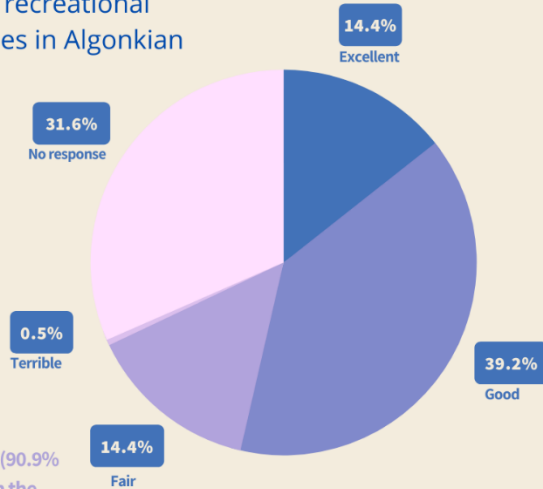
Please rate your satisfaction with the affordability of housing options in Algonkian



209 respondents (90.9% of whom reside in the Algonkian voting district)

2021 Algonkian District Survey

Please rate recreational opportunities in Algonkian



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New Chief Equity Officer Announced

Carl A. Rush has been selected as the new Loudoun County Chief Equity Officer.

The chief equity officer will work to assure each member of the community has full opportunity to thrive, as diversity is

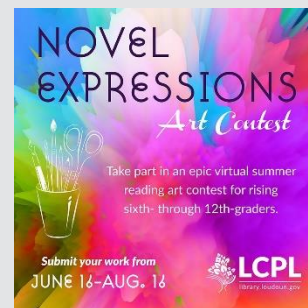
vital to addressing issues such as community safety, access to health and human services, education, equal employment and affordable housing.

As chief equity officer, Rush will oversee the development, design, coordination and implementation of programs, policies and practices aimed at making the county organization and community more equitable. He will work with stakeholders within the county government and in the community in support of the county's equity goals, including identifying and eliminating any institutional policies and practices that perpetuate or bring about racial and social disparities and inequity.

Rush was selected for the new position after a nationwide recruitment. His appointment is effective July 8, 2021.

Public Library Sponsors Art Contest

Loudoun County Public Library is teaming up with the Loudoun Arts Council, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services and the Loudoun Youth Advisory Council on an epic summer reading art contest just for teens! Get the details [here](#).



Q & A with Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board Member Jimmy O'Connor

Each month we will feature an Algonkian appointee to one of Loudoun's citizen advisory bodies. For June, we are featuring Jimmy O'Connor. Jimmy serves as the Algonkian representative on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Board. His appointment began in February 2020.

What made you want to serve on the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Board?

From an early age, I enjoyed spending time outside – particularly outdoor recreation like mountain biking, hiking, and fishing. My early career provided me the opportunity to visit parks and recreation departments nationwide, through which I came to fully appreciate the importance of public parklands and recreational services. I wanted to be a part of that in Loudoun County, so in spring of 2009, I expressed interest in an open seat on the PROS Board. I've served on the board a few times since then and appreciate Supervisor Briskman entrusting me in this role.

What goals would you most like to see the County achieve?

The Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department has changed considerably in the 12 years I've been involved. As the county's population has increased, so has the demand for ball fields, parks, afterschool programming, senior services, trails, etc. The county's rapid growth has presented challenges, but PRCS has met these challenges head on. PRCS is on the right path. The department will, hopefully, earn national accreditation this fall. If awarded this distinction, Loudoun County will be recognized as having among the best parks and recreation departments nationwide (fewer than 200 departments have earned accreditation). The department is also committed to creating a countywide network of connected parks and trails. This exciting initiative will create hundreds of miles of public trails throughout the county! As trails rank among the top amenities that residents desire, I am hopeful we can achieve this ambitious long-term goal.

What work have you been a part of that you are particularly proud of?

I am particularly proud of being part of the team of volunteers helping shape the countywide linear parks and trails initiative. These advocates spend countless hours working to make Loudoun County a better place for all of us. Their dedication is commendable and I'm honored to be among such good company.

What is your work experience?

My degree in forest resources management and interests in outdoor recreation and conservation – along with living within the Washington, D.C. metro area – brought me to working for related nonprofit organizations. Currently, I have the pleasure of fundraising at Rails-to-Trails Conservancy. The below photo is of me having just completed a bike-packing trip from Pittsburgh to D.C. last fall.



Have you been involved with any organizations within the community?

In recent years, I have also been involved with Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, Keep Loudoun Beautiful, Boy Scouts Troop 966, and Sugarland Run Homeowners Association.

Opioid Overdose Reversal Training

Upcoming Virtual Classes

- Friday, June 25, 12:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 28, 5:30 p.m.

The training is free.
Participants must preregister.



Register at loudoun.gov/revive



Learn how to Reverse an Opioid Overdose

Space is available in an upcoming Revive! class, Loudoun County's virtual opioid overdose reversal training. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who does is encouraged to take the class to learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose. Details and a link to register for the free, one-hour class can be found at loudoun.gov/revive.



Here's What's Happening with Traffic Around Algonkian

VDOT has provided updates to several transportation projects throughout Algonkian:

Riverside Parkway

- Construction continues with grading and paving of the shared use path, sidewalk installation, and creation of stormwater management ponds.

- The removal of existing Lexington Drive south of Route 7 continues and seeding is anticipated to occur in July 2021.

Algonkian Parkway and Lowes Island Boulevard Intersection Improvements

- Roadway plans are being updated to address comments.
- Plats were submitted in early May and are under review by the Department of Building and Development.

George Washington Boulevard Overpass

- The project started accepting bids from contractors earlier this month.



Government Center Features New Art

The Loudoun County Art Advisory Committee (AAC) has opened two new exhibits at Gallery One, the art gallery located in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg. One exhibit features the work of students from INMED USA Partnerships for Children, a nonprofit international humanitarian development organization that has worked in more than 100 countries to build pathways for vulnerable children, families and communities to achieve well-being and self-reliance. The exhibit—titled Youth Movement—features 19 pieces of artwork created by students ages 11 to 16. Committee members describe the art as “bold, colorful and full of movement.”

This exhibition will be on display in Gallery One through July 2, 2021.

The AAC was created by the Board of Supervisors in 1978 to collect and display works of art that reflect the diverse Loudoun community. The AAC manages a large and growing permanent and loaned art collection as well as produces art exhibits throughout the year in Gallery One. For more information about the AAC visit the [committee's webpage](#) or [email](#) the committee's liaison, Elizabeth Bracey.



By Jane Kirschner

Thank you to all the neighbors who submitted written comments and/or attended Tuesday's planning commission hearing on a proposal for Bles Park! My fellow commissioners unanimously supported my motion to further analyze and work on this proposal in recognition that Bles Park provides

exemplary natural resources, wildlife habitat and environmental community benefits that can be found nowhere else in the county and are irreplaceable. I will keep you updated!

At our next public hearing on July 27th, we will hear about a proposal to build up to 35 townhouses on approximately 4 currently wooded acres on the north side of Route 7 off of Lexington Drive. Please reach out to me at Jane.Kirchner@loudoun.gov with your comments or questions on either of these development proposals or anything else related to planning in our district or across Loudoun County.



VEC Offering In-Person Assistance

The Virginia Employment Commission is pleased to offer claimants the option to schedule appointments to speak directly to a representative from the Virginia Employment Commission regarding their claim. Appointments are very limited and are not guaranteed to lead to any resolution or payment of claims. You can schedule an appointment based on your permanent residence [here](#). Please do not schedule more than one appointment and only schedule an appointment that is applicable to your permanent residence.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, June 26, 2021

**Freedom High School
25450 Riding Center Dr.
South Riding**

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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Next Household Hazardous Waste Event is June 26

The next Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2021, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive in South Riding. Loudoun residents are welcome to bring HHW from their homes to the event, free of charge.

What's Accepted

- Typical HHW includes: fluorescent light bulbs, dry-cell batteries (alkaline, Ni-Cad, Lithium, rechargeable, etc, but no automobile batteries), oil-based paints and stains, varnish, paint thinner, mineral spirits, metal polish, rust remover, wood strippers and preservatives, furniture polish, waxes, sealants and solvents, bleach, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizer, pool chemicals, muriatic acid, sulfuric acid, ammonia, mercury, mercury thermometers and thermostats, gasoline, expired fuel, auto cleaners and flushes, brake and transmission fluid, windshield washer fluid, fire extinguishers, moth balls, flea and tick products, photographic chemicals and other hobby chemicals.
- Anyone who has an item that is not on this list is encouraged to call the county's Waste Management Division at 703-771-5500 to see if the item is accepted or if an alternate disposal option is needed.

- HHW should only be brought to this location on the scheduled date and event time. Please do not drop off material at any unattended site.
- The limit per household is 15 gallons of liquid HHW (container size not to exceed 5-gallon), and 40 pounds of solid HHW (container size not to exceed 5-gallon).
- Participants should be able to provide proof of Loudoun County residency such as a driver's license or utility bill.

More details are available [here](#).

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