



# *Lafayette Village Community Association*

## *December 2010/January 2011 Newsletter*

### **2011 LVCA Budget Keeps HOA Fees Unchanged**

Finance Committee Chair and Treasurer Sean Walsh presented the LVCA 2011 draft budget at the Board meeting on November 8, 2010 and announced that HOA fees would remain unchanged for 2011, at \$328 per quarter for town home owners and \$167 per quarter for detached home owners.

Highlights of the draft budget include:

- Fully funding the reserve fund (to support future major projects) -- \$71,791
- Funding tree maintenance and emergency tree removal-- \$27,000
- Funding for replacement of mailboxes and installation of new lights -- \$11,000
- Funding for the swimming pool, including maintenance and early summer hours -- \$44,875

You can review the draft budget on pages 11 and 12 of this Newsletter. The Board will adopt its budget at its December meeting (see Calendar, page 2), when the approved budget will be posted on the website.

Thanks to the diligent work of the Finance Committee, LVCA has managed to stabilize the HOA fees all homeowners must pay, keeping those fees unchanged for the second consecutive year. Equally important, the reserve fund is now fully funded for the foreseeable future, and should be adequate to meet all major upcoming HOA expenses, such as resurfacing all community streets. Thank you, Finance Committee, for your excellent work!

*The LVCA wishes you a very safe and happy new year to come.*

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#### **Newly Elected Board Members, New Committee Chair**

At the LVCA Annual Meeting this past October, new members Hattie Walden and Terri Clark were elected to full three-year terms on the Board. Michele Krahn and Angela Cutter both retired from the Board. Thank you, Michele and Angela, for your service to the Association!

Angela Cutter was also appointed by President Jay Jarvis to chair the ACC. She replaces Mary Coyle, who moved to North Carolina. Thank you, Mary, for your service to the community!

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### HOME OWNERS REMINDER!

**First Quarter Assessments are due January 1, 2011.  
You will soon receive your 2011 coupon book. Remember that  
your assessment payment must reach KPA by January 15,  
2011, or you will be assessed a late payment fee.**

### LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

**Board Meetings** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (December 13 and January 10)

**ACC Committee** - 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (December 16 and January 20)

**Grounds Committee** – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (December 28 and January 25)

**Finance Committee** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3700 Merrimac Trail (December meeting cancelled; January 27, location to be determined.) Check the website for details or contact the committee chair.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Tuesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (December 14 and January 11)

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

### LEAF COLLECTON REMINDER!

The next (and last) scheduled leaf collection for this year will begin Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. During this leaf collection, Blade Runners will clean all plant beds (including the areas under hedges and shrubs), parking lots, grassy common areas, and will conduct the final mowing of the year. If there is more bad weather between now and the 16<sup>th</sup>, this scheduled collection could be delayed. Leaves were previously collected on November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The LVCA Mailing List will keep you informed of any changes to this plan. To receive these notices, send your request to [lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org).

## Prez Sez – Jay Jarvis, LVCA President

I thank Mary Jo Kellgren and her husband Jack Green for refilling the doggie bag dispenser on Lafayette Village Drive for a couple of years. The job is now being done by new resident Kyle Purser.



The sound wall next our community is nearing completion. There are two sections that will be delayed while the construction company deals with putting sound wall sections under the major power lines and adding the water main under beltway. LVCA has already begun the process of fixing the area on our property that was used during moving the power lines. We have added trees and wood chips to what was a muddy mess.

Our Grounds Committee recommended and the Board approved two erosion projects that were completed in November. The two areas, both near Butterfield Lane, were deemed the worst of our erosion problems. If you see areas that you feel need attention, please contact our Grounds Committee Chair John Alexander.

Contained in this issue of our community newsletter is the draft budget the Board plans to adopt at its December meeting. I thank all the Finance Committee members and especially the Committee Chair Sean Walsh. It is not an easy job to make the numbers work for our community, especially with no increase in our quarterly assessments.

Our ACC Chair Mary Cole sold her home in October and has moved to North Carolina. She has done much to make LVCA a great place to live including serving as our president some years back. We all wish her well in her new home. Angela Cutter has agreed to serve as the new ACC chair.

At the November Board meeting, our Pool & Recreation Committee Chair Linda Witham recommended the Board renew the contract of our pool service company. Her recommendation was based on a survey of our residents. The Board agreed but negotiated a change in the opening of regular hours to be June 15<sup>th</sup>, rather than when Fairfax County Schools close for the summer. The new contract has been signed.

Our committee chairs are looking for homeowners to give advice and lend a hand with some of our community projects. If you can give an hour or so each month working on one of these committees, please contact any committee chair. You and the community will benefit.

Last year I planned to shine a spotlight on those who make our community especially decorative during the holiday season. You may remember we were very much snowed under last winter. I'll try again this year and while we might like a little snow, hopefully we will have nothing like year. For the best decorated homes there will be a first, second and third place sign placed in the yards on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. And there will be one street with a Best Decorated Street sign placed at the entrance of the street. This one will go to the street that has the most homes beautifully decorated. Please use any theme you like for decorating, whether religious or non-religious. And remember to take down all decoration after the first of the year.

Our family wishes you and yours a wonderful holiday season.

### **Grounds Committee Community Work Day – Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30**

The Grounds Committee has a number of community clean up project we need to finish before the end of the year. We need volunteers to help us clean gutters on the pool house, move wood chips for mulching, repair the tot log gate, add (and fix) mailbox pavers, and more. If you can spare a few hours to help improve your community, please meet us at the pool house at 12:30 on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring rakes, wheel barrows, shovels, if you have them. Work gloves would be useful as well.

For more information, contact Grounds Committee chair John Alexander at [jmalex14@msn.com](mailto:jmalex14@msn.com).

# Community Updates: Year-End Committee Reports

A recap of the Committee annual reports presented the October annual meeting:

## Finance Committee

Please see the lead article in this Newsletter. The 2011 dues will remain unchanged this year: \$328/quarter for the townhomes and \$167/quarter for the detached homes. KPA will be mailing you a coupon booklet shortly, with the first quarter's assessment due January 1, 2011. You will only be invoiced directly if you have an outstanding balance.

## Pool and Recreation Committee

We had a very successful pool season this year. Pool applications were at the highest level in many years, and pool usage was up.

A Swimming Pool Evaluation Form was included with the Notice of the Annual Meeting. The results of this survey provided the committee with one major suggestion, to begin full summer hours before Fairfax County schools start their summer recess. This change would allow families to be using the pool despite any changes to the school end-of-year schedule.

The Committee organized a Fall Yard Sale in early October that attracted many visitors to Lafayette Village. The families that participated were pleased with the results of the sale.

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

**The ACC has developed a new record keeping scheme in order to allow for more accurate tracking of the status of our properties.** The new record format will prove to be more effective in keeping track of, and resolving problems throughout LVCA. Hopefully it will result in more consistency and be of benefit to both homeowners and of assistance to our professional management (KPA).

**The ACC has established block captains** for each street intended to act as a liaison between the homeowners and professional management. Homeowners should always notify their block captain whenever they have problems and/or questions. Block Captains are discussed at the end of this report.

### ACC BLOCK CAPTAINS

- Block Captain responsibilities are not intended to police their neighbors.
- As members of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) we have a responsibility to Lafayette Village Community to ensure that homeowners adhere to the ACC rules/guidelines.
- The guidelines are written to ensure that LVCA maintains the integrity of its colonial aesthetics; to maintain property values. A pristine community is a welcome environment for future buyers.
- Block captains and their assigned streets appear frequently in the LVCA Newsletter.

### BLOCK CAPTAIN DUTIES

- Review management company inspection reports for your streets
- Identify any discrepancies on the reports
- Assist homeowners with questions and report back to the ACC chairperson
- Report all queries, suggestions and recommendations to the ACC chairperson
- The ACC chairperson communicates with the management company

### HOMEOWNER REQUEST APPROVED

Homeowner requests approved since the last Annual meeting **have included:**

- Garage Door Replacements
- Front Door Replacements
- Siding Replacements

# Community Updates: Year-End Committee Report, continued...

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC), continued

- Many Color Changes
- Window Replacements
- Tree Replacement and/or Removal
- Front Bush Replacement (with smaller bush not on the "approved" list)
- Sidewalk and front porch enhancements on Merimmac Trail
- Security Devices (Lights) Approved

## PERSISTANT PROBLEMS

- Trash at the curb - Trash put out before 6PM on the evening prior to collection is the source of most complaints to the ACC by neighbors annoyed by the practice. Trash placed at curbside on Sunday morning is especially bothersome.
- Storm doors painted in the wrong colors. Storm doors should only be painted to match the Door Color, the Trim Color, or can be either black or brown. Other colors are not allowed. Further Front Door and shutter color should match and be painted in one of the approved colors.
- Stained or painted fences. Fences cannot be stained or painted. All changes to fences must be approved by the ACC and stained and/or painted fences will result in a violation notification and must be corrected by replacement or removal of the color. Wood preservative on fences, is, however, allowed.

For further information on ACC guidelines or the Exterior Request form, please visit our website [www.lafayettevillage.org](http://www.lafayettevillage.org) or contact KPA directly. The Exterior Request form can also be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

## Communications Committee

This Report summarizes the activities of the LVCA Communications committee for the period from the last annual meeting through October 18, 2010.

- **Newsletter**
  - Since the last annual meeting, edited and distributed six newsletters (December, February, April, June and August and October) totaling 70 pages.
  - The cost of printing these four newsletters was roughly \$1620, spread across two fiscal years.
  - The newsletter printed letters to the editor, numerous articles written by residents, contractor recommendations, and advertisements submitted by residents. It included photos submitted by residents.
- **Website**
  - Updated regularly with meeting schedules, contact information, and various LVCA documents, such as Board minutes, LVCA Newsletters, the annual budget, etc.
  - The cost of hosting the website is \$130 per year.
- **Mailing list**
  - Approximately 90 announcements sent to LVCA mailing list. These announcements address general LVCA news and announcements of possible interest to our residents, HOT Lane construction notices, and frequent snow-related messages.
  - Approximately 150 separate email addresses are on the LVCA mailing list.
- **Flyers**
  - Printed and distributed three flyers for the 2009 Annual Meeting, the 2010 Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration, and the 2010 Semi-Annual meeting.
  - Total cost for these three flyers was approximately \$100.
  - Additional notices posted on mail boxes for the events noted above, and for Thanksgiving trash pickup, which occurred Friday for the first time, as a result of changes to LVCA's contract with ADS.

The Communications Committee has a number of volunteer distributors, the folks who distribute the newsletter door-to-door. During the past year, these included Kathie French, Joaquin Tremols, Christie Prucker, Tina Snapp, Linda Boone, Terri Clark, Larry Dunham, and Susie Lee. A special thanks goes out to these individuals.

## Community Updates: Year-End Committee Report, continued...

### Grounds Committee

The next clear, crisp day we have, I encourage you to walk around the community and see all the progress we've made in 2010. You'll find trees trimmed up to create more openness, to increase safety and to allow ground cover to grow. In addition, new trees have been planted, 7 mailboxes have been replaced/upgraded, 2 new lights installed and various curbs and sidewalks have been mended. The community is also sporting a new retaining wall behind the 7800 block of townhomes on Byrds Nest Pass and a river rock stream behind 7811-7815 Byrds Nest Pass. While these areas are a bit muddy right now, the committee will add some flagstones and plants in the early part of 2011.



A new mailbox being installed

In 2011, we'll upgrade more mailboxes and replace the cracking flagstones around all the mailboxes, plant some additional varieties of trees, host another Arbor event and tackle some additional erosion projects.

As you walk around the neighborhood, please also keep an eye out for areas that need improvement, and send an email to the committee. Suggestions from our neighbors are the best source of info for us.

**Reminder:** As cold and icy conditions move into our area, please refrain from using chemicals or salt on the sidewalks and stairs. These chemicals react with the concrete to produce scaling and spalling (cracking and flaking). You're better off using clean sand.

### Neighborhood Watch Committee

The Neighborhood Watch committee is dedicated to the safety of our neighborhood. We continue to hold our successful monthly meetings and many thanks go to our members for their dedication. Our issues recently have been vandalism, car break-ins, and graffiti. Overall, it has been a relatively quiet year with only few reported incidents. The Neighborhood Watch committee organized our best attended National Night Out celebration to date. The Fairfax County police officer who patrols our community attended, and let children get in his patrol car; a moon bounce provided an additional activity for kids, as did the Grounds Committee planting event.

Finally, we continue with our night patrol in the neighborhood, when volunteers permitted. However, most streets and most nights were not covered because we lack sufficient volunteers. The Committee does its best to cover as many streets on as many nights as our volunteers allow. We highly encourage all residents to volunteer a couple of hours a month to help us support this mission. So, if you are interested in helping out or joining the Neighborhood Watch Committee contact Fred Saah ([fred300@gmail.com](mailto:fred300@gmail.com)).

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### Traffic Calming Update

During the summer of 2010, Lafayette Village homeowners voted overwhelmingly to support the traffic plan proposed by the Traffic Calming Task Force. In late September 2010, the Fairfax County Board approved the traffic calming plan, and directed Fairfax County Department of Transportation to build out the plan.

Our project for Lafayette Village Drive is now one of five projects scheduled for installation this year – we are fifth in the queue as the projects are being installed in the order the traffic-calming process was completed. The contractor installing the devices has completed two projects so far, and resumed work with the third project after the Thanksgiving Holiday. Barring any unforeseen delays and weather permitting, the County anticipates that the traffic-calming devices for Lafayette Village Drive will be installed within the next three to four weeks. The Traffic Calming Task Force is hopeful that the installation may be completed by Christmas.

## Community News...

### HAMPTON VILLAGE PASS HALLOWEEN BLOCK PARTY

The residents on Hampton Village Pass closed their street to celebrate Halloween; and welcomed their new neighbors, Ray and Patricia; and Jen and Peter. The kids took control of the street while the grill was a blazing in Linda Soto's driveway. There was lots of food, drink, laughter and great weather.

Thank you, Bonnie and Karen, for organizing a wonderful afternoon.



Hampton Village Pass residents enjoying their block party

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### Calling all MOMS – You are invited to join us!

MOMS Club® = Moms Offering Moms Support

Founded in 2007, the MOMS Club® of Annandale is a local chapter of the International MOMS Club® organization. We are a nonprofit group designed to support both stay-home moms and working moms with part-time or flexible schedules. Through our various activities and events, we help moms and their kids keep busy, make new friends, and have a lot of fun,

Our activities include weekly playgroups (both all-ages and age-specific), monthly meetings with interesting guest speakers, mommy & me cooking, book club, scrapbooking club, sewing club, babysitting co-op, arts & crafts, field trips, music class, storytime, park play days, pool days, holiday parties, community service & charity projects, MOMs' night out, and so much more!

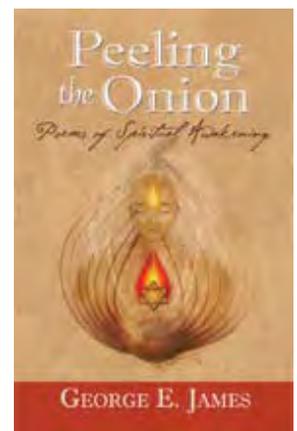
If you are interested in joining in the fun, please contact our Membership V.P., at [kimmyz@hotmail.com](mailto:kimmyz@hotmail.com). Everyone is welcome! -- submitted by Jaime Carroll, President, and Lafayette Village resident

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### George James, Lafayette Village Resident, newly published poet

Peeling the Onion: Poems of Spiritual Awakening, is a poetic vision quest through the 5 stages of spiritual evolution in clear, accessible language, to help you remember and own your Divine connection to the Source of All Life. George has a unique way of expressing and gives voice to the spiritual, sensuous and harsh realities of life weaving a modern day understanding of the spiritual process. *Peeling the Onion: Poems of Spiritual Awakening* will spark discussion and contemplation. This book has been praised for the clarity and power of its language and promises to provide you with a viewpoint "outside the box" and "inside the mind."

George is the founder of Ritam Personal Growth Services, a company dedicated to guiding and supporting individuals and companies in their personal quest for a direct and intimate connection with their Soul.



*Peeling the Onion: Poems of Spiritual Awakening* is now available at Amazon.com, your local bookseller, and [www.georgejames.org](http://www.georgejames.org).

### Your Frosty Habitat—What Now?

Kim and Andy Arnette

Okay, the weather is getting colder, the skies are often grayer, and the colorful butterflies are long gone. However, life goes on! Even though the nude trees appear quite dead, many have scattered their seeds, blankets of their old leaves nourish the soil, and their roots continue to grow. Many local birds like hawks, chickadees, cardinals and blue jays are still here, too, as are many of our furry neighbors like the chipmunks—they're just spending the darker hours snuggling in their burrows, though they don't truly hibernate.

However, the destruction of trees for the widened beltway has diminished shelter and food sources considerably. Hanging a roosting box—a bird house with several perches inside—will offer them more protection from the elements and predatory animals. Bird feeders and suet cages can be a great help, and should be refilled on a regular basis for both year-round birds and the seasonal visitors. If you have a bird bath, remember to break up and remove the ice that may form before it gets too thick. If you prefer, you could place a bird bath heater or de-icer in it; there are many choices and price ranges to be found online.

You probably already know how excess fertilizers and pesticides poison the environment, but the chemicals we use in the winter can be just as harmful. Try shoveling snow a little at a time before too much has accumulated, using sand for traction, and sprinkling milder snow-melt products like Safe Paw on your front steps to help protect our soil, water, and our fabulous but vulnerable Chesapeake.

Sometimes it's easy to see what a difference each of us can make. Did you know that this year, Mason District became the fourth largest Community Habitat in the nation?

To read more, check out: <http://annandaleva.blogspot.com/2010/07/mason-district-to-be-designated.html>

It's never too late to lend a helping hand to wildlife. One good place to start:

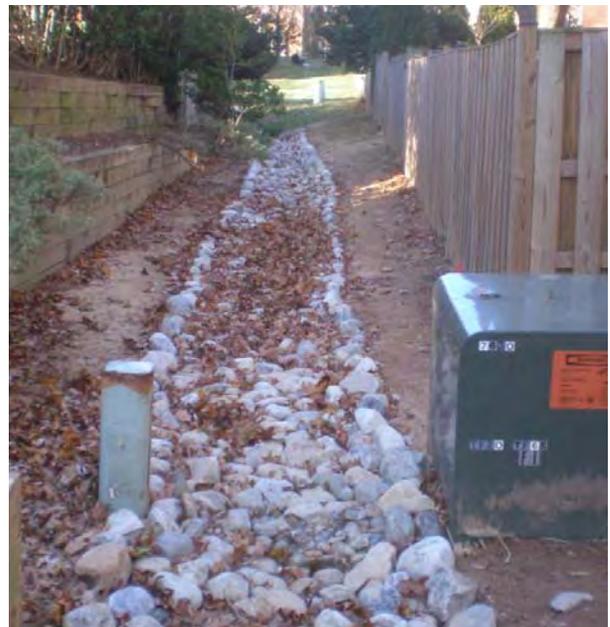
<http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Outdoor-Activities/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create-a-Habitat.aspx>

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### Grounds Committee completes erosion control projects

The Grounds Committee recommended and the Board approved contracts to correct two serious erosion problems in Lafayette Village. The first project, behind Peyton Forest and close to Newport Glen, used large rip-rap stones to control a large gully that was eating away at one of our grassy common areas. The second project, pictured to the right, corrected a muddy, grass-free rain water run-off channel. This project, located between Byrds Nest Pass and Butterfield Lane, uses attractive rocks to cover a French drain that will channel the water to the wooded area between Byrds Nest, Butterfield, and Mt. Airey.

Later, the Grounds Committee will install pavers to create an attractive walkway for residents.



Erosion control project between Butterfield and Byrds Nest

## Community News, continued...

### Winter is coming –it's time to get prepared!

We all remember the massive snowstorms we experienced last winter. While forecasts for this winter suggest a milder season than last year, it is always prudent to plan for the worst! FEMA recently issued a press release encouraging all Americans to begin their winter preparations.

FEMA notes that while the threats vary across different parts of the country, almost everyone, regardless of where they live, is likely to experience some type of severe winter weather at some point in their lives.

"With winter right around the corner, it's never too early to start preparing for snowstorms, icy roads, and other types of severe weather," said FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate. "Whether you live in an area that is used to severe winters or not, there are three simple steps all Americans should take to get ready: put together an emergency supply kit, develop a family communications plan, and stay informed about the risks and emergencies in your community."

"Besides severe winter weather, disasters can strike anytime, anywhere, which is why it's important to be prepared wherever you live," Fugate continued. "I urge everyone to visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) for more helpful tips."

Severe winter weather can include snow or subfreezing temperatures, strong winds and ice or heavy rain storms. An emergency supply kit both at home and in the car will help prepare people for winter power outages and icy or impassable roads.

An emergency supply kit should include a three-day supply of food and water, a battery-powered or hand-crank radio and extra flashlights and batteries. Thoroughly check and update your family's emergency supply kit and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:

- Sand to spread on icy sidewalks and improve traction;
- Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment;
- And adequate clothing and blankets to help keep you warm.

Finally, everyone should get familiar with the terms that are used to identify a winter storm hazard and discuss with your family what to do if a winter storm watch or warning is issued. Terms used to describe a winter storm hazard include the following:

- **Freezing Rain** creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.
- **Sleet** is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** means cold, ice and snow are expected.
- **Winter Storm Watch** means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.
- **Winter Storm Warning** means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin very soon.

For more information and winter preparedness tips, please visit: <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html>.



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### In Memoriam

We note the passing of Susie Lee, a long time resident of our community, who died in the spring of 2010 after an 18-month battle with cancer. Ms. Lee was an active community member, who served on the ACC as a member and later as the interim chair. Susie was always willing to volunteer when needed, whether serving on the ACC, delivering newsletters, or attending Board meetings to keep up with community business.

Those who were fortunate to know Susie or who worked with her will miss her greatly.

## Around Town...

**Green Spring Gardens: Then and Now** - History is abundant throughout Fairfax County. Whether new to the area or a long-time resident, learn about the history of Green Spring Gardens on Sunday, January 16, 1:30 - 3 p.m., through a fascinating photograph archive that spans 120 years. Green Spring historian Debbie Waugh will show how the landscape evolved and how the unique and inspiring gardens were created. For more information and to register, call 703-642-5173, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp). Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria.

**Increase Neighborhood Security: Report Burned-Out Street Light Bulbs** - Streetlights in Fairfax County are owned and maintained by either Dominion Virginia Power or Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) owns and operates the streetlights along interstates and at major interchanges. In Mason District, most streetlights are maintained by Dominion Virginia Power. If a streetlight in your neighborhood is malfunctioning or the bulb is burned out, identify the number on the pole (e.g. CO 716, SL 53) and the street location (eastbound Valley Brook Drive, east of Devon Drive) and call **Dominion Virginia Power** at **1-888-667-3000** (24 hour service). If the streetlight is not repaired within two weeks of your call, please provide the pole number to the Office of Supervisor Gross by calling 703-256-7717, or by e-mail at [mason@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mason@fairfaxcounty.gov). Streetlight outages at major interchanges and/or traffic signal malfunctions may be reported to the **VDOT** by calling **703-383-VDOT (8386)**, or **1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623)**, or by e-mail at [novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov).

**Hidden Oaks Nature Center** is one of the amenities we share by living in Lafayette Village. Located almost in our backyard, in the 52-acre Annandale Community Park, the Center is nestled among woodland trails and creeks with butterfly gardens and a playground nearby. Inside the nature center, facilities include live animal displays, a climbing "tree" loft/puppet stage, a resource library and the *Urban Woodlands: Habitats and Havens* interactive exhibit. Young children with their adults may investigate Nature Playce, an outdoor exploration area, for unstructured play opportunities in the woods.

### Hours:

In December, January and February, the nature center is open 11am-4pm each day and holidays (*December 23, 26, 30*), closed on Tuesdays except for scheduled programs.

**The Nature Center will be closed on December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 17 and February 21.**

**Take a Break from Shopping and Enjoy a Dinosaur Film, Puppet and Craft Festival** - On Saturday, December 19 at 3 p.m., Hidden Oaks Nature Center welcomes families who are ready to relax and explore fossils, footprints, and films about the fascinating world of dinosaurs. Enjoy interactive stations. Each child makes a fossil craft and receives a real fossil to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale. For more information and to register, call 703-941-1065, or visit the Web site [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks).

## 2011 Draft Budget...

### LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Draft Budget - 1/1/11 - 12/31/11

Acct		FY11			FY10
		Proposed Budget	Projected 12/31/10	Actual 8/31/10	Approved Budget
	<b>Income:</b>				
4010	Assessments - Single Family \$167/qtr	14,028	14,028	10,521	14,028
	Assessments - Townhomes \$328/qtr	385,728	385,728	289,296	385,728
4030	Late Charges	1,300	2,000	1,510	1,300
4050	Pool Passes	850	920	920	700
4060	Interest	1,900	1,900	1,273	2,000
4070	Garden Plot Income	525	200	200	525
4090	Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	<u>24,161</u>	<u>24,161</u>	<u>100</u>
4596	Total Income	404,431	428,937	327,881	404,381
	<b>Operating Expenses:</b>				
4610	Administrative	77,415	73,955	43,736	78,090
4620	Pool	44,875	42,110	39,782	40,660
4630	Maintenance	194,465	194,925	115,980	198,950
4635	Utility	3,500	3,400	2,219	4,200
4640	Fixed	7,500	7,200	4,565	7,200
4650	Replacement Reserves	<u>71,791</u>	<u>75,281</u>	<u>50,184</u>	<u>75,281</u>
4643	Total Operating Expenses	399,546	396,871	256,466	404,381
4710	Net Surplus (Deficit)	4,885	32,066	71,415	0
	<b>Administrative Expenses:</b>				
5020	Office	4,200	4,000	2,631	4,200
5040	Legal	13,000	12,000	7,974	16,000
5045	Audit & Accounting	3,525	3,425	3,325	3,325
5050	Management Fees	40,490	38,930	25,950	38,930
5055	Bad Debt	10,000	10,000	0	10,000
5069	Community Events	1,200	1,100	907	850
5070	Communications (Website/Newsletter)	2,000	2,000	1,794	1,500
5093	Meetings Support	2,500	2,500	1,155	2,500
5125	Neighborhood Watch	<u>500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>785</u>
	Total Administrative Expenses	77,415	73,955	43,736	78,090

## 2011 Draft Budget, continued...

### Swimming Pool Expenses:

5510	Pool Contract	31,400	29,985	29,982	29,835
5540	Pool Telephone	375	350	234	350
5550	Pool Electricity	3,800	3,700	2,746	3,700
5560	Pool Water	2,800	2,700	2,431	1,600
5570	Pool Gas	200	175	138	175
5580	Pool Supplies	3,300	2,200	1,607	2,000
5583	Pool Maintenance	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,644</u>	<u>3,000</u>
5696	Total Swimming Pool Expense	44,875	42,110	39,782	40,660

### Maintenance Expenses:

6045	Grounds Upkeep Contract	70,680	70,680	47,119	72,000
6047	Grounds Maintenance/Repair	23,500	20,400	5,505	20,400
6055	Tree Maintenance	22,000	22,000	0	22,000
6056	Emergency Tree Fund	5,000	5,000	4,150	5,000
6058	Tot Lot Maintenance	300	300	0	300
6065	General Maintenance	1,200	1,200	771	1,200
6075	Trash and Recycling Service	50,785	49,310	32,964	50,800
6095	Snow Removal & Supplies	10,000	14,500	13,939	7,500
6160	Mailboxes (4)	5,000	4,610	4,609	5,000
6170	Lights (4)	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,925</u>	<u>6,923</u>	<u>14,750</u>
6296	Total Maintenance Expense	194,465	194,925	115,980	198,950

### Utility Expenses:

6330	Electricity for Street Lights	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,400</u>	<u>2,219</u>	<u>4,200</u>
6336	Total Utility Expense	3,500	3,400	2,219	4,200

### Fixed Expenses:

6340	Insurance	4,700	4,400	2,465	4,500
6365	Income Taxes	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,100</u>	<u>2,700</u>
6596	Total Fixed Expenses	7,500	7,200	4,565	7,200

6900-					
0001	<b>Replacement Reserve</b>	<u>71,791</u>	<u>75,281</u>	<u>50,184</u>	<u>75,281</u>
6920-					
0000	Total Replacement Reserve	71,791	75,281	50,184	75,281

**Unallocated** 4,885

**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:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Chair, Architectural Control ACC