



All About Algonkian

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Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe we are entering our fourth year on the Board of Supervisors. I trust you received the year-in-review in your mailbox.

The highlight of January was endorsing the [social and racial equity resolution](#). I proudly co-sponsored this resolution that establishes equity as a fundamental value for Loudoun County and sets forth a path for governing with an equity lens for all who might be or have been marginalized by county policies.

On the land-use front, we are still working with applicants at the University Center Lakeview site and Cascades Marketplace as their proposals move through the county process. I look forward to sharing more at the town hall later this week. Details below.

On the traffic calming front, the board funded "watch-for-children" signs in River Crest; a signal justification study for Cascades Parkway at Easterbrook Circle and we saw the completion of speed signs on Cedarhurst Drive near Potomac Falls High School. Lastly, I worked with VDOT and LCPS to request a waiver to add new school zone signals on Lowes Island Boulevard north of the

Land Use Applications

Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

Business Meeting

2/7/2023 at 4:00 p.m.
2/21/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

2/15/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

2/14/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC)

2/22/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Joint School Board Committee

2/6/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for
upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

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intersection with Saulty Drive. Installation the signals and additional signage began about a week ago.

Lastly, I was proud to accept the nomination and to be sworn in as Loudon's second representative on the Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors. VACO advocates for localities at the state level, to include opposing unfunded mandates and laws that would undermine local authority in land use decisions.

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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

A Holocaust Remembrance

2/2/2023 at 6:30 PM

Cascades Library

Judith Cohen, recently retired curator of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Marlene Yahalom, director of education at the American Society for Yad Vashem, and Meredith Weisel, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League of Washington, D.C., discuss the history of the Holocaust and what civil society can do to prevent future genocide. Special tribute will be paid to artist Esther Lurie, whose secret drawings created during her life as a prisoner in Kovno Ghetto and Stutthof and Leibitsch concentration camps are on display at Cascades Library from Jan. 4 through Feb. 28.

ESOL: English Conversation Group

Mondays at 11:00 AM

Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades

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

Writing Workshop: Winter Musing

2/8/2023 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room C

Led by author and professor Nathan Leslie, take inspiration from the slower winter season and the Danish concept of hygge to ruminate about the world around you and your place in it.

After Hours Teen Center

Fridays at 6:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room B

Each week is a new fun activity hosted by the library: Improv Night on Feb. 3rd; Bingo on Feb. 10th; Gnome Building on Feb. 17th; DJ Matt Ocean on Feb. 24th.

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

Town Hall Tomorrow!

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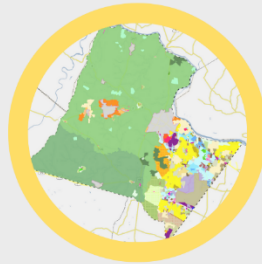


PLANNING AND ZONING TOWN HALL

Details:

- Thursday, January 26th, 2023
- 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Pl., Sterling, VA 20165

Supervisor Briskman, Planning Commissioner Kirchner and county staff will discuss Algonkian District rezoning applications and the zoning ordinance rewrite.



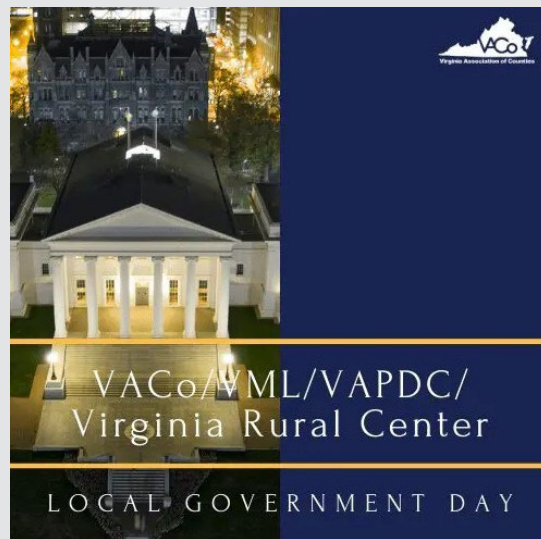
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My office is hosting a Planning and Zoning Town Hall tomorrow, January 26th, at 7pm at the Cascades Senior Center. Come hear county staff discuss the zoning process, the zoning ordinance rewrite, and Algonkian District land use applications. Questions from community members will be taken during the event.

If you can't make it in-person, the event will be [livestreamed on Facebook](#). If you have questions or want to submit your questions in advance, email ethan.gardner@loudoun.gov.

VACo Local Government Day



On Thursday January 19th I traveled to Richmond with fellow Supervisors for the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) 2023 Local Government Day. I was officially appointed and sworn in as a member of the VACo Board of Directors, which coordinates across the commonwealth with county leaders and advocates on local government issues to state legislators in Richmond.

As my first action as a member of the VACo Board of Directors, I testified at the Public Education Subcommittee of the Senate Education Committee against bills that would defund public education and funnel taxpayer dollars to private sources. I support all efforts to fully fund public education at the state level.

I met with several of our Loudoun and Northern Virginia state legislators and am excited to see the county's legislative agenda being advanced through the legislature. The 2023 legislative session is scheduled to end on February 25th.



School Zone Signals on Lowes Island Blvd



School-zone signals are now being installed near the intersection of Lowes Island Blvd and Saulty Drive. This comes as a result of meeting with constituents who had concerns about safety in the crosswalks of this intersections. Through discussions with stakeholders including LCPS, the Sheriff's office, VDOT, and the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI), it was agreed that extending the school zone north to include the intersection would improve the situation. Now, drivers heading south will be required to slow down to 25 mph when the school zone flashers are activated, reducing speeds before reaching the crosswalk at Lowes Island and Saulty Drive.

Installation of the foundations began on January 19th and signage equipment is expected to follow 2-3 weeks from the initial installation, depending on delivery times.

Equity Resolution Passes

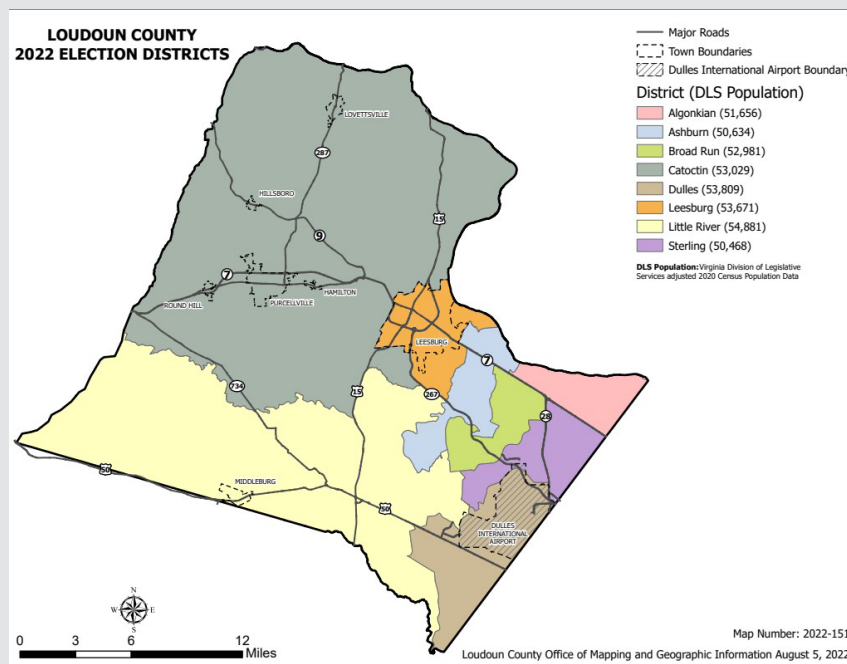
The BOS approved the Equity Resolution presented at the January 17th Business Meeting which identifies social and racial equity as a fundamental value for Loudoun County government decision-making. I am proud that this initiative, which I started pushing for back at the beginning of my term, has finally come to fruition.

Passing this resolution means that the county will provide an annual report to the BOS on county equity initiatives, present a framework and equity plan for the county that identifies objectives for making and assessing progress on addressing inequities, and develop an implementation plan that outlines how an equity lens will be used to embed equity principles in the county's work.

I was quoted in a Loudoun County [press release](#) stating that “[my] vote on this resolution is an important step to assure the thousands of county employees and all the people we serve that their government holds equity as a fundamental value. This resolution will inform the county's decisions as we work to promote a more prosperous, accessible, livable, sustainable and equitable future for all county residents.”

To read the full resolution, click [here](#). To learn more about the county's Office of Equity and Inclusion, visit loudoun.gov/equity.

New Precinct Boundaries Approved



During the January 17th BOS meeting we adopted amendments to the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County to revise the county's precinct boundaries and polling places. The new map will be submitted to the Attorney General of Virginia for "Certificate of No Objection" and once certified, the new boundaries will be implemented by the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration. Elections taking place in 2023, including the June 20th primary and November 2023 general election, will take place using these newly adopted maps.

The changes included precinct changes to accommodate new Senate, House of Delegates, and County election district lines. Precinct divisions were made to

accurately and evenly distribute the population of registered voters. Precinct names, polling places, and boundary corrections were made. Voters affected by these changes can expect to receive notice by mail of the changes prior to the next election.

Changes in the Algonkian District include:

- Moving the Seneca Precinct from Sterling District to the Algonkian District
- Moving the Mirror Ridge Precinct from Sterling to the Algonkian District
- Adjusting the boundaries Potomac Falls Precinct because of population
- Adjusting the boundaries of University Center Precinct because of population.
- Adjusting the boundaries Sugarland North Precinct because of population

For full details of the changes adopted by the BOS, [read the staff report here](#). Visit loudoun.gov/vote for more information.

2023 BOS Meeting Calendar

The 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting calendar was approved at the first meeting of the year on January 3rd and includes a few changes from last year. Business Meetings will still be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month but will now begin at 4pm instead of 5pm. Public Hearings have been left in-place at 6pm on the first Wednesday following the first Business Meeting of the month. The Finance Committee will continue meeting at 6pm on the second Tuesday of each month. The Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) has set their meeting times for the third Wednesday of the month at 5pm.

Two meetings will be adjusted from the schedule to accommodate holidays:

- The July 4, 2023 Business Meeting will be held on July 5, 2023 due to Independence Day.
- The November 7, 2023 Business Meeting will be held on November 9, 2023 due to Election Day.

The Joint School Board Committee will meet for its first meeting on February 6th at 5pm where we will decide on the 2023 calendar.

Details about the Board's meetings are posted online at loudoun.gov/calendar.

MLK Day March



On January 16th I joined the community in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day by marching in the MLK Day Parade in Leesburg with the Loudoun NAACP and several of my Board of Supervisors colleagues, including Chair Randall, Supervisor Glass, Supervisor Turner, and Supervisor Saines.

Dr. King fought for justice, equality, and liberty. We honor his legacy by rooting out systemic racism in all aspects of our society and fighting for equity for everyone. His life teaches us to never be silent about things that matter and that it is up to everyone to fight for the basic human rights our society has so long denied.

2023 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program



Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Loudoun Youth Leadership Program by Loudoun Youth, Inc. It's a week-long program designed to introduce young people to leadership concepts and provide exposure with local leaders in business, government, and the community. Participants can choose one of two

sessions on either July 10 - 14, or July 31 - August 4, 2023. The program is open to all rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors, public or private, who live in Loudoun County. Youth participating in the week-long sessions will learn leadership skills, observe leadership in action with business and civic leaders from around the county, as well as taking part in interactive team building experiences.

Applications will be accepted until March 10th and can be found at <http://www.loudounyouth.org>. Tuition is \$495/student. Financial aid is available to qualifying students. Visit the website for more program information.

Community Water and Wastewater Program

The Loudoun County Water and Wastewater Program began accepting applications for county assistance with community water and wastewater projects on January 1, 2023. The Water and Wastewater Program is designed to support Loudoun County communities experiencing issues with deficient or non-existent water and/or wastewater systems with funding and other resources. Properly functioning water and wastewater systems help to assure a cleaner and healthier community.

Applications will be accepted from January 1 through March 31, 2023.

Communities that need assistance are encouraged to learn more about the program at loudoun.gov/waterprojects or by contacting Loudoun County Environmental Program Specialist Scott Fincham at 703-771-5520 or Scott.Fincham@loudoun.gov.

Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Revenue



The tax on disposable plastic bags in Loudoun County was implemented in July 2022. The tax is administered by the Virginia Department of Taxation and remitted to the county. It takes approximately three months to process and report tax information. Data for the first three months collection is summarized below:

- July '22: \$112,532.83
- August '22: \$99,699.84
- September '22: \$51,426.16

The revenue generated by this tax is restricted to the following uses: Environmental cleanup; providing education programs designed to reduce environmental waste; mitigating pollution and litter; providing reusable bags to recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) benefits.

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. Note: Timelines are estimates.

LAND USE UPDATES



Potomack Lakes Playground

STATUS: APPROVED

This application was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at the October 12th Public Hearing. The next step in the process is a Site Plan Amendment which is currently being prepared by the County Task engineer (Dewberry). NOVA Parks is currently working with the playground vendor to determine equipment costs to determine funding. Once approved, work could start summer 2023.



Dogwood Farm Station

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

Lennar Multifamily Communities has filed plans for a multifamily development to build 485 homes on the 19.33-acre site currently home to Blue Mount Nursery. Based on feedback from county staff, the developer revised portions of the plan and resubmitted this week.



University Center Lakeview

STATUS: RECOMMENDATION/DECISION FORWARDED TO BOS



Route 7 Brewing

The University Center Lakeview application has been forwarded to the BOS with a recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission. The application proposes to rezone the property to R-24 for the development of up to 617 multifamily units (both multifamily stacked and multifamily attached) with 10% of the unit count as affordable.

STATUS: APPROVED

Located at 20051 Riverside Commons Plaza, this application was approved for a craft beverage manufacturing use in addition to a previously approved restaurant use.



Cascades Marketplace

STATUS: ACTIVE

The team at Willard Realty are busy meeting with (and signing) prospective tenants. Make sure to visit their website for updates and to provide feedback, [here](#).



Bles Park

STATUS: APPROVED

The application was to establish a Bles Park Master Plan to expand the existing park and its amenities, including trails, pickleball courts, an off-leash dog park, four soccer fields, and a kayak launch.



The Villas at Cascades

STATUS: APPROVED

This application is to allow the development of 178 multi-family stacked residential units. The developers are currently in the site plan processing stage of the project. They expect to break ground towards the end of this year with the first units delivering approximately a year later (or late 2024). A \$160,000 school contribution has also been made with the expectation those funds will be used for the playground area at Meadowland Elementary.

Planning Commissioner Brief

Trees, Quiet and Community?

Your Planning Commission is working on revisions to county-wide land use regulations—including the protection and restoration of natural areas to safeguard our woodlands, waterways and wildlife habitats—that will have big impacts on what kind of development does and does not happen here in our Algonkian District. The regulations within the Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance are wide ranging and also cover noise, allowable uses (such as data centers) within proposed development areas, building heights and building types, open space, and the provision of affordable housing within communities. Please reach out to me at jane.kirchner@loudoun.gov to let me know what you care about when it comes to development and redevelopment in our district!

-Jane Kirchner, Algonkian Planning Commissioner



Algonkian neighbors enjoying a nature walk and wildlife viewing in one of the quiet, tree-filled natural areas of our community.

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 the
Superintendent's Statement of Needs,
Legislative Committee Update, LCPS
Partnership with the Cook Center for
Human Connection, NASA Resources,
and more.

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