



Lafayette Village Community Association

June/July 2011 Newsletter

State Redistricting Affects Lafayette Village

As a result of the state redistricting effort, Lafayette Village finds itself in a new Senate district and a new Delegate district. We are now in Senate District 37, and our new state senator is Dave Marsden. This district is long and winding, extending from Bailey's Crossroads all the way to the Loudoun County line. Sen. Marsden introduces himself to us on page 7. We are also in a new Delegate district, District 38, and our new delegate is Kaye Kory, who will introduce herself in the August newsletter.

We remain in the Hummer precinct, and our polling place is unchanged – the Packard Center on Hummer Road. Our Congressional and county districts also remain the same.

Summertime and the livin's easy!



The Lafayette Village Pool opened on Memorial Day weekend, just in time to let residents cool off on a scorching day.

Board Vacancy – There is a vacancy on the LVCA Board of Directors for a term that expires October 2013. If you or someone you know is interested in filling this vacancy, please contact Jay Jarvis at Jay@JCLInsurance.com.



Bridge work over the Beltway nears completion. See article on page 8 for details.

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Save the date:
7:15pm Tuesday, August 2, 2011



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Moon bounce, police officers, crime prevention and safety tips!

See August-September Newsletter for details!

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REMINDER: Third Quarter Assessments are due July 1, 2011. Please enclose the July coupon with your check and make sure you mail your check in time to be received by July 15th.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (June 13 and July 11)

ACC Meetings - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (June 16; July meeting cancelled)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Thursday of month at 7:15 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (June 23 and July 28)

Finance Committee – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM. Contact the Chair for location. (June 28 and July 26)

Neighborhood Watch – The Wednesday after each Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (June 15 and July 13)

All residents, including renters, are invited to attend scheduled meetings.

Please check the website for the most current information:

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

Summer Tutoring:

Language Arts tutor available for summer tutoring. Specialized training and experience with struggling readers in grades K-2. Please contact Alexa McKenrick at amckenrick@gmail.com or 703-786-2509 for references and resume.

Bicycle for sale:

For Sale - ladies bike in very good condition. New gears. 7 speed. Good tires, basket on, water bottle holder, one owner. \$75.00. Call: 571-277-9804, or 703-560-4720 - please leave message to meet.

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Recent Photos from Lafayette Village

Lafayette Village Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration Rained Out

Even though heavy rains led to the cancellation of most of the Association's Earth Day/Arbor Day events, the tree planting went off without a hitch. LVCA President Jay Jarvis was joined by Del. Vivian Watts, County Chair Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Peggy Gross, and Congressman Connolly's District Director Sharon Stark to plant a beautiful fir tree in Trammell Court park. Ms. Stark also presented Jay with a framed copy of the Congressional Record containing Congressman Connolly's remarks praising the Association's commitment to tree planting and the environment.



Jay Jarvis, Penny Gross, Sharon Bulova, and Vivian Watts planting a tree!



Sharon Stark presents Jay Jarvis with a copy of Cong. Connolly remarks praising LVCA, as Del. Watts looks on

Congressman Gerry Connolly speaks at LVCA Semi-Annual Meeting

LVCA was honored by the attendance of Congressman, Gerry Connolly at our semi-annual meeting on Monday, May 9. Congressman Connolly addressed the difficult choices we face in trying to reduce our federal deficit, create jobs, protect Medicare, and make our local and national economy stronger. After speaking, Congressman Connolly took a number of questions from the Association members attending.



If you have questions or would like to write Congressman Connolly with your views, please go to Congressman Connolly's website at: <http://connolly.house.gov/>.

Community Updates and Recap...

Finance Committee – Sean Walsh, chair:

The 2010 audit of LVCA finances will be considered by the Board at its June 13th meeting.

Grounds Committee – John Alexander, chair:

Erosion Control

Erosion control continues to be a major concern of the community, as it is for most communities in the area. We've identified several areas to tackle this year: Steep hill on south side of Trammel Road; end of Newport Glenn Pass; south-side of Butterfield Lane. If you know of other areas, please bring them our attention.

Mailboxes

Our community still has 9 mailboxes that are original. Some of these will be replaced this summer with the rest coming late this year or early next year. We are also looking to replace cracked flagstones and fix those that present a tripping hazard.

Tree Maintenance

The committee continues to work with homeowners on tree trimming requests. If there are trees on common areas that present a danger to your home, please let us know!

Community Garden

The community garden, located behind the pool and to the south of Brunswick Forest Pass, is fully rented. We are looking into the cost of providing an additional garden on the north side of community, under the power lines. The biggest hurdle is the ability to run water to the location, and a couple of options are being considered.

Arbor Day

Unfortunately, the weather forced us to cancel the Arbor Day trash pickup and picnic (though the tree planting continued). We are looking at dates to reschedule this popular event.

Dog Run & Tot Lot

As previously reported, we are evaluating an idea to place a dog run (approximately 110' by 30') underneath the power lines, between the community and the Beltway. It would be fenced-in, include a double gate, a trash can and potentially a source of water. Please let us know if this is something that would interest you. The committee is aware that the Tot Lot needs replacement chips, and is pricing out various options.

We are always looking for members, and a green thumb is not a requirement.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, chair:

The pool opened on schedule Memorial Day weekend, and residents have been enjoying the sun and water with all the summer-like weather we've experienced these past few weeks.

Reminder: The Association has adopted a policy that you must be a homeowner in good standing for you or your tenants to use the pool during the pool season. That means you must be up-to-date with your HOA fees, and have no outstanding ACC violations which you are not currently correcting. If you received an ACC violations notice this spring and did not respond to KPA, our management company, with a plan to correct the violations by May 31st, you may not receive your 2011 pool passes. You will be unable to enjoy the pool until you have contacted KPA.

If you have not applied for your 2011 pool passes, you can find the application and submission procedures on the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/pool.htm.



Pool manager Kyle watching over swimmers.

Community Updates and Recap, cont....

Communications Committee

Did you know that you can submit ads, articles, contractor recommendations, and comments to the newsletter? All submissions will be *considered* for inclusion. Please submit your entries to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org. Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, website and monthly Board meetings. The next newsletter will be available July 30, 2011. Articles and submissions are due by July 27th.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Fred Saah, chair:

We are in preparations for the National Night Out on August 2nd. We hope to make this year's event even more fun than last year.

Things have been quiet this spring with no incidents reported to the committee.

We have decided to hold the Neighborhood Watch meetings on the Wednesday after the board meeting. This was done to accommodate more members who had conflicts on Tuesdays. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday June 15. If you would like to join the committee or help with the planning for the National Night Out let me know at fred300@gmail.com.

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

Although greatly delayed by the rain, the Spring Inspections were finally completed and letters have been sent to homeowners. A big thank you to all who have already taken care of requested repairs/corrections. If you haven't already done so, it is really important that you contact KPA in writing to either report that work has been completed or to request additional time to correct items. Each request for an extension is considered on a case by case basis, so please give as much information as possible. KPA and the member of the ACC are now very busy fielding your follow up questions.

One of the frequent complaints we get is from homeowners who feel the regulations are being unevenly applied. Over the past couple of years the ACC has asked KPA to try to catch things that had been overlooked in past inspections. Because of that, you may now be surprised to be cited for something that had not been cited in the past. This doesn't mean you're being singled out, rather that the guidelines are being followed a little more closely. And that's ultimately a very good thing for the whole community.

One thing that wasn't cited this year, but that I'd like to bring to your attention is the corroding chimney caps on houses with aluminum sided chimneys. These are very difficult to access so we didn't single them out, but next time you're planning on roof or exterior work please ask your contractor to work on the chimney cap too.

Another thing to take a look at is the shrubbery along the front wall of your house. All homes are required to have these and the ACC guidelines do ask that you maintain them. Dying bushes really detract from the appearance of a home and really overgrown bushes are not only unsightly but can be a safety concern too. If your bushes are overgrown or have lots of dead branches, please consider trimming them back to promote new growth. And, if they are removed completely, they must be replaced with bushes from the approved plantings list. Again, this improves not only your property but also the overall aesthetic of the community. And Lafayette Village is really looking good right now with all the fresh green grass and trees. Remember too that if you wish to plant on common grounds (including outside the back of your fence) that you need permission from the grounds committee.

The next meeting of the ACC will be on June 16th. Because so many of the committee will be travelling during July there is no meeting scheduled for that month. If you are performing work on your house that affects its exterior appearance, you must seek ACC guidance and approval for those changes. The ACC Request for Exterior Improvement form can be found on page 10 of this newsletter or on the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/documents.

Your Backyard Habitat –Summer’s in the air ...

Though nature’s early life cycles are obvious in spring, some of the results aren’t so tangible until early to mid summer. Dogwood and crabapple blossoms have fallen, but now you can hear young wrens, cardinals, and chickadees peeping in their branches or see feathered parents rushing about for seeds and bugs.

In our nesting box, we’ve seen a chickadee couple gathering twigs, blades of grass, and later, Dad bringing seeds for Mom as she incubated the eggs. In a week or two, as we listened carefully, we heard the tiny peeps grow louder and saw both parents rushing for more food until the chicks fledged and went on their way. Not much later, we heard other chicks peeping next door and noticed a male and female cardinal running the same sort of errands to and from our neighbor’s tree.

The keys to attracting more feathered friends are ground cover like low-growing plants, water, a variety of food, and of course, trees. To expand upon what you might already have, you could add a birdbath, a nesting box for suburb-friendly birds like house wrens, a suet cage and/or a seed feeder. If you’re looking to draw in hummingbirds, know that tubular and spherical feeders, no matter how lovely, can be very hard to clean thoroughly. Saucer-shaped feeders are by far easier to maintain.

Virginia butterflies like cabbage whites and a few sulfurs are showing up in greater numbers this time of year. Tiny spring azures have laid eggs on wildflowers like arrow-wood, caterpillars have fed on milkweed, and full-fledged swallowtails now thrive on nectar from purple coneflowers. Though cultivated flowers like bright orange daylilies and the amazing multi-colored lantana are butterfly magnets, they’re also invasives to be avoided. Instead, a sound butterfly garden might use some asters, brown-eyed Susans, and candytuft.

The website eNature offers great resources about butterflies and birds, including sound clips to help you identify some of the birds you can’t see! Try it out at: http://www.enature.com/backyardwildlife/nwf_bwh_home.asp

Whether you want to establish a certified backyard habitat or just learn more about building a more appropriate and attractive environment for our local wildlife, you can find help at: <http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife>

--Kim and Andy Arnette

Community Garden update ...

So far it's been a very rewarding year in the community garden. All the shiny and twirly things have kept the birds from eating our seedlings and by the end of May we had squash plants as tall as toddlers and pea plants taller than most of us gardeners. The peas really took a hit in our most recent storm, but they are still producing like crazy. Tomatoes have set and little squashes are starting to grow. This year is rather different from our first two years, in that one gardener sprouted a bottle tree! Small wonder that such a variety was able to grow, with those prehistoric beasts guarding it.

Many thanks to Jay Jarvis for mowing down the wall of weeds around the garden. Not only do the weeds invade our plots, but they harbor loads of nasty creatures that we'd rather not contend with. Thanks to all the gardeners who have been weeding inside the garden. It's been very rough to keep

ahead of them this year.

Time to go shell some spring peas....



Above right: the bottle tree. Above, the garden, freshly weeded.

Introducing State Senator Dave Marsden....

Dear Neighbors,

The Virginia General Assembly recently completed its redistricting process and you are now part of the 37th District. I now have the privilege of serving as your voice in Richmond and I look forward to meeting you and learning what's important to you. As your neighbor and Virginia State Senator, I continue to be focused on building a better future for Fairfax County.



Julia and Dave Marsden

I grew up not too far from here, in the old Woodburn Elementary School, which I believe was built in the 1890's. My dad sold it, was torn down in 1965 and is now the Woodburn Village Apartments. Believe it or not, Gallows Road and the beltway was the site of Powell's Riding Stable in the 50's and the current hospital grounds and Exxon Mobil HQ was the site of miles of riding trails.

I attended the Friendship Methodist Church and as a kid I dreamed of attending Annandale high school but attended W.T. Woodson instead...which put me on the losing end of many football battles with the Atoms. Now I live just down the road in Burke with my wife Julia. We raised our three sons, Connor, Stuart and Nathan here because of the great quality of life we enjoy in Fairfax County.

After playing basketball at Randolph-Macon College, I started my career in Juvenile Justice as a probation officer. I was later appointed the first Superintendent of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center. Under my tenure at the facility we started an award winning school program to give the kids a chance to better their lives.

Governor Jim Gilmore appointed me Chief Deputy and then Acting Director of the 2700 person Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. I also served for Governor Mark Warner. I currently manage a U.S. Department of Justice program that helps localities reduce youth gang activity and violent youth crime at Development Services Group. I ran and won a House of Delegates race in 2005 and in 2010 I won a special election to fill Ken Cuccinelli's Senate seat.

I served with pleasure as President of the Enterprise School and the West Lynch Foundation. I currently serve on the boards of CASA and the Fairfax Partnership for Youth. My passion for sports led me to work as a high school basketball referee, in addition to coaching basketball, football, and soccer with the Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) and coaching baseball for the Annandale-North Springfield Little League. Giving back to the community that has given me so much is very important to me.

We have made it through some difficult times as a community by making sacrifices and investing wisely. I will continue to fight to make sure Northern Virginia's unique contribution is recognized and adequate funding is returned to us. The future of Fairfax County depends on leaders who are willing to make tough decisions and fight for the Commonwealth. As the Director of a State Agency, a Delegate and now as a Senator I have cut government waste, balanced the budget, promoted economic growth, protected education and fought for transportation.

In order to represent you better I need to know what's important to you. And if you need any assistance regarding issues facing our community or in dealing with government agencies, please feel free to call [571.249.3027](tel:571.249.3027) or email me at dave@marsdenforsenate.com. Also, connecting with me on Facebook and Twitter is a great way to keep in touch.

Best regards,



Senator Dave Marsden

Redistricting information:

You can find more information about the new Virginia redistricting plans, including maps and demographic statistics at www.vpap.org.

We also want to thank our outgoing delegate, Vivian Watts, for all the work she has done for us, especially regarding the HOT Lanes project.

Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Update....

With December 2012 slated for the opening of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, construction is nearly 70 percent complete. As the project moves into the summer many of the new improvements that are part of the \$1.4 billion construction project will come on-line in the next few months. Motorists and neighbors will start to notice the "construction zone" atmosphere start to change especially as work wraps up at many of the 12 key interchanges that are being rebuilt to accommodate the expanded Beltway. In the portion of the project south of I-66 a few of the milestones to be reached in the next few months include:

- New outer lanes open to motorists between Braddock Road and I-66 (Summer)
- Braddock Road east bridge complete (mid-summer)
- Wakefield Pedestrian Bridge complete (Summer)
- Little River Turnpike west bridge complete (Fall)
- Gallows Road bridge complete (Summer)
- Beltway bridges over Route 50 complete (Summer)

Fluor-Lane and the sound wall installation subcontractors are continuing to work on Barrier 7 B which runs from Little River Turnpike north up to Gallows Road on the Inner loop. Crews are currently placing panels on top of retaining walls. They expect to have the gaps in the barrier filled by the end of June. Further north near Gallows Road the sound wall will likely be completed in early fall, weather permitting.

The current entry and exit points at Little River Turnpike are temporary and will improve once traffic is moved to the new outer lanes especially directly under Little River Turnpike overpasses. Once traffic is fully switched to the new outer lanes drivers will once again have their merge lanes back. Further improvements will be gained when the new overpass is complete and drivers will have additional room merging onto Little River Turnpike.

VDOT, Transurban and Fluor-Lane would also like to pass along their appreciation to residents of Lafayette Village for their patience during construction. For project updates and information, please visit VAmegaprojects.com or Virginiashotlanes.com

Community News

Butterflies in your Garden?

Enjoy a presentation on Sunday, June 12 at 2 p.m. by entomologist Dr. Dexter Hinckley, and learn about 15 species of butterflies, host plants for their caterpillars, and nectar plant suggestions for adults. Dr. Hinckley will discuss techniques for attracting butterflies, and area butterfly gardens spectators can visit. Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale. For more information and to register, please call 703-941-1065, or visit the Web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks.

Mason District Farmer's Market Returns

The Farmer's Market sets up every Thursday morning from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. As a producer's only market, the Farmer's Market offers locally grown, vine-ripe produce, fresh baked goods, herb plants, and much more for your spring and summer time enjoyment. For a complete schedule of Farmer's Markets hosted by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and other activities, call 703-324-5390, or visit their Web Site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm.

Community News, continued....

Spotlight by Starlight Summer Concert Series Returns

If it's summer, it's time for free concerts in the park! Nearly every magisterial district now has a summer concert schedule, but the grand-daddy of them all is Spotlight by Starlight, the free summer concert series at Mason District Park's Newton Edwards Amphitheatre. You can enjoy a variety of community and professional performers Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning children's shows begin at 10.

This summer's season features nearly every style of music you can imagine: from balalaika to zydeco, bluegrass to big band. Performances begin on June 1 with Bruce Ewan (blues) and continue through August 31 with Le Hotclub de Biglick (30s gypsy jazz). Of special note are Ruthie & the Wranglers on June 8, the Capitol Steps on July 24, Falls Church's own Tom Principato on August 3, and folk legend Tom Paxton on August 5. Military bands featured include the Army Band "Downrange" (rock) on July 17, Navy Band "Sea Chanters" on July 20, and Army Band "Blues Jazz Ensemble" on August 21.

Attending these free summer concerts couldn't be easier. You don't have to dress up; you can bring children; and enjoy a picnic supper before the show. Mason District Park has bench seating, but you can bring a lawn chair or blanket for more comfort. The Ossian Hall lawn accommodates lawn chairs and blankets. Free parking is available at both sites. Log on to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances for more information.

Electric Sunday – June 26th

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. The Electric Sunday recycling program is a free service to Fairfax County residents. The next Electric Sunday is **June 26** at the I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079.

The I-95 Landfill Complex is located at the southern end of Fairfax County. Take I-95 South to exit #161, which exits on to Route 1 South. At the first traffic light (Furnace Road) turn right. The entrance is about one-half mile up on the left. Look for the sign "County of Fairfax Solid Waste Disposal." The address is 9850 Furnace Road.

Contractor Recommendations

Roof cleaning

I would recommend Ted Saunders of American-ProTech for removing mold and mildew, etc. from one's roof. He and his wife are a team and do an excellent job. They are very nice people and their price is reasonable.

American-ProTech
Ted_Saunders@Verizon.net
(571) 250-9650

The company is located in Northern Virginia (Centerville, Virginia) and is veteran owned, licensed and insured. They guarantee Safe Roof Restoration. They use totally non-toxic, eco-friendly cleaners that will not hurt plants, grass, trees, etc. They use a non-pressure cleaning via their own 42 foot hydraulic lift, low-pressure house/structure washing, and high-pressure concrete cleaning. They are certified in chemical roof cleaning by the Roof Cleaning Institute of America (RCIA). Mr. Saunders is on the Board of Directors with the RCIA.

REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

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

Date: _____

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

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

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ E-mail: _____

ENDORSEMENT

Date of ACC action: _____

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

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

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

Chair, Architectural Control Committee (ACC)