



# CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



## Hello Loudoun,

Save the date, Wednesday, May 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, I will deliver my first State of the County address. This event will be in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, S.E., in Leesburg. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. I will discuss the strength of Loudoun County today and our goals for the future.

On April 5th, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved a budget that includes a real estate property tax rate of \$1.145 per \$100 in assessed value. Please see the graphic below to view a representation of where your tax dollars are used in Loudoun County.

The FY 2017 operating budget totals \$1.60 billion and includes \$1.06 billion for Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), \$475.14 million for general county operations and \$8.99 million for the Children's Services Act. LCPS receives a local transfer of \$694.8 million, which is a 5.5% increase in local tax funding over FY 2016 and represents 97.6% of the School Board's budget request. The School Board will need to reconcile a \$17 million shortfall. My position on providing an adequate transfer to LCPS has remained consistent and clear. Although I am disappointed LCPS is left with a \$17 million deficit, it was a cordial and constructive budget process.

The Board also adopted a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that totals \$1.796 billion for the six-year planning period from FY 2017 to FY 2022. The category with the largest expenditures is transportation projects at 40% followed by school projects at 30%. In January, I made the motion to increase the debt ceiling by \$25 million to address school overcrowding. We were able to move up the construction of ES-28, MS-7, HS-9 and HS-11 because the students are here and the schools are needed.

I will be hosting a Town Hall in the Catoctin District with Supervisor Geary Higgins on Wednesday, April 27th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Hamilton Elementary School, 54 South Kerr Street. The Town Hall meeting is open to the public. We invite you to submit questions in advance via e-mail to [laura.tekrony@loudoun.gov](mailto:laura.tekrony@loudoun.gov).

Best Regards,

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## Arcola Town Hall

Chair Randall hosted her first Town Hall in the village of Arcola at the Old Arcola Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you to the firemen, staff and residents who attended. She will be hosting Town Halls throughout the county. Please let us know if you would like to have a Town Hall in your community. Thank you.

## Loudoun Small Business Week

The Loudoun Department of Economic Development and its partners are pleased to present Loudoun Small Business Week 2016 the week of May 16-22. Both current and future small business owners will be able to enjoy a wide variety of informative and helpful panels, discussions and events throughout the week. We have events scheduled everyday. See the full list of events on [Loudoun SourceLink](#).



## Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Public Input

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is updating TransAction, the long-range transportation plan for Northern Virginia. As part of the public engagement process, the NVTA is conducting workshops and pop-up events throughout the region. Your involvement is essential in developing the plan. Please attend one of these events to share your ideas about how to shape the future of Northern Virginia. If you're unable to attend one of these events, please visit <http://nvtatransaction.org/contact/> to share your input at any time.

### Workshop

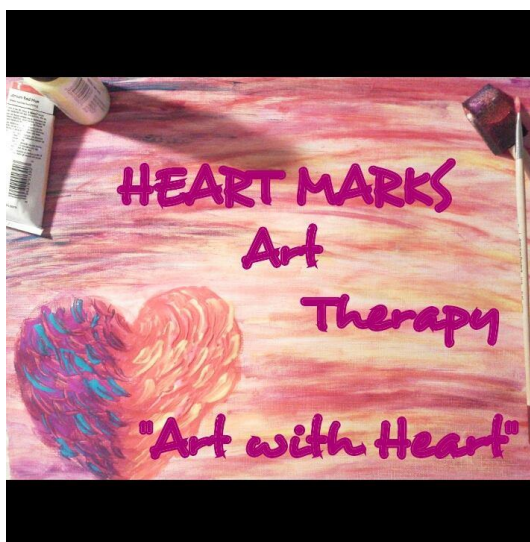
Tuesday, May 24, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Loudoun County Senior Center at Cascades, 21060 Whitfield Pl, Sterling. At this workshop, you will see a brief presentation from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) about TransAction and then engage in a series of group activities where you can provide input about the current state of transportation in Northern Virginia. Go to <http://nvtatransaction.org/calendar/> to pre-register.

### Pop-Up Event

May, 21, 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Purcellville Music and Arts Festival, Fireman's Field, 250 South Nursery Avenue, Purcellville. No pre-registration required.

## Voice for a Cause Heart Marks Art Therapy

Heart Marks Art Therapy's mission is to reach people struggling with all aspects of mental health, including physical & mental abuse groups, illness recovery, addiction groups, grief groups and at-risk teens and show them alternative ways of expressing emotions through art. The long term goal is to provide resources to help cut down on suicide, domestic violence, mental abuse and more.



Heart Marks Art Therapy provides FREE onsite group art therapy to the mental health community of all ages and art abilities with classes, art challenges, events and more.

The public is invited to the art show at Gallery One of the Loudoun County Government Center in Leesburg. Vote for your community favorite until May 6th, 2016 during business hours. All are invited to an artist reception on Friday, May 6th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm for artist awards, refreshments, live music and a public interactive art project at the government center in Gallery One (by the back door, 1st floor).

Please visit <http://heartmarksarttherapy.org> for more information about this nonprofit.

## Banshee Reeks Celebrates 10th Anniversary of Virginia Master Naturalist Program

The Banshee Reeks Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist (VMN) Program is pleased to announce the graduation of its newest Master Naturalists on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the



725-acre Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve in Leesburg, VA. Banshee Reeks VMN Program trains 20 committed volunteers a year. The program consists of two full-day classes a month for eight months, and requires all participants to contribute 40 hours of community volunteer work and acquire eight continuing education credits yearly. Applications are being accepted for future classes to begin in September of this year. To learn more about the program or sign up, visit the VMN website at [www.vmbansheereeks.org](http://www.vmbansheereeks.org).

## Internships Available

Please visit <https://www.looksharp.com/c/loudoun-va> to see available internships in your area. The majority of the postings seeking student interns require current enrollment in a university or college.

## Loudoun Water Treatment Facility Will Meet Gold Standards

State-of-the-art Trap Rock Water Treatment Facility in Leesburg has been designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold standards. This facility is designed to meet or exceed drinking water regulations to ensure that you have the highest quality drinking water available today - and for years to come.



## VDOT's 2016 Street Paving Interactive Map

VDOT released an [interactive map](#) showing the 2016 Paving Plan which will be updated as roads get paved and completed. Over the next year, VDOT plans to resurface almost 1,300 lane miles of roads in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun Counties.

Click the "view full screen map" link (just below the embedded map), and then zoom and click on any of the roads in red for a popup that includes expected completion date, contact info, exact location, etc.

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