



# All About Algonkian



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## Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

### Business Meeting

7/5/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

7/18/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you have some exciting plans for July 4th and will take some time to celebrate with friends and family!

This month the board agreed with my initiative to accelerate a remapping project that will provide certainty to businesses and residents when it comes to more data center development. The board agreed to allocate \$90,000 to hire a consultant for the mapping project which staff said would be delayed about a year in their last assessment. This should result in a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) that will specify areas of the county where new data center development will be restricted. While I have a strong desire to complete all projects in our planning and zoning workplan, I believe the community is most concerned about ongoing data center development and would like to see the board take action.

The Pride event at Claude Moore was better than ever as we celebrated our values of inclusivity. The bands, food and vendors were fantastic and I am proud to see this event grow under the management of our partners at Equality Loudoun.

**Public Hearing**

7/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee**

7/11/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

7/19/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for  
upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

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

We kicked off the Algonkian Parkway Multi-Modal Feasibility Study last week with a meeting that included VDOT, Bike Loudoun, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, County Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation and County Infrastructure. I am excited about the prospect of creating a shared-use path suitable for cyclists, scooters, and others on wheels! I will be sure to keep the community updated on the progress of this project.

*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: Daniel Kelly II Trio**

*Sunday, July 9, at 4:00pm*

*Cascades Library Meeting Room A*

This horn quartet plays original compositions and arrangements by trombonist Cam Millar whose influences include jazz, rock, Latin, classical/art music as performed by James Brown, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Earth, Wind & Fire, Chicago, Stravinsky, John Williams, Tito Puente, Duke Ellington and Mozart.

**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: Celestial Tote Bags on July 7; Trivia Night on July 14; Watercolor Stencil on July 21; Drawing with Orion Zangara on July 28.

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

## Happy 4th of July!



Independence Day is right around the corner! Whether you plan to gather with family or friends at your house, a local community event, or head out of town, I hope you stay safe during your celebrations! Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) has organized several events commemorating Independence Day across Loudoun County:

### **Claude Moore Park 4th Fest**

Claude Moore Park Historic Area

46105 Loudoun Park Lane

Sterling, VA 20164

Tuesday, July 4 - 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate with music, crafts, nature exhibits, historic tours, carnival games, and more.

### **Star Spangled Sterling hosted by Sterling Community Center**

Sterling Middle School

201 W. Holly Avenue

Sterling, VA 20164

Friday, June 30, Rain Date (Only for Fireworks) - July 7

5:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m.

For information on all events and details, visit PRCS events [here](#).

If you are traveling into DC or using the WMATA system on the 4th of July, remember that Metro is free after 5pm! Parking will be free all day at Metro parking facilities and garages. Remember to stay during your celebrations during this 4th of July holiday!

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## Community Dialogue to Counter Hate



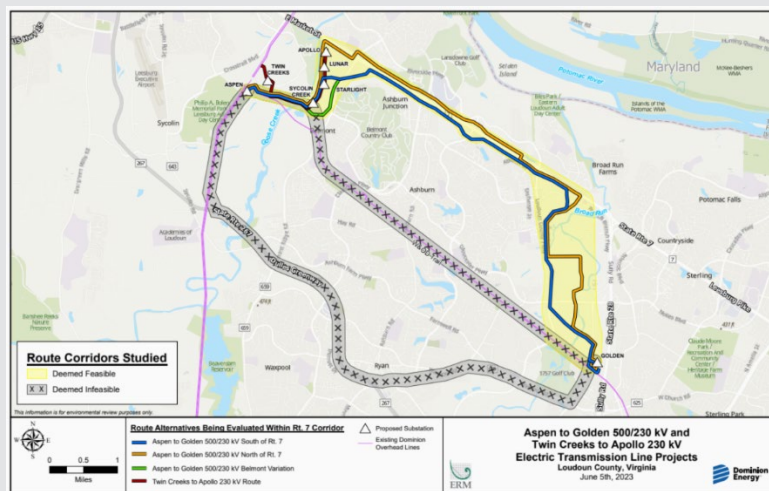
Last night, I hosted a thoughtful discussion about the rise in hate crimes and incidents around our region and nationwide. Joined by two expert panelists from the Anti-Defamation League, Washington DC Region and the NAACP Loudoun Branch, we discussed important data and ways that our community can counter hate. This included discussion of policy proposals to track "bias incidents" and bolster state laws to respond to hate crimes. We also highlighted the importance of responding to hate speech with good speech that cuts through misinformation and ignorance.



Thank you to our incredible panelists, Meredith Weisel of the ADL Washington, DC Region and Christian Yohannes of the NAACP Loudoun Branch. I appreciate the community members that attended the event to learn and share your thoughts on this subject!

For more information about the research presented by the ADL, visit [dc.adl.org](https://dc.adl.org). Learn more about the incredible work of the NAACP Loudoun Branch and how to get involved at [naacploudoun.org](https://naacploudoun.org).

## Dominion Energy Community Meeting Tonight



Reminder that Dominion is hosting an in-person community meeting at Broad Run High School now, from 5-8pm on their proposed transmission line project in Loudoun County. I encourage all residents with input, concerns, or questions to



attend that meeting and make their voice heard. If you cannot make it to the meeting, you can contact Dominion directly at 888-291-0190 or [powerline@dominionenergy.com](mailto:powerline@dominionenergy.com).

Dominion Energy is moving forward with a project to construct high-capacity transmission lines across Loudoun County to respond to energy needs in the area. Over the last month, Dominion Energy has sent postcards by mail to Loudoun residents with information about the proposed project. The route currently being reviewed is either on the north or south side of Route 7 (see map). Alternative routes that were considered but rejected are on the Dulles Greenway and along the Washington & Old Dominion Trail.

I have concerns regarding above-ground transmission lines along Route 7 and will oppose any plans that bring above-ground high powered transmission lines to the Algonkian District. The final decision on this project will be subject to review and approval by the State Corporation Commission (SCC). Please visit [DominionEnergy.com/NOVA](https://DominionEnergy.com/NOVA) for more detailed information regarding the project.

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## Accelerated CPAM for Data Center Mapping

At the June 20th Board of Supervisors Business Meeting, I made a motion that was approved 5-4 by the Board of Supervisors to authorize funding of a consultant to complete the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) portion of the Data Center Design Standards and Location Project. This CPAM would restrict data centers in specific Place Types. We were informed by staff that this project was facing delays until 2025. Based on my staff's research, commissioning a consultant on the project would accelerate the CPAM by up to a year.

I have heard extensive complaints from Algonkian residents about data centers and concerns about their proliferation throughout the county. The Data Center Design Standards and Location Project is meant to address these concerns by explicitly restricting the locations where they are permitted "by-right" or through legislative applications. While the BOS cannot change existing data centers or legislative applications already underway, we have the ability to act to restrict future applications. It is important to me that the county enact formal policies that actively restrict data center development in areas of the county where they are not suitable, such as near residential neighborhoods.

You can read the staff item on the project [here](#). County staff will return to the Board of Supervisors at a future meeting to formally initiate the CPAM with a detailed project plan. Staff estimates the timeline to be 9-10 months to completion once the project is initiated.

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## County News

### Planning Commission Recommends Approval of Zoning Ordinance Rewrite



On June 8, 2023 the Planning Commission voted to forward the Draft Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. The Planning Commission held more than 20 work sessions since August 2022 and considered the comments of thousands of residents. The new zoning ordinance intends to reflect the county's Comprehensive Plan and include new district regulations. The Zoning Ordinance is the bedrock policy document that is used to regulate development of all types in Loudoun County.

The next step in the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project is for the Board to review the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Board is likely to hold a public hearing on the Planning Commission's recommended ordinance later this summer and consider potential revisions to ordinance text during a series of work sessions before ultimately adopting a new Zoning Ordinance that will replace the county's existing ordinance. The Planning Commission's Draft Zoning Ordinance will be published on the county's website in advance of a Board of Supervisors public hearing. The date of the public hearing will be announced once it is scheduled.

My office will extensively review the recommended Zoning Ordinance and encourage all members of the public to share feedback on the proposal. Once a public hearing and meetings deliberating on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite are set, my office will advertise them to the public.

To read up on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and follow updates, visit [here](https://loudoun.gov/zoningordinancerewrite).

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## Resident Curator Agreement Approved with Loudoun Freedom Center



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a lease agreement with the Loudoun Freedom Center for the historic Union Street School property. The Union Street School property, located at 20 Union St. NW in Leesburg, becomes the first county property included in the county's Resident Curator Program. This significant partnership between the county and the Loudoun Freedom Center aims to preserve African American history & culture and make accessible the full understanding of the rich heritage of Loudoun County and the significant contributions of the African American community. Under the terms of the Resident Curator Program and the lease agreement, the Loudoun Freedom Center will serve as the curator for the property, taking responsibility for the day-to-day operation, maintenance and security of the facility.

I am excited to see what the Loudoun Freedom Center, in partnership with the Douglass Alumni Association and Loudoun Branch of the NAACP has in-store for the property! Read the county press release [here](#).

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## In-Person Services for WIC Program Resumed with New Leesburg Office Open





The Loudoun County Health Department is resuming in-person services for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program by appointment in a phased approach. The WIC office had been closed to in-person services during the pandemic. Additionally, the county has opened a second office, located in Leesburg, providing options in both Ashburn and Leesburg. WIC is a supplemental food program that offers nutritional counseling and education to pregnant or lactating women, infants, and children five years old and younger who meet income, medical and/or nutritional eligibility requirements.

Office locations:

- 50 Sycolin Road, Leesburg
- 45201 Research Place, Suite 120, Ashburn

Virtual WIC services are available by appointment at both offices at the following hours: 8am - 4:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; 8am - 6pm on Wednesdays; 8am - 3pm on Fridays.

Phased Schedule of Operations:

- July 6: Expand to additional in-person services on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- August 9: Full services available in-person Monday-Thursday.
- Fridays will be reserved for virtual appointments.

All services are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 703-777-0239.

## 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 \(LOLA\)](https://loudoun.gov/legislativelanduse) 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: APPROVED](#)**

The University Center Lakeview application was approved by the Board of Supervisors at the April 18 Business Meeting. The



### Dogwood Farm Station

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

application will re-zone the property to R-24 for the development of up to 597 multifamily units (both multifamily stacked and multifamily attached) with 10% of the unit count as affordable. The application also included a proffer of \$2.7 million to fund Bles Park Phase 2 improvements.

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 deliberated on by the Planning Commission at a Work Session on May 11 and was forwarded to another Work Session on July 13.



## 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](#). The application proposes to re-zone the Cascades Marketplace into a mixed-use development of new housing and retail. The application was heard by the Planning Commission at a Public Hearing on June 27. The application was forwarded to a Work Session for further deliberation.



## Bles Park

**STATUS: APPROVED**

The application was approved 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 LCPS Graduations, LCPS Summer Meal Program, Mobile Health Clinic, K-12 Learning Acceleration Grants, and more!

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