



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

Happy Spring! I hope everyone enjoyed the snow.

You are invited to my Substance Abuse Summit on Tuesday, April 17th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Northern Virginia Community College Waddell Theater, 21200 Campus Drive in Sterling. The focus will be on prevention, treatment, self-help, legal aspects and life after recovery. Loudoun County Government, public safety, nonprofit organizations, faith communities, private industry, health providers, recovering addicts and families have come together to hold breakout sessions where we talk frankly about this epidemic. A free light breakfast and boxed lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Elizabeth Bennis at elizabeth.bennis@loudoun.gov. Thank you!



*Chair Phyllis Randall and Chair Sharon Bulova
invite you to attend a*



Community Substance Abuse Summit

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Northern Virginia Community College
Waddell Theater, LW Building
21200 Campus Drive, Sterling, VA

*The goal of this summit is to provide resources and support for families and residents
who are suffering with or recovering from the Disease of Addiction.*

The focus will be on substance abuse and dependency as a whole, which includes the opioid crisis.

A light breakfast and boxed lunch will be served.

Please RSVP in advance to Elizabeth Bennis at Elizabeth.bennis@loudoun.gov.

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Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk, Supervisor Kristen Umstattd and I will be hosting a Town Hall in Leesburg on Saturday, April 7th from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the Town Council Chambers. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

TOWN HALL MEETING



April 7th from 10:30am to 12pm

Town Council Chambers at Town Hall

25 W. Market Street, Leesburg

Leesburg Mayor Kelly Burk, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall and Leesburg District Supervisor Kristen Umstatt will be hosting a Town Hall meeting to hear from residents about issues of concern and give updates on the County and Town of Leesburg.

Budget

The Board of Supervisors held its last budget work session on Wednesday, March 21st. By tradition, I made the motion for a \$1.085 tax rate but did not support the motion. There is no reason to cut LCPS by an additional \$4.1 million making the total deficit to the schools \$14.9 million. I support a tax rate that adequately funds the schools. The final vote on the budget and real estate tax rate will be at the April 3rd Board business meeting. Residents can speak to the Board at the public input session at 5:00 pm (advanced sign-up is required) before a final vote is taken.

I would like to highlight a few of the items tentatively approved in the County's budget.

- The establishment of a dedicated Housing Policy Division with finance and real estate expertise to provide a strategic and proactive approach for affordable and workforce housing. The Board majority voted to fund 2 of the 4 positions requested from the Department of Family Services. I did not support this motion because we need to fully fund

the housing division now. This program was needed years ago to address the housing affordability crisis in Loudoun County. Only 29% of our Fire and Rescue staff can afford to live here. When we submitted our proposal for Amazon's second headquarters, known as HQ2, the one thing we could not check off is affordable housing, an issue that impacts our economic development.

- The creation of a behavioral health program to support the needs of first responders throughout the community of career and volunteer first responders. The proposal includes hiring a new behavioral health coordinator, trained in psychology or a related field, to focus on developing the behavioral health program and daily support. We have a responsibility to treat mental injuries just as we treat physical injuries. To help those who need mental health care or extra emotional support, we need a new healthy way of thinking.
- The addition of one School Resource Officer as a floater/investigator for the Sheriff's Office to back fill schools that do not have coverage due to leave, court or other issues. Currently, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has a deputy assigned to 13 middle schools, 12 high schools, the Douglas School and two new schools opening next year for a total of 28 School Resource Officers.

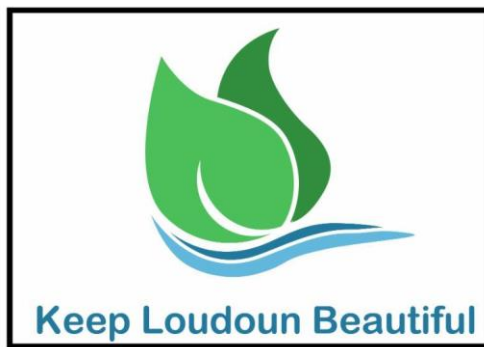
Trash Clean-Up

During the Board business meeting on March 6th, I requested the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) come to a Board meeting to discuss the trash issue, and how it can be resolved as we have received many constituent inquiries. At the April 19th Board meeting, I plan to ask VDOT about the budget for maintaining and keeping roads clean, and the time frame in which they are mandated to remove trash following constituent inquiries.

I also asked the Sheriff's Department if there is an opportunity to increase the capacity of the Outside Work Force Program for inmates. I asked because, in my almost twenty five years living in Loudoun, I've never once observed inmates working in the community. I've been told we currently have two deputies assigned to the Work Force Program. They can have up to seven inmates on their work crew and we usually have the maximum number of inmates in this program (14). The inmate must be "authorized" by the sentencing judge(s) to participate, have no more than 30 months sentence, no assaultive/violent history and must be medically approved. Unfortunately, it is not feasible to develop a third work crew at this time without more sworn deputies in the jail.

At the March 22nd Board meeting, I asked Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB) to be my Voice for a Cause. KLB is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization

serving Loudoun County since 1972 to advocate, educate, and provide a clean and healthy environment for Loudoun residents, businesses, and wildlife. KLB achievement stats for 2017 include 1,081 volunteers, donating over 3,600 hours to collect and responsibly dispose of 3349 bags of recycling, 947 bags of trash and 223 tires.



April is KLB's primary month for clean-up events around Loudoun County to coincide with Earth day (please see the kick-off event in Cascades below). There will be 50 different clean up events in Loudoun from March to early May. Events are promoted on KLB's [Facebook page](#), [website](#) and e-mail newsletter. If you have a passion for keeping Loudoun Beautiful, and are interested in serving on the KLB Board of Directors, or at the committee level, please sign-up to help at info@keeploudounbeautiful.org. Thank you!

Best Regards,

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Voice For A Cause



Paxton Campus

The Arc of Loudoun

[The Arc of Loudoun](#) at Paxton Campus' mission is to maximize the potential of children while supporting families and individuals with disabilities so that they may thrive in the community. The Arc of Loudoun at Paxton Campus is a full-service non-profit organization with multiple programs and services that together provide an integrated and innovative environment for children with disabilities and their families. Programs include The Aurora School; Aurora Behavior Clinic; Open Door Learning preschool; Ally Advocacy Center; and Ability Fitness Center. The Arc of Loudoun's 50th Celebration Gala is Saturday, April 21st at 6:00 pm at the Lansdowne Resort and Spa. Visit [here](#) for sponsorship opportunities, to donate auction items, and purchase tickets!

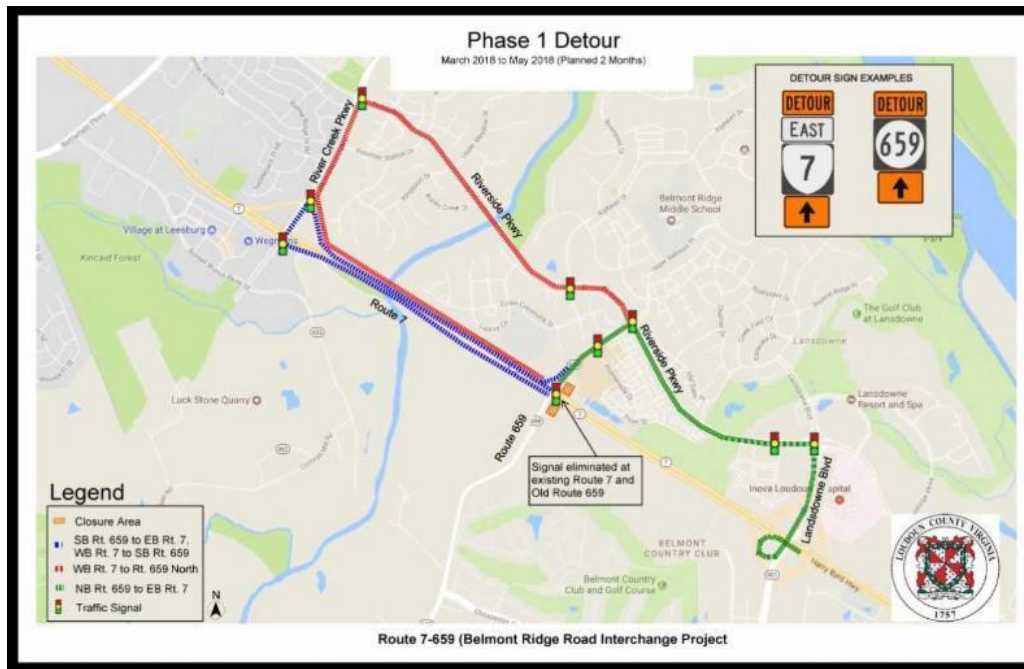
Investing in Transportation

[Blasting on Route 659 \(Belmont Ridge Road\)](#) is scheduled to resume on or about Thursday, March 22nd. Blasting will be concentrated just south of the future intersection of Russell Branch Parkway between Gloucester Parkway and Route 7 to allow for the construction of the northbound lanes of Belmont Ridge Road. Blasting along Route 659 is expected to be completed in early April. Blasting necessary for grading of the Route 7 median continues in the Route 7 median and is expected to be completed in mid-April.

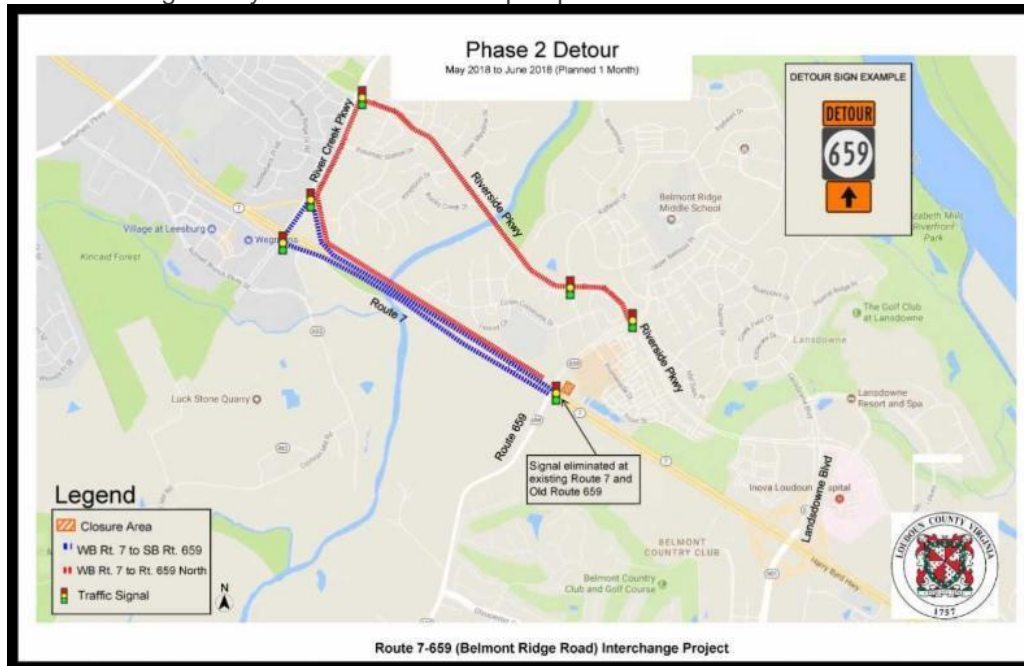
Blasting is generally scheduled to occur between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. as conditions permit. The blasting may cause temporary road closures for brief periods, generally not longer than 20 minutes.

Traffic shifts and detours are scheduled for the [Route 7/659 \(Belmont Ridge Road\) interchange project](#). The work will consist of two phases and the impact of the two phases are as follows:

Phase One: The first phase of the work is scheduled from March 27th to May. The first phase opens traffic to the ramps and spurs on the west side of the bridge, eliminates the signal at existing Route 7, and puts Belmont Ridge Road traffic and the signal onto the interchange bridge. The phase one traffic shift will allow the contractor to begin construction of the ramps and spurs on the east side of the bridge concurrently. This phase is expected to take about two months to complete and will require traffic detours onto Route 7 eastbound from Belmont Ridge Road and onto Belmont Ridge Road from Route 7 westbound. Please see the map of phase one detours below.



Phase Two: The second phase will open traffic to the ramp and spur at the southeast corner of the interchange, allowing access onto Route 7 eastbound from Belmont Ridge Road and allowing the contractor to complete construction of the ramp at the northeast corner. The phase two traffic shift is planned to be completed within one month starting in May. Please see the map of phase two detours below.



Community Events and Information

2nd Annual World Series of Entrepreneurship: Your high school students have the opportunity to pitch their business ideas against their peers and earn early-stage funding, scholarship dollars, and mentoring from local startup businesses this May. WSE was inspired by two fundamental beliefs: (1) the modern core curriculum desperately needs supplemental opportunities where young people can gain practical, real-world experience to help prepare them for productive, rewarding lives; and (2) the attributes embodied by entrepreneurs are vital for everyone-not just company founders and business leaders. Students can submit their business ideas online by clicking [here](#).

Father of the Internet Visits INMED's Opportunity Center: Students in the after-school academic enrichment program at INMED's Family & Youth Opportunity Center recently received a gift they will never forget. Dr. Vinton G. Cerf, Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist for Google, spent more than an hour observing the Center's many student activities-and even participated in a binary coding exercise presented by Sterling Public Library. Dr. Cerf's visit provided a major showcase of the expanded STEAM enrichment activities offered at the Opportunity Center for at-risk children.



YMCA Stravaganza: Saturday, March 24th, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, YMCA Loudoun County Youth Development Center, 624 West Church Road in Sterling. Free egg hunt, crafts, refreshments and games. For ages 2 and up. Please bring your own basket.

Morven Park Ultimate Frisbee League Spring Hat Tournament: Saturday, April 7th starting at 11:00 am. The Morven Park Ultimate Frisbee League Pre-Season Hat Tournament is open to players of all abilities, ages 16 and up. The cost is \$5/player (pre-registration) or \$10/player (day-of registration). Everyone registers individually, and teams are generated by randomly picking player names out of a hat. Prizes will be given to the winners!

Spring Native Plant Sale: Saturday, April 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Morven Park, 17195 Southern Planter Lane in Leesburg (at the upper end of the main parking lot). Three native plant nurseries will have a huge selection of spring blooming flowers, shrubs, trees, vines and ferns for sale. This event is sponsored by the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.

Spring Cascades Trash Bash and Community Cleanup: Sunday, April 8th from 12:30 pm to 5 pm at the Quarterpath Trace Community Center, 20430 Quarterpath Trace Circle in Sterling which is at the intersection of Algonkian Pkwy and Quarterpath Trace Circle. Come out and make a difference in our community by participating in our multi neighborhood litter cleanup day and food drive. The Spring Cascades Trash Bash is also the Keep Loudoun Beautiful Spring Cleanup Kickoff event, so it's a great opportunity to meet the dedicated folks that have been keeping Loudoun beautiful since 1972. The Food Drive will help restock the depleted shelves at Loudoun Hunger Relief.



Spring 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule: The purpose of this program is to provide a safe, no cost method for residents to dispose of the unused, old or unwanted hazardous materials stored in their homes. Household hazardous waste is any waste produced in the home that is dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. The events operate from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and are for Loudoun residents only. More information is available [here](#) or by calling 703-771-5500.

- 3/24/18, Leesburg Park and Ride, 19730 Sycolin Road in Leesburg
- 4/14/18, Harmony Park and Ride, 39464 East Colonial Highway in Hamilton
- 5/12/18, Ashburn North Park and Ride, 45151 Russell Branch Parkway in Ashburn
- 6/23/18, Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive in South Riding

Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast: April 8th, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, Founders Hall, Station 6, Ashburn Road. Bring family and friends and enjoy our great breakfast of eggs, cheesy eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy & biscuits, hash browns, bacon, juices, coffee. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 children 3-8. Children under 3 are free and there will be a craft table.

Sipping for Sprout: Sunday, April 15th from 12:00 to 4:00 pm at Stone Tower Winery, 19925 Hogback Mountain Road in Leesburg. Enjoy picturesque surroundings, award-winning wines, live music and delicious food. This family fun day will support Sprout Therapeutic

Riding and Education Center, a nonprofit that provides hope, healing, empowerment and recovery through partnerships with horses. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

Spring Job Fair: Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. Supervisor Saines is holding his 3rd annual Spring Job Fair, in partnership with INMED nonprofit this year. More than 40 employers from diverse industries are attending and recruiting on-site. Individuals of all backgrounds and ages looking for job or internship opportunities are highly encouraged to attend this free event. For more information and to RSVP for this event, contact Cecilia Capece, Executive Director INMED, at ccapecce@inmed.org or 571-465-2032.

Health and Wellness Expo and Healthy Day Kids: Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling. Admission is free! The fair, which will take place inside the gymnasium and outside, is being hosted by the Ashburn Rotary Club and YMCA Loudoun County.

Health & Wellness Expo

Saturday, April 28th – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sterling Community Center – 120 Enterprise St., Sterling, VA

Come get information about services in the surrounding community and have questions answered

FREE Health Screenings and Offerings

Bone Density Screening, Blood Pressure Screening, Weight and BMI Screening, Vision & Hearing Screening, Information on Nutrition and Oral Health, Renal Screening, Diabetes Screening, Low Vision Resources, Pre-Natal Care Information, Women's Health Information, Mental Health Information, Counseling Services, Fire Safety, Drug Addiction Awareness and Prevention, Drug Rehab Information, Smoking Cessation Information, Blood Donation, Community Food Pantry, Legal Aid, Domestic Violence Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance, School Enrollment Screening, Senior Programs and Care Options, Medical, Legal Advocacy, Referrals and much more.

The Y will be hosting its annual YMCA's Healthy Kids Day®

This national initiative brings children and families together with:
Summer Fun, Active Minds and Healthy Bodies, Healthy Snacks, Arts and Crafts, Face Painting and Relay Games.

Admission is FREE



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