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## Pollinator Week!

Dear Algonkian,

This past Tuesday night at the Board of Supervisors meeting, I was proud to present our Pollinator Week Resolution to Ron Circe of Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve!

Worldwide, approximately 1,000 plants are grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices, and medicines need to be pollinated by animals in order to produce the goods on which we depend.

Foods and beverages produced with the help of pollinators include blueberries, chocolate, coffee, melons, peaches, pumpkins, vanilla, and almonds. Plants that depend on a single pollinator species, and likewise, pollinators that depend on a single type of plant for food are interdependent. If one disappears, so will the



other which is why it is so important to celebrate and better understand the importance they play in our ecosystem everyday.

That is why I have made it a point of my time in office to work with and support the Planning Commission who has been regularly asking developers to commit to pollinator-friendly native plant landscaping and to install and maintain pollinator gardens in new development or redevelopment projects throughout the County. To date, this has resulted in at least 50 projects which will have 70% or more native plants in the landscaped areas and 4 pollinator gardens or meadows across the county.

If you want to learn more about the great work of Pollinators please consider heading to Banshee Reeks this week for a great event! See below for details!

I hope to see you there,

Juli

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# Summer in the Reeks Pollinator Festival

If you were “born to be wild” then this is the festival for you! Help us celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them in honor of National Pollinator Week.

This family-friendly celebration includes hands-on activities, educational exhibits, hayrides, face painting, music, lawn games, and festival food for purchase. This event is **FREE** and open to the public.

Scheduled Events

- 10am – Beekeeper Talk/Demo
- 10:30am – Hayride
- 10:45am – Garden Tour
- 11am – Storytime & Craft
- 11:30am – Hayride
- 11:45am – Garden Tour
- 12:00pm – Beekeeper Talk/Demo
- 12:30pm – Hayride
- 12:45pm – Garden Tour
- 1:00pm – Storytime & Craft
- 1:30pm – Hayride

Address:

**Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve  
21085 The Woods Rd. Leesburg,  
VA 20176**



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## Loudoun Pride Festival

The biggest and most colorful pride to come to Northern Virginia is arriving this summer!

Join Equality Loudoun for their inaugural festival filled with live performances, community vendors, food, music, and more! Loudoun Pride will take place on June 26 at Claude Moore Park. The festival is open to all ages, so bring

your friends, family, and neighbors to enjoy this day of love and unity! Get all the info at [LoudounPride.org](http://LoudounPride.org)!



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