All About Algonkian



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BOS Meetings

The Board of Supervisors meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Public Hearings are held



From Supervisor Briskman

It has been a fast-paced 2 1/2 months since I took office. During this time I have vetted and made numerous appointments to a variety of boards and commissions, attended regional meetings, talked with many constituents, and logged a lot of hours (along with my staff) at business, finance,

community, and committee meetings. We are now in the thick of budget season. Building on my campaign promises, my staff and I are working hard with county employees to keep Algonkian priorities front and center.

As plans for growth or redevelopment are brought before the Board, you can be assured that I will continue to advocate for inclusion of trails, walking paths, and open space that seamlessly fit into those plans.

You may recall that I serve as Loudoun's representative on the of Council of Governments. At the February meeting we learned about the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI), and its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from

the Wednesday after the 1st Board meeting.

Check out the BOS Calendar for upcoming meetings

Want to speak?

<u>Visit the county web</u>

page for information.

QUICK TIPS

Can't find time to get to DMV? No problem. They will come to you with DMV2Go!!!

Apply for or renew your id or driver's license, take road and knowledge tests and much more.

Friday, March 27th 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

46620 E. Fredrick Drive, Sterling, VA

Future DMV2Go dates:

May 27 July 29 September 29 November 4

Looking for something fun to do?

Lowe's Island Elementary School Multicultural Night March 26 6-7:30 pm the transportation sector. In 2018, Virginia became the 13th jurisdiction to join TCI. I am excited to be working on our important regional transportation needs and reducing greenhouse gases in the process.

A big thank you to you Loudoun County's Sheriff Deputies at the Eastern Loudoun Substation for welcoming me to their quarterly meeting on March 19th. This substation handles the most densely populated area of Loudoun County, with 86,592 residents. These deputies are a great asset to our community. If you haven't been to one of their meetings you should make the time to attend. The next meeting is May 27th at 46620 Frederick Drive in Sterling.

Congratulations to swimmers from Briar Woods, Dominion, Independence, John Champe, Park View, Rock Ridge and Tuscarora high schools who struck gold at the 2020 Virginia High School League State Championships. Read more about their accomplishments here.

Before I go, I want to thank everyone who stepped up to serve as representatives from Algonkian on the many boards and commissions. These bodies provide an invaluable service to the Board of Supervisors and the members generously give of their time and expertise to help us make sound decisions. Thank you.

Juli Briskman

REGAL CINEMA TOWN HALL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Town Hall to discuss the Regal Cinema redevelopment. The developers provided a comprehensive update and a number of citizens turned out to share their concerns and support for the plans.

On March 11th, the developers presented to the entire Board of Supervisors and received additional

Sign-up here

Loudoun County Art
Advisory Committee &
County High School
Students Present
Living Out Loud
Art Exhibit
Tuesday, March 31
5:30-6:30 pm
Gallery One
Loudoun County
Government Center
Lobby
1 Harrison St., SE
Leesburg, VA

input from the community. The county staff was on hand to answer questions and provide guidance. At the end of the public hearing, Supervisor Briskman made a motion to send the application to the April 21st Business Meeting for a vote.

You can access the public hearing here.



Want to see your event featured? email

Calling all Nursing Students

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital is accepting applications for nursing school tuition assistance. Scholarships are available to eligible students in various programs of study, including degrees at the associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Additional information is available online at http://www.ladiesboard.org or by calling 703-777-6357.

In 2019 \$104,050 was awarded to 45 students and scholarships ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,850.

*Scholarships are funded by The Gift Shop at Inova Loudoun Hospital, Twice Is Nice thrift shop, the Lights of Love program, and the Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale.

CENSUS UPDATE

The 2020 Census is Almost Here – What Does it Ask?



The 2020 Census **does NOT** ask for a resident's immigration status, Social Security number, financial information, email address, or political party. A resident **does not** have to be a U.S. citizen to respond to the Census, as the Census counts everyone in the United States.

The 2020 Census **does ask** the name, age, sex, race, and ethnicity of every person living with you in order to determine adequate funding for programs impacted by Census data such as our schools, healthcare, and roads. These questions also help determine the federal, state, and local election political representation. The Census asks if your home is rented or owned to obtain information used for funding affordable housing voucher programs.

Your Census invitation will arrive in the mail in March. For more information about the Census and its impact on Loudoun County, visit www.loudoun.gov/2020Census.

Potomac Watershed Clean-Up

The 3rd annual Potomac Watershed Clean-Up Day is Saturday, April 18th, from 8:30 - 1:00 p.m. at the Quarterpath Community Center.

WHAT is a CLEAN-UP DAY?

The Potomac Watershed Cleanup is a community event. Volunteers will walk sections of the community and pick up litter. Gloves and cleanup supplies will be provided.

WHY do we NEED a CLEAN-UP DAY?

The Potomac River provides important habitat for abundance of life underwater and throughout the watershed (including us). This is the water we drink! Trash free waters an communities provide clean lean, safe waters, and healthy lives.

The Annual Cleanup has become a catalyst for progress that ignites people's interest and passion for the environment and community action.

Since 1989, the Clean-UP has engaged more than 170,000 volunteers, collaborated with more than 500 community partners and prevented more than 8 million pounds of trash from entering the Potomac River.

Make a difference! Come out April 18th!!!!

To Your Health

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

On March 11, the Board held a briefing on the coronavirus. You can view the briefing and access questions submitted by the public.

Questions Submitted
Televised Briefing

Please continue to stay up-to-date on COVID-19, through Alerts. The Alert Center allows you to view all alerts and emergencies in your area. If there are alerts or emergencies, they will be listed below by category. To be instantly notified of alerts and emergencies subscribe to Notify Me or RSS.

Visit the county's Coronavirius page at https://www.loudoun.gov/5307/Coronavirus



The YMCA is providing free health screenings and offerings on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Sterling Middle School, 201 W. Holly Avenue, Sterling, VA 20164

Bring the kids for fun, active minds and health bodies, healthy snacks, arts

and crafts, face painting, and relay games.

For more information, please visit https://loudounhealthexpo.com



LCSO Partners with GotSneakers & MADD Loudoun to Collect Sneakers

In the spirit of environmental and economic sustainability,

the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has once again partnered with GotSneakers to help raise funds for Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) of Loudoun. The request is simple: Clean out your closets of all unwanted adult and children's paired sneakers and bring them tied together before March 31, 2020 to one of the LCSO stations.

The LCSO will accept all styles and conditions of sneakers. After the sneakers are collected, GotSneakers will process and distribute these sneakers around the world specifically within impoverished nations using micro-enterprise partners helping those in need. The sneakers that are damaged are processed and ground into surfaces for playgrounds, gym floors, tracks, outdoor courts, and synthetic turfs.

Locations:

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Headquarters 803 Sycolin Road in Leesburg, VA 20177

Dulles South Public Safety Center 25216 Loudoun County Pkwy, Chantilly, VA 20152

Eastern Loudoun Station 46620 East Frederick Dr., Sterling, VA 20164

Ashburn Station 20272 Savin Hill Dr., Ashburn, VA 20147

Western Loudoun Station
47 W. Loudoun St, Round Hill, VA 20141

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School Board Snippets

While I have some "business as usual" updates to share, let's start with what's on everyone's mind....

Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) canceled classes and activities through March 20, 2020. As Dr. Williams explained during his <u>press conference</u>, together with Dr. Goodfriend (Loudoun County Health Department) and Mr. Tim Hemstreet (Loudoun County Administrator), he considered newly issued guidance on social distancing in his calculation to immediately close school. During this interim closure, he and his staff are work together to decide what steps to take next. LCPS also suspended international travel, overnight field trips, and all trips to New York.

There is a special meeting scheduled for next week to provide an update to the School Board and detail distance learning plans. Our Board has also started equity training and many of us attended the Community Conversation on the draft LCPS Comprehensive Equity Plan.

Supervisor Briskman and I continue to work on traffic calming issues where our children are walking to school, and we are discussing expediting infrastructure updates for Algonkian schools. We plan to meet next week with school division personnel to advance that work. In addition, the School Board and Board of Supervisors held a joint meeting to discuss the proposed school division

budget. The County will be determining the LCPS local appropriation amount later this month.

I had the opportunity to visit Countryside Elementary School when Amazon Web Services donated money to purchase (and volunteers shelved) 1400 new books in the guided reading library books, as well as the Black History Wax Museum at Seneca Ridge Middle. I look forward to more school visits and resuming office hours as soon as the pandemic is over!

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And Finally.....



Loudoun County Hosts 10th Annual Northern Virginia Housing Expo April 4

Loudoun County is partnering with First Home Alliance, the counties of Arlington and Prince William, the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, as well as the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to host the 10 Annual Did you know.....



The Algonkian District is home to three institutions of higher learning, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, and George Washington University as well as Janelia, a world-class research facility. These Loudoun campuses serve hundreds of students and offer degrees in a number of diverse fields of study, including engineering, education and human development cyber-security, nursing, and more.

Northern Virginia Housing Expo on Saturday, April 4, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Dominion High School, 21326 Augusta Drive in Sterling.

The theme of this free public event is "Housing Opportunities for All." Anyone looking for an affordable place to live in Northern Virginia is encouraged to visit the expo, which will showcase both homeownership and rental opportunities and resources throughout Northern Virginia. The event will feature workshops, exhibits and free one-onone credit counseling. Staff from the Loudoun County Office of Housing will participate in two panels to share on Loudoun information County programs for renters and homebuyers. Local employers whose workforce is in need of housing are encouraged to attend as well.

Sponsors of the event include the Prince William County Office of Housing & Community Development, VHDA, the Dulles Area Association of Realtors, Northern Virginia Association of Realtors, Ameris Bank Mortgage, Alexandria Office of Housing, Arlington County Housing Division and Burke & Herbert Bank.

Details about the event are online at <u>novahousingexpo.org</u>. For additional resources geared toward homebuyers and renters in Loudoun County, visit <u>loudoun.gov/housing</u>.



Supervisor Briskman visiting the nursing continuing education at GW in Loudoun.

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