



Lafayette Village Community Association

August/September 2011 Newsletter

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2, 2011

Join us for the 2011 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm. This year we will gather at Trammell Court park to meet those walking up Lafayette Village Drive from the pool house. There will be a moon bounce for the kids to enjoy, snow cones to take the edge off the heat, and refreshments for everyone. 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:

- There continues to be minor criminal activity in Lafayette Village – car tampering, larceny, even vandalism!
- 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!
- It will be fun! Meet your neighbors, make new friends, celebrate the 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!**

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New LVCA Board Member

Nathan Garcia, a resident of Yorktown Village Pass, was appointed to the LVCA Board of Directors at the July Board meeting. In his remarks to the Board, Mr. Garcia noted that while he was a relatively new homeowner in Lafayette Village, he made his home here because he was impressed by how attractive and well maintained the community is. He volunteered for the Board with a commitment to maintain the quality of our neighborhood.



Our Community Information...

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LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for details and last minute updates)

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (August 9 and September 13)

ACC Meetings - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at 7882 Hampton Village Pass (August 16 and September 20)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (August 26 and September 30)

Finance Committee – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM. Contact the Chair for location. (August 24 and September 28)

Neighborhood Watch – Tuesdays after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (August 10 and September 14).

All residents, including renters, are invited to attend scheduled meetings. Please check the website for the most current information:
<http://www.lafayettevillage.org/>

Electric Sunday – August 28th

Do you have old televisions, computers, monitors, printers, audio equipment, radios, and other electronic equipment you'd like to get rid of? You can recycle these and other electronics at the Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal Center on Sunday, August 28th, between 10am and 3pm, at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. You can also recycle your unbroken fluorescent tubes and light bulbs, as well!

For more information, call 703-324-5230.

Help Wanted – Part-time nanny

LVCA resident looking for a part-time nanny to care for a five-month old, beginning at the end of August.

Please contact Alexa McKenrick at 703-786-2509 or email at amckenrick@gmail.com.



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Prez Sez: Thoughts and Observations

Please join your neighbors for the annual National Night Out this Tuesday. Some of us will gather at 7 p.m. at the pool house and walk together to the community park on Trammel Court. You can start at the pool house with us, join us as we walk down the sidewalk, or just come directly to the park. Our Neighborhood Watch Committee under the Chair, Fred Saah, has prepared a fun and informative event.



We have so many great volunteers in Lafayette Village. That is one of the things that makes our community such a wonderful place. Our Grounds Committee Chair, John Alexander, has been doing a great job for our community. He and his committee have been busy making our common property look great and be useful. He arranged for new wood chips in the Tot Lot, changed a shower head in the men's room, and worked with KPA and Lisa Conoly, our new Pool & Recreation Chair, to troubleshoot all the lights around the Pool. Thank John for all you do for our community. And, while out walking our new hiking trail, I saw Deborah Dunham walking her dog. As she walked she was picking up trash she happened to see. She has also been watering the plants in new island in the middle of Lafayette Village Drive. Thanks Deborah for all you do for our community.

Please join me in welcoming our newest Board member Nathan Garcia. Nathan was elected at the July Board meeting to fill the unexpired term of a Board member who resigned. Nathan is another volunteer who brings excitement and energy to our community. He recently helped put up our large banner signs for National Night Out and volunteered to post newly required signs when we use pesticides on the common grounds.

The pesticide signs are now required under a new law that went into effect July 1st. Whenever our contractors use pesticides, we are required to post signs 48 hours in advance throughout the area where pesticides are to be used. When you see the little yellow signs, you'll know pesticides will be used soon.

For two years we have had a dispute with the state over the price they paid LVCA for the land they took in widening the beltway. Our attorney and the state's attorney went before a judge last month to set a date for a trial to determine the amount our property is really worth. The date set for late 2012. What value can we put on property that completely shielded our community from the Beltway? Now you not only see the Beltway when you drive down Lafayette Village Drive, but we have a wall to see, not the natural forest we once had. I and my fellow Board members will keep you informed as we receive more information.

Our next newsletter will have more information on our annual meeting planned for Monday, October 3rd. I am happy to report we have invited, and they have accepted to speak, candidates for the Board of Supervisors for the Mason District; Penny Gross and David Feld.

I hope to see all you this Tuesday at our National Night Out.

--Jay Jarvis, President

Committee Updates and Recap

Grounds Committee

Tot Lot

The ground cover has been installed!! We contracted with a company that provides International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) certified "Engineered Wood Fiber." The added benefit was that they showed up with a blower truck, and installed all 40 cubic yards. The Tot Lot now has at least 6" of wood fiber in all spots. Additionally, the swings have been re-secured to the cross post to keep the chains from moving around.



The Tot Lot after the new mulch

Arbor Day Tree

For those of you keeping track, you'll notice that the cedar tree that was planted this past spring for Arbor Day is missing. It died a quick death, and was removed by Blade Runners. The company will be providing a no-cost replacement once the weather gets a bit cooler.

Mailboxes

Seven mail boxes have been ordered, based on their relative condition. The two remaining old mailboxes will be replaced early next year.

Street	Closest House #	Boxes	New	Condition	Replacement Year
Butterfield Lane	7805	12	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Mt. Airey Lane	3727	12	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Yorktown Village Pass	3743	16	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Colonial Village Row	7856	16	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Colonial Village Row	7872	8	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Peyton Forest Trail	7910	8	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Peyton Forest Trail	7930	12	No	Fair	Replacing 2011
Hancock Forest Trail	3971	16	No	Fair	Replacing 2012
Butterfield Lane	7823	16	No	Good	Replacing 2012

Thank yous

I would like to recognize the members of the Grounds Committee. They are a dedicated bunch who are always willing to lend a hand to keep our community safe and beautiful. Thank you to Jack Thompson, Anne Sansbury, Carl Iddings and Jay Jarvis.

If you'd like to join this fun bunch, we are always looking for members. A green thumb is not a requirement, just a willingness to serve.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has completed its review of the Lafayette Village Community Association FY2010 audit, and is pleased to report that the Association received a "clean" audit. Watch for the audit to be posted on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm.

Committee Updates and Recap, Continued

Neighborhood Watch

This month there have been no reported incidents to the Neighborhood Watch Committee. We still need a few more volunteers to maintain a presence in the neighborhood. There are still many nights and streets that are not covered. If interested please email Fred Saah at fred300@gmail.com, or you can join the members of the Neighborhood Watch Committee and your neighbors at Trammell Court Park to celebrate National Night Out. Also please see our crime prevention tips on page 7.

ACC

The ACC was on vacation during July, so there is no committee update.

Pool and Recreation

Are you looking for ways to beat the heat this summer? Why not visit the COMMUNITY POOL? The pool will remain open through Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, 2011. Passes are required so if you don't have your passes yet, contact KPA at 703-532-5005.

We also have a new screen door for the pool. Our old door, due for a replacement in any event, was damaged during one of the severe thunderstorms in the late spring. And thanks to John Alexander for replacing burnt out lights around the pool house and a defective showerhead in the men's shower.

Remember, pool hours are weekdays, 11:30AM to 8:30PM, and weekends and Labor Day, 11:00AM to 8:00PM. Labor Day will be the last day the pool will be open this season.

Communications

The next newsletter for October/November will be distributed on the weekend of October 1st. The deadline for submissions to the newsletter is September 27th. Please submit your articles, letters to the editors, photos, and contractor recommendations by then. Remember that all Lafayette Village residents can advertise for free in the newsletter, and with the holidays approaching, you can reach your neighbors through the newsletter!

Community Updates...

Spotlight by Starlight Concerts at Mason District Park: The free concert series continues through the month of August. Live music performances begin at 7:30 p.m. every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Children's shows are featured at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. Performers include Tom Principato on August 3rd, the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's OTO Brass Quintet on the 13th, and the very excellent Atomic Swing Club on the 19th! To find out who is performing during August, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/spotlight.htm. Concerts are cancelled in case of rain. Bring your friends and enjoy the show!

Contractor Recommendations:

I'd like to recommend Mr. Wayne Bryant who does **power washing** and **deck cleaning**. He always does an excellent job all the time and his charge is very, very reasonable. He can be reached at: home (703) 322-9444 or cell (443) 532-8422

Painting -Bob McCalley, A to Z Decorator at 703-690-2197. Does interior and exterior painting, repairs prior to painting, etc.

Community Updates, cont.

Community Garden Report:

Our Own Farmers Market!!! When you take in enough vegetables from your garden to start your own roadside stand, you know your venture is a success! Despite the stultifying heat and the expanded variety of bugs, the downpours and droughts, everybody has been really successful in growing crops this year. For those of us who work full time and can only garden on the weekends, we are continually surprised by the gargantuan squashes we find every weekend.

This year we branched out and planted new varieties of squash, including a beautiful Turban Squash that is a bit dry and has virtually no flavor - oh well. We seem to have a crossbred butternut/spaghetti squash that we can report on later. The corn is already as high as an elephant's eye and is quite gorgeous. A new crop this year, dill, is just beautiful in the middle of everything else, as are the vibrant zinnias and marigolds, sunflowers and morning glories. The weeds have been happier than ever this year, but some gardeners have waged all-out campaigns against the weeds in and around their plots, so we're not a total jungle. Still having fun in the Lafayette Village garden!



A bumper crop of tomatoes!

The "How to" about the Removal of Disease-Carrying Ticks - Ticks have been in the news this summer, as Virginia seems to be experiencing an upsurge in the blood-sucking and disease-carrying critters. If you should find a tick on you or your pet, follow these simple procedures to remove them safely.

Embedded ticks should be removed using fine-tipped tweezers. DO NOT use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish, or other products. With a steady motion, pull the tick's body away from the skin. Cleanse the area with an antiseptic. Here are some helpful tips to remember:

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers or shield your fingers with a tissue, paper towel, or rubber gloves.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick; this may cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. (If this happens, remove mouthparts with tweezers. Consult your healthcare provider if infection occurs.)
3. Do not squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick because its fluids (saliva, hemolymph, gut contents) may contain infectious organisms.
4. Do not handle the tick with bare hands because infectious agents may enter through mucous membranes or breaks in the skin. This precaution is directed particularly to individuals who remove ticks from pets with unprotected fingers. Children, elderly persons, and immune-compromised persons may be at greater risk of infection and should avoid this procedure.
5. After removing the tick, thoroughly disinfect the bite site and wash your hands with soap and water.
6. You may wish to save the tick for identification in case you become ill within 2 to 3 weeks of its removal. Your doctor can use the information to assist in making an accurate diagnosis. Place the tick in a plastic bag and put it in your freezer. Write the date of the bite on a piece of paper with a pencil and place it in the bag.

The transmission of diseases from an infected tick is unlikely to occur before several hours of tick attachment. For this reason, daily checks for ticks, particularly on your pets, and prompt removal will help prevent infection. Information about tick-borne diseases is available at the Fairfax County Health Department Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wntick.htm, or by calling the department's Environmental Health Division at 703-246-2300.

Community Updates, cont....

Simple crime prevention steps you can take

We are fortunate in Lafayette Village to live in a relatively crime-free community. However, there are simple steps you can take to improve the safety of your family and your property.

Night Lighting -- One home crime prevention tip is universal: **keep your home well lit**, both outside and in. When you leave your home for the evening, keep a television or radio on, as well as some inside lights. And get into the habit of turning on your porch light in the evening, and keeping it on all night. In Lafayette Village, **it costs less than seven cents a day to keep a 60-watt outside light burning all night**. Crime prevention experts agree that keeping a porch light on at night is one of the most cost effective crime prevention steps you can take as a home owner.

To make turning on a porch light even simpler, you can replace your front porch light switch with an automatic timer switch that adjusts for daylight savings time, and will turn your porch light on at dusk and off at dawn. These inexpensive devices are available at any hardware store or on the internet, and are simple to install. You simply remove the old toggle switch (after ensuring you've turned off the circuit controlling the switch) and reconnect the electric and ground wires. The devices are simple to program, and automatically adjust for daylight savings time.



Automatic Light Switch

Home security check - Another cost-effective crime-prevention step you can take is to request a home security check by a qualified, trained Fairfax County Police officer. The officer will inspect the locks, doors and windows of your home with you. He or she will also review the exterior lighting, landscaping and other factors affecting your home's resistance to burglary. The officer will then make recommendations for improving your home security. You can arrange for a free inspection at your convenience by calling the Mason District Station at 703-256-8035.

Who Is The Princess Of The Garden?

She brings ice cold water to thirsty gardeners and shares her crops with them. She teaches them about butterflies and moths. Best of all, she is very observant and witty, entertaining the gardeners while they sweat over their plots.

Who is she? →



Lily Alexander

Bulk Trash Collection Reminder

Many residents forget that bulk trash items must be scheduled with our trash collection company, American Disposal. One Newport Glen resident discovered this recently when she found a shopping cart! left for trash collection. Of course, American Disposal did not collect the item, and it remained a community eyesore.

If you have bulk items you need to discard, things like furniture, large appliances, rugs and carpets, and yes, even shopping carts, **you must schedule collection in advance**. You will need to call **American Disposal at 703-368-0500**. Let them know you live in Lafayette Village, and tell them what bulk items you want them to collect. Note that by the terms of our contract, bulk items are only collected on Thursdays.

REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

To: Chair, Architectural Control ACC
Lafayette Village Community Association
c/o KPA, Attn. Diane Tschirhart
6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 700
Falls Church, VA 22042-2336

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 ACC