



Lafayette Village Community Association

April/May 2016 Newsletter

ACC Spring Inspection has started

The Annual ACC Inspection of all Lafayette Village homes has started. These inspections ensure that all homes in our community meet our architectural guidelines, defined in the ACC guidelines document located on the LVCA website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised ACC Guidelines January 2013.pdf](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised_ACC_Guidelines_January_2013.pdf). These inspections also help you identify maintenance needs for your home you might otherwise miss.

Inspection schedule:

- March 14: Inspections start, weather permitting
- March 23: Inspection violation letters mailed to homeowners, with 30 days allowed for correction or a response
- April 25: Second inspection, to verify those corrections that have been made and to identify violations that remain uncorrected with no plans for correcting them
- May 2: Second inspection violation letters mailed to homeowners, with 15 days allowed for correction or a response.
- May 23: Re-inspection of all properties receiving 2nd inspection violation letters. Pool passes reviewed.
- May 27: Results of Spring inspection to ACC, Board of Directors, Pool Committee
- June 9 and July 11: ACC Violations Hearings

If you've received a violation letter, **don't ignore it!** Respond to it promptly, and either correct the violation, or tell the management company your plan to correct the violation. Some violations take time to correct, but if you provide a plan and a date to correct the violation, you will be considered in compliance. If you don't respond to the violation letter and don't correct the violations, you will lose your pool privileges and may be subject to violation charges and the loss of your parking spaces!

Lafayette Village Swimming Pool Opens May 28th!

Please send in your pool registration form before May 18th. A late registration could delay your passes for up to two weeks. See pages 14 through 16 for the 2016 pool rules and the last page of this newsletter for the pool registration form. Don't forget the Pool Committee report on page 6.

The Pool Committee is sponsoring a Pool Opening Barbecue on Sunday, May 29th at 4:00pm. Celebrate an early start to summer with burgers, dogs, and chips, and a glistening blue swimming pool!

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Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 30th

Please join the Lafayette Village Community Association as we celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day with festivities, a Moon Bounce, and a tree planting!

- 10:00am to 12 noon: **Great Trash Treasure Hunt**. Meet at the pool house to divide into teams and then clean up our community of trash. All trash will be taken to the pool house for counting and sorting for recycling.
- 12 noon to 12:15: **Clean up** using the pool house rest rooms
- 12:30 to 3:00: **Picnic** at Trammell Park (Tot Lot)
 - 12:30 to 12:45: **Prizes!** Kids on the team with the most trash collected get to choose prizes first.
 - 12:30 'til the food runs out: **Community cookout** with drinks, hot dogs, (regular and veggie) and chips
 - 1:00: **Commemorative Tree Planting** – everyone adds a bit of soil. Short remarks by **LVCA Pres. Carl Iddings, Supervisor Penny Gross, State Senator Dave Marsden.**
- 3:00: **Moon Bounce** closes. After picnic clean-up

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REMINDER: Second Quarter Assessments were due April 1, 2016. If your check was received after April 15th, you may be subject to a late fee and interest.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Woodburn Elementary School Library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (April 11 and May 9)

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (April 14 and May 19)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Thursday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass (April 25 and May 23)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass (April 19 and May 17)

Neighborhood Watch – No meetings currently scheduled.

LV2025 Committee -- No meetings currently scheduled.

All residents, including renters, are invited to attend scheduled meetings.

Please check the website for the most current information:

<http://www.lafayettevillage.org/>

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout: April 30, 2016

Take advantage of a free, convenient, confidential, and safe disposal of unused or expired medications during **Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout** on **Saturday, April 30, 2016, 8:00am to 2:00pm** at the Mason District Station, 6507 Columbia Pike.

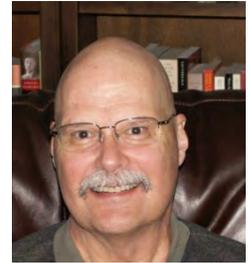
Drop off medications at the Mason District Station (**pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles**) where a uniformed police officer will oversee the collection of your meds and ensure their proper disposal..

Safe handling of unused or expired medications prevents accidental poisoning, prevents drug abuse, and protects the environment. You can get more information at www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org.

You can also drop off your unused or expired medications at any other Fairfax County District Police Department. However, the closest location to Lafayette Village is the **Mason District Station**, at 6507 Columbia Pike.

President's Column –

- **February Newsletter missing again this year!** Again this year, I was unable to get out the February/March newsletter in a timely way, so this newsletter is extra-long and contains articles originally destined for February's newsletter.
- **Pool Parking:** Last August, the Board amended our parking regulations to allow resident vehicles to park in the pool parking lot when the pool is not open. This change allowed residents to park in the pool parking last fall and through the winter. However, now that we are approaching the pool season, I want to remind you that **when the pool is open, parking in the pool parking lot is limited to pool attendees and gardeners.** You will be able to park in the pool parking lot overnight during the summer only if you park there after 8:30pm and move your vehicle before the pool opens at 11:00am. **If your vehicle is parked in the pool parking lot during pool hours it will be ticketed,** which will serve as your warning. The next time your vehicle is parked improperly in the pool parking lot, **it could be towed!**
- **Speaking of parking rules....** Residents are not allowed to park in visitor parking spaces. If you do park your vehicle in a visitor parking space, it will be ticketed, which is your warning. Once ticketed, the next time your vehicle is found parked in a visitor parking space, Dominion Towing will be called to tow your vehicle to its impoundment lot. Dominion will charge you \$130 to release your vehicle. So, to avoid this expense, follow our parking regulations and don't park your vehicle in a visitor parking space.
- **And speaking more of parking rules....** All community streets have "No Parking" zones marked on the curb. These zones establish a fire lane to allow emergency vehicles easy access to the townhomes in the event of an emergency. Some residents allow their guests to park in these "No Parking" zones, and when the tow truck arrives to tow the vehicles, the guests scurry out to move the cars before they can be towed. Please be considerate of your neighbors' safety – ask your guest to park on Lafayette Village Drive or more your vehicles and allow your guests to park in your assigned spots.
- **Direct Electronic Payments for your HOA Fees:** On the top of page 2 of this newsletter is a reminder that HOA fees are due on the 1st of each quarter (January, April, July, and October) and are late if received after the 15th of each quarter. You can make it easy on yourself (and I'm sure you have better things to remember than paying your HOA fees) by signing up for an automatic **electronic debit payment.** To do this, simply complete the form located on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/AutomaticDebitFormLVCA.pdf>, and mail it to Sequoia Management at the address on the form. Easy! And even better, no more late payments!
- **Finally, a word about the January snowstorm:** Blade Runners snow removal effort during this massive snow storm was unacceptable, and the Board has informed the company of our unhappiness with its performance. The Board will be looking at alternatives for snow removal in the upcoming months to ensure we do not find ourselves in a similar fix in the future. But I did want to commend everyone for pulling together and helping one another cope with the snow. I saw residents helping others by shoveling their walkways, and entire streets banding together to clear snow from the streets that Blade Runners failed to plow. Those actions showed true community spirit and real concern for our neighbors and community.



Carl Iddings, President

Residential Document Shredding Event coming to Mason District

Protect yourself from identify theft by destroying sensitive documents such as old tax forms, sales receipts, and other financial records that contain private information. This year, Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program will run nine shredding events throughout the county, where residents may **securely shred up to five medium-size boxes of documents.** The documents will be reduced to unreadable shreds, thereby preserving your privacy and preventing fraud.

Material from businesses will not be accepted. Other items that will be accepted include plastic report covers, metal binder clips, floppy discs, CDs, newspapers, junk mail, film, and photographs.

The Mason District Shredding event will happen on **Saturday, April 23, 2016, from 8:00am to noon at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike.** This is a popular event, so watch for the line of vehicles waiting to enter the Government Center.

For more details and to see when other shredding events are schedule, visit the webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm>.

Lafayette Village celebrates Arbor Day, Earth Day & good gardens!

Lafayette Village Arbor Day/Earth Day Resolution 2016

On Saturday, April 30th, Lafayette Village will hold its 10th annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration with the Great Trash Treasure Hunt, a tree planting and a cookout! See page 1 for the detailed schedule.

In honor of this day, the LVCA Board of Directors adopted the following resolution on March 14, 2016:

Whereas, Earth Day was founded through the efforts of Senator Gaylord Nelson and first celebrated on April 22, 1970, and

Whereas, Earth Day's purpose is to raise recognition and awareness about the earth and how we can better protect our environment, and

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and,

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Earth Day and Arbor Day are now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, a clean, tree-filled environment in our community increases property values, enhances the economic vitality of business areas, and beautifies our community,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: that Saturday, April 30, 2016 be observed as Earth Day and Arbor Day in Lafayette Village, all residents being urged to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our environment including our trees and woodlands, and

Be It Further Resolved: that all residents are urged to assist LVCA in cleaning our grounds and planting trees in the common area to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Adopted March 14, 2016 by the Lafayette Village Board of Directors

//Gilbert J. Gaston, Jr.//

ATTEST: J. Gaston, Secretary



Blackgum, proposed tree for Arbor Day 2016 planting, showing its fall colors.

The 2016 Native Seedling Sale is in Progress

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is featuring its annual spring seedling sale. "The Shrub and Small Tree" package includes 10 seedlings for \$16.95, and has two each: Red Chokeberry, American Hazelnut, Northern bayberry, Flowering Dogwood, and Indigobush. "The Tree" package includes six seedlings for \$11.95, and has two each: Redbud, Persimmon, and American Hornbeam. All seedlings are native to Virginia. A full non-refundable payment must accompany orders, which must be received by **Wednesday, April 20, 2016**, while supplies last. The seedlings will be available for pick up on **Friday, April 29**, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or **Saturday, April 30**, 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fred M. Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road in Annandale. For more information, call 703-324-1460; TTY 711. To view images of the seedlings, learn about these plants, and to place an order, visit the NVSWCD Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm.



Redbud, one of the tree seedlings on sale.

Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, Chair

The Finance Committee presented the end of year financial reports to the board of directors in January, and we submitted the Replacement Reserve Report in the same meeting. Happily, both our overall financial status at the end of 2015 is very healthy, and the Replacement Reserves are sufficient to meet our obligations for 2016.

The massive snow in January pointed out the need for cash reserves to meet the community needs in emergencies. The snow removal budget was exceeded by the need for front end loaders to move the snow off our community streets, but the operating accounts and cash reserves are more than sufficient to cover the overage.

The financial audit for 2015 (and a lookback at 2014 was completed in March. The treasurer and committee assisted the auditors and Sequoia in reviewing our financial reports and status. You can expect an audit response and the audit itself to be posted to the web site when all is complete later this April. The Finance Committee is pleased to report that the Association received a clean audit.

The Finance Committee is always looking for input, and if you are interested in assisting the Association with financial management and fiscal policy, please contact Jim Franklin at franklin-assoc@msn.com or call at (703) 205-9087. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19th at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass, and all interested community members are invited to attend.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

Spring brings birds nesting, flowers blooming, people out walking, **and** those pesky letters from the Management Company!

If you have already taken care of a violation, please let Dale Edwards know so he can re-inspect and make a note in your file. Or if you need additional information, contact him ASAP or send me an email at aicutter50@gmail.com , and I'll try to help.

Since the inspection was done early in March, there may be additional notices sent regarding trees/bushes that didn't survive the winter. Or things that were missed then, but noted on subsequent visits. (There are a lot of houses and things do get missed sometimes.)

Sadly there are consequences for not taking care of issues, including hearings with the Board of Directors and fines or loss of parking privileges. Pool passes are issued only to households in good standing – that means no outstanding dues or violations. If you rent out your home, your tenants will not receive passes unless your account is fully compliant. Last summer several families

were very upset because they couldn't use the pool immediately.

On a good note, lately there have been a number of requests for new roofs, windows and fences, all good signs of the pride people are taking in their homes, and of renewal in the community. And I love to see people out front planning their trips to the garden center! If you're planning extensive yard work it may need ACC approval, so run it by the committee before you get busy.

Tidy, well kept, yards are important to the overall look of the community, especially with more people out and about a lot more now, including prospective buyers. Garden tools and yard waste may not be kept out front. (I'm assuming all the snow shovel and sleds are now in storage). For the same reason, our guidelines don't allow for ornaments, such as statues, fake flowers and pinwheels, in the front yards, so save those for your enjoyment in the back yard. The longer hours of daylight also mean that trash put out too early is even more obvious an eyesore. Our guidelines ask you to wait until the evening before trash days, and if you can wait until after sunset, that's even better. Garbage at the curb or blowing round the streets all weekend is really unappealing. Please remind your neighbors if they are doing this (or planting plastic pinwheels). Renters in particular may be unaware of the rules, and are only too happy to comply once they've been informed. And no one wants one of those annoying letters!

Happy spring, and thanks for helping to make LV a great place to live.



A fence in need of repair -- if this was missed in the first inspection, it may be cited later this spring in a follow-up inspection.

Committee Updates, continued

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

With warmer weather arriving, work has begun to ready the pool for the upcoming pool season. The covers are off the pools and the furniture has been moved to the pool deck in preparation for opening day, Saturday, May 28.

Work will soon begin to refresh the interior of the pool house with a new coat of paint, non-slip coating on the floor, new partitions in the restrooms and a new countertop, among other things. The work is scheduled to be completed before the pool opens for the summer.

This edition of the newsletter includes the Pool Rules, Picnic Pad Rules, and Registration Form for the 2016 season, starting on page 14. Please review the rules with your family, paying particular attention to the "lap swim" rule that went into effect last year, replacing what had previously been known as "break" or "adult swim". All residents and their guests are expected to comply with these rules.

In order to receive pool passes, residents must fill out the Registration Form (even if you have submitted a form in the past) and return it to Sequoia Management by May 18 in order to have passes for opening day. Registration forms submitted after May 18 may take up to one week to process. Each household in good standing (no outstanding HOA fees or ACC violations) will receive 5 passes that will be mailed to applicants. If you have received a violation letter from Sequoia, you must correct the violations or contact Sequoia with an action plan before your passes will be issued. There will be a one week grace period before pool pass enforcement begins - pass enforcement will begin Saturday, June 4.

It has been a few years since new pool passes were issued to everyone, so this year all applicants will receive new passes, this year in bright lime green. These new passes are the only passes that will be accepted for admittance to the pool. No "year" stickers will be issued this year because the passes have "2016" printed on them. Stickers will resume next year. You will need to keep your passes for reuse in future years. If you lost your passes in the past and chose not to pay to replace them, now is your chance to get new passes at no cost.

Again this year, the patio area will be available at no charge to residents in good standing to reserve for small gatherings. See the Picnic Pad Rules on page 16 for details.

We are also continuing our Reader Exchange bookcase in the pool house, available to all residents during pool hours. If you see a book you'd like to read, take it; if you have a book you'd like to share, leave it.

Join us on Sunday, May 29 for a community cookout and pool party to celebrate the beginning of the pool season. The Association will supply burgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and condiments. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The grills will be fired up from 4:00-6:00pm or until the food runs out and the pool will be open until 8:00pm. Come out and meet your neighbors! If you have a gas grill we can borrow or are willing to volunteer to man the grill, please email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Additional events are planned throughout the summer, including the popular "Swim Under the Stars" nights – see the schedule on page 16, and mark your calendar now!

We look forward to a safe and successful pool season.

Neighborhood Watch – Doug Stewart, Chair

The community suffered a number of vehicle larcenies in late March, but unfortunately, only one resident reported an incident to the Police. As our Crime Prevention Officer, Cpl. O'Leary, wrote on Nextdoor:

If you see someone or something suspicious in the neighborhood or find that your vehicle has been rummaged through, please call the non-emergency number and ask for an officer to respond to take a report. There is no dollar amount needed to report this type of theft. If you find that nothing is missing, it is still important to make the report to document the crime. Our crime analyst uses this information to watch for any increases in crime trends that may be occurring.

And when you report the crime, if the Police recover your stolen property, you have a better chance of getting it returned to you.

Committee Updates, continued

We will be celebrating National Night Out again, this year on Tuesday, August 2nd. If you would like to help with Neighborhood Watch or with National Night Out, please email me at stewart8668@verizon.net.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

- **How do I reach the Police?**

For Emergencies: 911

Non Emergency: 703-691-2131

Online: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/>

- **How can I find out about crime in my neighborhood?**

The county program, My Neighborhood, allows you to search for crimes in any district in the county. Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policeevents/>. Other relevant websites include:

- <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/> -- The Virginia sex offender registry
- <http://spotcrime.com/va/fairfax+county> – Another way to access the police crime blotter via geographic location

Fairfax Police also have a presence on Nextdoor, where you can email Officer O'Leary with any questions or comments you may have.

Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, Chair

The Grounds Committee has been busy these past few months.

Trees were pruned, removed, and planted late last year and have received plenty of rain and snow since to give them a good base. Concrete Jack has completed the first phase of the long-awaited concrete work – leveling off community sidewalk pavers that had shifted up and presented trip hazards – and should commence the concrete removal and pour work in the next few weeks. The bridge to the meadows had its floor gaps closed up. We're also in the process of getting quotes for high priority erosion projects in the area and for additional tree trimming.

And don't forget our annual Arbor/Earth Day celebration, this year on April 30th. Please plan to join in the festivities beginning at 10:00 at the pool house for the Great Trash Treasure Hunt. This is always a fun event for the kids as we clean up trash from our

community and the kids get to keep the gold coins they find and receive prizes for the most trash collected. Later in the day volunteers will separate the trash from recyclable items. Following the trash collection, we will have a cook-out at Trammel Park, a moon-bounce for the kids, and our annual tree planting, this year located at the corner of Butterfield Lane and Lafayette Village Drive. We will be planting a black gum tree to replace the maple tree that had to be removed last fall.

We're always open for new members of the community who have an interest in the maintenance and beautification of our grounds to join the Grounds Committee and help make our community a better place for everyone. If you are interested, please send me an email at grounds@lafayettevillage.org.

Communications Committee:

Did you know that you can submit ads, articles, contractor recommendations, and comments to the newsletter? All submissions will be considered for inclusion. Please submit your entries to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org. The next newsletter will be available early June 2016. All articles, letters to the editor, contractor recommendations, ads (free to residents and homeowners!), and other submissions are due by May 31st.



Concrete Jack has ground down a protruding edge of the sidewalk, eliminating a trip hazard, and making walking on our community sidewalks easier. They did work like this throughout the community.

Committee Updates, continued

Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, our website, the **LVCA email list**, and Nextdoor.com, our community's social network. If you would like to receive announcements of interest to the community, please send your email address to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org, and request to be added. And if you haven't already, log on to www.nextdoor.com, create an account and join in on the discussions!

Lafayette Village 2025 Committee, Jim Franklin, Chair

The LVCA Board of Directors formed the Lafayette Village 2025 Committee to look into a strategic plan for our community to preserve and enhance the beauty and value of the property over the next ten years. The committee has been very active for the past several months and our focus has been on the improvement initiatives for both infrastructure and sustainable enhancements for the community. Our volunteers have consolidated a list of projects within sub-committees that will report to the LVCA Board.

Sub-Committees

Landscaping	Future Enhancements	Community Outreach
Amenities	Community Communications	Replacement Reserve Study
ACC Guidelines	Social Fabric	Strategic Study Production

Several projects have been recommended for study, and the committee will investigate the specific actions required to implement these improvements. As always we seek the input of community members and have discovered that the best way to make your wishes known is through the Next Door application.

Thank you to the following community volunteers who comprise the LV 1025 Committee

Jim Franklin	Susan Dudley	Angela Cutter	Courtney Gorham
Kathie French	J. Gaston	Amanda Sansbury	Liam O'Brien
Carl Iddings	Mike Nutbrown	Jennica Whitfield	Frances Downey
Sean Kelley			

The committee is always grateful for ideas and suggestions about how to make our community better; please contact Jim Franklin at franklin-assoc@msn.com or call at (703) 205-9087, with any areas of interest, questions, and/or suggestions.

Community Notes....

Local Farmers Markets Schedule

Lafayette Village residents are fortunate to have four farmers markets close to our community, three of which will be opening in early May:

- **Annandale Farmers Market**, every Thursday starting May 5 from 8:00am to noon. Located in Mason District Park on Columbia Pike. 15 to 20 vendors participate.
- **Falls Church Farmers Market**, open year round on Saturdays from 8:00am (9:00am in winter) to noon. Located at City Hall Parking Lot, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, a 15-minute drive from Lafayette Village. During the peak season, starting April, 45 vendors normally participate in this market.
- **Mosaic District Farmers Market**, every Sunday starting May 1, from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Located at 2910 District Avenue, this market will have 30 vendors, including artisan food producers from around the area.
- **Wakefield Farmers Market**, every Wednesday starting May 4 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Located in Wakefield Park, with 15 to 20 vendors participating.



Community Notes, continued....

Save the Date: The Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Departments Invite You to a Crab Legs and Spiced Shrimp Feast

An all-you-can-eat crab legs and spiced shrimp feast fundraiser is set for **Saturday, April 23**, 2 - 5 p.m. at the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department, 7128 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available for this fabulous feast. For more information, visit www.avfd.org, or www.bxrvfd.org, or send an e-mail to crabfeast@avfd.org. The Annandale and Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Departments are non-profit 501c (3) organizations, and all donations are tax deductible. Donations may be mailed to: AVFD, P.O. Box 806, Annandale, VA 22003; and to the Bailey's Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 1159, Falls Church, VA 22041-3609.

Mark Your Calendar: Fairfax Animal Shelter Hosts Low-Cost Rabies Clinic for Pets in Annandale

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter and Pender Veterinary Clinic, in partnership with the Office of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross and the Mason District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department, will host a low-cost rabies clinic on **Sunday, April 17**, 12 to 2 p.m. for dogs and cats in the Main Community Room of the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. For more information, call 703-830-1100, or visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal.

Election Officers Are Needed in Fairfax County

The Office of Elections currently is recruiting voters to serve as Election Officers a few days a year, including the upcoming **2016 elections** (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm). **Training begins in May, and bilingual voters are urged to serve as Elections Officers.** Election Officers are needed at each of the 242 precincts in Fairfax County to run the polls and assist voters. To be an Election Officer, you must:

- Be fluent in English;
- Be a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- Be able to fulfill the Federal I-9 employment eligibility requirements;
- Attend a 3-hour training class;
- Arrive at the polling place at 5 a.m. and remain until all work has been completed after the polls close at 7 p.m.; and
- Have basic computer skills.

Election Officers may accept a **stipend of \$175 for serving a full day**, or volunteer their time. Half-day positions are also available. **Bilingual citizens also are urged to serve, as language assistance is needed in many precincts.** For more information and to apply, call the Office of Elections at 703-324-4735; TTY 711, send an e-mail to elect@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit the Office of Elections Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Under a new program offered by Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management division, household hazardous waste disposal services at the county's two disposal centers have been expanded, offering you a convenient way to remove dangerous, unused chemicals from your homes. This expanded program also helps keep harmful substances from entering the environment, such as cleaning products, inks and dyes, paint, products containing mercury, and other potentially harmful chemicals.

If you want to rid your home of household hazardous waste, then bring **corrosive, ignitable, toxic, and reactive materials** to the permanent collection facilities located at the I-66 transfer station in Fairfax and the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton, **any day of the week**. There is no fee. For a list of what items will be accepted at the sites, visit the Household Hazardous Waste webpage at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm>. The sites are open daily.

I-66 Transfer Station (Fairfax) – closest to

Lafayette Village

4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

I-95 Landfill (Lorton)

9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

Update from Patriot – changes in yard waste collection....

PATRIOT DISPOSAL

P.O. Box 3219, Manassas, VA 20108

(703) 257-7100 - Fax (877) 304-4016

www.patriotdisposalservices.com

Changes in Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is defined as **grass clippings, leaves and brush/hedge trimmings** that result from the regular maintenance of your yard. As Lafayette Village residents, we put out our yard waste on Mondays, along with our trash and recycling.

Yard waste **does not include** stumps, rocks, dirt, sod, gravel, mulch, whole trees, or clean-up from storm damage. Patriot will collect these items at an additional charge. If you have any of these items for removal, you should **contact Patriot at 703-257-7100 for an estimate.**

1. **Lafayette Village residents:** Because plastic bags require additional processing and cause issues at composting facilities, **Fairfax County has mandated that residents set out yard waste ONLY in paper bags or personal yard waste containers.** Effective April 1, 2016, Patriot Disposal will require that all its Lafayette Village customers set out yard waste for collection in **paper bags OR personal containers clearly marked “yard waste” on both sides.** Yard waste out for collection in plastic bags will not be picked up.
2. **Brush and tree trimmings:** brush must be cut into four-foot lengths, with each limb or piece of brush no larger than four inches in diameter, and tied in small bundles with rope or twine. Each bundle can be no larger than two feet in diameter.
3. **ALL residents:** items that are bagged, bundled or placed in a container cannot exceed 50 pounds.

Separate yard waste collection begins the first week of March and continues through the end of December. Our yard waste collection day is Mondays. **Yard waste bags are available at the Safeway and the Home Depot for purchase.**



Yard waste in paper bags ready for collection

Community Garden Notes....

Our community gardeners are getting underway with their early crops – potatoes, onions, lettuce, chard, carrots, beets, and even some early tomatoes. There's not much to look at yet except for rich, dark earth, but we expect lots of crops to start peeking through soon.

There are several garden plots still available for 2016. If you are interested in gardening this year, please contact Anne Sansbury at asansbury@gicgroup.com.



The garden in Spring, but look! -- the blue bottle tree is in full bloom

Thank goodness, winter is gone (we hope)!



Taken 1/23/2016

Community Ads....

INTERIOR PAINTING: Contact Mark Rhodes, Lafayette Village resident and a skilled interior painter, for free estimates. Call **703-560-8329**.

Day Care Provider: Kids First day care for kids 0-11 years old. Licensed daycare provider, trained in CPR and First Aid. Lafayette Village location. For more information, please call Maha at 703-347-2876 (9am-5pm) or email Maha_tayar@yahoo.com.

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Martin Luther King Day Celebration, January 18, 2016

For the Association's 2016 Martin Luther King Day Celebration, held this year on January 17 and 18, we organized another food drive, again to support the Annandale Christian Community for Action, an organization whose activities are focused on Annandale's neediest residents. The ACCA runs a food bank that is always in need of donations. Lafayette Village residents rose to the occasion, **donating 533 pounds of food!** Thanks John and Pat Grant, Kathie French, Madonna Aveni, Nate and Ashly Switzer, Kim Grever, and Jenny Lu, who staffed the collection site and Imran Amin who delivered the food to the ACCA Food Pantry. And thank you all who donated – this food drive was a fitting way to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King!



Imran Amin, Kim Grever, and Jenny Lu with some of the food collected on MLK day.

New noise ordinance regulates leaf blowers, barking dogs, and much more

The new [noise ordinance](#) approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors last November is really detailed and complicated. It lists specific types of noises that are allowed in the daytime and prohibited at night and sets decibel levels for certain noises in residential, commercial, and industrial areas. **The noise ordinance took effect Feb. 17, 2016.** Here's what's banned:

- Using a loudspeaker or amplifier between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- **Making noise that can be plainly heard in another person's home** with the doors and windows closed 10 p.m.-7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m.-7 a.m. on Friday, Saturday, and the day before a federal holiday.
- Operating a leaf blower between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Operating a lawn mower between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. within 100 yards of a dwelling and between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. 100 yards away from a dwelling.
- Fixing cars or mechanical devices outside between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Collecting trash or recycling within 100 yards of a residence 9 p.m.-6 a.m.
- Loading or unloading trucks outside within 100 yards of a residence 9 p.m.-6 a.m.
- Barking, howling, meowing, squawking, or quacking animals between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. when it can be heard inside a home with the doors and windows closed or if these sounds can be heard 7 a.m.-10 p.m. for more than five minutes consecutively or non-consecutively during a 10-minute period.



Noise from athletic fields is permitted between 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and the day before a federal holiday. However, loudspeaker use remains prohibited 10 p.m.-7 a.m.

Some noises are excluded from regulation, including generators used during emergencies, snow removal, cars on the road, Metro trains, and police or fire sirens.

To enforce the law, the county may seek civil and criminal penalties against violators, as well as court orders to prohibit current and future noise. Civil penalties start at \$250, rising to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Criminal convictions would be a misdemeanor.

To complain about noise, contact the [Department of Code Compliance](#) during work days, 703-324-1300. Call the non-emergency police number after 4 p.m., 703-691-2131.

Easy Ways to Prevent Litter from Reaching Streams

Help prevent our local streams in Annandale Community Park from looking like this:

Wow! That's a lot of trash in the creek. Guess where it goes from here? The Potomac River, the Chesapeake Bay, and then the Atlantic Ocean. This is just one segment of one stream. Fairfax County has 850 miles of perennial streams!

Storm drains in Fairfax County flow directly to local creeks and streams. This means every plastic bottle, gum wrapper, fast food container, soggy newspaper, toy, cigarette butt, and loose piece of trash that gets washed into the drain eventually ends up in a stream. Not only is the sight of floating litter disturbing and disgusting, it's unhealthy for the environment. Wildlife can become tangled and entrapped, and some birds and animals may choke or become ill from trying to eat trash.



When walking Louie, I have frequently picked up plastic water bottles and other trash that would otherwise end up in our storm drains and ultimately in Accotink Creek. Sometimes, this trash is left right in front of one of our community trash cans!

How do we prevent this from happening? There are some easy things you can do starting today.

- Secure your trash on collection days by using containers with a lid.
- Place heavier recyclables on top of lighter materials in open recycling bins. This will prevent bottles and paper from blowing away.
- Wait to place your trash and recycling out until the morning of collection day.
- Organize or participate in neighborhood stream cleanups.
- Adopt a road and keep it free of litter.
- Choose a reusable bottle instead of plastic bottled water.
- Choose reusable bags instead of plastic shopping bags.
- If you see litter, pick it up and dispose of it properly. Every bottle, wrapper, and box adds up. **(And a number of Lafayette Village residents do this on a regular basis – thank you!)**
- Secure trash and recycling before heavy rain events.
- Store trash and recycling away from flood prone areas.
- Storm drains are not trash cans. Never throw garbage in them.

If the sight of a stream clogged with floating trash bothers you, there's something you can do about it. Organize or participate in the [Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac River Watershed Cleanup on April 16](#).

2016 LVCA Pool Rules and Regulations...

The following rules are designed for your protection and safety. The Pool Committee has attempted to keep them short, simple and clear. Ultimately, however, we rely on your good judgment and consideration for the rights of other residents. Keep the pool safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone -- observe these rules and see that **ALL** members of your household and your guests do, too. **You are fully responsible for the activities of your children at the pool.** Be sure that they obey the rules and the instructions of all pool management staff members.

The careful observance of these rules by the residents will keep our pool in compliance with Fairfax County regulations and the provisions of our insurance coverage. Violations of Fairfax County regulations can lead to immediate closing of the facility. Unannounced inspections by County officials will take place on a frequent basis.

All residents use the pool at their own risk and are liable for any property damage incurred by themselves or their guests. The pool management staff and the LVCA are not responsible for loss of personal property.

POOL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Atlantic Pool Service, Inc. is the pool management company for the 2016 pool season. The pool manager functions as the agent of the LVCA Board of Directors and is responsible for operating the pool in a safe, hygienic and orderly manner, supervising all personnel, and enforcing all rules and regulations. The pool manager is authorized to make on-the-spot decisions regarding all rules and regulations, as well as their enforcement. This authority includes the expulsion or exclusion of any resident or guest as necessary. Any expulsion or exclusion will be reported in writing to the LVCA Board of Directors within 24 hours of the action.

SEASON: SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2016 through MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

HOURS: Weekdays—May 31—June 10: 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Weekdays—June 13—September 2: 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Weekends and Holidays: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

POOL PASS CONTROL - ADMISSION TO THE POOL

Five passes have been issued to each household at the property address provided to the management company. These are to be used by residents and/or their guests. Passes must be given to the lifeguard to enter the pool area. The guard will return the passes upon exit from the pool. One pass per person, **including children**, is required to enter the pool. The Board at its discretion can issue pool passes to the owners and residents of 4020 Lafayette Village Drive.

CHILDREN

- A responsible person age 18 or older must supervise children under age 12 at all times. Should pool management deem it necessary for the safety of a child, a basic swim test will be given by the pool manager or his/her designee.
- For the safety of the child, strollers must be kept well away from edge of pool. Children in strollers must have personal and direct adult supervision.
- Any person who is incontinent, or children not potty trained must wear appropriate waterproof clothing. Cloth diapers with snugly fitting rubber pants or swim diapers must be worn in either pool. Disposable diapers are not allowed because they can clog the filter system. In the event of an unsanitary mishap, pool staff must be notified immediately.
- There will be a 15 minute restricted swim period from 45 minutes to the top of each hour for "lap swimming or water walking only". This period will be signaled by a long blast of the lifeguard whistle at its beginning and end.

WADING POOL

- Only children 4 years and under may use the wading pool.
- An adult within the wading pool enclosure must supervise children in the wading pool at all times.

2015 LVCA Pool Rules and Regulations continued...

RESTRICTED ADMISSION/POOL CLOSING

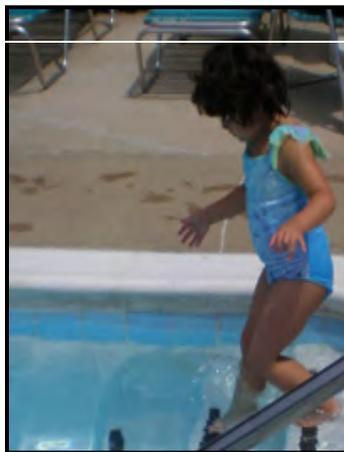
- If the pool becomes overcrowded, the pool management staff may restrict admission.
- The pool management staff is authorized to close the pool for any reason it deems fit, including: electrical storms, equipment breakdowns and pool chemical problems.

CONDUCT, HEALTH & SAFETY

- **No glass containers** are allowed within the pool enclosure.
- **No food** is allowed within the pool enclosure except in the designated picnic area.
- No alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind are allowed in the pool area.
- Chewing gum is not allowed anywhere within the pool enclosure, including the pool house.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere within the pool enclosure, including the pool house.
- Boisterous or unsafe behavior, including running, pushing, splashing, dunking, rough play or profanity is not allowed in the pools or on the pool grounds.
- The use of basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and other sports equipment not designed for use in a swimming pool is prohibited.
- Rafts or toys will be allowed at the discretion of pool management staff.
- Musical devices may be played at a low volume, so as not to disturb others.
- Sunbathers must shower before entering the pool.
- No person may swim with large bandages, open wounds or skin disorders.
- No cut-off shorts and/or T-shirts may be used as swimsuits.
- Litter must be disposed of properly.
- No pets are allowed within the pool enclosure.
- Anyone unable to pass a swimming test is not permitted in deep water.
- Diving in the shallow end or off the sides of the diving board is not permitted.
- A lap lane will be designated for the exclusive use of lap swimming on a first come, first served basis.

PENALTIES

- Anyone entering the pool enclosure before or after operating hours, without permission, may be barred from using the pool and is subject to prosecution for trespassing.
- Residents in violation of the above rules and regulations may have their pool privileges suspended for up to sixty (60) days after notice and opportunity for a hearing. See Bylaws Article VII, Section 1 (b).
- The Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these rules/regulations at any time.



2015 LVCA Pool Picnic Area Rules...

This will be the only area of the pool deck where eating is allowed. The Picnic Area is available to reserve for small gatherings during regular pool hours on a first come first served basis.

CONDUCT, HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Pool passes are required to enter the picnic area.
- Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Usage will be limited to a one hour period so that all residents have an opportunity to utilize the picnic area.
- Residents may not place their belongings on tables to “save” them.
- No glass containers are allowed within the pool picnic area.
- No alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind are allowed in the pool picnic area.
- Smoking is not allowed in the pool picnic area.
- Litter and recycling must be disposed of properly. Anyone not cleaning up after themselves may be barred from using the pool and picnic area.
- Grilling is not allowed.

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RESERVATIONS:

- Only Association members in good standing may reserve the pool picnic pad.
- To reserve, contact the Pool Committee Chair by email at least 2 weeks in advance.
- To reserve, the member must have a valid pool pass.
- To reserve, the member must also complete the LVCA Pool Picnic Pad Agreement, which the Pool Committee Chair will provide to the member.
- The Picnic Area may be reserved for a period up to 3 hours.
- Dated wristbands will be provided for up to 10 guests. All event attendees must have a wristband or valid pool pass.
- During reserved periods, one table must be made available for other pool guests to use.
- Each household may reserve the Picnic Area a maximum of 3 times during the pool season.
- The Picnic Area will not be available to reserve on holidays or during pool special events.

2016 POOL EVENT SCHEDULE: Mark your calendar for these exciting events!

Summer Kick-off Cookout – Sunday, May 29, 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Monday, May 30)

Swim Under the Stars Night – Saturday, June 18, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, June 25)

Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer – Saturday, July 9, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 16)

Swim Under the Stars Night – Saturday, July 23, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 30)

End of Summer Cookout – Saturday, August 27, 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 28)

LVCA POOL REGISTRATION FORM - 2016 APPLICATION

OWNER:	RENTER:
ADDRESS:	ADDRESS:
PHONE: (H)	PHONE: (H)
(W)	(W)
(C)	(C)
Email:	
FAMILY MEMBER'S NAMES	Ages of Children (A=Adult)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

All homeowners in good standing who submit this application will receive new passes in 2016.

Each household will be issued five passes (not dependent on how many people actually live in your home). In 2016, new passes will be provided to all homeowners in good standing who submit this application. These new passes will be reused in the following years.

I/we and our invited guests agree to abide by all rules and regulations related to the use of the pool facility. I/we and our guests agree to hold harmless the Lafayette Village Board of Directors, Sequoia Management, Inc. and their employees and Atlantic Pool Service and their employees for any injuries or losses while at the pool facilities.

_____/_____ / _____
SIGNATURE **DATE**

Registration form must be mailed or emailed by May 18, 2016 to ensure you receive your passes by pool opening.
 Pool passes will be mailed to homeowners who have applied for them beginning in mid-May.

IF YOU SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AFTER MAY 18, 2016, IT CAN TAKE UP TO A WEEK BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR PASSES IN THE MAIL

SEND THIS FORM TO:

LVCA POOL REGISTRATION

C/O Sequoia Management, attn. Glenda Cruz
 13998 Parkeast Circle
 Chantilly, VA 20151-2283

email: gcruz@sequoiamgmt.com (You can include the information requested on this form or fill out the form posted on the LVCA website. Put LVCA Pool Pass Registration in subject line)

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

ASSESSMENTS PAID: _____ IN GOOD STANDING W/ACC _____ NEW HOMEOWNER _____