



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

Please save the date, Wednesday, May 24th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, when I will deliver my second State of the County address. This event will be held in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. I will discuss our achievements in 2016 and our goals for the future.



Envision Loudoun

There is a second set of public engagement workshops for the new comprehensive plan the first two weeks of June (please see the dates and times below). [Envision Loudoun](#) vision and goals and potential areas for change (e.g., infill development, revitalization and Transition Policy Area) will be discussed. I hope you will attend one of these workshops. Your voice and participation is important to determine the future direction of our County.

- Monday, June 5th, Harper Park Middle School (6:30 pm registration, 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting)
- Wednesday, June 7th, Cascades Senior Center (6:30 pm registration, 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting)
- Monday, June 12th, Broad Run High School (6:30 pm registration, 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting)
- Tuesday, June 13th, Harmony Middle School (7:00 pm registration, 7:30 to 9:30 pm meeting)

- Thursday, June 15th, Mercer Middle School (6:30 pm registration, 7:00 to 9:00 pm meeting)

Commission on Women and Girls

I held my first meeting for the Commission on Women and Girls (COWG) on Wednesday, April 19th. I plan to oversee the commission and my hope is the commission will be totally self-sustaining after two years. The mission of COWG is to serve as a resource center, facilitator, collaborator and partner for planning and action on issues impacting women and girls. Loudoun resident Christine DeWitt, a mother of two girls and former corporate attorney, will serve as the commission's chairwoman. Issue specific subcommittees include: development, programs support, human trafficking, education, employment, etiquette, social media, STEM/STEAM, domestic violence, seniors, disability and military.



Sister City International Trip

On April 22nd, I participated in my second international trip of my term. Main-Taunus-Kreis Germany (MTK) is one of our strongest Sister City relationships as well as our student exchange with The George Marshall House in Leesburg. While in MTK, I had the honor of speaking at the Albert Einstein School and met with young people who will come to Loudoun County as exchange students in the fall (pictured below). Loudoun County has 6 Sister Cities that are similar to us in topography, population, agriculture and economic development. MTK is located outside of Frankfurt like we are outside of Washington, DC and it is close to the Frankfurt Airport like we are close to the Dulles International Airport. The relationship with MTK has yielded significant economic opportunities for Loudoun County. My travel and lodging for the trip is not at tax payer's expense.



Small Business Week

Loudoun's Small Business Week is May 15th-21st. For the first time in Loudoun County's history, the number of small businesses located in the county has eclipsed the 10,000 mark! For both Loudoun County and Virginia, the largest single source of employment comes from businesses with 20-49 employees. If you own a small business or are thinking about starting one, I hope you will attend the workshops and panel discussion led by business leaders who can give small business owners real-world advice. For more details, visit LoudounSmallBiz.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause SCAN and Give Choose

April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. SCAN's (Stop Child Abuse Now) vision is that every child in Northern Virginia will grow up in a safe, stable, nurturing family with the supports he or she needs to contribute to stronger communities today and as adults tomorrow. SCAN recently released a [collaborative report](#) on the needs of children and recommendations to best support Loudoun County's most vulnerable children and families. The recommendations were produced in collaboration with a number of public and private Loudoun-based organizations.



On Tuesday, May 23rd, there is a special opportunity for parents and community members to attend a free documentary screening and panel discussion, "Growing Resilience in Our Community." The film screening is at 7:00 pm and the panel discussion at 8:00 pm at the Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus, Waddell Theater, Room 115, 21200 Campus Drive in Sterling. Space is limited so please reserve your seat [here](#).



[Give Choose](#) is a 24-hour online fundraising event organized by the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties to support our local nonprofits. It begins on midnight May 2nd and ends on midnight May 3rd. Throughout the day you can view profiles of more than 50 nonprofit organizations serving our community and make a charitable donation. Please give to the local nonprofits in our area who are making a difference.

Investing in Transportation

Please Save the Dates for the Transit and Transportation Summits. Both meetings will be held in the Board room of the Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg. The public is welcome to attend these summits but there will be no public input session.

Transit Summit, Monday, May 22 at 5:00 pm

Currently, Loudoun County uses a four pronged approach to providing transit and commuter services: long haul service, metro-connection service, local route service

and carpooling, vanpooling and ride matching programs. The content of the 2017 Transit Summit will contrast the service delivery for transit and commuter service pre- and post-opening of the Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2.

Transportation Summit, Thursday, June 29 at 5:00 pm

The objective of this summit will be communicated closer to the meeting date.

On April 18th, Loudoun County broke ground on the missing link of Mooreview Parkway. The new road segment, located between Croson Lane and Old Ryan Road, will provide access to Moorefield Station Elementary School, the future Moorefield Community Park and the future Ashburn Silver Line Metrorail Station. The groundbreaking marked the start of construction of a four-lane, median-divided roadway that will have a shared use path on one side of the road and a sidewalk on the other.

There is a planned signal outage scheduled for Belmont Ridge Road & Gloucester Parkway associated with the Route 7/659 interchange construction on Thursday, May 4, between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Updates and notices for the Route 7/659 Interchange project can be found on the County [website](#).

Youth in Government Day

On April 20th, Anika Maan from Heritage High School joined Chair Randall on the dais for the Board's business meeting. Over 60 local high school students participated in Youth in Government Day, an opportunity to meet and speak with Loudoun County government officials and learn about different government departments and careers.





Sterling Library Grand Opening

On April 15th, Chair Randall attended the ribbon cutting of the new Sterling Library. The library is three times the size of the old library, complete with a teen center, study rooms, a makerspace and a large meeting room. The Sterling Library is incredible and a new gem in the County's award winning library system. Thank you to Mark Miller, the entire Library Board of Trustees, and Chang Liu, Director of Library Services for your commitment to bringing this library to fruition.

Community Events and Information

Claude Moore Community Builders Youth Volunteer Program: Application deadline for 2017-2018 program is May 3rd and students must be rising sophomores or older and be able to commit to at least 100 hours. Participants gain valuable experience through individual volunteer placements with nonprofit organizations (50 hours), group projects that benefit the community (30 hours), ongoing training in team building, leadership development, and other core competencies (20 hours) that are beneficial for both future volunteer, education and employment opportunities. All of last year's program participants received the President's Volunteer Service Award. [Please visit link to application.](#)

Spring Job Fair: Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Park View High School, 400 West Laurel Avenue in Sterling. The free job fair will feature more than 40 diverse employers who will provide information on internships, job/career and volunteer opportunities within the county. Find opportunities in technology, healthcare, trade/construction, hospitality/food service, retail, service and the public sector.

Loudoun Lyme 5K/10K/1K: Sunday, May 7, 6:00 am registration, 8:00 am start, 7:00 to 11:00 am Information Fair at the Brambleton Town Center, 22855 Brambleton Plaza in Ashburn. Proceeds will help drive awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Lyme disease. Please click [here](#) to register or donate to the cause.

Sipping for Sprout: Sunday, May 7, 12:00 to 4:00 pm, Stone Tower Winery in Leesburg. Please join Sprout Therapeutic Riding & Education Center for a wine tasting and family fun day fundraiser! Enjoy delicious food by Whole Foods Market, live music, silent auction, and pony rides provided for \$5 by Hogback Mountain Pony Rides. Advanced ticket sales are appreciated and can be purchased [online](#).

Smashing Walnuts Walk and Fitness Challenge: Sunday, May 21, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Heritage High School in Leesburg. Help "Crack the Cure" for childhood brain cancer! This family-friendly event offers a unique opportunity to support a nonprofit dedicated to fighting childhood brain cancer while having fun in a creative and interactive environment. For more information and to register, visit this [link](#).

Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, May 14, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, 20688 Ashburn Road. Located at newly renovated Founders Hall. As this is Mother's Day, every lady gets a flower from Open Blooms (limited to the first 150). Adults \$10, seniors \$7, children ages 3-8 \$5 and children under 3 are free.

INMED's 2nd Annual Barn Blast: Sunday, June 4, 2:00 to 6:00 pm, Murray Hill Estate, 42910 Edwards Ferry Road in Leesburg. Event will benefit INMED's Family & Youth Opportunity Center in Sterling, serving children and families at risk of homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, poverty and instability. Featuring live music by Juliana MacDowell and her band, ResQ BBQ, dancing and live and silent auctions. Purchase tickets at <https://opportunitycenter.us/barnblast>.



Loudoun County Accepting Applications for Workforce Housing Units: This program provides first-time homeownership opportunities to individuals and families, allowing them to purchase units directly from the builder at a lower purchase price. Applicants are subject to certain income requirements. Regardless of family size, an applicant's household income must be between \$76,050 and \$125,003 per year. An applicant's income cannot exceed Loudoun County's median household income, which is \$125,003. For more information about eligibility, program requirements, and the application process, contact Brian Reagan of the Department of Family Services at 571-258-3305 or at Brian.Reagan@loudoun.gov,

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