

# All About Algonkian



**Juli E. Briskman | Algonkian District Supervisor**



## ***CORONAVIRUS UPDATE, II***

Dear Neighbors,

My staff and I are doing our best to keep you updated on the COVID-19 pandemic as it changes, day-by-day, and sometimes hour-by-hour. You may already know that Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has announced further restrictions on public gatherings at no more than 10 people. He advised in his statement to the public that this decision was based upon federal guidance. You can find his full statement on the Governor's [FaceBook Page](#).

During this week's business meeting I made a motion that the Board send a letter to the Governor asking him to follow the lead of a number of jurisdictions and mandate the closing of all restaurants, bars, gyms, and similar facilities to help stop the spread of this virus. I feel strongly about this measure, because it represents a proactive way to decrease the number of people who are transmitting this virus. Unfortunately, my motion did not pass but I will continue to strongly advocate that Virginia join other states that had the foresight and will to impose tougher measures.

You may have seen I mentioned price gouging on my [FaceBook Page](#). Price gouging is illegal. If you suspect price gouging, you should report the practice. Attorney General Mark Herring's [Office of Consumer Protection](#) provides information on price gouging.

Please read and share the following information to help keep yourself, family, loved-ones, and community safe. My office will continue to update you through our newsletter and [Facebook](#) postings, as we have more information.

Sincerely,

Juli E. Briskman, Algonkian District Supervisor

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## **Loudoun County Public Schools**

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE EXTENDED THROUGH AT LEAST APRIL 10TH**

Given the rapidly evolving situation with the COVID-19 virus, Loudoun County Public Schools are closed Thursday, March 12th, through Friday, April 10th. All activities are also canceled at this time. Schools and administrative offices are closed to the public.

All activities by outside organizations using LCPS facilities are cancelled through Sunday, April 12th.

STAY INFORMED – For the most recent information from LCPS about COVID-19 Coronavirus, please visit the [FAQ page](#).

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## **Economic Development**

The Loudoun County Department of Economic Development (DED) is currently working with the Small Business Association (SBA) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on grant programs and will be assisting businesses with the application process. DED will continue to monitor these and other grant programs and will be updating the community as appropriate.

The Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity is asking small-business owners to participate in a short survey as Gov. Ralph Northam seeks to make Virginia eligible for federal disaster relief because of the covid-19 virus. Input and response from small businesses throughout the Commonwealth on the impact to business operations and revenue is critical to have enough data to meet requirements to allow access to federal disaster-loan funds. This survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7RMY8SH>

The survey will be open until 5:00 pm Friday but we are encouraging people to fill out the survey as soon as possible.

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## **Loudoun County Public Libraries**

The Loudoun County Library Board of Trustees has now approved continuing the current closure of the libraries and postponing the introduction of the Curbside Pickup Service. Director Liu who is working with her staff to support the ongoing

availability of electronic resources and promotion of those resources to the community.

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### **Court Services**

In an effort to reduce the number of citizen visits to the Loudoun County courts complex in Leesburg and promote social distancing as recommended by health officials, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is expanding remote access services to Loudoun residents for the next 30 days and encouraging citizens to delay any appointments for some other services.

Residents will be able to obtain remote access to the Clerk of Circuit Court's deeds and land records for 30 days at no charge. Loudoun residents can [email the Clerk's land records team](#) to inquire and request the necessary digital paperwork to establish a temporary subscription account. Clerk Gary Clemens is waiving the subscription fee. This remote access account will permit residents to access deed, land records and judgment information from home or a remote location, eliminating the need to visit the Clerk's Office in person. Copies of deeds and land records can also be obtained by [emailing the Historic Records & Deed Research Division](#) or calling 703-737-8775.

The Clerk is also encouraging residents to delay any probate appointment until April 13, 2020, to promote social distancing. Residents who require an appointment with the Clerk for purposes of the probate of an estate or being appointed as an executor of an estate should [email the Probate Office](#) to discuss setting an appointment for a future date. The Probate Office is exploring other approaches to offer remote/web-based probate meetings.

The Clerk is also encouraging all clients to pay with credit card online or by phone instead of cash to offer more convenience so individuals do not have to visit the office to pay for services such as filing fees, criminal fines and costs, copies of public records and other services. For specific information regarding online or phone payments, visit [loudoun.gov/clerk](http://loudoun.gov/clerk) for details.

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### **Local Tax Relief**

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. has extended the deadline for filing 2020 Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled renewal forms to June 1, 2020. This extension is in response to the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Applicants are encouraged to mail in their forms in the pre-addressed envelope that was included with the renewal forms. First-time applicants for Vehicle Personal Property Tax Relief have until September 1, 2020,

and first-time applicants for Real Property Tax Relief have until December 31, 2020, to file their applications.

Applications for first-time applicants, and more information about the program, may be found at [loudoun.gov/taxrelief](http://loudoun.gov/taxrelief). Residents may also call 703-737-8557 to have a form mailed to them.

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## The Community Foundation of Northern Virginia

The Community Foundation announced the launch of the [COVID-19 Response Fund for Northern Virginia](#). The Fund will collect and provide flexible resources to nonprofits and other programs in our region that work with communities who are disproportionately impacted by coronavirus and the economic consequences of the virus and is designed to complement the work of public health officials, and as such, funding decisions will be made in consultation with them around the region.

Operating grants will be awarded to local nonprofit organizations that have deep roots in our community and strong experience working with our most vulnerable neighbors.

General questions & inquiries about the Fund can be directed to [covid19@cfnova.org](mailto:covid19@cfnova.org). Interested donors and partners, please contact the Community Foundation's Vice President of Grants and Community Leadership at [sari.raskin@cfnova.org](mailto:sari.raskin@cfnova.org).

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## Resources

### Loudoun Hunger Relief

In an effort to keep the volume of traffic in the building to a minimum, Loudoun Hunger Relief has implemented pick-up service for meals. Staff and volunteers are packing up meals for families, and they are able to pick them up outside of the facility. For questions regarding receiving services, or making a donation please call Loudoun Hunger Relief at 703-777-5911 or visit their website at [www.loudounhunger.org](http://www.loudounhunger.org).

In addition, Loudoun Hunger Relief also dropped off non-perishable food for the Sheriff's Department to distribute in the Sterling area to anyone in need or impacted by the epidemic emergency. The food is separated into bags that last a couple of days for a single person. Each bag has pasta, sauce, rice, beans, peanut butter, and canned vegetables. If you know of anyone impacted by the COVID-19 disaster and can use some help, please send them to the Eastern Loudoun Station. If someone in need isn't able to get to the station, we can help with arranging delivery. The Eastern Substation is located at 46620 E Frederick Dr, Sterling, VA 20164 | Phone: (703) 777-0445.

**NOVEC**

Effective immediately, NOVEC is suspending all electric service disconnections and associated penalty fees for 60 days. Please note that this suspension of electric service disconnections delays, but does not cancel, payment of outstanding balances. For updates, please view NOVEC's website at [www.novec.com](http://www.novec.com) or call 703-335-0500.

**Dominion Energy**

Dominion Energy has suspended all service disconnections for nonpayment. Residential customers previously disconnected due to non-payment may contact the company for assistance reconnecting service. In addition, the company is planning to waive late fees and reconnection fees and is seeking approval from utility commissions where required to do so. For updates, please view Dominion Energy's website at [www.dominionenergy.com](http://www.dominionenergy.com) or call 866-366-4357.

**Washington Gas**

Washington Gas has suspended all disconnections and late fees during this public health crisis. We have a letter from our president posted on our website with this information and it is also posted to our social media channels and E-service customer portal. We recognize the difficulty this situation poses to our customers and we will continue to work with them during and after this completion of this emergency. For updates, please view Washington Gas' website at [www.washingtongas.com](http://www.washingtongas.com) or call 844-927-4427.

**Loudoun Water**

Loudoun Water is suspending all disconnections and waiving late fees at this time. Loudoun Water is prepared to continue critical operations without disruption and do not foresee any challenges doing so at this time. For updates, please view Loudoun Water's website at [www.loudounwater.org](http://www.loudounwater.org) or call (571) 291-7880.

[Mobile Hope: Listen for the Honk Bus Schedule](#)

[Loudoun County Government - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Loudoun County Government - Pandemic Preparedness in Loudoun County](#)

[Loudoun County Public Schools \(LCPS\) – Preparedness at LCPS](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)

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To Obtain Current COVID-19 Information:

Visit: [www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus](http://www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus)

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: [Health@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Health@Loudoun.gov)

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