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Neighbors,

I am happy to announce that the developers have decided not to move forward with the rezoning plan for the Hidden Lane Landfill and Askegrens properties.

I met with the applicant several times to discuss my concerns and the community's concerns about the proposed housing and they subsequently decided to pull the application. Residents should know that "by right" building is permitted on the properties that could amount to about 80 single-family homes. But the the developers, have indicated this would not be feasible or profitable for the parties. You can read my full statement on the issue [here](#).

School Board Snippets

Meetings

Business Meetings

05/03/2022

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Finance Committee

05/10/2022

Public Hearing

05/11/2022

[BOS Calendar](#) for
upcoming meetings

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



Saturday, May 14
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Segra Field

The townhall for Villas at Cascades drew a large crowd and I hope all constituent concerns were answered. The application will be presented at



a public hearing on May 11 and then will be forwarded to a Board Business Meeting for approval at a future date, probably in June. All land use applications can be seen below in a separate section of the newsletter.

Please mark your calendars for Bike To Work Day on May 20th. I am planning an event at the Sterling pitstop. Let's get geared up to celebrate multi-modal forms of transportation! More information below.

Stay safe,

Juli

Events Around Algonkian

Looking for fun events in Algonkian? The Cascades Library is a great place to start. Check out upcoming events [here](#):

SENIOR CENTER

The Loudoun County Senior Center provides an active gathering spot for the thriving, diverse community of adults 55 and older and offers a variety of classes, groups and programs that provide learning, growth and social opportunities. Activities at the Senior Center include a computer lab for daily use and technology classes and aerobics/ dance studio. Find activities and read their newsletter [here](#).

Leesburg, VA 20175

PRCS is hosting the first-ever LoCo Food Truck Festival with food vendors, entertainment and games! Bring the entire family out for this event!

This event is free and open to the public. All food truck vendors will be responsible for selling their own products.

No outside food or drink, expect for capped, clear water bottles. No alcoholic beverages.

[More information](#)

Paying Your Personal Property Tax

Many Loudoun County vehicle owners are receiving their personal property tax bills and are observing that their used vehicles have increased in value and their car tax bills are higher than they expected.

Values of used cars have skyrocketed across the country due to global supply chain issues related to the COVID-19

Saturday Activities

- Knit & Crochet Class (9-11am)
- Pickle Ball (8:15-11:30 am)
- Open Computer Lab (8-11:30am)
- Aerobics & Exercise Rooms (8-11:30am) Game Time & Billiards Room (8-11:30am)

CASCADES LIBRARY

Outdoor Family Storytime

Thursday, April 28, 10:45-11:15

Bring a blanket and join us for stories and songs. For all ages with a caregiver. In case of inclement weather, story time will be indoors.

Live Music: Project Locrea

Saturday, April 30, 1-3 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades

The ensemble performs *Global Voices*, compositions inspired by the music traditions of Bulgaria, Argentina, Peru, China, Ethiopia and the U.S. Combining sound and instrumentation of world folk traditions with classical, jazz and contemporary music conventions, the project's focus is to bring a better understanding and deeper connection between cultures in current days.

Please visit and subscribe to our YouTube Channel – Loudoun County Public Library Online Programs – for more programs.

LCSO and LC-CFRS

McGruff Safety Camps

This year camps will offer morning and afternoon sessions at two locations:

June 27 – 30 at Countryside Elementary School
July 11-July 14 at Countryside Elementary School.
July 18 – July 21 at Pinebrook Elementary School

All campers will graduate July 22 (Location TBD).

pandemic. According to the Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue, the values of 65% of the used vehicles in the county went up over the last year.

Loudoun County has taken several steps to help reduce personal property tax bills.

[For More Information](#)

You can find more information about the camps at <https://bit.ly/McGruffCamps>.

The camps allow children who are entering kindergarten and first grade to learn about various topics on safety including fire safety, bicycle safety, and 911 emergencies. Throughout the week, children in the camp have the opportunity to meet law enforcement officers, and firefighters, plus a chance to see law enforcement and fire/rescue vehicles firsthand.

Registration form is now available [here](#).

Supervisor Briskman and Supervisor Saines' Office Kick Off Bike To Work Day 2022

Loudoun County is hosting two pit stops for Bike to Work Day next month:

- Sterling, just east of Route 28, at Ruritan Road behind Northrop Grumman, 6:30 - 9 a.m.
- Leesburg at Raflo Park on Harrison Street, 6:00 -9:00 a.m.



Ride along with Supervisor Briskman and meet Supervisor Saines' staff for pictures and to cheer you on at the Sterling location!

[Bike to Work Day](#) is coordinated regionally by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and Commuter Connections and is held rain or shine. Find details and a link to register at loudoun.gov/BiketoWork.

Algonkian's Jordan Markwood Named Teacher of the Year

Jordan Markwood, the Fine Arts Department chair and choral director at Rock Ridge High School, has been named the 2022 Washington Post Teacher of the Year. Markwood was selected for this award after having been named Loudoun County's 2022 Teacher of the Year.



Markwood, who lives in Algonkian District, serves as the Choir Director at Galilee United Methodist Church and was also a judge for the inaugural Algonkian's Got Talent, was chosen from among 18 nominated teachers from the metro area. Markwood's nomination package included input from more than 115 people, including 44 Loudoun County Public Schools educators, 25 of whom are music educators; nine choral directors from across the region and state; students; parents; families; and 29 individuals from his church and the community. Congratulations Mr. Markwood!

Loudoun County Law Enforcement Partner with DEA for Nationwide Prescription Take-Back Day

LCSO is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in the "Take-Back" initiative that seeks to prevent increased pill abuse and theft. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Loudoun County residents can discard potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction on **Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, at seven sites in the county including:

Ashburn Station
20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn, VA

Eastern Loudoun Sheriff's Station
46620 East Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Prescription medications, Over-The-Counter Medications, Medical Samples, Pet Medications, Vape Pens/E-Cigarettes (battery must be removed).

NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Needles, Epi-Pens, Thermometers, Batteries, IV Bags, Blood or Infectious Waste, Liquids, Gels or Sprays.

Algonkian District Supervisor Juli Briskman Announces:

Eagle Scout Shout Out

If you're a scout in the Algonkian District that recently reached the rank of Eagle, we want to honor you at an upcoming board meeting with a resolution.

Submit your information to Ellington.Arnold@loudoun.gov



Support Afghan Asylum Seekers

Operation Allies Welcome (OAW) supports the relocation of Afghan allies and their families to the U.S. and into communities across the nation. OAW creates an opportunity for each of us to stand up and generously assist.

An [Amazon Wishlist](#) has been created with the most-needed items that will ship directly to the OAW warehouse. Summer clothes and hygiene represent the greatest need, but items for classrooms, daycare, newborns, and education for all ages, is needed, as well. OAW is also looking for arts and crafts supplies, as well as games and puzzles for all ages to keep people engaged.

Loudoun County Offers Financing Opportunity For First-Time Homebuyers

Loudoun County continues to accept applications from first-time homebuyers for funds made available through the Virginia Housing (VH) Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities Program (SPARC). The program provides lower interest rates on homeownership loans in Loudoun County.

To qualify for the program, the prospective homebuyer must meet the following criteria:

- Have an annual household income between 70%-100% of the Area Median Income for a household size of four. Currently, incomes must fall between \$90,300 and \$129,000;
- Be a first-time homebuyer, which is defined as someone having had no ownership interest in real property in the past three years;
- Currently live and/or work in Loudoun County for a minimum of six months immediately prior to submission of the application;
- Purchase a new or existing home for \$550,000 or less;
- Receive a mortgage loan from a VH-approved lender participating in VH mortgage loan program; and
- Purchase a home located in Loudoun County.

SPARC is open to all prospective homebuyers that meet the program's criteria and not limited to those participating in Loudoun County's Affordable Dwelling Unit program. For full program information and eligibility requirements, visit loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms or [email](#) or call Hannah Choi at 571-258-3814. Program participation is subject to availability and approval.

Financing Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers

Now accepting applications from first-time homebuyers for the low interest rate mortgage program - SPARC!



Learn more!

loudoun.gov/homeloanprograms



**LOUDOUN
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**Housing and
Community
Development**

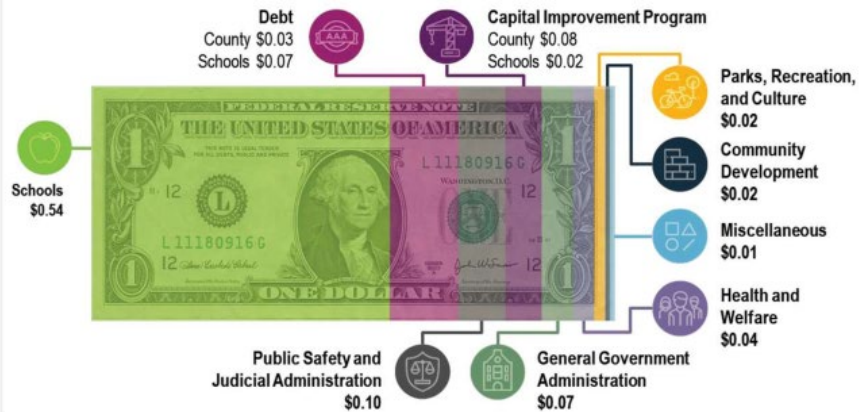
The Board of Supervisors adopted the county's final budget earlier this month, which includes a real property tax rate of \$0.89 per \$100 in assessed value for tax year 2022. This is a full 9 cents below the current tax rate. The adopted budget also includes a personal property tax rate of \$4.15 per \$100 in assessed value in tax year 2023, which is 5 cents lower than the current rate. The Board also adopted an 80% valuation for personal property, for example cars, so that residents would feel less of an impact of the skyrocketing value of used vehicles in their personal property tax bills.

Read more about [How Your Tax Dollars are Being Spent](#)

Your Tax Dollar at Work

FY 2023 Adopted Budget

Loudoun County
VIRGINIA



Bike Lanes are Coming to Whitfield Place

After several discussions with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI), Whitfield Place between Palisades Parkway and Hobbs Square near Cascades Marketplace (pictured below) will be undergoing a road diet and restriping. This process will take place in order to:

- Make additional road ways with bike lanes for the community
- Reducing the ability of large commercial trucks to park along the road

If you have any further questions or concerns about this upcoming change, please reach out directly to my Legislative Aide, Ellington Arnold at Ellington.Arnold@Loudoun.gov with the subject line "Whitfield Place".

changes that will implement the Loudoun County 2019 Comprehensive Plan.

In addition to the 90-day public engagement period, the public will also have the opportunity to provide comment at a Planning Commission public hearing anticipated to take place in fall 2022 and a Board of Supervisors public hearing, which is slated to take place in late 2022. For more information, or to provide comments on the process, visit loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite

Land Use Applications

The legislative land use re-zoning process can be complicated. TO make the process more understandable, my office asked County Staff to create a flowchart with the steps required in a land use application process. Additionally, you can now see where each potential project is in the process.

Additional details are available at [Loudoun's Online Land Applications \(LOLA\)](#) by searching for the name of each applicaiton.

LEGISLATIVE LAND USE APPLICATION PROCESS



For more information, resources & application procedures, visit loudoun.gov/legislativelanduse. *Note: Timelines are estimates.*

**Askegren/Persimmon
Lane Properties**

STATUS: WITHDRAWN

After several meetings with the developers during which Supervisor Briskman raised community concerns and shared her vision of future land use development and revitalization in Algonkian District, the developers informed her office Monday that they will not move forward with the rezoning application process.



The Villas at Cascades

**STATUS:
RECOMMENDATION/DECISION**

This application is to rezone approximately 6.93 acres from PD-H4, administered as PD-CC-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 passed the Planning Commission and will be an item at the May 11th Public Hearing.



**University Commerce
Center**

STATUS: APPROVED



Lexington 7

STATUS: APPROVED

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 was presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors at the March 15th meeting.

Developers have requested and been granted a rezoning of 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.



Dogwood Farm Station

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

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-



University Center Lakeview

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

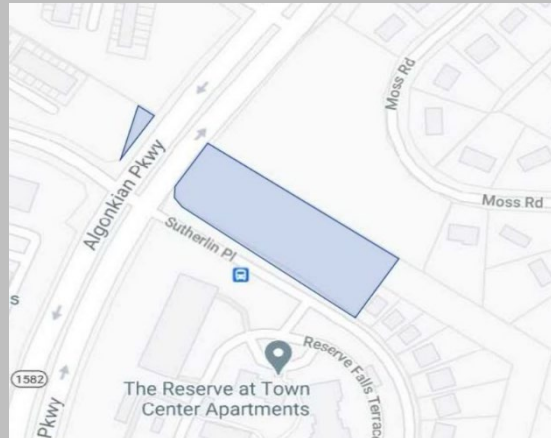
This application was submitted in November 2021 to rezone 21.54 acres from PD-RDP under the 1972 Zoning Ordinance to R-24 under the Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance. Staff sent 1st Referral to Applicant.

rate units. Staff has sent 2nd Referral Comments to applicant.

Sutherlin Place

STATUS: SUBMISSION

On Monday March 28, the applicant held a Pre-Application (PRAP) Meeting with Planning and Zoning for a potential application for a plan for multi-family dwellings, and Minor Special Exception to modify road corridor buffers at the northeast corner of Algonkian Pkwy and Sutherlin Place.

A poster for an event titled "What /S the Future of Holocaust Education?". The poster features a large Star of David on the left and text on the right. The text includes the date "Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3:00 PM ET on Zoom" and a description of the event. The poster also mentions "The Generations After" and "The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights".

What /S the Future of Holocaust Education?
Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3:00 PM ET on Zoom

The Generations After invites you to join the conversation about the current state of Holocaust education in our schools (public, private, and higher learning), the challenges inherent in this process, and what the future holds.

Presenters are Gen After member Nikki Korsen, a TOLI (The Olga Lengyel Institute for Holocaust Studies and Human Rights) satellite leader in Virginia and English teacher at Dominion High School in Sterling, VA, and Jennifer Lemberg, associate director of U.S. Programs for TOLI and co-editor of *Becoming a Holocaust Educator: Purposeful Pedagogy Through Inquiry*.

[Learn more](#) and [Register](#).

Algonkian's Nicole Korsen Speaks About Holocaust Education

Dominion High School English teacher, Nicole Korsen, has made it her life's work to fulfill the promise of #NeverAgain.

Hear her speak about the current state of Holocaust education in our schools (public, private, and higher learning), the challenges inherent in this process, and what the future may hold.

[Learn more](#) and [Register](#).

LCPS Claims 9 of Top 50

Public Schools in Virginia



Niche.com has released its 2022 rankings of the best public high schools in the country, and Virginia is represented among the elite.

Niche's 2022 rankings factored in academic and student life data from thousands of schools across the country. The most important factor was academics, but Niche also looked at culture and

diversity, teachers, clubs and activities, sports and more. You can read more about Niche's methodology [here](#).

The best school in Virginia was Maggie Walker Governor's School in Richmond, which placed No. 4 nationally, followed by Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology in Fairfax County Public Schools at No. 5 in the U.S.

These were the only Virginia schools that made it into the top 50 best schools in the nation. Many more were listed among the best in Virginia. They are:

- 8.** Riverside High School
- 10.** Briar Woods High School
- 11.** Rock Ridge High School
- 16.** Freedom High School
- 20.** Broad Run High School
- 21.** Stone Bridge High School
- 27.** John Champe High School
- 47.** Loudoun County High School
- 49.** Woodgrove High School

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School Board Snippets



Update From Algonkian School Board Member Atoosa Reaser

Check out School Board Member Atoosa Reaser's School Board Snippets.

This month, read about Kindergarten and New Student Registration, STEM Internship Opportunity, and Regional Science and Engineering Fair!

Click the link [here](#)!

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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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