



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

I want to thank everyone who attended or [viewed](#) my State of the County Address on May 23rd. What makes Loudoun such an extraordinary place to live is its people. A special thank you to my staff, and all who participated in the program. The Dominion High School Titan Singers' musical presentation directed by My-Van Nguyen was spectacular. Below is a picture of Johnny Curtis (pictured left) who graced us by singing the National Anthem and Jibreel Martinez Jaka (pictured right), an Eagle Scout, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.



I want to highlight eleven year old Sky Johnson, founder of "[Sew Fly Sky](#)," who made my outfit for the evening. Her talent reaffirms my belief that every child has gifts given to them by God and it is the responsibility of caring adults to nurture and encourage those gifts whether they be in a STEM field, a vocation, the arts, or in service to our country. I was very blessed to be one of the first people to wear an original design from, "[Sew Fly Sky](#)."



Discharge of Firearms

Based on an accidental shooting incident in the Willowsford community, I moved that staff report on the Codified Ordinance, Discharge of Firearms, describe the process for how the current ordinance was developed and amended, present maps depicting the boundaries of regulated areas, and identify the State Code to regulate the discharge of firearms at the June 21st Board business meeting. I also requested that staff invite a representative from The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Sheriff Mike Chapman and Commonwealth's Attorney Jim Plowman to discuss state code regulations, the County's Codified Ordinance, and the investigation into this specific incident. The public is welcome to speak to the Board about this issue at 5:00 or 6:30 pm. Advanced sign-up for public input is available by calling 703-777-0200 until noon the day of the meeting.

Leesburg North Landing

The Board majority forwarded the special exception to permit up to 14 fuel pumps (12 pumps under canopy and 2 diesel pumps) on Route 15, north of the Village of Lucketts, to the July 3rd Board Business Meeting for

action. Thank you to everyone for coming out to the public hearing last Wednesday. Some points were made that I had not considered and will research like the spillage from the gas pump nozzles. If the spillage from the nozzles negatively affects wells in this area, this will impact my vote. I will also research the topography of the land to determine how the additional fill will impact runoff to properties at lower elevations. There will be a public input session at 6:30 pm and residents are encouraged to sign-up in advance by calling 703-777-0200.

Transit Summit

The Board is hosting a Transit Summit on Monday, June 25th at 6:00 pm to follow-up on the items discussed at last year's summit (see list below). The public is welcome to attend but there will be no public input session.

- Bus stop inventory and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance
- Dulles north transit center
- Process for soliciting, receiving, and evaluating stakeholder requests for transit
- Metro-connection and local fixed route service, transition to a combined system

Women in Government

I am honored to be selected for the [Women in Government Leadership Program Class of 2019 by Governing Institute](#). Twenty five honorees were selected from across the nation because they are making a difference in the communities they serve and blazing a trail for future women candidates to follow. Governing Institute's Women in Government Leadership Program invites elected women leaders to be featured in Governing magazine, attend leadership programs to learn job critical skills and pay it forward by mentoring the next generation of women leaders to run for office.

I am delighted to be part of such an elite group and hope to apply my knowledge to this great County. I would be remiss not to acknowledge all the women who paved the way for me to be allowed to serve in Loudoun. Counties and communities are electing women across the nation to tackle today's most pressing issues and I look forward to joining these women to identify real world solutions that can improve our government's performance for future generations.

Leadership Loudoun

Do you know of a community rockstar? Applications for the Leadership Loudoun Class of 2019 are due July 31st. Leadership Loudoun is a nonprofit that develops current and emerging leaders in Loudoun County to strengthen

the community. Please consider [applying](#) to the nine-month leadership development program. Thank you!

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair.

Best Regards,

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Voice for a Cause **StoryBook Treasures**

StoryBook Treasures is a nonprofit organization with the goal of providing books and reading materials to promote literacy and education to all children. StoryBook Treasures is designed by teachers, provides an innovative curriculum that builds upon a student's strength for using their imagination and curiosity to empower children to establish a love of books and become successful life-long readers. StoryBook Treasures is growing at an incredible rate and is currently active in 5 states (Florida, Nevada, Alaska, Maryland, and Virginia) and impacts over 150 classrooms and 3,000 students.



Investing in Transportation

[The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority \(NVTA\) adopted its first six-year transportation program.](#) Loudoun County is receiving \$337 million, which is approximately 21 percent of the available funds in the six-year program. The Loudoun projects are:

- Dulles West Boulevard Widening: Loudoun County Parkway to Northstar Boulevard
- Evergreen Mills Road Intersection Realignment: Watson Road and Reservoir Road
- Northstar Boulevard: Shreveport Drive to Tall Cedars Parkway
- Prentice Drive Extension: Lockridge Road to Shellhorn Road
- Route 9 Traffic Calming
- Route 15 Bypass Widening: Battlefield Parkway to Montesor Road
- Route 28 Northbound Widening: Between Dulles Toll Road and Sterling Boulevard
- Shellhorn Road Extension: Loudoun County Parkway to Randolph Drive
- Interchange at Route 7 and Battlefield Parkway

As the Vice Chairman of NVTA, it is an honor to be part of this historic milestone for the Authority. The 44 projects in our first Six Year Program will deliver major improvements throughout the region that will not just relieve congestion but improve the quality of life for all Northern Virginians. Below is a picture of NVTA members with the Hillsboro community who were celebrating funding for the Route 9 traffic calming project.



Bo's Story



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My mother, Enid, left Uganda and came to America in the mid-'80s after her two brothers were killed during her home country's civil war. She met my father while studying for her first degree at UDC. She continued her education and worked full-time until I was born. She worked hard to earn her bachelor's degree, even while moving to Georgia and expanding her family.

My mother raised her four children with strong values, including a global citizenship mindset. She taught us to make a difference in our world, environment, and generation. She discovered a deep passion for helping parents who come to this country from other shores and have trouble in their marriages and parenting, especially in a different culture. She wanted to address these challenges, so she went back to school and earned a master's degree in marriage and family counseling.

When our family moved back to Virginia in 2013, I hoped to work for the government but did not know how to go about it. The next day, my mother and I attended church and met a man who introduced me to then-Congressman Frank Wolf. Soon, I was working for him at the U.S. Capitol. When he retired, I worked for a New York senator and then for the Obama Administration, where I helped with policies concerning the environment and climate change. As usual, life has a way of throwing us curveballs. After more than 27 years of marriage, my father suddenly left our family in 2016-without saying a word to any of us. No family in Loudoun should have to cope with such loss.

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I believe tragedy is not intended to destroy us but to soften our hearts. Our church community supported us. Because of their kindness, we did not fall. We were fortunate to have a professionally trained counselor in our mother, who could help us all heal.

In 2014, my mother and I founded a nonprofit to help new immigrants-mostly high school-aged girls-and under-served families find their way through a system that can seem daunting to navigate. We help them adjust to their new culture and community, enroll in educational

courses, and find internships or jobs. Along the way, we provide these families with hope, purpose, encouragement, and opportunities.

Many of the young women who come to Loudoun from various countries do not quite understand how different it will be to live here. Many come here only to find themselves on the periphery, thinking they will never fit in. People need to feel authentic connections with friends, co-workers, church members, and neighbors. My family's journey has taught us that we all can open our eyes and our hearts to embrace everyone from every culture. If we do, we can go far to make this a richer nation and to End the Need in Loudoun.

Community Events and Information

American Library Association (ALA) Award: Chang Liu, Director, Loudon County Public Library has been named the 2018 winner of ALA's Ernest A. DiMattia Award for Innovation and Service to Community and Profession. The award, supported by the DiMattia Family, recognizes a public librarian who demonstrates leadership in anticipating emerging trends in services, products and technologies that will enhance the library's position in its community. More information about the Ernest A. DiMattia Award for Innovation and Service to Community and Profession is available at the [ALA website](#).

Dulles International Airport Hosts Public Workshops on Airport Aircraft Noise Contour Map Update: Wednesday, June 27th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm Washington Dulles International Airport Office Building, 45045 Aviation Drive in Sterling. 2nd Floor Conference Room (free parking available in front of the building), and Thursday, June 28th, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Rock Ridge High School Cafeteria, 43460 Loudoun Reserve Drive in Ashburn. These workshops will provide an overview of the study, including airfield plans, existing airport operations and basic information regarding aircraft noise and noise modeling standards.

Star Spangled Sterling: Saturday, June 30th from 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm hosted by the Sterling Community Center. Limited parking is available at the Sterling Middle School. Come on out and join your fellow Sterlingites for a FREE evening of fun and fireworks! There will be live music, free hot dogs, crafts, games, moon bounces, a pie baking competition, watermelon eating competitions, a fun fitness obstacle course, water balloon t-ball, and a perfect spot to sit and watch the fireworks. To sign up for the pie baking competition, email sterling@loudoun.gov.

Rally for Our Kids School Supply Drive: Donations accepted from July 13th to August 4th at Giant Food and Costco stores with a grand finale at LCPS School Board meeting room on August 9th from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Area Rotaries in conjunction with Giant Food, Costco, Collins Moving Company & My Guys Movers are holding a school supply drive for LCPS students in need.



Rotary  The Rotary Clubs of Ashburn, Bailey's Crossroad, Chantilly-Centerville, Leesburg Day Break, Reston, Purcellville, and Sterling.

 **Giant** and  **COSTCO**
WHOLESALE

have joined forces to provide
Brand New Backpacks for
Deserving Kids In Our Area.

Let's "Rally For Our Kids"
and fill
1,250 Backpacks

Seventeen Giant Food Stores
across the region are coming
together to fill the backpacks with
much needed school supplies.

School Items needed:
Composition books, baby wipes,
tissue, pencils, color pencils, glue
sticks, spiral notebooks, yellow
highlighters, dry erasers, scissors,
Crayola, vinyl folders, markers

Thanks to My Guys Moving and Collins
Brothers Moving & Storage, who
committed to move the supplies across
the County to make this all happen.

 

Donations accepted July 13th - August 4th

Morven Park Offers Free Admission for Military Families: From June 14th through August 24th, Morven Park is offering three additional days to tour the Davis Mansion, the Winmill Carriage Museum, and the Museum of Hounds & Hunting. The popular historical attractions will be open Thursdays through Mondays from noon to 5 pm, with the last tour starting at 4:00 pm. Additionally, Morven Park is providing free admission to active duty military personnel and their families until Labor Day.

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