



# CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



## Hello, Loudoun

I hope you are enjoying your summer and time off with family and friends.

On July 22nd, I attended the National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference and Exposition. This is the first time the Loudoun County Chair has participated in NACo. At the meeting, I learned about the Stepping Up Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. As part of this Call to Action, I plan to submit a Board Member Initiative and work with other leaders and stakeholders to reduce the number of Loudoun County residents with mental illness in jail.

During the month of July and August, I visited 5 County departments to meet and thank our hard working employees. I hope to visit all of the County departments before the end of the year. It has been a pleasure meeting everyone! Thank you to Ashon Randall, Legislative Intern, for scheduling these visits. Good luck at VCU!

I am pleased to announce and support the 1st Annual Community Meet & Greet Info and Expo held by the Citizen's Committee Against Domestic Violence - It Takes Our Village on Saturday, August 27, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Douglass School Playground Pavilion in Leesburg. Following the tragic death of Leesburg resident Christina Fisher earlier this year, a group of concerned citizens organized with the goal of preventing another tragedy in their community. "After this horrific incident, I felt compelled to do something so that no other woman would have to endure this," said Derek Summers, Jr., Founder and Chair of the Citizen's Committee Against Domestic Violence - It Takes Our Village. "I am a father, I have daughters, I could not stand by and not take action. I want to ensure that everyone in my community knows about the resources that are available to help them if they were in this type of situation."

# 1ST ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEET & GREET/INFO EXPO

AUGUST 27th

Douglass Community Center

405 E Market St

Leesburg, VA 20176

10:00AM to 6:00PM

**Presented by:**

**It Takes Our Village, Citizens Committee Against  
Domestic Violence and Chair Phyllis Randall**

OUTDOORS...  
ALL AGES...

ACCEPTING DONATIONS (CLEAN CLOTHES, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES).  
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WOMENS SHELTER), YMCA LOUDOUN COUNTY, LOUDOUN COUNTY HEALTH DEPT, LOUDOUN COUNTY  
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I realize there are members of the Leesburg community where Ms. Fisher lived, just steps away from the County Government Center, who are largely unaware of the resources available to them. I want to empower these citizens and encourage them to use this tragedy to begin conversations about domestic violence and to share the resources that exist in the Loudoun community. Given the fact that Loudoun experienced two domestic violence-related homicides within the first two months of 2016, this event is relevant and necessary. I hope you can stop by even for a few minutes and learn more about the services available to the community.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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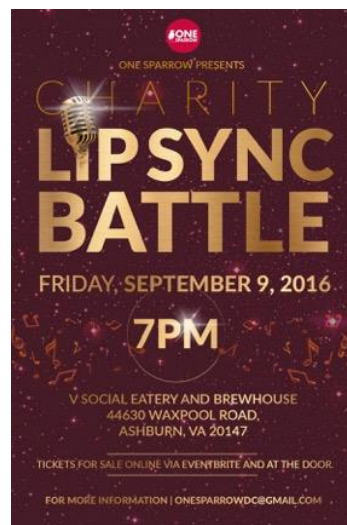
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## **Voice for a Cause** **One Sparrow**

One Sparrow is a 501(c)(3) organization that puts on fun, family friendly events in Loudoun County while raising money for local and global causes. One Sparrow's core focus is to identify causes and communities that are in great need of help and love. One Sparrow will be hosting a charity LipSync Battle on Friday, September 9th, 7:00 to 10:00 pm at the V Social Eatery and Brew House, 44630 Waxpool Road, Ashburn. Battles include: Chairwoman Phyllis Randall, Antwaan Randle El, Winter Harris, Erica Rowe, Nikki McNutt Thiem, Chase Dixon and Eddie Mason. Tickets are only \$20, available for purchase online and at the door. Doors open at 7! Battles start at 8! Live DJ starts at 9!



## **Loudoun Wins State Award for Farmer Trading Cards**

Farmer Trading Cards, created thru a partnership between Loudoun County Department of Economic Development and Loudoun County Public Schools, won a 2016 Achievement Award from the Virginia Association of Counties. Twelve Loudoun County farmers agreed to be featured on the trading cards which were distributed to 55 Loudoun County Public Schools. Featured farmers made guest appearances at a number of elementary schools to sign cards, meet the kids and help them learn the value of farms and farm-fresh food. In fact, the program was so popular with the schools and farmers, a 2nd edition will be printed for the 2016-2017 school year. Congratulations! Please watch the video link to see the cards and learn more.





## Investing in Transportation

Chair Randall attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Gloucester Parkway between Loudoun County Parkway and Pacific Boulevard, which opened on August 4. The County identified this road segment as an important east/west thoroughfare to help relieve traffic congestion along Waxpool Road. She will attend another ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday, August 23 to open a segment of the Loudoun County Parkway from

Evergreen Ridge Road south to Creighton Road. This segment will provide improved access to the Stone Hill Middle School and the overall surrounding area including Loudoun Valley and Brambleton.

Loudoun County will host a public information meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at Liberty Elementary School, 25491 Riding Center Drive in South Riding to present conceptual designs for an interchange at Loudoun County Parkway and Route 50. Open House begins at 6:30 pm followed by a presentation by County staff at 7:15 pm.



## Visit to Selma Mansion

Chair Randall visited the historic Selma Mansion on August 15 with Congresswoman Barbara Comstock. The Sharon D. Virts Foundation is renovating the historic mansion. "I feel a deep connection to the many historic properties in need of support," said Virts. "Maintaining our cultural heritage is

important to today's residents and future generations."

The 501(c)(3) Foundation was established to focus on the fundamental pillars required to support a thriving community--Education, Culture, Healthcare and Opportunity. The Land Trust of Virginia was presented with a \$10,000 donation (pictured above) to assist with historical and cultural preservation.





## Chair Randall Stuffs Backpacks

The Rotary Club of Ashburn and 17 Giant Food Stores across the region came together to fill 600 backpacks for deserving students in our area on July 28. Local Girl Scout troops were there to help and make a difference in their community.

## Leadership Loudoun Youth Address

Leadership Loudoun Youth is a week-long leadership program designed to introduce youth to leadership concepts and to provide exposure and interaction with local business, government and community leaders. This summer, Chair Randall had the pleasure of meeting students during the program in July and August.



## Other Community Events

**[Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter Golf Event:](#)** Friday, September 2 at the 1757 Golf Club in Ashburn. All golfers are invited to an 18-hole scramble tournament. The goal of this event is to raise awareness and funds for the many programs and resources offered by LAWS to those in need of our services. The cost is \$125 per player. If you are not proficient at swinging the club and want to learn, come to the Sip and Swing portion of the event from 5:30 to 8:00 pm for only \$50 per person.

**[Fall Native Plant Sale sponsored by Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy:](#)** Saturday, September 10, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg (at the upper end of the main parking lot). Three native plant nurseries will have a huge selection of fall blooming flowers, shrubs, trees, vines and ferns for sale. Along with native plants, the event will have bluebird nest boxes, Loudoun County Master Gardeners, Banshee Reeks Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists and used book sale.

**[Potomac Solar Co-op Informational Meeting:](#)** Monday, September 12, 6:45 pm, Ashburn Library, Meeting Room B, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Neighbors across Northern Virginia have formed a solar co-op to save money and make going solar easier while building a network of solar supporters. Local non-profit VA SUN has helped homeowners organize

nearly a dozen solar co-ops in Virginia in the last two years. Save up to 20% off the cost of going solar.

[Gallop Gala to Support Sprout Therapeutic Riding and Education Center](#): Saturday, September 17 from 5:30 to 11:00 pm, 40685 John Mosby Hwy, Aldie. This barn black-tie event begins with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by a seated dinner, a live auction and music by The Main Event, a six piece dance band. Gala tickets are \$200 a person or \$350 for a party of two. Kindly RSVP by September 1.

Imagine Their Future Tour, Children's Science Museum: Tuesday, September 20, 10:30 to 11:30 am at the Leesburg Public House, 962 Edwards Ferry Road, NE, Leesburg. This is a special event to learn more about our plans to build a world-class children's science museum for our region's children. During this one-hour informational program, you will get a first-hand look at the Center's programs, operations, and mission today, as well as hear more about our future vision as part of the STEM ecosystem. Please e-mail [imagine@childsci.org](mailto:imagine@childsci.org) for more information.

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