

All About Algonkian



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Neighbors,

As we move into 2022, unfortunately, we are still fighting COVID and its most recent strain Omicron. The variant now dominates the U.S. cases of the virus and we are seeing our numbers in Loudoun rise precipitously. Our seven-day average of

positive cases is well above the desired 5%, hovering at 10% just before Christmas.

Loudoun Health Director Dr. Goodfriend has said he expects a rise of COVID infections during the winter months as well as a pretty bad flu season. At an Algonkian town hall on Dec. 17, Dr. Goodfriend, Dr. Farrell, head of the Loudoun Health Commission and testing task force, and Amanda Golino, nurse and Algonkian District Health Commissioner shared insights on how to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community during this ongoing global pandemic. If you did not get a chance to join us, please [watch it here](#). Ms. Golino, a clinical nurse specialist with 15 years' experience shares a gripping story of her fight with COVID in early 2020 and what she is seeing in the healthcare community. If you have

01/11/22

Public Hearing
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[BOS Calendar](#) for
upcoming meetings

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

Loudoun County
Health Department
hotline
(703) 737-8300



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 free to Loudoun residents at the Landfill.](#)

not yet received your booster vaccine, please visit the county website for information on where to access these and to get an appointment at the Dulles Town Center.

On revitalization we have news about Cascades shopping center and the proposed Christopher Companies development on the Askegrens/Hidden Land Landfill properties. The principals for the Cascades redevelopment shared a pre-application with my office last week and will meet with county staff in early January for feedback. The pre-application provides a preliminary schematic. While it does not appear to meet all of the wish list items on my vision previously shared with the public, I look forward to working with the applicants to improve the project so that it is something the community will love. I've worked with this team before and I am very optimistic about our opportunities in Cascades. We will hold a community townhall as soon as possible. You can find the documents [here](#), by typing in Cascades Marketplace or PRAP-2020-0059.

Additionally, I've again met with Christopher Companies, the potential buyers of the Hidden Lane Landfill/Askegrens property. They have extended their feasibility study through the first week of January and are still debating if this will become a formal application. I have again shared community concerns about the proposed project and my concerns about the application, which include the proposed density, building infrastructure in the floodplain and extending the cul-de-sacs in Countryside to allow access to the proposed dwellings. Because this is not yet a formal application, residents cannot comment on the county website. Should you have comments or questions, I invite you to visit [the Christopher website](#).

Finally, at the 1/18 meeting we will consider the plastic bag tax and at least one of the data center applications presented at the last public hearing. The board will also receive information on

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

Recycling Guide



my proposal to provide free fix-route bus passes to Loudoun's students.

Here's wishing you a happy and healthy 2022!

Juli

Algonkian Annual Mailer



Algonkian Residents!!! Be on the lookout for the annual Algonkian Mailer, coming to your mailbox mid-January, 2022. In it you will find 2021 photos, news and information from across the district.

Vaccination Sites

Still need a vaccine? Visit:

<https://www.loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine>

or attend one of the several walk-in clinics produced in partnership with LCPS & Giant Food at these locations:

Hutchison Farm Elementary School
42819 Center Street South Riding, VA 20152
Tuesday, Jan. 11, 4-7 p.m.

Sterling Elementary School
200 W Church Road Sterling, VA 20164
Monday, Jan. 10, 4-7 p.m.

Sugarland Elementary School
65 Sugarland Run Drive Sterling, VA 20164
Monday, Jan. 10, 4-7 p.m.

Leesburg Elementary School
323 Plaza Street NE Leesburg, VA 20176
Monday, Jan., 3 4-7 p.m.

Sully Elementary School
300 Circle Drive Sterling, VA 20164
Friday, Jan., 7 4-7p.m.

For additional information about COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus, call the Health Department's information line at 703-737-8300.

Bles Park Update

At our January 18 Business Meeting, the board will consider the application for county enhancements at Bles Park. You can access the statement on my position [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to my office.



COVID Update

I wanted to take this time to acknowledge the spike of COVID cases Loudoun County is currently experiencing. Northern Virginia as a region is experiencing high transmission, with almost a tripling of the case rate and doubling of the percent of tests that are positive since the December 20 2021 report. Many of these cases are in fully vaccinated individuals who, fortunately, are much less likely to be hospitalized but are still able to transmit the more contagious circulating variants.

The numbers in Loudoun County look as follows as of 12/28/21:

PCR Testing Totals:	486,540
Total Cases:	42,080
Total Hospitalizations:	1,247
Total Deaths:	312
7 Day Avg. Cases:	512

Health Professionals are strongly recommended that individuals, organizations, and our community use as many layers of mitigation strategies as possible during this surge, including universal indoor masking in public settings, maintaining 6 foot distancing, and avoiding social gatherings and crowds.

COVID-19 TESTING

Tuesday &
Thursday

December 28 & 30

10:00am - 1:00pm

Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park
42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone. Rain or Shine.

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loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Another drive-thru COVID-19 testing events is scheduled this week on **Thursday, December 30** between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at **Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg** (enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road).

Please note that given increased demand, there may be a significant wait time in the drive-thru line. Also, if testing capacity is reached before the event's scheduled end time, the site may close early. To be notified regarding changes in site hours, opt in to receive text message updates in English (text LCCOVID19 to 888777) or Spanish (text LCCOVIDESP to 888777), or check the Loudoun County Twitter or Facebook page.

The testing events are free and open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered. No COVID-19 vaccine will be available at these events.

Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact

information, including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any. Questions about insurance may be ignored.

Forms: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

School Board Snippets

DECEMBER 2021

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

Hopefully, you are enjoying the Winter Break. Here is a quick recap of what the School Board accomplished this year, along with other updates.

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.

2021 BOARD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Providing salary increases this year for all staff members.
- Providing targeted salary increases for bus drivers & related positions with shortages.
- Increasing school counselor staffing standards.
- Reducing fees for students by waiving the exam fees for the first four AP exams at LCPS.
- Passing a policy protecting the rights of transgender students.
- Passing a new dress code.
- Implementing a virtual Loudoun distance learning program with synchronous teaching.
- Hiring a new superintendent.
- Opening two new schools.



YOUR VOICE - GIVING DIRECT INPUT ON POLICIES

LCPS continues 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>.

ALGONKIAN DISTRICT TIDBITS

River Bend Middle School

Congratulations to River Bend Middle School for receiving the School Year 2021-2022 Purple Star Designation! This award distinguishes schools as providing consistent support to military connected students and their families.

Dominion High School Theater

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Lockdown for their first place win at VHSL's Regional One Act Competition on November 20th!

Dominion High School Dance Team

Congratulations to the Dominion Dance Team for their first place win at UDA Regionals! They were also awarded the crowd appeal award.

Scout Meetings

Over the past couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet with some scouts from Pack 905, Pack 950, and Troop 956. The scouts were working on various requirements for merit badges. We had great conversations about the roles and responsibilities of local government officials!




INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND

A new inclusive playground has been completed at Sterling Elementary School and opened to students in December. It features poured-in-place surfacing, a ramped structure with slides, activity panels, a drum circle, and a rope climber. A new ADA compliant sidewalk was also added to facilitate easy access to the new playground.



2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

You used the survey to support Option 2, which I supported, and which has been approved for next school year. You can find it here: <https://www.lcps.org/Page/241230>

 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
July 4	Holiday (Independence Day)
August 10-16	New Teacher Workdays
August 17-18	In-School Staff Development
August 19	Unencumbered Planning
August 22	County-Wide Staff Development
August 23-24	Unencumbered Planning
August 25	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
September 2, 5	Holiday (Labor Day)
September 26	Student Holiday (County-Wide Staff Development)
October 5	Holiday (Yom Kippur)
October 10	Holiday (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
October 24	Holiday (Diwali)
October 28	End of the Grading Period
October 31	Student Holiday (Unencumbered Planning)
November 1	Student Holiday (Unencumbered Planning)
November 8	Holiday (Election Day)
November 23-25	Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 19-January 2	Winter Break (Classes Resume January 3, 2023)
January 16	Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 20	End of Grading Period
January 23	Holiday (Lunar New Year)
January 24	Student Holiday (Moveable Planning)
February 20	Holiday (Presidents' Day)
March 13	Student Holiday (County-Wide Staff Development)
March 24	End of Grading Period
March 27	Student Holiday (Unencumbered Planning)
April 3-7	Holiday (Spring Break)
April 21	Holiday (Eid al Fitr)
May 29	Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 8	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL/End of Grading Period
June 9, 12	Unencumbered Planning
June 19	Holiday (Juneteenth)

SCHOOL BOARD SEAT UPDATES

Leesburg District Seat

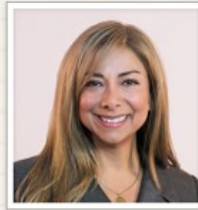
After interviewing 13 candidates and holding two public hearings with comment from the public, Tom Marshall was selected to fill the [Leesburg District Seat](#) on Tuesday, December 14th. Tom will represent the Leesburg District until December 31, 2022. Congratulations, Tom!

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

January 4 - Annual Organizational Meeting
January 5 - Superintendent's Presentation of the FY23 Proposed Operating Budget
January 11 - School Board Meeting
January 13 - FY23 Operating Budget School Board Work Session
January 18 - FY23 Operating Budget School Board Work Session
January 25 - School Board Meeting
January 27 - FY23 Operating Budget School Board Work Session, if needed

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Algonkian district. I look forward to seeing you at a PTO/PTA meeting, in the community, or at a one-on-one. Please send me a note if there is anything I can do for you!

Thank you,
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We want to hear from you! Share your concerns, questions, or events that you would like to see featured in upcoming newsletters.

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