



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

I hope all students had a great start to a new school year. The fall season is busy with festivals and sport events. Please take note of the upcoming events in your community at the end of this newsletter.

On September 16th, the Board of Supervisors held a Strategic Planning Retreat to identify our strategic goals for the remainder of our term. Historically, the strategic plan has served as a work program, providing direction to staff on initiatives of importance to the Board. We identified 5 strategic areas: transportation, economic development, new comprehensive plan, community health and wellness, and growth planning and management. Staff will develop a work plan outlining the steps to accomplish the strategic goals. I will provide an update when the work plan is available.

Below is a picture of the Board at the retreat wearing Loudoun Possible t-shirts. [Loudoun Possible](#) is an economic development initiative to show what is possible for businesses and employees in Loudoun County.



On September 22nd, I was honored with an award at the Virginia Leadership Institute's 10 year anniversary with other political leaders who have left indelible marks on society and inspired us all to have a seat at the table. This event also celebrated the grand opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History. Congratulations to all of the honorees!



I attended a press conference on October 3rd at the Historic Ashburn Colored School in response to the act of vandalism that occurred Friday night or early Saturday morning. So far more than \$50,000 has been raised on the [GoFundMe](#) account toward the school's restoration. I believe Loudoun will rise above the hateful tagging on the centuries-old school. Light always defeats dark. Love always drives out hate. Please visit www.loudounschoolorg/crc to learn more about the Community Restoration Celebration on October 9th at the Ashburn Colored School.



The Rural Uses and Historic Structures ZOAM was deferred until October 20th Board business meeting to give staff more time. Noise Standards ZOAM was moved to the October 20th Board business meeting for action. For the comprehensive plan, staff is working toward the weeks of November 7th and November 14th for the first set of public input meetings. There will be a total of four meetings at various locations during that time period. I will provide the dates and times in the next newsletter.

I want to welcome Elizabeth Bennis, my new Executive Assistant. If you need to schedule an appointment with me, please contact her at elizabeth.bennis@loudoun.gov and she will find a mutually convenient time for the meeting. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause **TYKE Foundation**



The Youth Knowledge Enrichment (TYKE) Foundation was established to prepare youth for STEM occupations. In order to meet these critical job demands of the 21st Century workforce, TYKE Foundation realizes that all children, particularly those in underserved communities must be afforded access to STEM learning enrichment systems to build the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to meet the demands of an ever-increasing technical workforce. TYKE's mission is to provide STEM projects and curriculum that enhance the child's learning experience, to instill a strong work ethic and to build confidence in STEM disciplines. TYKE Foundation had a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 1 at the new Tyke Center, 64 Sycolin Road Southeast in Leesburg.

September 11th Remembrance Ceremonies

On September 11th, Chair Randall attended ceremonies in Purcellville (pictured below), Leesburg and Lovettsville observing the tragic day. All were moving expressions of support and pride for our country and appreciation of our first responders. In Lovettsville, two speakers were first responders to the Pentagon. The Northern Virginia Firefighter' Emerald Society Pipe Band played throughout the ceremony in Lovettsville and sang "God Bless America" just as 150 members of Congress did on that fateful evening.



Investing in Transportation

Chair Randall attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of a Russell Branch Parkway Segment on September 7. The recently-opened segment of the parkway between Ashburn Road and Ashburn Village Boulevard was identified as a "missing link" in the county's Eastern Loudoun Transportation Study.

She also attended a groundbreaking ceremony for Belmont Ridge Road, Gloucester Parkway to Hay Road

on September 27. The Belmont Ridge Road Project illustrates the regional collaboration between the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), Loudoun County and VDOT. NVTA is investing \$20 million towards this project and plans to invest an additional \$19.5 million in improvements to Belmont Ridge Road from Turo Parish Road to Croson Lane for a total of \$39.5 million.



Labor of Love Resolution

On Thursday, September 1st members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation declaring Labor Day Weekend as a "Labor of Love" weekend to Norman Duncan, a Loudoun County man who serves as chairman of the International Caregivers Association

Board, which works to create a universal standard of dementia care. Duncan also served as a longtime caregiver for his wife Elsie, who died in 2015. The Labor of Love Weekend is one way we can acknowledge and honor the great sacrifices of caregivers," said Chair Randall. "They commit time and resources to comforting their loved ones who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease--it truly is a labor of love."



Chair Randall Visits Loudoun Therapeutic Riding

Chair Randall enjoyed spending time with Gable at Loudoun Therapeutic Riding in Morven Park in late August. This center has been providing equine assisted activities and therapies to the special needs population for over 4 decades. They are planning an exciting project to build a dedicated facility for equine therapy on the Morven Park property in an effort to enhance current programs, and grow programs in areas such as vocational education, mental health and research. Please visit www.ltrf.org for more information.



Franklin Park Arts Center Celebrates 9th Season

Chair Randall is pictured with members of the Old Dominion Chorus at Franklin Park Arts Center in late August. The Franklin Park Arts Center opened its 9th season and features a diverse choice of events at www.franklinparkartscenter.org.

Inova Virts Miller Family Emergency and Trauma Center

Chair Randall attended a Brick Breaking Ceremony on September 7 to begin the renovation and expansion of the Lansdowne Campus Emergency Room. The new state-of-the-art Inova Virts Miller Family Emergency and Trauma Center will be the first trauma center in Loudoun County.



Absentee Voting for November Election

From September 23 through October 21, in-person absentee voting will take place at the Loudoun County Office of Elections, 750 Miller Drive, S.E., Suite C in Leesburg, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Beginning October 24, hours for absentee voting at the Office of Elections will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee voting will be available on Saturday, October 29, and Saturday, November 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



From October 24 through November 4, voters may also vote absentee at the Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling; and the Dulles South Multipurpose Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, Monday through Friday, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 29, and Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Other Community Events

[The Loudoun Symphony](#) will open its 26th season on Oct 8 at 7:30 pm at the National Conference Center with a combined concert co-featuring the Master Singers of Virginia. The event will be a Celebration of Life dedicated to Maestro Mark McCoy, the conductor and Music Director of the Loudoun Symphony for the past 18 seasons, who passed away this August.

[Virginia Outdoors Festival](#): October 8, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve. The Virginia Outdoors Foundation is excited to be partnering with Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Free admission for all ages. Festival will feature guided tours, demonstrations, farmers market, kids fishing derby, silent auction, pumpkin painting, apple bobbing and food.

[Waterford Fair](#): October 7 at 10:00 am to October 9 at 5:00 pm. Tour historic houses, watch juried artisans demonstrate techniques of traditional craftsmanship, stroll through the Old Mill and vintage barns transformed into galleries for painting, crafts and dried flowers. Tickets are available at <http://www.waterfordfoundation.org>.

[Aldie Harvest Festival and Duck Race](#): October 15, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the village of Aldie. There will be kids games, music, food, tours of the Aldie Mill and vendors featuring antiques, crafts, jewelry, and collectibles. Admission is free. The famous Duck Race is at 4:00 pm at the Little River near the Aldie Volunteer Fire Department. Buy ducks for a chance to win \$1,000 at <http://www.aldieheritage.com/duckrace>.

[78th Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale](#): October 15 and 16, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Morven Park in Leesburg. Come to Mid-Atlantic's biggest rummage sale, named BEST CHARITY EVENT IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA in 2015 and 2016 by Virginia Living Magazine! This fun event raises funds for patient services at Inova Loudoun Hospital and for nursing scholarships. Admission is free during general sale hours but tickets are required for the Early Bird Hour from 8:00 am to 9:00 am on Saturday.

[Epicurience Virginia](#): October 15 at 12:00 pm at the Barn Amphitheater in One Loudoun. Taste the finest in Virginia wines, meet top tastemakers and master winemakers, sample cuisine prepared by celebrated chefs from around the country. General admission tickets are \$75 per person.

[Loudoun Salute to Military, Veterans & Their Families](#): October 15, 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Stone Bridge High School auditorium, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn. Please visit the Ashburn American Legion Post 2001 at www.ashburnlegion.org to make a tax deductible donation which will directly support needy Veterans and their families. Chair Randall is scheduled to speak at this event.

American Red Cross Events: October 8 and October 15 in Sterling. The Cascades Library has graciously allowed the local Red Cross to conduct a free Hands-Only CPR training class on October 8th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Go to https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=form_6102 to register. On October 15, Red Cross Home Fire Campaign (location TBD) is part of a nationwide initiative to reduce home fire deaths and injuries by 25% over the next 5 years. Visit https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=form_5870 to register.

[Public Hearing on Housing & Community Development Needs](#): Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm, Loudoun County Department of Family Services, Shenandoah Room, 2nd floor, 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. Public hearing is to obtain citizens' views and respond to proposals and questions for the purpose of addressing housing and community development needs. These include priority non-housing community development needs, fair housing issues, development of proposed activities and review of program performance.

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