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**KEEP FOR REFERENCE**

## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & PROPERTY MANAGER***

### **SPRING INSPECTIONS**

The first round of the annual Spring Inspections have been completed. A follow up inspection is scheduled for the middle of June. This year, the most commonly cited items were the need for painting of wood trim around windows and the wood trim at the roof line or commonly known as the rake board. The rake board or wood trim at the roof line is the board that runs right under the roof on each side of a house from front to rear. Storm doors that were not brown, black, matched the trim or door were also cited on several homes. If you have a storm door that is not the color of one of the above, you must fill out an architectural modification form for approval.

### **BOARD AND MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

A question was asked, "Where does the Board and Management get the authority to inspect my property?"

In the Lafayette Village Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Article VI, Section 11 states "The Association shall have the further right, through its agents, employees or committees, to enter upon and inspect any lot at any reasonable time for the purpose of ascertaining whether any violation of the provisions or requirements of this Declaration, exist on such lot; and neither the Association nor any such agent or employee shall be deemed to have committed a trespass or other wrongful act by reason of such entry or inspection." You should understand that management does the inspections while in the common area; however, they do have the right to enter your rear, side or front yard to conduct the inspection.

## **HOUSE NUMBERS**

At the last Board meeting, the Board discussed and then unanimously voted to approve a change to the architectural guidelines concerning house numbers. The change is as follows: *house numbers are to be black or brass and must be the same size, shape and placement as the original numbers.* If you do not have house numbers that fall within the above guideline, please replace them prior to the June inspection.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board has agreed to move the meeting day from the third Wednesday of the month to the fourth Wednesday of the month. The July meeting is scheduled for the *George Mason Library* located at 7001 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

The annual LVCA Picnic and Game Day has been scheduled for *Sunday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m.* in the grassy area above the basketball courts. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact Myke Glaze, 703-645-8860.

<p><b>WANTED:</b> Person in LV who knows how to sew small repairs/alterations for ladies clothes. I will bring to you. Cash paid - Call Gloria 703-560-4720 &amp; leave a message.</p>
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## **Free Ad Space or Article Space To Residents!**

To include an announcement or article in the April/May newsletter, just send it via email (nanjking@aol.com) or fax (703-208-1956) to the LVCA News Editor by no later than July 15, 2002.

### **Lyme Disease Affects People and Pets**

Lyme disease is a multi-faceted illness caused by bacteria and passed to humans or animals by a tick bite. The disease was first reported in 1975 in Lyme, Connecticut and named after this location.

Deer ticks have none of the white markings seen on other wood ticks. They are small ticks only one-quarter the size of other ticks. An adult deer tick is about the size of a sesame seed and is black and red in color. The deer ticks live in wooded and grassy areas and are now reported in Northern Virginia. At least one LV pooch has been diagnosed with this illness.

A variety of symptoms appear in Lyme disease. In people, the most characteristic early symptom is a circular red skin rash with a clear area in the center at the site of the tick bite. The main sign in animals is arthritis which can include fever, depression, lameness, reluctance to move or a stiff, painful gait. If you believe you have the symptoms of Lyme disease, call your physician. If you believe your dog or other animals have symptoms, call your veterinarian.

## **A FLAG ETIQUETTE PRIMER**

Prior to the terrorist events of September 11, most of us only thought about the United States flag on

popular holidays such as the upcoming Independence Day. We will see all sorts of flag waving in the next few weeks, so here are some helpful hints:

### ***DISPLAYING THE FLAG***

1. The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall forming crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right [*that means the viewer's left* ], and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.
2. When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union (blue and white field) of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.
3. When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way, that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or drapings are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.
4. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

### ***RESPECTING THE FLAG***

5. The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
6. The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
7. The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of the platform, and for decoration in general.
8. The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
9. The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.
10. The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.
11. No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing. Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart.
12. It is proper to display the flag from sunrise to sunset on all days the weather permits. The flag may also be displayed at night if illuminated by light.
13. The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be

destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

### LVCA Newsletter Available for your Advertisements!

An inexpensive way to advertise to over 300 Annandale residents is by placing a business card size ad in the LVCA newsletter for only \$25.00. Contact the newsletter editor if you are interested.

### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS!!

Want to volunteer... but, don't have lots of time to donate???? We have the solution! Join the Architectural Committee as a Block Captain. Participate in our community and make a difference! Upcoming projects: Updating the colors for the neighborhood... Grounds appearance...

All you have to do is address the issues regarding architectural integrity and grounds maintenance on your street by working with your neighbors and raising any issues to the committee chair. Meetings will be on an as needed basis (*no more than once a month*) ...communication will primarily be by phone or email from the comfort of your home.

If you are a home owner and want to take an active role in our community's appearance... call or email Kathie French @ 703-207-0070 or [bfrench@rr.cox.com](mailto:bfrench@rr.cox.com). SIGN UP TODAY!!!

### Prom fright

### Drinking, driving can make night memorable for all the wrong reasons

(Reprinted from *Chantilly/Centreville Times* article, Arcom Publishing, May 15, 2002)

**For thousands of 17- and 18-year-olds across Fairfax County, prom night conjures up a bevy of flashy images--5-star restaurants, \$600 evening gowns and parties that don't end until the sun comes up.**

For many parents and police officers, however, only two come to mind: drinking and driving.

Over the next few weeks, each of Fairfax County's 29 high schools will host a prom, and, if past history is any indication, one may end tragically.

Recently, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reported that more than 22 percent of all fatally injured 15- to 20-year-old drivers had a blood alcohol content of .10 or

greater in 2000. A disproportionate number of those accidents took place in May or June.

If parents wait until prom night or graduation to talk to their children about the perils of drinking, they've probably waited too long. The next time a high school junior slams into a telephone pole after a night of binge drinking, ask your daughter for her reaction. When you see an article about a 19-year-old sophomore at the University of Maryland drinking himself to death at a fraternity house, share it with your son.

One 15-minute conversation tonight could save 40 years of heartache down the road.

## SEE SPOT RUN!

By Chris Robichaux  
Mason District D.O.G.

Spot and all of our canine friends will be able to run, exercise, and socialize with other dogs in the area when the new dog park opens in June. After two years of planning and approvals, Mason District will get its first dog park. Called Off-Leash Dog Areas (OLDAs) in Fairfax County, the new addition to the public park system will open on June 15, 2002, at 9 am.

Construction of the one-acre OLDA on the south end of Mason District Park, in Annandale, is scheduled to be completed by the first week of June and was made possible by the community sponsor group that formed in 2000. Mason District Dog Opportunity Group (D.O.G.) raised \$10,000 and acquired a matching grant from the Fairfax County Park Authority to build the recreational facility for people and their dogs.

The OLDA at Mason District Park features two sally ports for arrival and departure for people to leash and unleash their dogs when using the facility. It also will have a sponsor group bulletin board for current information about the site and other facilities in the area. Waste receptacles and "poop bag" dispensers will be placed inside and near the facility, and benches also are being installed for visitors inside and near the OLDA.

The new OLDA, which includes a shaded area, will be the fourth OLDA for the county. The first OLDA was a one-third acre pilot facility built at Blake Lane Park in Oakton. In 2001, the county added one at Baron Cameron Park in Reston and at South Run Park in Springfield. Each of the three operating OLDAs and the one here are operated by the FCPA and managed in a partnership with local sponsor groups. Mason District D.O.G. will supervise the facility for compliance with county leash laws and with the 19 rules that have been established for Fairfax County OLDAs.

The new Mason District OLDA will be open from sunrise to dark, as is the other areas of Mason District Community Park. Parking is available by entering on Columbia Pike, turning right (toward the amphitheatre), and parking near the tennis courts. Color-coded signs direct parkgoers to the dog park, which is a ten-minute walk through the wooded pathways.

The grand opening and ribbon-cutting is open to the public and will feature door prizes and refreshments for the people and the dogs. Please make sure your dogs are licensed and vaccinated and please follow the other posted rules of the facility. For more information, contact sponsor group founder Chris Robichaux at 703-241-5425 or [masondistdog@hotmail.com](mailto:masondistdog@hotmail.com).

**PLEASE BE AWARE!**

On behalf of the Lafayette Village Community Association Board of Directors we want our residents to be informed of an unusual occurrence near the neighborhood.

On Wednesday, May 22 at 6:24 p.m., a resident was walking along the Trammel Road pathway near Aston. Three black males drove up in a silver car, jumped out, and robbed this resident at knifepoint.

The George Mason District of The Fairfax County Police is investigating this crime and a report is on file. They believe this to have been a random event. The police and we do not believe it necessary that people change their outdoor habits. However, please be aware of your surroundings at all times, and if possible walk with a friend.

Please continue to report any non-emergency situations to 703-691-2131, and if there is an emergency dial 911.

Roger Hennigh, President, LVCA Board of Directors