



Lafayette Village Community Association

December 2012/January 2013 Newsletter

For 2013, LVCA Board meets at a new time And a new location

Starting with the January meeting, LVCA Board meetings will be held every **third Tuesday** of the month in the cafeteria or the library at **Woodburn Elementary School**, 3401 Hemlock Drive, opposite the corner of Aston Street and Gallows Road.

This change was made for three reasons: first, some residents felt that having the meeting location closer to Lafayette Village would encourage more residents and homeowners to attend the Board meetings and contribute their ideas to the running of the Association.. Second, it became increasingly difficult to schedule meeting dates at the Mason District Government Center, while our meeting dates could easily be accommodated at Woodburn Elementary. Finally, at least one board member and several potential board members had scheduling conflicts with our traditional Monday meetings.

Our meeting schedule for 2013 is:

January 15	July 16
February 19	August 20
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15 (Annual mtg)
May 21 (Semi-annual mtg)	November 19
June 18	December 17

The Board hopes you can attend these meetings!

2013 LVCA Budget Keeps HOA Fees Unchanged

At its November meeting, the LVCA Board adopted the FY 2013 budget for the Association as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented to the membership at the October annual meeting. Once again, HOA fees will remain unchanged for 2013, at \$328 per quarter for town home owners and \$167 per quarter for detached home owners.

Highlights of the 2013 budget include:

- Fully funding the reserve fund (to support future major projects) -- \$72,000
- Reduction in trash collection to \$46,000 as a result of a new contract with a new vendor that saves us \$6000
- Reduction in our overall maintenance budget of \$21,500
- Funding for the swimming pool, including maintenance and early summer hours -- \$46,575

You can review the approved budget on the website under the Documents tab.

At its November meeting, the Board awarded a contract to Reserve Advisors for preparation of a new reserve study to guide Association capital expenditures for the next five years, and to help us budget reserve funds during that period. 2013 will see the start of our long-awaited repaving of community streets, and this reserve study will help the Board determine the right approach for managing this major project.

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Newly Elected Board Members, New Officers

At the LVCA Annual Meeting this past October, Angela Cutter and J. Gaston were elected to the Board, replacing Jay Jarvis and Nathan Garcia. Thank you Jay and Nathan for your service to the Association by your volunteer work on the Board. You both have helped keep Lafayette Village a wonderful community for our residents.

Carl Iddings and John Alexander remain as President and Vice-President, respectively. DJ Terreri is our new treasurer, while J. Gaston will serve as Secretary. Angela Cutter will be the Member-at-Large. Contact information for your Board members can be found on page 2 of the Newsletter.

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HOME OWNERS REMINDER!

First Quarter Assessments are due January 1, 2013.

If you did not received your 2013 coupon book and are not on an automatic payment plan, please contact Sequoia as soon as possible.. Remember that your assessment payment must reach Sequoia by January 15, 2013, or you will be assessed a late payment fee.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 7:00 PM December 17 at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike.

Starting in January 2013: 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria at Woodburn Elementary, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (January 15)

ACC Committee - 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (December 15 and January 19)

Grounds Committee – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (December 22 and January 26)

Finance Committee – December and January meetings cancelled. Check the website for details or contact the committee chair, at treasurer@lafayettevillage.org.

Neighborhood Watch – Tuesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (Meetings suspended until spring.)

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

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



Christmas Tree Collection Schedule

Christmas and holiday trees will be collected and **recycled** by Patriot Disposal on the first two Mondays in January, January 7 and January 14. The trees must be **clean** of ornaments, tinsel, etc., and should **not** be placed in plastic bags. If you miss those dates, Patriot will collect your tree as part of its regular trash collection.

A note from the President:

While the first weekends in December have been very mild, we know that winter is fast approaching. With most long-range forecasts calling for a colder and snowier winter than we had last year, now is a good time to get your winter snow-clearing gear ready to go. To that end, let me refer you to the article on page 6 that details our snow removal plans and provides a contact list for VDOT. If you recall the mess that was Lafayette Village Drive after the snows of 2010, you'll remember that it wasn't until we inundated VDOT with angry phone calls that the plows arrived to clear Lafayette Village and Trammell. So keep those numbers and web sites handy!



The Grounds Committee has recommended to the Board that it agree to a new contract with Blade Runners to provide grounds maintenance and snow removal services to the Association. I also serve on the Grounds Committee, and I wanted to explain why it made this decision, especially in light of the motion passed at the Semi-Annual meeting this past May. That motion, passed unanimously, stated that the Board consider not renewing the Blade Runners contract when assessing contracts in the landscaping bidding process. The Grounds Committee took that resolution to heart, and seriously considered recommending a competing proposal.

In the end, the Committee recommended Blade Runners. It did this because the committee had concerns about the closest competing proposal. That vendor was located over 25 miles away from Lafayette Village, and we were worried that the vendor would have difficulties reaching Lafayette Village in the event of an emergency, such as the recent Derecho storm or the great snowstorms of 2010. Blade Runners is located significantly closer to our community and has proven its ability to respond to emergency situations. Also, the committee negotiated with Blade Runners to reduce its overall price by \$6000 over five years and maintain a fixed price over that period.

Finally, we requested and Blade Runners has agreed to include in its proposal a strong statement of how it will respond to customer complaints, which is one of its weak points in the work it has done for us. This statement requires Blade Runners to promptly correct any damage done to property in Lafayette Village as a result of its work. If Blade Runners fails to do so in a timely manner, after 10 days written notice, the Association can repair the damage and charge Blade Runners for the cost of the repair. With this customer complaint process in place, I believe Blade Runners will improve its level of service to us and satisfy those who were concerned about its performance.

For the last three years during the holiday season, we have held a community-wide contest for the best decorated homes and street. We will continue that tradition again this year. So, for the 2012 holiday season, for the best decorated homes in the community, there will be a first, second and third place sign placed in their yards the week of December 17th. And the best decorated street will receive a "Best Decorated Street" sign placed at its entrance. 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.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year!



Martin Luther King Day of Service – Monday, January 21, 2013

To commemorate Martin Luther King's life and legacy, we will organize a community service event for Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 21, 2013. If you have ideas about an appropriate way to honor Dr. King's legacy, please send your suggestions to Carl Iddings at president@lafayettevilalge.org. In January, we will announce the time and location of the LVCA volunteer event.

Community Updates: Committee Reports

Finance Committee – DJ Terreri, Chair

The past few months we have been transitioning Treasurer responsibilities from Jay Jarvis to DJ Terreri. Prior to the November 12th Board meeting, the Finance Committee was tasked with completing the draft budget and reviewing the responses to the reserve study proposals. The committee completed these tasks and presented the draft budget to the Board for approval. The firm recommended by the committee for the reserve study was Reserve Advisors. Based on the review of the proposal, we felt that they provided the best services to fit our communities need.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Two previous committee members have had to resign from the committee and therefore we are asking the community for volunteers. We meet only once a month and correspond by e-mail, if necessary. Please consider volunteering.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The 2012 pool season was a success thanks in part to the hard work of our lifeguards Jackie, Andrea, Jana and Adam. Highlights included new whitecoating and waterline tile for both the main pool and baby pool and our first-ever "Swim Under the Stars Night". Remember to save your pool passes for reuse next season. We are having baby-changing stations installed in both changing rooms after requests from residents. Next season we hope to have more "Swim Under the Stars" nights and at least one barbecue. The Pool Committee is looking forward to the 2013 Pool Season and welcomes your suggestions. Look for the 2013 Pool Application in the April/May 2013 Newsletter.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

Winter is here and it's time to check outside your front door to see what seasonal things are hiding out there. Bags of mulch, rakes, etc. should all be removed. (That includes all those empty plastic plant pots.) Remember that nothing is supposed to be stored in the front of your home. These rules also apply to the homes on Merrimac, where I've seen an increase in things being kept in the driveways or on porches – such as giant water bottles and trash cans.

At the September ACC meeting we decided to reinstate the requirement that home owners get approval before replacing windows. Current guidelines are quite specific that new windows must be of the same configuration as the originals. However, we have people who are ignoring this and have even installed windows without mullions. We hope that going through the approval process will stop this problem. AND it may save the homeowner from having to make costly corrections. See page 12 for a copy of the ACC Request for Exterior Improvement form.

In general, please refer to guidelines, which are online, before you undertake **any** external work. You can contact Dale Edwards at Sequoia Management or the ACC if you're unclear. Our emails are online and in the newsletters. We try to give a quick turnaround on requests and many things that used to only be discussed at monthly ACC meetings can now be dealt with via email.

The ACC is concerned with the slow pace at which Sequoia is clearing outstanding violations. We continue to press them to improve their follow up, and, slowly but surely, hearings continue at the BOD meetings.

Unfortunately, trash violations continue. I know there was conflicting information about trash pickup on Thanksgiving so no citations were issued during this period. But the holiday is over and future violators will be called to a hearing. And, if you've ever had occasion to visit a community with no ACC enforcement, you'll know how quickly those trash cans multiply. In fact it's driving through those places that keep me on the ACC.

Finally I'd like to thank Terri Clark for her work with the ACC. Terri is taking a break but we're confident she'll be back. We would like to find another committee member so, if you're interested in volunteering some time to help the community, please contact me.

Community Updates: Committee Report, continued...

Communications Committee – Carl Iddings, Chair

The Communications Committee is responsible for this newsletter, for maintaining and updating the Association website, www.lafayettevillage.org, and for managing the community email notification list. The Committee relies on residents, committee chairs, and the Board to provide interesting content relevant to homeowners and residents of Lafayette Village.

The next newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of February 2013. The deadline for submitting material is January 29, 2013. The newsletter will print your articles, photos, letters to the editor, advertisements (free to residents!), and especially your contractor recommendations, so please plan on making a contribution to the February/March 2013 Newsletter.

Grounds Committee – Chair position vacant

Most long range forecasts are predicting a return to more normal or above normal winter weather for us, with some forecasters calling for above average snow this winter season. Please remember that sand is the best material to use to gain traction on the snow and ice – chemical de-icers can cause your cement porch and sidewalk to crack and flake. Also, remember that you are responsible for clearing snow and ice from your sidewalks.

Tree Maintenance

The Grounds Committee has prepared a solicitation for tree maintenance work which will be put out for bid later this month. We are proposing to remove a number of trees, some of which were damaged by the Derecho storm last June, and others of which are dead or reaching the end of their lives. We also propose to trim a number of trees where the branches overhang sidewalks or prevent grass from growing underneath them. The solicitation documents have been posted on the website http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm#LVCA_Grounds for your review. Send any comments to president@lafayettevillage.org, and they will be routed to the Grounds Committee for review.

The Committee will plant replacement trees for those that have been removed.

Grounds Contract

Our grounds maintenance contact with Blade Runners expires at the end of the year. As a result, during the past several months, the Grounds Committee has worked hard to solicit and review proposals for grounds maintenance from a variety of vendors. After much discussion, the Committee has recommended that the Board award a new contract to Blade Runners. See the President's note on page 3 of this newsletter for more details.

S-Curve Tree Planting Project

Early next year, the Grounds Committee will solicit proposals to implement the landscaping plan for Association property along the S-Curve on Lafayette Village Drive. The details of the plan are described on page 9 of this newsletter. This project will be mostly funded by the \$5000 grant the Association received from Transurban/Fluor Lane. There will be an opportunity for volunteer participation in the planting, especially for planting vines along the sound barrier walls. Watch for an announcement in the February/March newsletter.

Light Pole Replacements

There are three light poles in the community which are much taller than our standard pole. These three poles will be replaced later this month by Dominion Power. In addition, Dominion will repair the light on the Hampton Village pole, which has been out for several months.

Erosion Control Problems

The Committee has identified and prioritized a number of erosion problem areas in the community. We will solicit proposals early next year to correct these problems. We did receive proposals to correct a serious erosion problem between Butterfield Lane and Ashley Glen Road that exposed a buried power line, but all the proposals far exceeded our budget. We plan to organize a volunteer work day to address that specific problem.

Community Updates: Committee Report, continued...

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Fred Saah, Chair

The last couple of months have been quiet with no reported incidents to the committee. The few members of the neighborhood watch committee continue to ensure the neighborhood remains safe. We are currently looking for several volunteers to serve on the neighborhood watch committee. Meetings are held once a month between March and October. Many streets are not watched due to a shortage of volunteers. Patrols require less than an hour per month and can normally be completed within a half-hour. If you are interested in helping your neighbors please contact Fred Saah at fred300@gmail.com.

Community News...

Winter is approaching!

And that means snow, snow shoveling and snow plowing! Here are the guidelines Blade Runners will use to determine when and how it will plow our streets:

- If a winter weather advisory is issued for our area that predicts snow in excess of 2 inches, Blade Runners will wait and see that we receive at least the predicted amount.
- When the snow depth reaches two inches, Blade Runners will begin plowing operations, unless it appears the total snow amount will be considerably more. Once the snow has stopped and our roads are clear, Blade Runners will apply sand and calcium chloride to our streets to minimize icing.
- If we have a dreaded wintry mix – snow, rain, and ice – making the roads treacherous, Blade Runners will begin to apply Magic Salt® to the our roads. Magic Salt® is a special de-icer that is efficient at melting snow and ice, while being more environmentally friendly than alternatives, including salt.



The Snows of Yesteryear!

Blade Runners will communicate with the chair of the Grounds Committee and the President of the Association. In turn, they will provide updates to you through the LVCA email list. If you do not already subscribe to the email list, now is a good time to begin – send your email address to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org and request to be added to the mailing. You'll then be assured of getting the latest snow updates this winter, as well as other valuable notices.

VDOT's Snow Removal Plans:

Our major issue during past snowstorms has been with Lafayette Village Drive and Trammell Road. VDOT is responsible for plowing these state roads. VDOT has assured us that they are as ready as they can reasonably be for snow events this year.

It takes a snowfall of 2" or more to trigger removal efforts. VDOT clears high-volume roads first. Most neighborhood streets will just get a single pass, i.e., one lane, not curb-to-curb. VDOT also recommends parking only on the east side of Lafayette Village and the south side of Trammell Road. Here are contact numbers for VDOT:

- **General information and road conditions:** www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.app.
- **Snow removal status in neighborhoods:** novasnowplowing.virginia.gov.
- **Real-time updates (and to download a smartphone app):** www.511virginia.org.
- **Report unplowed and hazardous conditions:** novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov; phone at 800-367-7623.

Community News, continued...

Lafayette Village at the polls: Election 2012

We all know the results of this year's elections.. How do we compare here in the Hummer precinct, where all Lafayette Village residents vote?

Turnout:

Registered voters	Voting in person	Voting absentee	Total voters	Percent Voting
1,826	1291	212	1503	82.3%

In 2008, the last Presidential election, our turnout was 78%, representing 1,482 voters. This year, voter turnout in Hummer Precinct exceeded Fairfax County turnout by over 2%.

In the Hummer precinct, President Obama won with 58.8% of the votes. County-side, President Obama took 59.6% of votes cast for President. For Senator, Tim Kaine took 62% of the vote in Hummer Precinct; county-wide, he took 61% of the vote.

President:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Obama	756	59%
Romney	506	39%
Others	22	2%
Total	1284	100%

U. S. Representative:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Connelly	715	58%
Perkins	486	39%
Others	42	3%
Total	1243	100%

U. S. Senator

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Kaine	774	62%
Allen	482	38%
Total	1256	100%

All referenda on the ballot passed with large margins, both in Hummer Precinct and in Fairfax County as a whole.

The Hummer precinct includes all of Lafayette Village plus all the residents between Hummer Road, Gallows Road, the Beltway and Little River Turnpike. For more details, visit the county's website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/returns.htm>. Thank you to all who turned out to vote on November 6th.

Fairfax Federation supports Fairfax County Roundup

The threat of Hurricane Sandy, a potential disaster we thankfully were spared, brought home the need for all of us to think more deeply about disaster preparedness and resiliency. This is a topic the Board will be addressing later in 2013, as it will begin considering a community disaster plan. Recently the Fairfax Federation, an association of homeowner associations of which LVCA is a member, participated in the Fairfax County Roundup.

The Federation was a contributing organization supporting the Fairfax County Roundup – A Whole Community Collaboration for Disaster Resiliency -- held on Thursday, October 25th at the Ernst Community Center, Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale. The Roundup's purpose was to bring various community, faith, and non-profit organizations and businesses together to discuss the community's role before, during and after disasters. It was incredibly timely that during the Roundup preparations were underway for responding to one of the largest hurricanes to make landfall in this area—Hurricane Sandy.

The pending hurricane lent a sense of urgency to the work that over 100 various community, interfaith and government agencies did as they worked through scenarios to identify ways to maximize use of these organizations and their services during various types of emergencies. The keynote speaker, Mr. James Lee Witt a

Community News, continued...

former FEMA Director, highlighted the need for volunteer organizations to become more involved in communities because there will be reduced funding and response from government entities in the future.

Neighbors must help neighbors was a continual theme of the presentations that discussed how government and non-profits must collaborate closely in the future. Faith communities will be called upon in crises to offer shelter, food, and check-ins for homebound people. Technology will allow us to better communicate during crises provided there is power to support the internet, cell phones, and other social media. One of the most interesting suggestions was the need to resurrect “old-school” methods for checking on neighbors such as having street captains whose role in an emergency is to contact neighbors on their street to see if additional help is needed.

The recent Derecho storm and Hurricane Sandy highlighted the need for communities to have formal and informal ways of communicating information within their communities and to be aware of/care for community members who may need special assistance during emergencies. More public/private partnerships will be the modus operandi for dealing with future emergencies where identification and triage will be the responsibilities of the neighborhoods/non-profits and the government may only coordinate the provision of services as needed.

The Roundup was a clear call to everyone who is interested in having a better community to volunteer and get involved with learning about the neighborhood, the neighbors, nearby services and how to access available government services. Please keep an eye on the Roundup website (www.fairfaxcountyroundup.org), where postings about conference details will continue. The following information is currently available:

- Conference agenda
- Workshop slides
- Presenter biographies and contact information
- Northern Virginia Regional VOAD membership application
- Information about Citizen Corps Council, Faith Communities in Action, and other community groups

For more information about the Roundup, go to <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/roundup.php>.

Community Garden News:

Not Just For Veggie Gardeners! We have fought through another year of awful weather and animal invasions and have still experienced a really successful year in the garden. All the plants are pretty well cleaned up by now, although short little weeds abound in some plots. At this point we can clean and oil our garden tools – 2 tablespoons of bleach to a gallon of water will kill fungus and bacteria. It’s important to clean up all the debris from our yards as well as the garden, especially gatherings of leaves that can hide stink bugs and other nasty pests. If you have grass in your yard, now is the time to set your mower at the next to the bottom level and mow the grass for the last time this year. There is a little movie about pollination that shows the importance of bees and butterflies. If you would like to see it, please email asansbury@gicgroup.com.

Community Garden North work has started!

Volunteers have started to clear an area under the power lines behind Colonial Village Row where Community Gardens North will be developed. We have cleared an area roughly 40’ by 60’ which will provide up to 30 garden spaces along with room for the tree nursery. Much work remains to be done before winter sets in, but we expect to have garden spaces for rent starting by April 2013!

If you are interested in a plot or in volunteering to help prepare the gardens, please contact Anne Sansbury at asansbury@gicgroup.com to express your interest. We also need someone to volunteer as “Garden Master” for the new community garden.



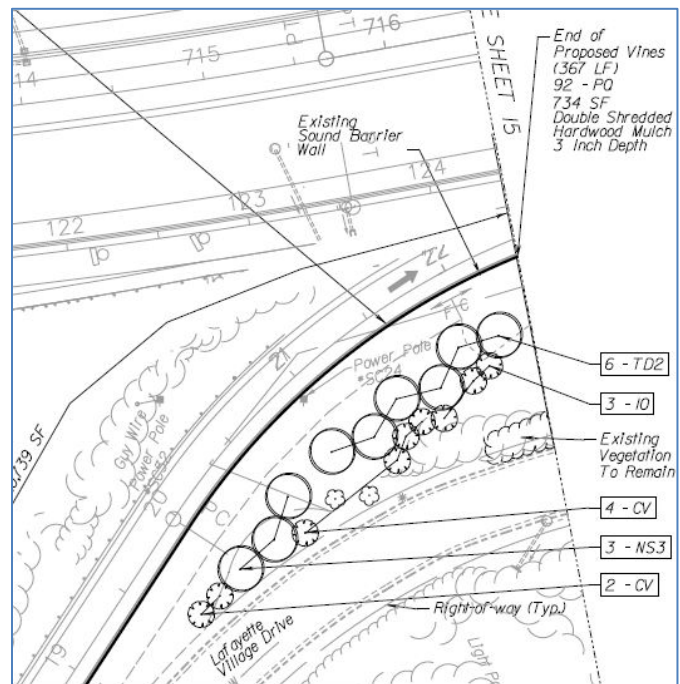
Site work at Community Gardens North

Plan for S-Curve Plantings

VDOT's Northern Region Landscape Architect, Ellen Vogel, has developed a landscape design to help restore the environment on Association property by the S-curve on Lafayette Village Drive that was severely disrupted by the HOT Lanes project. This plan, shown here, uses native plants and trees to screen that part of the Beltway visible from Lafayette Village Drive.

The plan proposes the use of native trees and plants to provide, when mature, a natural screen hiding the Beltway and the Little River Turnpike bridge from Lafayette Village. These are the trees and plants and their codes used in the plan at right:

- CV – White Fringe Tree
- NS3 – Black Gum
- IO – Lusterleaf Holly
- TD2 – Bald Cypress
- PO – Virginia Creeper



The trees to be planted will be relatively mature, ranging from 6 to 8 feet in height. The Virginia creeper vines will be planted next to the sound barrier wall, while the trees will be planted according to the plan above. This plan was coordinated with VDOT's plan to landscape their property along Lafayette Village Drive, so that the two landscapes will merge seamlessly into one another.

Most of the funding for this project will be provided by the \$5000 grant the Association received from Transurban/Fluor Lane earlier this year. To avoid any conflict with completion of the HOT Lanes project, this plan will not be implemented until after all clean-up work on the project has been completed. Plantings should not start before mid-March or early April of 2013. So, early next year the Board will award a contract to a landscaping company to acquire, plant, and maintain the trees until they are self-sustaining. However, we hope to organize a volunteer effort to plant the 92 Virginia creeper plants along the sound barrier wall.

Community Advertisements

THE BRAIN FOUNDATION, whose mission is provide affordable housing for those suffering from serious brain diseases, needs used night stands (or similar with a drawer or shelf), chairs that can be used in a bedroom, tables, card table with chairs, a small kitchen cafe table with 2 chairs or similar, anything to do with the kitchen but mostly pots & pans, baking sheet for pizza, etc. Homeowner Gloria Kozich actively supports this organization, so contact her with anything you have so she may see if it can be used by our organization. TBF provides a donation receipt and pickup. Please contact Gloria at 703-560-4720 or at glojkoz@gmail.com. Thank you for helping with this worthy organization: see www.brain-foundation.org

FOR SALE - new in sealed covering a FULLSerta mattress with matching bedspring. Very good firm mattress valued at over \$1,100.00 and will sell for \$549.00 OBO.

Also, must see beautiful solid medium dark wood Thomasville cabinet, glass doors, lighted inside, 5 shelves, arched top with nice design, 28" wide X 80" tall. Asking \$299.00. 703-560-4720 or 571-277-9804 please leave message.

NANNY SHARE -Looking for a family interested in sharing a nanny Monday through Friday starting in May. Flexible with hours and location within Lafayette Village. Our baby will be approximately 4 months old at that time. Please contact Ashly Switzer (617) 669-7705 or ashly.switzer@gmail.com if interested.

Community Advertisements, continued

BED AND TREADMILL: Full-size metal canopy bed, \$50 or best offer. Also, Sears treadmill, \$50 or best offer. Call Anne for details, 703-684-1366 or 703-641-9647 (can leave message).

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT: Schwinn exercise bike, \$50 or best offer. Also, small trampoline (urban rebounder), \$50 or best offer. Call Amanda for details, 703-641-9647 (can leave message).

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To the Anonymous Halloween Boo'er:

Thank you to the anonymous person who "Boo'ed" us for Halloween! It was very nice!

Sincerely, The Walsh Family

Around Town...

Holiday Puppet Show – On Saturday, December 22 at 11 a.m., George Mason Regional Library will host Pigs at the Pole—enjoy a fun puppet show with Blue Sky Puppet Theatre—a light-hearted program for the whole family (all ages). Registration is required. Register for the events at George Mason Regional Library online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library, or call 703-256-3800.

Winter Events at Hidden Oaks Nature Center – We are fortunate to have Hidden Oaks Nature Center and Annandale Community Park are our “back-yard” neighbors. In addition to the wonderful walking trails the park provides, Hidden Oaks offers a variety of programs for the entire family. Upcoming programs include:

Dec. 15 **Woodpecker Watch** 2-3 p.m .

(4 yr.-adult) Watch a variety of woodpeckers on the park’s suet feeders and learn how to attract them to your yard. We hope to spot a flicker on his quest to munch 1000 insects a day! Code 308 482 1301 \$5/person

Flying Squirrels: Gliding in Tonight 5-6 p.m.

(4 yr.-adult) Join a naturalist calling in these amazing gliders of the night. Look for flying squirrels at their roost (feeding) boxes. Learn how to encourage them to come to your yard. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Code 308 488 2303 \$6/person

Dec. 16 **Dinosaur Film, Puppet and Craft Fest** 2:30-3:45 p.m.

(4-8 yrs.) Explore fossils, footprints and films as you learn the latest on these fascinating creatures. Enjoy interactive stations, make a fossil craft and take home a real fossil. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult in the program. Code 308 486 9101 \$7/child

Dec. 22 **Celebrate Urban Birds** 2-3:15 p.m.

(4 yr.-adult) Start a lifelong hobby with backyard birds. Learn how to identify common species and attract songbirds to your yard. Learn how to create a backyard habitat. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Code 308 489 7801 \$6/person

Dec. 23 **Flying Squirrels: Gliding in Tonight** 5-6 p.m.

(4 yr.-adult) Join a naturalist calling in these amazing gliders of the night. Look for flying squirrels at their roost (feeding) boxes. Learn how to encourage them to come to your yard. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Code 308 488 2304 \$6/person

Dec. 30 **Furry Foxes** 2-3 p.m.

(3-6 yrs.) These wild members of the dog family are a common sight in our neighborhoods. Learn about their lives through activities and practice yipping like a fox. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Code 308 486 3902 \$5/child

These programs all require pre-registration and a fee. You can register online through Fairfax County Park Authority Parktakes <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/> using the 10-digit code, or call the Parktakes registration staff (703-222-4664) Monday through Friday, 9am -4pm. While you are on the website, you can discover other interesting programs at Hidden Oaks.



Push the Button

for pedestrian safety on Gallows Road

VDOT installed a new pedestrian safety device on Gallows and Aston, near Woodburn School. Flashing lights help drivers notice the crosswalk, but the lights only flash when pedestrians push a button. Drivers pay more attention to lights that flash “on demand.” When the beacons are flashing, they can be sure a pedestrian is nearby. Drivers yield up to four times as often! So **push the button** to give drivers this extra alert to your presence.

Drivers: Watch for the flashing lights

When driving on Gallows road, if you see the pedestrian beacons flashing, watch for pedestrians trying to cross Gallows Road at Aston Sreet, and yield the road so pedestrians can cross safely at this intersection

New ACC Request for Exterior Improvement Form

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

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