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Notes from the Board

It appears to the Board that we continually discuss several of the same topics over and over again in our board meetings. We have not been able to identify working solutions to these issues even though we have made continuous pleas for volunteers, notification of the issues, and communication through the newsletter and website, residents still are not fully engaged!

These issues are litter, animal refuse, garbage, speed of vehicles throughout the community, and safety of our residence. All of the issues are the responsibility of the residents of Lafayette Village! EVERY RESIDENT NEEDS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST, RESPONSIBILITY, AND PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY! We need your immediate help in addressing these issues. Here are some simple suggestions on how you can be part of the solution:

- **If you are out for a walk...take a bag to pick up litter**
- **Animal owners—pick up after your pets (we have given you pet stations with supplies...use them!)**
- **Place your garbage cans in your garage or back yard (in garbage cans with lids) and place them on the curb in front of your house no sooner than Sunday and Wednesday evenings after 6:00 p.m.**
- **Respect speed limits**
- **If it is dark outside—put your front porch and backyard lights on all night**
- **Remember what you learned as kids—STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, AND THEN GO -- this is a family community, and we are approaching spring -- kids will be playing all over our community -- WATCH OUT FOR THEM AND HELP KEEP THEM SAFE!**

If we can practice some very practical common sense...Lafayette Village will remain a Community of Choice!

QUARTER ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE APRIL 1, 2007

QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN LVC

BY Linda Boone, President of the Board

Lafayette Village Community (LVC) is a wonderful community to live in. Many of us have lived here since the property was developed over 24 years ago. We enjoy the historic appearance of our homes, the natural common areas abutting the park, and the tranquil atmosphere of the community. For most of us these are the reasons we located to Lafayette Village.

In order to maintain the appearance of the community and our home values, we have an active Architectural Control Committee (ACC) and management company who inspect the properties and note violations of the ACC Guidelines. Homeowners are expected to carefully read the ACC Guidelines as they provide the expected standards for homeowners to maintain their property.

It is that time of year to assess any maintenance that needs to be done to our homes. The management company will be beginning its annual ACC inspections in early April. It has been a long winter and many of our yards and exteriors could use some work. Residents are responsible for the appearance of their front and rear yards as well as the outside of the houses.

The LVC website has the ACC Guidelines included on the Documents page. It is strongly suggested that homeowners check to ensure that their homes are in conformance with the Guidelines or that an ACC approval has been granted.

The Board will do its part to ensure that the contracts we have for grounds maintenance and trash removal are monitored to ensure attractive and clean common areas. If we all work together, LVC will be the community we wanted when we moved in.

The Board and the Architectural Control Committee are asking all residents to take pride in our community and keep it clean and well maintained. This will greatly enhance the quality of life for all of us in the community.

Dog Poop Epidemic in Lafayette Village

Everywhere on Lafayette Village Drive, on Trammell Road, even in some of our neighborhood streets, residents are stepping with care! Our community has suffered an invasion of dog poop piles! Some of our neighbors are failing to clean up after their (apparently very large) dogs, leaving the mess for the rest of us to deal with.

What are the facts?

It is against Fairfax County law to leave your dog waste. The law states that "The owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of excreta deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public areas ("pooper scooper" regulation)" (*County Code Section 41-1-2, Section 108-5-2 and Section 41-2-6*).

It is against the Lafayette Village Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions to keep pets in the community that are a source of annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. All homeowners agree to this Declaration of Covenants when they purchase their homes.

Dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs are violating Fairfax County law and our Declaration of Covenants. If you see someone failing to clean up his or her dog's poop, let them know what their responsibilities are. If you can identify these people, contact a Board member, and we will contact these violators.

What are the alternatives?

If the Board cannot identify and prevail upon these dog poop violators, we may be forced **to hire someone** to pick up dog waste, at an annual cost of **\$3000** or more, costing every home owner at least \$10 a year, **to clean up after someone else**.

Please help us avoid this alternative. If you are a dog owner, pick up after your dog. If you see a dog owner failing to clean up their dog's waste, talk to them. If you feel more comfortable, call or contact a Board member, and we will talk to them. It's our community! We deserve, expect and demand a clean, well-kept neighborhood!

BOARD REVIEWS DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Previous newsletter articles documented that, many members of the community have expressed concern about the over-population of deer roaming through Lafayette Village. The deer continue to be a problem throughout Lafayette Village as the herd has grown to over 12 deer. Substantial deer damage has resulted to our shrubs and bushes, such as around the sign at Trammel Road and Lafayette Village Drive. The Board has undertaken a plan to manage the herd and address the community's concerns.

Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia (SWMNV) has been hunting on the property for about a year and has removed 6 deer. At its March Board Meeting, the Directors, after discussion, reaffirmed the need for the program and re-committed to allow SWMNV's bow hunters to operate on LVCA common property and on the private property of homeowners on Merrimac Trail (with permission).



The Virginia Department of Game and Fisheries, which has oversight for licensing deer management programs, has been requested to do a site visit to LVCA. Once the visit determines the continuing need for the program, LVCA will be issued a permit that allows SWMNV to continue to operate on the property throughout the year.

Members of SWMNV are hunters who volunteer their time. They may be on LVCA property Tuesday through Thursdays in the areas near the woods. Hunting is authorized with bow and arrow only and primarily from tree blinds. SWMNV members are licensed and insured and have met SWMNV's strict shooting proficiency requirements.

The services are provided at no cost to LVCA.

Update (#2) on Hidden Oaks/Lafayette Village Invasive Weed Control Project

As we all see when we drive up Lafayette Village Drive, the weeds have taken over the lower parts of our community! A group of neighbors has volunteered to work with the Fairfax County Park Authority on attacking and controlling these invaders.

FCPA has selected Joan Martinez as the Volunteer Site Leader for the Hidden Oaks/Annandale Community Park initiative. After she completes her site leader training sessions, she will schedule a workday for us volunteers and will train us in the weeds to be removed and the techniques to remove them. This should happen in early to mid-April. If you would like to be part of this effort to greatly improve the appearance of our community, contact Carl Iddings at carl_iddings@hotmail.com or call him at 703-206-0170. (High schoolers, this effort can count for your community service hours, as well!)

The Fairfax County Park Authority website has an excellent website about the Invasive weeds management program at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/ima/>.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

Board Meetings- 2nd Monday --7:00 p.m.-- 6507 Columbia Pike-
Mason District Government Building

Board Working Sessions - 4th Monday -7:30 p.m. -(3686 Yorktown
Village Pass, but contact a board member to confirm location)

ACC Meetings—3rd Monday evenings, Woodburn Elementary School,
Gallows Road, Teacher's Lounge @7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee - 4th Thursday - 7:00 p.m. (Contact the Chair for
location)

Community Activities

Free AARP Tax Aide-Feb.1-April 16, Monday and Thursday 1:00-8:00
p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and
Saturdays 9:00a.m-12:00 noon, .at the **Mason District** Government
Building

The Friends of the George Mason Regional Library will host its semi-
annual book sale on April 26, 5-9 p.m.; April 27, 10-6 p.m.; and April
28, 10-5 p.m. The book sale will be at the library, 7001 Little river
Turnpike in Annandale.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LVCA SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

MAY 7, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

**AT THE MASON DISTRICT
GOVERNEMENT BUILDING**

**ADVERTISE IN THE LVCA
NEWSLETTER
FREE TO RESIDENTS**

CONTACT EDITOR KATHIE FRENCH

**LVCA Board Meeting April 9th
please join us!**

CHECK THIS OUT!

LVCA Website has been Re-activated!

After a hiatus of over a year, the Lafayette Village website has been newly re-activated. The website has been updated with recent LVCA newsletters and with all approved Board of Directors meeting minutes for the past year. The Message Board has been cleaned up and is now regularly moderated. There is an up-to-date contact list, and new documents on the site, including the new ACC Guidelines, adopted last June. Meeting schedules and locations are posted on the home page, along with recent announcements.

The website address is one thing that hasn't changed: its still www.lafayettevillage.org. This will be your place for up-to-date information about Lafayette Village and your community association.

Volunteers will continue update the website regularly. In the meantime, the Board will begin the process of redesigning the website to better reflect the Association's structure and activities. In the next few months, we hope to have a completely redesigned website, one that will show off our community to the world!

If you would like to participate in this important work, contact Carl Iddings at carl_iddings@hotmail.com or Jay Jarvis at Jay@Jarvisconsulting.org. We hope to establish a Website committee that will help us build the best site we can.

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, send email to Kathie French, Newsletter Editor (kfrench22@cox.net)

It's Spring ...and the Kids Are Outside



Kids are emerging from long hours spent inside during the winter. They are playing outside, riding bikes, skateboarding, and just running around. As a family community, we all need to be aware that children are not always as cautious as they might be when playing outside. It is not realistic to forbid kids playing in our streets. We adults need to be extra cautious as we drive on any of our community streets.

Small children should always have an adult supervising their play when they are outside. Older children should be supervised if they are doing an activity that requires them to be in the streets such as biking or skateboarding.

This is just a reminder to all residents that children are present in the community and everyone should be aware of and watch for them. The speed limit on our streets is 15 m.p.h. and on Lafayette Village Drive it is only 25 m.p.h. Let's all be safe and watchful.

VOLUNTEER! BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION!

Our community still needs volunteers with energy and ideas to actively participate in our community and on our LVCA committees that report to the Board. Give a few hours or serve on one of our committees:

- ◆ **Neighborhood Watch –Watch Committee Members.**
- ◆ **Architecture Control Committee (ACC) - Leader and Committee Members**
- ◆ **Pool and Recreation – Committee Members**
- ◆ **Communication/Media- Committee Members**
- ◆ **Finance – Committee Members**
- ◆ **Website – Committee Members**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Committee needs a new Chairman. If you are interested in taking over this important position or just want to participate in the Neighborhood Watch, contact Jay Jarvis. Thanks to Joyce Mussey for reinvigorating the watch.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Yard Sale May 5TH

Again this year, Lafayette Village will hold our community-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 5th! This means that you may hold a yard sale in your front yard or on Lafayette Village Drive **that day only**. We will advertise in the paper and post signs and notices, announcing a ***huge*** yard sale, so the odds are good that customers will show up to buy your treasures! Last year's community-wide yard sale was a huge success, with lots of customers and lots of sales. We hope this year's yard sale will be even better!

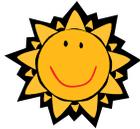
If you plan to participate in the Community Yard Sale, please contact Christie Magulas (703-560-3520) or Carl Iddings (703-206-0170). You can also email Christie at cmagulas@cox.net or Carl at carl_iddings@hotmail.com. We want to get a head count of all who will be participating.

We also need volunteers to help plan the yard sale, distribute flyers in the neighborhood, post announcements in grocery stores and other public bulletin boards, and post directional signs on the day of the sale. If you would like to help, contact Christie or Carl.



Summer Barbeque

Need volunteers to help plan the annual community barbeque! Contact Christie Magulas at cmagulas@cox.net or by phone (703-560-3520). It's never too early to plan a party!!!!!!



Pool

This newsletter contains the 2007 Pool Rules and Regulations, as well as the 2007 Pool Registration Form. Please return your Pool Registration Form before May 11, 2007 to avoid a \$10 late processing fee.

Just a reminder that late dues and ACC violations are reasons resident pool privileges are suspended!



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

SPRING INSPECTIONS

Loudoun Management Associates (LMA) will start inspections the first week in April. We were informed by LMA that the inspections will take approximately one week. So, if you see our Agent, Sarah, walking about making notes, feel free to introduce yourself and talk with her about any concerns you might have.

Annual inspections are performed to preserve the property value of our homes and to ensure that Lafayette Village Community remains a beautiful and safe place to live.

Violation letters will be sent to home owners that do not comply with ACC Guidelines. If you are cited for not being compliance, please respond to LMA **immediately**. Inform them when the violation/s will be corrected. This will avoid a second letter being sent to you.

Inspections will be conducted in accordance to LVCA's June 2006 ACC Guidelines. Specific areas that LMA will be looking at include, but not limited to, ACC approved colors, roofs, siding, fences, windows and erosion.

As a reminder, replacement of roofs, siding, garage doors and windows **"must"** be approved by the ACC **prior** to installation.

If you are cited for multiple violations, that could be costly, please contact LMA to discuss a plan to remedy the problems.

TRASH CANS

Trash day is on Monday and Thursday. Recycling bins are emptied on Thursdays only. As a reminder, trash cans are to be placed **in front** of your home at the curb no sooner than 6:00 p.m. the day before trash day! American Disposal has been instructed to pick up trash from in front of your home. Please **do not** place trash around mail boxes. It is offensive to our mailman and to other home owners who park their cars near mail boxes. Please be considerate of others.

2007 TREE AND EROSION MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Grounds/ACC will be conducting a walk through of the community very soon. We will identify tree and erosion areas that require attention. In order to maximize our 2007 budget, all discoveries will be prioritized using safety as a first priority.

This year we will continue to focus on removal of diseased trees, trimming, grinding stumps and replacement of specific trees removed last year.

WEBSITE

The website is back up, running, and under redesign by board members Carl Iddings and Jay Jarvis. Check out the information on the web at www.lafayettevillage.org!



FINANCE COMMITTEE

There is over \$24,800 in unpaid dues and fines so far this fiscal year. As stated at the annual meeting, we are currently in a very difficult budget year—not having these funds is just worsening our financial situation. In the 2007 budget, we anticipate spending every dollar of income on current year expenses. This leaves zero funds to deposit in our reserve account this year for long term capital expenses. If this trend continues it will force us to proposed special assessments.

The Board is taking every step possible to collect these dues, starting with charging interest and fines to forwarding cases to the Association's attorney to take legal action to collect these dues. Legal fees, of course, are further depleting current available funds. We ask that you pay your dues timely. If home owners are having financial difficulties, we request that you call LMA or any board member to discuss payment options.

CONTRACTORS

The contractor list is offered as a courtesy to the Lafayette Village Community. Homeowners often ask the Board and ACC for recommendations regarding contractors.

Homeowners are always encouraged to comparison shop when selecting a contractor. Remember the "rule of 3" for estimates!

The following list is not intended to sway a homeowner's decision in choosing a contractor. The LVCA Board and the ACC **are not** endorsing any one contractor and will not be held responsible for any workmanship.

In our last Newsletter we requested that homeowners share their favorite, reliable, efficient and, of course, honest contractors with the rest of the community. We have added new contractor recommendations to last year's list. Please keep in mind that any improvement if not addressed in the ACC Guidelines must be approved by the ACC. The ACC Request has once again been included in this Newsletter as well as on the website. **If you have a contractor to recommend or warn against, please contact the ACC or Newsletter Editor Kathie French**

<p><u>Electricians:</u></p> <p>❖ Jerry Nugent 703-</p> <p><i>"Mr. Nugent has done various electrical project for me since 1983 to the present. He is skilled, reliable, honest and not over-priced. Plus he's really nice." Ann Sansbury</i></p>	<p><u>Painters:</u></p> <p>❖ Classic Home Solutions, Inc. Chris Kellerher 703 938-4246</p> <p><i>"Chris and his crew are, by far, the best painters I've ever had work in my town home. I've been using Chris for approximately six years. He has painted the interior and exterior of my town home. I am especially impressed with his professionalism. He is clean, polite and trustworthy." Hattie M. Walden</i></p>
<p><u>Siding:</u></p> <p>❖ Artin Services Inc 7304-C Roudinot Drive Springfield, VA 22150 Contact: Donna Sabet 703 451-5151</p>	<p><u>Siding:</u></p> <p>❖ Siding America and Window Doors and Decks Various locations in MD, VA, DC 410-451-8960 ext. 103 Contact: Maurice Staples</p>
<p><u>Roofing and Siding:</u></p> <p>❖ Capital Roofing 703-455-5670</p> <p><i>"The project manager for our townhouse was Jamie Vacarezza, a very professional, competent, courteous gentleman." J. Gaston</i></p>	<p><u>Roofing and Siding:</u></p> <p>❖ Kirby Kerns Contractor Inc. 9203 L Enterprise Court Manassas, VA 20111 Website: kirbykerns.com 703-330-1555</p>

REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

To: Chair, Architectural Control ACC
Lafayette Village Community Association
c/o Loudoun Management Associates
P.O. Box 2070
Purcellville, VA 20134-2070

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