



All About Algonkian



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Dear Neighbors,

It's an exciting time of year as students make their way back into the classroom!

I was extremely proud to hear that the preschool play area I secured funding for has been installed at Meadowland Elementary School. I was also able to visit the new playground at Sugarland Elementary School, which was completed as a result of funding I secured through a development proffer during my first year in office.

While the Board has been on August break, with no official meetings, we attended the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) County Officials' Summit and Board of Directors meeting Aug. 17-18 in Richmond. Many of the conversations centered on Virginia's state budget shortfalls and the recent non-partisan [JLARC report](#) on education funding that revealed Virginia spends \$1,900 less per

Business Meeting

9/5/2023 at 4:00 p.m.
9/19/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

9/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Joint Board / School Board Committee

9/18/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

9/13/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC)

9/20/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming meetings

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

student than the national average. Aside from serving on the VACO Board of Directors, I also serve on the Finance and Elections Committee, where we discussed the state's decision to pull out of the elections integrity system known as ERIC, despite the fact that four of our five neighboring states still use the system that shares data on residential moves and other data.

Earlier this week, my staff and I participated in a site visit on the paths of Algonkian Parkway as part of the feasibility study for multi-use facilities along the corridor. We learned a lot about pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle traffic patterns at the start of the school day for each school level. We also received a briefing on the [River Bend Stream Restoration Project](#) that will begin this fall, as well as attended the Dulles Airport groundbreaking ceremony for what will be the [nation's largest solar facility](#) at a U.S. airport and joined the Cascades Senior Center community for their monthly new-member Breakfast & Coffee.

I hope that you and your loved ones have a great Labor Day weekend. As we honor the dedication and hard work that makes our region thrive, let us keep in mind the victories for worker's rights earned by an engaged labor force.

- Juli

Local Events



PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS)

Loudoun County Kids Fest

Monday, September 4th from 11 AM - 3 PM

Segra Field

42095 Loudoun United Dr.
Leesburg, VA 20175

The LoCo Kids Fest is back for its second year! Enjoy an afternoon of free fun, featuring interactive activities for kids of all ages, a touch-a-truck area featuring Loudoun County public safety vehicles, live music from local musicians, delicious food trucks, a variety of Loudoun child-focused businesses, plus – a petting zoo!

CASCADES LIBRARY

Weekly Storytime

Cascades Library Meeting Room B

- Family Storytime: Tuesdays at 6 PM
- Baby Storytime: Wednesdays at 10 AM
- Preschool Storytime: Thursdays at 10 AM
- Musical Storytime: Thursdays at 11 AM

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:

- September 8th: Movie-Themed Bingo
- September 15th: Back-to-School Craft-a-Thon
- September 22nd: DJ Matt Ocean
- September 29th: Human Foosball

Teen Science Fair

Sunday, September 24th at 12:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room A

Gain research experience and confidence in presenting your work with the help of members of the Teen Leadership Council during this six-week program. All levels of experiences are welcome. Bring your own computer or use a provided laptop, as supplies last. Prizes awarded.

ESOL: English Conversation Group

Mondays at 11:00 AM

Cascades Library Meeting Room A

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

[Check out the library's website for a full calendar of events!](#)

CASCADES 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](#).

Community Updates



CountrySide Stream Restoration Project

Loudoun County has announced that a stream restoration project in the CountrySide area will begin in October that is intended to increase animal habitat, improve local water quality and reduce pollutants and sediments into the Chesapeake Bay watershed and Potomac River. The project will fix erosion issues along the stream and benefit the surrounding ecosystem for years to come.

Because of required construction vehicle and equipment access, the two-year project will require the closure of the pedestrian path north of Algonkian Parkway between Rutherford Circle and Cedarhurst Drive. A detour will guide pedestrians to and from an alternate route on the south side of Algonkian Parkway. The county will install signage to note the path closure and direct pedestrians to the detour noted in the image above. County staff has been working with LCPS to limit impacts students and families accessing River Bend Middle School and Potomac Falls High School.

My office received a briefing on this project this week. According to the County Department of General Services (DGS), LCPS will be sending notices to families ahead of the closure of the trail in October. My office will continue communicating with county staff to answer any questions and keep our community informed about this project.

Click here to learn more information:

<https://www.loudoun.gov/RiverBendStreamRestoration>



Happy Labor Day!

I hope that you and your loved ones have a great Labor Day weekend! As we honor the dedication and hard work that makes our region thrive, let us keep in mind the victories for worker's rights earned by an engaged labor force. Loudoun County government administrative buildings will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) has organized a great way for families to spend the free time:

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Algonkian Parkway Bike Tour

Yesterday morning, I participated in a bike tour of Algonkian Parkway. The County is currently conducting the [Algonkian Parkway Multi-Modal Feasibility Study](#), which is reviewing the current conditions for pedestrians and cyclists along the parkway and determining the feasibility of multi-use trails and pedestrian safety improvements. The site visit included myself and my staff with the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) and representatives of Kimley-Horn who are helping to produce the report! We rode about 10 miles to witness school drop-off at Algonkian ES and Potomac Falls HS and documented connectivity issues and obstructions on the paths.

I have long received complaints regarding these trails, which are not continuous and, in many places, have sharp curves, bumps, cracks, and narrow widths with overgrown vegetation. The parkway currently lacks bike lanes. Staff have noted that people with disabilities, and many trail users such as bicyclists, roller skaters, scooter riders, and others, are not able to easily use the paths. Along the way we spoke to many residents and heard feedback about safety concerns.

Algonkian Parkway is a major thoroughfare connecting many residential communities to recreation, retail, and schools. Improving this corridor with a fully

connected network of multi-use paths for cyclists and pedestrians alike will be a huge benefit to the Algonkian community!

I encourage any residents with feedback regarding the paths along Algonkian Parkway and general safety issues to contact my office so we can voice that feedback to county staff.



First Shake Shack in Loudoun County Coming to Cascades Marketplace!

The team at Willard Retail has been actively recruiting exciting new tenants to open up in the **Cascades Marketplace**. Yesterday, they announced that Shake Shack is opening up their first ever location in Loudoun County at the Cascades Marketplace! Shake Shack's new addition is just one more sign of a bright future for revitalizing Cascades Marketplace as a great destination in the Algonkian District.

Willard Retail put out a statement stating "Shake Shack is coming to Cascades Marketplace, helping to transform the site into Loudoun County's most vibrant new town center, with an all new lineup of retail and restaurants ... A full renovation is underway that will recast the retail center into the premier destination on the Route 7 corridor."

I will continue working closely with Willard to ensure that Cascades Marketplace is a thriving retail center that benefits the entire community! [Read more about the news here.](#)

County News



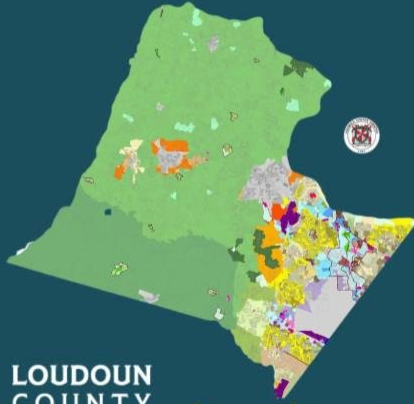
Dominion Energy & Dulles Airport Break Ground on Solar Farm

On Tuesday, August 22nd, I attended the groundbreaking of a transformative solar project at Dulles Airport, set to be the largest at any U.S. airport!

When completed, the solar farm at Dulles Airport, made up of 200,000 panels, will have the capacity to power over 37,000 homes. It is estimated that over 300 construction jobs will be created and more than \$200 million of economic activity will be generated by this initiative. Further, the project will also provide a fleet of airport electric vehicles and an expansion of EV charging infrastructure in airport facilities. Construction is targeted for completion in 2026.

Projects like these are essential for a sustainable future and bring us one step closer to lowering our carbon footprint in Loudoun County.

Planning Commission Completes Draft Zoning Ordinance Review



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loudoun.gov/ZoningOrdinanceRewrite

The Planning Commission
has forwarded the
Draft Zoning Ordinance to
the Board of Supervisors.

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Meetings Begin

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 will be holding a series of Work Sessions each month from September 7th through October 30th, followed by a Public Hearing on December 13th to adopt the Zoning Ordinance.

My office will extensively review the draft Zoning Ordinance. I encourage all members of the public to share feedback on the proposal.

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

Board of Supervisors Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Session/Public Hearing Schedule

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, September 7	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center
Monday, September 11	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center
Tuesday, September 26	6:00 p.m.	Dulles Room, Government Center
Monday, October 2	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center
Thursday, October 12	6:00 p.m.	Dulles Room, Government Center
Monday, October 16	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center
Monday, October 23	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center
Monday, October 30	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center
Wednesday, December 13	6:00 p.m.	Board Room, Government Center



Loudoun County Officials Attend Virginia Association of Counties Summer Summit

Earlier this month, members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors attended two important days of meetings representing Loudoun County in the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo).

On Thursday, August 17th, I attended the VACo County Officials Summit which brought together local officials from all over the commonwealth to discuss the issues facing our communities, including Virginia's substantial underfunding of public education and the unfinished state budget. I sit on the Finance and Elections Steering Committee where I reviewed VACo's draft policy platform to ensure we are supporting election administration and recommending strong investments in public services that benefit our residents. On Friday, August 18th, the VACo Board of Directors met for our quarterly meeting to review the full draft platform.

I am always proud to represent Loudoun County and ensure county voices are heard by our state government leaders.

School Board Snippets



Update from Atoosa Reaser

Algonkian District School Board Member

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

As the school year kicks off, read about:

- Student athletic fees have been eliminated,
- New extracurricular activities for middle schoolers,
- Programs for affordable internet access,
- and more!

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.



Cascades Marketplace

STATUS:
RECOMMENDATION/DECISION

The team at Willard Retail are meeting with prospective tenants, and just landed Shake Shack! 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 Planning



Dogwood Farm Station

STATUS:
RECOMMENDATION/DECISION

Plans have been filed for a multifamily development to build 485 homes on the 19.33-acre site currently home to Blue Mount Nursery. I held a community meeting with the developer on August 22nd, and the application will be heard by the Board of Supervisors at the Public Hearing on September 13th.

Commission held a Public Hearing on the project in and sent it to a Work Session that will take place this Fall.

[Read about the proposal here.](#)

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S&S Child Care Home

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

Sunshine and Sprouts Home Daycare has applied for a Minor Special Exception to increase their capacity from 9 to 12 children. It is located in a single-family attached dwelling along Derrydale Square in Sterling. **The application is expected to be heard by the Board of Supervisors at the October 11th Public Hearing.**

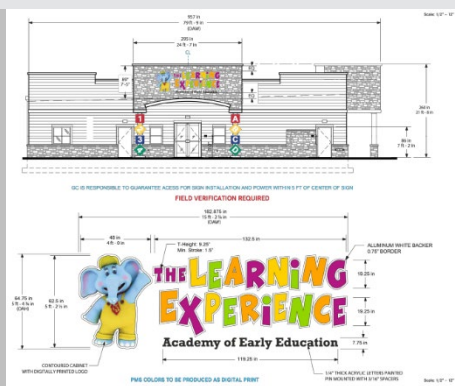
[Read about the proposal here.](#)

Sanchez Child Care Home

STATUS: SUBMISSION

This application is filing for a Minor Special Exception to increase the capacity of a child care home from 9 to 12 children in a single-family attached dwelling. The property is on the north side of Upland Terrace, southwest of Bles Park Drive. **A PRAP Conference was held on August 28, 2023.**

[Read about the proposal here.](#)



Potomac View Sign Development Plan

STATUS: SUBMISSION



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

A Sign Development Plan has been submitted to increase the amount of signage permitted for a childcare center on a property located on the west side of Potomac View Road, north of Jefferson Drive. A PRAP Conference was held on July 10, 2023.

[Read about the proposal here.](#)

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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We want to hear from you! Share your concerns, questions, or events that you would like to see featured in upcoming newsletters.
[Email Ethan Gardner](#)

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