



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

I hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving holiday!

This month, I was honored to be appointed to Governor-elect Ralph Northam's Transition Committee. The Transition Committee assists the Governor-elect in selecting his cabinet and central management agencies. I am excited about this opportunity and hope to ensure issues that impact Loudoun are discussed.

You can apply for a gubernatorial appointment on boards and commissions by visiting <https://govelect.virginia.gov> and filling out an application with your resume. I will do my absolute best to make sure Loudoun is well represented in Governor-elect Northam's administration. I've been appointed to two State Boards and I can assure you it's a very gratifying way to serve. Thank you, and as always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair!

Nonprofit Needs Assessment

The Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee directed staff to pursue a direct funding arrangement in FY2019 with six nonprofits that provide core safety net services defined as those services that assist vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families in meeting a critical need for safety, health, security and independence. The proposed amount for the direct funding arrangement is \$502,519, which would maintain the full \$1,090,700 for the competitive portion of the nonprofit grant awards. A special process for small grant awards limited to \$5,000 will be added to the program.

The Committee also recommended that the Loudoun Human Services

Network (LHSN) form a subcommittee to create a human services strategic plan and allocate \$30,000 from the FY2017 Fund Balance as a donation to the Community Foundation to hire a consultant for the strategic planning process.

I am excited we are completed with the needs assessment and have an excellent process moving forward. The emphasis will be on evidence based outcomes and training will be offered by staff and the LHSN to help nonprofits meet the new requirements. I urge Loudoun nonprofits attend the free training to learn about the new standards for the nonprofit grant program. The Committee forwarded this item to the December 5th Board business meeting.

NVTA

At the November 8th Board meeting, the Board directed staff to apply to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) for Regional Funding on [nine County projects](#). The Board prioritized the top three projects as U.S. Route 15 (Battlefield Parkway to Montresor Road), Shellhorn Road (Loudoun County Parkway to Moran Road) and Northstar Boulevard (Shreveport Drive to Tall Cedars Parkway). The list of projects is due December 15th with a final decision June 2018.

Evergreen Mills Road intersection realignment was added to the list of nine projects. This project provides for the realignment of Evergreen Mills Road from the bridge over Goose Creek to a point approximately 1,000 feet east of Reservoir Road and the realignment of Watson Road to align with the intersection of Evergreen Mills Road and Reservoir Road. The construction will address site distance deficiencies and improve safety.

As the Vice Chair of NVTA, I will fight for all projects equally in no particular order. Projects that provide congestion relief relative to cost and are shovel ready have a better chance of being funded.

Strategic Plan

The Board identified [five strategic focus areas](#) at their 2016 Strategic Planning Retreat and outcomes for each of these areas, with an overall target completion date of December 2019. Staff provided a biannual update to the Board at the November 8th business meeting.

The Board added another outcome to promote youth health, wellbeing, and resilience into the Community Needs and Quality of Life strategic focus area. I asked staff to provide an updated report to the Board regarding the re-establishment of a Drug Court in Loudoun County. Our judges in the

Loudoun County Circuit Court support the creation of a drug treatment court.

Under the Transportation strategic focus area, I do not think it is a good use of staff time to identify location options for a future Potomac River Crossing east of Goose Creek in Loudoun County. NVTA does not have it in their six-year plan and I am not sure it is needed in the twenty-five-year plan.

Congressional Briefing

On November 13th, I gave a Congressional Briefing on tackling the Opioid/Substance Dependence Epidemic and its hidden casualties. I hope members of Congress heard my message that substance abuse requires money and resources and is a clinical condition not a character flaw.



I further spoke about Loudoun County's response to the Opioid Epidemic.

- First, we have armed our first responders with nasal Narcan, currently the only FDA approved form of naloxone for the treatment of an opioid overdose. Our first responders have received training on the use of nasal Narcan and to date have administered it twenty-one times since 2015, saving a total of fifteen lives.
- Second, our department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services has partnered with the Virginia Department of Health to train individuals in the identification, signs and symptoms of an overdose. That training, which is offered to family members of a person using opioids is required before one can administer nasal Narcan to a person experiencing an opioid overdose.
- Third, and I think most important, we are engaged in ongoing community conversations about substance use. Until we remove the

stigma from this clinical condition, people who are using opioids and other substances will be less likely to seek assistance and more likely to die. Loudoun County Government, public safety, nonprofit and faith communities, private industry, health providers, family and clients have come together to hold training sessions and community forums where we talk frankly about this epidemic. I plan to host a community forum on the Opioid Epidemic in the New Year and will keep you updated.

The [True North Data Center application](#) was forwarded to the December 5th Board meeting for a vote. I believe approval of this application would set a precedent for data centers in the Transition Policy Area before Envision Loudoun is completed. The data center market has been great for the County, but this data center is in the wrong location. Although the applicant has addressed some of the environmental concerns, it would be an intensive use in an area that is environmentally sensitive and rural.

Residents are encouraged to sign-up and speak to the Board during the public input session on December 5th at 6:30 pm in the Board room of the Government Center. Advanced sign-up for public input is available until noon the day of the business meeting by calling 703-777-0200.

The proposed expansion program for [real estate tax relief for the elderly or permanently disabled](#) is on the December 13th public hearing agenda. Advanced sign-up for public comment is available by calling 703-777-0200.

The Board business meeting on December 21st will be cancelled. I hope everyone has a stress-free and cheerful December.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause **Young Life Loudoun**



For the past 28 years, leaders all over Loudoun County have been inviting kids of faith and adolescents who seek a support system and a positive peer group, caring for them regardless of their response, and changing lives in the process. Our programs are custom made for kids throughout their adolescent years. Young Life is the name of the nonprofit organization and is also the term used for the high school student program. The middle school program is called WyldLife and the program for high school aged kids with intellectual and physical disabilities is called Capernaum. Everyone is welcome in Young Life! Visit <https://loudoun.younglife.org> to learn more about Young Life in your area. On Sunday, December 3rd, Young Life will be partnering with local pastors on the **Are You Sure?** parent seminar at the Leesburg Junction, 215 Depot Court Southeast in Leesburg from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. This free seminar will help parents build resilient teens. Childcare is available for children 12 and under.

Investing in Transportation

Chair Randall's staff attended the ribbon cutting for the completion and opening of a missing segment of Tall Cedars Parkway, between Pinebrook Road and Gum Spring Road on November 7th. A traffic signal was installed at the intersection of Tall Cedars Parkway and Gum Spring Road. This road improvement will allow motorists to travel directly to community facilities such as schools, Stone Springs Hospital, retail, and commercial establishments and will help relieve traffic on US Route 50 and other area roadways.

On November 20th, Governor McAuliffe and partners broke ground on I-66 Outside the Beltway Express Lanes Project to reduce congestion, stimulate economic growth and improve the quality of life of commuters all over the Northern Virginia region. The project will modify nearly 23 miles of I-66, providing two express lanes in each direction alongside three regular lanes from I-495 to University Boulevard near Route 29 in Gainesville, with dedicated express lanes access points, and space in the median reserved for future transit. In addition, the project consists of 4,000 park and ride spaces, new and expanded commuter bus service throughout the corridor, safety and operational improvements at key interchanges, auxiliary lanes between interchanges, and bicycle and pedestrian paths and connections.

VDOT's resources are in place for when winter arrives in Northern Virginia. Almost \$84.9 million is set aside for snow removal and the agency's fleet is ready with more than 4,500 pieces of equipment. Those resources will be used to plow and treat 13,585 lane miles across Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Arlington counties. Visit [VDOT's Northern Virginia Emergency Information](#) for the latest updates during snow storms.

Community Events and Information

[Salvation Army Red Kettle Ribbon Cutting:](#) It's that time of the year again when we start seeing red kettles and people ringing the bells. The Red Kettle Campaign is one of The Salvation Army's oldest annual charitable fundraiser. The funds raised will help those in our community with coats for the homeless, food for the hungry and countless social service programs year-round. But we can't make this happen without YOU. Volunteers are needed to ring the bell at the kettles. Click on this [link](#) to find a location, date and time that best suits your schedule. We can't do this without you!



Chair Randall's Chief of Staff, Bo [Machayo](#), attended the ribbon cutting with Mayor Burk and staff from Loudoun's Salvation Army in Leesburg.

[Loudoun County Holiday Coalition:](#) We will be assisting families in need focusing on the following age groups; 13-18 years and seniors & adults with disabilities. Coalition is accepting new items only: Teen gifts and clothing, gifts for seniors and adults with disabilities, cash donations and \$25 gift cards. Click this [link](#) to sign-up and help with receiving and sorting. Warehouse is located in Sterling at 22375 Broderick Drive, Suite 270.

[Christmas in Middleburg:](#) Saturday, December 2nd starting at 8:00 am with Breakfast with Santa at the Middleburg Community Charter School and the Christmas Parade at 2:00 pm with floats and animals down Washington Street. Christmas in Middleburg is your day to start

the season with our joyful family festival! Save time and avoid lines by paying for parking in advance. [Prepaid parking](#) receives premium locations.

[Eleven Eleven Voices:](#) One Loudoun Tree Lighting, Saturday, December 2nd, practice is 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, live show is at 5:30 pm. Song is "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Sign up at <http://www.1111voices.buzz>. Think about the excitement of a spontaneous chorus comprised of a thousand or more-people spilling into the streets, singing in unison. A skilled Choir Director, working with the crowd for approximately an hour, then a "single take, live performance" streamed to the internet and posted to YouTube in perpetuity! Eleven Eleven Voices will bring a measure of laughter, hope, understanding and a sense of connection to those who participate; all through the power of music.

[Kids' Holiday at the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum:](#) Saturday, December 2, 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Drop off your children ages 3 to 10 years for a fun-filled holiday program. This special program includes: a visit to Claude Moore Park's Holiday in the Park (kids will enjoy a bonfire, holiday crafts, and more), dinner and dessert, holiday-themed activities, stories and more! Fee includes \$15 to shop at our Santa's Secret Shop for family and friends! Registration and prepayment are required. Cost is \$35/child. Children must be potty trained to attend.

[Christmas Lip Sync Battle by One Sparrow:](#) Saturday, December 2, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Smokehouse Live, 1602 Village Market Boulevard Southeast in Leesburg. Come out for a fun night of lip sync battles, food, and drinks with friends and family! This is a great event to support One Sparrow in raising funds for current initiatives in Haiti. Tickets are \$25 online and at the door. Make sure you arrive early, seats are first come first serve. One Sparrow will also be hosting a toy drive collecting new and unwrapped toys for children aged 1 month to 18 years. All toys collected will directly benefit Inova Loudoun and Georgetown Hospital Transplant Unit and Pediatric ICU. Those who donate at our Charity Lip Sync battle this Saturday will receive an extra raffle ticket for every toy brought!

[Are You Sure? Parent Seminar:](#) Sunday, December 3rd from 3:00 to 5:00 pm at the Leesburg Junction, 215 Depot Court Southeast in Leesburg. Many parents are unaware of the pressures teens face as they transition into high school. This seminar is a wake-up call for parents to understand the challenges and to strengthen connections and communications that will help build resilient teens. There is limited space for this free event so please [register](#). Childcare will be provided for children 12 and under.

IS YOUR TEEN OK?

Too many parents are unaware of the changes their teens will face during transitions from elementary into middle school and later into high school. These new environments create pressures that increase the probability teens will experience one or more critical teen issues. We are issuing a wake-up call for parents to understand the challenges and to strengthen connections and communications that will help build resilient teens.

Critical teen issues:

- Substance abuse
- Depression and anxiety
- Suicide
- Sexual activity
- Pornography
- Online safety
- Human trafficking
- Risky "friends"
- Bullying
- Low self-worth
- Peer pressure
- Academic pressure
- Unhealthy relationships

Only 25% of teens are considered 'resilient' or thriving and able to deal with what life throws at them and come out healthy.

Are You Sure?
PARENTS BUILDING RESILIENT TEENS

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Date: December 3, 2017 @ 3PM-5PM
Location: The Leesburg Junction
 215 Depot Ct. SE, Leesburg, VA 20175
Childcare: Ages 12 and under
Register at: leesburgjunction.com/#upcoming

Loudoun Symphony Orchestra, Joyous Sounds of the Season: Saturday, December 2nd from 4:00 to 5:45 pm at The Community Church in Ashburn and Sunday, December 3rd from 4:00 to 5:00 pm for a Family Concert at John Champe High School in Aldie. Hear your holiday favorites such as Frosty the Snowman, Believe from Polar Express, Festive Sounds of Hanukkah and a Christmas singalong. **Tickets** are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and children 12 and under are free.

Loudoun Symphony Orchestra
Presents

Joyous Sounds of the Season

Sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. William Kane and family

December 2, 2017 4:00 PM
The Community Church
19790 Ashburn Rd, Ashburn, VA 20147

Family Concert December 3, 2017 4:00-5:00 PM
John Champe High School
41535 Sacred Mountain St, Aldie, VA 20105



Guest Conductor: Dimitar Nikolov



Soprano: Abby Middleton

Hear your holiday favorites, including:
Believe from Polar Express
Festive Sounds of Hanukkah
Mel Tormé's Christmas Song
Christmas Singalong

Tickets: \$30 Adults, \$25 Seniors (65+) and free for youths 12 and under. Visit www.loudounsymphony.org to order tickets in advance.

(because)Music Matters.

Toy Drive: Rotary Club of Ashburn with It Takes a Village Baby! is sponsoring a toy drive for needy families on December 7th. Help us bring joy to the kids in the community by donating new or gently used toys. Most of our children are newborn to 2 years old. Please bring donations to to the Rotary meeting on December 7th at the 1757 Golf Club or purchase toys off the [wishlist](#) which will be shipped directly to Rotary.

Toys for Tots: The Loudoun County Detachment of the Marine Corps League is pleased to sponsor the 2017 Toys for Tots campaign! Toys for Tots only accepts new, unwrapped toys. It is preferable to receive one or two toys rather than several small stocking stuffers. The warehouse where toys can be dropped off is located at 21100 Ashburn Crossing Drive, #175, in Ashburn. Please visit [website](#) for warehouse hours for toy drop offs. On-line monetary donations allow us to purchase toys for children with special needs. For the donation to be designated to the Loudoun County Toys for Tots, please select VA-Loudoun from the "Select a Local Campaign" drop-down menu. Your contribution is gratefully appreciated!

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