



# All About Algonkian

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## COVID19 NUMBERS

VIRGINIA		LOUDOUN	
	22,342		1,070
	3,059		109
	812		29



### From Supervisor Briskman

Dear Neighbors,

I want to thank each and everyone of you for your patience as we move through the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of your diligence, we have made incredible progress on flattening the curve and kept our hospital capacity at a safe level. As

you may know, [Virginia Governor Ralph Northam](#) said today that the state is moving into Phase 1 of reopening

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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? [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

as of May 15. However, he's also authorized regions with the capability to institute stricter policies and our county will be reviewing this over the coming days and week with our regional partners.

The Metro Washington Council of Governments [passed a resolution](#) last month committing to a regional response and working together to develop a coordinated, safe, and scientifically-informed strategy on reopening our economy. As a voting member of COG, I stand by that commitment.

The Board also has been working through strategies to manage our anticipated budget restrictions that will certainly result from the economic impacts caused by this pandemic. We are expecting reduced funding from the state and from our fee-based programs and tax revenue. This will unfortunately affect school funding and planned county activities.

If you or your neighbors are suffering food or housing insecurities, please contact the county for assistance by visiting the [County's Coronavirus webpage](#) where you will find many resources. The page also has information about business loans, PPE, testing and county operations. Constituents can always email my office with specific concerns.

During National Nurses Week and Virginia Public Service Recognition Week, I want to thank our nurses, front line workers, all county employees and teachers who have been working so hard during this crisis to make sure our citizens are safe and that our children experience continuity of education. Over the recent weeks I have been speaking with firefighters, first responders, nurses and teachers (and with two teens at home myself), I know this time has not been easy. I appreciate all that you do. And please, take time to take care of yourselves.

Please mark your calendars for my next town hall on May 18, which will focus on bike paths and connectivity in our district. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Looking forward, I want to get your feedback on the top priorities you want county officials to consider. While I spent a lot of time discussing the Algonkian District and

upcoming dates  
and locations

Loudoun County  
Health  
Department  
hotline  
(703) 737-8300

## SCAMS

[IRS Issues Warning  
about  
Coronavirus-  
Related Scams;  
Watch Out for  
Schemes Tied to  
Economic Impact  
Payments](#)

The Virginia  
Coronavirus Fraud  
Task Force and  
Internal Revenue  
Service-Criminal  
Investigations are  
warning taxpayers  
to be alert about  
possible scams  
relating to [COVID-19  
economic impact  
payments](#).

[Virginia Coronavirus  
Fraud Task Force](#)

Eastern Virginia  
Coronavirus Fraud  
Coordinator,  
Assistant U.S.  
Attorney Email  
[Kaitlin F. Cooke](#) or  
804-819-5416.

county issues with residents during the campaign, I also want to hear from you regularly. So please take a few moments to fill out our first survey included in this newsletter. Your responses will be completely anonymous. We will use this information when setting our agenda for the coming months.

And lastly, please, please fill out your census. You should have received a Census 2020 code in the mail. If not, you can still visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov) to access the survey. Census numbers are used to calculate resources our county receives and even election districts for the next 10 years. It's really important that everyone is counted!

Stay well,

*Juli*

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**We're interested in hearing your ideas about  
Algonkian. Please take our anonymous  
community survey.**

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## CHAIR RANDALL SIGNS JOINT LETTER TO GOVERNOR

Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall signed a [joint letter](#) to Governor Ralph Northam with the Chairs of Prince William County and Fairfax County. The letter addresses the desire of localities in northern Virginia to coordinate on a regional basis regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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To report fraudulent activity to the Virginia State Police, Virginians can [Email Virginia Fusion 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](#).



## STERLING MEADOW

At the April 21, 2020 Business Meeting, the Board approved the Regal Countryside redevelopment project. This development will include 166 stacked multifamily residences, 19 of which will be attainable housing units, in place of the existing theater. The amount of attainable housing units is almost double the initial offer.

Sterling Meadow LLC, the applicant, has committed to a generous proffer agreement that includes:

- \$125,000 to improve the Potomac Falls High School weight room
- \$75,000 to improve the Countryside Elementary School playground
- Restriping Tripleseven Road for two vehicle travel lanes and a bike lane
- \$100,000 to improve the playground at Sugarland Run Elementary School
- \$200,000 to improve facilities at River Bend Middle School

This new community will include a recreation space of at least 35,200 SF. This represents a significant increase over county requirements for green space.



**VIRGINIA'S  
HEALTH  
IS IN YOUR  
HANDS.**

Do your part,  
stay at home.

## **Do You Know Who Shot This Cat?**



**If you have information,  
call 703-777-0406**

### **ANIMAL SERVICES SEEKING INFORMATION ON THIRD CAT SHOOTING**

Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) is conducting an investigation into the shooting of a cat in the area of Tavernsprings Court in Ashburn on May 5, 2020, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. The cat is currently undergoing treatment for its injuries.

This is the third such incident to take place in the county over the last month. The first incident took place early April in Hamilton and the second occurred April 24 in Sterling. Both of the previous incidents occurred in the Algonkian District. Officers are currently investigating all three incidents, which occurred close to the respective owners' homes and during daylight hours.

The Department of Animal Services asks anyone with information regarding these crimes to call 703-777-0406. All personal contact information can remain anonymous.

There is currently no law in Loudoun County prohibiting cats from roaming. However, given these incidents, LCAS recommends residents keep cats inside when possible and monitor them closely when outside. If property owners are concerned about stray cats on their property, they are encouraged to call the

department at 703-777-0406 for advice on management.

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## LOUDOUN ACCEPTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Loudoun County's Affordable Multi-Family Housing Loan Program is now accepting applications. For-profit and nonprofit affordable housing developers are eligible to apply for loans for the development of long-term, affordable multi-family rental housing units.

Applications will receive points in the following categories:

- **Consistency with Countywide Housing Needs:** Projects serving a mix of incomes below 60% Area Median Income, providing longer affordability periods and in close proximity to transportation and jobs.
- **Project Design:** Projects that have universal design, innovative features, services and project amenities.
- **Project Readiness:** Projects with construction plans that are permit-ready, have a public participation process and where project feasibility is clear.
- **Experience:** Projects with a design team, general contractor, developer and property manager with relevant project experience.
- **Budget and Debt:** Projects that have a sound financing plan, clear budget documents, multiple funding sources, developer participation, meet debt requirements and have reasonable operating costs.

Loudoun County is scheduled to hold mandatory pre-application meetings on August 20 and August 27 at the Shenandoah Building in Leesburg. To register for a pre-application meeting or for more information about the application process, contact Rebekah King by [email](#) or 703-771-5718. Applications are due October 1. More

information about the application process is also available [online](#).



## PROTECTING OLDER ADULTS FROM COVID-19

May is Older Americans Month. Many families in our community have older adults living in their home or family members with medical conditions. It is important to take precautions to protect the most vulnerable individuals in our community from serious illness due to COVID-19.

### **If You Have to Go Outside the Home**

Please take these steps to protect yourself and prevent carrying the virus into your home or to others:

- Wear a cloth mask which covers your mouth and nose.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
- Carry hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes with you so that you can disinfect surfaces before you touch them or sanitize your hands if you don't have access to running water.
- Travel alone, if possible. Try not to bring children with you. They are more likely to touch things in public and could carry those germs back to your home.

### **If You are a Primary Caregiver for an Older Adult**

If you are the primary caregiver for an older adult in your home, take extra precaution. If possible, ask someone

within your household who is not leaving the home for work to help them with these activities.

- Clean and disinfect surfaces that your family frequently touches
- Wash your hands thoroughly before providing care.
- Wear a cloth face covering when providing care. Cloth face coverings should be worn by you and the person receiving care.
- If you use towels and wash cloths, make sure to use clean ones each time.



## Online Farm Marketplace Adds Two Pick-Up Locations

The Loudoun Made Loudoun Grown Marketplace, an online marketplace connecting consumers with local products and open to all Loudoun farms and rural businesses, has added two convenient pick-up locations in Lansdowne and Sterling.

The Marketplace was launched in mid-April to address a growing need in the community. It is an e-commerce platform available, for free, to any farmer or rural producer that's part of the Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown program. Payouts are made immediately from the customer to the business owner.

Loudoun County is home to more than 1,200 farms, which are home to thousands of rural businesses. More than 200 of those businesses are part of the Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown marketing program, which helps highlight consumer access to the rural economy.

As of now, 29 vendors are selling more than 400 products through the Marketplace, and more than 70

customers have signed up to browse the selections and make orders. Not all vendors choose to participate in each method of pick-up and delivery, so please read carefully to see which vendors are available.

For more information and delivery options, please visit [LoudounFarms.org/Marketplace](http://LoudounFarms.org/Marketplace).

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## School Board Snippets

As you may know, LCPS is in the process of planning for three potential scenarios as it relates to what education in LCPS will look like beginning this fall. Those three scenarios under consideration are as follows:

Scenario 1: Reopen schools without significant physical distancing or other public health mitigation strategies.

Scenario 2: Reopen schools with physical distancing and/or other public health mitigation strategies.

Scenario 3: An extension of distance learning.

The LCPS Senior Staff and eight principal representatives began the iterative planning process. During the first phase (called "sprint one") the group worked collectively, in small groups, and individually in a planning process that also included stakeholder interviews and observations.

For the next phase (called "sprint two") each School Board Member may choose a representative to participate in an effort to expand stakeholder engagement and broaden the scope to ensure that representatives of the LCPS community are engaging in this work with us. I chose Sarah Shangraw, who has been an Algonkian resident for nearly 30 years, as well as an LCPS parent and teacher. I believe this combination of perspectives will enable her to make unique contributions on behalf of Algonkian.

The commitment for sprint two is up to five meetings (to take place in May) with the possibility of some prep work. There will likely be opportunities for continued and additional participant engagement in sprint three and beyond.

Also in May, the School Board will hold a public hearing and reconcile the budget shortfall. Please feel free to join and give public comment, or share your thoughts with us at [lcsb@lcps.org](mailto:lcsb@lcps.org).

Thank you!



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