



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

NACo (National Association of Counties) held its annual convention on Sunday, February 26th. I was honored to participate in the panel discussion about the Opioid Epidemic that is ravaging our nation. Opioid addiction is the number one cause of accidental death in the US, surpassing highway fatalities. It is a public health crisis that crosses political, socioeconomic, gender and jurisdictional lines. We need a model to fight the disease of substance abuse because in five years there will be some other drug. The disease of addiction needs to be treated medically rather than with law enforcement and legislation. It is important to talk to the addict and involve the family and health community in treatment.

As a mental health therapist with an emphasis on substance abuse and an elected official, I am in a unique position to share with my colleagues on the Board how the cost of incarceration is greater than the cost of prevention and treatment. I spent 15 years working in the jails and I know a fiscally responsible approach to opioid addiction is prevention and treatment. Education and family are two important factors in prevention.

The first step to address this epidemic is to have a conversation. I plan to host a Community Forum on the Opioid Epidemic this year. Loudoun County will lead on this issue by taking a holistic approach. The forum will include law enforcement, health providers, families, active users and the Community Services Board. My goal is to bring the community into this conversation because everyone is needed to stop this public health crisis.

To watch NACo's Town Hall on the Opioid Epidemic click [here](#).



Strategic Plan

On March 2nd, staff provided an update on the strategic plan initiatives and the recommended work plan for the strategic focus areas identified at its September 16, 2016 Strategic Planning Retreat. The five strategic focus areas are transportation, economic development, new comprehensive plan (Envision Loudoun), community health and wellness and growth management. I will provide a brief update on each focus area.

1. **Transportation:** Loudoun County will host a Transportation and Transit Summit after the budget is adopted in the summer of 2017.
2. **Economic Development:** the Board will hold a Housing Summit in the fall of 2017 with a focus on affordable and workforce housing. This is a pivotal issue that could stop the progress of economic development because there is not enough and appropriate housing for our workforce. I hope to reach out to other voices to expand the discussion beyond staff and the Board.
3. **Comprehensive Plan/Envision Loudoun:** The projected completion date for this project is summer/fall 2018. Phase I is complete. Phase II will focus on developing a vision and goals for the future of Loudoun County. Envision the Future Workshops for public input are planned in July. In the meantime, please feel free to contact the 26 member stakeholders committee by visiting the Envision Loudoun [website](#). My representative on the committee is Mike Turner and he can be reached at mturner.cspc@gmail.com.
4. **Community Health and Wellness:** The vision of this focus area is a County that focuses on prevention and effective treatment options for people who have needs that severely impact their quality of life. I secured matching funding from the Claude Moore Foundation for a nonprofit needs assessment last year. The goal is to identify funding gaps and unmet needs within the County government and the County's non-profit community to understand the extent of need in Loudoun County. The assessment will be presented in November 2017. Another outcome is the implementation of a drug treatment

program in jail. There is little to no drug treatment when an inmate gets out of jail. This program will reduce recidivism and costs.

5. **Growth Management:** I appreciate my colleagues' request for the operating impacts of growth and development. I would like to be at a place where the school enrollment projections are accurate. A townhouse with the same square footage as a single-family detached home may produce the same number of students yet the student generation multiplier is lower. We also need student projections from by-right developments sooner. I look forward to a robust conversation with the Joint Board and School Board Committee.

Thank you for speaking at the budget public hearings and e-mailing your comments. Our next budget work session is this Thursday, March 9th at 6:00 pm. You can watch the [webcast](#) and get more information about the budget on our [website](#).

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause **Step Sisters**



Step Sisters' mission is to improve the quality of life for those impacted by breast cancer by funding needed support services. Studies show that personal and financial difficulties can cause breast cancer patients to delay or even stop their treatment. Step Sisters establishes relationships with local businesses to provide the following services:

- Treatment Transportation - one of the most common barriers to successful course of treatment is the patient's access to consistent transportation.

- Professional House Cleaning - Most patients are the caretakers of their homes. Relieving the burden of having to clean the house is one way we can help a patient be able to focus on getting well and spending quality time with family.
- Meals - Providing food stability in a time of crisis alleviates tremendous stress from patients.
- Childcare - Care for children means patients will have needed help in order to receive treatment and take time to heal, while knowing the kids are in the best of hands.
- Lawn Care & Snow Removal - Overwhelming tasks such as lawn care or daunting impediments such as snow removal should not get in the way of treatments.
- Pet Services - We can help you make sure that even your furry family members aren't neglected during your treatment.

Step Sisters provides services to patients at Inova Loudoun, Inova Fairfax, Inova Fair Oaks, Inova Alexandria and Reston Hospital Center. If you are a breast cancer patient in need of support, please contact the Nurse Navigator at the hospital where you receive treatment. What can you do to help?

Attend the 10th annual Step Sisters' Ribbon Run/Walk 5K on Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 am at the Brambleton Town Center. To register, visit the [website](#).

Investing in Transportation

Lockridge Road (Route 789), located in the Broad Run District, between Moran Road and Prentice Drive, is approved to be paved by VDOT to a Rural Rustic Road standard (also known as pave in place). To expedite the completion of this project, VDOT will need to temporarily close Lockridge Road to through traffic during the duration of the paving project, which will take 6-8 weeks. Based on the current schedule, Lockridge Road would be closed to through traffic for paving from mid-March to mid-May 2017. Randolph Drive will serve as the temporary detour route as depicted on the map below.



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.

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.

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!

Legacy Farms Breakfast in the Garden: Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, 15855 Limestone School Road, Leesburg. Legacy Farms helps people with autism find competitive employment with a wide array of agrarian based job opportunities. Learn more about the programs and tour the garden and greenhouse. For more information, [visit the event page](#) on Facebook.

Spring Native Plant Sale: Saturday, April 1, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Morven Park, 17195 Southern Planter Lane, Leesburg. Beautiful spring flowers, shrubs, trees, vines and ferns will be available at the Native Plant Sale. For more information visit, www.loudounwildlife.org.

Spring Tea at the Salamander Resort and Spa: Sunday, April 9, 2:00 to 4:30 pm. Chair Randall will be a featured speaker at the annual event honoring local organizations that have dedicated themselves to serving the needs of others in our community. This year's honorees are: The Good Shepard Alliance and the Loudoun Free Clinic. The 2017 Spring Tea is hosted by the Loudoun County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in collaboration with this year's partners: One.Love.Loudoun, Virginia WOMAN magazine, and Reston Limousine. For more information and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).

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