



# CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



## Hello, Loudoun

My office has received many e-mails of interest regarding the Commission on Women and Girls. Thank you for your support. As a reminder, [applications](#) are due March 17th. I look forward to the kick off this spring.

### **Budget**

The Loudoun County Administrator, Tim Hemstreet, presented his proposed [FY 2018 budget](#) Wednesday, February 15th to the Board of Supervisors (please see the Your Tax Dollar At Work graphic). The budget totals \$2.5 billion in appropriations for the general county government and school system. The estimated equalized real property tax rate is \$1.135, the advertised tax rate is \$1.140 and the current tax rate is \$1.145. Mr. Hemstreet informed the Board that the homeowners' equalized tax rate is \$1.140 which, if adopted, would fully fund the County's critical needs and the LCPS budget.

Behavioral Health and Human Services has not been funded in years past despite our growing population. In Public Safety, talented staff leave for better opportunities. We can no longer continue to ask staff to do more with less. What are your priorities? I hope you will attend one of the upcoming budget public hearings to give your input.

### **Budget Public Hearings:**

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

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

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



### Loudoun GeoHub

On February 13th, I was a guest speaker at the Esri FedGIS Conference at the Walter Washington Convention Center in DC (please see video link below). More than 4,000 federal professionals attended this conference to explore groundbreaking ways government uses geospatial technology.

The Board of Supervisors is committed to making Loudoun County a livable, sustainable, safe, and economically vibrant community. The Board's strategic plan identifies major initiatives and goals we want to achieve during our term including a focus on quality of life, transportation, and planning for a better tomorrow. [Loudoun GeoHub](#) empowers constituents to better understand and engage with their government and community.

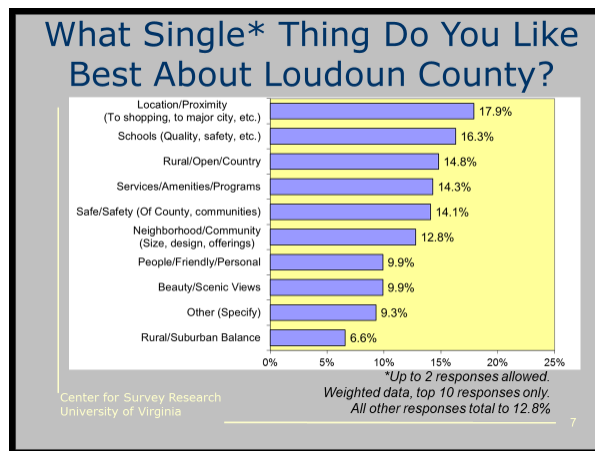
I want you to inform our decision-making, to engage with us, to tell us what data we need and even help us collect and maintain it. We're privileged to live in a well-educated area and I challenge you to share your ideas, your knowledge, and your input to help us move forward today and in the future. Please work with your government to make Loudoun an even better place to live, work and play. I invite you to visit [Loudoun GeoHub](#).

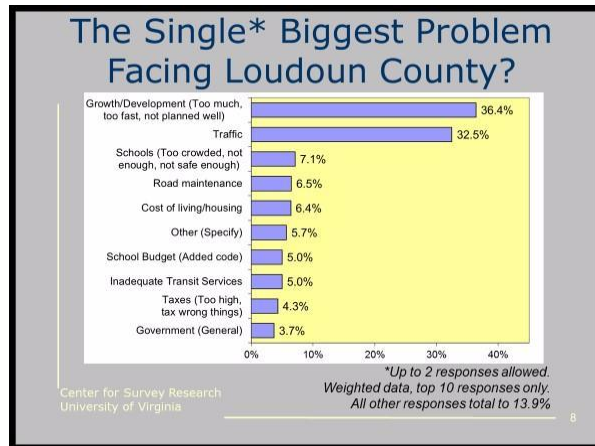


### Resident Survey

On February 7th, the Loudoun County 2016 [resident survey](#) results were presented to the Board. The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback on satisfaction with County services, gain demographic information, and obtain opinions on key issues facing the County.

The three most frequently mentioned benefits were location, including the proximity to DC, Loudoun County Public Schools and rural/open space/country. Growth/development surpassed traffic as the top concern. Overall, residents are very satisfied with county services and give high marks for Loudoun's quality of life. Thank you to the University of Virginia and staff for conducting a very interesting and informative study.





### Silver Line

On February 14th, the Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee discussed Loudoun Metrorail Financial Obligations. I want to thank staff for the [interim report and presentation](#). It is not a complete report because numbers included capital and operating costs for Metro Bus and Loudoun is opting out of this service. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (WMCOG) Technical Panel plans to release more accurate numbers this spring.

Delegates Minchew and LeMunyon sponsored the Metro Safety Commission legislation which is moving through the General Assembly and will address reforms including metro safety and reliability and concerns about the fiscal impact. This legislation is needed to secure a dedicated funding source for Virginia jurisdictions. Transparency is important to me and I will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

Thank you and I hope to meet you at the budget public hearings.

Best Regards,

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## **Voice for a Cause** **Saving Loudoun's Littles**

# **SAVING LOUDOUN'S LITTLES**

**ONE CAR SEAT AT A TIME**

Saving Loudoun's Littles, One Car Seat at a Time, was founded in 2015 by Arianna Wright, a 14-year old freshman at Tuscarora High School. Arianna and her Girl Scout Troop learned that the County had all but discontinued car seat safety inspections for residents. Arianna's troop reestablished a car seat safety program which involved raising \$10,000 to buy car seats for families in need, training 50 car seat safety technicians including first responders and inspecting and installing 400 car seats. Saving Loudoun's Littles offers the National Child Passenger Safety Certification Training Program free of charge to anyone who expresses interest in becoming a National Safe Kids Technician. The 32-hour course is taught through a combination of lectures, role-playing and hands-on practice with child safety seats and vehicle belt systems. Events take place across the County but the two main supporters are Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad and Virginia Tire & Auto. The next car seat inspection is Sunday, February 26, at Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad, 500 N. Maple Avenue in Purcellville. Please visit [Saving Loudoun's Littles Facebook](#) and the events page for inspection and training dates.



## **Investing in Transportation**

On February 22nd, Chair Randall attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of Innovation Avenue and Innovation Avenue Interchange. The 85-acre project, at the intersection of Route 28 and Innovation Avenue, next to the planned Innovation Center Metro, will

be renamed "The Hub." The Hub is approved for 5.5M SF of development, including 400k SF of retail, 1,265 multifamily units, 350 hotel rooms and 3.5M SF of office space.

The County is seeking community input about bus routes and transit services. Please provide your input by taking the [online survey](#) by March 31st. There are also two public input sessions scheduled:

\* Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the Dulles South Multipurpose Center, Banquet Room #3, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding.

\* Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Loudoun Valley Community Center      Gymnasium, 320 West School Street, Purcellville.

## Community Events and Information

[Chocolates Galore and More:](#) Friday, February 24, 7:00 pm to 11 pm at the Lansdowne Resort and Spa, 44050 Woodridge Parkway, Leesburg. The evening will feature tastings of hors d'oeuvres and desserts from the area's most talented chefs and bakers. There will also be a silent auction, sparkling wine, music and dancing. Proceeds from this event directly fund the YMCA's Caring for Community scholarship program and enable the YMCA to serve the needs of local families. Admission is \$50 per person.

[Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum Open House:](#) Saturday, February 25, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
The Museum will be open special hours during the free open house. Bring the whole family and enjoy our interactive and traditional exhibits including our new 1909 schoolhouse exhibit.

[Mardi Bras:](#) Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Blackfinn Ameripub in Loudoun Station. The Rotary Club of Ashburn is hosting their 5th Annual Mardi Bras event to benefit [Free the Girls](#), a nonprofit dedicated to providing a source of income to women rescued from human trafficking in developing countries. The Club is collecting new or gently used bras as well as donations for the Free the Girls organization. Since the Club has adopted the cause, they have donated more than 5,000 bras to the non-profit. Mardi Bras is open to the public and event will offer complimentary appetizers all evening, happy hour drink prices at the bar, and prizes for best dressed.

[Loudoun Youth Leadership Program:](#) Applications are being accepted for a week-long leadership program designed to introduce teens to leadership concepts and expose them to local business, government and community leaders. It is open to all high school students, public or private, who live in Loudoun County. The program is offered July 10-14 and July 31-August 4. Tuition is \$450 per student and financial aid is available to qualifying students.

[Registration for Morven Park's Spring Ultimate Frisbee and Flag Football Leagues:](#) Flag Football, April 5 - May 31 (early bird registration closes March 3; regular registration closes March 26). Ultimate Frisbee, April 18 - May 25 (early bird registration closes March 3; regular registration closes April 9). More information can be found at [www.MorvenParkSports.org](http://www.MorvenParkSports.org).

[Summer Job Fair:](#) Loudoun County Department of Parks & Recreation will hold a summer job fair Thursday, March 9, from 10 am to 2 pm at 20145 Ashbrook Place, Suite 170 in Ashburn. Seasonal job opportunities include summer camp supervisor, summer camp leader, adaptive recreation summer camp leader (working with special needs), summer maintenance worker, lifeguard and sports facility supervisor. Interested applicants should visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/jobs> to review position requirements and submit an online application prior to the job fair. Applicants should bring a hard copy of their application(s) to the fair. Interviews will be conducted on site. For more information, call 703-777-0343 or email [prcs@loudoun.gov](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov).

[Loudoun Symphony Annual Gala:](#) Saturday, March 11 from 7 to 11 pm at the Lansdowne

Resort, 44050 Woodridge Parkway, Leesburg. It will be an evening of music and dancing in the main ballroom and food be catered by 6 of the top restaurants in the County. Please visit their [website](#) for tickets and more information.

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