



# CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



## Hello, Loudoun

Thank you to everyone who attended my State of the County address on May 22nd. I want to thank the many people who make this event possible, my staff, my family, Dorri O'Brien from Vice Chair Ralph Buona's office, Ruby Brabo from the National Association of Counties, and others. If you missed it, you can watch the video on the [County's webcast](#). As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair.



### Loudoun 2019 Comprehensive Plan

After an extensive review and public process, the Board adopted the 2019 Comprehensive Plan at the June 20th Board business meeting. The plan will serve as the County government's guide for land use and transportation policy to meet future priorities and needs.

- First, I want to say how much I appreciate the County staff for countless hours of work on this plan over the last 3.5 years. After eighteen years, we should have expected it would take this long to revise it.
- Second, I appreciate the resident interaction and involvement in crafting this new comprehensive plan. We held over 100 public meetings, and Loudoun's citizens had numerous opportunities and venues to speak to the County Board and staff.
- Third, I am excited about the creation of a new Urban Policy Area (UPA) near our Metro Stations. The UPA is designated to accommodate dense and vertical development and create vibrant transit oriented communities with a performing arts center and other dynamic uses for a world class destination spot. With this new area, Loudoun will have four very unique policy areas: Urban, Suburban, Transition and Rural.
- Fourth, I made a motion for the creation of a strategic plan to address our unmet housing needs and explore various ways to ensure that going forward, Loudoun will become a county where our firefighters, teachers, nurses, and retail staff can live. After eighteen years, it is imperative we complete a comprehensive plan that includes an Unmet Housing Need Strategic Plan. That will mean ensuring we have a completed housing strategic plan and appropriate infrastructure before approving more homes.
- Lastly, I protected the Rural Policy Area and maintained the Transition Policy Area. I listened to the residents and stakeholders and supported limited growth in the Transition Policy Area to only those areas that had or will have the infrastructure to support it. My motion stated that the Board encourage no further expansion of the boundaries in the Transition Policy Area and no further reduction of the boundaries in the Rural Policy Area beyond the adoption of the Loudoun 2019 Comprehensive Plan. This passed unanimously.

At the final work session, I made a motion to review the comprehensive plan at least once every five years as per the Code of Virginia. This motion passed unanimously and will ensure the plan is reviewed frequently and meets the requirements of State law. The June 20th version of the Loudoun 2019 Comprehensive Plan can be found [here](#). Links to the eight Board work sessions can be found on this [website](#).

### **Courthouse Grounds**

At the June 4th Board business meeting, the Loudoun County Heritage Commission presented its extensive research on the history of the Loudoun County Courthouse grounds and recommendations for future memorials, monuments, statues and interpretative historical displays, a project that was requested by the Board In September 2017.

I did not know the amazing history of Charles Houston and would encourage everyone to read the report entitled, "The History of the County Courthouse and its Role in the Path to Freedom, Justice and Racial Equality in Loudoun County" at this [website](#) or in Loudoun County Public Libraries.

The Board forwarded the following recommendations to a future Finance, Government Operations and Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss them in greater detail. The recommendations are:

- Allocating funds and directing staff to pursue National Historic Landmark status for the courthouse;
- Naming the old or new courthouse after prominent African-American attorney Charles Hamilton Houston;
- Creating an interpretive "Path Toward Freedom" walk on the courthouse grounds; and
- Implementing a professionally-facilitated community process to design and place memorials along the interpretive walk honoring "Loudoun County's path to freedom and justice."

### **Identification of Cemeteries**

In March 2017, I sponsored a Board member initiative to protect and preserve existing and historic cemeteries and burial grounds. Part of this initiative is the identification of more than 200 active and historic cemeteries and burial grounds in an interactive map. Up until this point, there was no record of where cemeteries were located which puts them at risk during the development process. The burial grounds of the enslaved are at particular risk because most of these are unmarked. This work really started with Pastor Michelle Thomas at the Belmont Slave Cemetery. It shows how one person's passion can lead to something like this.

Please visit this [website](#) to see the interactive map which will let the user search for a cemetery by name or by address. The companion Story Map provides information on how the data was collected and the challenges of locating the graves or burial grounds of the enslaved. The County anticipates that there are cemeteries that remain unknown or have yet to be discovered and has provided an online form for residents to share information with the County about other locations of cemeteries, burial grounds and graves or to provide additional details or corrections to the data presented in the map.

### **Elementary School School Resource Officers**

At the Joint Board and School Board Committee meeting in June, we discussed the gradual roll out of School Resource Officers (SRO) in all our elementary schools. Currently, there is one SRO already deployed within each high school and middle school for each cluster including the Leesburg PD SROs for the three Town high school clusters. The Sheriff's proposal, if fully implemented through Board adopted appropriations and upon agreement and in cooperation with the LCPS, would use a phased approach over a period of four academic years. Daily responsibilities for elementary school SROs include: being present for school safety; checking the security measures in the school; being a presence in the classroom to nurture the learning environment; developing learning programs such as bike safety; teaching DARE to 5th grade students; and addressing law enforcement related calls for service.

School safety is much more than officers in schools who are trained and ready to respond, it also means having enough counselors for mental health services, middle school deans and peer to peer programs. Relationships are what keep schools and communities safer. LCPS is putting a greater emphasis on mental health by implementing unified mental health teams at middle and high schools. There are also student lead programs for mental wellness like the Sources of Strength curriculum. I believe expanding officers into all the elementary schools should be a top priority and support the Sheriff's proposal.

### **Animal Services**

On May 30th, we celebrated the breaking of ground for the construction of the new primary location of the Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) estimated to be completed by the summer of 2020. This 21,450 square foot facility will be located on Adoption Drive, a future section of roadway accessed from Kincaid Boulevard, and will replace the existing 15,000 square foot facility in Waterford. It is ideally positioned in Leesburg to serve the major population and commercial centers of Loudoun County. The Waterford

location will be renovated and used by LCAS to continue providing agricultural services.



### [Kirkpatrick Farms Fire Station](#)

On June 26th, Loudoun County's Combined Fire-Rescue Service celebrated its newest and long-delayed fire station off Northstar Boulevard near Braddock Road. The station, Number 27, houses a fire engine, tanker, and Advanced Life Support ambulance and has a daily staffing of at least seven people. I read a congratulatory letter from Senator Mark Warner and commented on how it sits near the intersection of Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax counties and will answer calls in all three jurisdictions.



Photo credit Renss Greene, Loudoun Now.

In May, the nation's top bond rating agencies reaffirmed the county's triple-A rating on its general obligation bonds. The ratings agencies noted the county's exceptionally strong operating performance and sound reserves, sizable and diverse tax base, moderate long-term liability burden, and extensive and well integrated financial management and long-term planning. Thank you to our staff and my colleagues on the Board for managing our finances to get the best possible interest rates to finance capital projects, saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

I wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July holiday. There are many parades and fireworks celebrations this week. I hope to see you at the South Riding parade on July 3rd or the Leesburg and Purcellville parades on July 4th. Thank you!

Best Regards,

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## **Investing in Transportation**

### **Northstar Boulevard**

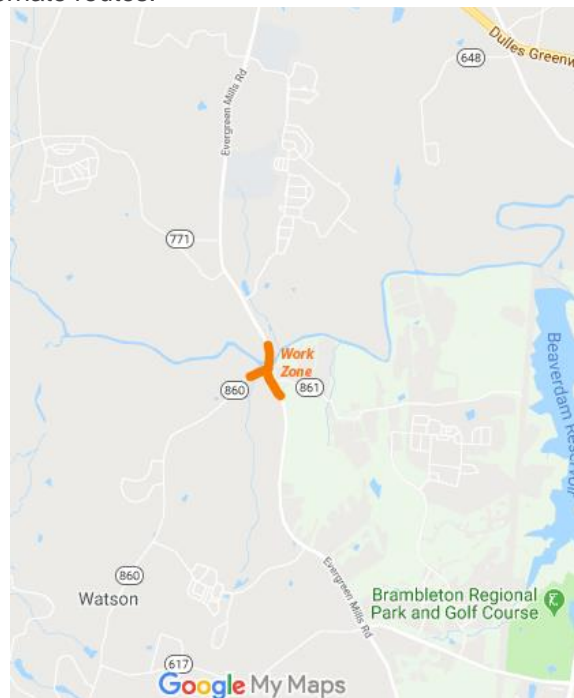
Loudoun's Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) is holding a public information meeting regarding the location and design of the Northstar Boulevard extension. The meeting will take place on Monday, July 8th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the cafeteria at John Champe High School (41535 Sacred Mountain Street in Aldie). Staff will be available to discuss details, answer questions, and receive comments on the proposed project. Conceptual plans and environmental documents will be available for viewing at the meeting and at DTCI headquarters (101 Blue Seal

Drive in Sterling). You can provide written or oral comments at the hearing or submit them to [DTCI@loudoun.gov](mailto:DTCI@loudoun.gov) prior to the meeting.

### [Evergreen Mills Road and Watson Road](#)

Evergreen Mills Road (Route 621) from just north of Watson Road (Route 860) to just south of Watson Road, as well as Watson Road approaching Evergreen Mills Road will have a weekday flagging operation through Friday, July 12th to install sensors and dynamic flashing lights as part of ongoing safety improvements at the intersection, according to VDOT.

There will be one lane of alternating traffic via the flagging on Evergreen Mills and Watson roads; Monday, July 1 through Tuesday, July 2; and Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12 between 9 am and 3 pm each day. Drivers can expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes.



### [Crosstrail Boulevard](#)

On May 29th, there was a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the completion and opening of two segments of Crosstrail Boulevard between Sycolin Road and Kincaid Boulevard.



The opening of these segments will provide additional access to recreational facilities, Loudoun Transit's Leesburg park and ride lot and to the new offices of Loudoun County Animal Services. The project also includes turn lane improvements along Sycolin Road and a traffic signal at the intersection, which is scheduled to be fully operational early next week. This section of Crosstrail Boulevard will also serve as an alternate route to both Battlefield Parkway and Cochran Mill Road. Construction on the final section of Crosstrail Boulevard, between Kincaid Boulevard and Russel Branch Parkway, is expected to begin soon. When the road is completed, the four-lane, divided highway will provide a new connection between Sycolin Road and Route 7.

### **Riverside Parkway**

On May 15th, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the missing segment of Riverside Parkway between Ashburn Village Boulevard and Lexington Drive.

The project constructed a four lane, median-divided roadway, with a shared use path on the north side of the road, and installed a traffic signal at the intersection with Ashburn Village Boulevard. This short segment of Riverside Parkway is significant because it provides a connection to Lexington Drive on the north side of Route 7. Opening this roadway will enable the county to eventually remove the traffic signal on Route 7 and Lexington Drive in conjunction with the construction of Riverside Parkway between Lexington Drive and Loudoun County Parkway, which is scheduled for the coming year.





## **Voice for a Cause** **Loudoun First** **Responders** **Foundation**

The mission of **Loudoun First Responders Foundation** is to financially support active Loudoun County first responder personnel facing needs arising from; injury, illness and conditions in the line of duty, and/or loss of active duty approved under the county's Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or bereavement policy. The goal is to provide all first responders immediate financial support (within 24 hours) in their time of need. The foundation is 10 years old and continues to grow to support volunteers and professionals in the line of duty and during family emergencies when taking care of a loved one. Please contact your supervisor to apply for benefits. This year the foundation awarded 20 scholarships to graduating seniors who are a child of a first responder or volunteer themselves totaling \$30,000.



## Bo's Corner



On June 29th, Bo attended the groundbreaking for the Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park expected to be completed in the spring of 2022. Features of the 257-acre park will include 17 lighted athletic fields, including two artificial turf fields and one cricket field; five ponds; the historic Lee-Hanson House; an event lodge and nature center; a skate plaza and disc golf course; a splash pad and playground with inclusive features and over 75 acres of passive recreational space. Bo is excited about the 2 basketball courts. The park will be operated by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

## Community Events and Information

**County Offers Discount:** Effective July 1st, the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will provide membership and pass discounts to active duty and retired members of the military and first responders. The 15% discount will apply to annual, six month and monthly memberships, as well as daily and 25 admission passes, at Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center and Dulles South Recreation and Community Center. To receive the discount, retired or active duty military members must present a military ID card, veteran's ID card, or other form of military identification. First responders must present proof of current employment or volunteer service with a first response agency. For more information, call 571-258-3456.

**The WKND:** Every month Community Church create a safe place for hundreds of 6th-12th grade students to hang out and have a great time! We do this through unforgettable

performances, huge giveaways, great food and BIG after parties. Our hope is that no matter what stage of faith a student is in, they can come to The WKND and feel at home. Next event is the SLOPFEST on July 13th from 7-11 pm.



**(SLOPFEST, MUD WAR,  
FREE FOOD, LIVE MUSIC,  
GIVEAWAYS + MORE!)**

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**JULY 13, 2019  
6TH-12TH GRADE  
7-11P**

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WWW.THEWKND.LIVE/RSVP**

**Loudoun Sponsors Upcoming Trainings on Reversing Opioid Overdoses:** The trainings are part of the REVIVE! program, which is the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The next REVIVE! sessions are scheduled for Thursday, July 25th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the offices of the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS) at 906 Trailview Boulevard in Leesburg. The training is open to the public; however, classroom space is limited and advanced registration is required. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. Pre-registration is first come, first served. Those interested in attending may register [online](#).



# Adolescent Substance Abuse Program



**ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS FOR COUNSELING SERVICES!**

## Who We Are

Founded by the legendary Washington Redskins Coach, Joe Gibbs, Youth For Tomorrow is a nonprofit organization that has been serving the Northern Virginia community since 1986.

## Our Focus

Providing substance use services for assessments, treatment & referrals with professional excellence, Christian integrity, expert insight, and genuine compassion.

## What We Do

We provide comprehensive mental health, substance use biopsychosocial assessment. We provide group treatment, individual, family counseling including medication management through psychiatry, as needed, with urine drug screens and alcohol test strips.

## Location

Our Loudoun office is located at 19415 Deerfield Ave, Suite 101, Lansdowne, VA. We accept private insurance and Medicaid.

## If Your Child is...

Stressed, overwhelmed or having trouble coping? Struggling at home or in school and their grades are slipping? Using drugs to escape, while using more or experimenting with more drugs? Showing drug seeking behaviors like continued drug use despite negative consequences, or using drugs in hazardous places & situations? Losing interest in things they once cherished or enjoyed? If so, we can help!

## We Can Help with Issues Like:

- Substance Use Disorders
- Stress
- Depression & Anxiety
- Anger
- Co-Occurring Disorders
- Relapse Prevention
- Aftercare planning
- Assessment & Diagnosis
- Referrals to higher levels of care
- Family communication and relationship issues
- Enabling, Co-Dependency
- Behavioral problems in school
- Sober coping & living skills
- Problem solving
- Social Skills
- Rising issues with the law

## Contact Us

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