



All About Algonkian



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Dear Neighbors,

As September comes to a close and October is coming, I hope everyone has had a great start to the Fall! Many exciting local events are going on this season, and I hope you are able to enjoy the cooler weather.

The Board of Supervisors continues to review the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite during a series of work sessions scheduled this month. At the first three work sessions, the Board of Supervisors has primarily reviewed Chapters 1 - 4. My priorities thus far have been to limit the proliferation of data centers near residential communities and discourage any development of data centers in the Algonkian District. I am meeting regularly with county staff, stakeholders, and members of the public to hear feedback on the draft Zoning Ordinance to inform my review of the document.

School Board Snippets

Land Use Applications

Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

Business Meeting

10/3/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

10/17/2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

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

Zoning Ordinance

Rewrite Work Session

10/2/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

10/12/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

10/16/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

10/23/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

10/30/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

10/11/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC)

10/18/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for
upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

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

The Joint School Board & Board of Supervisors Committee met for the final meeting of the term and capped off several important initiatives that I sponsored. The Douglass High School Commemorative Committee sent recommendations for an annual celebration and documentary to tell the true history of the school and community. We received updates on efforts to install pickleball courts at schools, recommend crosswalk studies at several schools across the county, and received an update on the elimination of student activity fees. More detailed information about the Committee's accomplishments is contained below!

Early voting began across the Commonwealth of Virginia last week! Here in Loudoun, we are blessed with a remarkable Office of Elections that runs seamless elections. You can vote early, by mail, or on Election Day - November 7th. You can Vote Early from 8:30am - 5pm Monday thru Friday at the Office of Elections in Leesburg. Starting October 23rd, early voting will also be available at the Claude Moore Recreation Center and Dulles South Recreation Center. My office will continue sharing information from the Office of Elections. This year's elections are for the General Assembly and all our local elected offices. Please make sure to make your voice heard!

- Juli

Local Events

LOVE LIKE ADAM NIGHT

WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 7 PM

WHERE: POTOMAC FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

50% of concession
proceeds will go to
the Love Like
Adam Foundation



Anti-Hazing Week Days

Tuesday	Wear Purple-Official Anti-hazing week color
Wednesday	Look into a few facts about Hazing
Thursday	Go To the LLA Foundation's Website: https://www.lovelikeadam.com/
Friday	Go to The Football Game! They'll be Commemorating Adam There!

POTOMAC FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday, September 29th at 7 PM, Potomac Falls High School will hold the first "Love Like Adam Night" in honor of 2020 graduate, Adam Oakes, who lost his life to hazing at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2021. 50% of concession sales will go to [Love Like Adam](https://www.lovelikeadam.com/), an advocacy organization founded in Adam's memory with a mission to raise awareness on hazing and teach prevention strategies to students across Virginia.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (PRCS)

From Haunted Playgrounds to Puppies and Pumpkins, there is something for everyone in October from Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services!

[Click here to see the Halloween Event Calendar.](#)

LOUDOUN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Fanfare

7:30 PM, September 30

3:00 PM, October 1

[St. David's Episcopal Church](#) (43600 Russell Branch Pkwy, Ashburn, VA 20147)

Join the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra for **Fanfare**, the opening concert of the 2023-2024 season, featuring their new Music Director, Maestro Kim Allen Kluge. This concert features Aaron Copland's rousing Fanfare for the Common

Man and Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. You will also hear Now We Are Free from Gladiator and John Williams's Hymn to the Fallen from Saving Private Ryan featuring the Loudoun Chorale.

[Click here for tickets.](#)

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

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 News & Updates

Breast Cancer

AWARENESS MONTH

A large, thick pink ribbon is tied in a loop, with the words "Early detection saves lives!" written in white text along its curve.

Early detection saves lives!

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Since 1985, Breast Cancer Awareness Month has been recognized each October to raise awareness about one of the most-diagnosed cancers among American women. Through awareness, promotion, and education, we can save lives by reminding our community to get mammograms and connect those battling the disease to resources.

At the Board of Supervisors Business Meeting next Tuesday, I will be presenting a proclamation recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month in Loudoun County!

There are many local organizations here in Loudoun which support women's health, including INOVA Loudoun Hospital, the Loudoun Breast Health Network, Step Sisters, Walk 4 Mountains, and the LMG Cancer & Infusion Center. Representatives from many of these organizations will be in attendance for the proclamation presentation. I encourage everyone to wear pink this October and find ways to spread awareness of breast cancer and prevention.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!



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Early Voting Has Begun

Election Day is quickly approaching!

The most powerful way to make your voice heard in our democracy is by voting. Here in Virginia, we've made voting easy, with early voting already available at the Office of Elections in Leesburg. All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote at home, vote early, or vote on Election Day. No excuses are required no matter your choice.

Not sure where to vote? No problem! [Click here to visit the Virginia Elections Citizen Portal](#) where you can find helpful voting information. Also, here are some important dates to keep in mind as Election Day approaches:

- **Friday, September 22:** Early Voting Begins
- **Monday, October 16:** Voter Registration Deadline
 - *In-Person:* Due by 5 PM
 - *By Mail:* Must be postmarked by 5 PM
 - *Online:* By 11:59 PM
- **Friday, October 27:** Last Day to Request Mail Ballot
 - Must be requested by 5 PM
- **Saturday, November 4:** Last Day to Vote Early In-Person
- **Tuesday, November 7:** Election Day
 - *Voting Hours:* 6 AM - 7 PM
 - [Click Here to Find Your Polling Place](#)

More information about the November 7, 2023, general election is online at loudoun.gov/novemberelection.

Route 7/George Washington Blvd Overpass Opens Next Week

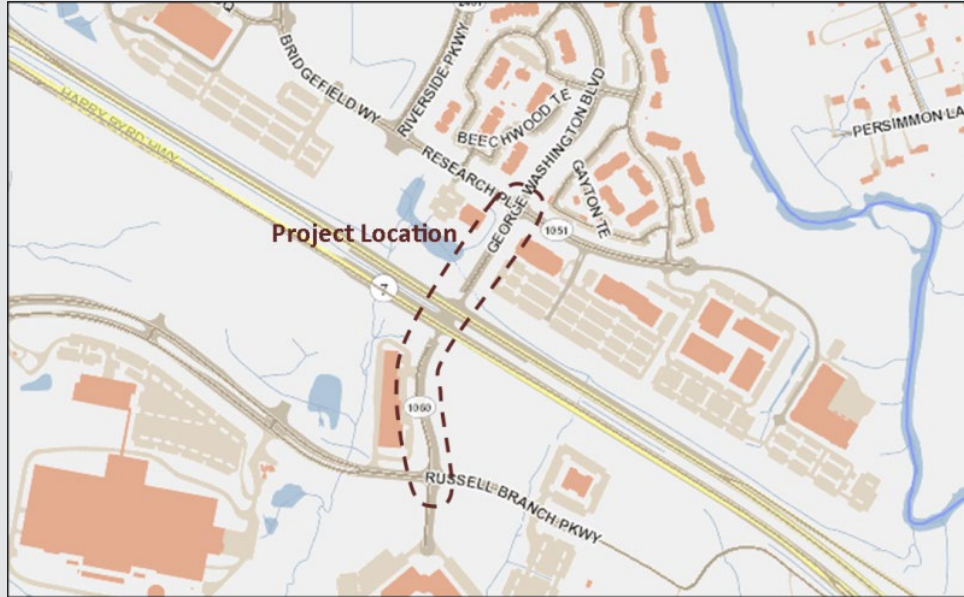


The new bridge to extend George Washington Boulevard south to Russell Branch Parkway over Route 7 is complete! **The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has scheduled a ribbon-cutting on October 4th at 4pm.** After the ribbon-cutting, the bridge will be open to traffic! The ribbon-cutting is open to the public.

The bridge is a four-lane road with a shared use path along one side and sidewalk along the other. It intends to reduce congestion at the Route 7 interchanges with Loudoun County Parkway and Ashburn Village Boulevard, and will improve accessibility for motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. It will be easier

to travel across Route 7 and avoid a heavily trafficked interchange! I am also excited for the benefits this will bring for accessing the George Washington University Science and Technology Campus.

For more information about the project, please visit the project page [here](#).



Updates from the Joint Board & School Board Committee

On September 18th, the Joint Board of Supervisors & School Board Committee met for the final meeting of 2023. It was one of the most productive meetings of the Joint Committee I have attended as a member of the Committee!

The Joint Committee voted for the following items that will be sent to our respective Boards for approval:

- Received an update on LCPS's progress on relining LCPS athletic courts to allow pickleball to be played. The goal is for every Loudoun County public school to be able to support four pickleball courts, with Dominion High School next on the list! **Once Dominion is completed, we will have twenty pickleball courts that can be used by the public!**

- Received an update on joint efforts to address safe pedestrian passage to LCPS schools. The Committee voted unanimously to endorse a set of 14 locations for prioritization of potential crosswalks. Two of them serve Horizon Elementary School in the Algonkian District, including the intersection of Broadmore Drive at Westover Terrace and the intersection of Potomac View Road at Parkside Circle / Broadmore Drive. My office has received numerous inquiries from residents about the need for safety improvements and I am excited that we are one step closer to making them a reality. The Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure will identify a funding source to complete a study with input from stakeholders like VDOT. The results of that study will determine whether a crosswalk is installed. LCPS and the County are also working on a streamlined process for the county and LCPS to holistically review crosswalk needs at intersections across the county and implement them proactively.
- We discussed the ongoing process to remove financial barriers for LCPS students. Now that athletic fees have ended, we look forward to the results of the LCPS study into what financial burdens remain that we can lift, such as marching band fees, theater, dance, DECA, and more. LCPS will make recommendations based on their ongoing review during the FY25 budget cycle. I will continue advocating to my School Board colleagues to eliminate fees to remove barriers to students participating in extracurricular activities.
- The Douglass High School Reconciliation Subcommittee issued their recommendations on how Loudoun County can make amends for the forced sale of Douglass High School. The reconciliation subcommittee recommended the creation of a documentary film as well as an annual commemorative event. These recommendations are exciting, and I hope they will serve as a model for the nation!

On the issue of pedestrian safety, my office was horrified to learn that a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle last week at Lowes Island Boulevard & Saulty Drive. I was relieved to hear that the pedestrian who was struck survived the incident and will recover. This area has been a problem for years and was part of my request to the Joint School Board's Safe Pedestrian Passages to Schools review over the past year. My office worked with LCPS earlier this year to install new School Zone 25-mph signs before the crosswalk to ensure cars slow down during school pick-up and drop-off times. I will continue working with county and state transportation stakeholders to emphasize the need for additional safety improvements.

[Click here to read the full agenda](#) and view the items that the Joint Committee voted on.



STREET NAME CHANGE

New road signs have
been installed on
Route 7 & Route 50
in Loudoun County.



loudoun.gov/RoadRenaming

Route 7 & Route 50 Renaming

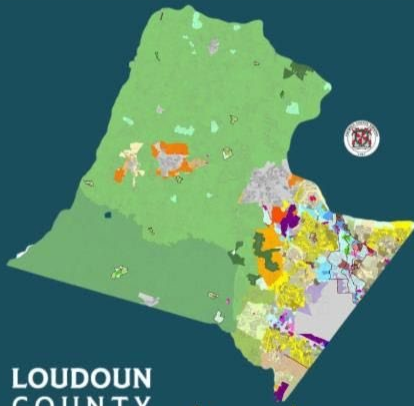
Loudoun County has installed new road signs on Route 7 and Route 50, whose new names take effect today, September 28, 2023. This is the result of an initiative I co-sponsored to remove racist and confederate names from Loudoun's roads. I am excited that this effort has come to fruition and that our community can now have road names that better reflect our community!

Route 7 is now known as Leesburg Pike, and Route 50 is now Little River Turnpike. Loudoun County has replaced approximately 75 blue rectangular signs on both highways, and VDOT is expected to begin updating the larger overhead green signs in early to mid-October.

Loudoun County will provide updated address information to the U.S. Postal Service, Apple Maps, Google Maps, TomTom GPS, and Waze. In addition, the updated names and addresses have been entered into the county's 911 system.

For more information on the Road Renaming Initiative, visit
loudoun.gov/roadrenaming

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 Continue

Since the beginning of September, the Board of Supervisors has held regular Work Sessions to address the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. 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.

At the Work Session this Tuesday, I successfully passed three revisions supporting bike and pedestrian connectivity, public transportation access, and reinforcing the character of our suburban neighborhoods. At the request of the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC), I submitted additions to the Purpose Statements of the Suburban Neighborhood and Suburban Compact Neighborhood Zoning Districts to encourage development that is pedestrian-friendly, walkable, linked to mass transit, and emphasizes open space such as parks.

I also worked with staff to write a motion that was endorsed by my colleagues which amends the Purpose Statement of the Town Center Zoning District to explicitly state that the 60-foot maximum building height is expected to be followed in the Suburban policy area, while noting that it is intended to be amended in the Urban policy area. This resolves a staff issue regarding modifiability of the Town Center zoning district, which exists both in the Suburban policy area and the Urban policy area, where buildings are intended to be taller.

My staff and I continue to review the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and evaluate motions suggested by county staff, my colleagues, and stakeholders in the private sector. As we continue this process, my goal is to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance aligns with our county's values. I have continued to oppose any measure that would increase development of data centers in or near residential areas.

I encourage all members of the public to share feedback on the proposal. To read more on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and follow updates, visit [here](#).

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

Housing Choice Voucher Program Waitlist to Open



The waitlist for the rental subsidy program will open
October 5, 2023.
A limited number of vouchers are available.

Loudoun County to Open Waitlist for Housing Choice Voucher Program

Loudoun County is opening up the waitlist for the [Housing Choice Voucher Program \(HCV\)](#)!

The HCV Program is a rental assistance program funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The program pays a portion of participants' monthly rent based on household income. Residents interested in participating in the HCV program must begin by completing a preliminary application for the waitlist.

The preliminary application will be available starting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, and last until approximately 300 applications have been received.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Share Fire Prevention & Life Safety Resources



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Fire Prevention & Life Safety Resources

SMOKE ALARM SAFETY

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. You have an average of three minutes to escape your home in the event of a fire. Smoke alarms alert you to smoke and fire and provide those precious minutes to escape.

- ☒ **Test** the smoke alarm each month by pressing and holding the test button.
- ☒ **Change** replaceable batteries once a year. **Replace** smoke alarms after 10 years. Replace any alarms with a manufacture date on the back of the alarm older than 10 years.
- ☒ For the best protection, smoke alarms should be located on the ceiling on every level, outside sleeping areas and inside each bedroom.
- ☒ It is recommended that smoke alarms are hardwired and interconnected when possible. Hard-wired alarms with battery backup must be installed by a qualified electrician.

LITHIUM BATTERY SAFETY

There are primarily two types of rechargeable lithium batteries, lithium polymer and lithium ion batteries that consumers purchase. Lithium polymer (LiPo) batteries are common in the remote-control hobby industry and are used in things like drones and remote control cars. Lithium ion batteries are common in things like laptops, smart phones, e-cigarettes and scooters. Enjoy this innovative technology, but do it safely!

- ☒ Always monitor batteries while charging. **Be sure to follow the manufacturer's recommendations for charging.**
- ☒ Ensure all cords and wires are not damaged or worn.
- ☒ Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- ☒ Do NOT charge a device or battery under your pillow, on your bed, on a couch, or on/near combustible materials.
- ☒ Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE

Fire moves fast! 50% of house fires happen between 11pm and 7am, while most families sleep. Closed doors can reduce fire growth, limit damage, keep temperatures down, and increase survivability in the event of a fire.

- ☒ **Make a 900 Degree Difference** - A closed door can mean reducing heat in a 1,000 degree room down to 100 degrees.
- ☒ **Take it down a Notch** - During a fire, a closed door can keep carbon monoxide (CO) levels at 1,000 ppm versus 10,000 ppm if the door remained open.
- ☒ **Take a breather** - Fire needs oxygen to burn. A closed door keeps oxygen in the room, and away from the fire. When you exit in the event of a fire, always close the door behind you to slow fire spread.
- ☒ **Pro parent tip** - If a child is scared to sleep with the door closed, crack the door and close it once the child has fallen asleep.

COOKING SAFETY

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking was the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries in 2015-2019. The majority of these fires were caused by unattended cooking and involved the stovetop.

- ☒ **Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended,** and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven.
- ☒ Remove anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, dish towels, or food packaging – away from your stovetop.
- ☒ If you have a small (grease) cooking fire on the stove, you can smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Keep pan covered until completely cooled. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If in doubt, just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire, and call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

Visit our website for more Fire Prevention and Life Safety information: loudoun.gov/fireprevention

School Board Snippets



Atoosa Reaser

Algonkian District School Board Member

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

Read about:

- Love Like Adam Night,
- Supplemental funding to improve facilities on the way for Algonkian District schools,
- Joint Board & School Board Committee Meeting Updates, 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 in 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 Commission held a Public Hearing on the project in and sent it to a Work Session that is scheduled for October 12th.**

[Read about the proposal here.](#)



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 Board evaluated the application at the Public Hearing on September 13th. Based on community and BOS feedback regarding density, open space and other issues, the applicant is revising their application. **They will re-submit their proposal for the November 15th Public Hearing.**

[Read about the proposal here.](#)

S&S Child Care Home

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

Sunshine and Sprouts Home Daycare has applied for a Minor Special Exception to increase

Sanchez Child Care Home

STATUS: SUBMISSION

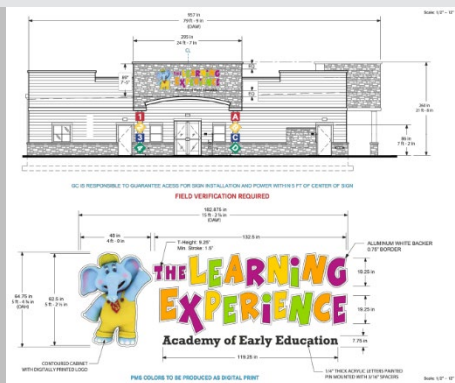
This application is filing for a Minor Special Exception to increase the capacity of a child care home

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.](#)

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](#)

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.](#)



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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We want to hear from you! Share your concerns, questions, or events that you would like to see featured in upcoming newsletters.
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