



Lafayette Village Community Association

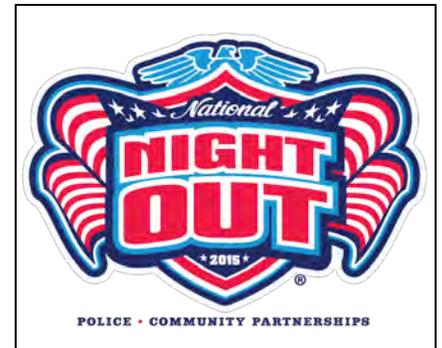
August/September 2015 Newsletter

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 4, 2015

Join us for the 2015 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm. This year we will gather at Trammell Park where there will be a moon bounce for the kids to enjoy, and snow cones to take the edge off the heat. We will distribute home security information for adults, and will have glow sticks and other giveaways for kids. We have invited Fairfax County Police to attend as well, to show off their equipment and talk to us about crime prevention. We will be out until dark.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



WHY YOU NEED to participate:

- You can pick up a very informative brochure detailing how to improve your home's security, along with other useful information!
- You can sign up for the Neighborhood Watch. We need volunteers and the statistics are clear – an active community with an active neighborhood watch reduces crime!
- You can sign up for the email news group and get important LVCA notices via email!
- It will be fun! Meet your neighbors, make new friends, and celebrate a crime-free summer!

Remember to show your support for National Night Out by turning on your porch light at sunset and leave it on all night! Lights on for Safety!

Pool Event – End of Summer Barbecue Saturday August 29 (Rain date August 30)!

Come celebrate the approaching end of summer, when we will have an end of pool season barbecue and pool party starting at 4:00pm. The Association will supply burgers and hot dogs, condiments, chips, and drinks. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish to share. The pool will be open to all residents until 8:00pm.

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Volunteers needed for Annual Meeting Nominating Committee

The LVCA Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, when two Board seats will be up for election. We need volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to provide a list of Board candidates for the membership to consider at the Annual meeting.

If you would like to serve on this committee, please email Carl Iddings at president@lafayettevillage.org.

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EARLY REMINDER: Fourth Quarter Assessments are due October 1, 2015. Make it easy on yourself by signing up for the Direct Debit program, and have your payments automatically paid from your bank account at the beginning of each quarter! Complete the direct payment form at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/AutomaticDebitFormLVCA.pdf> and send it to Sequoia Management, 13998 Parkeast Circle, Chantilly, VA 20151-2283, attention Dale Edwards.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Woodburn Elementary School Library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (August 10 and September 14)

ACC Meetings – 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (August 20 and September 17)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Monday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass. (August 24 and September 28)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass (August 18 and September 15)

Neighborhood Watch – TBD. Check the website for meeting dates and times.

All residents, including renters, are invited to attend scheduled meetings. Please check the website for the most current information:

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

Dog waste continues to be a problem: Some dog owners refuse to collect their dog's poop. The sidewalks and grassy areas in our community are still repositories of dog refuse, from all sizes of dogs.

Both Fairfax County law and Association covenants require that dog owners and dog walkers clean up after their pets. And we make it easy to do so, with six community trash cans and two doggy bag stations providing the resources to remove pet waste. Dog owners who don't do this are irresponsible scofflaws. If you know of someone leaving his or hers dog's waste, please, either talk to them or send me an email (president@lafayettevillage.org) and I will talk with them.

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A note from the President – A new undertaking, Lafayette Village 2025:

I've asked the Board to prepare this issue's "President's Note." J. Gaston took the lead in drafting the note, but all board members contributed to it. We invite your responses to the essay below.

In May 1999, while I was still stationed overseas in Korea, my wife rented a townhouse on Newport Glen Pass for our family's upcoming move to Virginia. Like so many of you, we were looking for a welcoming and attractive neighborhood, within a good school system; affording manageable commutes to work; and a house that was affordable and available. After living here for a couple years, we realized what a jewel we had discovered in selecting Lafayette Village.

Lafayette Village homeowners and residents have created a strong sense of community. The people are friendly, and supportive, take great pride in their homes, and are eager to lend a helping hand. After living here for a couple of years, we ended up buying the townhouse immediately beside our rental (no, moving next door is NOT easier, but that's another story).

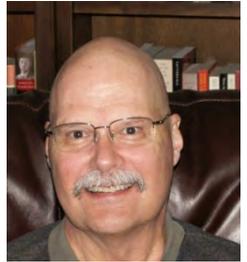
Through the years since, we've been greatly impressed with how the quality and value of the community's homes and amenities have been sustained and improved. Thanks to the incredible commitment of our Architectural Control Committee and our Grounds Committee, the community's original colonial aesthetics, décor, and atmosphere continue to shine. Likewise, the Board recognizes that Fairfax County and areas surrounding our community are experiencing modernization efforts such as Mosaic District and Springfield Town Center. These revitalization projects are attracting more residents, businesses, and amenities to our area.

Recognizing these changes, your Board has started to consider ways in which we might join the revitalization effort to ensure our community retains its reputation as an attractive and valuable community location. We are beginning the process of discussing and shaping a vision for the future of Lafayette Village, describing how we move forward as part of this ongoing revitalization occurring across the metro area.

In order to remain vital and appealing, there may be ways we can enhance the community for current residents while simultaneously maintaining Lafayette Village as a desirable destination for future homeowners wanting to reside in a vibrant community. As we begin this journey, we're eager for your participation and input to help us ensure Lafayette Village continues to be a sought after community where families choose to live.

We are asking for volunteers to join the board in developing a "vision statement" for Lafayette Village in 2025. This committee will examine what the Association can do in the next 10 years to maintain and improve the real strengths of our community, ensuring that Lafayette Village remains the attractive and desirable community it is today. If you would like to participate in this effort, please send an email to Kathie French at kfrench22@verizon.net.

Watch for future announcements of topics and community discussions about shaping "Lafayette Village 2025."



Cicada Killer Wasp Traps Available: It's high summer, the cicadas have returned and so have the cicada killer wasps. If you would like to control these wasps, the Association has purchased cicada killer wasp traps to distribute to residents. To obtain these traps, you can email Pam Paroline at mspinkygal@verizon.net to request up to 5 traps at a time. Include your name, address and how many traps you are requesting (5 max.), and Ms. Paroline will respond by either providing a time you can pick up the traps from her home or making arrangements to deliver them to you.

You can find out more information about this program at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/cicadkillerwasptraps.pdf>.

Parking Tickets: The Association has been actively enforcing our visitor parking spaces and the pool parking spaces. As you know, residents are not allowed to park in visitor parking spaces – these spaces are limited to guests only and then for only two consecutive days. If your vehicle has been ticketed, that ticket is a warning – the next time your vehicle is parked in a visitor spot, it will be towed. If your guest's vehicle has been ticketed, please call the phone number on the ticket and explain the situation.

The pool parking lot is restricted to pool users and gardeners only during pool hours. If you park in the pool parking lot overnight and leave your vehicle for the day, it will be ticketed, and repeat violations will result in your vehicle being towed.

You can review the Association's parking regulations at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LVCA Parking Regulations 2012-04-09.pdf>. Note that vehicles parked in "No Parking" zones will be towed without a warning!

Community Updates: Committee Reports....

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, chair:

The Finance Committee is in the process of compiling the 2016 budget and preparing for the upcoming annual meeting. All the fiscal indications point to a very successful 2015 with major projects completed and the movement of Replacement Reserve funds to stable, interest bearing accounts with Wells Fargo Advisors.

We are examining the infrastructure and capital project list for the next year and will provide a forecast for the annual meeting in the fall. Current projects include erosion control measures, retaining wall maintenance and improvement, along with common lighting replacement and improvement. The LVCA committees are completing their requirements for the coming year, and if you have any suggestions for projects, please contact the appropriate committee chair to share your suggestions.

The Finance Committee is looking for an additional member, 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. And remember, you can also view the Association's most recent monthly financial statements on the website at

http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_MonthlyFinancials.htm.

Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, chair:

We're well into summer and suddenly it doesn't seem like fall and winter are so far away. Spring flowers have run their course and the gardeners are already beginning to reap what they've sown. As always, thanks to Anne Sansbury who helps keep the garden growing flowers and edibles instead of weeds and "undesirables."

We have evaluated the trees in the community and received some community feedback about a few problem trees. Next we'll need to get quotes for the work and see what will fall within the budget for this calendar year and what will need to be pushed out to future years.

Our new reflective parking signs will be arriving next month so we can be sure to be in full county code compliance.

We are very excited and fortunate to have two new members on the grounds committee. Steven Longstreet and Gustavo Vega have been gracious enough to lend their talents and skills to the committee. Steve has extensive experience in home construction and renovation from his college volunteer days, and just recently completed a major project replacing his townhouse fence. Gustavo is the owner of The Flood Masters, a company specializing in helping homeowners and business recover from water damages of all sorts. Both Steve and Gustavo have already made significant contributions to improving our community and moving some new and overdue projects forward.

There is a new playhouse in the playground now thanks to the efforts of one of our newest committee members Steven Longstreet, who took on the project to acquire and build the new house and break down and dispose of the old. Steven has also put together some numbers on mulching versus resurfacing the playground. Based on those numbers it looks like we'll be re-mulching in the short term and looking into adding a resurfacing project in the coming years as a more significant upgrade for the community. Finally, we are still waiting on a few quotes for fence repair/replacement for the playground as the gate side of the fence is not in good shape and could potentially be dangerous in an area where children are playing. We hope to have that resolved soon.



Child-testing the new playhouse!

I have been walking the grounds with new member Gustavo Vega to identify erosion control issues across the community. At the time of writing we completed a walkthrough of the southern half of the community but hopefully will have completed the full initial survey by the time this newsletter reaches your door. We have already noted some drainage issues in several locations and the need for retaining walls in others. I don't imagine we will have the funds in the budget for this year to handle all of these issues, but it will be good planning for next year's budget and future years.

Finally, we are awaiting bids for the community concrete work and expect to see numbers and get the job awarded in August or very early September. Those of you who have requested work on your property will receive quotes when we have chosen a vendor

Community Updates: Committee Reports, cont....

and you can decide to accept or reject the proposal for your property. Special thank you to committee member Courtney Gorham for her work in drafting the proposal document and Gustavo Vega for completing a follow-up community walkthrough to determine any necessary changes to the work outlined last year by former members Jay Jarvis and Jim Bell.

The wheels are really in motion right now on the Grounds Committee. We thank you for your community support in making Lafayette Village a better place to live today and tomorrow.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, chair:

The heat of the summer has arrived and many people have made visiting the pool for a cooling swim part of their regular routine.

This month we hosted our first **Adult Wine and Cheese Party**. Those in attendance were happy to have a little adult time at the pool to enjoy a glass of wine, some conversation, and for some, an evening swim. Thanks to all who came out to support this inaugural event. Thanks also to volunteers Angela Cutter, Anne Sansbury, and Amanda Sansbury for helping make this event possible.

In July we also held our second "**Swim Under the Stars**" night of the summer. We turned on the pool lights and turned up the music for this popular evening event. The large crowd had a great time swimming late into the evening.



Swimming under the stars!

We have one event remaining before the summer ends. Please join us in the pool parking lot for a **community cookout** on Saturday, August 29 (rain date Sunday, August 30). We'll light the grills from 4:00-6:00pm and the pool will be open until 8:00pm. The Association will provide burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you have a grill we can use (preferably gas) or if you are willing to volunteer to act as grill master, please email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.



Attendees at the Adult Wine and Cheese

The **pool patio area** is available for residents to reserve for small gatherings. If you would like to reserve the picnic pad, you will need to complete a reservation form, which you can find on the website. Contact me at lisac_234@hotmail.com with questions or to reserve the patio.

Stop by our new **Book Exchange** bookcase in the pool house. If you see a book you'd like to read, take it. If you have a book you'd like to share, leave it. If you have books you'd like to donate, bring them to the pool house during pool hours or email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com. We're looking for books for all ages.

A reminder: due to recent fair housing rulings, the period from 45 minutes past the hour to the top of the hour previously known as "break" or "adult swim", has become "lap swim". This period is now open to swimmers of any age, able to pass a swim test, who want to swim laps or water walk. Swimmers may not play games, float, dip in to cool off, or do anything other than swim laps or water walk during this period. The diving board will be closed during "lap swim".

The pool will remain open through Labor Day, Monday, September 7. If you haven't visited the pool yet, stop by and see what you've been missing. If you have comments or suggestions email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Doug Stewart, chair:

Join us Tuesday, August 4th, for the National Night Out event at the playground. There will be a moon bounce, snow cones and refreshments. We will also have crime prevention materials for you and other goodies for your children. We've invited Fairfax County police to attend, as well, so we expect a police officer to show up, demonstrate his vehicle and equipment, and talk to us about crime prevention. The officer may have surprises for your children as well. So, come out and meet your neighbors and board members and have some fun.

If you would like to help monitor the moon bounce to ensure all children have an equal time and can enjoy all the fun, please email stewart8668@verizon.net.

Community Updates: Committee Reports, cont....

Criminal Activity: Some reasonably good news! During the past two months, Fairfax Police report that they responded to just three incidents reported in Lafayette Village. Two were noise violations, one on Peyton Forest Trail on June 25th, and one on Byrds Nest Pass on June 5th. Also, a larceny on Butterfield Lane was reported on July 7th. If you have more information about these incidents, please email me at stewart8668@verizon.net with the details – that will help me better manage our neighborhood watch patrols.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, chair:

Lots of people have been investing in their homes recently – new roofs, paint and windows. It's good for them and it's good for the rest of us too. **Just remember to submit the form requesting approval for exterior improvements** (found on the website under the Documents/ACC tab at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/RequestForExteriorImprovementForm.pdf>) before you sign contracts. If in doubt, email me (aicutter50@gmail.com or Dale Edwards (dedwards@sequoiamgmt.com). We try to get back to you within 24 hours. For your convenience, the External Improvements form can also be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

If you're one of the people who were granted extensions for planting trees or bushes, then it's time to start planning ahead. September and October are perfect for planting and no more extensions will be granted.

The committee has been reviewing the ACC guidelines and several amendments are proposed. One is regarding ivy. Currently ivy and other invasive vines are discouraged because of the damage they cause to walls and fences. Invasive vines will no longer be allowed, unless confined to ground cover. This has become necessary following complaints from homeowners about neighboring vines degrading their property.

Another proposal is to remove the lists of approved trees and shrubs. These were compiled pre-Internet and before the emphasis on native specimens. Instead, consult a website such as the [Plant Nova Natives](http://www.plantnovanatives.org) website (<http://www.plantnovanatives.org>) which includes easy to follow information to will help you choose native species best suited to your property and available at local nurseries. Replacement trees should be chosen to suit the light conditions and size of your yard, with consideration to your neighbors. Submit the exterior improvement form to the ACC requesting approval to remove and replace a tree.

The proposed changes will be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval and you will be informed of the results.

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. Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, website and monthly Board meetings. The next newsletter will be available the weekend of October 3, 2015. Articles and submissions are due by September 29th.

If you aren't receiving community announcements from the LVCA Mailing list, maybe you haven't submitted your email address! You can join the mailing list by sending an email to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org with a request to be added to the list. Don't miss out on announcements important to Lafayette Village residents and homeowners.

Community Garden update ...

Cheers from the Garden! As we slosh around in galoshes, waiting for the rains to subside and watching the alien weeds take over, how's about a lesson on lemongrass (think Tom Yum soup), thanks to foodscaper Joe Belsan. This is a plant we can grow in containers, in flowerbeds, and in the vegetable garden. Lemongrass doesn't attract many pests and it can serve as a bug repellent, as well as a weed deterrent.

Buy a few stalks at an Asian market and put them into an inch of filtered water. Change the water every two days for 8-12 days, and roots should form. When the roots are 1-2 inches long, cut off half the stem, about the top six inches, and plant the rooted stems in the garden or in an 8 inch deep container. Save the cuttings and cut them into pieces 1 inch long. Let them dry and add them to green tea for flavor and for improved digestion. (But be careful – in rare cases, some people are allergic to lemongrass and can develop serious food allergy symptoms – see <http://www.livestrong.com/article/366634-an-allergy-to-lemongrass/>.)



Lemongrass

Community Garden update, cont ...

Plant the rooted stems somewhat shallow because more stems will grow from the one you plant. You can use a chopstick and plastic tie to support the stems for the first few weeks. They like 4-5 hours of sun per day, but can also take some shade.

Lemongrass is an ornamental plant that grows to a height of 3 feet. You can use the fronds in soups and tea. It's the base of the stem that's used to flavor Tom Yum and shrimp in green or red curry. You can buy curry sauce and add shrimp, Asian eggplant (which grows well in our gardens), ginger strips, and fresh Thai basil. Serve that over rice and you've got a great meal to enjoy.

Community Updates ...

Grounds Committee Updating Community Furniture

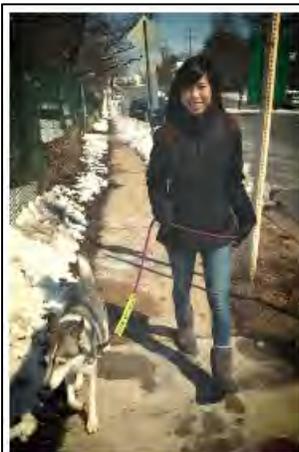
The Grounds Committee has been busy reviewing and updating some of our community "furniture" – outdoor benches and picnic tables. You may have noticed the new picnic table in Trammell Park, which will replace one of the old wooden tables that has reached the end of its life. The old table will be taken to the county Transfer Station in the near future.

The committee also replaced the Butterfield Lane bench recently – you can see the photo to the right of the new bench next to the old bench. Grounds Committee member Gustavo Vega plans to anchor the new bench to the stone work patio and dispose of the old bench. The committee also plans to replace the benches on Hancock Forest Pass, which were removed a few weeks ago due to their age – they had become rickety and dangerous.



Community ads ...

 SPICE MERCHANTS SPICES * TEAS * GIFTS	10376 MAIN ST. FAIRFAX, VA. 22030	LOOSE LEAF TEA	SPICE BLENDS	BBQ RUBS
	(703) 359-2425	SUGARS - NATURALLY FLAVORED		
	TUES-SAT 11AM-7PM	SEA SALTS	PEPPER CORN	GRAIN AND PASTA
	Bring this ad in for 10% off your purchase of \$10 or more!	EXTRACTS	CHOCOLATE	GIFT BOXES
		COOK BOOKS	TEA/SPICE ACCESSORIES	



Need help walking your dog??

*I am trustworthy, responsible
and caring. I love dogs!*

I also live in this neighborhood :)

\$10 per walk- 30-45 mins

Txt/Call Nicki

202-330-3106

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

Contractor Recommendation ...

Roofing Contractor: Anyone who needs a roof replacement or general maintenance on their roof should consider Pond Roofing & Exteriors (www.pondroofing.com). I had them replace my entire roofing material including many roof deck boards, a full ridge vent system installed and an inoperable attic fan and housing removed. The work was done with careful attention to detail and they didn't hurry the work. What impressed me the most was the cleanup process. Every inch of my yard and the adjoining neighbors's yards were swept for nails and debris. The roof was blown to remove excess debris. Everything from the work outlined in a detailed proposal, homeowner's checklist and attitude of the workers and company staff were top notch. For the work they did, I thought the price was reasonable.

Remember – before doing any exterior work to your home, complete a “Request for Exterior Improvement” form and contact the ACC to ensure your project will comply with community ACC standards! See page 13 of this newsletter for a copy of that form.

Lessons Learned from Selling our LVC Home ...

Audrey and I lived in Lafayette Village for twenty five years and love the community. We recently retired, sold our home and moved to the Palm Springs, CA area. Selling our home involved a lot more than we anticipated.

We were fortunate to have a good real estate agent, Shoshanna Tanner. She gave us good advice on the upgrades that were needed. We redid the floors, added recessed lighting, new thermal windows, a new front door, new gutters, removed the old popcorn ceiling in the family room, redid the kitchen, and unexpectedly, found we had

radon remediation that was needed. President Carl asked me to write an article for the newsletter with what we learned so that it might be shared with our neighbors.

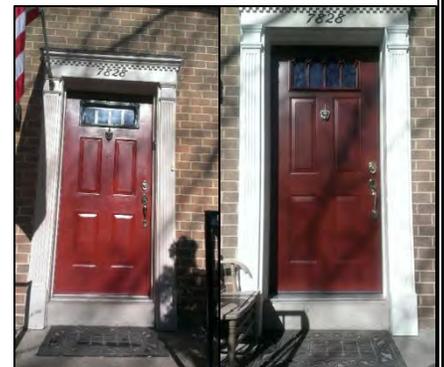


A tanned and rested Jay Jarvis

Electrical work: we wanted recessed lighting in the kitchen, living room and the basement. We used an electrician from Michael and Sons who was excellent. He installed six in the kitchen, six in the living room and seven down stairs and used a dimmer switch for the living room lights. The electrician also replaced all the receptacles with ground-fault circuit-interrupters in all the bathroom, the kitchen and wash room and installed a new control panel for our emergency generator. The electrical work was about \$7,000. We also used a crew from Michael and Sons to remove the “popcorn” ceiling in the basement and replace it with smooth sheetrock. The cost was about \$4,900 for the drywall work. I removed the old ceiling which helped keep the cost down. Michael and Sons was expensive, but they did a very good job and were pretty much on call when we needed them.

For the replacement windows, we used Window Nations. Our crew was not timely and we had two different crews. I found the wood around the windows was not included in the price and had to have some replaced. The total cost was around \$9,000. The final job was fine, but that project gave me heartburn.

For the front door and the gutters we used Sunshine Contractors. I highly recommend them. The prices were reasonable and they were quick and did excellent work. Due to damage to the front door it had to be replaced, so I found a solid steel door at Home Depot which I was confident would be approved by our ACC. The cost of the door installed, including a new frame around the door was about \$2,400. A different crew from Sunshine put in a new gutter and like the door crew, were very organized. They arrived and did a great job of replacing the front gutter in less than two hours, including clean up. The cost was very low and the work was perfect.



Original Door and New Door

We used Chandler's Plumbing to install **new vanities** in each of the bath rooms. I purchased the vanities from The Home Depot and moved them into position for the plumber. The total cost was about \$1,000.

Lessons Learned from Selling our LVC Home, cont ...

The floors were completely redone throughout with hardwood floor on the main level, carpet upstairs, the downstairs bedroom and the stairs and laminate on the basement floor. We had them put new ceramic tile in all bathrooms except the half bath on the main floor. That floor had hardwood added like the living and dining room. We used Affordable Carpet & Flooring at total cost of about \$9,000. We had a couple problems with crew who could not get the project done on time. It turns out they were working two other jobs during the same period. They also did not finish off a couple of important areas like the wood flooring around receptacles at the floor level. I had to get an electrician to finish these off and he did great job.



New hardwood floors on main level

The interior paint job for our house was handled Mark Rhodes.

Mark is a professional painter who lives in Lafayette Village. He did an excellent job and worked around what was going on with remodeling. He purchased the paint and charged about \$6,500 for the paint and all the work. A lot of the work involved patching holes, many placed by three sons over twenty five years ☺

The exterior painting was done by Aloha Painting, a small company owned by Sung Ryo Hong. He says he used the name Aloha because he grew up in Hawaii. They also did a great job at about \$1,400. I gave them the paint code, which I found on the LVCA Website. They bought the paint, prepared the wood, did the painting, cleaned up and were gone in one day.

One issue which came up at the end was the check for **Radon gas**. The test done by AmeriSpec Inspection Services NOVA (www.amerispec.com) showed we had high levels. I contacted John Swett of Radon Abatement Services, identified by Angie's List as the best firm for this type of work. He sent a crew out who use special equipment to install a vent under the house to vent out the gas and dispense it in the air above the house. I was impressed with the speed and quality of the work. The cost was \$925 and the recheck for Radon proved it worked just right.

The last item I mention is a bit embarrassing. Over a twenty five year period we accumulated a lot of memories, a lot of "things" that ended up in the attic. After a couple of days trying to sort through everything, I realized it was all too much. I hired 800GOTJUNK to come in and toss everything that was left. We spent close to \$2,000 to get the attic clean. The best advice from this tired person is not to accumulate too much: it **will** come back to haunt you.

Over all we spent an estimated \$75,000 to \$80,000 to fix our home up so we could feel proud to leave it to a new family for a neighborhood we love so much. We are sure they will also enjoy it for many years.

Pics from the community garden ...



Around Town...

Reminder: Large Area Community Parking District (CPD) for Mason District Effective August 1 – Enforcement of the CPD begins August 1, 2015. Vehicles not in compliance will be issued a \$75 fine, and the vehicle may be towed at owner's expense. On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the Mason CPD based on Fairfax County Code Chapter 82, Article 5B. The geographical area for this CPD is the entire Mason Magisterial District.

A CPD does not allow certain vehicles to be parked on public streets in residential areas. **Vehicles that are prohibited include: watercraft, boat trailers, motor homes, camping trailers, and any other trailer or semi-trailer**, regardless of whether such trailer or semi-trailer is attached to another vehicle. Exemptions to the CPD include: vehicles used by federal, state, or local agencies to provide services; commercial vehicles discharging passengers, performing work or providing services; vehicles temporarily parked, for up to 48 hours, for the purpose of loading, unloading, or preparing for a trip.

During the month of July, parking enforcement officers placed information flyers on vehicles that would be affected by the new CPD. For information about the CPD, visit the Fairfax County Department of Transportation CPD Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm#cpd.



Trailers such as these can no longer be parked on any residential street in Mason District. These streets include Lafayette Village, Merrimac Trail, and Trammell Road.

Sales Tax Holiday/Tax-Free Weekend - Get ready! Virginia's 2015 Sales Tax Holiday is coming! Starting **Friday, August 7, 2015 at 12:01 a.m.** and ending the following **Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 11:59 p.m.**, consumers can purchase qualifying school supplies, clothing, footwear, hurricane and emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star and WaterSense products without paying sales tax. This includes qualifying items purchased online, by mail, or by the phone. For more information, including a list of qualifying items, visit www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday.

Election Officers Needed! – Fairfax County needs Election Officers a few days a year, including the upcoming General Election on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**, at each of the 240 precincts in Fairfax County to run the polls and assist the voters. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. Election Officers are offered a stipend of \$175 for serving a full day. Bilingual citizens are urged to serve, as language assistance is needed in many precincts. Residency in Fairfax County is not required. For more information, visit the Office of Elections Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm, send an e-mail to elect@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-4735; TTY 711.

Door-to-Door Solicitors – Is the salesperson at your door properly licensed? Know your rights under the federal "Cooling Off" rule and the Virginia Home Solicitation Sales Act. These laws apply to virtually all purchases made in your home or at any location that is not the seller's permanent place of business. Soliciting is the sale of goods or services door-to-door or from a temporary stand, and is regulated by Fairfax County Code. Fairfax County requires peddlers and solicitors be licensed before they solicit door to door. They may solicit only between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., and **may not solicit at a residence that posts a "No Peddlers or Solicitors" sign**. A peddler or solicitor must show the license upon request and must leave the premises immediately if asked to leave.

When solicitors knock:

1. Ask for his or her license. If he or she does not have a valid license, ask him/her to leave;
2. Close and lock your door; and
3. Immediately call Fairfax County Police (non-emergency) at 703-691-2131 to report the violation.

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/education/solicitors.htm or call the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs branch at 703-222-8435.

Did you know? Each issue of the LVCA Newsletter is posted on our community website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/newsletter.htm>. You can view each newsletter in color and click on any web URL to go directly to the referenced website.



Fairfax County Police Related Information



This form was created as an information guide to be used for citizens of Fairfax County to gain knowledge and understanding of the Police Department and other county services.

-How do I reach the Police?

For Emergencies: 911
Non Emergencies: 703-691-2131

-Can I make a report over the phone or online?

Yes. You can use the non-emergency number 703-691-2131 or you may go to this website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/>

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

The county has a program called My Neighborhood that you may utilize to search for crime in any district in the county. Go here to check: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myneighborhood/>
Also follow our blog. This report is published every weekday, except county holidays. The information in each report covers significant criminal incidents generally from the day before: <https://fcpdnews.wordpress.com/>

-Where can I find out what district I live in and how to contact my local station?

The county has broken down each district station to have its own webpage. Each contains information such as news alerts, contact information and maps: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/>

-How can I be notified of a major event in Fairfax County?

Fairfax County provides its citizens with the CEAN (Community Emergency Alert Network) You may signup to receive alerts here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts/>

If you work in the DC metro area and would like alerts feel free to register here: <http://www.capitalert.gov/>

Fairfax County is also on social media. Follow us on twitter: <https://twitter.com/fairfaxpolice> Facebook: www.facebook.com/fairfaxcountypolice and Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/fairfaxcountypolice>

-Who do I contact with questions/inquiries outside of being police related?

The county has a webpage that addresses everything from trash and lighting to vehicles and parking: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/>

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You are provided with a wealth of information on the webpage for the police department. It has everything from phone numbers to flyers and safety tips: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/>

Crime Prevention in Fairfax County starts with YOU! There are a number of ways you can stay alert and involved in your everyday activities to combat and prevent crime.

1. Always be aware of your surroundings
2. Program emergency numbers into your cell phone
3. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious people, noises, and vehicles
4. Always lock your vehicle's doors and hide/remove your valuables
5. Take note of serial numbers on your valuables and keep receipts
6. Secure your Wi-Fi signal and keep all your passwords secure
7. Join a Neighborhood Watch or start one in your community

Some of the services the Crime Prevention Unit provides:

- Personal Safety Talks
- Financial Crimes/Identity Theft Protection
- Internet Safety Presentations
- Senior Safety Presentations
- Home Security Presentation and Home Surveys
- Auto Theft Prevention Information
- Neighborhood Watch Training
- ...and if we don't have a presentation, we will make one!

Building partnerships within the communities of Fairfax County is our goal and we strive to maintain good working relationships each and every day. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have and I will try to respond in a timely fashion.

PFC K. E. O'Leary
Crime Prevention Officer
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Fairfax County Police Department
6507 Columbia Pike
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REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

To: Chair, Architectural Control ACC
Lafayette Village Community Association
c/o Sequoia Management, attn.: Dale Edwards
13998 Parkeast Circle
Chantilly, VA 20151-2283

Date: _____

Pursuant to the By-Laws and A.C.C. regulations of the LVCA the following exterior improvements to my property located at: _____ are proposed:

Sketches, pictures, diagrams, color paint chips and further details of my project (as necessary) are attached to help preclude further inquiries that slow the A.C.C. process and delay my work.

I am aware that A.C.C. approval for the project is contingent upon quality workmanship and timeliness of work. I further understand that A.C.C. approval is not a substitute for compliance with applicable Fairfax County building codes, ordinances or any other regulation or restriction (such as easements) and that compliance with the above is the responsibility of the homeowner. Any cost relating to compliance will be borne by the homeowner.

I further understand that it is Association policy that the homeowner is responsible for repairing, to Association satisfaction, any damage done to common properties that might be caused by the homeowner and/or parties contracted by the homeowner during the execution of the project.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ E-mail: _____

ENDORSEMENT

Date of ACC action: _____

The ACC, having carefully considered the above request, hereby:

- approves as submitted
- approves the proposal as modified below
- regretfully cannot approve the project for the reasons cited below:

A follow-up inspection will occur after completion to ensure compliance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Chair, Architectural Control Committee (ACC)