

All About Algonkian



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Fall is officially here, which means it's time to vote! I hope you have plan to vote early through Saturday at Ridgetop Circle or on Nov. 2 at your regular polling place. To find an early voting location, visit www.loudoun.gov/vote.

I would like to give a hearty thank you to Del. Kathleen Murphy and Loudoun Elections Deputy Director Richard Keech for participating in a virtual town hall on elections last week. During the townhall, we discussed the safety and security of our elections in Loudoun and across the state dispelling misinformation that may have some voters confused.

Additionally, Del. Murphy shared information about the ground-breaking initiatives to increase access to the ballot that have passed over the past two years. If you missed the town hall, you can see the video on my [Facebook Page](#).

BUDGET

The Board will be spending a lot of time on the county budget and redistricting over the next several months. We are seeing once again a disproportionate amount of revenue coming from the county's data centers and the Department of Budget and Finance says it is critical to bring

BOS Meetings

Check out the [BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming meetings

Want to speak? [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

the revenue sources more into balance moving forward. As a member of the Finance Committee I will be following this closely as the guidance on the tax rate moves forward. As of now, we plan to provide guidance on the rate to County Administrator Tim Hemstreet in December.

REDISTRICTING

County staff prepared sample redistricting maps and presented them to the board at our Oct. 19 meeting. The maps are based on adjusted 2020 census data provided by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services, as well as on the Board's adopted 2021 Redistricting Guidelines. The impact of future growth was also considered, especially in areas where the county forecasts substantial population growth from 2020 to 2030.

A public online mapping tool, which will be available on the [Redistricting Hub](#), will open on Nov. 1. The public is encouraged to submit maps to the Board but should be cognizant of the redistricting guidelines adopted by the board in June. The Board is expected to adopt the final plan in May 2022.

Stay well. And stay safe.

Juli



Algonkian's Got Talent

We are so excited about all of the students who submitted for *Algonkian's Got Talent*. We are working

hard to find a safe venue to host the November 18th awards celebration that will showcase the talented students in Algonkian. Please stay tuned on my Facebook page for updates on the location, watch performances, and vote for fan favorite.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellington Arnold at Ellington.Arnold@Loudoun.Gov.

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Screening Procedures Implemented At County Government Buildings

**Security Screening in
County Facilities**

Loudoun County
VIRGINIA

**Visitors will be required to pass through
security screening effective:**

- Government Center: Oct. 27
- Eastern Loudoun Service Center: Nov. 10
- Shenandoah Office Building: Nov. 17

loudoun.gov/securityscreening

Loudoun County is implementing security screening for visitors to three of its facilities over the next few weeks, including the Government Center and Shenandoah Office Building in

Leesburg and the Eastern Loudoun Service Center in Sterling.

The security screening is the next step in the county's enforcement of Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County, which the Board adopted in March. The ordinance generally prohibits firearms and ammunition inside county facilities. Member of the public who visit county buildings are encouraged to review the list of prohibited items at loudoun.gov/securityscreening, which highlights other types of weapons that are also not permitted inside county facilities.

The screening process is touchless; no one will need to empty their pockets or remove their purse, briefcase or backpack. The system is safe for use with medical devices and is wheelchair accessible. The system is designed to detect weapons and alert the security guards who will be at each station.

The start of security screening at each of the three impacted buildings is currently planned to occur on a staggered schedule:

- October 27, 2021, Government Center (1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg): Visitors to the Government Center will be required to pass through the security screening, which will be located at the main entrance on the courtyard side of the building, opposite the Government Center's parking garage. Members of the public will be able to access

the self-serve drop-off area, the information desk and the [Qless virtual line kiosk](#) prior to going through security.

More Information can be found [here](#).



Q & A With Fiscal Impact Committee Member, with Matt Durham

Background: The Fiscal Impact Committee (FIC) closely reviews assumptions about future growth and capital facility needs, and provides recommendations for use in the County's long-range planning activities.

Why were you interested in serving on the Fiscal Impact Committee?

Via my experience on the Cascades Community Association Board of Directors, I became acutely aware of systemic finance challenges in Loudoun County, particularly associated with processes associated with major residential developments. I wanted to use my experience to help Supervisor Briskman and Loudoun County better address resident needs than was the case in the past.

Have you been involved within the Loudoun Community?

I am President of the Cascades Community Association, Loudoun County's largest Homeowners Association and co-founded and Chair the Loudoun Coalition of Homeowners and Condominium Associations, a group of volunteer leaders focused on working with County government to enhance our communities. I am also on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties, where we are focused on growing community giving. I previously coached and refereed soccer at both the recreation and club levels.

What goals do you hope Loudoun County will achieve?

Loudoun should aspire to be the most desirable County in the area for residents and businesses. Among the ways it can achieve that is by Loudoun County Public Schools becoming the best school district in the country and by

leading the area in innovative growth with a focus on sustainable, carbon-neutral energy production and use.

Can you tell us about your work experience?

I have spent about 25 years in enterprise software, primarily in corporate strategy and marketing roles.

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

As I near the end of my nine years on the Cascades Board (and six years as President), I look back with a lot of pride at the construction of the addition to the Stone House pool (which provides off-season storage and a wonderful in-season Snack Shack), the addition of four pickleball courts in the same area and the development and implementation of both a capital improvement plan and a landscape master plan for our community.

Loudoun County Hypothermia Shelter Opens November 15

The Loudoun County Hypothermia Shelter will open Monday, November 15, 2021, at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, located at 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg. The center will serve single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals and shower facilities, will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31, 2022. The shelter also provides information on other community resources, such as food, medical care and employment opportunities.

Free bus transportation will be provided daily at the times and locations listed below:

- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House located at 22365 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The bus arrives at 5:30 p.m. and departs at 5:45 p.m.
- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 57 bus stop near the right rear side of the Shenandoah building located at 102 Heritage Way, NE in

Leesburg. The bus arrives at 6:30 p.m. and departs at 6:45 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Lowes Island Safety Meeting

I would like to thank all of the concerned parents, neighbors, law enforcement, elected officials, and school administrators who came out to discuss safety improvements at the intersection of Lowes Island and Saulty Blvd. The safety of our children getting across the intersection is paramount. I will work with county administration, LCPS, and the Sheriff's Office to find a long-term and short-term solution to this situation.

County Senior Centers Now Open Saturdays

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services announces that its five senior centers are now open Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. until noon.

Recreational options for adults 55 and older include exercise classes, pickleball and billiards, as well as classes in knitting, crocheting and personal enrichment.

Loudoun County Senior Center at Cascades, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling.
Phone: 571-258-3280

Visit [here](#) for more information.

YMCA Opens in Sterling

I was so happy to attend the the ribbon cutting, with Chairwoman Phyllis Randall, for the YMCA Loudoun County

Youth Development Center. It is critical that families have access to affordable quality childcare and YMCA fits the bill. The center is now open in Great Falls Plaza in Sterling, better known as the Food Lion shopping center.

For more information about their programs, please contact them at loudounemail@ymcadc.org. or 703-777-9622.



School Board Snippets

OCTOBER 2021

INTRODUCTION

Happy October! I'm grateful to continue to serve you as the Algonkian district representative, during my second year on the School Board. By way of background, I also serve as the board's Vice Chair, a delegate to the Virginia School Board Association, an alternate to the Washington Area Board of Education, Chair of the Legislative & Policy Committee, and on other committees (see the updates below).

Please remember the views contained herein reflect the views of the individual School Board member who is the publisher of this newsletter and may not reflect the views of the Loudoun County School Board and/or Loudoun County Public Schools.

ROLE OF THE BOARD

There are many different hats worn by School Board members. For one, we are "deciders" in some student and staff hearings and appeals. As such, we are not given the specific details we might otherwise want to have when there is an incident so that we can be impartial if there is a discipline or personnel hearing.

We ARE given information when an incident occurs, however. We are given broad information regarding the type of incident and location. For example, we may be told there was a racial slur on a playground and the name of the school. Or, an inappropriate comment made by a staff member or a student and where/when. This includes the assaults reported in the media this month. Of course, when there are minors involved, privacy is not only a legal obligation but a moral one. Once legal investigations are completed, and the school division is notified of the same, LCPS can begin the disciplinary process.

If you want to talk more about this process, please let me know.

COMMITTEE UPDATES



For the 2021-2022 School Year, I continue to serve as Chair of the Legislative & Policy Committee, on the Joint Committee of the School Board and Board of Supervisors, the Equity Committee and the Curriculum & Instruction Committee. Here is what we are up to:

- **The 2022 Legislative Program** has been presented to the Board. This program defines state and federal legislative and policy issues that are important to the school division and impact education in the Commonwealth. The Loudoun Delegation to the General Assembly will often sponsor legislation to champion these issues.
- **Foreign Language offerings** in LCPS currently vary depending on the middle and high school. At the most recent C&I committee meeting, I requested that an interest survey be conducted to obtain feedback from the community regarding interest in language offerings at the elementary level, immersion options, and new language offerings.
- **The Program of Studies** lists descriptions of all courses offered within LCPS. Since not all courses listed are offered at all schools, I requested more transparency by listing which schools offer each course.
- **SOL Scores as Test Grades.** SOL scores should not impact a students grade in the class. Committee members requested that all staff be reminded that these scores should not be a test grade.

YOUR VOICE - GIVING DIRECT INPUT ON POLICIES

Leading the Commonwealth in giving YOU a voice in the development of policies, LCPS and this Board are the first to take and implement feedback on policies while they are being written. For current policies in the review phase, visit: <https://www.lcps.org/policyreview>

Policy and Regulations

LCPS policies are reviewed every five years per the Code of Virginia § 22.1-256.122. During this process, we will be asking for input from several of our stakeholder groups and the community at large. If you desire to provide feedback on any of our policies that are currently under review, please visit [this form](#). This form is to provide feedback only and does not represent a guarantee that feedback will be included in the final policy. All feedback will be reviewed by the School Board Committee as they develop policies for submission to the entire School Board. The authority for final approval of any policy lies solely with the Loudoun County School Board.

The policies under review are included below along with the associated deadline for review. The dates for School Board Committee reviews will be included in BoardDocs. Thank you for providing your feedback during this review process.

Policy for Review	Deadline for Submission	SB Committee to Review
1045 - Consentment to Courts	October 29, 2021	Equity Committee
2008 - Student Services Outreach	November 3, 2021	Student Services Committee

LCPS AWARDED FORBES 2021 AMERICA'S BEST-IN-STATE EMPLOYERS



LCPS is the highest ranking school division on the 2021 Forbes magazine list of best in-state employers! LCPS ranked 18 on a list of 90 employers with over 500 employees in Virginia.

LCPS 2021-2022...Just the Facts!

Number of public schools...97

Number of students...81,000

Number of employees...13,018

LCPS is the 3rd largest school division in Virginia and the 41st in the nation!



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ALGONKIAN DISTRICT TIDBITS

Walking Path Repairs / Issues

Happy to report that the potholes on the walking path in front of Potomac Falls HS and River Bend MS have been repaired! Also, a meeting is scheduled at Lowe's Island Elementary School next week to discuss walking path safety issues. I have had tremendous feedback from several school communities (and principals) regarding the difficulty with drop off and pick up since the walk zones were increased by the previous board members. We are looking at infrastructure updates to ease congestion and to improve bus service given the regional bus driver shortage.

Countryside Elementary SRTS Project

In 2017, the previous board members initiated a Safe Routes To School project for Countryside Elementary. Earlier this month, a plan update was filed reflecting the combination of two plan reviews, and responding to VDOT comments; one final submission is anticipated prior to the construction phase.

SRTS projects involve multi-step reviews before actual construction can commence, typically taking around four years to implement. For Countryside, we project construction in spring or summer of 2022. For more information, visit the [SRTS](#) site.

The College Board honors students for outstanding achievements on the SAT.

Potomac Falls High School
Esther-Faith Allen



Emmanuel Ampeh
Victoria Brown
Elias Mengistu
Angelica Franco Brito
Luis Ruano-Campos

National Merit Semifinalists

57 LCPS seniors were named as 2022 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists! They are among 16,000 students nationwide to receive the honor, selected from a pool of 1.5M juniors who took the 2020 PSAT. Less than 1% of test takers are named semifinalists. They may compete for the National Merit Scholarships by submitting an application, writing an essay, and receiving a recommendation from a high school official. Algonkian District students include:

Dominion High School

Andrew Burtner
Alexander Foster

Potomac Falls High School

Uma Pillai
Charles Poulin

Loudoun Students at TJ

Shyla Bisht
Hari Gajjala
Meghana Gopannagari
Esha Karlekar
Aarav Khanna
Sudiksha Konanki
Hasita Nalluri
Akash Pamal
Aishani Patnaik
Akash Piya
Ashwitha Surabhi
Grant Xiao

OFFICE HOURS

If you would like to meet with me during office hours, please email my assistant Cori Sanzano at cori.sanzano@lcps.org. I look forward to seeing you at a PTA/PTO meeting, a school event, or in the community soon.

Thank you,
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