



CHAIR PHYLLIS J. RANDALL NEWSLETTER



Hello, Loudoun

Happy New Year Loudoun! My wish for us is health, unity, knowledge and prosperity. We're going to have a great year. Welcome 2019!

On Friday, January 11th, I held a press conference announcing the following relief efforts for Loudoun residents negatively affected by the federal government shutdown.

- The Board of Supervisors approved the allocation of up to \$25,000 to Loudoun Hunger Relief and the Dulles South Food Pantry to help the organizations meet any increase in requests for food assistance caused by the federal government shutdown. Easterns Automotive Group has generously donated \$10,000 a week to our food banks until the shutdown has ended.
- The National Conference Center in Lansdowne will serve breakfast, lunch or dinner to furloughed federal workers until the federal government fully reopens. Dining tickets will be issued to Loudoun County residents who show their federal ID at the front desk of the National Conference Center beginning at 7 am, Monday through Friday at 18980 Upper Belmont Place in Leesburg. All meals will be served at the National Conference Center's dining room, which seats up to 880 guests.
- The Board temporarily waived Loudoun County Transit fares for federal government employees who are not receiving paychecks and who present a federal agency work identification when boarding a bus. The free bus rides for federal workers will begin January 14th and continue for the duration of the current federal government shutdown or until ended by the Board.

- Our utilities (Loudoun Water, Dominion Energy, NOVEC and Washington Gas) will work with residents and waive late fees.
- Loudoun County Public Schools will provide a hot lunch to students regardless of the debt on the account.

If we can help defray the cost of food for a Loudoun County resident impacted by the federal government shutdown, perhaps they can focus on paying their mortgage or rent. For those federal workers who are deemed essential and wish to take Loudoun County Transit buses to work, we can help defray the cost of gas and tolls. During this time of need, please don't feel ashamed to access these services. You will be treated with respect and dignity.

You can watch the news conference [here](#). A County [website](#) has been developed for federal government workers affected by the shutdown.

Below is a contact list of area nonprofit, faith based and community organizations ready to assist the residents of Loudoun County who are impacted by the federal government shutdown (this list is not exhaustive).

FOOD SERVICES:

[Loudoun Hunger Relief](#), 750 Miller Drive, Suite A-1, Leesburg, VA 20175, (703) 777-5911

[Dulles South Food Pantry](#), 24757 Evergreen Mills Rd, Dulles, VA 20166, (703) 507-2795

CHILD AND BABY PRODUCTS:

[It Takes a Village Baby](#), P.O. Box 4019 Leesburg, VA 20177. E-mail community@itavb.org to fill out a form to ensure the correct diaper size.

[Mobile Hope](#) (cloths, coats, diapers, etc.), 741 Miller Drive, Suite F, Leesburg, VA 20175, (703) 771-1400

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

[Loudoun Cares](#): (assistance for rent and utilities), 8 South Street SW in Leesburg, (703) 669-4636

[United Way of the National Capital Area](#), 1577 Spring Hill Road, Suite 420, Vienna, VA 22182, (202) 488-2000

[Catholic Charities](#), 316 E Market St, Leesburg, VA 20176, (703) 443-2481

BRAWS (menstrual supplies and undergarments), 112 Courthouse Rd SW, Vienna, Virginia 22180

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission has put together a list of local government partners who have posted resources online for Federal employees impacted by the partial government shutdown. Please go [here](#) for the list.

C-PACE and Environmental Initiatives

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Financing Program has been forwarded to the February 21st Board business meeting for action. Although progress has been made in the area of sustainability and environmental policy with Solarize Loudoun and the Loudoun Energy Policy update, C-PACE is the crown jewel of what this Board has done for the last three years. I believe our C-PACE ordinance will be a model for other counties in Virginia. There are no County tax funds used or administrative costs associated with this program. We would not be in this position without the work of Gerry Gurgick, 350 Loudoun and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. I look forward to passing this ordinance in February to reduce our carbon footprint and protect Loudoun from the impacts of climate change.

I am pleased to announce, Loudoun County has been recognized by the national SolSmart Program for its efforts to make it easier for homes and businesses to go solar. Loudoun has received a [SolSmart Silver designation](#), one of only four communities in Virginia to achieve this ranking. The designation recognizes Loudoun's processes, procedures and policies that help support solar energy development.

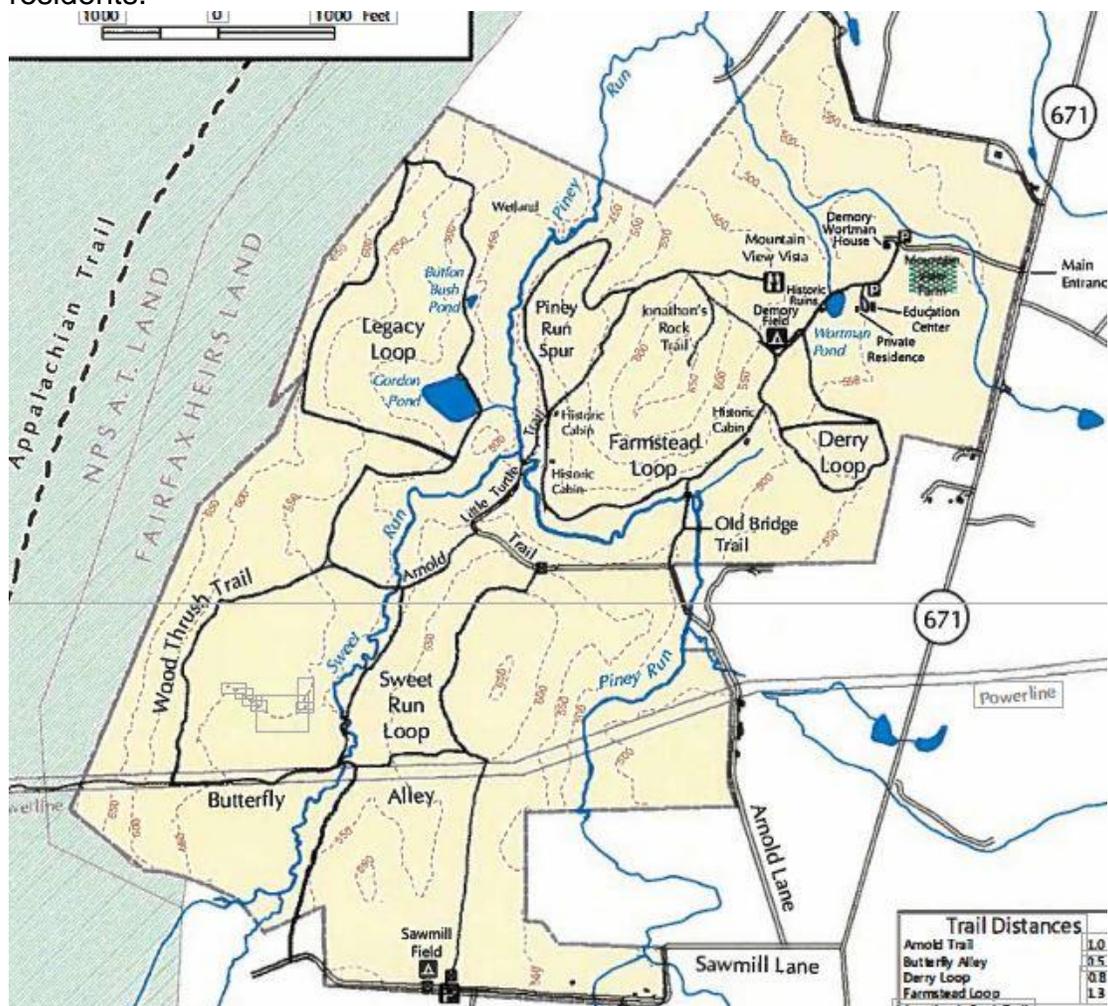
Budget

The Board majority directed the County Administrator to prepare the FY 2020 proposed budget at the equalized real property tax rate (\$1.05) and provide options to include plus and minus two cents (\$0.02) of the equalized real property tax rate. I opposed this motion because the gap to the schools could be as much as \$40 million if we go below the equalized rate, which this Board has done for the past two years. Although, I believe the school deficit will not be as stark, I have to vote on the information available to me. My position will always be to adequately fund our schools.

The County Administrator will present the proposed budget on Wednesday, February 13th at 5:00 pm in the Board Room. Budget public hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th at 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm in the Board Room and Saturday, March 2nd at 9:00 am at the LCPS Administration Building.

State Park

The County closed on the 280 acres from the Robert and Dee Leggett Foundation for a new state park in Neersville. This parcel adjoins the 600 acres the Commonwealth already owns off Harpers Ferry Road in Purcellville. The acquisition of the 280 acres will expedite the opening because it contains all the necessary infrastructure for park operation including trails and facilities from the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship. The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship will continue to manage the property for as long as needed, saving the state money. This is truly a great accomplishment and will benefit all County residents.



[Linear Parks and Trails System](#) (Emerald Ribbons)

Loudoun currently has a shortage of parks and connected trails throughout the County. When a group of citizens from the Loudoun County Preservation and Conservation Coalition presented the concept of Emerald Ribbons, I thought this could be one solution to our problem. Emerald Ribbons designates a system of linear parks and unpaved trails along select roads and waterways for public use. This initiative will provide more recreation space, protect open space and our environment, and meet the needs of the residents who gave their input during the Envision Loudoun process. I am very appreciative of the citizens who have worked with me on this endeavor and was proud to bring this to the Board. Thank you to Vice Chairman Buona for being a co-sponsor.

Purchase of Development Rights Program

Based on the participant comments from my Rural Summit in November, I am sponsoring a Board Member Initiative to reestablish a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program to preserve farmland during a future Board business meeting in February. Established by the Board of Supervisors in 2000, the PDR program was created to protect the County's diverse natural, historic and scenic resources. At that time, Loudoun County was at the forefront of conservation efforts in Virginia by establishing one of the first PDR programs in the Commonwealth. Now, there are 22 jurisdictions with a PDR program including our neighbors, Clarke and Fauquier County. I believe it is timely to reinstate this program leveraging funding that has been expanded from the federal government and Commonwealth. In fact, Governor Northam just announced the 2019 recipients of farmland preservation grants totaling over \$600,000. The funds will be used to permanently preserve working farmland through local PDR programs.

A Loudoun County PDR program will offer a long term financial benefit to taxpayers by extinguishing development rights and avoiding the costs of providing services to new residential development. It is also a proven technique for protecting important lands while providing landowners with financially competitive alternatives to development. I recommend staff bring an informational item to a future Board business meeting addressing the applicability of and opportunities presented by reestablishing a PDR farmland preservation program in Loudoun County.

Break Room

I am pleased to announce that the men and women who work at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center (ADC) will be able to enjoy a break room. Shortly after taking office I toured Loudoun's ADC and was distressed to learn the ADC Officers did not have an adequate location to enjoy a break or gather for functions. I brought my concern to the full Board and am thankful

that my colleagues supported my initiative to build a break room and appropriated the required funds. I'm pleased to report this project came in on time and under budget.

Having worked in Penal System for years, I am very aware of the importance of being able to walk off the unit, away from the inmates and have a place to rest and decompress. Having this break room will result in a safer and healthier work environment. To the Loudoun ADC Officers, thank you and enjoy.



Cold Weather Shelter

As a reminder, the Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter is open through March 31st for adults in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness at the Sterling Community Center, 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, is open from 9:00 pm to 7:00 am seven nights a week. In addition to a place to sleep, the shelter provides case management, mental health services and other resources.

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

Best Regards,

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Investing in Transportation

Claiborne Parkway Extension

The Board celebrated a ribbon cutting for the completion of the missing link of Claiborne Parkway between Croson Road to Ryan Road. The project constructed approximately 4,000 feet of a four-lane, median-divided roadway with a shared use path on one side of the road and a sidewalk on the other. There are also two traffic signals associated with the project. Claiborne Parkway is a north/south regional roadway, extending from Route 7 to Loudoun County Parkway. The new road segment will allow motorists to travel directly to community facilities such as schools and Inova Hospital in Lansdowne. It will also relieve traffic on Belmont Ridge Road and other area roadways and provide alternate access to the Dulles South area in conjunction with the completion of Loudoun County Parkway and Route 606 projects.



Arcola Road Closure

Arcola Road between Evergreen Mills Road and Trade West Drive will be closed to through traffic until late summer 2019 to facilitate construction of Arcola Boulevard. Businesses located along the closed portion of Arcola Road and utilities needing to access Arcola Road will still be able to do so, as will emergency vehicles.



Evergreen Mills Road Closure

Evergreen Mills Road between Shreveport Drive and Belmont Ridge Road is closed to through traffic until early March 2019 for road realignment work being completed by the Brambleton developer. Residents within the closure area, emergency vehicles, school buses and those needing to access the Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative substation are still able to access the closed portion of Evergreen Mills Road. Traffic is being detoured via Belmont Ridge Road and Shreveport Drive back to Evergreen Mills Road (see detour map below).



Voice for a Cause **Joy to the Kids**

Joy to the Kids' mission is to ignite a spark, inspire hope, and create a safe and fun environment where children and their families can forget about illness, learn to visualize their dreams, and be transformed by the healing power of therapeutic play, which encompasses creative, dramatic and musical play. Joy to the Kids serves youth in serious times of transition and disruption,



most frequently, hospitalized children. In addition to traditional characters (Princesses and Superheroes), the team consists of original characters, led by Princess Joy, The Bald Princess©. Please visit the [website](#) to get more information, volunteer or donate.

Community Events and Information

Human Trafficking Round Table Discussion: Wednesday, January 30th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Brambleton Library, 22850 Brambleton Plaza in Ashburn. Free and open to the public. Register [here](#).

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Human trafficking is the fastest-growing organized crime activity in the US, making \$32 billion a year while destroying the lives of tens of thousands of innocent children. 70% of these transactions happen online. Join us to learn the surprising reality of what human trafficking looks like here in Loudoun County and how you can help.



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HUMAN TRAFFICKING ROUNDTABLE PANEL INCLUDES:

- Kay Durfield, Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative (NOVA-HTI)
- John M. Hetey, M.Ed., Loudoun County Gang Response and Intervention Team (GRIT)
- Mary Hale, Inova Forensic Assessment & Consultation Team (FACT)
- Jim Plowman, Commonwealth's Attorney, Loudoun County
- Howie Levin, OneHeartDC (*Moderator*)

If you require an accommodation in order to participate in this program, call 703-296-9550 (TDD) or email library@loudounva.gov in advance of the event. This meeting is not open to the Loudoun County Public Library.

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Loudoun Surveys Cable Subscribers: The County is gathering information from cable television subscribers in the county related to the quality of service they receive from their cable TV provider pertaining to outages, response time, value and service calls. The results of the subscriber survey will be shared with the Loudoun County Communications Commission and will help form recommendations to the Board of Supervisors as the county prepares for franchise renewal negotiations that are expected to occur within the next three years. A link to the survey is available at [here](#). The survey will remain open through January 31st.

[Multicultural Advisory Committee Explores Racial Biases](#): Friday, February 1st, 7:00 to 10:00 pm at the Claude Moore Recreation Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling (register [here](#)) and Saturday, February 2nd, 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way in Purcellville (register [here](#)). The events are free and open to the public. The program is the same on both days and includes:

- A performance of an off-Broadway play with a challenging perspective;
- A question-and-answer session with a panel;
- Facilitated small group discussions; and
- A brief presentation on unconscious bias with tips and action steps.

Due to the content of the play, the event is open only to those who are 13 years of age and older. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required to attend.

[Public Input for Human Services Strategic Plan](#): Friday, February 8th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at Healthworks, 163 Fort Evans Road, NE in Leesburg. Members of the public, particularly those who have received assistance from the county's human services departments or nonprofit groups-such as food, healthcare, therapy, childcare, housing assistance or other services-are invited to attend a 90-minute public forum. Loudoun County is partnering with local nonprofit organizations to develop a five-year human services strategic plan for the county, which will provide a roadmap for implementing improved, coordinated systems of care that meet human service needs. Anyone with questions about the meetings may call 703-779-3505, ext. 2 or email info@CommunityFoundationLF.org.

Planning the Future of Human Services in Loudoun County



Together

If you or your family has received food, healthcare, therapy, childcare, housing assistance or other services, join in this community conversation to provide your insight on human services needs and solutions in Loudoun County.

FEBRUARY 8, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Healthworks

163 Fort Evans Road, NE
3rd Floor Meeting Room
Leesburg, VA 20176

For more information, contact

703-779-3505 ext. 2 or info@CommunityFoundationLF.org

If you require an accommodation or need language interpretation, please contact us four days in advance.

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[Ashburn Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Pancake Breakfast:](#) Sunday, February 10th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Founders Hall, Station 6, Ashburn Road. Bring family and friends and enjoy our great breakfast and no dishes! \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors, \$5 Children 3-8, Children under 3 free. Craft table for kiddies.

[YMCA Chocolates Galore:](#) Friday, March 1st at 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the Lansdowne Resort and Spa in Leesburg. Buy tickets and find out about sponsorship opportunities [here](#).



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