



# *Lafayette Village Community Association*

## *June/July 2016 Newsletter*

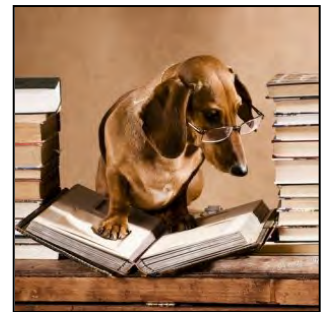
### July is “Read your HOA Governing Documents Month!”

Not really.... But it is a good practice to review periodically LVCA’s governing documents, especially our covenants, our ACC Guidelines, and our various regulations. You can find these documents in your disclosure packet, given to you when you bought your house, or on the website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca\\_documents.htm](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm). (Last year, we focused on the “Declarations of Covenants” and the “Revised ACC Guidelines,” the key documents governing our HOA. You can read this discussion in the June/July 2015 newsletter on the website.)

Over the years, various Boards have adopted and amended a number of governing resolutions that address issues affecting the Association, including such topics as parking, paying Association fees, tenant contact information among others. You can find all LVCA Resolutions on the website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca\\_documents.htm](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm) under **LVCA Governing Documents**.

Here are brief summaries of two of these resolutions”

- **LVCA Parking Regulations:** This resolution establishes that parking spaces on community streets are Association common area. The Association assigns parking spaces to townhouses and residents have the right to tow vehicles improperly parked in their parking spaces. If a homeowner is delinquent in paying his or her HOA quarterly fees, **the parking spaces assigned to the homeowner can be revoked**. The resolution also establishes visitor parking spaces in the community and limits parking in these spaces to guests and visitors only. Residents who park in these spaces are subject to ticketing and ultimately having their vehicles towed if they persist in parking in these spaces.
- **Collections Resolution:** This resolution addresses how the Association will collect quarterly assessments that are overdue or late. If a homeowner is late paying HOA fees, a late charge and interest will be added to the payment and the homeowner will be charged these additional charges. If a homeowner is more than two quarters late in paying HOA fees, the homeowner’s account will be forwarded to the Association’s attorney who will start a collection action, which could include court actions and liens against the homeowner’s property. Also, the homeowner’s right to use Association common areas will be suspended, including pool and parking privileges.



Reviewing LVCA Governing Documents is so easy a dog can do it!

The President’s column on page 3 discusses the Tenant Disclosure resolution. And page 2 has information about LVCA’s formal complaint procedures.

All Association resolutions have been adopted to ensure community living such as we have in Lafayette Village is equitable for all residents and doesn’t burden any individual homeowner directly.

#### *In this issue...*

- *Committee Reports/Schedule*
- *Cicada Killer Wasp Traps*
- *Arbor Day, pool party pics!*
- *President’s column*
- *Mosquito control*
- *Tenant focus – LVCA Rules and Regs*

#### **Upcoming Pool Events –**

- **Water Aerobics**  
Tuesdays, starting June 14 at noon and Thursdays, starting June 16 at 7:00pm
- **Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer**  
Saturday, July 9 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 16)
- **Swim Under the Stars Night**  
Saturday, July 23 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 30)

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**REMINDER: Third Quarter Assessments are due July 1, 2016. Please enclose the July coupon with your check and make sure you mail your check in time to be received by July 15<sup>th</sup> to avoid a late 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 Woodburn Elementary School, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (June 13 and July 11)

**ACC Meetings** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (June 16 and July 14)

**Grounds Meetings** - 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Trail. (June 27 and July 25)

**Finance Committee** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass. (June 21 and July 19)

**Neighborhood Watch** - Schedule to be determined - check the website for updates!

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

**Please check the website for the most current information:**

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

#### **Annual Notice of LVCA Formal Complaint Procedures:**

The Association has a formal complaint procedure, providing a **written process for resolving complaints about Association actions** from members, residents and citizens. A copy of the resolution and its related forms can be found on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/ComplaintProceduresResolutionFinal.pdf>.

If you are a new homeowner, you should also have received a copy of this document in your disclosure packet.

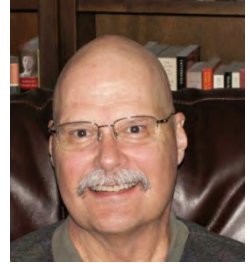
If you have a complaint about the Association, these complaint procedures provide you a way to have your issue addressed by the Board and resolved quickly through a defined and equitable process. Complaints should address actions, inactions or decisions by the Board, the management company or the Association that you allege are inconsistent with applicable Virginia laws and regulations governing homeowners associations.

Use this process if you feel that an action taken by the Association violates or is inconsistent with Virginia law. **Do not use this form if you are simply asking the Association to correct a problem you've identified** - in that case a simple email to the President or a Board member will suffice. If you are not satisfied with the Association's response, then use the formal complaint process.

## A note from the President

I have a number of items I would like to present to you this month.

**Tenant Disclosure:** First, last year, the Board adopted a Tenant Disclosure Resolution requiring all absentee owners to submit a Tenant Disclosure form to Sequoia Management whenever they execute a new lease with their tenants. This form provides the Association with tenant contact information, which will help us contact tenants when necessary, for instance when a home has suffered a burst water pipe or when a tenant has violated one of the ACC guidelines applicable to all Lafayette Village residents.



**If you are a homeowner who rents out a home in Lafayette Village** and you have new tenants this year, please complete the Tenant Disclosure Form and submit it to Sequoia Management. To be safe, you should go ahead and complete the form in any event. The form is on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/TenantInfoResolutionFinalSigned.pdf>.

**If you are a tenant in Lafayette Village**, the Tenant Disclosure Form includes a part for you, where acknowledge receiving and agree to follow the rules and regulations of the Association. For your convenience, the document containing the relevant rules and regulations can be found on page 12 of this newsletter.

**Pool Parking:** With the opening of the pool, parking in the pool parking lot is restricted during pool hours to pool patrons and community gardeners. We have begun issuing warning tickets to vehicles parked in the pool parking lot during pool hours. If you have received one of these tickets, it's your warning that you've parked illegally in the pool parking lot. If your vehicle is found parking illegally again, Dominion Towing will be called to tow your vehicle. If you think you've received a ticket in error, call the number on ticket to explain your situation.

**Parking regulations:** I have received numerous complaints about residents allowing their guests to park in designated "No Parking" zones on community streets or even behind other residents' vehicles! Unfortunately, this violation has no effective consequence – once a Board member has been notified and the towing company has been called, the tow truck often arrives after the vehicle has moved.

At its July meeting, the Board will consider an amendment to the parking regulations to better enforce our no parking zones. The amendment will make the resident or homeowner responsible for ensuring guests park on Lafayette Village Drive, Trammell Road, or in a visitor spot. If the resident persists in allowing his or her guests to park in the "no Parking" zones, the Board will cite the resident for the violation, hold a hearing, and possibly revoke parking privileges for the resident for up to 60 days. This change will put the onus on residents to ensure their guests follow Association parking regulations.

If you would like to comment on this proposed amendment, please attend the July Board meeting on Monday, July 11, at 7:00pm in the Woodburn Elementary school library.

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## Front Yard Tree Maintenance

**Removing your front yard tree:** Remember, if you remove your front yard tree, you will need to replace it with another tree, per the ACC Guidelines. And when you have your stump ground (a necessary step when removing a tree), please let your neighbors know so they can move their vehicles – stump grinding is very messy, and will leave chips and tree dust on your neighbors' cars!

**Trimming your front yard tree:** ACC Guidelines require that tree limbs overhanging sidewalks can be no lower than 7' above the sidewalk. With most trees experiencing a growth spurt this spring/summer, you should check your tree limbs to make sure they meet this guideline. Your tall neighbors will thank you!

## Community Events...

### Lafayette Village Arbor Day/ Earth Day A Success!

Thanks to the whole Grounds Committee for making the Earth/Arbor Day Celebration a wonderful event. Starting with the community trash cleanup, butterfly information, the cookout, the moon bounce, and the tree planting, it was just a great event. Thanks to Imran Amin, Anne Sansbury, Mike Nutbrown, and the many others who helped with cooking, supervising our moon bounce, also to the homeowner that let us use electricity for the moon bounce, and to everyone who helped plant this year's tree, a beautiful black gum.

Special thanks to all the kids and their parents who participated in the Great Trash Treasure Hunt and helped to clean up Lafayette Village!



Young Arborist at Work



Everyone helped plant the black gum



Enjoying the Barbecue

### Pool Events – Pool Opening and Memorial Day BBQ

The weather this past Memorial Day weekend was perfect for a barbecue at the pool! We got to show off the newly updated pool house, the pool was packed, and we had a great turnout for our opening day cookout!



First one in the pool!



Pool house renovations



Enjoying the sun!



Waiting on the grillmaster!

## Committee Updates...

### Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, chair:

The Finance Committee finalized audit responses to the 2014-2015 Audit, and we are pleased to report that the Association and Sequoia Management have improved our financial position and remain in good standing with our auditors again. The audit, as reported to the Board, is clean and all financial statements are verified and located at the web site for your review.

The committee wishes to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Nathan Switzer. Mr. Switzer will bring considerable financial experience to the association, and we look forward to his assistance.

The Finance Committee is always looking for input, and if you are interested in assisting the Association with financial management and fiscal policy, please contact Jim Franklin at [franklin-assoc@msn.com](mailto:franklin-assoc@msn.com) or call at (703) 205-9087. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass, and all interested community members are invited to attend.

And remember that Association monthly financial statements can be found on the website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca\\_MonthlyFinancials.htm](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_MonthlyFinancials.htm).

### Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, chair:

It's been a busy start to the year for the grounds committee. Some dead trees were removed from the community and branches trimmed back from others to provide more light on sidewalks from the streetlights at night. More tree work to come in the fall including plantings as appropriate. The sidewalk work was completed over the past month and a half, removing tripping hazards and water collection areas throughout the community. By the time you read this, you should find new plantings in front of the pool house and at the meadows bridge over the hill from the community garden. We're looking forward to these projects bringing more color and interest to these areas.

We've awarded a contract for replacing the retaining walls between Butterfield Lane and Byrds Nest Pass and adding a retaining wall around the corner of 7811 Butterfield Lane and running along to the utility box. The committee is aware of a good number of erosion issues throughout the community, and has a goal to create a minimum walking distance behind fences so all residents have the ability to walk behind their house without risking personal injury due to steep slides or erosion. Expect more erosion projects to be on the list to complete this year.

The Earth/Arbor Day celebration this year did not have quite the turnout of previous years, but we still managed to collect a good amount of trash from around the community. A big thanks to all those who participated in the cleanup. We had a nice sign this year as my wife and I each discovered a crayfish in the stormwater creek near the sound barrier past the basketball court. We've been cleaning that area for three years



Stream after cleaning

now and this was the first time we found more than worms, insects, and arachnids living in and around the stream. There is plenty of trash there every year and we never manage enough time during the cleanup to get it all. So if anyone is looking to do something you'll feel good about, grab some garbage bags, gloves, and your boots, and head down through the woods just past the basketball court and have at it.

We planted a black gum tree on the corner of Lafayette Village Drive and Butterfield Lane to replace a diseased Maple we had to remove in the fall. It already looks well established and has enjoyed all of this rain over the past month to get it well-established in the ground.

We had a great cookout thanks to the grill from John Alexander and the expert



Results of the trash cleanup



Installation of new pool plantings, another Grounds Committee project

## Committee Updates and Recap, cont....

grilling skills of Imran Amin who ate his first hot dog! Big thanks to Anne and Amanda Sansbury, Carl Iddings, and the rest of the Grounds Committee members who helped make the event possible.

We're always open for new members of the community who have an interest in the maintenance and beautification of our grounds to join the grounds committee and help make it a better place for everyone. If you are interested, please send me an email at [grounds@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:grounds@lafayettevillage.org).

### Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, chair:

The 2016 pool season began on Saturday, May 28 with warm temperatures and large crowds. The following day we had a great turnout for our community cookout despite some rain, with the Association providing burgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments, and drinks. Thanks to the volunteers who helped make the event possible: John Alexander, Drew Skinner, John and Pat Grant, Christian and Erika Karasiewicz, Linda Boone, and Angela Cutter.

This spring some work was done to refresh the pool house. The pool house has been painted inside and out, a non-slip coating has been added to the floor, a new guard counter was installed, new partitions and mirrors in the restrooms, and some new light fixtures, among other improvements.

This year, new passes have been issued to all applicants. These new passes will be the only passes accepted for admittance to the pool. If you've lost your passes and have put off paying to replace them, this is your opportunity to get new passes at no charge. The application can be found on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/pool.htm>.

This year we are beginning a water aerobics program. Drop-in classes will be held Tuesdays at noon and Thursdays at 7:00pm at a cost of \$10 per class. Classes began on Tuesday, June 14.

Our first "Swim Under the Stars" night of the season was held on Saturday, June 18. Over 50 people showed up to enjoy the pool after dark.

Again this year the picnic pad will be available for residents to reserve for small gatherings. See the website for details and the application at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/pool.htm>.

Email me at [lisac\\_234@hotmail.com](mailto:lisac_234@hotmail.com) with questions or comments. Come to the pool and meet this year's lifeguards Peter, Jordan, and Kevin.

**2016 Pool Event Schedule:** Mark your calendars for these exciting events!

**Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer** – Saturday, July 9, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 16)

**Swim Under the Stars Night** – Saturday, July 23, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 30)

**End of Summer Cookout** – Saturday, August 27, 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 28)

### Communications Committee

Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, our website, the LVCA email list, and Nextdoor.com, our community's social network. If you would like to receive announcements of interest to the community, please send your email address to [lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org) and request to be added. And if you haven't already, log on to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), create an account, and join in on the discussions!

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](mailto: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 August 1, 2015. Articles and submissions are due by July 29<sup>th</sup>.



Our 2016 lifeguards, Peter, Jordan, and Kevin



Swim Under the Stars -- hanging out in the diving well

## Committee Updates and Recap, cont....

### Neighborhood Watch Committee – Doug Stewart, chair:

During the past two months, two crimes have been reported to police:

- Noise violation on Brunswick Forest Pass (June 4, 2016)
- Drug offense on Newport Glen Pass (May 21, 2016)

The drug offense arrest resulted from an alert neighbor noticing a group of young men who appeared to be tampering with parked vehicles. Because of the car break-ins that occurred in March, Fairfax Police responded quickly to the resident's 911 call, and apprehended four young men, one of who was charged as an adult with the drug offense. We haven't been able to determine if the individuals apprehended were responsible for the earlier vehicle break-ins. This incident shows the value of being alert and promptly contacting the police when suspicious activity is observed.

Please report any crime to the police if you are a victim or if you suspect a crime is being committed. Document any details that you may observe. Without documentation, it can be difficult to influence police action when they have other pressing matters that need attention. To report any suspicious event, use the police non-emergency number **703-691-2131**. For events that are life-threatening or potentially damaging to property, call **911**. You can remain anonymous if you wish. And once you've called the police, please email me at [stewart8668@verizon.net](mailto:stewart8668@verizon.net) with the details, so we have a record of all suspicious activity in the community.

And finally, an early notice of a fun event – our National Night Out celebration will happen on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 7:00pm in Trammell Park. If you would like to help put on this event, please email me at [stewart8668@verizon.net](mailto:stewart8668@verizon.net).



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

Two photos for you to consider.



#1

#### Why ivy is a no-no on walls and fences:

These homeowners have a long task ahead to remove the stubborn ivy suckers from the wall of their house.

Ivy will also eat into the mortar and cause real damage in the long run.



#2

#### Why trash should never be put out too early:

The crows went to town on this very early on a recent Sunday morning.

Not only is it a huge mess, but in summer, when people are out walking or entertaining friends, the smell is awful.

## Committee Updates and Recap, cont....

Our community continues to attract new residents and they always cite how well maintained LV is, compared to comparably priced communities in the area. It takes a village – in this case Lafayette Village – to make this happen.

Thank you to all those who have taken care of things arising from the annual inspection. Second notices have been sent, and hearings with the BOD will be scheduled for those who don't take care of the outstanding violations. Please email Dale Edwards or myself if you need help with this. I know people want to call Dale, but he's frequently on the road or in meetings, so an email is preferable. You can send him the form, Request for Exterior Improvement, available on the LVCA website and on page 14 below, before you begin any exterior work. Or email me and I'll let you know if pre-approval is required for your planned work.

## Community Garden update ...

Despite the unusual weather we've had since it was time to plant potatoes (St. Patrick's Day), most of the gardeners have weeded and amended their soil, planted some crops, and mulched everything over. It's truly amazing how everybody managed to do this, between monsoons and drought with no hose water, more monsoons, and nights too cold for some crops.

Most of our gardeners from last year have returned, and we have a few excited new gardeners as well. We also have several children who will be learning about gardening with us, which is a real plus for them and for the older folks. We have quite a few thriving perennials by now, even though this new garden is only two years old – oregano, dill, cilantro, thyme, garlic, chives, strawberries, even blueberry bushes!

One of our gardeners has been reading over the winter and instituted "square-foot gardening," a rather straightforward and elegant system for planting and watering crops. The author claims it will not fail.

Foodscaper Joe Belsan from Fairfax advises that we mulch, mulch, mulch because we are expecting a hot and dry summer. The mulch reduces the need for water and also keeps the plants' roots cool. He reminded me of The Three Sisters that native Americans taught us about – corn plants in circles around cucumber and squash plants. This is a good time to plant corn, and late June is a good time to start fall crops such as broccoli, cauliflower, and Brussels sprouts. We can also finally plant tomatoes and hope that our nights won't be so cold that the plants get stunted.

Some of our new crops have taken off well, some not so well, but a little sun at this point and we'll be good to go. We would like to give special thanks to Steven Longstreet who diligently worked to eliminate the hose leak inside our newly renovated pool house and restore hose water to the garden.

At this time we are fully subscribed, but do contact us if you'd like to be on the waiting list. You never know when someone might have to drop out, and there's always next year. Please email

[asansbury@gicgroup.com](mailto:asansbury@gicgroup.com) to be placed on the waiting list. And if you can't or don't want to garden, you can still enjoy fresh veggies by visiting one of our local Farmers Markets. Here are two of the better ones:

- **Annandale Farmers Market**, every Thursday from 8:00am to noon. Located in Mason District Park on Columbia Pike. 15 to 20 vendors participate.
- **Falls Church Farmers Market**, open year round on Saturdays from 8:00am (9:00am in winter) to noon. Located at City Hall Parking Lot, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, a 15-minute drive from Lafayette Village.



Potatoes doing nicely despite the cold, rainy spring



Square foot gardening



### Again this year, Cicada Killer Wasp Traps Now Available

Now that summer has returned, the new generation of Cicada Killer wasps will start to emerge from their burrows, and you may begin to see them flying around the community. While scary looking, these wasps are not aggressive. The wasps we normally see buzzing around are the males – they are territorial and curious, but like all male wasps, lack a stinger and so cannot harm you. The female wasps are out hunting annual cicadas which they use as a host on which to lay their eggs. The females have stingers, but are not aggressive and their sting is reported to be mild.

Three years ago, the Board determined that **the Association should not get involved in trying to control these insects**. However, because the presence of these insects can be annoying at best, and intimidating under normal circumstances, in 2014 the Grounds Committee experimented with Cicada Killer Wasp Traps. Because these traps seemed to work in reducing the population of the wasps, the Association made an initial purchase of 200 traps and made them available to residents in order to control these wasps. We will continue this program in 2016.

Pam Paroline, a Byrds Nest Pass resident and former board member, has agreed to coordinate the distribution of the traps. If you would like to use these traps, you can email Pam at [mspinkygal@verizon.net](mailto:mspinkygal@verizon.net) to request up to 5 traps at a time. When



Female cicada killer wasp

you email Pam, please give her your **name, address and how many traps you are requesting** (5 max.) , and she will respond by either providing a time you can pick up the traps from her home or she will arrange to deliver them to you. Once you receive the traps, you can read the instructions (<http://www.cicadawasptrap.com/instructions/>) on how to assemble the traps and place them properly above each wasp's burrow. These traps should be set in the evening when the wasps are in the burrows and activity has subsided.

Now, one resident alone setting traps in front of his or her home is NOT going to solve or diminish the problem. **You will need to coordinate with your neighbors to ensure everyone sets the traps at all the nests around your home including the grassy area by the curb.** Controlling these wasps needs to be a **collective effort**, or it could be a waste of time for everyone.

There are alternative ways of controlling these wasps, but they all have drawbacks and risks. Pesticides are one solution, but you need to be aware of the risks, so read the labels carefully. Additionally, most pesticides won't affect the eggs that have already been laid, so the wasps will return year after year. You can learn more about chemical control of cicada killers at <http://www.bugspray.com/articles99/cicad killers.html#cicada-killer-treatments>. And this website describes another method of ridding your lawn of cicada killers using ammonia: [http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Ground-Digger-Wasps-\(Cicada-Killers\)-from-Your-Lawn](http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Ground-Digger-Wasps-(Cicada-Killers)-from-Your-Lawn). You can also manually kill the cicada killers, as this website describes:

<http://web.archive.org/web/2014022032916/http://sites.lafayette.edu/hollidac/research/biology-of-cicada-killer-wasps/control-of-cicada-killers/>.

Finally, you can discourage the wasps from nesting in your yard or planting strip (the grassy area by the curb) by keeping your yard and planting strip moist by frequent watering. Planting grass or laying sod on the bare areas in your yard and planting strip also help to discourage these wasps since they prefer to burrow in areas of bare dirt. Many wasp burrows are found on the planting strips, so maintaining these strips in grass will discourage the wasps from nesting there.

**Something as simple as parking your car so it doesn't overhang the planting strip will help grow grass.**



Don't park like this!

## *Mosquito control begins in our own backyards...*

**Prevent and Protect against Mosquitoes** – Mosquito season is here, and those pesky bloodsuckers are not just a nuisance, they also can transmit viruses such as West Nile, Chikungunya, and Zika. Our region is home to the two species of mosquitoes that can transmit the Zika virus, the yellow fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) and the Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*), although the tiger mosquito is much more common around here.

Now is the perfect time to eliminate potential breeding sites in and around your yard where mosquitoes like to lay their eggs. Protect yourself from their bites by taking the following steps this spring, summer, and fall:

### **Control mosquitoes in your yard:**

- Eliminate standing water. Check your yard weekly for containers that are holding water. Mosquitoes only need a small amount of water in which to lay their eggs – even an upside down bottle-cap filled with water can be a breeding source for them.
- Treat standing water with a larvicide\* if it cannot be eliminated.
- If mosquitoes are biting, you may want to spray your yard with an insecticide\* (best in an aerosol fogger form), particularly the places where mosquitoes like to hide, such as bushy green plants, ivy, other ground-covering plants and bamboo.



Tiger Mosquito, a potential carrier of the Zika Virus

### **Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites:**

- Wear insect repellent\* containing DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR 3535.
- Wear loose-fitting, light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Keep doors and windows closed and make sure screens are in good repair.

*\*Use EPA-registered insecticides, larvicides and repellents. Follow label instructions.*

Preventing mosquitoes around your home and avoiding mosquito bites is not only good for your quality of life; it's good for your health! For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite) or <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/mosquito-season-breeds-more-attention-because-of-zika-virus/>.

## *Contractor Recommendations...*

**INTERIOR PAINTING:** Contact Mark Rhodes, Lafayette Village resident and a skilled interior painter, for free estimates. Call **703-560-8329**.

**Star Plumbing** – Our pressure-reducing valve went bad just before the Christmas holidays. We called **Star Plumbing (703-569-4480)** to replace it. The crew – a master plumber and his apprentice-helper, came to our house promptly as scheduled, and replaced the valve at a very reasonable cost. While this is work I could have done myself, it would have taken me hours to do what they did in 30 minutes. The company is check rated for price and quality by Washington Consumer Checklist. I recommend them for plumbing repairs.

**For more contractor recommendations:** Visit <http://www.nextdoor.com> and click on “Recommendations” under the “CATEGORIES” heading on the left side of the home page. You can review all the recommendations made by Lafayette Village residents. And if you’re not a member of Nextdoor, you can register for free before reviewing the recommendations.

## Community Ads...



**\$99\* SUMMER PASS**  
\*for Lafayette Village residents. • Regular price \$149

UNLIMITED WORKOUTS JUNE 1ST-AUGUST 31ST  
NO CONTRACTS, NO ADDITIONAL FEES

**JAZZERCISE**  
at the Jewish Community Center  
8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA  
Facebook.com/JazzerciseJCC  
202-758-6946



FOR SALE: AFG 3.0 AT Treadmill: 4 years old; like new. \$500 OBO. Call 703-876-0939 and please leave message.

## Around the Neighborhood...

**Free Summer Concerts in Mason District:** The **Spotlight by Starlight** free concert series at Mason District Park and Ossian Hall Park will present another great line-up of live performances at both venues. Concerts at the Newton Edwards Amphitheatre in Mason District Park begin at **7:30 p.m.** on **Sundays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**; the Saturday morning children's shows at 10 begin on June 25. Ossian Hall Park's international cultural series are held on **Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** All performances are suitable for the whole family. Log on to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances) for more information about free concerts across Fairfax County this summer.

**Enjoy Summer Day Camps at Nearby Hidden Oaks:** Your child can enjoy a small group camp, which focuses on outdoor exploration and adventure at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street (off Hummer Road) in Annandale. Each camp has a narrow age range and a low adult to camper ratio. All the camp leaders are year-round staff at the nature center. Engaging programs for ages 4-12. For more information and to register, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/summercamps.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/summercamps.htm), or call 703-941-1065.

**MyFairfax Web Portal:** Residents are encouraged to sign up for the new *MyFairfax Web Portal*. The secure Web portal will allow residents the ability to use one login to view current and past real estate assessment and payment information, access personal property tax information, register new vehicle purchases, update vehicles moved in or out of Fairfax County, report sold vehicles, and update your address. More options will be available in the future, such as paperless billing, and services from other county agencies. Get set up now and enjoy the ease of finding vital county information all in one place. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myfairfax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/myfairfax)

## *Around the Neighborhood, continued...*

### **Cartons are Recyclable in Fairfax County**

Throughout Fairfax County, you can now place cartons in your recycling bin. This new addition to our program will help divert more materials from the landfill.

#### **What are cartons?**

Cartons are the packaging for many products you can find at the store including milk, juice, cream, egg substitutes, soy milk, soup, broth, and wine. They come in two different types-shelf stable and refrigerated cartons.



#### **How do I recycle cartons?**

Place empty rinsed cartons in your recycling bin. Please remove caps and straws.

#### **What happens to the cartons I recycle?**

As with all recyclables, they are first taken to a local material recycling facility to be sorted and baled. The bales of cartons are then placed on a truck and transported to a paper mill. Here, fiber in the cartons is converted into pulp, which in turn is made into recycled paper products and building materials.

#### **Why should I recycle cartons?**

Cartons are made from high-quality paper, making it a valuable recyclable commodity. This means that companies want this material to make new products, and cartons can generate revenue for a recycling program, offsetting some of the costs of collection.

**Don't delay, start recycling your cartons today!** To learn more about cartons, visit [www.recyclecartons.com](http://www.recyclecartons.com).

## *LVCA Rules & Regs – an Overview for Tenants...*

As a tenant or renter, you may not be responsible for much of the physical maintenance of your residence, if your landlord takes care of those details. There are some community rules, however, that do apply to you. Failure to follow them could result in sanctions being issued to you and to your landlord, including loss of parking spaces and denial of pool passes. These rules include:

- **Trash collection** – Trash is collected every Monday and Thursday, with recyclables collected on Mondays as well. If Thursday falls on a holiday or a snow emergency, trash will be collected the next scheduled trash collection day. Yard waste is collected on Mondays, and must be put out either in a paper yard waste bag (available at Safeway and Home Depot) or a container marked “Yard Waste.” Trash and recyclables should be placed curbside in front of your home **no earlier than 6:00pm the day before trash collection day**. All trash containers must be returned to your home or back yard the same day after the trash or recyclables have been collected. Trash and recycle containers **cannot** be stored in your front yard or on your front porch.
- **Back yard maintenance** – While the Association provides front yard maintenance services to the townhomes, you are responsible for maintaining your fenced-in back yard. This means grass needs to be mowed, weeds pulled, and any loose trash, animal waste and other refuse needs to be collected and put out with your trash.
- **Pet Waste** – Although this should go without saying, you are responsible for cleaning up after your pet. The Association has bag holders and trash cans throughout the community for your use when picking up after your pet.
- **Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Guidelines** – These guidelines, available on our website, detail a comprehensive set of requirements which all homes in Lafayette Village must follow. Some of these guidelines are directly relevant to you as a tenant. For instance,
  - All windows visible from the street must have appropriate window treatments.

## LVCA Rules & Regs – an Overview for Tenants, continued...

- Yard ornaments are prohibited.
- Yard plantings are controlled, as well, so if you want to do some front yard beautification, please read the guidelines before proceeding with your project.
- Fans are not allowed in windows facing the street.
- Bikes, strollers, toys, etc, may not be stored in your front yard or on your front porch.

As a tenant you should review the ACC Guidelines to determine which of these may pertain to you. These can be found on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/RevisedACCGuidelinesOctober2015.pdf>.

- **Resident Parking** -- Like most of Washington DC, and Northern Virginia, Lafayette Village has very limited parking. The Association has assigned spaces to each townhouse, and we appreciate the kind respect of our neighbors in protecting our limited parking slots. A few common courtesy recommendations:
  - Don't block or use spaces not assigned to you and advise your visitors to respect the reserved slots. It helps to tell your visitors where the additional parking and visitor slots are located.
  - When you have special projects that require work vehicles to occupy your spaces please make sure your contractors understand to leave your neighbors' reserved parking clear.
  - No commercial vehicles are allowed to park on community streets or driveways, except vehicles used by contractors working on your residence.
  - Towing is enforced for unauthorized automobiles occupying reserved spaces without permission.
- **Visitor Parking** – The Association has created a limited number of visitor parking spaces, located on Byrds Nest Pass, Yorktown Village Pass, and Butterfield Lane/Mt. Airey Lane. In addition, when the pool is closed, the pool parking lot can be used by visitors. All these visitor parking spaces are reserved for your visitors to use for up to two continuous days. Vehicles belonging to tenants that are found parking in these spaces will be ticketed and are subject to towing.
- **Speed Limits** – The speed limit on all community streets is 15 MPH. The speed limit on Lafayette Village Drive, Trammell Road and Merrimac Trail is 25 MPH.
- **Sub-leasing your rental property:** Our covenants specifically prohibit the sub-dividing of homes. The entire community is zoned for single family residences only. A tenant who sub-leases a part of the rental home will violate the covenant and may be subject to suitable court actions, including lawsuits.
- **“Noxious or offensive activity”** – Article VI, Section 6(a) specifically prohibits any activity or behavior that may be or become an annoyance or nuisance to the neighborhood. This covers such things as preparing foods with strong, offensive, and lingering odors, holding a noisy party late at night, uncontrolled barking dogs, and selling illegal substances from the rental property.
- **Mailings from Sequoia Management to your landlord** – If you receive mail from our management company to your landlord, please make sure he or she receives the mailing. While Sequoia makes every effort to identify your landlord's actual mailing address, on occasion mail is addressed to his or her property in Lafayette Village.

The Board of Directors of Lafayette Village and our property manager, Dale Edwards are available to answer any questions you may have about our community or the Annandale area. Additional information may be found on the LVCA web site, [www.lafayettevillage.org](http://www.lafayettevillage.org). You can also request to be added to the community mailing list by sending your email address to [lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org). And you can join our community social network by registering at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).



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**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 20151-2283

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)