## All About Algonkian



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#### From Supervisor Briskman

Dear Neighbors,

The Board of Supervisors majority has decided to pause its 2020 initiative to establish a county police department until the 2021 election cycle. This will allow time for county staff to gather accurate information for the public to consider when it votes in Virginia's statewide

elections in just over a year. It is an understatement to say that the County Sheriff has produced and distributed (at tax-payer expense) inaccurate information over the past week and unethically used county resources to do so. You should know that the county is working on guidance and rules so that you can trust that your emergency alert system is engaged only during true emergencies and crisis, or to provide warnings and traffic information, not to disseminate partisan and inaccurate information. The public should be able to trust the information distributed from County Government.

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#### **BOS Meetings**

The Board of Supervisors meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Public Hearings are held the Wednesday after the 1st Board meeting.

Check out the BOS Calendar for upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

our county over the past two decades, it is beyond time for a review of our local governmental operations. And it is beyond time to take partisan politics out of largest departments and agencies that operate with your hard-earned tax dollars.

This Tuesday, the board will consider a motion that asks county staff to conduct a study of the various forms of local government available to Virginia jurisdictions. County staff has said it could take up to two years for such a study, but the board will push for it to be completed by the end of January 2021, with a ballot initiative that November. All of the alternative forms studied will include a police department in addition to a Sheriff's Department. Voters will always have the opportunity elect their sheriff who will oversee the jail, the courthouse and other administrative duties.

During this year's budget cycle, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$105 Million in tax payer dollars to the Sheriff's Department. And yet county administration has no authority over how it is spent or insight and oversight into policies, procedures and practices administrated by the Sheriff. In other words, there's no transparency into one of the largest tax-payer funded agencies. Many have asked the board what kind of solutions we've already considered for accountability. But we cannot "consider" or "enact" solutions for accountability within our current structure. The board and administration cannot request records, review HR policies, suggest professional training modules or initiate a citizen review panel, for example. In fact, in the wake of George Floyd's brutal murder at the hands of Minneapolis police, the county Sheriff disregarded a request from the Loudoun NAACP to engage a citizen advisory board. For all of these reasons, it is time to have an alternative form of government that includes a police department that can he held accountable for its policies, procedures and actions. Responsible jurisdictions of Loudoun's size have made these adjustments and it is time for Loudoun to do so as well.

For more information about the process and why it should happen now, please see <u>Chairwoman Randall's Q&A on the topic</u>. For more information on the county budget visit: https://www.loudoun.gov/budget. To

<u>Visit the county web</u> page for information.

#### **QUICK TIPS**

Can't find time to get to DMV? No problem. They will come to you with DMV2Go!!!

Apply for or renew your ID or driver's license, take road and knowledge tests and much more.

Check the DMV2Go calendar for upcoming dates and locations

Loudoun County Health Department hotline (703) 737-8300

#### **SCAMS**

IRS Issues Warning about
CoronavirusRelated Scams;
Watch Out for
Schemes Tied to
Economic Impact
Payments

The Virginia Coronavirus Fraud participate in Tuesday's business meeting, call 703 777-0200 and register to speak.

In other news, it was my pleasure to host a town hall on equity to honor Pride Month in June. We were joined by Equality Loudoun, Casa Brumar, A Place to Be and activist and former HRC Spokeswoman Charlotte Clymer. I appreciate that they took time to help educate the community about LGBTQ+ history, challenges and equity initiatives. You can watch a recording of the town hall <a href="here">here</a>. I am also excited to announce that we are <a href="hosting a Town Hall">host week to update the community on Parks and Recreation activities. We have a lot of exciting news to share about Algonkian District and Countywide activities. Please join us!

Lastly, I want to say thank you again to the voters of Algonkian District who have trusted me to represent our area. My first six months in office have been challenging and productive. I never thought I would be managing the impacts of a Global Pandemic and a meteoric and justified rise in racial tensions across the country that hits home so significantly for our residents. I was proud to support the initiative at our last board meeting to remove the racist Confederate Statue from our courthouse grounds and hope to continue to be an ally to those disadvantaged and disenfranchised by a system that was built to keep them oppressed. We have more initiatives to bring to the board on this issue. So, watch this space.

Stay well,

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Task Force and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations are warning taxpayers to be alert about possible scams relating to COVID-19 economic impact payments.

<u>Virginia Coronavirus</u> Fraud Task Force

Eastern Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator, Assistant U.S. Attorney <u>Email</u> <u>Kaitlin F. Cooke</u> or 804-819-5416.

To report fraudulent activity to the Virginia State Police, Virginians can <u>Email Virginia Fusion</u> Center.

To report a COVID-19 fraud scheme or suspicious activity, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) by calling the NCDF Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or send an email.



### **Inova Offering Free School Physicals**

The Sterling Inova Care Clinic for Families is offering free physicals for uninsured children. Appointments are required to receive this service. To make an appointment, call 703-698-2550. To ensure social distancing, only one parent and one child will be allowed to attend the physical. Face masks are required for everyone involved with the physical. The Sterling Inova Care Clinic for Families is located at 46440 Benedict Drive, Suite 208, Sterling, VA 20164.



LOUDOUN WORKFORCE RESOURCE CENTER

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# Job Search Materials and Workshop Available from the Workforce Resource Center

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (WRC) is now taking requests for job search materials. To request your custom bag of resources, such as job search tips, how to prepare for a job interview, surviving a layoff, and more, complete this online Resources To-Go Request form and the WRC will prepare a resource to-go bag for you. Your resources will be ready on the day you selected for pick-up from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Find your bag outside the WRC doorway located at 102 Heritage Way, First Floor, Rear Entrance, Leesburg, 20176.

Are you 50 or older, unemployed and looking for work? The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, in partnership with AARP, is offering a free, virtual workshop to help you sharpen your networking and interviewing skills Thursday, July 23, 2020, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Refresh your image and put your best self forward. The free webinar will help you prepare for what's next in your career or job search:

- Discover how to effectively network
- Create a winning "elevator pitch"
- Learn tips to help you ace a virtual interview

Find a link to register at loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops.

In honor of Parks & Rec Month, Join us for a Virtual Town Hall



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 6:00 PM

In honor of Parks and Recreation Month, join us for a discussion on recreation opportunities during the COVID-19 Pandemic, new developments throughout the county, and trails. Panel members will include Algonkian District Supervisor Juli Briskman, Parks & Recreation Director Steve Torpy, NOVA Parks Executive Director Paul Gilbert, and Open Space Board member Jimmy O'Connor. The event will be livestreamed on Facebook. You can send any questions in advance to zachary.harris@loudoun.gov

### Loudoun County



Glass Bottles and Jars Only















For more information visit: loudoun.gov/recycle

## **Loudoun Launches Pilot Glass Recycling Program**

Loudoun County has launched a pilot glass recycling program at three of the county's recycling drop-off centers. Glass bottles and jars are now being collected separately at the:

- Central Western Loudoun Recycling Center
  - 38159 Colonial Highway, Hamilton
- Landfill Recycling Center
  - 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg
- Sterling Park Recycling Center
  - 400 W Laurel Avenue, Sterling

The program is designed to increase recycling opportunities for glass. Glass that is commingled with other materials in the recycling process is often contaminated after the sorting process, limiting the extent to which the glass can be recycled. The glass collected in the Loudoun pilot program will be sent to Fairfax County to be used in construction projects and may also be sent to other facilities that are able to recycle glass bottles into new products.

Visitors to the recycling center will see large purple bins labeled "Glass Recycling," where glass bottles and jars are to be placed. Please follow these guidelines:

- Only glass bottles and jars are accepted.
- The glass bottles and jars must be empty and rinsed out.
- No lids or caps.
- Deposit bottles and jars loosely in the recycling containers provided, not in bags.

Officials expect the alternative collection program for glass to expand to the county's other recycling centers in the next several months. Until that time, glass bottles and jars will continue to be accepted commingled with other materials at those recycling centers.

More information about recycling in Loudoun County is online at loudoun.gov/recycling.



### Traffic Updates

At the request of my office sent just a few weeks ago, VDOT came out today to fix a rusted fence along the Algonkian Parkway Bridge over Sugarland Run. As some who rides my bike, walks and runs over the bridge on a regular basis, I was becoming more and more concerned about the rusted pipes and the dangers it might pose for our neighbors. Additionally, VDOT has been working hard at the repaving and relining of Whitewater Drive and quickly responded to a request to remedy graffiti at the intersection of Cromwell and 777.

## HOMELESSNESS IN METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON

Results and Analysis from the Annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness







### Homelessness Declines in Region, Increases Slightly in Loudoun

According to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington report, the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the region is the lowest it has been in 19 years. The number of persons experiencing homelessness has increased slightly in Loudoun County.

Officials note that at the time the count was conducted, the impact of COVID-19 was not evident in this region. The needs and challenges that are now facing people experiencing homelessness and those

who are working to end their housing crisis have grown significantly as a result of the pandemic.

The Homelessness in Metropolitan Washington report is a one-day snapshot of persons experiencing homelessness across nine area jurisdictions. The Loudoun County Continuum of Care conducts the annual Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Pointin-Time Count of persons in the community experiencing a housing crisis or literal homelessness every January. During the count, members of the Continuum of Care along with staff from local nonprofits canvass the county to assist anyone who is unsheltered by providing resources, non-perishable food and other needed items. Local law enforcement personnel and mental health clinicians also assist with outreach efforts across the county.

The Loudoun County Point-in-Time Count covers the entire county and includes outreach to young adults ages 18 to 24, veterans, people over 60, families and others. In 2020, the findings include:

- The total number of persons experiencing homelessness increased from 169 in 2019 to 179 in 2020 in Loudoun County. This represents 0.04% of the total population in the county, the lowest percentage of the nine area jurisdictions.
- This increase is in the number single adults experiencing homelessness. The number of families experiencing homelessness remained unchanged from 2019 (15 families).

Loudoun County offers a variety of programs to assist households in need through the Department of Family Services and the Loudoun Continuum of Care, a partnership between local government, nonprofit agencies, the public school system, health care providers, faith-based organizations and others that work together to address the needs of those experiencing housing instability or homelessness in Loudoun County. Anyone who may be experiencing a housing crisis is encouraged to contact the Department of Family Services' Coordinated Entry System phone line at 703-777-0420.



## Public Safety Agencies to Offer Virtual Camp

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System are pleased to announce the "virtual" 32<sup>nd</sup> annual McGruff Safety Camp from July 27 – 31, 2020. McGruff is a fun and educational safety camp geared towards children entering kindergarten and first grade. This year we have created a way for our campers to attend the McGruff Safety Camp from the safety of their own home!

Monday through Thursday campers will be provided a number of short and educational video lessons with corresponding activities to complete. Each lesson ranges from five to ten minutes, for a total of roughly an hour each day. Some of the safety lessons included are 'Crossing the Street', 'Fire Safety', 'Using 9-1-1', and 'Bicycle Safety', just to name a few. Links to these videos and activities will be delivered to the registered camp participant's parent or guardian every morning and can be completed at your convenience.

McGruff Safety Camps began back in the summer of 1988 and have continued every summer though a joint effort between the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System.

#### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

Each morning, the parent/guardian will receive an email from McGruffCamp@loudoun.gov with a list of

lessons and activities for the day. The list will include links to videos and activities that you can complete with your camper at your convenience.

On Friday, July 31, 2020, there will be special drive-through graduation in the Leesburg area for the campers between 10 am – 1 pm (location to be announced). The graduation provides an opportunity to pick up your child's graduation certificate, see sheriff and fire and rescue vehicles, and say hi our amazing friends "McGruff the Crime Dog" and "Sparky the Fire Dog."

To register your child / children please visit <u>McGruff Safety Camp</u>. For more information please email <u>McGruffCamp@Loudoun.gov</u> or call Sergeant Matt Bressler at 703-771-5749.

### **Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic**

July 17, 2020: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, Leesburg



Find details at loudoun.gov/animals

## County to Host Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic on July 17

On Friday, July 17, 2020, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host a free rabies vaccination event for pets. The clinic will take place at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in the parking lot near Field 12 and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., or while supplies last, and is open to all Loudoun County residents. Dogs receiving vaccinations at this clinic will also receive a complimentary one-year Loudoun County license.

Motorists should enter Bolen Park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road. If navigating to the park by GPS, use the following address to arrive at the park's general location: 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg.

LCAS' first completely free clinic is made possible through donations to the Animal Program Trust Fund, and is structured to be a drive-through event. All participants are asked to remain in their vehicles; face coverings and social distancing are required. Participants are asked to bring a piece of mail or driver's license with their current address on it.

All cats and dogs over 12 weeks of age are welcome to attend. Please bring cats in secure carriers and dogs on a 6-foot or shorter leash, no retractable leashes. Previous vaccination records are required for those wishing to receive a three-year vaccine. Only one-year dog licenses will be distributed at this clinic. Those wishing to purchase a two- or three-year license may do so online after the event.

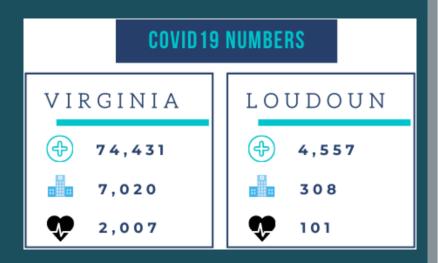
More information about the LCAS community clinics may be found <u>here</u>.



## PRCS to Host "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" Drive-in Movie

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will host "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" on July 31. Tickets are currently available online. More Information is available at the county website and facebook.com/loudounprcs. This is the final in a series of three popup, drive-in movie events. Movies are shown in the parking lot at Segra Field, 42095 Loudoun United Drive, Leesburg, Virginia 20175. Gates open at 8 p.m.

Tickets are limited in order to allow appropriate distancing between vehicles. Tickets cost \$20 per vehicle. Limited VIP front-row spaces are available for \$30. Information regarding the availability of picnic plots for the final movie event will be posted the week of July 27. Ticket agency processing charges apply to all ticket purchases. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/driveinmovies or email prcs@loudoun.gov.



## VDH Expands COVID-19 Data Reporting

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) began providing the COVID-19 Key Measures for additional regions across the state: Central, Eastern, Northwest

and Southwest. Previously, VDH only provided statewide and Northern Region key measures; data is now provided for all regions in the state. The new regional dashboards are available on the Key Measures webpage.

For each region, a separate dashboard will include the following information:

- Number of cases by date reported
- Number of cases by date of symptom onset
- Number of deaths by date reported
- Number of deaths by date on the death certificate
- Number of testing encounters, number of positive testing encounters and percent positivity by
- lab report date, PCR only
- Number of testing encounters by lab report date, PCR only
- Number of hospital beds occupied and available
- Number of patients hospitalized with a positive or pending COVID-19 test
- Number of hospitals in the region reporting difficulty acquiring personal protective equipment
- (PPE) in the next 72 hours

Throughout the pandemic, VDH made COVID-19 data available through a daily dashboard, key measures, data insights and as downloadable datasets. VDH will continue to update these resources as new analyses are developed in order to make the most useful data publicly available.

For the latest information on the COVID-19 situation in Virginia, go to the VDH coronavirus webpage.



### **Governor's Update**

With an increase in cases in Virginia's eastern region, Governor Ralph Northam stated that he will direct state agencies to step up enforcement of business guidelines and the state's face mask order, with particular focus on the eastern region of Virginia. The administration is also ordering all alcohol sales at restaurants across the state to end at 11 p.m. each day.

For restaurants, Northam is ordering Virginia ABC and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to ramp up enforcement of a rule ordering no service at bars, and rules requiring no overcrowding and social distancing inside restaurants. The enforcement will include surprise inspections, which could eventually lead to the loss of business licenses.

As it pertains to the state's order that requires mask wearing indoors, Northam is directing Virginia Health Commissioner Norman Oliver to issue a letter reminding local health departments that they have the power to enforce the mask order.



# Congresswoman Wexton Secures FEMA Grant

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) <u>announced</u> an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award of \$253,551.82 for Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue

System. The Grant would allow the department to purchase equipment and supplies to aid their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including individual PPE kits and decontamination systems for the approximately 1,500 firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. Wexton's office sent a <u>letter</u> to FEMA in support of Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System's application for the Grant in May.

In May, Congresswoman Wexton voted for the bipartisan Heroes Act which would establish a \$200 billion "Heroes' Fund" that would provide hazard pay for the essential workers who have risked their lives during the pandemic. The Heroes Act would also provide over \$12 billion in state funding for the Commonwealth of Virginia in addition to \$1,315,309,347 in urgently needed funding for localities in Virginia's 10th Congressional District, funding that would help keep first responders on the job.



## Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps Seeking Volunteers

The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps is issuing a call for volunteers to play a key role in protecting the community's health during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. There is a need for both medical and nonmedical personnel.

Medical professionals of all types are needed, including doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, dentists and others. Nonmedical volunteers are used in a number of ways, including as translators, logistics support, staffing the information line, performing key clinic roles and other nonmedical functions.

MRC volunteers play a vital role in the county's response to COVID-19. For example, they fully support the Health Department's COVID-19 information line, assist with testing events and other initiatives, including contact

investigations. Officials estimate that since the pandemic began, Loudoun MRC personnel have volunteered more than 7,400 hours, providing a cost-savings to the county of more \$200,000.

More information about the MRC, including an online registration form, can be found at <u>loudoun.gov/mrc</u>.

Please share any messages of hope you see.
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and we'll share them in
our updates and newsletter.



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### **School Board Snippets**

In this edition, you will find updates on: 1) Funding of Previously Approved Teacher Step Increases, 2) Student and Teacher Drive-Through Testing, 3) Simulation of School Reopening, 4) Implementation of Data Breach Protocol, 5) Hypothetical on COVID Positive in the Classroom, and 6) Public Comment at Virtual Meeting (and Ending Virtual Meetings).

Normally, the School Board and LCPS take a break in July. This year, however, due to the pandemic emergency, the division is using the month to hold town halls and the Board continues working. At our July 21st meeting, I have asked for an agenda item addressing teacher pay so we can begin the process to fund the previously approved step increase, which starts by asking the Board of Supervisors to approve a release of the funds in reserve. While this amount is not as significant as a salary increase, we are asking more of our teachers than ever before, so we should fund what is tantamount to their cost of living increase. I know that Supervisor Briskman will support his effort.

In other collaboration with the Board of Supervisors, I talked with Chair Randall about additional drive-through testing events – perhaps one for students and LCPS staff, in August. Chair Randall is working on bringing this idea to fruition.

In working with the Superintendent, I requested the School Board participate in a simulated "day in the life of" a student/teacher/staff, under his current school reopening scenarios. I am hopeful that the experience of disembarking buses, random temperature checks, required handwashing, classroom changes, etc., will help inform us on next steps, as we continue to weigh and balance the competing needs and opportunities for students, teachers, staff, and their families.

In preparation for online learning, whether it is all distance learning or part of the current hybrid model, I worked with the Department of Digital Innovation to implement a written data breach protocol.

In preparation for in-person learning, I worked with Department of Pupil Services to request further clarification of who would be notified in case an individual tests positive, in a completely sealed classroom, but was NOT within six feet of another person. Answer: the State has advised that the school division must decide in collaboration with the local departments of health. Below is the specific hypothetical I posed and the answer I was given.

A high school teacher is COVID-19 positive and taught school earlier that day, before they knew. During the school day, they maintained six feet of distance from students 100% of the time. A student had one 82-minute class with the teacher that day in an

indoor classroom. Would the Loudoun County Health Department recommend that the student quarantine?

The Loudoun County Health Department responded, "While there may be individual differences in exposure concerns with specific cases, in general, if a 6 foot distance was maintained 100% of the time, we would not believe there would be any close contacts requiring self-quarantine." (Published July 10, 2020)

Finally, please know that we welcome your public comments on everything from issues such as the unexpected change in the amount of synchronous learning students are offered in distance learning (that change was a surprise to the School Board, as well), to a positive comment on what a teacher did right for your student, to potential legislative agenda items. The entire School Board and LCPS administration are listening when you give us live public comment, so take advantage in making your voice heard.

July 21st may be our last virtual meeting, and you may give public comment virtually (see the LCPS web page for information on how to sign up). As this is our first meeting since Loudoun moved into Phase Three, we will discuss transitioning back to in-person meetings going forward.

In closing, please know I recognize the weight of the decisions we must make. My promise to you is to keep working as hard as I ever have to ensure I am informed and hearing every single perspective you offer.

Thank you,

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