



# All About Algonkian

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The Board of Supervisors' March agendas focused extensively on the FY24 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program. As we approach the next Business Meeting where the budget is expected to be adopted, I am grateful for the incredible work of our county staff to craft a budget that addresses many of the Board's priorities, including environmental initiatives, housing, parks and recreation projects, and equity work.

I have worked hard to rectify the funding shortfall for LCPS and get facilities projects at Dominion and Potomac Falls high schools funded. I was able to get these projects sent to the end of year fund balance discussion so the money can be allocated to get these projects back on track.

Unfortunately, we fell short about \$3.2 million in local LCPS funding and the state is withholding \$13 million from our jurisdiction. This will have real impacts on the quality of education in our county. Our schools are the finest in the state and the nation, and I will continue to fight for every student to receive a world-class education. But we can't do it if the state continues to shortchange our children. Especially when it has a \$3 billion surplus.

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

#### **Business Meeting**

4/4/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

4/18/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Public Hearing**

4/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Finance Committee**

4/11/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC)**

4/19/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for  
upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

[Visit the county web  
page for information.](#)

In February, I joined with Chair Phyllis Randall on a trip to Uruguay where we officially signed a sister city agreement with the Canelones region. This region offers many synergies and opportunities for partnerships in tourism and business. I look forward to announcements soon from our department of economic development about joint efforts with our new sister region!

March commemorates Women's History Month. I am proud of the work we have done to break down barriers for women in all aspects of public life. When I first came to office, I made the motion for our board to support the Equal Rights Amendment in our legislative agenda, telling the General Assembly our county supports women's rights. Virginia was the 38th and most critical state to ratify the amendment. Recently, I made sure our county is supporting the full spectrum of reproductive rights and opposing any rollback of the constitutional right to privacy as codified in *Roe V. Wade*. Lastly, I secured \$2.25 million in American Rescue Plan dollars for childcare initiatives in the county, to include a countywide needs assessment, training for current providers and programs to lower costs for quality care. We know that our nation lost 80,000 childcare workers during the pandemic and that two thirds of those who lost their jobs during that time were women, mostly because of lack of childcare. Our county loses roughly \$1.3 million in annual revenue because we are 2,700 seats short for children six and under. It is my hope that these initiatives will build a foundation to making sure all parents can get in and stay in the work force.

Remember that the housing expo is this weekend at Dominion High School! I will be joining to kick off the event that will highlight free resources for first-time buyers and renters looking for housing in Northern Virginia. [Find more information here.](#)

My office will begin sending a weekly All About Algonkian Newsletter beginning next week on April 6, 2023. It will be a brief overview highlighting

pertinent Algonkian and Loudoun County updates. Look out for it in your inbox!

*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**

*Mondays at 11:00 AM*

*Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades*

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

#### **Portrait Sketching Class**

*Sunday, April 22, at 2pm*

*Cascades Library Meeting Room A*

Draw a portrait with step-by-step instructions by graphic artist Orion Zangara.

#### **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: Life-Sized Hungry Hungry Hippos on April 7; Spoons Tournament on April 14; Nerf Capture the Flag and Dance on April 21; Laser Tag on April 28.

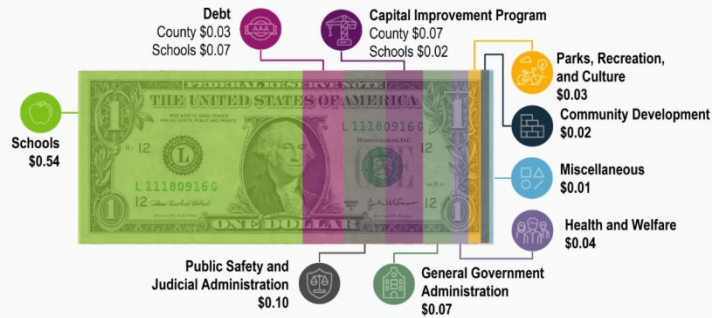
Check out more upcoming events [here](#).

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## FY24 Budget Development

### Your Tax Dollar at Work FY 2024 Proposed Budget

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The Board of Supervisors spent the month of March working hard to develop and finalize the FY 2024 Loudoun County Budget. County Administrator Tim Hemstreet presented his proposed budget on February 15 to the Board of Supervisors. The BOS hosted three public hearings and took in a multitude of input from community members and county stakeholders.

The proposed budget included 33 increase options that covered high priority department resource requests. The Board of Supervisors hosted four work sessions to review resource requests and take straw polls on whether to add specific items to the budget. Here are some of the highlights of resource requests I supported.

- Voter Services Manager for Elections and Voter Registration.
- Elder Resources Case Manager for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services.
- Housing Program Specialist for Housing and Community Development
- Environmental Work Plan and Energy Strategy for General Services.

The final budget will be up for a vote at the April 4th Board of Supervisors Business Meeting where the board will hear public comment one more time. To sign up to speak in person or virtually, call 703-777-0200. Thank you to all the residents and organizations that have contacted our office throughout the process to make your voice heard during budget deliberations.

To learn more about the budget process, review budget documents, watch meeting recordings, and more: Visit [loudoun.gov/budget](https://loudoun.gov/budget).



## Loudoun Hunger Relief Facility Expansion

I joined Loudoun Hunger Relief to break walls (literally) to kick off an important expansion of their space. The new space will support a Community Market and Nonprofit Hub. LHR's facility will expand from 4,300 to 13,500 square feet. It will co-locate with a wonderful set of nonprofits, including Loudoun Literacy Council, Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers, Loudoun Education Foundation, and Crossroads Jobs. They have kept thousands of our neighbors fed throughout difficult financial times for our community. Their ongoing work is making a huge difference.

Loudoun Hunger is powered by volunteers. To donate your time to such a worthy cause, [click here](#).



## Cascades Marketplace Town Hall Recap

Last month, my office hosted a packed Town Hall on the Cascades Marketplace rezoning applications that is making its way through the legislative process. In case you missed it, you can find the presentation that was shared [here](#). The event consisted of a detailed presentation and open Q&A from audience members. Willard Retail committed to participating in another Town Hall on the application, likely in the summer or early fall. Our office will release more information in the future.



If you have opinions, suggestions, or feedback regarding the proposed application, there are two ways you can express them:

1. Visit Loudoun County's [Loudoun Online Land Application \(LOLA\)](#) system to write comments. These comments are reviewed by staff, the Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors during the legislative process. To reach the project, visit LOLA, then search by application number ZMAP-2022-0015. Once on the project page, select "Click here to leave a comment".
2. Visit [cascades-marketplace.com](#) to review Willard Retail's plans for the revitalization project and respond to their feedback form. The developers are using this website to take feedback from the community.

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## School Zone Signals Installed on Lowes Island Boulevard





New school zone signals have been installed on Lowes Island Boulevard south of Saulty Drive to replace signals that were removed last month. Several constituents contacted my office to share that drivers entering Lowes Island Boulevard south from Saulty Drive had no way to identify whether they were in a school zone. We contacted our colleagues at Loudoun County Public Schools, as well as VDOT, the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure, and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, to address the issue. LCPS informed me that a miscommunication with the installer resulted in the signals being removed from their original locations, which was never intended as part of the decision to expand the school zone.

Thank you to the many constituents who brought this issue to our attention. With your help, we were able to make sure that another set of school zone signals were installed earlier this month!

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## NVCC Loudoun Campus Reynolds Building

I joined [Northern Virginia Community College Loudoun Campus](#) to cut the ribbon for the renovated Reynolds Building! The NVCC Loudoun Campus is a gem of the Algonkian District and serves more students than any other NVCC campus. The Reynolds Building is the oldest building on campus. It serves as a one-stop shop for resources and support to ensure students can succeed academically.







## HealthWorks Ribbon Cutting

I joined my colleagues to welcome Healthworks to their new offices in Loudoun County. Healthworks for Northern Virginia is a nonprofit federally qualified health center that will serve the Sterling area with low-cost medical care. Their services are comprehensive, covering medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare. You can visit their location at 21641 Ridgetop Circle, # 107, Sterling.



## Eagle Scout Resolutions



The Board of Supervisors approved a resolution to commend my son, Jacob, for earning the rank of Eagle Scout! He has worked incredibly hard for many years in Troop 966 for this achievement. He completed his Eagle Project to organize several volunteers to design, build and install a free lending library at Pine Brook Elementary School in Aldie. I couldn't be prouder of all of the effort

For any scouts in Algonkian, my office would be honored to submit a resolution to commend the achievement of Eagle Scout or the Girl Scouts' Gold Award! If you are a parent or troop leader who would like a resolution written, please send an email to my staff. We can present the resolution at a Board of Supervisors Business Meeting or have a written and signed to be presented elsewhere. We would be happy to work with you to draft and coordinate a resolution presentation!

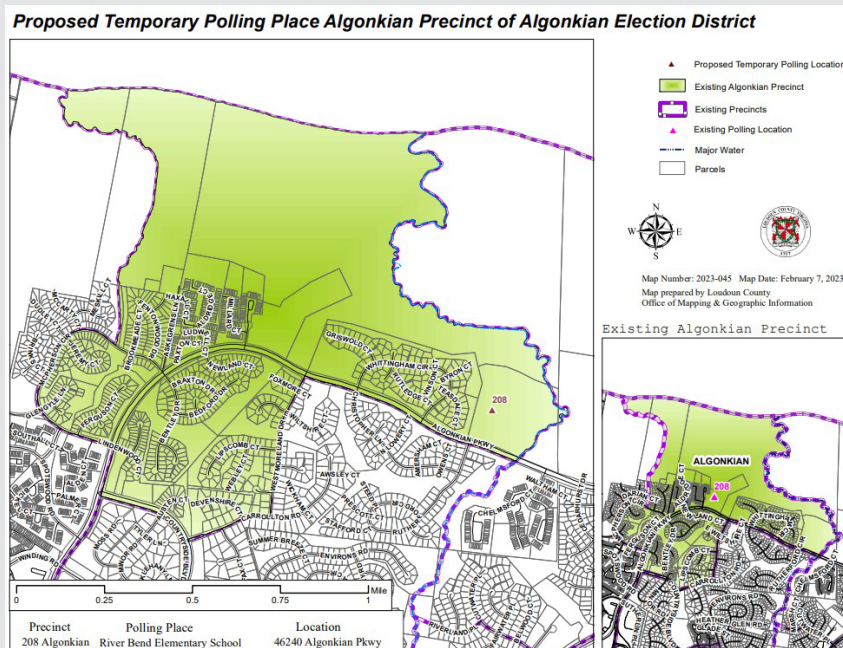


## Sister Cities Trip to Uruguay

I was honored to join Chair Phyllis Randall on a Sister Cities Delegation trip to Canelones, Uruguay. During the weeklong visit, we took part in a vast array of cultural exchanges to learn about their approach to public problems and take lessons back to Loudoun County. We also had the opportunity to advance a number of economic development objectives. We officially signed a sister city agreement with the Canelones region. I am excited for the synergy and opportunities that this agreement will bring back to Loudoun County!



## Temporary Precinct Change for June Primary

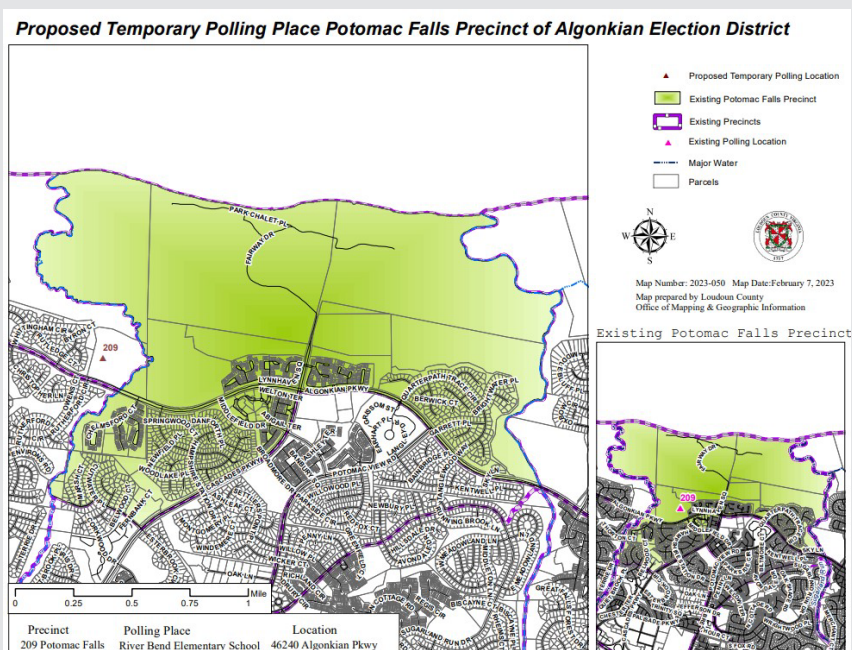


LCPS provided notice to the Office of Elections and Voter Registration that extensive summer construction/renovation projects at Algonkian Elementary School and Potomac Falls High School will make their facilities unavailable for usage as a voting precinct for the June 20, 2023 primary election. Staff recommended to the Board of Supervisors a temporary precinct change for the June primary, which the Board adopted at the March 15th Public Hearing.



Voters in the Potomac Falls and Algonkian precinct will be voting at River Bend Middle School for the June 20, 2023, primary. The River Bend Middle School precinct location is roughly equidistant between the two existing precincts. Voters affected by this change will be notified by mail and advertisement in local newspapers. This change is only for the June primary. Future elections will revert to the permanent polling places at Algonkian Elementary School and Potomac Falls High School.

If you have questions, please reach out to the [Loudoun County Elections and Voter Registration](https://www.loudoun.gov/elections) at 703-777-0380 or [vote@loudoun.gov](mailto:vote@loudoun.gov)



## Upcoming Housing Events

### Resources for Renters and Homebuyers

**Northern Virginia Housing Expo**  
**Saturday, April 1, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Dominion High School**  
**21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling**

The event features free workshops,  
 exhibits and financial counseling.



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**Details: [loudoun.gov/housing](https://loudoun.gov/housing)**

**The Northern Virginia Housing Expo** is coming to Dominion High School this Saturday, April 8th, from 10am to 3pm. This free event will feature workshops, an exhibit hall, and free one-on-one financial coaching sessions, among other services. You will hear about resources and opportunities for both homeownership and renting from around the region. Staff from the Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development will participate in two panels to share information on Loudoun County programs for renters and homebuyers. The expo is a cooperative effort of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties; the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Manassas Park; Virginia Housing; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (District of Columbia/National Capital Area Office); Northern Virginia Association of Realtors®; and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Learn more at [novahousingexpo.org](https://novahousingexpo.org) and [loudoun.gov/housing](https://loudoun.gov/housing).



**A Fair Housing for People with Disabilities Training** will be offered on Tuesday, April 11, from 1pm to 4pm. The event is sponsored by the Loudoun County Disability Services Board and will be administered by a Fair Housing Training Specialist from the Virginia Fair Housing Office. Topics will include: Accessibility in Construction; Exemptions in the Virginia Fair Housing Law; Group Homes; History of the Virginia Fair Housing Law. Protected Classes; Restrictive Covenants and Retaliation; Unlawful Discriminatory Housing Practices; Updates on Fair Housing.

Advanced registration is required at the following [link](#). Learn more [here](#).

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## Loudoun County African American Architectural Resources Survey Update



# PRESERVING LOUDOUN'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Nokes House, Sterling,  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources

## We're updating Loudoun County's African American Historic Architectural Resources Survey and could use your help.

Since the early 1700s, Loudoun County's African American communities have been an important part of the county's history and culture. To help preserve this rich history, Loudoun County is working with Friends of the Thomas Balch Library's Black History Committee to update and expand its African American Historic Architectural Resources Survey.

The county has contracted with EHT Traceries, Inc. of Washington, DC to assist in documenting properties that may be important to include in this survey.

You may be seeing Traceries staff in your neighborhood as they photograph and further document these historic sites. They are authorized by Loudoun County to conduct this research. If they would like to access a private property, they must first seek permission from property owners.

For more information, contact:  
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703-777-0246  
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**Black History Committee**  
Friends of Thomas Balch Library

*Thank you for your  
participation!*

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Loudoun County is updating the African American Historic Architectural Resources Survey and could use your help! If you know of a property, structure, or site that you believe is important to document, contact EHT Traceries at 202-393-1199 or [eric.griffitts@traceries.com](mailto:eric.griffitts@traceries.com). You can also reach out to the Loudoun County Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-777-0246 or [dpz@loudoun.gov](mailto:dpz@loudoun.gov).

# 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](https://loudoun.gov/legislativelanduse). *Note: Timelines are estimates.*



**University Center  
Lakeview**

**STATUS:**  
**RECOMMENDATION/DECISION**  
**FORWARDED TO BOS**



**Dogwood Farm Station**

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. The application was forwarded to the April 18 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting for a vote.

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

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.

The application was heard at a Planning Commission Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 28th and was forwarded to a Planning Commission Work Session for further deliberation.



### 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.

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