



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

It's budget season. Below you will find information about public hearings and Board work sessions for the [FY18 budget](#).

At the January 11th Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors directed the County Administrator to prepare the proposed FY 2018 budget at the estimated equalized real property tax rate of \$1.140. There is an estimated shortfall of \$19.3 million at the \$1.140 tax rate and \$15.5 million at the \$1.145 tax rate. Tim Hemstreet, Loudoun County County Administrator, will present the proposed FY 2018 budget Wednesday, February 15 at 5:00 pm in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center.

I hope you will speak to the Board at one of the budget public hearings. Your voice is very important to me as we determine the amount to allocate to schools and government services.

Budget Public Hearings:

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 pm, Government Center

Thursday, March 2, 3:00 pm, Government Center

Saturday, March 4, 9:00 am, Loudoun County Public Schools Admin Building

You can watch the Board work sessions listed below on the County [webcast](#).

Budget Work Sessions:

Monday, March 6, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Thursday, March 9, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Monday, March 13, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Monday, March 20, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Please save the date for my State of the County address on Wednesday, May 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Government Center. It's my pleasure and priority to address the residents of Loudoun County about our past successes and future opportunities. This event is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. Thank you.



Congratulations to Nina Stively, Director, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) and her team for a fantastic 2016. LCAS is celebrating a successful 2016 having saved more than 2,100 animals - more than any other year in the agency's history. Stively credits policy and programmatic changes that helped increase adoptions and improved the health and welfare of shelter pets. She also thanks the people of Loudoun County who volunteer, foster, donate, and adopt. We are fortunate to be surrounded by a community of compassion.

LCAS is hosting a public input session about the licensing of dog kennels on Thursday, February 16, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Lovettsville Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison SE in Leesburg. Visit the [LCAS website](#) to learn about volunteer and donation opportunities, animal adoptions and dog licensing,

February is Black History Month. In celebration, [Loudoun County Public Library's February programs](#) commemorate African-American achievement and the Civil Rights movement. Gary Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court, invites you to attend a

[Black History Month Open House](#) featuring historic record collections in the historic 1894 Court House on Saturday February 11 from 12 pm to 2 pm at 18 East Market Street in Leesburg.

I hope you will attend one of the many Black History Month events across Loudoun. Thank you and stay warm.

Best Regards,

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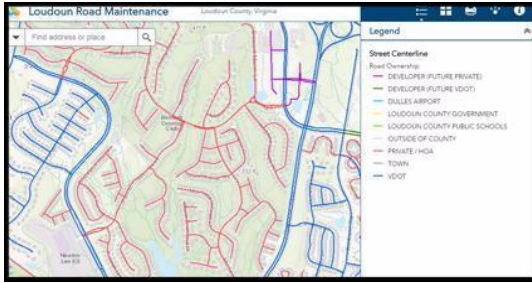
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Voice for a Cause **Framers Projects**

The purpose of Framers Projects is to raise funds for students from the Loudoun School for the Gifted to pursue research, social entrepreneurship, and charitable projects. To date, the focus of Framers Projects has been supporting the students as they work on the Ashburn Colored School rehabilitation project. The students decided to restore the school as it was when children were still attending in the early 20th century. The grand opening of the Ashburn Colored School is planned for the spring of 2017. Any extra money from this project will be used for Phase II, which is to build a Museum of Education on the site to tell the story of education in America, including the segregated schooling embodied by the Ashburn Colored School. This is a substantial project that will require at least \$500,000. Students are currently learning about period items in the school house and how to display them with the Smithsonian Institution. Any donations made to the Framers Projects are tax deductible. Please mail checks to the Framers Projects, 44675 Cape Court #105, Ashburn, VA 20147 or donate online at <https://www.loudounschool.org/oldschool>.

Framers Projects

Supporting Loudoun School for the Gifted
Students' Service and Research Projects



Investing in Transportation

Loudoun County launched a [new interactive online tool](#) called the Loudoun Road Maintenance Map to help residents determine the entity that is responsible for maintaining

roads, including snow removal and surface repairs. To use the map, enter a Loudoun County street address in the search box. The color-coded map legend indicates road maintenance responsibility. Most roads are maintained either by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), by one of the county's incorporated towns, or by a private entity, such as a homeowners association (HOA).

Loudoun County Transit is adding a commuter bus service to Washington D.C. from the East Gate Park and Ride and offering new bus schedules from the Dulles South Park and Ride. Information about the service changes and new schedules can be found at this [link](#).

Belmont Ridge Road improvements between Broadlands Boulevard to Truro Parish Drive are completed. The project reconstructed this portion of the road and widened it to four lanes with a median and turn lanes. In addition, this project included a new traffic signal at Truro Parish Drive at the entrance to the County's Edgar Tillet Memorial Park.

Leadership Conference for Virginia Academy

Chair Randall spoke at the Annual Leadership Conference for the National Junior Honor Society at Virginia Academy in Ashburn on January 24th. She spoke about their theme, Leading NOW, and her leadership role in Loudoun County. Thank you to the students who organized this inspiring conference.





Public Safety

Chair Randall attended several Fire & Rescue awards and officer installation banquets in January and February. She is pictured here with Supervisor Saines, Assistant Chief Johnson and members of the Loudoun Volunteer Rescue Squad. Thank you Loudoun Volunteer Rescue for serving Loudoun's citizens with competence and care for 65 years.



Hillsboro Expansion

Chair Randall attended a community breakfast and ribbon cutting ceremony January 28th to celebrate the expansion of Hillsboro's boundaries with Congresswoman Comstock, Supervisor Buffington and Supervisor Higgins. Mayor Roger Vance gave a State of the Town address with an update on efforts to upgrade the utility system, construct the Route 9 traffic calming improvements and get back its own zip code designation. Hillsboro will add 108 acres to the incorporated limits of the 56-acre town. Congratulations to Mayor Vance, Hillsboro Town Council and all the

residents of Hillsboro.

Loudoun County Chamber Board of Supervisors Breakfast

On February 1st, Chair Randall spoke at a breakfast sponsored by the Loudoun County Chamber. Chair Randall thanks the Chamber for inviting her and Supervisors to discuss housing, transportation, economic development and other challenges and successes in Loudoun County. The turnout from the business community was impressive.



Other Community Events

Coffee with a Cop: Sheriff Mike Chapman and Loudoun County Sheriff's Office deputies invite the community to coffee to discuss public safety issues, build relationships and enjoy a cup of coffee. There are three events scheduled this quarter: February 12 from 10:15 to 11:15 am at Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg, February 14 from 8 to 10 am at the Blend in Ashburn and February 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 am at the Battlefield Shopping Center Starbucks in Leesburg.

[All Ages Read Together Love 2 Read-A-Thon](#): Valentine's Day, February 14 to March 13. Encourages people of all ages to spend time reading for a great cause. People can read alone, as part of book clubs, or with groups of friends and family. It is extremely easy as everyone signs up on the [AART website](#) and then receives a confirmation e-mail with next steps. This event is like a walk-a-thon but for reading instead. You ask friends and family to make pledges and then log reading minutes online. Make a New Year's resolution to read a little more and help a great organization at the same time!



[NOVEC Legislative Youth Tour](#): Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC) is accepting applications from area high school and home-school students for the annual National Rural Electric Cooperative Association all-expenses-paid tour June 11-15 to see government in action. They will visit Capitol Hill, museums, memorials, and historic landmarks, and they will be treated to a special evening event. Students will be selected based on their grades, written essay, short interview and their parents or guardians must receive electric service from NOVEC. The deadline for applications is February 17.

[NoVA Housing Expo](#): Saturday, March 18, 10 am to 3 pm at Loudoun County's Dominion High School, 21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling. Free event will showcase homeownership and rental opportunities in Northern Virginia. Browse dozens of exhibits featuring apartment rentals, government assistance programs, home-buying opportunities and professionals, mortgage information and assistance and much more!

[Stream Buffer Planting Project](#): The Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with the Loudoun County government, is accepting applications for a riparian buffer planting project through Wednesday, March 15. Riparian buffers are vegetation zones located along a stream or other water body. Private residential, industrial, commercial, and homeowner association (HOA) landowners in Loudoun are eligible to apply. The program is designed for non-agricultural land.

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