



# CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



## Hello, Loudoun

I hope back to school was a success for the residents with school aged children. My prayers and thoughts go out to the residents of Houston and Florida.

On September 16th, I attended an unveiling ceremony for the historic Ashburn Colored School. This school was renovated less than a year after it was vandalized thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Loudoun School for the Gifted students. I asked everyone in attendance to keep up this good work.



### Legislative Program and Statues

At the September 20th Board business meeting, I am proposing a legislative initiative to amend [Virginia Code 15.2-1812](#) to provide a process whereby localities have discretion over war or veteran monuments and memorials on property owned or controlled by the locality. The proposed initiative would give authority for erected monuments on public property to the locality.

On August 25th, the Attorney General of Virginia, Mark Herring, released an official advisory [opinion](#). Mr. Herring's opinion stated the following: "Because the existing state law was passed in 1904, it does not apply to any monument or memorial built prior to then." Loudoun's monument was erected in 1908. I will be asking my colleagues for their support on Wednesday. For an item to be added to the 2018 Legislative Program, it must first be approved by the full Board.

Please note that this week's Board business meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00 pm. The meeting is being held a day early to accommodate Rosh Hashanah, which is on September 21st. This meeting will be policy heavy. We will have an update from Metro CEO Paul Wiedefeld, results from the Nonprofit Needs Assessment and final votes on phase one of the Classification and Compensation Study. I encourage residents to speak to us or e-mail your comments at [bos@loudoun.gov](mailto:bos@loudoun.gov). You can sign up to speak by calling the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-777-0200 until 12:00 pm the day of the meeting.

### **Transparency**

Promoting an open government that is accountable to the people is very important to me. At the September 5th Board business meeting, I initiated a process to post agenda summaries of Board Business Meetings and Public Hearings in all Loudoun County Public Libraries to allow residents, who do not have sufficient internet and technology access, to view the proposed items in a timely manner. An estimated 30,000 residents in western Loudoun are under-served or unserved when it comes to internet access. Therefore, these residents may not be informed on items that pertain to them. Due to free wireless internet and technology access, the public libraries are an efficient medium to post this information.

### **Town Center Zoning**

I made the motion for this item because I worked closely with the Lansdowne Conservancy to address their concerns with the zoning change. This group not only expressed concerns but they also found a solution. I want to thank staff, my neighbors, the Lansdowne Conservancy and Lansdowne Village Green HOA. Residents are paying attention and have good ideas. This zoning change was initiated to provide a business friendly environment and encourage innovative designs for town centers. Option C was approved which limits data center uses to no more than 49% of a building in both core and fringe areas and data center generator testing to weekdays only between

8 am and 5 pm. Regulations for storage and mini-warehouses were also approved as a special exception use in fringe areas only.

### **Pennington Garage**

While installing the deep foundations for the Pennington Parking structure in Leesburg, two sinkholes developed. At the September 5th Board meeting, we were told sinkholes are unpredictable but staff believes the drilling aggravated the subsurface creating these sinkholes. Staff came to the Board requesting additional funds for sinkhole remediation and mitigation to protect other parts of the structure. We voted to increase the contract for the construction of the Pennington Lot Parking Garage in the estimated amount of \$3 million. We also authorize staff to process a budget adjustment to transfer \$5.4 million from the Courts Complex Phase III project for the construction of the Pennington Lot Parking Garage.

I am uncomfortable with the cost override because it is significant and will affect our Capital Improvement Program for FY19. However, I was informed that abandoning the site and starting over would come at a greater cost because 50% of the structure is already fabricated. Staff plans to do weekly project updates and I will communicate any additional issues or requests.

Thank you and happy Rosh Hashanah.

Best Regards,

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**Voice for a Cause**

To recognize Suicide Prevention week from September 10 - 16, Chair Randall highlighted two nonprofits that are making a difference.



[A Place To Be's](#) mission is to help people face, navigate and overcome life's challenges using the therapeutic arts. The goal of A Will to Survive is to use the power of music and theater to touch the minds and hearts of teenagers to let them know that they are not alone and that all they have to do reach out. A Will to Survive has been seen by 15,000 people so far, primarily Loudoun County high school students. The message is delivered peer-to-peer making it more powerful for teens and the response thus far has been incredible! As we shine a spotlight on the conversation, making mental health just HEALTH, we can get rid of shame for families and individuals who are struggling so they can get the help they need.



[Ryan Bartel Foundation's](#) mission is to prevent youth suicide through awareness, educational programs and activities that empower youth to help them self and each other by spreading hope, help and strength. Many Loudoun County high schools now have We're All Human clubs and participate in the We're All Human walk in the spring. Please participate in the next fundraising event, [We're All Human 5K Color Run](#) for youth suicide awareness and prevention on Sunday, October 1st at 11:00 am at Woodgrove High School.

## [Voice for a Cause II](#) [Loudoun Cares](#)

Chair Randall will be recognizing Loudoun Cares at the September 20th Board meeting. Loudoun Cares' mission is to connect residents to available resources and services in Loudoun County. As the bridge between government agencies, community-based organizations, and faith communities, Loudoun Cares stays abreast of resources through ongoing outreach and collaboration. These partnerships provide a streamlined approach for fast and efficient delivery of service. Their programs include the Information and Referral Helpline, Volunteer Center and Claude Moore Community Builders program. On September 23rd, Claude Moore Community



Builders will host a booth at the Lovettsville Kinderfest and feature raffle baskets valued at over \$500! Please come out for a chance to win!

## **Solarize Loudoun**

Loudoun County government is joining with Solarize NOVA to promote the use of solar power in Loudoun County homes and business from September 4th through October 15th. The program offers a one-stop-shop for the community to learn more about solar power options, installation and financing for homes and businesses. This year, the **Solarize Loudoun** campaign features Loudoun County based solar installers. The financial benefits of solar power include a 30% federal tax credit and an estimated 6% annual return.

Solarize Loudoun workshops have been scheduled for residents and business owners who are interested in learning more about solar power and reduced-pricing options. The last available free workshop is on Thursday, September 28, 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Purcellville Library, 220 E. Main Street in Purcellville. RSVP [here](#) to ensure seating.



## **Investing in Transportation**

On September 6th, Chair Randall participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the following important transportation improvements on Loudoun County Parkway and Route 606:

- A signalized intersection at Loudoun County Parkway and Old Ox Road. This is one element of the overall VDOT-administered project that will also reconstruct and widen Old Ox Road from two to four lanes between Evergreen Mills to the Dulles Greenway (about five miles) and add a multi-use path. This \$119 million project will be completed in the summer of 2018.
- A one-mile extension of the Loudoun County Parkway from Broad Run to Creighton Road. It also includes a recently completed segment of Shreveport Drive, connecting Belmont Ridge Road to the Parkway, with two new signals at the Parkway and at Belmont Ridge Road.

Loudoun County Transit encourages everyone to try a form of transit during Virginia's "[Try Transit Week](#)" September 18 - 22. Participants who pledge to try transit at [www.trytransitweek.org](http://www.trytransitweek.org) are eligible to win a year of free transit service from the Virginia transit operator of their choice, along with a pair of round-trip tickets aboard Amtrak's Northeast Regional train. Pledges will be accepted through September 22nd. In addition, anyone who lives or works in Loudoun, and who pledges to try transit, is eligible for prizes from Loudoun County Transit. Two winners will each receive a \$50 SmarTrip card that can be used on Loudoun County's Premium Commuter buses and most Metro Connection buses. Two additional winners will each receive \$20 worth of punch passes for Loudoun County's Local Bus Service. Visit [here](#) to find out about transit options in Loudoun.

## Community Events and Information

**[Loudoun Sponsors Training on Reversing Opioid Overdoses:](#)** Wednesday, September 27 at 5:30 pm on the third floor of the Shenandoah Building, 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. Loudoun County will host a training session on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose called REVIVE! The training is open to everyone. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend.

**[All Ages Read Together Horseshoe Hoedown:](#)** Saturday, September 30th, 5:00 - 11:00 pm, River Farm Stables, River Farm Lane in Leesburg. Grab your boots and hat for another unforgettable evening of good ole' country fun! Live music, dancing, country style BBQ, drinks, games (horseshoe and corn hole tournaments), mechanical bull and family friendly fun! Tickets are \$65 adult and \$20 child and this price includes food and 2 drink tickets.

**[We're All Human 5K Color Run:](#)** October 1st at 11:00 am at the Woodgrove High School campus, 36811 Alder School Road in Purcellville. Bring family and friends of all ages for a fun-filled, colorful, community fundraiser for youth suicide awareness and prevention. Register [here](#), \$30 by September 29th and \$35 on race day.

**[Revisiting the Civil War in Loudoun, A Special History Panel Discussion:](#)** Sunday, October 1st, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm at Oatlands Historic House and Gardens, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Lane in Leesburg. Citizens who are following the current controversies about Civil War statues and monuments need to know about Loudoun County's experience at the center of the clash of Unionism, Secessionism and demands for Justice for Enslaved People. Event is free and open to the public. Panel discussion will take place at the Oatlands Pavilion. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

**[Free Flu Vaccine for Adults and Children:](#)** Sunday, October 1st, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 46833 Harry Bird Highway in Sterling. The Loudoun County Health Department will be providing free flu vaccinations to anyone age 9 years and older. Vaccinations are available to anyone in the community on a walk in basis during that time period, recipients do not need to be affiliated with the church.

**[The Waterford Fair:](#)** October 6 - 8, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day in the village of Waterford. It's a fair like no other! Join us for our three-day celebration of all things handmade. 140 juried artisans from across the country gather in the National Landmark of

Waterford, Virginia to exhibit and demonstrate jewelry, clothing, furniture, and home décor craft. It's your chance to touch, feel, and explore high-quality American craft and meet the makers behind the fabulous work. Proceeds from the Waterford Fair benefit the preservation and education efforts of the Waterford Foundation. Buy your tickets [here](#).

**[Hope for Lyme Music Fest:](#)** Saturday, October 7th from 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Tarara Winery. Featuring special performances by the Reflex - the Ultimate 80s Tribute Band and School of Rock. There will also be a Health & Wellness Expo with guest speakers so people can find the resources they need for Lyme and more information on ways to better their health. \$25/pp from 9/1 - 10/6 and \$30/pp day of event.

**[Aldie Harvest, Wine and Food Festival:](#)** October 21st from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with Duck Race at 4:00 pm in the village of Aldie. Enjoy wine tasting from local wineries, food from Aldie's local establishments, historic Aldie Mill tours, kids activities and our famous Duck Race. Free admission! Adopt a duck for a chance to win \$1,000 cash and other great prizes. Single duck is \$5 and a Quack Pack is \$20. Visit <https://www.aldieheritage.com> for more information and to purchase ducks.

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