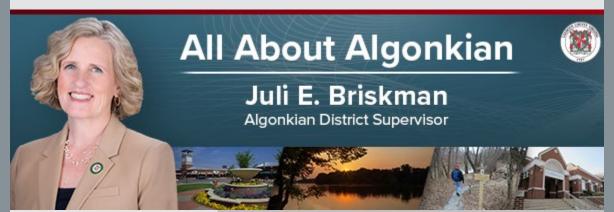
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It's midterm season and the Ridgetop Circle early voting site is open through Nov. 5, including both Saturdays! As we have seen some issues with the state-level distribution of ballot information and registrations from the DMV, I strongly encourage all voters to vote early this year just in case there is an issue with your ballot.

I am proud to announce that the Board of Supervisors approved a full replacement of the Potomack Lakes Playground near Algonkian Regional Park, also affectionately known as the "Blue Playground", during the October 12th Public Hearing. The new equipment will also be designed and designated by age group and will sit on a new and safer type of surface that will prevent injuries and mulch run off into our streams and the Potomac River.

The board also received and update on the energy plan and provided additional guidance to staff on the initiative. In positive climate news, the Metro Washington Council of Governments reported last month that the region exceeded our 2020 goal of reducing 20% of 2005 rates The region actually reduced emissions by 24% largely because of efforts to build a cleaner grid powered

### Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

**Business Meetings** 11/01/2022 at 5:00 p.m. 11/15/2022 at 5:00 p.m.

**Finance Committee** 11/10/2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing** 11/09/2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Joint School Board Committee 11/07/2022 at 5:00 p.m.

<u>BOS Calendar</u> for upcoming meetings

Want to speak? <u>Visit the county web</u> page for information. by renewable energy, electric vehicles and reduction in commuting.

Policies that decrease emissions even more, will be critical in reaching the 2030 goal of 50% reduction by 2030.

At the Northern Virgnia Regional Commission Trails Summit, we discussed cross jurisdictional efforts to increase access to trails, connectivity and multiuse paths that can help develop healthier lifestyles and aid commuters who want to get out of their cars.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Halloween!

Juli

## Local Events

### SENIOR CENTER

The Loudoun County Senior Center provides an active gathering spot for the thriving, diverse community of adults 55 and older and offers a variety of classes, groups and programs that provide learning, growth and social opportunities. Find activities and read their newsletter <u>here.</u>

### **CASCADES LIBRARY**

### **ESOL: English Conversation Group**

11/7/2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades Practice English in a conversation-based program for English language learners.

### Homeless Outreach Drop-In

11/14/2022 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM

Staff members from Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) will provide resources and information that can assist individuals experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County.

### After Hours Teen Center: Lightsaber Training

11/18/2022 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cascades Library Meeting Room B Train with Masters from NOVA Fencing Club to learn strategies for using a lightsaber. Star Wars costumes are encouraged.

Check out more upcoming events here:

## Cascades Farmers Market Spooktacular

This Sunday, October 30th, from 9am to 12pm, the Cascades Farmer's Market will host their Spooktacular! Costumes are strongly encouraged, with kids and pets costume contests, a parade, pumpkin scavenger hunt, trick or treat stations, and guest vendors in the Halloween spirit!

The <u>Cascades Farmer's Market</u> is hosted every Sunday from 9am to 12pm at the Cascades Senior Center through December.

Also in attendance will be Willard Retail who will be in a booth taking feedback for proposed changes to the Cascades Marketplace. Stop by the tent to provide your comments or post them on the <u>website here</u>.



# **Voting Information**

Election Day is November 8th, 2022. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• If you are unsure where to vote, click <u>here</u> to find your polling location

### Early Voting Locations and Hours:

- Office of Elections in Leesburg (750 Miller Drive, Suite C, Leesburg, 20175)
  - Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m. 5 p.m.
  - Saturday October 29 and November 5: 9 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Loudoun Government Office at Ridgetop Circle (21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166)
  - Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. 5 p.m.
  - Tuesday, Thursday: 12 p.m. 7 p.m.
  - Saturday: 9a.m. 5 p.m.
- Dulles South Recreation Center (24950 South Riding Center Drive, Chantilly 20152)
  - Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 a.m. 5 p.m.
  - Tuesday, Thursday: 12 p.m. 7 pm.
  - Saturday: 9 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Carver Senior Center (200 E. Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville 20132)
  - Saturdays October 29 and November 5: 9 a.m. 5 p.m.

#### Vote by Mail:

- The last day to request a ballot be mailed to you is Friday October 28 at 5 p.m.
- Apply to vote by mail at vote.elections.virginia.gov
- Ready to return your ballot?
  - Send in U.S. mail, postage is pre-paid.
  - Drop your ballot off at any early voting location in Loudoun County during their hours of operation.
  - Drop your ballot off at any polling place on election day no later than 7 p.m.
- Already mailed your ballot? Track your ballot here.

For more information, visit loudoun.gov/vote

## Loudoun Fire and Rescue Hosts Demo Day



On October 19th, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue hosted Demo Day, which showed off investments into state-of-the art training and equipment that our first responders use to save lives. The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System serves a population of 434,326 people and 520 square miles across greater Loudoun County, and is made up of 729 career staff and 1,277 volunteers who respond to incidents across the county. In FY22 the department responded to over 33,700 incidents, including 8,305 fire-related incidents.

During Fire Prevention Month in October, it was inspiring to see all the ways that our firefighters are trained to encounter every situation. With a state-of-the-art training facility, both our career firefighters and volunteers are trained to be the best of the best. Demonstrations included putting out a propane fire, saving an individual from a car crash with a simulated airlift, and showcasing how the K-9 unit tracks down fire accelerants and explosives during investigations. I will always support investments into our fantastic fire and rescue department and programs.



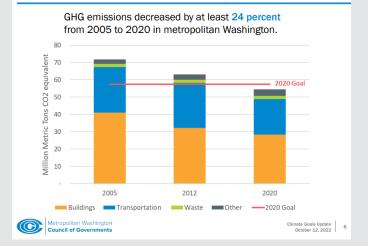


## **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

This month the Board honored Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Proclamation at the October 18th Business Meeting. Every year, hundreds of thousands of Americans are diagnosed with breast cancer, the second most common cancer in women. Getting annual mammograms and regularly doing self-exams once per month can be lifesaving.

View Chair Randall's <u>PSA video here</u> reminding Loudoun residents of the importance of yearly mammograms.



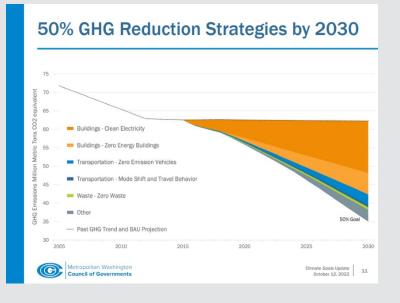


### **Regional GHG Emission Trends**

## Metro Washington Region Surpasses Climate Goals

During the October Board of Directors Meeting for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments I was thrilled to learn that the Washington metro region surpassed our 2020 climate goals. These goals, which were developed in accordance with international research on climate change trends, were to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the region by 20% in comparison to 2005 levels. Despite population growth and increases in commercial floor area, a range of factors and actions reduced emissions throughout the region. Significant contributions to reduced emissions were growth in green energy in our energy grid and reduced car emissions through lower vehicle miles traveled.

During that meeting, I cast a vote in favor of a Resolution Endorsing Regional Climate Mitigation and Resiliency Goals which recommended aggressive crosssectoral action by federal, state, and local governments to achieve the 2030 goal of 50% reduction in greenhouse gases below 2005 levels. As part of this effort, I will work hard to ensure Loudoun County leads by example in reducing emissions as a result of government operations and encourage clean energy adoption across the county. We will continue doing our part at the local level to mitigate and reverse the effects of climate change.





# Diversifying the Loudoun Economy

I attended ribbon cuttings for multiple businesses opening operations or celebrating milestones of achievement in Loudoun County this month! On October 7th we celebrated the ribbon cutting of Black Hog BBQ in Ashburn.



On October 17th I joined Broad Run Supervisor Sylvia Glass to celebrate the 5-year anniversary of You've Got Maids in Sterling. It's always wonderful to join our colleagues from the Loudoun Chamber and Loudoun Economic Development to highlight local businesses.

# Affordable Connectivity Program Application

The Loudoun Broadband Alliance has been publicizing an opportunity to earn free or reduced-price internet through the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Eligibility in the program is determined by household income thresholds or participation in certain government assistance programs.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, view the Loudoun Broadband Alliance's Flyer <u>here</u>.

## Broad Run Farms Waterline Update

My office recently reached out to the Department of General Services regarding an update on the project to construct a waterline to Broad Run Farms. Loudoun Water stated in its most recent update that they are prepared to have construction bid documents ready by December 31, 2022. Loudoun Water will continue coordinating with EPA project planners on their construction timelines. The EPA has begun acquiring easements for their portion of the water system. The expected construction start date is late spring or early summer 2023.



# 2022 Loudoun County Youth Survey

The Loudoun County Advisory Commission on Youth is conducting a survey on youth to inform the Commission's annual report to the Board of Supervisors. The survey covers activities and interests, mental health and stress management, online access and activity, and drug and alcohol use. It takes about 10 minutes and is open to both young people (age 13-22) and parents/guardians.

The survey is available in both English and Spanish here.

## Land Use Applications

The legislative land use re-zoning process can be complicated. To make the process more understandable, my office asked county staff to create a flowchart with the steps required in a land use application process. With this chart, you can now see where each potential project is, along the process.

Additional details are available at <u>Loudoun's Online Land Applications (LOLA)</u> by searching for the name or application number, of each application.



This application was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at the October 12th Public Hearing. homes on the 19.33-acre site currently home to Blue Mount Nursery. Plans call for 100 multifamily attached affordable housing units (all located in the same building), 165 multi-family attached market-rate units, and 220 multi-family stacked marketrate units. We recently learned that the affordable housing partner has dropped out of this application and await news on a new partner or any changes.

2ND Referral comments were sent to the applicant, August 22 -26, 2022

### Banakhojaste Child Care Center

#### **STATUS: RECOMMENDATION/DENIAL**

This application is to consider a request to permit a child day care facility on a 0.96-acre parcel within the Countryside Residential zoning district. The applicant proposes to expand an existing 1,836 square foot dwelling by approximately 900 SF in order to develop a child care facility serving no more than 60 children.

The application came before the Planning Commission on September 27th with a recommendation of denial that passed 9-0.



Attending the YMCA Loudoun Trunk or Treat



At the Countryside Fall Festival

# **School Board Snippets**



## Update From Algonkian School Board Rep Atoosa Reaser

Check out School Board Member Atoosa Reaser's <u>School Board</u> <u>Snippets</u>.

This month, read about the first LCPS Ombuds, new LCPS Auditor General, community meeting in Eastern Loudoun, secondary school attendance zone changes, and more!





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