

All About Algonkian



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This month I was honored to represent the county at the [Virginia Association of Counties](#) Local Government Day in Richmond and the [National Association of Counties](#) (NACO) Legislative

Conference in Washington, D.C. In Richmond, we lobbied for maintaining local government control of land use decisions, taxing authority, and appropriate revenue distribution. Additionally, we spoke to legislators in support of Adam's Law, which is a response to the tragic hazing-related death of much-loved Potomac Falls High School graduate Adam Oakes.

Much of the work at NACO focused on health and wellness, arts as an economic driver, and appropriate distribution of American Rescue Plan Funds. The county has assigned much of our ARPA funds already, but I have asked staff to look at using the remaining \$8-\$10 million on

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[BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming
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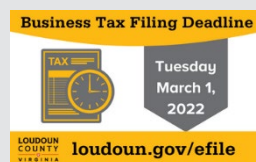
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The [ballot](#) is open for the
**Potomac Lakes Traffic
Calming**



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

Questions? email
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ballot@loudoun.gov](mailto:dept-tci-rtm-ballot@loudoun.gov) or call 703-
737-8624.



offering affordable childcare options to
our residents.

This month's Council of Government's
(COG) meeting focused heavily on
housing. The board was given an update
on COG's regional housing targets to
address the region's housing needs,
improve transportation, and support
economic growth. The board also heard
from member jurisdictions on the lessons
learned from
efforts to increase housing supply and
affordability and the forthcoming draft
Housing Equity Plan to help local
governments meet their fair housing
requirements through regional
collaboration. The five-year plan will help
to remove the impediments to fair
housing choice and reverse segregation
in metropolitan Washington.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) forwarded
a bi-partisan redistricting map to public
hearing with the intent of adopting the
new district lines by May. In all of the
maps, Algonkian District remains largely
the same while picking up several Sterling
Districts that are north of Route 7. The
goal of the new map is to make sure
each district has about 52,000 residents.
Learn more [about redistricting here](#).

We continued our work this month on
renaming county infrastructure that
honored confederate and
segregationists. The board voted to
rename Kephart Bridge Landing and the
surrounding park after Basil Newman, an
African American entrepreneur and
business man. Kephart was a notorious
slave trader and owned upward of 100
enslaved people on his two plantations in
Loudoun. On my motion, the board also
directed Parks Recreation and
Community Services staff to work with the

Loudoun County Business Tax Filings due March 1

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. recently issued notices of business tax filing requirements to business owners for tax year 2022.

The notice provides the necessary account number to enable taxpayers to report by March 1, 2022, their calendar year 2021 gross receipts at loudoun.gov/efile. The license tax or fee can then be paid at loudoun.gov/paytaxes.

The filing of receipts and payment of the tax are due by midnight March 1.

Owners of business equipment that was located in Loudoun County on January 1, 2022, must declare it for taxation to the Commissioner of the Revenue at loudoun.gov/efile. The reporting of original cost, year of purchase and item description is due by midnight, March 1, 2022.

For more information or filing assistance, visit loudoun.gov/cor or contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue by [email](mailto:cor@loudoun.gov) or 703-777-0260.

Loudoun County Ends Mask Requirement in All County Facilities

[Loudoun Freedom Center](#) to create interpretive areas in the Bazil Newman Park that tell the story of the enslaved at Kephart's two plantations.

Lastly, I'm excited to announce that the Horsepen Run Trail and Bridge that will extend the Potomac Heritage Trail west from the Algonkian Regional Park has been included in the Capital Improvement Program budget as part of the Linear Parks and Trails signature project. This means improvements will be completed by 2026. I will work to accelerate the project as much as possible.

Stay safe,

Juli

Data Center Updates

I started conversations more than a year ago with Loudoun Economic Development about my concerns over data center proposals along Route 7 in Algonkian District. The result was the Loudoun Data Center Land Study brought to the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) last week. The study seeks to determine the best place for data centers in the county based on availability of electricity, recyclable water, and alignment with the 2019 general plan.

TLUC voted to support regulatory changes that would prohibit data centers in the Route 7 corridor as part of the ongoing Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and rejected the idea of future

Effective February 26, 2022, Loudoun County no longer requires members of the public to wear a face mask while inside Loudoun County-owned and -operated facilities. Additionally, the social distancing requirement inside county facilities is also ended.

Read more [here](#).

Nonprofit Organizations Encouraged to Apply for Local Grant Funding through State Housing Program

Nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County residents are encouraged to apply for local grant funding through the Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing (HSNH) program. This funding will support organizations that are providing housing and stabilization services for individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness in the state of Virginia.

The local grant application and funding guidelines are available at loudoun.gov/CoCfundingopportunities.

Stay Informed! [Sign up to receive news and updates](#).

development of data centers in a new opportunity area called Dulles Cloud South in the southern part of the County.

I am encouraged by this move to restrict data center development along Route 7 and will be following the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite process carefully to make sure we never see high voltage power lines on Route 7 or data centers in Algonkian District.

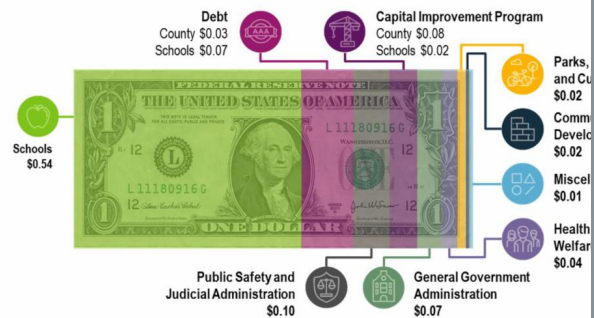
[Data Center Presentation](#)

[Data Center Land Study](#)

[Data Center Land Use Study](#)

County Administrator Proposes 2023 Budget

Your Tax Dollar at Work FY 2023 Proposed Budget



The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023), which begins July 1, 2022, budget has been presented to the Board of Supervisors. The budget totals \$3.5 billion in appropriations for the county government and Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS).

The proposed budget has been prepared at a real property tax rate of \$0.895 per \$100 of assessed value, which

is 8.5 cents below the current real property tax rate of \$0.98 per \$100 of assessed value. While the proposed tax rate for FY 2023 is lower than the current tax rate, the proposed rate is five cents above the equalized rate of \$0.845, which is the rate at which the average real property owner's tax bill would remain flat year over year.

In keeping with the Board's budget guidance, the proposed budget also includes a decrease in the personal property tax rate of five cents, from \$4.20 to \$4.15 per \$100 of assessed value in tax year 2023. The proposal includes an alternative budget scenario for the Board's consideration—referred to as an "Increase Option"—which has no change to the personal property tax rate in tax year 2023.

For More Information

More information, including the FY 2023 proposed budget, the County Administrator's FY 2023 budget presentation, the schedule for Board of Supervisors budget work sessions and the Board's Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee's CIP work sessions, is posted on the Loudoun County website at loudoun.gov/budget.



LCPS BUS PASSES

A consistent theme throughout my time on the board has been improving multi-modal transportation options for Loudouners. One of the 2019 Countywide Transportation Plan's stated goals is to create "transportation choices that connect people to their communities, employment centers, educational institutions, activity centers, and other amenities. My staff and I drafted an item that requested a program be established to provide SmarTrip® cards that will be printed and programmed as a Loudoun County Public School Student ID and BusPass card for all middle and high school students to use year-round on the Loudoun County local fixed-route bus system.

We have nearly 20k students with bus routes within a ¼ mile of the school. If we can get these students thinking about public transportation and using it several times a month, that could go a long way to reducing cars on our roads and the use of fossil fuels.

Not everyone in Loudoun has a car or more than one that their children can use. Offering LCPS students an inexpensive way to get from place-to-place can help accomplish the goal of "connecting people to their communities." The estimated cost of \$14,153, per year is very reasonable and would go a long way to helping parents and students move throughout the county safely and economically while instilling the good habits of using multi modal forms of transportation. I am happy to report The motion passed 5-2-2.

I further requested that staff discuss with LCPS the option of an "Opt-in" program for middle schoolers and an "Opt-out" program for high schoolers, which also passed.



**Black History Month
Town Hall**

If you missed this month's Black History Town Hall, you missed a treat. The panelist shared a wealth of history about Loudoun's African American community and their struggle to educate themselves and their children. It was truly inspiring.

First, we heard from the [Edwin Washington Project](#), an effort to fully document the "colored" schools of Loudoun County that existed between the end of the Civil War and full integration. In addition to learning the story of Edwin Washington, the first Black youth documented to have asked to go to school while keeping his job, we learned about great educators such as Edith Harris who taught Black students chemistry, human and plant biology, algebra, spelling, and French, and John C. Walker, who began the first formal high school program for Blacks in Loudoun that eventually become known as Leesburg High School.

The Black History Committee of the [Balch Library](#) told us fascinating stories of the indomitable spirit of African Americans who bought land that we live and shop on today, in Sterling and Algonkian. If you've heard the names Eads, Nokes, and Pidgeon Hill, you have already heard of some of these families.

You can watch the town hall videos at <https://www.facebook.com/SupervisorBri skman>

Be sure to join us March 29 at 7:00 for a Women's History Month Town Hall.

Algonkian's Got Talent II



Students pictured from left to right, Max Garrett, Fan Favorite; Anna Bella Shimazaki, solo vocalist; Josh Beyer, solo instrumental; Antigravity, group performance.

A big thank you to all of the participants of the 2nd annual, Algonkian's Got Talent. The winners received their awards and recognition from the Board of Supervisors at the February 15th Business Meeting. This year's vocal winner, Anna Bella Shimazaki, will be singing the national anthem at the first game of Loudoun United's season on March 12th.



Anna Bella Shimazaki and Supervisor Juli Briskman



Members of the band, Antigravity (Pictured left to right)
Jack Manfredi (guitar), Luke Dumas (bass), Max Merritt (drums), Robbie Manfredi (vocals)

Congratulations to the twenty-five members of Loudoun's Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technicians Fire and Rescue's 41st recruit class who graduated, February 25, 2022, at Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg.



Land Use Applications

In our newest section, we highlight land use cases that are happening in and around Algonkian! Each month will update the status of the application and any relevant dates such as the end of a feasibility study or when you may have an opportunity to provide public comment at a Hearing or Board Meeting.

Additional details are available at [Loudoun's Online Land Applications \(LOLA\)](#)

**Askegren/Persimmon Lane
Properties**

Currently this project is in the pre-application phase. The potential developers have extended their feasibility study until March 12th.

If you wish to view their plan or provide input, you can do so at [Christopher Companies](#)



The Villas at Cascades

This application is to rezone approximately 6.93 acres from PD-H4, administered as PD-CC-



Lexington 7

Developers have requested to rezone a 4.28-acre parcel to the Single Family Residential (R-8) zoning district in order to allow development of up to 23 age-restricted single-family residential units (12 detached and 11 attached). The request also included modifications to yard and lot requirements, the calculation of building and parking setbacks relative to Riverside Parkway, and to allow a private street to serve residential development. This item was forwarded from the February 9th Public Hearing.



University Commerce Center

CC to R-24, Multi-family Residential Zoning District to allow the development of 178 (90 two-over-one and 88 two-over-two) multi-family stacked residential units. This application is currently under review by the Planning Commission.



Dogwood Farm Station

Lennar Multifamily Communities has filed plans for a multifamily development to feature 485 homes on the 19.33-acre site currently home to Blue Mount Nursery. Plans call for 100 multi-family attached affordable housing units (all located in the same building), 165 multi-family attached market-rate units, and 220 multi-family stacked market-rate units.

A Zoning Concept Plan Amendment to increase the maximum retail square footage that may be constructed on any parcel from eleven (11) percent to fifty (50) percent. The plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the March 15th meeting.



University Center Lakeview

This application was submitted in November 2021 to rezone 21.54 acres from PD-RDP under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance to R-24 under the Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance. A date for review at the Planning Commission has not yet been set.

School Board Snippets

FEBRUARY 2022

HELLO, ALGONKIAN!

Please read below for enhancements the Board hopes to offer as part of our proposed budget. Additionally, there are several opportunities for your input and feedback on the budget, multiple policies, and our strategic action plans (written and in-person), as described below.

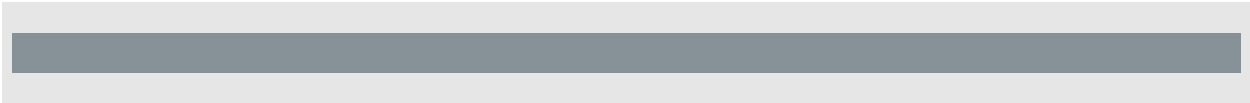
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FY23 OPERATING BUDGET UPDATE

The School Board adopted the FY23 Operating Budget on Wednesday, February 2. None of these items are final unless the Board of Supervisors fully funds the budget. If they do not, our board will have to reconcile the difference by eliminating items. Some changes made by our board's motions at the meeting include:

- Eliminating parking fees and requesting a comprehensive study of all student fees.
- Adding a placeholder for performing arts stipends up to \$2.5M.
- Adding six elementary school Deans.
- Reclassifying Career Center Assistants from level 11 to level 13.
- Providing a stipend of \$1,000 to all special education teachers, special education teacher assistants and special education behavioral assistants who work in self-contained specialized programs.
- Adding CAST (Community and Schools Together) placement program at Academies of Loudoun for special education students.
- Creating an office of Internal Auditor General.
- Change the kindergarten 1:1 device program to a class set.
- Adding an athletic trainer.
- Adding a complaint management system.

The Budget will now be considered by the Board of Supervisors with final adoption expected on April 5. Please give your feedback to your two supervisors: Supervisor Briskman at



juli.briskman@loudoun.gov and Chair Randall at phyllis.randall@loudoun.gov. You may also give public comment to them at the February 26 Board of Supervisors budget hearing.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Your feedback is needed! The strategic planning process for LCPS is underway, which will help focus and guide the work of the school division in the coming years.

Please take a few minutes to share your feedback about priority needs and opportunities for the future of the division by filling out the anonymous questionnaire sent to your email. **The survey will remain open until 11:59 PM on Friday, March 11.**

YOUR VOICE - GIVING DIRECT INPUT ON POLICIES

LCPS continues to take and implement feedback on policies while they are being written. For current policies in the review phase, visit: <https://www.lcps.org/policyreview>.

Policy For Review	Deadline for Submission	SB Committee to Review
8080 - Home Instruction (Home Schooling) 	March 1, 2022	Student Services Committee
844S - Concussions in Student Athletes 	March 1, 2022	Student Services Committee
4150 - Financial Accounting and Reporting 	March 1, 2022	Finance and Operations Committee
4350 - Vendor Relations 	March 1, 2022	Finance and Operations Committee
4360 - SWAM Policy 	March 1, 2022	Finance and Operations Committee
2160 - Conflict of Interests and Disclosure of Economic Interests 	March 3, 2022	Legislative & Policy Committee

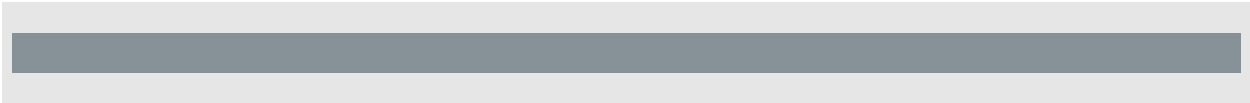
ALGONKIAN DISTRICT ACCOLADES

Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Ella Valente for being selected by the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame as one of the student-athletes of the year! Ella is a senior at Potomac Falls High School and was selected as one of four students out of over 100 nominations for this honor.

National PTA Grant

Congratulations to River Bend Middle School PTA and the Academies of Loudoun PTSA for being selected to receive a \$1,000 grant each from the National PTA to pilot a new healthy



minds family engagement program that will include service learning, grief and loss and resilience.

Scholastic Writing Award

Congratulations to Liliana Rossi, Potomac Falls High School, for receiving the award for Dramatic Script!

Schools to Watch

Seneca Ridge Middle School is one of six LCPS middle schools that has been re-designated as "Schools to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. The goal of Schools to Watch is to identify and recognize outstanding middle schools across the nation based on the following criteria:

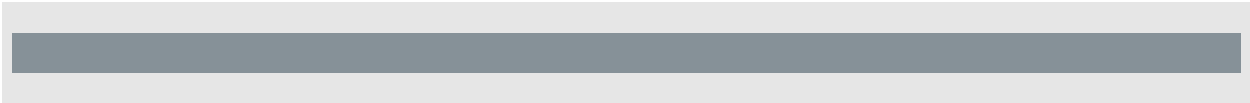
- High-performing middle schools are academically excellent. All students are expected to meet high standards and all teachers use instructional strategies that include a variety of challenging and engaging activities.
- High-performing middle schools are developmentally responsive to the unique needs of the middle school-aged student. The school creates a personalized environment, provides access to comprehensive services, encourages alliances with families and promotes the development of citizenship skills.
- High-performing middle schools are socially equitable. Every student is provided with high-quality teachers, resources, learning opportunities and support systems.
- High-performing middle schools incorporate organizational structures that support these philosophies, including school improvement planning, interdisciplinary teaming, use of data, culturally responsive instruction, exploratory curriculum offerings, grade-level houses and places where time is allocated and scheduled to meet these goals.

A total of 13 schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia were re-designated this year, and six of them are from LCPS including Seneca Ridge, Belmont Ridge, J. Michael Lunsford, Mercer, Smart's Mill, and Trailside Middle Schools.

FORMER ALGONKIAN DISTRICT STUDENT - ON JEOPARDY!

Lucy Greenman, former Potomac Falls High School/River Bend Middle School/Potowmack Elementary/Academies of Loudoun graduate, was a contestant in the Jeopardy! National College Championship on February 15th. She earned 2nd place in Quarterfinal 9. Lucy is currently a student at the College of William and Mary.





Algonkian District Tidbits

Many were surprised to hear that LCPS is adjusting its school schedules. The Board was advised that these schedule changes will address a bus driver shortage by cutting the number of second runs to schools significantly. The change will result in fewer delays and a more reliable schedule for students and their families. As an operational decision, the Board does not vote on this type of issue, but I am happy to take input with kudos or concerns on the topic and relay them in case adjustments are needed.

Twenty-eight elementary school schedules will be changed so that school begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2:15 p.m. This schedule change has these schools beginning and ending their school days 20 to 25 minutes earlier. This change includes:

- Countryside Elementary
- Lowes Island Elementary
- Meadowland Elementary
- Potowmack Elementary

Thirty elementary schools will have their schedules adjusted so that school will start at 8 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m. This will result in the school day beginning and ending 10 minutes later.

This change includes:

- Algonkian Elementary
- Horizon Elementary
- Sugarland Elementary

Seven middle schools will change their hours from 8:50 a.m. to 3:38 p.m. This is a time shift of 10 to 20 minutes later. This change includes:

- River Bend Middle School

All 17 LCPS high schools will adjust their hours to 9:30 a.m. to 4:18 p.m. This represents a time change of 15 minutes later. This change includes:

- Dominion High School
- Potomac Falls High School

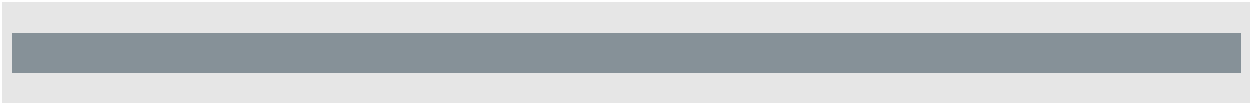
UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

February 26 - Board of Supervisors Budget Hearing

March 8 - School Board Meeting

March 22 - School Board Meeting

April 5 - Board of Supervisors Budget Adoption





A final input request - I would love to hear from you or your student on ideas for changes to the LCPS mission statement, if any! And, please let me know if you would like to see me during virtual or in-person office hours.

Thank you,
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