

# All About Algonkian



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## BOS Meetings

Business Meeting  
Dec 7, 5:00 p.m.



Algonkian Youth once again brought their best to the second Algonkian's Got Talent contest, which was held live this year in partnership with Northern Virginia Community College. I look forward to hosting the winners at the January 18, 2022, board meeting and watching them perform at future opportunities through out the county.

We have several rezoning applications pending in the district. I spent a recent afternoon walking the Askegrens property near Countryside to learn about the history and natural landscape of the area. The potential buyers, The Christopher Companies, are expected to complete their feasibility study in a few weeks and we will find out if a formal application will be presented to the board.

The applicants asking for some zoning changes at University Center presented at a recent public hearing and we are working hard to come up with proffer language that will satisfy my concern about data center usage in that area. More updates on land use are below.

Finance/Government  
Operations and  
Economic Development  
Committee

Dec 14, 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

Dec 15, 6:00 p.m.

[BOS Calendar](#) for  
upcoming meetings

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

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## 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

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Loudoun County  
Health Department  
hotline  
(703) 737-8300

The initiative brought by myself and Vice Chair Koran Saines of Sterling to examine and rename confederate and segregationist symbols in the county moved forward last month when the board unanimously approved several measures to address, change or prohibit the current and future naming of county roads after confederates or segregationist figures. Learn more about the initiative below.

Budget work has begun at the Finance Committee, which forwarded guidance for the County Administrator to prepare the 2023 budget at a property tax rate that approximates the revenue needed to fund the school budget, stabilize the percentage of real estate tax revenue at 51% or higher of total revenue and pays for at least all priority one requests from county departments. Priority one requests usually are required to maintain county services at current levels. The full board still must vote on this guidance and the budget process will allow for line-item discussion on funding priorities, which can change the tax rate slightly. Additionally, the finance committee supported a 1/2 cent addition to the real estate tax rate that will directly fund the unmet housing needs strategic plan. More information on the Finance Committee consideration is [here](#).

I am chairing a committee to review the county's use of our boards, committees and commissions. We had our second meeting this month and are working to standardize bylaws, improve the effectiveness of these bodies, consolidate the work where appropriate, reduce staff work required and perhaps provide funding to committees or commissions that engage in programmatic endeavors. I hope to bring recommendations from this committee to the full board in mid-2022. Anyone interested in serving on a board, can [view current vacancies](#) and apply [here](#).

Finally, last week I was honored to be part of the 16th graduating class of the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program during Virginia



Morven Park Ribbon Cutting Celebration  
(11/26/21)

**Sylvia Glass (Broad Run); Juli Briskman; Chairwoman Phyllis Randall**

## Christmas Tree Recycling Locations & Fees

From late December through mid-January residents may take their Christmas trees for recycling. Christmas trees will be processed into mulch available for

Association of Counties 87th Annual Conference (VACO). It was created to provide VACO members with an opportunity to learn how to lead their communities more effectively. The 18-month program included classes on Virginia Law as it pertains to County Board authority, planning and zoning, Virginia land use law, budgeting and finance, and leadership.

Stay well.

*Juli*



## Algonkian's Got Talent II



Students from area schools performed live at the second annual Algonkian's Got Talent program at the Waddell Theatre on the campus of

Northern Virginia Community College. The winners are:

**Group Musical Act**

free to Loudoun residents at the Landfill.

In Sterling, you can drop your trees at Claude Moore Park (use Loudoun Park Lane entrance, go to ball fields), daily from 7:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Additional locations



Antigravity, from Riverbend Middle School, performing *Killer Queen*, by Queen

#### **Solo Instrumental**

Josh Beyer, from Dominion High School performing *My Funny Valentine*, by Richard Rogers on piano

#### **Solo Vocalist Category**

Anna Bella Shimazaki, from Dominion High School performing *She Used to be Mine*, by Sarah Bareilles

#### **Fan Favorite**

Max Garrett, from Lowes Island Elementary School performing, *All of Me*, by John Legend

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## **COVID-19 Boosters Available**



The Virginia Department of Health (VDH)

has [authorized](#) vaccine providers to begin administering booster doses of the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to all adults, as [recommended](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and [authorized](#) by the Food and Drug Administration. Boosters are now available to those who received any of the three available COVID-19 vaccines. Loudoun County is now scheduling appointments for booster doses at its Dulles Town Center clinic. Note that a limited number of booster appointments are available through November due to demand.

To make an appointment online for a COVID-19 vaccine, visit [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine) or call 703-737-8300 weekdays during normal business hours.

In addition, COVID-19 vaccine is widely available in the community from many providers, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans -- where you can also get a flu shot!

Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a vaccination site near you.



## Redevelopment Updates

In redevelopment news around the district, Pizza Hut is coming to the intersection of Cascades and Algonkian Parkway, next door to the 7-Eleven and Virginia Tire & Auto. This was not the result of a rezoning application.

You may have noticed the demolition is complete at the site of the former Regal Theater in the Countryside shopping center. The developer estimates beginning construction on the model by early Spring, 2022.

We continue to engage with J.P. Morgan and Willard Retail, the new owners/retail manager of Cascades Marketplace on plans to reposition and hopefully revitalize that shopping center. Right now we have no news to share.



## Commission Recommends Denial of Bles Park Application

In October, the Planning Commission recommended denial of the County Parks and Recreation Department's application for Bles Park plan revisions and enhancements. The item is expected to be heard by the full board at its Dec. 15 Public Hearing. The Planning Commission cited four major issues:

1. The proposal is contrary to the County's 2019 General Plan policies that call for the protection of natural, environmental, and heritage resources.
2. The proposed increase in impervious surfaces, structures, and development at Bles Park would destroy habitats for rare and sensitive plant and animal species, and species of greatest concern.
3. The proposal puts exemplary natural communities and ecosystems at increased and unnecessary risk.
4. The plan does not consider alternative solutions to locate amenities and additions outside of the floodplain and/or away from sensitive habitat areas, so as to safeguard the natural resources, wildlife habitat, and environmental community benefits in Bles Park that exist nowhere else in the county, much less eastern Loudoun, and are irreplaceable.

You can read more about environmental and habitat concerns in [this article](#) from the Wildlife Conservancy.



*Above Left: Glossy Ibis at Bles Park. Photo by Michael Sciortino. Bottom Center: Great Egret landing in shallow water at Bles Park. Photo by Michael Myers of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.*

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## **New Hours for Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center**

The Loudoun County Crisis Intervention Team Assessment Center (CITAC) on Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg, will be open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and closed on weekends and holidays.

Emergency behavioral health support services continue to be available 24/7 by phone at 703-777-0320.

The CITAC provides behavioral health evaluation, crisis intervention and stabilization services, as well as referrals to various resources for anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The center's operation is a partnership between the Loudoun County [Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services](#) and the [Sheriff's Office](#) and is part of the [Loudoun County Crisis Intervention Team \(CIT\) initiative](#).

Anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis is not alone. Support is available by phone or online 24/7:

**CrisisLink** 24/7 Crisis & Suicide Prevention Hotline, Textline, and Chatline:

Call: 703-527-4077 or 800-273-TALK (8255); if you use TTY, dial 711

Text: "CONNECT" to 855-11

Lifeline Chat: [SuicidePreventionLifeline.org/chat](https://SuicidePreventionLifeline.org/chat)

**CR2** (Community Regional Crisis Response) 24/7 Emergency Response for children, youth and adults experiencing crisis: 844-N-CRISIS (627-4747) or 571-364-7390; if you use TTY, dial 711

**REACH** (Regional Education Assessment Crisis Services Habilitation) 24/7 Emergency Response for developmentally disabled in crisis: 855-897-8278

For more information on the services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit [loudoun.gov/mhsads](https://loudoun.gov/mhsads) or [send an email](#).

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## Take Loudoun Home

Loudoun County businesses, residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the "Take Loudoun Home for the Holidays" campaign, backed by Loudoun Economic Development.

Visit Loudoun and the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, and seeks to encourage consumers to connect with Loudoun farms and rural businesses and purchase local products.

Start your holiday shopping spree by thinking local this year. Shop today from [TakeLoudounHome.com](https://TakeLoudounHome.com)



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## **Board of Supervisors Moves to Eliminate Confederate, Segregationist Road Names**

On November 3, 2021, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved, unanimously, several measures to address, change or prohibit the current and future naming of county roads after Confederate or segregationist figures or symbols or slogans.

This action followed a yearlong Board-directed effort initiated by Vice Chair Koran Saines and my office. County residents were asked to help identify and catalogue Loudoun roads, buildings, signs and other public infrastructure that memorializes Confederate and segregationist figures, symbols or slogans.

Loudoun County will rename Jeb Stuart Road and Fort Johnston Road. Jeb Stuart Road, located in the Philomont area, has referenced Confederate General James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart since 1962. Fort Johnston Road, just west of the Town of Leesburg, references a Civil War-era fort named for Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston.

Additionally, the Board initiated the process for amending the county's [General Naming Standards ordinance](#) to include a section that prohibits using Confederate and segregationist names for future county roads and to pursue the renaming of existing or reserved street names that are in violation of these new criteria.

This latest action by the Board of Supervisors is in addition to the [current initiative to rename Route 7](#)

[and Route 50](#) in Loudoun County, which is being conducted as a separate process.

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