



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

I hope you can attend my second State of the County Address this Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 pm in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg. Residents are invited and encouraged to attend. I will discuss our achievements in 2016 and our goals for the future.

Loudoun County Board Chair Phyllis J. Randall cordially invites you to attend the

State of the County Address

Wednesday, May 24, 2017
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Board Room, Loudoun County Government Center
1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg

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The public is invited and encouraged to attend. We welcome you to celebrate the success of Loudoun County and present our goals for the future.

RSVP to Elizabeth Bennis 703.777.0204 or Elizabeth.bennis@loudoun.gov

Envision Loudoun

Loudoun County will host its second round of [community workshops in June for Envision Loudoun](#). Envision Loudoun is an opportunity to plan future growth, land use, transportation, community facilities and amenities, economic development, and

fiscal management. Envision Loudoun will result in a New Comprehensive Plan that will serve as Loudoun County government's guiding document for land use and development for the future.

Envision the Future Workshops

Monday, June 5, Harper Park Middle School 701 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg Registration 6:30, meeting at 7:00pm	Wednesday, June 7, Cascades Senior Center 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling Registration 6:30, meeting at 7:00pm	Monday, June 12, Broad Run High School 21670 Ashburn Road, Ashburn Registration 6:30, meeting at 7:00pm	Tuesday, June 13, Harmony Middle School 38174 W Colonial Highway, Hamilton Registration 7:00, meeting at 7:30pm	Thursday, June 15, Mercer Middle School 42149 Greenstone Drive, Aldie Registration 6:30, meeting at 7:00pm
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I continue to be excited about the New Comprehensive Plan. The Envision Loudoun team is doing a fantastic job on outreach, explaining the process to our residents and meeting with different organizations.

The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Board's endorsed Envision Loudoun vision and goals. Workshops will be crafted to focus on planning issues and influences most pertinent to the area where the meetings are located (e.g., redevelopment, revitalization, infill development and potential areas of change for the Transition Policy Area). I strongly support the Rural and Transition Policy Area of Loudoun County and this will not change. Your voice is important to me and I hope you will attend one of the 5 workshops.

Regional Summit

On May 9th, I joined Mayor Muriel Bowser, Governor Terry McAuliffe, and Governor Larry Hogan at a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Regional Opioid and Substance Abuse Summit. Officials talked about understanding and fighting the opioid crisis, public safety response, treatment, and other topics. I spoke on a panel addressing counties role in treatment.



The summit is the result of an agreement signed in the fall between leaders in Virginia, DC and Maryland to reduce drug overdose deaths. Following the summit, COG will be working with state and district officials to explore next steps for regional coordination, which could include developing a regional public education campaign,

using technology to exchange information across borders (such as prescription drug monitoring), and training among first responders and health professionals.

Credit Rating

Great news! Loudoun County has maintained its "AAA" ratings from all three major credit rating agencies. On May 4th, I traveled to New York for our annual credit rating presentations with Supervisor Matt Letourneau, Mr. Buddy Rizer from Economic Development and other members of Loudoun's Finance and Procurement Department. We are among only 49 states and counties (combined) that enjoy an "AAA" credit rating from all three credit rating agencies. Thank you Mr. Tim Hemstreet and Loudoun staff for years of sound fiscal guidance.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause **Friends of Loudoun** **Mental Health**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Friends of Loudoun Mental Health's mission is to help those disabled by mental illness better their lives by providing assistance for living arrangements, advocating on their behalf for improved care and resources, and promoting recovery and community awareness. It was started in 1955 and is the only nonprofit organization in the County that primarily exists to provide mental health services.



A Place to Call Home provides subsidized rent for residents with a mental illness for up to six months thru a regional grant. This prevents people with mental illness from becoming homeless and gives them enough time to work with a therapist and find a stable job. A Place to Call Home has served 24 people, most of them women with children, and had to turn 15 people away.

Friends of Loudoun Mental Health also sponsors a suicide support group for those who've lost someone to suicide. The support group is free and is held the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the lower level conference room of Leesburg Town Hall.

Investing in Transportation

Transportation Summit is scheduled for Thursday, June 29 at 5:00 pm 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. Emerging issues that will be addressed include intelligent transportation systems, Potomac River crossing, rural roads, Route 7, East of Route 28 to the Fairfax County line, and a summary update on the infrastructure projects to support Metrorail. I would like to start the summit with the different transportation funding sources and programs. Please reach out to my office as soon as possible if you would like your organization or group represented at the Transportation Summit.

Four interchange design alternatives are being considered as part of the preliminary design phase of the Route 7 Interchange at Battlefield Parkway. Please visit the [project page](#) for more information. Comments may be e-mailed to meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov or sent to Mr. William Dunn, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 by May 31st. Please include "Route 7 Interchange at Battlefield Parkway" in the subject line.

At the May 18th Board business meeting, transportation staff and Kimley-Horn presented the findings of the [Route 15 Congestion Report](#) (Item #6). The congestion study area is between Battlefield Parkway and Whites Ferry Road/Raspberry Drive. The specific recommendations are:

- Widen Route 15 to 4 lanes from Battlefield Parkway to ~2,000 feet north of Whites Ferry Road/Raspberry Drive
- Install a traffic signal or two-lane roundabout at Whites Ferry Road/Raspberry Drive Intersection
- Install a traffic signal (standard or Green T - similar to Leesburg Outlet Mall entrance) or flyover at the King Street Intersection

I am concerned about the number of fatalities on Route 15 North and the safety of this road. VDOT is planning to install incremental safety improvements, like center-line rumble strips, along the entire section of Route 15 north of Leesburg. I will keep you updated on these improvements and the schedule for public input regarding the congestion study.



Small Business Week

On May 8th, I visited [SparkFire Branding, LLC](#) based in Leesburg in honor of Loudoun's Small Business Week. SparkFire Branding is an advertising agency specializing in real estate marketing. Did you know 86% of businesses in Loudoun have 20 or less employees? Our small businesses are very important to our strong economy.

Community Events and Information

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>.



All Ages Read Together Tee Off For Children's Literacy: Tuesday, June 6, 9:00 am shotgun start at Raspberry Falls Golf Club in Leesburg. Registration includes green fee, cart, breakfast, snacks, goodie bag, BBQ lunch and all drinks. Cost is \$150 per person.

ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia LEAP Awards Application: The LEAP awards support purchases of goods and services (not covered by Medicaid or other insurances) for youth and young adults (ages 14-26) with disabilities in the Northern Virginia area. The deadline to apply is June 30th, so don't delay! [Click here](#) to download the application and learn if you're eligible.

Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Events: **Pancake Breakfast**, Sunday, June 4, 8:00-11:00 am, Station 6, 20688 Ashburn Road. Bring family and friends and enjoy our great breakfast! **The Famous Toastery Fundraiser**, Tuesday, June 13, 5:00-8:00 pm. Come and join the fun and great eats at the new Famous Toastery, One Loudoun, 43780 Central Station Drive, Suite 150, in Ashburn. Known for their "Breakfast for Dinner." Learn more at famoustoastery.com.

Loudoun Symphony Orchestra Outdoor Concert: Saturday, June 10 at 7:00 pm at the Barn at One Loudoun, 20405 Savin Hill Drive in Ashburn. Kick off summer by bringing your friends and family for a **free concert** featuring rousing patriotic pieces including America the Beautiful, and Sousa's Liberty March. The program will also include favorites such as Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, Satchmo's Tribute to Louis Armstrong, and Bizet's Carmen Selections.

Heritage Bus Tour: Saturday, June 24 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Join the Black History Committee (BHC) of the Friends of Thomas Balch Library on a heritage bus tour of historical communities in Ashburn, Conklin, Middleburg and Leesburg. Cost is \$75 for BHC members and \$85 nonmembers. Please contact Alicia Cohen, aaheritagelocova@gmail.com to register.

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