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Neighbors,

It was just a few weeks ago that we welcomed summer and it is flying by. The Board of Supervisors is on recess the month of August, giving me and my office some much needed time to plan town halls, upcoming board member initiatives and to generally catch up!

It is also conference and board retreat season. Earlier this month I attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) annual conference where we heard messages from Vice President Kamala Harris, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others. NACO was instrumental in getting more than \$60 billion in American Rescue Plan relief funds sent directly to America's Counties for revenue replacement and other COVID-19 recovery initiatives. I attended many educational sessions on ARPA relief, equity, women's issues and parks and recreation. One of the most important resolutions passed by NACO was declaring gun violence a public health crisis. The full NACO board approved this after recommendation by two of its steering committees (health and justice policy) and it now means NACO will advocate on the national level for ending the scourge of gun violence across our nation.

## BOS Meetings

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

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

## 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](#)

I am also attending the Metro Washington Council of Governments Board retreat this month to strategize about regional issues such as transportation, housing, the environment and more. I proudly serve on that Board's Racial Equity Training Task Force and we will present our draft plan for training elected officials at this meeting.

One of things I love most about being the Algonkian District Supervisor is recognizing and lifting up our students. At the July 20th business meeting, I was thrilled to recognize the accomplishments of **three** Dominion High School Teams, who won state championships this year. Both the girls' and boys' lacrosse teams, as well as the girls' soccer team were undefeated and brought championship titles back to Loudoun. The Board passed resolutions recognizing the three teams at our July 20th meeting.

I am certain that everyone is feeling some relief from COVID-19 restrictions. Even though Loudoun County has vaccinated 70% of residents over the age of 18 and our positivity rate is below three percent, I encourage Loudouners to remain mindful of the harmful variants and continue to practice safety measures. The Health Department expects summer travel to cause an uptick in cases, so please be careful out there. I was thrilled to join [Loudoun Hunger Relief](#), the Medical Reserve Corps, Loudoun Literacy, and other partners at a vaccine event at Sugarland Elementary School this week. The county and our non-profit partners are working really hard to make sure those who are hesitant, don't have transportation or perhaps have a language barrier have access to these life-saving vaccines. We know that 99.5% of the nation's COVID deaths are now isolated to the unvaccinated. So please, get your vaccine and call the Health Department at **703-737-8300** if you need assistance finding a provider.

In the Fall, the Board will restart the budget process and tackle tough issues such as collective bargaining and redistricting.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. We will also be taking a break from publishing our newsletter, so we will see you in September!

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



Supervisor Sylvia Glass, Supervisor Juli Briskman, Prince Georges County Executive Angela Alsobrooks, Supervisor Koran Saines, and Chairwoman Phyllis Randall at the NACO Conference.

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Supervisor Juli Briskman, DHS Girls Soccer Coach Michael Reles, Chairwoman Phyllis Randall, and DHS Assistant Coach Jonathan Kasman



**VIRGINIA'S  
HEALTH  
IS IN YOUR  
HANDS.**

Do your part,  
stay at home.



Dominion High School Girls' Lacrosse VHS Class 4 state champions and coach Diane Traynor



## Algonkian's Got Talent

Calling all Algonkian students! It's time for 2nd annual Algonkian's Got Talent II, a friendly competition to uplift our artistic youth and to offer them space to share their gifts and achieve recognition for their skills and hard work.

The contest is open to all entrants aged 9-18 as of October 15, 2021.

All entrants live in or have at least one member of their group that lives in the Algonkian District or attends a school that includes Algonkian residents (River Bend Middle School, Seneca Ridge Middle School or Dominion High School, and Potomac Falls High School). Even if you don't attend a Loudoun County public school, but live in Algonkian, you may participate.

Categories include:

- Solo instrumental
- Solo vocal
- Group musical Act (band, choir)
- Dance (solo, paired, group)

Stay tuned for details on how and when to submit!



## Sugarland Vaccination/Food Drive Event

A big shout-out and thanks to the volunteers of Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun Parks and Rec, Loudoun Literacy, and Medspack for staffing this event.



Sharon Reed, Medspack volunteer

## Community Bike Tour 2021

It was so great to see Dr. Brewer and Principal Cottone out and about in the community on their bikes! This was a such a fantastic idea and so many participated. They all looked as though they were having a blast!



## 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](#).

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## **Q & A with Facilities Standards Manual Public Review Committee Member, James L. Banks, Jr.**

### **What made you want to serve on FSM?**

I have long been interested in public policy and particularly sound land use policy. I have had a number of stints in local government in a few different capacities and have come to appreciate the importance of sound land use policy in local government. I served as the City Attorney for Alexandria, VA for almost ten years and represented the City in a number of contentious land use matters. I thought that experience could be helpful to my home county on the FSM.

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

Loudoun County has a very good system in place for land use and development. In particular, I have been impressed by the citizen representation on this board and the wealth of ideas and innovation that consistently come to the fore. I hope to see the county continue its thoughtful and progressive approach to sound land use in support of the citizens of Loudoun.

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

I served on the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board as an appointee of Governor Tim Kaine and during that time, we authorized MWAA to manage and guide the construction of metro through Dulles International Airport and into Loudoun County. Whenever I see metro stretching to the airport and beyond into Loudoun, I am really proud that I played a very small part in bringing metro to our county.

### **What is your work experience?**

I am currently the General Counsel for the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM). I previously served as the City Attorney for Alexandria, Virginia. Before law school, I was an infantry officer in the U.S. Army and served most of my tour with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. I began the practice of law in Richmond, VA and worked in the private sector in a variety of law firms and in the public sector in several capacities, including prosecutor, judge, and elected City Councilman and Vice Mayor. In addition, I currently serve as an adjunct professor for Virginia Tech in the MPA program and I teach a variety of seminars on ethics, public policy, and employment law.

I have a BA in sociology from Gettysburg College, a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law, a diploma from the Richmond Christian Center School of Ministry, and an MPP from Walden University.

**Have you been involved with any organizations within the community?**

I previously served on the boards of a number of nonprofit organizations, primarily involved in children's and housing issues. I am currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Hopkins House, a provider of early childhood education. I am also a Trustee Emeritus of Gettysburg College, a member of the Departmental Progressive Club in Alexandria, VA, a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and a member of the Buffalo Soldiers of Northern Virginia Motorcycle Club.





## Multi-family Development Proposal for Blue Mount Nursery

By Algonkian District Planning Commissioner, Jane Kirchner

The county just received an application to construct 485 multi-family units, including 100 affordable dwelling units, on approximately 19 acres that includes the current Blue Mount Nursery. The proposal requests changing the current zoning which allows a maximum of one residential unit per three acres to allow for a maximum of 24 multi-family residential units per acre.

At this time, the application is still in checklist, which means it has not been formally accepted for processing from the County. Rezoning cases typically take a year to process and there remain a number of steps before this application would be scheduled for a Planning Commission and ultimately a Board of Supervisors Public Hearing.

The [Loudoun Online Land Application](#) portal will be available for comments, once the application has been accepted. You can review the status of the application by entering Dogwood Farm Station in the searchable list field.

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