

All About Algonkian



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After a much needed August recess, the Board of Supervisors is back in session and busy as ever. I am proud to say the board passed [my initiative](#) to examine the impact of Loudoun County's overt preservation of segregated schools in violation of Federal Law, support of Massive Resistance, and potential measures to rectify the harm inflicted on our community. The

item now goes to the school school board for approval so it can be taken up by the the the joint School Board/BOS committee in partnership with the affected communities. The impetus of this initiative was the joint letter of apology signed by both boards a year ago. I appreciate Chairwoman Phyllis Randall's continuous support of this initiative and her friendly amendment that the joint board specifically address the forced sale of the Douglas School property to the county in 1941. These are crucial steps to tell our true history in Virginia, in Loudoun, and to address these past wrongs. In fact it's not only time, it is a moral imperative and an essential to the healing process that is long over due.

[Visit the county web 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



**VIRGINIA'S
HEALTH
IS IN YOUR
HANDS.**
Do your part,
stay at home.

The 2nd annual Algonkian's Got Talent has launched! You can read more about it below. This contest is a great opportunity for our young people to showcase their talents. Last year's solo vocal winner, Caroline Taylor, was asked to sing the national anthem at the Chair's State of County address! This year, we hope to hold the award ceremony in person.

In redevelopment news you may have seen or heard that demolition of the Regal Theatre has begun and a pre-application for homes in Broad Run Farms was filed. Details are included in Rezoning in The District, below. I am committed to informing the community about the application steps and all opportunities for public input as the process moves forward. The most timely communication will be on my [Facebook page](#).

On a somewhat related note, I was disappointed to hear that Safeway in Countryside will close in late November. Store managers told us that the lease had ended and the store was no longer profitable. The good news is that all of the employees are being transferred to other stores and nobody is losing their job.

I want to encourage everyone to stay on top of their COVID precautions. Cold weather and flu season are right around the corner and the numbers in Loudoun continue to rise. As of 9/30 Loudoun's COVID caseload was 32,745. The [VHD dashboard](#) is still a good source of information. There is also additional information below on booster options.

A big thanks to Professor Kush Jenkins for serving as the Algonkian appointee to the Library Board of Trustees. He is a great asset to the county. Get to know Professor Jenkins in the Q&A below.

Stay well. And stay safe.

Guli

P.S. Stop by and visit the adorable Glorious Goats on Lowe's Island Blvd that are helping to manage the brush. They are scheduled to be there through next week.



Visit to the Douglass School



New Animal Services Facility



Algonkian's Got Talent

Calling all Algonkian students! It's time for 2nd annual Algonkian's Got Talent, a friendly competition to uplift our

artistic youth and offer them space to share their gifts and achieve recognition for their skills and hard work.



Visit to Echo Barkery

All entrants must live in or have at least one member of their group that lives in the Algonkian District or attends a school that includes Algonkian residents. Even if you don't attend a Loudoun County public school, but live in Algonkian, you may participate!

Categories include:

- Solo instrumental
- Solo vocal
- Group musical Act (band, choir)
- Dance (solo, paired, group)



Find out more information and submit your entry [here](#).

Visit to the Adams Center for Friday prayers



Meeting with students from NVCC



Welcome New Staffer

Meet Algonkian's new Legislative Aide, Ellington Arnold. Ellington comes to the Board of Supervisors from the foreign desk of the Peace Corps and was an entrepreneurship officer with the U.S. African Development Foundation. Ellington is a New York native and a graduate of

the University of Virginia.

Fun Facts:

Ellington speaks Wolof (Senegal), plays on an amateur soccer team, and has visited 35 countries.

COVID UPDATES

Loudoun County is now offering COVID-19 boosters to eligible groups who received Pfizer Vaccine. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has authorized local health districts to give boosters of the Pfizer vaccine for certain individuals as [recommended](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The boosters are available at Dulles Town Center clinic [by appointment only](#) and at least six months (180 days) after the second dose.

The recommendations from the CDC and VDH do not include people who received the Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Anyone who received Moderna or J&J COVID-19 vaccine should not seek a booster dose of Pfizer vaccine, and instead wait for future recommendations from the CDC and VDH.

Who is Eligible for a Booster:

- People 65 years and older.
- Residents of long-term care facilities.
- People 18-64 years old with [underlying medical conditions](#).

- People 18-64 years old who are at [increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission](#) because of occupational or institutional settings, such as, but not limited to, health care workers and caregivers for frail or immunocompromised people.

The county also remains focused on providing vaccines the unvaccinated. Please make your appointment [here](#).

Rezoning Around the District

Riverside Parkway

The Riverside Parkway project has been completed. This project has replaced and discontinued old Lexington Drive and now extends Riverside Parkway from Riverside Commons Plaza to Loudoun County Parkway at George Washington Boulevard. Constructing this segment allowed for the removal of the traffic signal and the intersection at Lexington Drive and Route 7. In conjunction with the partially completed Battlefield Parkway Interchange project, traffic flow will improve by enabling Route 7 to operate as a freeway west of Countryside Boulevard in Loudoun County and improve connectivity among the Lexington 7, Potomac Farms, River Crest and University Center communities.

Bluemont Nursey (Dogwood Farm Station)

This application has been submitted to develop 485 dwelling units on two parcels of land totaling approximately 19.33 acres owned by Bluemont Nursery. This application is under staff review and the first round of comments from staff are due October 1. The public can make comment [here](#) by searching for Dogwood Farm Station.

Sterling Meadow

Beazer Homes was selected by the developer of Sterling Meadows. It is estimated the demolition of Regal Theatre will be complete in 3-4 weeks at which time infrastructure work will begin. Beazer expects construction to begin in the spring or summer. They

hope to have color renderings available in a few months.

Cascades Marketplace

After working since the beginning of my term to produce changes and progress at Cascades Marketplace, we are excited to announce a change in ownership and management! JP Morgan has bought out Edens and is partnering with Willard Retail in management and redevelopment. My office will continue working with these new partners on a vision for the Marketplace that serves community needs. You can read the Willard press release on my Facebook page.

Hidden Lane and Askegrens

In April, a pre-application was submitted on the Askegrens and Hidden Lane properties, in Broad Run Farms. The pre-app gives the developers an opportunity to submit a concept plan and get feedback. I recently met with potential developers of the properties to hear their plans for building 124 units on parts of the property.

I have voiced my concerns about many aspects of the proposal and what I believe to be the concerns of the community. The developers are conducting a 90-day feasibility study, which ends Nov. 29. Once an application is formally submitted, the review process with staff and the public will begin. I will be sure to distribute information about the process and keep community informed about opportunities to provide feedback. Again, stay tuned on my Facebook page.



**Q & A with
Professor Library
Board of
Trustees
Member, Kush
Jenkins**

Background: the Library Board of Trustees is appointed to secure adequate funds for Loudoun County Public Libraries; to appoint a library director; to determine library policies; to approve expenditures of library funds; and to receive gifts to the library.

Q. Why were you interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees?

I am a big advocate for the Loudoun County Library System as a professor and a parent. We need a great library system to have a great future citizenry. I love my neighbors and my Cascades community, but for me, it is about our kids. It is about reading time in the morning, introducing children to the joy of reading, and seeing the excitement on, not only the children's faces, but the mothers' faces. It is about teen time and giving kids a safe space to go while also immersing them in the place of knowledge. And whatever I can do to keep that institution alive, well, and thriving in my community, I will.

How have you been involved within the community?

I am probably the guy you know, but don't know. I have been a professor at NOVA Loudoun for over 10 years now and I have taught over 3,000 kids in our community. I have been on the Friends of the Cascades Library board for the past 8 years, happily supporting all of the great programming we have at the Cascades Library. I have a nonprofit organization, The Amore Foundation, that gave birthday cakes to 5 local elementary schools before the pandemic. Now we are shifting our focus to concentrate on supporting other local nonprofits as we find our way through the pandemic. Those are the three main ways I am involved in the community.

What hopes do you have for Loudoun's Public Libraries and/or for Loudoun County in general?

This is a great question. I am very proud of our library system and what we have accomplished, especially over the pandemic. And now that we are receiving national recognition, it is almost like asking LeBron James what he could do better. I mean, he could shoot over 70% at the free throw line, but do you really want the man to average over 30 points, 12 rebounds,

10 assists a game while also hitting over 90% of his free throws? When is enough, enough.

However, as I started, this is a great question. Being on the Loudoun County Library steering committee I do remember learning that there are communities we could service more. This would take a larger conversation to completely flesh out, but the cliff notes is that the southeastern part of the county could use some focus. I do not have a direct answer as to what that looks like in execution and resources, but there is a disparity there between the level of my district and other districts and their district. As I said, I am going to give you the cliff notes on this one. The broader analysis would probably put most to sleep.

Tell us about your work experience?

Well, I have worked all of my life. I lived on a farm in the early part of my life. Currently I am the interim Associate Dean for Accounting, Administrative Justice, and Business at Northern Virginia Community College. I came to NOVA in 2011 from the Chesterfield County Department of Revenue where I was a tax auditor. Prior to that I was a tax auditor at the Virginia Department of Taxation for 3 years. And before that I spent 4 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections where I had the honor to also serve on their Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) which is more popularly known to civilians as SWAT.

What projects have you been involved in that you are particularly proud of?

First and foremost, my family. I cannot believe that I, a little farm boy from Buckingham County, would have such a wonderful wife and kids. My oldest son is in the Navy and was awarded sailor of the year. So I am a proud Navy dad. And I have two kids at Potomac Falls High School, that I just sometimes have to sit, marvel, and give God the glory for. I just cannot believe they are my kids. And my wife is amazing. Couple that with beautiful parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, I am truly blessed. And my students, which some of them are your children so let me begin by saying thank you to the parents. I cannot tell you how much I love my students, but they probably can (that is an inside joke for my students). I have students from

the age of 17, dual enrolled now in my Principles of Accounting 1 class to former students working in top law firms across the country. To watch them from when they first came into my class to years later, introducing me to their spouses and children. God has truly blessed me.

Outside of that I am the 2021 – 2022 William Fulbright Scholar and I am completing my doctorate in business studying moral, ethical, and diversity training and yes, I have written a book on accounting (which won the 2021 Vicks Nyquil Award for nonfiction: joke) But let me let you know something. Picking my 1-year-old niece up this weekend and hearing her say “uncle” for the very first time....to me. I think you get the picture.

LAST LOOK

House of Delegates 2022 Session Page Program

Do you know someone interested in serving as a page in the House of Delegate? The Page Program is back up for the 2022 legislative session! The House of Delegates will select 30 competent and excited students for this upcoming session. Pages must be 13 or 14 years old as of January 12, 2022 (the first day of legislative session).

Check to see if you are eligible for the Page Program [here](#). Those who wish to apply to the program must submit their applications by: **November 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

[Sign Up here to start the application process](#)

[Read the Virginia House of Delegates Page Program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

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