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Happy 2022!

I am honored and humbled to begin my third year in office as Algonkian District Supervisor!

While our attention still is often drawn to pandemic response,

I feel as if we have accomplished so much in the past two years, despite the huge challenges we faced. If you have not received my annual mailer, please contact my office for a copy. If you set it aside in the busyness of the new year, I hope you can take some time to review all of the great information therein.

This month the board voted unanimously to approve the master plan and special exceptions that will allow for enhancements and improvements to Bles Park. I am proud of the collaboration between my office, PRCS staff, wetlands consultants, and the Planning Commission that produced a balanced proposal to provide additional amenities, safer

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[BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming
meetings

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

KIDS AGED 5-11 GET YOUR VACCINATION!



Schedule an appointment [here](#)

Loudoun County Health
Department hotline
(703) 737-8300

Walk-in Service Now Available at Loudoun COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Loudoun County is now offering
walk-in service at the COVID-19
vaccination clinic, located at
Dulles Town Center, 21090 Dulles
Town Circle in Sterling.
Vaccinations are available on a

parking options, and improved passive
recreation opportunities, all while
protecting more than 90% of the 132-acre
park and wetlands. [Learn more here.](#)

We do have a number of pending land
use applications in the district and I will
continue to advocate strongly for
greenspace, pollinator gardens and
amenities I know our community wants
and needs.

Lastly, the COVID19 surge seems to be
dissipating while I write this. Our
astronomical 35% positive is dropping. But
we still have way too many cases being
reported every day (1,200 during two days
this month!). The more cases we have,
even if mild, give the virus an opportunity
to get stronger or infect someone who
might not be able to fight it off. So please,
please continue to practice sensible
mitigation measures to protect yourself
and our community from the spread of
COVID19.

- Wear a mask.
- Make an effort to distance
your self from others and stay
out of crowded indoor
spaces.
- If you have not been
vaccinated and boosted,
please plan to do so as soon
as you can.

Find information about vaccines and tests
[here](#) or call the county information line:
703-737-8300.

Stay safe,

Juli

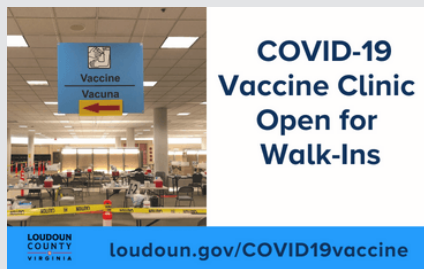
first-come, first-served basis during the COVID-19 vaccination clinic's scheduled hours of operation; no appointment is necessary.

The clinic is open on the following schedule:

- Tuesdays: 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Fridays: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturdays: 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Appointments for COVID-19 vaccine are also still available. Appointments can be [scheduled anytime online](#).

Anyone with questions about COVID-19, including the upcoming testing events, may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at 703-737-8300; or [send an email anytime to the Health Department](#).



Let's All Work Together

POTOMAC LAKES TRAFFIC CALMING

A traffic calming measure has been requested in the Potomac Lakes neighborhood near Cedarhurst and Whitehurst Drives.

As dictated in Loudoun County's [Residential Traffic Management Guide](#), to advance to the next step, the County will require more than fifty percent (50%) affirmative response from the survey area as highlighted on the [map](#).

The [ballot](#) will be open on for voting February 15 through March 18, 2022.

<https://www.loudoun.gov/rtriballot>



Ballot Rules

1. Only occupied residences are included in ballot
2. Each residence address is allowed a single vote
3. Individuals must be 18 years or older to provide a vote.
4. More than 50 percent of the occupied residences in the survey area must support the conceptual traffic calming




The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved a disposable plastic bag tax of five cents per plastic bag that will be effective July 1, 2022. The new tax will be collected on purchases made at grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores countywide, including those within the county's incorporated towns. The measure is intended to reduce plastic pollution in the region.

Don't forget to bring bags for purchases made at grocery stores, convenience stores and drugstores countywide, including those within the county's towns.

For more information, visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/plasticbagtax>

**Loudoun County
Redistricting Update**



- Board moves three plans to next phase of process.
- Public invited to comment on draft redistricting plans.

LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA loudoun.gov/redistricting

Public Comment Invited as Board Refers Three Draft Redistricting Plans for Review

plan to advance to the next step.

5. Vote must be completed within 30 days after receiving the ballot. (Friday, March 18)
6. No extensions will be approved per Traffic Calming Management Guide

For questions, email dept-tci-rtm-ballot@loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8624.

COVID-19 TESTING

10:00 a.m. -
1:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 1 &
Friday, February 4**

Claude Moore Park

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun County has scheduled COVID-19 testing events **Tuesday, February 1**, and **Friday, February 4, 2022**, at [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling](https://loudoun.gov/COVID19testing). Testing is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., but may begin early to mitigate traffic impacts and may close early if capacity is reached.

The testing events are free and open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered. No COVID-19 vaccine will be available at these events.

Members of the public are now able to view and comment on three (The Coalition of Loudoun Towns (COLT) Alternate Plan, The Fechter Plan, and The Letourneau-Turner Plan) draft local redistricting plans that have been selected by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for further evaluation and refinement.

Members of the public can review these plans through an [online viewer](#), which allows users to compare plans to one another and evaluate how each plan addresses the Board of Supervisors' adopted 2021 [redistricting guidelines](#), which are available.

Residents are encouraged to view the plans and other useful maps and data on the county's [Redistricting Hub](#). A [comment form](#) can be used to provide feedback on specific plans or submit general comments about the redistricting process.



Black History Month Town
Hall

Registration Form

The required registration form may be filled out and submitted online.

[Register online \(English\)](#) | [Español](#)

The forms should be filled out and submitted online prior to the test. For anyone who cannot submit the forms online, paper forms will also be available at the testing site.

Submitting the form in advance is not an appointment or a guarantee for a test. Given current demand, the site may close when it reaches capacity.

The form is required and asks for general information including name, date of birth, address, phone number. The information is kept private.

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For additional information about COVID-19 and to sign up for COVID-19 text and email updates from Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue Mails Notices to Vehicle Owners

Loudoun Commissioner of the Revenue
Robert S. Wertz Jr. is mailing notification of

Join us, Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. on our [Facebook Page](#), for a "Loudoun Focused" Black History Town Hall.

Invited guests include the Heritage Commission, the Edwin Washington Project, the Balch Library and more.

Watch our [FB page](#) for more information

2022 personal property filing requirements to all vehicle owners currently on the county's tax rolls. Personal property includes automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, campers, trailers, boats, motorhomes, aircraft, and mobile homes. Residents will soon begin receiving notices in the mail with an account number and instructions that they will use to review and update their personal property tax records for the 2022 tax year. The online process allows residents to review and update information on the more than 375,000 vehicles now located in the county. Residents can access their personal property information online at loudoun.gov/efile utilizing their social security or tax identification number, mailing address ZIP code and unique account number, which is displayed on the notice. Residents may receive more than one notice depending on how their property is owned or registered.

Military service members residing in Loudoun County who have separated from military service and were receiving a tax exemption due to claiming a domicile outside of Virginia should contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office to report their change in status so their exemption can be removed.

For more information, visit loudoun.gov/cor or contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at cartax@loudoun.gov or 703-777-0260. Regular office hours are weekdays, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONTINUED CRITICAL NEED FOR BLOOD DONATION

In less than 60 minutes,
you will save three lives.

**Schedule your lifesaving
appointment today!**

To donate, visit www.inovablood.org or call
1.866.BLOODSAVES (1.866.256.6372)

Community blood supply in Northern Virginia and across the country remains critically low. Just one hour of time can save up to three lives. Scheduling an appointment is easy with Inova Blood Donor Services at 1-866-BLOODSAVES or at www.inovablood.org.

George Washington Extension Ribbon Cutting



Loudoun County Supervisors joined with VDOTNOVA officials and others on January 24, to break ground for the extension of George Washington Blvd from Research PI to Russell Branch Pkwy via a new bridge over Rt 7. This project extends George Washington Boulevard (Route 1050) from Research Place south to Russell Branch Pkwy via a new bridge over Route 7. The quarter-mile GW extension will be a four-lane road/bridge with a shared-use path along one side and a sidewalk along the other.

Read more information about the project [here](#).

Loudoun Receives Affordable Housing Grant



Loudoun County
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The funding will support affordable multifamily developments.

Learn more about Loudoun's housing programs:
loudoun.gov/housing

Loudoun County Receives \$10 Million in Grants for Affordable Housing

Loudoun County is receiving \$10 million in state grants to support affordable multifamily housing in the county and to prepare for Amazon's arrival in Northern Virginia. This funding is in addition to an earlier grant of \$3.75 million to support two affordable multifamily developments in Loudoun County: Tuscarora Crossing Phase 1 and the View at Broadlands.

These grants are part of Virginia Housing's Amazon REACH Program (Resources Enabling Affordable Community Housing), which was established in response to concerns about the anticipated impact of Amazon's second headquarters in Arlington on the region's housing prices. Virginia Housing is investing \$75 million in affordable housing. Loudoun County applied for this funding to support

proposed affordable multifamily developments.

Loudoun County will be using the new award of \$10 million to support three proposed developments that are also being considered by the Board of Supervisors for Loudoun County loans:

- \$3.75 million in Amazon REACH funds to the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to help them in the new construction of Goose Creek Village which includes 80 age-restricted affordable multifamily apartments proposed in Ashburn.
- \$2.545 million in Amazon REACH funds to Good Works and Green Street Housing to help them in the new construction of Waxpool Apartments which includes 52 affordable multifamily apartments proposed in Ashburn.
- \$3.75 million in Amazon REACH funds to Winn Development to help them acquire and rehabilitate Somerset Senior to create 102 age-restricted affordable multifamily apartments proposed in Sterling.

The Amazon REACH funds will help support over 300 new units of affordable rental housing in the county, a need illustrated in the county's recently adopted Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan. Renters will have to be meet income eligibility requirements for the apartments once they are built or rehabilitated.

More information about Loudoun County's housing programs may be found online at loudoun.gov/housing.

School Board Snippets

JANUARY 2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We started the year with great news: Loudoun County Public Schools ranked fifth-best out of Virginia's 132 school divisions in a report issued on January 6, by Stacker. Stacker combines data analysis with editorial context and authoritative experts to drive its content. In compiling these rankings, Stacker used rankings from Niche. Niche ranks school districts based on a variety of criteria including academics (SAT/ACT scores and state proficiency tests), teacher salaries, expenses per student, and access to extracurricular activities.

Please remember the views contained herein reflect the views of the individual School Board member who is the publisher of this newsletter and may not reflect the views of the Loudoun County School Board and/or Loudoun County Public Schools.



STUDENT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Thank you to Rohan Bangalore (Dominion High School) for representing the Algonkian District as a Student School Board Member this month. And, thank you to Dr. Brewer (DHS principal for your support at both meetings).

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM UPDATES

At the Board meeting on January 11th, the FY23-FY28 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Capital Asset Preservation Program (CAPP) was adopted. Some highlights include:

- River Bend Middle School entrance renovation.
- Construction of 10 new press boxes, including construction of storage space, at the baseball and softball fields at the following high schools: Heritage, Loudoun County, Briar Woods, Dominion, and Potomac Falls high schools.
- Installation of athletic field lighting and synthetic turf to ensure all high schools in the county have lighted, synthetic turf fields.
- Installation of synthetic turf at the nine high schools in the County that do not already have a practice field with synthetic turf: Loudoun County, Broad Run, Potomac Fall , Heritage, Stone Bridge, Dominion, Briar Woods, Freedom, and Tuscarora high schools.

FY23 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Dr. Ziegler presented the proposed FY23 Operating Budget on January 5th. This is a starting point and may be modified by Board Members so this is your opportunity to voice your opinion to us. The proposed budget is a 5.9 percent increase from the current fiscal year's budget, and it includes the following:

Enhanced programs to improve the student experience including:

- An elementary world languages start-up.
- An International Baccalaureate degree start-up.
- Enhancements to student mental health support, including optional 24/7 online therapy for students.
- Enhancements for English learner students, including additional teachers.
- Enhancements to extracurricular programming, including increased allotments for the performing arts in middle and high schools.
- Enhancements to the early literacy program.

Elimination of student athletic and parking fees for the 2022-23 school year.

Creating a new position for an Ombudsman. An Ombudsman is an independent and confidential resource who will work with students, families, employees and other stakeholders to answer questions, resolve concerns, and voice complaints regarding issues that arise in LCPS. The Ombudsman will be able to provide info about resources and how to access them to our stakeholders and be able to operate as a liaison between the division and concerned stakeholders.

Restructuring the teacher's scale to adjust a market sag in compensation for those in mid-career years; provides step increases and one-time, top-of-scale payments for all eligible

employees; cost-of-living increases; and new positions needed to support collective bargaining. The proposed budget supports a 5 percent average salary increase.

Providing devices for all kindergarteners; software and hardware solutions; increases in investments for safety and security and communications; funding for full-time school board assistance; and additional support for the Loudoun Education Foundation.

Hiring additional staff to support dually identified students. These are students who are identified as both English Learners and students with disabilities.

STRATEGIC ACTION PLANNING

The following eight topics have been flagged as priority consideration in the LCPS strategic planning process. Please contact me with your input and feedback - as it is essential for shaping the strategic plan!

1. Specialized Programming: an opportunity to broaden the scope (subjects, grades, locations) of specialized programs across LCPS.
2. Division Culture: an opportunity to unify LCPS under a clear and cohesive division culture.
3. Equity: an opportunity to further strengthen and clarify language and commitment to equity across LCPS.
4. Data-Driven Decision-Making: an opportunity for consistent use of robust data to inform strategic decision-making across LCPS.
5. Early Education/Literacy: an opportunity to rethink the LCPS approach to early education and literacy instruction.
6. End-to-End Teacher Support: an opportunity to enhance training, autonomy, and idea sharing for all LCPS educators to improve instructional practice.
7. Two-Way Communication: an opportunity to enable regular, authentic feedback loops across LCPS, especially for teachers and community members.
8. Growth Support: an opportunity to emphasize quality instructional programming and support as a key component of the LCPS growth (versus the necessary focus on building schools in recent years).

ALGONKIAN DISTRICT TIDBITS

Algonkian Elementary HVAC

The HVAC units at Algonkian Elementary School will be renovated early in FY23 due to a grant.

Lowes Island Elementary Principal

Welcome, to Kate Puschak, who was selected to serve as principal of Lowes Island Elementary School beginning January 27th!

HEADSPACE FOR EDUCATORS

[Headspace](#) is offering free access to teachers and supporting staff! Headspace helps educators connect more with students, find new ways to bring calm to the classroom, and help students build healthy habits that last a lifetime including better focus, less stress and happier thoughts.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 2 - School Board Special Meeting: Public Hearing & FY23 Operating Budget Adoption

February 8 - School Board Meeting

February 22 - School Board Meeting

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Algonkian district. I look forward to seeing you at a PTO/PTA meeting, in the community, or at a one-on-one. Please send me a note if there is anything I can do for you!

Thank you,
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We want to hear from you! Share your concerns, questions, or events that you would like to see featured in upcoming newsletters.
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