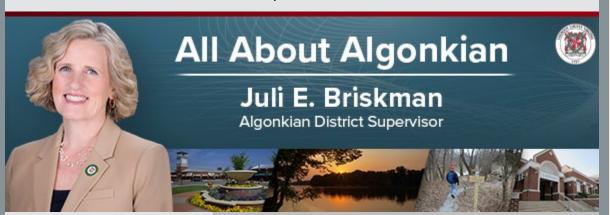
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Neighbors,

As our final newsletter of the year I want to wish you all and safe and happy holiday season, however you choose to celebrate. Please check your mailboxes early in January for our annual mailer. The mailer is something my staff and I are proud to produce as it showcases all of the work we have done throughout the year. We hope you find it informative and interesting. In this somewhat "abbreviated" newsletter you will find information about traffic calming in Cascades and local community events and closures, over the holidays. If you haven't already, please take part in the transportation survey (the link is below) as your input will help shape the future of transit and commuting services in Loudoun. We are working hard to reschedule our planning and zoning town hall in January. Stay tuned to our social media channels for the date.

Loudoun is a fun and vibrant place during the holidays and I enjoyed getting out to the One Loudoun Tree Lighting, the Loudoun Symphony, and a cookie swap with Equality Loudoun. I've included some of my favorite pictures.

Board of Supervisors Meeting Dates

Business Meeting 1/03/2023 at 5:00 p.m. *1/17/2023 at 5:00 p.m.

*1/10/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing

*01/11/2023 at 6:00 p.m.

*denotes tentative meeting date, as the 2023 BOS calendar is not yet final

BOS Calendar for upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

<u>Visit the county web</u>

page for information.

The first Business Meeting of the year is January 03, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Government Center.

See you in 2023. Happy Holidays!

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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 here.

PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Lighted Nights at Claude Moore Park

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM until December 24th

Holiday light displays will be available for viewing during a special extended opening of Claude Moore Park. Stop by for a leisurely self-guided night stroll down Vestals Gap Rd and into the historic district to enjoy the festive decorations. Friday and Saturday nights we will host a campfire, marshmallows, and hot chocolate.

Check out upcoming PRCS programs and activities here.

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: Jeff Cosgrove Trio

12/10/2022 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Cascades Library Teen Area

Listen to a performance by drummer Jeff Cosgrove, saxophonist Caroline Davis and bassist Jay Anderson centered around new compositions by Jeff Cosgrove and the spirit of improvisation. Their collaboration was set into motion through a Frederick Arts Council/National Endowment of the Arts Create and Activate Now (C.A.N.) Grant.

After Hours Teen Center

Fridays at 6:00 PM

Cascades Library Meeting Room B

Each week is a new fun activity hosted by the library: Flashback '90s Party on Dec. 30th. Decoupage Bags on Jan. 6th. Human Foosball on Jan 13th. DIY Hot Cocoa Mix on Jan. 20th.

Check out more upcoming events here.

Happy Holidays!

It is a great holiday season in the Algonkian District! I have been all over the district and county for several festive events. Be sure to check out some of the many activities going on across Algonkian and Loudoun County to celebrate the holiday season!



Attending the One Loudoun Tree Lighting Ceremony with Chair Phyllis Randall, Supervisors Sylvia Glass and Mike Turner, and Maggie the dog!



The Equality Loudoun Cookie Exchange where we celebrated the holiday season with friends and allies fighting for LGBTQ+ equality in Loudoun County.





I watched the "Festive Sounds of the Season" concert played by the Loudoun Symphony Orchestra (LSO). As a former LSO Workshop member, I have been extremely impressed by the LSO's progression as an organization. It was great to see community members coming together for the arts and I will continue to advocate for arts investments!

Holiday Closures

Please remember that the following dates are county holidays, and that county government administrative offices will be closed:

- Friday, December 23rd
- Monday, December 26th
- Monday, January 3rd
- Monday, January 16th

Loudoun County Transit changes:

- Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd: No commuter bus service
- Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st: No safety ride bus service
- See the full list of holiday service changes here.

Loudoun County Libraries Branch Closures:

- Closed beginning at 5pm on Friday, December 23rd through Sunday, December 25th.
- Closed Sunday, January 1st, 2023 for New Year's Day.
- Closed Monday, January 16th for MLK Day,

Please check websites ahead of time for any county services to verify their hours during the holidays.

Respiratory Illness Prevention



Northern Virginia hospitals are facing severe capacity shortages due to the rapid spread of flu, COVID-19, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and other respiratory illnesses. As we head into winter and the holiday season with more gatherings of



family and friends, please take precautions to help stop the spread of these illnesses.

Stay up to date on vaccines you are eligible for:

- Get a flu vaccine as soon as possible. Everyone 6 months and older, including pregnant women, should get a flu vaccine every season with rare exceptions. Many pharmacies, doctor's offices, community health clinics and local health departments offer vaccines. Find a location near you to get a flu vaccine at vaccinate.virginia.gov.
- Get vaccinated against COVID-19 if you have not done so already.
 Get boosted if you have been vaccinated and it has been at least
 two months since your last vaccine dose. Updated bivalent booster
 doses are available for vaccinated individuals 6 months and older.
 Health officials advise parents to discuss this option with their child's
 health care provider. Visit vaccinate.virginia.gov to find a COVID-19
 vaccine provider.

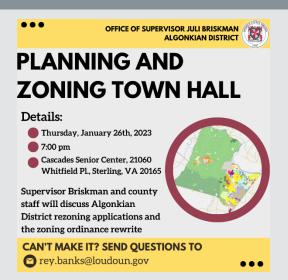
Take preventative measures to avoid getting sick or spreading illness:

- Wash your hands regularly.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid or limit time around others who are sick or may be sick.
- Consider maintaining social distancing or wearing a mask, particularly if you are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, influenza or other respiratory infections.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Consider avoiding crowded and indoor areas where distancing is not possible.

If you get sick, seek the appropriate level of medical care. Due to capacity shortages, there will likely be longer wait times at local emergency rooms. The Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS) advises that "seeking care from your primary care provider, a community clinic, or urgent care may be less time consuming and less costly than going straight to the emergency room."

For more information on health issues in Northern Virginia, visit staywellnova.com. To find a COVID-19 or flu vaccination location, visit vaccinate.virginia.gov, vaccines.gov or email the Loudoun County Health Department. Click here to read the news release in Spanish.

Rescheduled Town Hall



The Planning and Zoning Town Hall that was originally scheduled for October 2022 has been rescheduled to January 26th, 2023 at the Cascades Senior Center. Come to hear county staff discuss the zoning process, the zoning ordinance rewrite, and Algonkian District land use applications. More information will be shared by our office as we get closer to the event.

Segregated Schools Study Passes

At the December 6th, 2022 Business Meeting, the Board passed my Board Member Initiative to study the effects of illegally operated segregated schools in Loudoun County. The item authorizes a study in partnership with the University of Virginia, county staff, and the community, to study the impact that operating segregated schools for 15 years after Brown v. Board of Education had on Black residents and the community at large. At the completion of the study, recommendations for reconciliation will be developed and presented to the Board for action, likely late next year.

Esterbrook Circle Study

The Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized funding to complete a traffic analysis and signal justification report for the intersection of Esterbrook Circle and Cascades Parkway in response to a legislative action from my office. We expect intersection safety measures may include a crosswalk for a safe pedestrian route to Potowmack Elementary School.



No Parking Signs at Whitfield

No parking signs have been placed along Whitfield Circle and the Driveway between the Cascades Library and the Community Church. After comments from constituents, we have acted quickly to significantly reduce commercial vehicle parking around the Cascades Library.



Cascades Traffic Calming

We are excited that the traffic calming measures on Cedarhurst Drive and Hampshire Station will be implemented soon. My office initiated the traffic calming project after receiving a letter from Cascades Community HOA requesting a traffic study be conducted. Results of that study indicated a need for traffic calming measures which include four pole-mounted speed display and five "Watch for Children" signs. A community vote overwhelmingly approved of the safety measures.

Funding for the traffic calming measures was approved by the Board of Supervisors last summer. Feel free to contact my office to answer questions or address any concerns.

Algonkian Annual Mailer



Look out in your mailbox for the Algonkian District Annual Mailer! The mailers are going out in the coming weeks and should hit mailboxes in early January 2023. You will find information and updates about land use, transportation projects, and community engagement that took place over the course of 2022. Thank you everyone for a great year and please always be in touch if you have a local concern or an idea for county initiatives!

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> Click here to take the survey in Spanish

Responses will be collected until this Friday, December 23, 2022.

Transit & Commuter Services Survey



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 an online survey, which can be found at loudoun.gov/transitstrategicplans

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.

LEGISLATIVE LAND USE APPLICATION PROCESS



LAND USE UPDATES



Potomack Lakes Playground

STATUS: APPROVED

The BOS approved a special exception at the October public 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.



Dogwood Farm Station

STATUS: STAFF REVIEW

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. Based on feedback from county staff, the developer is revising portions of the plan for resubmission before a Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled.

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

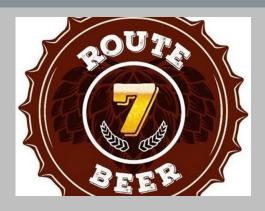


University Center Lakeview

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 has been forwarded to a Planning Commission work session on 1/12.



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 here.



Regal Chase (Sterling Meadow)

STATUS: APPROVED

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



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. Building has not yet started.

Banakhojaste Child Care Center

STATUS: DENIED

The application came before the Planning Commission on September 27th with a unanimous recommendation of denial. The application has been placed on hold by the applicant.

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We want to hear from you! Share your concerns, questions, or events that you would like to see featured in upcoming newsletters.

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