



Lafayette Village Community Association

June/July 2017 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. In years past, we’ve focused on the “Declarations of Covenants” and the “Revised ACC Guidelines,” the key documents governing our HOA, and on various Board-adopted regulations addressing parking and collection of HOA fees. You can read these discussions in the June/July newsletters for 2015 and 2016 on the website.

In addition to parking and HOA fees collection, various Boards over the years have adopted and amended a number of governing resolutions that address issues affecting the Association, including such topics as providing tenant contact information and resident use of common grounds among others. You can find all LVCA Resolutions on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm under **LVCA Governing Documents**.

Here are brief summaries of two of these resolutions:

- **Subdivided Residential Units (aka “basement apartments”) Regulations:** This resolution sets out the procedures the Association will use to enforce the covenant prohibiting the renting out of a portion of a Lafayette Village home. This happens most frequently with townhomes where some owners are tempted to close off the ground floor of the townhouse and rent it as a separate apartment with its own entrance. Such activity is a violation of the Association covenants. Since it is the Board’s responsibility to enforce our covenants, this resolution lays out the enforcement procedure.
- **Community Use of Common Grounds Resolution:** This resolution addresses a common problem – residents dumping yard waste, trash, Christmas trees, and other waste on common grounds without permission, leaving the Association the responsibility of cleaning up the mess. Violators of this resolution are subject to fines of up to \$50 for each violation along with any costs the Association incurs in removing the waste.



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

The box on page 2 also summarizes our LVCA formal complaint procedure, a process to use when you think an action taken by the Association violates or is inconsistent with Virginia law.

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

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Upcoming Pool Events –

- **Water Aerobics**
Mondays & Wednesdays at noon and Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00pm
- **Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer**
Saturday, July 8 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 16)
- **Swim Under the Stars Night**
Saturday, July 22 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 29)

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REMINDER: Third Quarter Assessments were due July 1, 2017. Please enclose the July coupon with your check and make sure you mail your check in time to be received by July 15th to avoid a late fee.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM in the library at Mason Crest Elementary School, 3705 Crest Drive (July 10, August 14)

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (July 20, August 17)

Grounds Committee – 4th Monday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass (July 24, August 28)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7833 Byrds Nest Pass (July 18, August 15)

Neighborhood Watch – Third Wednesday of month at 7:00PM at 7876 Hampton Village Pass (July 19).

Fairfax Federation – 3rd Thursday of month at 7:30PM at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax (No summer meetings)

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.

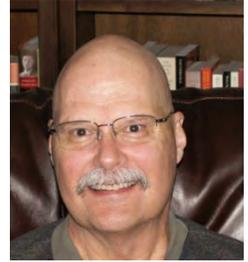
If you have a complaint about the Association, these complaint procedures provide you a way to have your issue addressed by the Board and resolved quickly through a defined and equitable process. Complaints should address actions, inactions or decisions by the Board, the management company or the Association 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

This month I have an announcement to make. My term on the Board expires this October, and I will not be running for re-election to the Board.

Board Vacancy: With my stepping down from the Board, there will be an open seat for this fall's election. If you are interested in helping direct the Association's affairs, I would encourage you to consider running for the Board. To get a feel for the work the Board does and how it operates, you should attend some of the upcoming Board meetings. Our topics are usually interesting and the Board always encourages residents to comment on its proceedings. Send me an email at president@lafayettevillage.org if you are interested in serving on the Board.



Association Website: This fall, I will also give up maintaining the Association's website. The website, www.lafayettevillage.org, is a great community resource, containing as it does our governing documents, our meeting schedules, and lots of useful information for residents and homeowners. However, while the information is up-to-date, the appearance of the site is dated. Its navigation is awkward, it has no search capability, and some of the features no longer work because its code is outdated. We will need a volunteer to continue to maintain the website and hopefully redevelop it with a more modern look, improved navigation, a search capability and other features found in modern websites. If you have a working knowledge of website design, development and/or maintenance, please consider volunteering for LVCA Webmaster. Send an email to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org.

And to get to Association concerns: **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**. You can still park your vehicle in the parking lot after the pool closes (8:30pm on weekdays, 8:00pm on weekends), but you must move your vehicle before the pool opens the next morning.

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 parked 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.

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 summer, you should check your tree limbs to make sure they meet this guideline. Your tall neighbors will thank you!

Arbor Day Tree Planting:



Carl Iddings and Mike Nutbrown next to the Arbor Day Hemlock

Committee Updates...

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, chair:

The Finance Committee, like the rest of the community, is celebrating the arrival of spring and the opening of the pool! After one of the mildest winters, in terms of snowfall, that we've had in years it's still good to see the green emerge and reward the hard work of the grounds committee and our contractors.

After closing the audit actions and revising the annual budget to provide for additional required replacement reserve funds, the Finance Committee is focusing on the task of implementing the new budget and providing the resources necessary to keep improving the community. We made a few cuts to several budget lines, but the overall effect still provides for good growth of our services and plenty of funding for the ongoing projects and operations.

Hats off to the folks at Sequoia, particularly Dale Edwards, for coming through for us as the budget changed and for ensuring our funds are managed very closely. We've included a table below that shows the changes in the Replacement Reserve usage, but you will see that the community is in superb financial condition. The entire revised budget is available on the web site for your review as well, along with our monthly financial statements, at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm under the "LVCA Financial Documents" link.

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 or call at (703) 205-9087. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 18th, at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass, and all interested community members are invited to attend.

CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET (REVISED)						
Reserve Fund Balance						
Replacement Reserve Balance (As of: 12/31/2016)			\$ 473,871			
Equity Surplus Transfer			\$ 22,064			
Reserve Fund Balance (As of January 1, 2017)			\$ 495,935			
Planned Reserve Fund Projects (Per Study)						
Property Site Elements						
Light Poles, Benches & Fixtures						
Retaining Walls, etc.			\$ 37,740			
Pool House Elements						
Roof						
Pool Elements						
Equipment						
Fence						
Other (Held-Over/Contingency)						
Crack Filling & Seal Coating						
Total Planned Projects			\$ 37,740			
Annual Reserve Contribution			\$ 118,268			
Reserve Fund Balance (As of December 31, 2017)			\$ 576,463			Surplus
Reserve Study Requirement			\$ 576,463			\$ -

Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, chair:

The annual Earth/Arbor Day celebration was unfortunately a wash-out this year, but we still went out with a small group in the rain and planted a hemlock off the back corner of Trammel Court near the entrance to the meadows – see photo on page 3. Hopefully in years to come it will grow up to provide benefits to wildlife, attractiveness, and sound dampening. Since we didn't get to do the trash cleanup that day, Carl Iddings coordinated a neighborhood trash and invasive weed cleanup which was quite successful. Of course there will always be new trash and invasive plants appearing around the neighborhood so that work is never done.

Committee Updates and Recap, cont....

A number of other trees were planted around the neighborhood to address erosion or sound control issues or just for general landscaping attractiveness. A pignut hickory and three serviceberry trees were planted on the steep hillside leading from Trammel Rd toward Yorktown Village Pass, another pignut hickory off the back corner hillside of Colonial Village Row, and 5 Little Henry Virginia sweetspires in the newly-replaced retaining wall between Butterfield and Byrds Nest were planted to help control erosion. A southern magnolia and the Arbor Day hemlock were planted near the meadows entrance behind Trammel Court to help control road noise. Two southern magnolia trees were planted across from each other near the entrances of Ashley Glen and Brunswick Forest. Two eastern redbuds and a lacebark elm were planted in the island on Butterfield. A black tupelo and fringe tree were planted at the bottom corner of Mt Airey. A serviceberry was planted off the bottom corner of Butterfield. Finally an American holly bush was planted in a large mulched area leading from upper Ashley Glen to lower. Most of these trees were planted to replace trees that had been removed in previous years.

Some adjustments were made at the meadows bridge to account for how the grasses are growing there and to add some more native plants (with volunteer labor and plant cost). By the next newsletter we hope to have a certified wildlife habitat sign on the bridge.

The Committee also arranged with Sequoia to have the entrance monuments powerwashed. Over time, they had acquired a scruffy patina of dirt and mildew. You can see the big improvement here.

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.



Entrance sign on Lafayette Village at Trammel

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, chair:



Opening Day swimmers

The 2017 pool season began on Saturday, May 27. Despite unusually cool and cloudy weather, Maddie Alexander was the first one in the water. The following day we had a good turnout for our community cookout despite another day of cooler than average temperatures, with the Association providing burgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments, and drinks. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the event possible: John Alexander, John and Pat Grant, Larry and Deborah Dunham, Christine Woodard, and the many others who took it upon themselves to step in when something needed to be done. Thanks, also, to the residents who came out to support this pool event.

This year we are not only continuing the water aerobics program we began last year but are expanding it from two classes to four classes per week. We will be calling the program Water Fitness from now on, as this more accurately describes our classes. In addition to aerobic activity we also do stretching and resistance exercises. Suzer Sachs will be our instructor again this year. Drop-in classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00pm beginning Monday, June 12. Cost is \$10/class, cash or check payable to Suzer Sachs. New this year, Suzer will be offering a discount punch card giving participants 10 classes for \$70. The punch cards will be available from Suzer before the first classes, and then at a regular time every week to be determined. The pool will remain open for general use during classes.

Our First "Swim Under the Stars" night of the summer was held on Saturday, June 17. It was a warm day and the threatened storms never materialized, so we kept the pool open late and turned up the music for an evening pool party. As usual for these events, turnout was good, everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. The next "Swim Under the Stars" will be held on Saturday, July 22nd.

We will be hosting our third annual Adult Wine & Cheese Party on Saturday, July 8. Mark your calendar now for this once-a-year adults only evening at the pool.

Once again this year the picnic pad will be available for residents to reserve for small gatherings. See the website for additional details and the application.

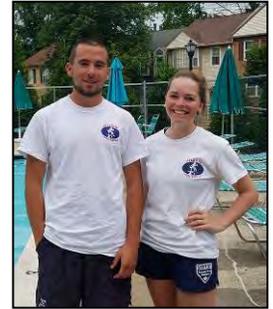
Committee Updates and Recap, cont....

We are also continuing our Readers Exchange bookcase in the pool house. If you see a book you'd like to read, take it; if you have a book you'd like to share, leave it.

If you haven't applied for your pool passes/stickers yet, you can still do so. The application can be found on the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/pool.htm. The current passes are lime green. These passes will be the only passes accepted for admittance to the pool and must include the "2017" stickers. Pool pass enforcement will begin Saturday, June 3.

Come meet this year's lifeguards and enjoy this beautiful community resource.

Email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com with questions or comments.



Our 2017 lifeguards,
Tamas and Pavlina

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 and request to be added. And if you haven't already, log on to 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. Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, website and monthly Board meetings. The next newsletter will be available July 30, 2017. Articles and submissions are due by July 25th.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Steve Longstreet, chair:

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

- Larceny at pool house (June 12, 2017)
- Suspicious vehicle in pool parking lot (June 20, 2017)

The larceny was an unfortunate event – someone stole one of our lifeguard's backpack, a very desirable Under Armor backpack. We reported this to ensure there was a police record of the crime. If you were at the pool house on the 12th and noticed anything, please contact me at slongstreet@gmail.com with any details you may have. And thank you to the individual who called in the suspicious vehicle in the pool parking lot. We have an ongoing problem with strangers parking and loitering in the pool parking lot after hours, so it's good to notify the police when you see such activity.

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 slongstreet@gmail.com 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 1st starting at 7:00pm in Trammell Park. If you would like to help put on this event, please email me at slongstreet@gmail.com.

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

Although vandalism and theft are rare in LV, some homeowners are considering installing security cameras on their property. At the request of the Board, the ACC developed new guidelines addressing security devices and presented them to the Board for acceptance and inclusion in the ACC Guidelines.

Committee Updates and Recap, cont....

Here are the changes that have been submitted to the BOD for their approval.

Townhomes: Section 1.26 would read:

Fairfax County Police recommend an internal security bar on sliding glass doors, and pins (or sensors) on ground floor level windows. The ACC follows this recommendation. No exterior bars are allowed on windows.

Security cameras: Small, unobtrusive home security cameras may be installed. No commercial or industrial grade equipment is allowed. Cameras may not be directed to neighboring properties and any wiring should not be visible from sidewalks or any other common areas.

The "Request for Exterior Improvement" form must be submitted to the ACC prior to the installation of any exterior device. The make, model, color and dimensions should be included, along with a photograph of the device. A picture of the home, showing the proposed location of all devices, is also required.



Type of security camera permitted under new ACC guidelines

This same language was added to the Detached Home section of the Guidelines as section 2.25. The Board accepted these changes at its June meeting. The updated ACC Guidelines can be found on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/RevisedACCGuidelinesJune2017.pdf>.

By now everyone's had time to correct the spring violations issued by Sequoia. If you're one of the few who hasn't yet done the work, it's very important that you communicate with Dale Edwards now. Any homeowners, who don't follow up, will be called to a Hearing with the Board of Directors.

Of course, you don't have to wait till the next inspection to take care of things that pop up. Spring has been quite wet, causing a lot of mildew on bricks and siding. If you're a victim of creeping mold or mildew, please take care of it now.

There are also some townhouse hedges growing totally out of proportion to the front yard space - some are growing half way up the second row of windows! Hampton and Hancock seem to have the worst problem with this (no doubt the result of bad choices by the builder. Just like the giant maples, etc, in our tiny yards). Blade Runners trims bushes, but they don't do drastic pruning. It's the resident's responsibility to keep yard plantings under control by either cutting the hedges way back, or replacing them altogether. Any foundation bushes removed must be replaced with evergreens. We'd rather not keep adding to the list of guidelines, but may have to if owners are not proactive on things like this.

Finally, Chas Ryan has moved from LV, so is no longer a member of the ACC. Thank you, Chas, for your valuable contributions to the community. We'll miss you.

If anyone is interested in stepping into Chas' shoes and joining us on the ACC please contact me. I'll be happy to talk with you about what's entailed.

Why trash should never be put out too early:

Some animal in search of a good meal went after this pile of trash put out Friday night for collection on Monday. In addition to the trash you can see strewn about, the animal found chicken bones and after cleaning the meat off them, left the bones scattered about the community.

Not only did this become a huge mess, but after roasting in the sun, the smell was awful!

Please remember – trash goes out the evening before trash collection (Wednesday nights and Sunday nights).



Community Garden update ...

We have finally recruited gardeners for every plot in our community garden, and it looks like we have some serious gardeners this year! Even though the weather has continued to bounce back and forth from cold to hot to cold again, and we've had deluges of rain, most of our crops look remarkably good.

In case you haven't planted everything you want to yet, there's a helpful planting guide at:

[http://www.mgpw.org/attachments/article/133/Cook's%20Garden%20Planting%20Dates%20\(2013a\).xlsx.pdf](http://www.mgpw.org/attachments/article/133/Cook's%20Garden%20Planting%20Dates%20(2013a).xlsx.pdf).

It doesn't include everything we grow in the LVCA garden, such as herbs, which are endlessly fun to plant and eat. Who doesn't love basil, dill, thyme, oregano, sage, rosemary, parsley, lemon balm, and the fast growing perennial called lovage, also known as celery leaf. But herbs seem to grow no matter what, as do strawberries, another crop not included in this guide.

A very important aspect of gardening is knowing when to pick. It's pretty obvious with tomatoes and string beans, but harder with those crops that grow inside pods or grow underground. It's always a good idea to figure out ahead of time when various crops should be ready and then mark your garden calendar so you don't end up with radishes too spicy hot to eat or woody parsnips. Just try digging up one potato or pulling up one carrot, to see what you've got and determine from there if you want to harvest the entire crop.

Another good preparation idea is to look online for ways to can or freeze any overabundance of a certain crop. Just as some crops don't fare too well some years, other crops can grow and produce beyond your wildest expectations. Enjoy!

And if you're not gardening, 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.



Springtime garden

Verizon news ...

After years of complaints, the Association finally identified the correct County agency to contact (Department of Cable and Consumer Services) to bring pressure to bear on Verizon to fix or replace the telephone wire pedestals located throughout the community. The County assigned a Cable Inspector to visit Lafayette Village, and as a result, Verizon replaced the unsightly and broken metal boxes with more secure green plastic boxes. A big improvement!

On a related topic, after a resident on Hancock Forest attempted to order FIOS, the Association learned that the Association had never granted Verizon an easement to allow the company to extend FIOS access to Peyton Forest, Brunswick Forest, Hampton Village and Hancock Forest, even though Verizon had an easement for the rest of Lafayette Village. We are currently working with Verizon to grant access to these streets so FIOS can be offered to the rest of Lafayette Village.



Before



After

Cicada Killer Wasp Traps Now Available ...

With the return of summer, so comes the new generation of Cicada Killer wasps. They have started 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.

Four 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 2017.



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 to request up to 5 traps at a time. When 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 their burrows and activity has subsided.



Female cicada killer wasp

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/cicadkillers.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 albopictus*), 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 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 <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/your-field-guide-to-battle-mosquitoes/>.

Community Ads...



stambroseschool.org (703) 698-7171



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A Blue Ribbon School serving the Community
Preschool-8th Grade
Principal Angela Rowley, Lafayette Village resident

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 July 1. 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 <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/spotlight-by-starlight.htm> for more information about these free concerts in Mason District 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 or call 703-941-1065.

Text to 9-1-1 Now Available in Fairfax County: You can now send a text message to 9-1-1 in Fairfax County — and it's critical to understand how the system works. Voice calls are still the best and preferred method for most people to contact 9-1-1. Text 9-1-1 for those situations where you cannot safely place a call or where the voice network is unavailable. Remember this important phrase: **Call if you can. Text if you can't.**

For more details about this exciting new service, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/text-to-9-1-1-launches-in-fairfax-county/>.

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.
 - 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.

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

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. You can also request to be added to the community mailing list by sending your email address to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org. And you can join our community social network by registering at www.nextdoor.com.



John Alexander and John Grant grilling at the pool opening BBQ