



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

Following the tragic event in Charlottesville that resulted in the death of three people and the vandalism that occurred yesterday to the Confederate statue on the Courthouse grounds in Leesburg, I released a statement asking the General Assembly to give localities greater discretion over monuments and memorials within their jurisdiction. I think it is important to have an open, respectful, and inclusive dialogue on these issues. Please see my press release below.

For Immediate Release
From the Office of Chair At Large
Phyllis J. Randall

For nearly a decade the question of the appropriateness of the Confederate Statue at the Courthouse in Leesburg has arisen. Following the events in Charlottesville that resulted in the tragic death of three people; I know and appreciate that emotions around these issues are high. This is why it is important to have an open, respectful, inclusive dialogue.

As Chair, I have received inquiries regarding the location of the Confederate Statue in Leesburg thus it is important to know the law regarding war monuments and memorials in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Currently under Virginia Code Section 15.2-1812, if a locality previously erected a war monument within the geographical limits of the locality, it is unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or persons, to disturb or interfere with said monument or memorial. For purposes of clarification; "disturb or interfere with" includes removal of, damaging or

defacing monuments or memorials, or, in the case of the War Between the States, the placement of Union markings or monuments on previously designated Confederate memorials or the placement of Confederate markings or monuments on previously designated Union memorials. In short, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors does not have the authority to relocate or remove the Confederate Statue without the approval of the Virginia General Assembly.

This fall it is my intention to place in Loudoun's Legislative Agenda an item that allows a locality greater discretion over Monuments and Memorials in its individual jurisdiction. For an item to be placed on the Legislative Agenda it must first be approved by the full Board.

New Chief of Staff

I am pleased to introduce my new Chief of Staff, Bo Machayo.

Prior to being appointed as Chief of Staff, Bo was the Strategic Advisor of External Engagement at the U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF), a U.S. government agency dedicated to supporting African-led, African-driven development solutions via catalytic financial investments and local technical assistance to African grassroots communities and local enterprises.

Prior to joining USADF, he served as the Principal Deputy Associate Director for Public Engagement at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. In this role, he helped open two-way dialogue, ensuring that environment, climate change, and energy issues impacting our nation's diverse communities were heard within the Administration, and even more importantly, helping the concerns be translated into action internationally.

Previously, Bo served at the Department of Homeland Security where he assisted the Chief of Staff in coordinating efforts to advance collaboration between DHS departments/agencies, the White House, the news media, members of Congress, industry executives, labor organizations, local governments, foreign embassies, and missions. He worked on Capitol Hill as an aide to Congressman Frank Wolf and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, maintaining relationships with constituents and advising and supporting legislative priorities including: education, health, labor, homeland, and social security.

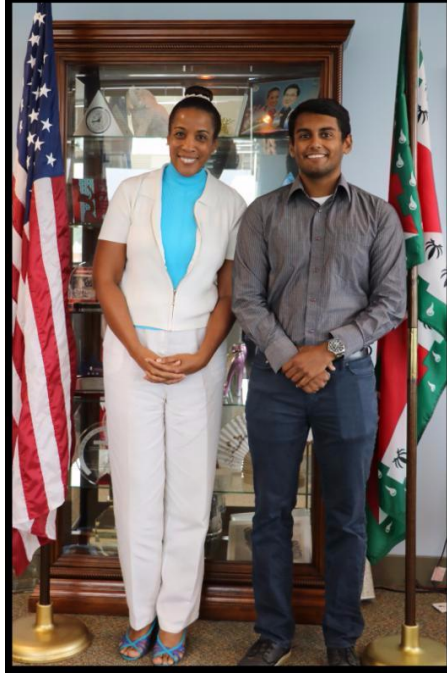
Bo received the distinction of a Global Shaper by the World Economic Forum and is currently the Curator for Washington DC Hub I. He graduated from Wake Forest University with two Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Economics and International Politics & Affairs and speaks three languages.

Inspired by his background as a first-generation African American with parents from Uganda and Kenya, he has remained involved serving in organizations that include a nonprofit organization he co-founded: Global Inheritance. For the past four years, he has enjoyed coaching elementary and middle school girls' basketball. He also serves as a mentor to youth throughout Loudoun and Fairfax counties. He is the proud eldest son of Enid Mpumwire-Machayo and oldest sibling of four; one younger brother, and two little sisters.

Bo looks forward to meeting and serving the residents of Loudoun County.



I also want to recognize and thank my legislative intern, Jay Kaul, for his help this summer. Good luck at VCU!



Best Regards,

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New Veterans Benefits Office in Ashburn

A very important event took place this week in our County; The Virginia Department of Veterans Services opened their **Loudoun Office** in Ashburn. The office will offer benefits, family, education and employment services while helping former service men and women transition into civilian life. Gov. Terry McAuliffe, other elected officials, community leaders and most importantly veterans joined the ribbon cutting. We can never thank our veterans enough for their service to our community and Country. The new facility is located at the Lakes at Ashbrook, Building 2, 44345 Premier Plaza, Suite 200.



Loudoun Youth Leadership Program

I spoke to a smart group of teens who participated in the leadership program offered by **Loudoun Youth** this summer that empowers, leads and connects our youth to our community while learning leadership and communication skills. I was so impressed with these students.



Community Events and Information

Clear the Shelters Mega-Adoption Event: Saturday, August 19th from 11:30 am to 5:00 pm. Loudoun County Animal Shelter is excited to participate in the Clear the Shelters nationwide adoption event! The shelter will waive adoption fees for all available shelter pets. This means all pets are FREE to adopt on August 19th.



Polo in the Park: starting Saturday, July 1st for nine consecutive Saturdays in the summer at Morven Park International Equestrian Center. Gates open at 6:00 pm with one match starting

at 7:00 pm and another at 8:30 pm. Spectators will be able to bring picnic baskets and blankets onto the terraced viewing area next to the riding arena and a DJ will provide dance music in the pavilion tent immediately following the final polo matches throughout the summer. Stone Tower Winery will offer wine for sale by the glass or by the bottle. Guests may also bring their own wine to enjoy at the polo matches. To attend Polo in the Park you must purchase a car pass, \$35 in advance & online or \$40 at the gate.

[Friends Concert for Mental Health:](#) Saturday, September 9th at the Bush Tabernacle in Purcellville from 7-10:30pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Musical guests include Paul Pfau (finalist on The Voice), Todd Wright and Gary Smallwood. Our MC for the night is the legendary Cerphe Colwell. Ticket price includes concert, Monk's barbeque, silent & live auction and a cash bar. All proceeds support Friends of Loudoun Mental Health. Please click **[here](#)** for general admission tickets or to purchase a reserved table for up to ten people.

[Native Plant Sale sponsored by Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy:](#) Saturday, September 9th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Morven Park, 17195 Southern Planter Lane in Leesburg. Three native plant nurseries will have a huge selection of fall blooming flowers, shrubs, trees, vines and ferns for sale.

[Pancake Breakfast:](#) September 3rd, 8:00-11:00 am at the Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Founders Hall, Station 6. Bring family and friends and enjoy our great breakfast of eggs, cheesy eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy & biscuits, bacon, juices, coffee. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children 3-8, children under 3 free. Pancake breakfast is the first Sunday of every month.

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