



# All About Algonkian

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Neighbors,

This month we celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day. I hope everyone was able to take action for our environment and help protect our natural resources. I was proud to present the Board of Supervisors Proclamation for Earth Day to our Parks Recreation department last Saturday at the beautiful Banshee Reeks Park!

Earlier this month, the Board of Supervisors funded my feasibility study for multi-modal paths along Algonkian Parkway. I look forward to recommendations on how we can improve connectivity with paths that are suitable for bicycles, strollers, bladders and keep our pedestrians and children safe on the paths maintained by our homeowners' associations. The six-mile stretch could connect to Route 7 on the Fairfax side and create a safe path to the mall and hopefully eventually the W&OD trail on the other side.

The University Center Lakeview application passed unanimously, which will bring nearly 600 much-needed homes to the area just northeast of One Loudoun. I worked closely with the developers to earmark the first \$2.7 million in capital facility funds from the project to Phase 2 of Bles Park

## **Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates**

### **Business Meeting**

5/2/2023 at 4:00 p.m.  
5/16/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

### **Public Hearing**

5/10/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Finance Committee**

5/9/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

5/17/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for  
upcoming meetings

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improvements, which includes off-leash dog parks, the boardwalk, a skate park, and pickleball/tennis courts.

I am excited to be bringing the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) to Loudoun County for a Farm Tour in May! We will be visiting four local farms in Western Loudoun and showing off the great agricultural businesses that provide the region with food and other products.

*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.

#### **Live Music: Zoe Jorgenson Trio**

*Saturday, May 13, at 2:30pm*

*Cascades Library Meeting Room B*

Original music written in the jazz tradition with Zoë Jorgenson on bass and vocals, Keith Butler Jr. on drums and Aleks Izotov on piano.

### **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: DIY Bath Bombs on May 5; Bingo on May 12; Lord of the Rings Night on May 19; Feats of Strength on May 26.

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

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## **Youth in Government Day**



Loudoun County's annual Youth in Government Day brought together students from all over the county to learn more about how their local government works. The students took part in a full day of activities, learning about county services and hosting a mock Board of Supervisors Meeting. During the April 18th Business Meeting, we had "Student Supervisors" join my colleagues and I on the dais to preside over the meeting. They asked pointed questions, especially during the Commission on Youth presentation, and took part in several proclamation and resolution presentations.

I enjoyed engaging with and answering questions from my Algonkian student constituents from Dominion High School and River Bend Middle School during lunch.

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## **Ashburn Recreation Center Topping-Off Ceremony**



As a swim mom, I was super excited attend the Topping-Off Ceremony for the Ashburn Recreation Center because his facility will have a countywide impact providing more community recreational facility space for residents and relieve pressure on Claude Moore, Dulles South, and Ida Lee Recreation Centers.

Once completed, the new recreation center will include a 50-meter competition pool with spectator seating, a leisure pool, spa, full-size gymnasium, large fitness area, running track, soft sensory playroom, multipurpose room with a catering and teaching kitchen, classrooms, offices and meeting spaces.

## Mobile Hope Tour



I visited the campus of Mobile Hope in Leesburg to learn about the lifechanging work that they do in the community for Loudoun's youth. The support they provide to young people facing homelessness and housing insecurity make such a huge difference. I hope that we can continue to collaborate to address the causes of youth homelessness countywide.

If you would like to get involved, find out about ways to volunteer [here](#).

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## Sterling Fire Banquet



I was honored to attend the Sterling Volunteer Fire Company's Annual Banquet on Saturday. The gathering celebrates the achievements of the SVFC from the past year and provides the opportunity to recognize the incredible volunteer service provided to our community. Congratulations to the following recipients of awards:

Recruit Firefighter of the Year - Andrew MacDonald  
Al Dutton Memorial Firefighter of the Year - Andrei Turets  
Technician of the Year - Scott Key  
Officer of the Year - George Short  
Associate Member of the Year - Bill Huff

10 members were also presented with the Millennial Award to recognize over 1000 hours of on-duty time: Jim Jones, Chris Poplar, Paul Meade, Nick Neglia, Scott Key, Ron Claar, Karam Mashaal, Andrei Turets, David Short, and Jim Biddle.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please visit [joinsterlingfire.org](http://joinsterlingfire.org).

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## Earth Day Proclamation

Presenting the Earth Day proclamation at Banshee Reeks was very special as I have wonderful memories of hiking the trails there almost every year with my daughter's Girl Scout Troop. If you are looking for a great weekend family activity, be sure to visit the trails and nature center. This year's Earth Day theme is "Invest in Our Planet". Thank you to the incredible staff at Parks, Recreation, and Community Services for their work to make the Earth Day Extravaganza event happen!

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## Sugarland Square Town Hall



I participated in a town hall hosted by the Sugarland Run Homeowners Association this week about community concerns about activities happening

around the Sugarland Square shopping center. Representatives of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and Zoning Enforcement attended to provide a report on their actions and answer questions from the community. Community members describe troubling activities. My office will work with our county partners to ensure that a wide variety of services are being engaged to attempt to address the situation.

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## First Annual Loudoun Take Back the Night

I joined the first annual Loudoun County Take Back the Night event, hosted by LAWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services. This event centered around bringing awareness to sexual assault and allying with survivors through a survivor speak-out, a short march through downtown Leesburg, and ending with a candlelight vigil.

I was amazed by the brave survivors who shared their stories and their strength to support others. A Board of Supervisors Proclamation to recognize April as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month was presented at the event. I am committed to working for them and so many others who have been silenced. You can learn more



about the incredible work of LAWS in our community [here](#).

## County News

### Small Business Summit



During Loudoun's Small Business Week Celebration, the Department of Economic Development is hosting an educational summit on Tuesday, May 2nd from 8am-3pm at the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling. The goal of the summit is to connect with and provide resources for small and minority business from all industries who are looking to start or scale their concept or business plan. The day will include a keynote address from Marcus Lemonis, a nationally recognized speaker, star of CNBC's "The Profit", and CEO of Camping World, as well as workshops facilitated by local experts: one on finance and one on sales & marketing.

Businesses of all sizes will benefit from each level of comprehensive programming & value-added services provided by the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development and partners. Join the Small Business Summit on May 2, 2023 to gain inspiration from Marcus Lemonis and learn essential business concepts directly from industry leaders. Learn more and register for the free Small Business Summit [here](#).

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## Environmental Forum

The Loudoun Environmental Commission is hosting the Energy and Environment Forum on Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 5:30pm - 8:00pm at the Academies of Loudoun. The forum will feature information stations where members of the public may learn about ongoing activities in the areas of energy and the environment and provide comments. Topics will include: The Loudoun County Energy Strategy; Energy Equity; Solar Ordinances; Tree Protection; Wildlife Corridors; Watershed Management.

The forum is intended to be an annual event to provide members of the public with the opportunity to learn more about these topics and provide comments on what the county's role should be in regard to energy and environmental sustainability. The public's comments will be shared with the Board of Supervisors during the Environmental Commission's annual update to the Board.

## Loudoun Disability Resource Fair



The Loudoun County Disability Services Board and The Arc of Loudoun will co-host a Disability Resource Fair, Friday, May 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW in Leesburg. The free event is intended to highlight a wide variety of community resources available to people with disabilities. Participating organizations will include representatives of the Loudoun County government as well as organizations that provide educational, employment and recreational opportunities to Loudoun residents.

The Loudoun County Disability Services Board advises the Board of Supervisors on issues of importance to people with disabilities, their families and caregivers. The Arc of Loudoun, based in Leesburg, advocates for, educates, serves and supports people with disabilities and their families.

Learn more at [loudoun.gov/disabilityresourcefair](https://loudoun.gov/disabilityresourcefair)

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## First-Half Personal Property Tax Deadline: May 5

Loudoun County Treasurer H. Roger Zurn Jr. reminds taxpayers that the deadline for payment of the first-half personal property tax is Friday, May 5, 2023. Options for payment include:

- Payments may be made online at [loudounportal.com/taxes](https://loudounportal.com/taxes).
- Telephone: 1-800-269-5971 may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call 703-777-0280. Have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By Mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In Person: Treasurer's Office Locations
  - 1 Harrison St. SE, First floor, Leesburg 20175
  - 46000 Center Oak Plaza, First floor, Sterling 20166
- A 24-hour drop box is located outside the Leesburg and Sterling offices.

For more information, contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office at 703-777-0280 or by email at [taxes@loudoun.gov](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov).

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## 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.*



### University Center Lakeview

**STATUS: APPROVED**

The University Center Lakeview application was 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 597 multifamily units (both



### Dogwood Farm Station

**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.

multifamily stacked and multifamily attached) with 10% of the unit count as affordable. The application was approved at the April 18 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting.

The application was heard at a Planning Commission Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 28th and was forwarded to a Planning Commission Work Session on May 11 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.

## School Board Snippets



### **Update from School Board Member Reaser**

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

This month, read about Be SMART - GUn Safety and Suicide Prevention, Claude Moore Community Builders, Special Permissions Open for Applications Until June 30, and more.

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