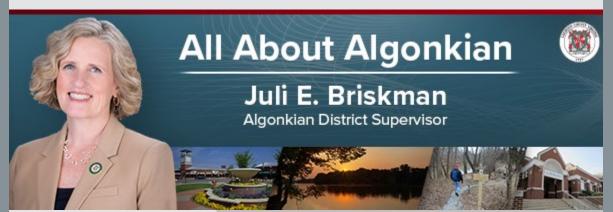
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Neighbors,

I trust you enjoyed a nice long holiday weekend with friends and family.

Budget work for 2024 has begun. The Board of Supervisors has provided guidance to county staff to approximate a tax rate that will allow us to fund our base budget and some additional resources for staff. Additionally, the board voted to lower the personal property tax, which is mainly applied to vehicles and data center equipment. I voted against this guidance as I do not think it's appropriate to lower the tax rate on data centers while potentially setting a real estate tax rate above the equalized rate for our residents (the equalized tax rate approximates a rate that would result in the same tax bill for homeowners as the previous year). The board also voted to begin using a formula for school funding that would allocate a set percentage (60%) of new revenue for schools in an effort to stabilize that amount year-over-year and to avoid a back and forth with the Loudoun County School Board over funding priorities.

The board also is reviewing a new Airport Impact Overlay District (AIOD), which is a planning tool designed to map potential airport noise impacts

Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

Business Meeting 12/06/2022 at 5:00 p.m. *No 2nd Meeting in

December*
Finance Committee

12/13/2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing 12/14/2022 at 6:00 p.m.

BOS Calendar for upcoming meetings

Want to speak? <u>Visit the county web</u> page for information. when Dulles Airport is at *full capacity*, which could be many decades in the future. Right now, the airport is operating at about 35 percent capacity. Some areas of Algonkian District will be newly included in the AIOD areas including the 60-65 decibels night/day sound level and the one-mile buffer zone. Existing noise levels will not change as a result of the new AIOD. The new overlay map would allow future boards to consider current and future aircraft noise in future land use decisions. I fully support requiring disclosure of inclusion in the overlay district in home sales documents. An interactive map of the current and proposed AIOD can be found <u>here</u>.

Next week the board will consider my initiative to study the impacts of illegally operating segregated schools in Loudoun County for 14 years after the Brown V. Board decision. The initiative began when our board co-signed a letter of apology to the black community for discrimination and policy decisions by both the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the School Board that exacerbated the racial issues in education. I first took the initiative to the Joint School Board Committee, but it was decided that only the BOS or the School board could set up an ad hoc committee to study the issue. Thus, it was brought back to our board for developing the project. Meanwhile, Chair Phyllis Randall added consideration of the forced sale of the Douglass High School property to the county. This issue was left with the LCPS Douglass High School Commemorative Committee to make recommendations on how to reconcile that particular injustice. That work is ongoing, and the joint committee expects a final report in early 2023.

I continue to meet regularly with land use applicants. Details on active projects can be found below.

Have a wonderful holiday season!



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

Mondays at 11:00 AM Cascades Library Meeting Room A - Cascades Practice English in a conversation-based program for English language learners.

Live Music: Pianist Caleb Nei

12/10/2022 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM Cascades Library Teen Area Hear love songs and jazz standards from the Great American Songbook, including some favorite holiday tunes. Nei plays live music for 170+ events each year.

After Hours Teen Center

Fridays at 6:00 PM Cascades Library Meeting Room B Weekly events geared for teens are hosted by the Cascades Library. Check out the library's calendar for specific information for each event.

Check out more upcoming events here:

COUNTIES GOVERNING THE NEW NORMAL



Virginia Association of Counties Conference

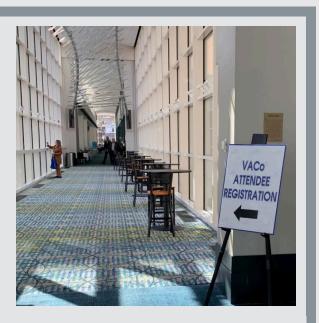
I attended the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) 88th Annual Conference earlier this month in Richmond and met with leaders from across the Commonwealth. We learned about many creative policy approaches that local officials are using to take on public challenges. Some of these sessions included an overview of the state budget, housing policy, and K-12 education.

As part of the conference, VACo reapportioned its statewide Board of Directors in relation to regional population. Because of the growth of Loudoun County, we secured a second seat on the Board of Directors. This provides Loudoun with more influence over statewide decisions and action to match our county's growing population. The Board of



Supervisors will decide which Supervisor will assume that seat at a future Board meeting.

On November 15th I participated in the Conference's General Session and Business Meeting to represent Loudoun County and vote on behalf of the Board. During this conference, VACo finalized and approved its 2023 legislative program.



Silver Line Grand Opening

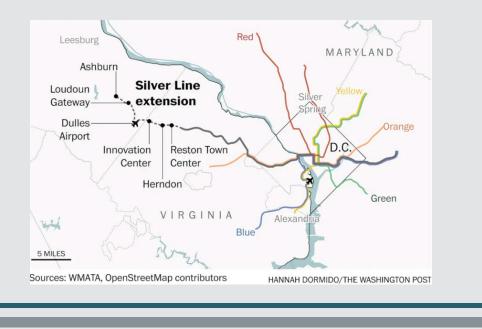




The long-awaited extension of Metro's Silver Line to Loudoun County is finally here. On November 15th, six new stations opened: Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Station, Dulles Airport, Loudoun Gateway, and Ashburn. Loudoun residents can now take a metro route straight into downtown Washington D.C. It is the biggest expansion of public transit in Loudoun County in a generation!

My staff joined with regional, state, and federal leaders to cut the ribbon at Dulles Airport and the Ashburn Station.

While none of the new metro stations are located within the Algonkian District, new bus routes are now online to connect residents across Loudoun to the WMATA network. This includes two new routes serving Algonkian residents. <u>Route</u> <u>312</u> runs from Potomac Falls to Reston Town Center and includes stops at Cascades, Lowes Island, and Our Lady of Hope Park & Ride Lots. <u>Route 320/321</u> serves George Washington University and the Dulles Town Center Park & Ride Lot to Innovation Station. Both routes are weekday service only. For information on all the changes to Loudoun County Transit in relation to the Silver Line Extension, visit <u>here</u>.





Xelevate Tour

In early November I toured <u>Xelevate</u>, a company based outside Leesburg that is working to create safe and secure drone and Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) technology advancements. The visit included an extensive tour of the Xelevate property, facility, and drone demonstrations. UAS technology is a fast-growing industry with many different applications and uses, including supporting mapping and GIS, search and rescue efforts, food and product deliveries, precision agriculture, and much more.

Xelevate is a hub for research and development, as well as training the next generation in drone piloting and pursuing career paths in this emerging technology.





SVFC Operation Santa 2022 Schedule



The Sterling Volunteer Fire Company is coordinating Operation Santa to visit neighborhoods across the Sterling area from December 6th to 13th.

Algonkian Neighborhoods to be visited by Santa include:

- Cascades on Tuesday December 6
- Sugarland on Wednesday December 7
- Great Falls on Thursday December 8
- Countryside on Tuesday December 13
- Makeup days: December 14 and 15

Please visit <u>here</u> for more information about the schedule, planned routes, and other activities that will be hosted this month!



2022 Toys for Tots Drive

The 2022 Toys for Tots Drive is live and running until December 8th, 2022. Loudoun County Fire and Rescue has generously joined the effort this year and is collecting toys at all Combined Fire and Rescue Stations. Residents are encouraged to drop off new unwrapped toys at participating locations. To find the list of LCFR stations, <u>click here</u>. Additionally, monetary donations are being accepted <u>here</u>.

Hypothermia Shelters Now Open

The Loudoun County Hypothermia Prevention Shelter is open from now until March 31, 2023. Single adults age 18+ who are experiencing homelessness are eligible. The facility provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals, laundry, and shower facilities. It is open 7 nights a week from 5:30pm to 7:00am.

The facility is located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center at 19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg. Free bus transportation will be provided daily from Sterling at 5:30pm at the Loudoun County Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House (22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling).

Full details about the shelter can be found here. More information about services available to those experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County may be found at loudoun.gov/homelessservices or by calling 703-777-0420.

Public Input Opportunities

ARPA Funds Survey

Loudoun County is seeking input from residents and employers on how to spend an allotted \$7.5 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to address negative impacts of COVID-19 and lay the foundation for recovery. The survey asks residents to prioritize five topics and note specific areas of importance for each category: Business reinvestment and recovery, childcare, economic development for small businesses, nonprofit funding, transportation.

<u>Click here to take the survey in English</u> <u>Click here to take the survey in Spanish</u>

Responses will be collected until December 23, 2022.

LoudounCounty Transit

Transit, Commuter Services Listening Sessions

Loudoun County wants to hear about your commute! Loudoun County Commuter Services is inviting members of the public to provide comments about transportation needs and priorities through a series of listening sessions and an online survey. Providing comments will help the county develop effective transportation services to meet your needs.

Listening sessions will be held on the following dates:

- November 30th at 6:30pm: Loudoun County Government Center, Dulles Room, First Floor, 1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg
- December 1st at 6pm: Virtual public listening session. Sign-up here.
- December 5th at 6:30pm: Woodgrove High School, 36811 Allder School Road, Purcellville
- December 7th at 6:30pm: Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn

The county is also taking responses through an online survey, which can be found at <u>loudoun.gov/transitstrategicplans</u>

If you require a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability or need language assistance to participate in a listening session, please contact Loudoun County Transit at 571-509-1469/TTY-711. Three business days' notice is requested.



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 <u>here</u>. Responses will be collected until December 6, 2022.

Transportation Updates



Construction has begun for the intersection and signalization improvements at the intersection of Algonkian Parkway and Lowes Island Boulevard Intersection.

This project is the result of a Safety Evaluation Study conducted by VDOT. Discussions with Dominion power are ongoing to reroute service.

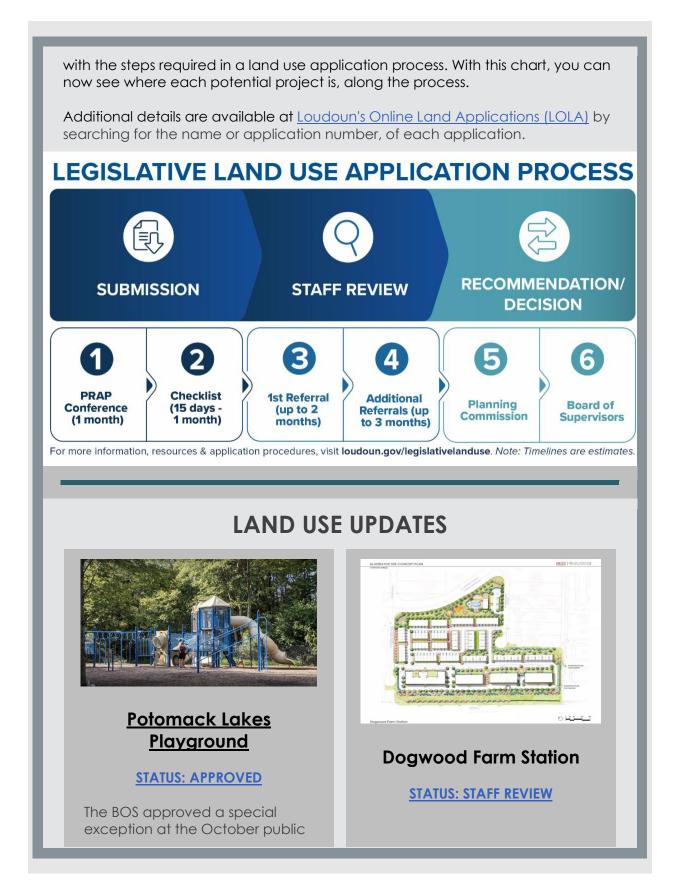
Design and construction of the bridge over Route 7 between Research Place and Russell Branch Parkway (George Washington Boulevard Overpass) continues with placement of signal pole foundations at the intersection. Structural steel work is anticipated to begin in November.



Be on the lookout for more parking restrictions around the Cascades Senior Center and Library. "No Parking Signs" are being placed on near the access road between Community Lutheran Church and Cascades Library.

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



hearing. The next step in the process is a Site Plan Amendment which is currently being prepared by the County Task engineer (Dewberry). NOVA Parks is currently working with the playground vendor to determine equipment costs to determine funding. Once approved, work could start summer 2023.

This application was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors at the October 12th Public Hearing. Lennar Multifamily Communities has filed plans for a multifamily development to build 485 homes on the 19.33-acre site currently home to Blue Mount Nursery.

4TH Referral comments were sent to the applicant on October 19, 2022



University Center Lakeview

STATUS: RECOMMENDATION/DECISION

The University Center Lakeview application is tentatively scheduled for the December 12th Planning Commission Public Hearing. The application proposes to rezone the property to R-24 for the development of up to 617 multifamily units (both multifamily stacked and multifamily attached) with 10% of the unit count as affordable.

This application will likely be heard at the Planning Commission meeting on 12/12



Route 7 Brewing

STATUS: RECOMMENDATION/DECISION

Located at 20051 Riverside Commons Plaza, this application proposes a craft beverage manufacturing use in addition to a previously approved restaurant use. 2nd referral comments due were made on November 16.

This application will be heard at the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing on 1/13



Cascades Marketplace

STATUS: ACTIVE

The team at Willard Realty are busy meeting with (and signing) prospective tenants. Make sure to visit their website <u>here</u>.



Regal Chase (Sterling Meadow)

STATUS: APPROVED

The Regal Chase condos are selling along the Dulles Technology Corridor. Visit their website <u>here</u>.



The Villas at Cascades

STATUS: APPROVED

Residential Zoning District to allow the development of 178 multifamily stacked residential units. Approved at the 6/21/22 Business Meeting.

Banakhojaste Child Care Center

STATUS: DENIED

The application came before the Planning Commission on September 27th with a unanimous recommendation of denial.

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