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Board of Supervisors to Review Travel Policy

Earlier this year, I traveled with Chair Phyllis Randall and senior staff from the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development (DED) and Visit Loudoun to Canelones, Uruguay to formalize our Sister-County agreement and to support the county's efforts to attract international business investment. The Sister-

Cities/Countries program was started by Dwight Eisenhower in 1956 to promote cultural understanding and international development. Loudoun County's Sister-Cities program began in 2005 and has been supported by Board of Supervisors leadership of both parties.

During our travel to Uruguay, we met with business leaders to explore economic investments in Loudoun County, including with Uruguay XXI (the investment agency of the Uruguay that supports exports and international business investments) and government leaders to discuss mutual cooperation and share best practices. Two of my favorite events were the women's business leaders' roundtable and the visit to the "Central Park" of Canelones to witness how they leverage natural spaces in an urban/suburban environment. We toured industrial parks, technology firms, a food manufacturing facility, a plastics recycling plant, two wineries and several rural businesses to learn about how we can partner for the benefit of our economies. County DED staff and Visit Loudoun are hard at work to finalize agreements that will bring investments, jobs and revenue for the benefit all residents.

County staff choose sister-cities through rigorous, thorough review and only invite Board members to accompany travel when it is determined it will support the county's goals. The Canelones, Uruguay and Tema, Ghana agreements were approved by the Board of Supervisors through unanimous votes at the Finance Committee Meeting on February 14th and the full Board at the Business Meeting on February 21st. Both times the agreements were on public-facing agendas and previous travel to sister-city destinations has been common.

My office has received outreach from residents about this travel and the county's travel policies. At Tuesday's Business Meeting, we heard from many public speakers who supported the sister-cities travel as well as others who shared concerns. I voted with my colleagues to initiate a review of the county travel policies. This measure directs staff to review the policies of neighboring jurisdictions, the federal government, and the General Assembly. Staff will report their findings to the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee. While I followed Loudoun County's travel policies during the trip, I look forward to a thorough review in the coming months to make sure we are aligned with industry standards.

[Click here](#) to read the item that was passed this week.
To listen to the Board's discussion of the item, [visit here](#).



Loudoun County Board of Supervisors
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STAY HYDRATED AND LIMIT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES DURING HOT WEATHER!



Recent Heat Advisories

While it may be September, the summer heat hasn't quite left us yet!

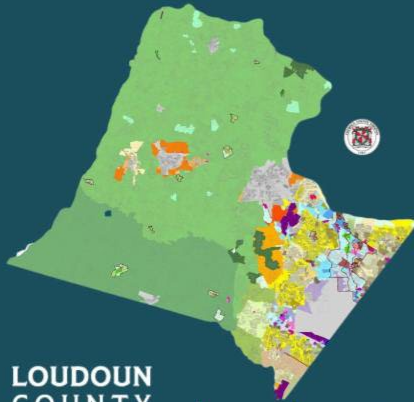
The National Weather Service has [issued](#) multiple Heat Advisories this week, so it's essential to take precautions!

In hot conditions, make sure to:

- Drink plenty of fluids, especially water.
- Limit outdoor activity.
- Stay indoors, preferably in air-conditioned locations, as much as possible.
- **Never leave children or pets unattended in a vehicle!**

Learn more including locations of County Cooling Centers at
<https://www.loudoun.gov/heat>

Planning Commission Completes Draft Zoning Ordinance Review



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loudoun.gov/ZoningOrdinanceRewrite

The Planning Commission has forwarded the Draft Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors.

Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Work Session Tonight

Tonight at 6 PM, the Board of Supervisors will meet for the first [Zoning Ordinance Rewrite](#) work session. We will be covering Chapters 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Zoning Districts).

The Zoning Ordinance is the bedrock policy document that is used to regulate development of all types in Loudoun County. The Rewrite work sessions this Fall will allow for the County to update zoning regulations that **have not been renewed since 1993** - a lot has changed in Loudoun County since then!

The Zoning Ordinance is the bedrock policy document that is used to regulate development of all types in Loudoun County. On June 8, 2023, the Planning Commission voted to forward the Draft Zoning Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation for approval. The Planning Commission held more than 20 work sessions since August 2022 and considered the comments of thousands of residents. The new Zoning Ordinance intends to reflect the county's Comprehensive Plan and include new district regulations. The Zoning Ordinance is the bedrock policy document that is used to regulate development of all types in Loudoun County.

The next step in the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite project is for the Board to review the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The Board will be holding a series of Work Sessions each month beginning tonight through October 30th, followed by a Public Hearing on December 13th to adopt the Zoning Ordinance.

My office is extensively reviewing the draft Zoning Ordinance, and I encourage all members of the public to share feedback on the proposal.

To read up on the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and follow updates, visit [here](#).

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COMMENDATION

Applying for Commendation

I take great pride in recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Algonkian District residents.

Resolutions and Proclamations are formal recognitions issued by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors that can celebrate individual and group achievements within our community. Whether you're a scout who has just achieved the rank of Eagle or the Gold Award, or you are a volunteer of an organization with an exciting achievement, or someone /a group that has made a meaningful impact, we want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know in the Algonkian District would like to be recognized with a commendation, [please reach out to my office](#).

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