



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

In July, I attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties (NACo) where Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet was sworn in as the president of the National Association of County Administrators. This is the first time anyone has been elected to this position in our region. Mr. Hemstreet is the head of all County administrators in the United States for a 2-year term. This is not only a big moment for Tim but also for Loudoun County. Congratulations!

NACA



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATORS

At NACo, I sit on the National Health Steering Committee where we discussed mental health for the incarcerated and indigent. Studies show that 50+ percent of inmates have a mental illness. Simply locking them up with no options for treatment costs more money, is harmful to families, and results in higher rates of recidivism. This is why I pushed to ensure Loudoun County was a Stepping Up County to treat inmates and reduce recidivism.

I also attended a packed lecture entitled, "Understanding the County Role in the Growing World of Legal Cannabis." I'm not in favor of legalizing recreational cannabis use; however, Loudoun needs to know the possible impacts on our County.

The two overwhelming discussion topics at NACo were parks, recreation and open space and the lack of a diverse housing stock across the Country.

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

Transit Summit

The Board held a Transit Summit on Tuesday, July 23rd to get an update on a number of topics, including:

- Current transit operations and plans for the future when the Metrorail Silver Line revenue service begins in Loudoun;
- Current paratransit service and plans for expansion when Metrorail stations open in Loudoun;
- Development of strategies for the use of park and ride lots as the County transitions to Metrorail service;
- The use of the Metrorail parking garages in the interim period between completion of the structures and the start of Metrorail service; and
- The future uses of technology by the Loudoun County Transit system, such as autonomous transit vehicles, electronic, real-time information signs at bus stops and mobile ticketing.

This is the third and last Transit Summit during this Board's term. Regarding paratransit, my Board Member Initiative to study the demand and unmet transportation needs of the senior and disabled residents in Loudoun County is underway. Staff will bring the results of the study back to the Board in March 2020, along with any recommendations on how to solve these issues. The Americans with Disabilities Act Bus Compliance Transition Plan that was funded last year is in the design phase. At my request, the Board put this as a priority and funded it during the fund balance process in December.

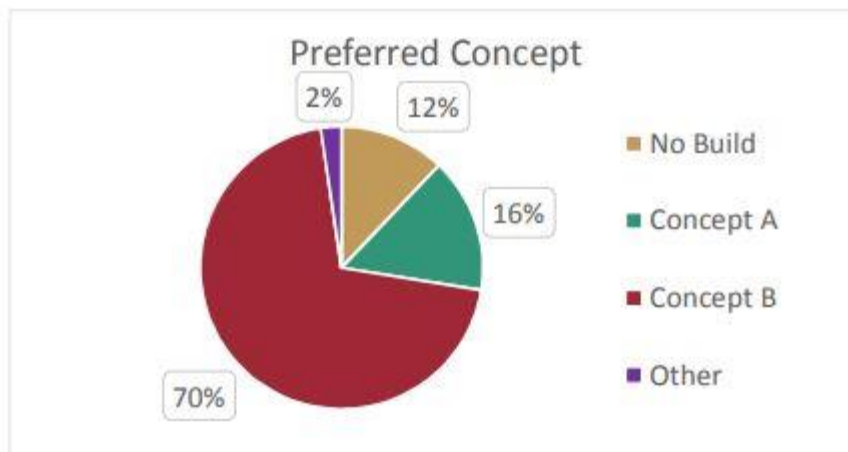
The Board decided to provide our own paratransit service through a third party provider rather than opting into Metro Access run by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA). Staff believes we can provide better customer service with our own paratransit service and it will save us money (costs will be estimated during the FY 2021 budget process).

I was pleased to learn that the County is negotiating with Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) for an alternative lot off Pacific Blvd to replace the Dulles North Transit Center off Route 606. The Dulles North Transit Center park and ride lot sits on federal, MWAA owned land, and is adjacent to the Loudoun Gateway Metro Station, a paid Metro parking garage. Staff believed the location of this park and ride lot will create problems once Metro service begins and recommended that the Dulles North Transit Center lot be replaced with a new lot at a different location once the Metro parking garage is open.

Route 15 North

At the July 18th Board meeting, we discussed the Safety and Operations Study on Route 15 from Whites Ferry Road to the Maryland State Line. The Board majority voted to implement Concept B. Concept B will improve Route 15 to a four-lane, median divided roadway from Montresor Road to the southern portion of the Village of Lucketts. Between Lucketts and Saint Clair Lane, the road will be two-lanes, median divided. North of Saint Clair Lane, the road will be two lanes undivided with the travel lanes and the shoulders improved to meet VDOT's current standards. A traffic signal will be installed at the Lovettsville Road intersection. A bypass around the Village of Lucketts is also proposed to be four-lanes to Stumptown Road and two lanes median divided north of Stumptown Road; the alignment and location of the bypass will be determined during the design phase of the project.

I voted for Concept B because it addresses the safety issue, provides congestion relief and is preferred by 70% of the constituents. I believe that some of the residents who supported Concept B are farmers with rural businesses on Route 15. I appreciate everyone who participated in the three rounds of public meetings and/or submitted an online survey over the last two years. I hear you and voted for Concept B to support the majority of constituents and the staff recommendation. Our staff and traffic engineers did a professional job studying this corridor. This Board approved a vision for the corridor subject to funding and engineering that will be decided by the next Board.



[Union Street School](#)

At the July 18th Board meeting, I moved that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to solicit letters of intent from interested nonprofit organizations for the express purpose of operation, management, preservation and curation of the County's newly acquired 20 Union Street property in Leesburg, which includes the historically significant, former African-American Douglass Elementary School.

I do not want to see the historic site fall into the hands of a nonprofit that is located outside of Loudoun County. The letter of intent would prohibit solicitors from proposing other options, or uses that are inconsistent with preserving the history and culture of the property. I will let you know when a formal schedule is available for the solicitation of the request for letters of intent.

I also asked that staff research whether historical documents had been removed from the Union Street School property prior to acquisition by Loudoun County. I don't want to lose any documents that pertain to the African American community. Because of Pastor Michelle Thomas, Loudoun County is starting to give time and attention to African American historic sites. It is important to preserve these documents and the site for our residents and the students who attended this school. Everyone needs to have a voice about the future of this historic school.



[Loudoun County Human Services Strategic Plan \(HSSP\)](#)

At the July 2nd Board business meeting, we received an overview of the first, community-wide [Loudoun County Human Services Strategic Plan \(HSSP\)](#). The plan has the following five major goals:

- Close critical service gaps for vulnerable or underserved members of the Loudoun community;
- Improve health and wellness outcomes by addressing the social determinants of health that challenge the Loudoun community;
- Optimize access for people seeking services by integrating the Loudoun human services system;
- Meet the growing needs of the Loudoun community through the development and coordination of resources and funding practices; and
- Enhance the quality, capacity and delivery of services by strengthening the network of human services providers.

A Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee is being established to create an implementation plan to meet the goals, objectives and strategies of the HSSP. The committee will include representatives of the Loudoun County government, nonprofits, businesses, consumers and grant makers/funders. I appreciate all the involvement and input that went into the strategic plan. It will take a year to establish an implementation plan so the next Board will prioritize the items and determine funding.

[Loudoun United Ribbon Cutting and Opening Game](#)

Today, Saturday, August 3rd at 5:00 pm, Board members and Loudoun United will attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the soccer team's new home at Segra Field at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg. The event is free and open to the public. Attendees may access the event location from Sycolin Road via the newly constructed segment of Crosstrail Boulevard. The program includes remarks from senior team officials, as well as a "fan fest" with activities for the whole family. Soccer fans may get an up close look at the new field, enjoy food and drink, and meet Loudoun United team members. Loudoun United encourages members of the public to **[RSVP to the event online](#)**.

Earlier this month, our Loudoun United team unveiled the name for the new stadium: Segra Field (Swedish, meaning to win or to prevail). Based in South Carolina, Segra lays advanced fiber for data centers throughout the region. Please save the date for the first home game on August 9th against the Charlotte Independence. Visit this website for **[tickets](#)**.



Thank you for selecting me as your "Favorite Public Servant" again this year in the Loudoun Now's favorites poll. I simply don't have the words to express my gratitude. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for helping to make Loudoun the best County in the Country. Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Loudoun, serving as your County Chair is my highest honor. Your selection of me as your "Favorite Public Official" is profoundly humbling, and I thank you.

Chair at Large,
Phyllis Randall



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you Loudoun
County

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Best Regards,

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Investing in Transportation

Intersection of Lexington Drive and Route 7

At the July 18th Board business meeting, the Board unanimously voted to decommission the traffic light and eliminate the intersection of Lexington Drive and Route 7 one year ahead of schedule. This closure will improve traffic flow along Route 7 and help implement the limited access designation of Route 7 to Route 28. The completion of the missing segment of Riverside Parkway from Lexington Drive and Smith Circle to Loudoun County Parkway will provide direct access to Lexington Drive from Riverside Parkway. Originally scheduled to close with the completion of Riverside Parkway, a road parallel on the north side of Route 7, this decision allows the light to come down before Riverside Parkway is complete.

Evergreen Mills Road Turn Lanes at The Woods Road

Work has begun on new turn lanes to improve safety and operations at the intersection of Evergreen Mills Road and The Woods Road. Drivers traveling through the intersection can expect one lane of alternating traffic via flagging Mondays through Fridays between 9 am and 3 pm each day. The project is scheduled for completion in summer 2020. When work is complete, drivers on northbound Evergreen Mills Road will have a new left turn lane to access The Woods Road, while southbound drivers will have a new right turn lane. The \$2.5 million turn lane improvements are being financed with federal, state and Loudoun County funds.

Voice for a Cause Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls

In April 2017, Chair Randall founded the Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls to assess the many risks and challenges women and girls face, and to address those challenges. The mission of the Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls is to empower women and girls to confidently grow in their personal and professional lives. The commission educates the community through workshops, seminars, training programs, and other events. It also develops strategic partnerships with local organizations and community leaders to address the needs of women and girls. Elizabeth Bennis and other Commission members recently attended the National Association of Commissions for Women Annual Conference in July to network and participate in panel discussions. Loudoun County has been chosen to host the 2020 conference. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please visit the [website](#).



Community Events and Information

Trainings on Reversing Opioid Overdoses: Loudoun County continues to host training sessions on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose. 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, August 22, 2019
- Thursday, September 26, 2019
- Thursday, October 24, 2019

All classes will be held 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. Those interested in attending may register [online](#).

County Offers Discount: 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.

Loudoun Cares Live Fundraising Art Auction: Friday, September 13th, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm hosted by the Village of Leesburg at 1601 Village Market Blvd, Suite 100 in Leesburg. Join Loudoun Cares for a night of wine, nibbles, and beautiful art at our first ever Live Art Auction to benefit our programs that continue to connect those who serve with those in need in our community. All items framed and ready to take home and enjoy right away. Also, bid on several local art pieces from our talented Loudoun artists, participate in our 50/50 raffle, and much more. Everyone is welcome regardless if you participate in the auction.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament: River Creek Veterans Organization is hosting this tournament in support of Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (ORHF), which assists Homeless Veterans in the DC Metro area including Loudoun County. The golf tournament is Monday, September 16th at 9:00 am at River Creek County Club at 43800 Olympic Blvd in Leesburg.



River Creek Veterans Organization Annual Charity Golf Tournament

in support of
OPERATION RENEWED HOPE FOUNDATION
Monday, 16 September 2019 @ 9:00 am



ORHF helps Veterans and their families in the greater DC area who are experiencing homelessness. Every client is literally homeless, and ORHF is working to clear the barriers to getting them into homes. They want our Veterans and their families to be at a place where they can rebuild their lives and children can have the stability they need before the school year begins.

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Meridians Run for Recovery 5K/10K Run/Walk: Saturday, September 28th at 9:00 am at Algonkian Regional Park. On November 1st, Meridians Recovery will open a women's

recovery house in Sterling, but we need your help to do it. We need as many walkers, runners, and supporters as we can get to fund this project for a year. We have already raised over \$8,500 and our goal is \$20,000 to offset costs for the house and \$24,000 for a part-time female Certified Peer Recovery Specialist to work with and support the women. Please visit this [website](#) for early registration and sponsorships. Volunteers will be needed the day of the event as well.



Run for Recovery

5K 10K Run/Walk

9:00 AM start time September 28, 2019

Run by the River at Algonkian Regional Park



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Event information at www.meridiansrunforrecovery.org

or go to <https://www.potomacriverrunning.com/event/meridians-run-for-recovery-5k-10k/>

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