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NewsFlash



**My Resident Curator Program Initiative
Receives Final Approval!**

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
ACTION ITEM

SUBJECT: Loudoun County Resident Curator Program Guidelines

ELECTION DISTRICT: Countywide

CITIZEN ACTION: At the pleasure of the Board

STAFF CONTACTS: Artie Right, Program Manager, General Services
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Historic Property Caretaking Tool PASSES!!

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to consider Program Guidelines for a Loudoun County Resident Curator Program. The *draft* Resident Curator Program Guidelines (Attachment 1) describe how a qualified individual, organization, or commercial entity could serve as the caretaker (or curator) of County owned historic property via a lease agreement. The Program, if adopted would be one of the ways the County would maintain historic properties through public-private partnerships.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board adopt the Resident Curator Program Guidelines (Attachment 1), direct staff to implement the Program, and proceed with the identification of eligible properties.

I'm happy to report that at this week's business meeting the Board officially passed the "Loudoun County Resident Curator Program", which is a Board Member Initiative that I have been working on since July of 2019!

This [Program](#) is a new tool that will assist the County in our efforts to preserve and maintain County owned historic properties; however, this tool is unique in that it will allow interested, qualified and approved individuals, organizations, and/or commercial entity's to serve as caretaker (or curator) of certain County owned historic properties via detailed lease agreements, thus creating new non-taxpayer funded public-private partnerships to better preserve certain County owned historic properties.

With this approval, staff will begin the program and move forward with identification of specific County owned historic properties that will become authorized for program participation.

Special thanks to my colleagues for supporting this two-year effort and to the County's Heritage Commission for approaching my office with this idea nearly three years ago. I would also like to thank the many residents and organizations who have consistently supported this initiative throughout the approval process!

All my best!



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