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# All About Algonkian



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It's back-to-school time and I trust everyone is adjusting nicely and excited to be back in the classroom. We are still working on crosswalk and safe pedestrian routes in the Joint School Board and Board of Supervisors Committee. Please see a Lowes Island-specific update below.

Summer was busy as we attended the National Association of Counties (NACO) Annual Conference and the Metro Washington Council of Governments (COG) Retreat, both in July.

I was proud to co-sponsor a resolution on reproductive rights out of NACO's Health Steering Committee that passed the board and general membership with little debate. We also revised a gun violence prevention resolution declaring Gun Violence a National Health Crisis. These resolutions unleash the NACO lobbyists to pressure Congress on these issues, which most Americans agree should be solved by codifying the right to choose and bodily autonomy for pregnant people and by passing gunsense legislation at the Federal level. This year, I continue my service on the Health

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### **Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates**

10/06/2022\* (Thursday)  
at 5:00 p.m.  
10/18/2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee**  
10/11/2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing**  
10/12/2022 at 6:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for  
upcoming meetings

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

Steering Committee and will add the Healthy  
Counties Advisory Board and Vice Chair of the  
workforce subcommittee on the Economic  
Development Steering Committee.

At the COG meeting we discussed at length  
regional climate resilience and electrical vehicles.  
This led me to a fascinating tour of in Electrify  
America labs in Herndon, which produces high-  
speed charging stations. I am excited they are  
moving to Loudoun! More information on that visit  
below.

The Board of Supervisors also recently approved  
Phase 1 of a county-wide EV charging  
infrastructure plan at public facilities and we are  
working on a plan to electrify 23% of the county  
fleet by 2033.

As always, the board is reviewing land use  
applications for developments throughout the  
county. Please see updates for the Algonkian  
specific applications below.

*Juli*

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## **Local Events**

### **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. Find  
activities and read their newsletter [here](#).

### **CASCADES LIBRARY**

#### **ESOL: English Conversation Group**

10/3/2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades

Practice English in a conversation-based program for English language learners.

#### **Adult Book Club**

10/3/2022 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Martial Arts Mania**

10/13/2022 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room B

Get an overview of martial arts, participate in a live karate demonstration and make a craft to take home. For Grades K-5.

Check out more upcoming events [here](#):

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## Update on Hidden Lane Landfill

In early August, representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency held a session for community members to engage with the EPA site team and other partners on recent developments at the Superfund Site formerly known as the Hidden Lane Landfill off of Persimmon Lane, between Countryside and Broad Run Farms. Representatives from the County Administration and my staff were in attendance to answer questions.

As you may know, in February, EPA finalized the Record of Decision (ROD) for the landfill cap and groundwater contamination source area. The ROD outlines steps EPA and partners are taking to protect human health and the environment from the landfill contaminants and the ground-water contamination source area. The EPA finalized the design of the waterline project that will address exposure to site-related contaminants in residential drinking water wells. Installation of the waterline will require EPA to work with impacted property owners for acquisition of select easements and general property access to construct the waterline. EPA also is continuing archeological investigations because of the potential for intact archaeological resources in locations of the proposed waterline.

My office remains engaged with the EPA, clean up efforts, waterline installation, and property owners on potential redevelopment concepts.

Find more information visit the [EPA page for Hidden Lane](#).

## EPA Contacts

### Community Involvement Coordinator

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### Remedial Project Manager

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## Traffic Calming On Cedarhurst



The Traffic Calming measures on Cedarhurst Drive, including a Mounted Speed Display and five "Watch for Children" signs is scheduled to be completed in November.

Thank you for the community effort to get this over the finish line!

## Welcome Algonkian's New Legislative Aide



Please welcome Ethan Gardner to the Algonkian District Office. Ethan came to us from the House of Delegates, where he served as legislative aide and scheduler for Delegate Danica Roem.

Prior to that, he did extensive field work for the Democratic Party of Virginia, Representative Abigail Spanberger, and Sen. Elizabeth Warren. He has previous experience in Sen. Tim Kaine's northern Virginia District Office. Ethan is a graduate of JMU (Go Dukes!). You can reach Ethan at [Ethan.Gardner@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Ethan.Gardner@Loudoun.gov).

## Cascades Trail Connection

I'm proud to announce another milestone in trail connectivity. After extensive coordination with my office and the county, the Cascades HOA has granted a trail easement to the county near the Algonkian Parkway Bridge over Sugarland Run. This easement helps eliminate a missing unmaintained trail link and provides connectivity from the Sugarland community on the Southside of Algonkian Parkway to the the Sugarland Trail to the north and access to the Potomac Heritage Scenic Trail.

County management and maintenance of the easement began on August 16, 2022.

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## Electrify America Moving to Loudoun

This month the Algonkian office toured Electrify America's lab in Herndon to learn more about their work to expand electric vehicle charging stations across northern Virginia and Loudoun County.

Founded in 2016, Electrify America has been building a network of charging stations for electric vehicles that are easy to use and intended to be compatible with all brands of electric vehicles. They operate fast charging stations through partnerships with grocery and big-box stores, allowing customers to hook their vehicle up to a charging station in the parking lot to charge up while shopping. With expansions, this will give current and future electric vehicle owners more options to charge up during regular routines.

Multiple charging stations are already up and running in Loudoun County with expansions in the county expected soon. Electrify America is even opening up a new lab in Loudoun County soon!

These are the types of innovative solutions that will bring down carbon emissions and make switching to electric vehicles easier for anyone. Explore the [online map](#) to find a charging station near you.





## Lowes Island Crosswalks

At the beginning of my term, we investigated potential options for alleviating parents' concerns about the crosswalk at Lowes Island Boulevard (LIB) and Saulty Drive, that many use to get to and from Lowes Island Elementary School.

I learned that the crash and speed data collected by the County does not merit or justify traffic calming on LIB. Additionally, the county Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure rates the intersection a 2, on a scale of 5, with 5 being the most dangerous. I understand an update of the Intersection Safety Program is downgrading this intersection to a 1, the safest rating in the county.

We worked with LCPS over the past year to propose a change in policy that could provide avenues for a crossing guard or other safety measures, but LCPS has to this point opposed a change in policy or opinion related to the tunnel further south that goes under LIB is the preferred and safest route to school. In short, if a reasonable safe route is identified then no mitigating measures will be taken for an alternative route at the crosswalk.

Meanwhile, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department (LCSO) has been periodically running extra enforcement in the area and deterrence measures. They have been out to the area three times this year.

We are still working with VDOT, LCPS, LCSO and DTCL to find solutions. Recently we learned that VDOT is willing to move the School Zone signals to the north of the intersection, which would result in the crosswalk falling *inside* the school zone and flashing lights to be seen and hopefully more noticeable to drivers before the cross walk as they head south on LIB. This process is accomplished by LCPS requesting the permit from VDOT to move the signals. I am supportive of this change.

Lastly, we continue to discuss the pedestrian/safe routes to schools policy and problem areas in the Joint School Board/Board of Supervisors meeting. The next meeting of that committee is Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. in the Government Center. This is a standing committee of the two boards and information can be found at [here](#).



## 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. With this chart, you can now see where each potential project is, along the process.

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

# LEGISLATIVE LAND USE APPLICATION PROCESS



For more information, resources & application procedures, visit [loudoun.gov/legislativelanduse](http://loudoun.gov/legislativelanduse). Note: Timelines are estimates.

## LAND USE UPDATE !!!!!



### Potomack Lakes Playground

**STATUS:**  
**RECOMMENDATION/DECISION**

A Special Exception (SPEX) to replace existing playground equipment within the Floodplain Overlay District (FOD).



### Dogwood Farm Station

**STATUS: STAFF REVIEW**

Lennar Multifamily Communities has filed plans for a multifamily

**This application is expected to come to the Board of Supervisors for review at the October 12 public hearing.**

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. We recently learned that the affordable housing partner has dropped out of this application and await news on a new partner or any changes.

**2ND Referral comments were sent to the applicant, August 22 - 26, 2022**

### **Banakhojaste Child Care Center**

#### **[STATUS: RECOMMENDATION/DENIAL](#)**

This application is to consider a request to permit a child day care facility on a 0.96-acre parcel within the Countryside Residential zoning district. The applicant proposes to expand an existing 1,836 square foot dwelling by approximately 900 SF in order to develop a child care facility serving no more than 60 children.

**The application came before the Planning Commission on September 27th with a recommendation of denial that passed 9-0.**

### **OneLife Fitness and the Jackson Clinics Grand Openings**





Big things are happening at Cascades Marketplace. This week we participated in ribbon cuttings for OneLife Fitness and Jackson Clinics Physical Therapy. We also had a surprise visit from Slapshot, the Washington Capitals mascot!

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## Emancipation Day Celebration

It was an honor to be invited to speak at the Emancipation Day Celebration on Saturday September 17th. This annual event is organized by the Carver Alumni Association, who are alumni of George Washington Carver Elementary School which served as a segregated school in Purcellville from 1948-1968. This school was shut down in 1968 when the county was forced by court order to desegregate rather than be repurposed into an integrated school. It was converted into a storage facility and is now a senior center.

Attending this event was a window into living history. I stood with Darlene Williams in her first grade classroom. From 1910 to 1967, the school grounds were the site of Emancipation Day Celebrations to honor the work of the Loudoun County Emancipation Association's work commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation. This historical event has been revived by the Carver Alumni Association.



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**New Virginia Majority Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration  
September 17**



Isma Ortega, Juli Briskman, Sofia Saiyed

## School Board Snippets



### Update From Algonkian School Board Rep Atoosa Reaser

Check out School Board Member Atoosa Reaser's [School Board Snippets](#).

This month, read about the new parent advisory committee, language immersion, safe passages to school, and more.

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