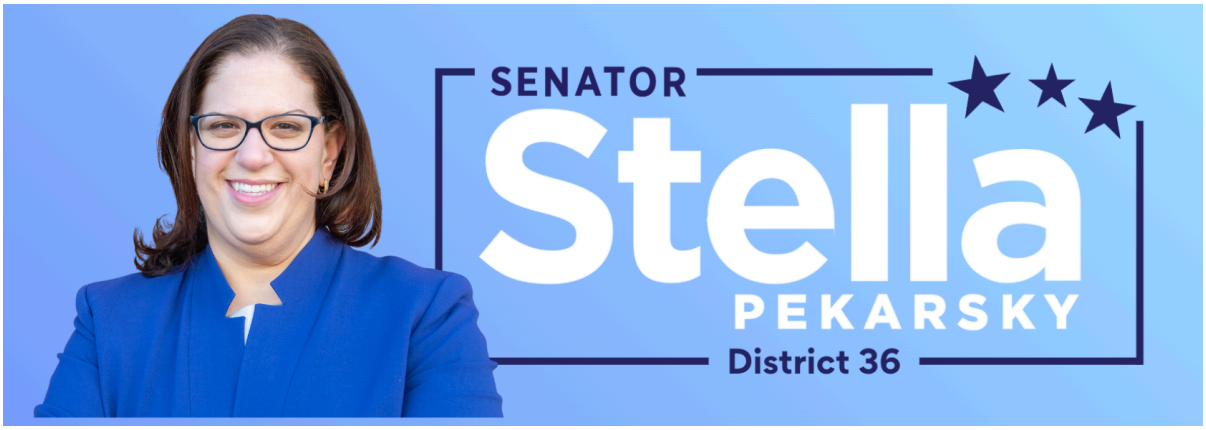
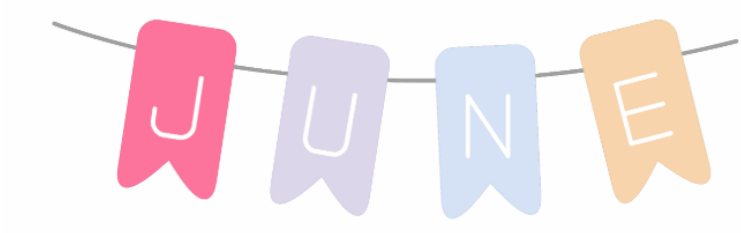



## Dear {{FirstName or 'Friend'}},

## Happy June!




**As we head into summer, I hope you're able to take some time for yourself, make lasting memories with family and friends, and enjoy a safe and happy month ahead. Continue reading for important updates, district news, and more!**

**As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 26th district!**

**Cheers,**

**Stella Pekarsky**

**Senator, District 36**

# *Updates*

## Vetoed Legislation

**Over the last few weeks a number of bills have been vetoed by Governor Spanberger. Here are my thoughts on those bills:**

### → SB 378/ HB 1263: Collective Bargaining for Public Sector Workers

**Public sector collective bargaining ensures that the workers that keep our Commonwealth running have the freedom and opportunity to organize and negotiate for better wages, safe working conditions and benefits.**

**Virginia had the chance to expand these protections to 500,000 public sector employees and stand with workers on a piece of legislation that over 100 legislators worked on together, and we let them down. I am disappointed in the Governor's decision to veto this bill, and I will continue to fight for workers dignity.**

### → SB 258/HB 1173: Menopause/Perimenopause Protections

**I am very disappointed by Governor Spanberger's veto of Senate Bill 248 and House Bill 1173, landmark legislation that would have made Virginia a leader in providing protections and support for women experiencing perimenopause and menopause.**

**These bills would have strengthened protections against discrimination and ensure employees could seek reasonable accommodations without fear of retaliation. Additionally, they would have furthered Virginia's understanding of the challenges women experiencing perimenopause and menopause have in accessing care and workplace support.**

**I remain committed to advancing policies that reflect the needs of workers. To all the women experiencing perimenopause and menopause, I see you, I support you and I will continue to fight for you to have protections under the law.**

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## *In the District*

### Upcoming Events

**→ Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14:**

**Friends of the Centreville Library Spring Book Sale**

**→ Monday June 15:**

**Where We Belong Student Art Contest Closes**

**→ Friday, June 19:**

**Juneteenth Celebration - Sully Historic Site**

**→ Friday June 26:**

**Rep. Walkinshaw's 2026 Youth Leadership Council Applications Closes**

**→ Tuesday, June 30:**

**Application Closes for Student Position on Commission for Women**

**Full Events Calendar**

**Full Public Meetings Calendar**

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## *Reminders*

## Zoning and Land Development Fees Increase on July 1

**Starting July 1, Fairfax County will implement updated fee schedules for Land Development Services (LDS) and zoning applications. The adjustments are intended to reflect the increase in costs related to inflation and personnel over recent years while ensuring the continuation of high-quality county services. Applications filed before July 1 will be subject to the fees that were in place at the time of filing.**

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## Shirley Gate Road Extension Project Public Meeting Set for June 1, 2026

**The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a public meeting on the Shirley Gate Road Extension Project at 7 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2026, in the cafeteria of Willow Springs Elementary School, 5400 Willow Springs School Road, Fairfax.**

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## *Other News*

***Education Next:***

***Can Cellphone Banning Save Student Learning?***

***ABC8 News:***

***The Political Recap: Assaults weapons ban enforcement, budget, childcare bills***

## ***Potomac Local News:***

## ***George Mason University names new Provost***

## ***Fairfax County:***

## ***Fairfax County Completes the Largest Solar Project in County History at the I-95 Landfill Complex***

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# ***Out & About***

***(left) Senator Pekarsky with Senator Salim, Delegate Delaney, Delegate Helmer, and Delegate Shin at their May Town Hall hosted by ATFA***

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# ***Submit Issues to VDOT***

**VDOT has an online form that you can complete for a list of issues, including needing a road repaired, something removed from the road, a stop sign installation, and other requests. You can find that form *HERE*.**

## *Contact my Office*

**If you need any assistance with a state agency or other concerns, contact our office directly at: *senatorpekarsky@senate.virginia.gov***

**I would love to hear directly from you!**

## *Subscribe to my Newsletter*

**Stay informed on what's happing in Richmond & the 36th District!**

**SUBSCRIBE**

**As always, it is a pleasure to serve you in the 36th District,**

**Cheers,**

**Stella Pekarsky**

**Senator, District 36**

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