



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall weather and the many harvest festivals and fall activities.

Loudoun County received two achievement awards from the Virginia Association of Counties for programs that offer innovative solutions to providing public services. The two programs are the Clerk of Circuit History Programs and the The Year of the Cat. Congratulations to Gary Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Nina Stively, Director of Animal Services.

Envision Loudoun

At the October 3rd Board business meeting, [staff gave preliminary recommendations](#) for the Suburban and Transition Policy Area. I want to thank the Envision Loudoun Stakeholders Committee and staff for working many hours on a draft. My message to the committee is to revisit the residential units being proposed in the Transition Policy Area. I believe this Board does not have the appetite to approve 12,000 or 18,000 additional units as proposed by staff and the Stakeholders Committee respectively. The idea of putting 18,000 units in the Transition Policy Area is illogical.

I requested that the Stakeholders include bike and pedestrian trails in the plan because it was the first need mentioned by the public in the outreach sessions. I also requested that the Stakeholders look at a diverse housing stock with diverse pricing. Affordable housing is not the same as workforce housing.

The feedback from the Board will be summarized and presented to the Stakeholders Committee. A draft of a new General Plan and Countywide

Transportation Plan will be available for public review and comment in the 1st quarter of 2018.

Metro Briefing

Metro General Manager and CEO, Paul Wiederfeld, gave a yearly update on the safety, reliability and financial management of the system. SafeTrack, an accelerated track work plan to improve safety and reliability, was completed at the end of June. Through SafeTrack, Metro completed approximately three years' worth of work in approximately one year. In August, service reliability improved with an on-time performance rate of 89%.

Financially, Metro will need \$15.5 billion over 10 years for its capital program to address urgent safety and service reliability needs. Metro is the only major transit agency in the U.S. without a dedicated funding source. Mr. Wiederfeld recommends capping increases in local jurisdictions' capital and operating contributions at 3% per year to provide certainty and keep up with inflation. I believe that the federal government has a role to play in funding because Metro moves the federal workforce and visitors across the region. If Metro does not perform, the federal government does not open.

PACE

Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee (FGOEDC) recently discussed the feasibility of starting a Loudoun Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). PACE is a loan program for owners of commercial property and multi-family residential buildings with 5+units (except condominiums) to finance clean energy improvements. The PACE program in other states creates jobs, saves money, saves energy and supports a cleaner environment. I support a commercial PACE program for older buildings and new construction as a revenue positive opportunity for business owners to implement energy efficiency projects. The item was forwarded to a future Board meeting to discuss the option that is the least intrusive and carries no County liability.

Housing Summit

On October 16th, the Board discussed the issue of [housing affordability](#) in Loudoun County. I believe that we need some type of upfront investment to achieve a diverse housing stock. Public-private partnerships are necessary to realize a diverse stock of housing, we're not going to get a diverse stock of housing without these partnerships. The Housing Needs Assessment estimates that there is a current unmet need for 11,200 affordable rental units and 1,432 homes to purchase by households with incomes below 100% area median income.

The Board directed staff to develop a formal revolving loan program for the Loudoun County Housing Trust Fund which is approximately \$26.8 million and draft a resolution with the intent to amend the county's zoning ordinance to incentivize affordable housing. We also asked staff to develop a public land inventory for potential affordable housing projects and public-private partnerships.

NVTA and Evergreen Mills Road

At the October 19th Board meeting, [staff presented eight projects](#) for full funding in the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) six-year program in the amount of \$331,142,000. The list of projects is due December 15th with a final decision June 2018.

Evergreen Mills Road west of Northstar Blvd including the realignment of the Evergreen Mills Road/Watson Road intersection was added. I agree that Evergreen Mills Road is dangerous and needs improvement. Route 15 North will score the highest because it is one of the most congested roads in the greater Washington DC area. Shellhorn Road was added to the priority list because it is needed for Metro. Staff will come back to the Board at its November 8th Board business meeting for a final decision on the list. The Evergreen Mills Road safety study scope of work and budget will be discussed at the December 5th Board meeting.

The first Board business meeting in November was moved to Wednesday, November 8th due to Election Day. The second Board business meeting in November was cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause

To recognize Military Appreciation Day on October 19th, Chair Randall highlighted two nonprofits that are making a difference.



HeroHomes' mission is to build houses, jobs, and community for those who have fought for the preservation of freedom and democracy for others. Working alongside established veteran support organizations to identify and place deserving and injured veterans, HeroHomes offers a number of program options: veteran-purchased home, veteran-purchased with a portion subsidized and fully donated homes.

HeroHomes will be hosting a Casino Night event on February 10, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Shadow Creek, 18090 Silcott Springs Road in Purcellville.



Blue Star Families brings Americans together to address the many challenges faced by military families in the belief that our nation is strongest when the families of those who protect us are thriving. Blue Star Families is fast-growing, reaching 1.5 million military service members, spouses and children annually, based on our innovative approach to solving problems for military families and our unique access to these military families at the grassroots level.

The Operation Family Caregiver Program is one of the programs Blue Star Families offers to caregivers of wounded, ill and injured service members. Operation Family Caregiver provides free and confidential support to caregivers. While working with a specially trained caregiver coach, caregivers learn how to overcome the obstacles and manage any challenges they face. This service is offered in their home, or they can meet virtually, to customize a 16-24-week program that is unique to their needs.

Investing in Transportation

Chair Randall attended a Route 28 ribbon cutting on October 4th to open a fourth lane on Route 28 South from Sterling Boulevard to the Dulles Toll Road. Construction was made possible by \$43.5 million in funding from the NVTVA, which is funding more than

\$113 million in transportation projects along the Route 28 Corridor. Design for these projects was funded by the Route 28 Tax District.

Chair Randall's staff attended the Route 7 and Ashburn Village Boulevard Interchange ribbon cutting on October 10th. The interchange at Route 7 and Ashburn Village Boulevard eliminates the existing traffic signal and helps ease traffic congestion along Route 7. The interchange project is part of a larger effort to transform Route 7 into a limited access highway with no traffic signals between Countryside Boulevard in the Sterling/Potomac Falls area and East Market Street in Leesburg.

The [Route 15 North congestion relief update](#) was presented to the Board on October 19th. Staff is initiating a Countywide Transportation Plan amendment to extend the limits of the 4-lane, median divided roadway, from Tutt Lane to Montresor Road. An Open House is scheduled Wednesday, October 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Dulles Conference Room, 1st Floor, 1 Harrison St, SE in Leesburg. Interim improvements will be completed by VDOT Spring 2018 to include a longer merge lane from King Street, new signage and pavement markings and some pavement work. This will provide immediate congestion relief. VDOT is also adding rumble strips where feasible in the shoulder and centerlines starting this November to improve safety.

Absentee Voting Information

Last day to apply to have an [absentee ballot](#) mailed to you is Tuesday, October 31st at 5:00 pm. Last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person is Saturday, November 4th. In-person absentee voting locations and schedule is the following:

Office of Elections

750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C in Leesburg
Through October 27th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
October 30th through November 3rd, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 28 and Saturday, November 4, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Cascades Senior Center and Dulles South Multipurpose Center

October 30th through November 3rd, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, October 28th and Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm



Community Events and Information

[Not-Your-Kid's Spelling Bee](#): Thursday, October 26th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Banquet Hall at Ida Lee Recreation Center in Leesburg. All spellers (or those who think they can spell) are invited to a night of fun - and fundraising to help Loudoun Literacy Council improve literacy rates across the county. Can't spell? Don't worry, this Spelling Bee is all about having fun. It is a good-natured (yet competitive) event, in which you'll have the opportunity

to Skip-a-Word, Bribe the Judge and Use Your Phone (for a nominal fee, of course!). Dinner by Rochelle Meyers, wine from Fabbioni Cellars and other goodies will be served.

Loudoun Salute to Our Military, Veterans & Families: Saturday, October 28th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn. Chair Randall will give welcome remarks and introduce keynote speaker: General Lester L. Lyles, United States Air Force (retired), former Vice Chief of Staff of the USAF, and Commander, Air Force Materiel Command. Additionally, there will be a musical salute by a Loudoun County Public School band, a choral salute to veterans by children of Hillside Elementary School choir, and a reading of the county-wide winning essay by the award-winning essay writer!

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★ VETERANS ★

Service Officers from American Legion, VFW, DAV and other Veteran Services Organizations will be in the school cafeteria to help Veterans and their families with new, or to assist in resolving prior, VA claims. A VA Benefits Administration direct computer network will enable you to sign up or check your status on the spot. Numerous Veteran Services and information will be available at display tables.

County and National speakers invited to participate in the Salute include:

Phyllis Randall, Chairman of the Board, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

Keynote Speaker

General Lester L. Lyles, United States Air Force (retired), former Vice Chief of Staff of the USAF, and Commander, Air Force Materiel Command. Since his retirement from the Air Force in 2003, Gen. Lyles became Chairman of the Board, USAA and a company director for General Dynamics, DPL Inc., KBR Incorporated, Precision Castparts Corp., MTC Technologies, and Battelle Memorial Institute.

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Parenting the Smartphone Generation Mini-Conference: Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Fairfax Community Church, 11451 Braddock Road in Fairfax. This is a free event but please register. Details and registration are on the Passion4Moms [website](#).

Loudoun Symphony Orchestra: Saturday, November 4th, at 7:30 pm at the Broad Run High School in Ashburn. Come and hear the first of three candidates for LSO conductor- Nancia D'Alimonte - lead the symphony in a program of music by Mendelssohn, Saint-Saens, and Tchaikovsky. Programs by the other two candidates will be heard in February and April, respectively. Ms. D'Alimonte is well known in the Greater Washington Area, as the founder/leader of the NIH Philharmonic and as the conductor of The Arlington Chorale. She is vying to fill the position created by the death last year of longtime LSO conductor Maestro Mark Allen McCoy.

VDOT Incident Management Open House: Saturday, November 11th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Northern Virginia District Office, located at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. An outdoor touch-a-truck exhibit will feature a simulated crash scene that will allow the public to see an incident scene from the perspective of first responders who work in the roadway every day.

Capitol Steps to benefit Loudoun Habitat for Humanity: November 18, 8:00 pm at Tuscarora High School in Leesburg. The Capitol Steps, a Washington DC-based comedy troupe that began as a group of Senate Staffers, will present a show based on songs from their current album "Orange is the New Barack." A Washington, DC institution for over thirty years, they provide a unique blend of musical and political comedy. Tickets are \$45 through November 17th or \$50 at the door and can be purchased via www.loudounhabitat.org.

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