

## Notes from the Board

Over the last few months, the Board of Director's has been involved in community issues you may be interested in. There are many details of the issues addressed in this Newsletter. Some are:

- ✓ Finalizing the transition to our new management company, Loudon Management Company (LMA). While we have had a few minor rough spots, overall the arrangement is working very well and the Board is pleased with the change.
- ✓ LMA has completed a state of the community report for action by the Board
- ✓ Installation of 3 additional streetlights and new trashcans within the community. Thanks to the ACC /Grounds Committee for all their hard work on this project (see their report for specifics).
- ✓ Cox Cable has been working in the community to "clean up" areas needing attention
- ✓ Budget for 2006 was approved with a 10% increase in assessments; additional funds will be earmarked for our reserve account which is under-funded to pay for major street resurfacing due in 2012.
- ✓ Traffic Calming and abuse of visitor parking is being addressed. Currently those cars in visitor space violation are being cited and with continued abuse are being towed
- ✓ New pool furniture for the 2006 season was delivered. Thanks to the Pool/Recreation Committee for their hard work in finalizing this project

Please take a few minutes to read this newsletter as it provides even more information about what is occurring in Lafayette Village. Your input is important - think about getting involved - volunteer on a committee, attend monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

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**Non-Emergency-703-691-2131**

## LVCA HOLDS COMMUNITY MEETING ON SAFETY

On January 11, 2005, fifteen concerned residents attended a meeting to discuss the recent criminal activities within our community and brainstorm on actions that may be taken to ensure better safety within our community. The meeting was hastily organized by a concerned resident and the LVCA Board, because of several automobile break-ins over the holidays in November and December.

The Board arranged for Officer Murphy, who serves within the Fairfax Police Department as a Community Representative, to speak to the residents regarding criminal incidents and how to improve the community's vulnerability to crime. Officer Murphy distributed a summary of the "calls for service" by the LVC for the 2005 calendar year. A total of 47 calls had been made (not all crime related).

Luckily, LVC has one of the lowest crime rates in the county. However, Officer Murphy stated that active Neighborhood Watch groups are the most effective deterrent. He defined Neighborhood Watch as an organized group of residents that conduct scheduled patrols throughout the community. One of his responsibilities to the Fairfax County community is to train Neighborhood Watch Groups. He also recommended the police conduct a vulnerability assessment of our community. (*The Board is looking for Neighborhood Watch Volunteers and will address the need for the vulnerability study at the next Board meeting in February.*)

After his presentation the group discussed ways to improve the safety of our community. The ideas ranged from enhancing lighting through out the community and trimming trees (*the ACC is currently addressing based upon availability of funding*); securing the swimming pool parking lot; creating an "email tree" to enhance better community communications; hiring a security company to patrol...to requesting residents to become more vigilant and report suspicious activities to the police. Several residents volunteered to trim trees (under ACC supervision) around lights at pool to make the area brighter--as one immediate step)

Lots of good ideas came out of this meeting... However, only 15 of the 315 households were represented and we are sure many more great ideas are out there! We encourage you to send your ideas through the LVCA website or email board members.

## VISITOR PARKING POLICY CHANGE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

Lafayette Villagers are fortunate in terms of parking – not only do townhouse residents have two reserved parking spots close to their homes (most townhouse communities in the area provide one reserved space with one “floater” space somewhere in the community), but we also provide visitor parking in the community. These visitor parking spaces are provided to the community as a whole to be used when you have visitors who will be staying for a short time. Unfortunately, some residents treat these visitor spaces as their own personal third and sometimes fourth parking spaces. This selfish use of a common resource denies everyone the chance for their visitors to park in the community.

The Board has developed two approaches to addressing this problem. First, we are enforcing the Visitors parking rules. If your car is caught repeatedly parking in a visitor parking space, your car will be ticketed with an internal LVCA ticket and you will be given two days to cease parking your car in the visitor space. If you continue to park in those spaces after the three days, Dominion Towing will tow your car.

Second, the Board is actively looking for a long-term solution, one that does not require ongoing enforcement or a complicated management plan. Currently, the Board is considering renting out existing visitor parking spaces for one-year periods. Everyone would have the opportunity to acquire extra parking for one year, in addition to their two assigned spaces, and at the end of the year the entire community would again have a chance to acquire extra parking. We will either set a fixed price for these spaces or develop an auction plan that will establish a fair “market” price for them. All proceeds from these spaces would be added to our Reserve Fund to help pay for future Lafayette Village improvements. The LVCA attorneys have reviewed this plan and have indicated that it is legally an option for us. If we are unable to lease all the visitor spaces, the Board would consider re-striping our parking lots to eliminate visitor parking altogether.

This issue will be on the agenda at the Board meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please attend and share any ideas you have about how we should manage visitor parking in Lafayette Village.

### LVCA EVENTS CALENDAR Monthly Meetings

**Boards Meetings- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday**  
**--7:00 p.m.– 6507 Columbia**  
**Pike- Mason District**  
**Government Building**

**Board Working Sessions – 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday –7:30 p.m. – 3674**  
**Yorktown Village Pass (contact a**  
**board member to confirm location)**

**ACC Meetings—3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**  
**evenings**

**Finance Committee – 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – 3686**  
**Yorktown Village Pass (call**  
**Linda Boone to confirm meeting)**

*Be sure to check the LVC website to confirm times and dates or contact any board member or committee chair-- all homeowners are welcome to join us!*

### **THE LVC NEEDS YOU!!! VOLUNTEER NOW**

The Lafayette Village Community needs volunteers with energy and ideas to actively participate in our community and on our LVCA committees that report to the Board. The committees are:

- ◆ Neighborhood Watch – Leader and Watch committee members. *{Did you know that we have had four auto break-ins over the past 3 months?}*
- ◆ Architecture Control Committee (ACC) - Committee Members
- ◆ Pool and Recreation – Committee Members
- ◆ Communication/Media- Committee Members
- ◆ Finance – Committee Members

The Board would also like to create a new group of volunteers –“Street Captains.” We need a person from each street who will become the “voice of the street to the Board” and who can ensure that residents on their street are aware of community issues, activities, and meetings dates and times! It’s a great way to meet your neighbors!!!!

If you would like to volunteer for just one event--the community yard sale, Easter parade and egg hunt are just a few of our annual events that need volunteers to help organize and participate. Please call Christine Magulas or Linda Witham.

All of these groups are vital to our community! Their purpose is to work toward making our community THE place that everyone wants to live! We want LVC to be a safe, beautiful, active, and financially sound community. A community that maintains top dollar property values needs active homeowner participation!

**BE A VOLUNTEER! PLEASE JOIN US TODAY BY CALLING ANY BOARD MEMBER!!!!**

# Conservation Through Management

Bob Flanagan, Fairfax County's Coordinator for Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia, Inc. has been invited to attend the next board meeting on February 13, 2006. Please plan to attend the Board meeting February 13, to discuss methods to manage the over populated herd of deer in our area.

Many residents of Lafayette Village are greatly concerned about the over population of the deer. The primary reasons of concern are:

1. Extreme damage to individual and community landscape.
2. Deer can be dangerous to gardeners and children. (*A similar article was recently published in the Washington Post.*)
3. Over population of the herd is unhealthy for the deer for a number of reasons such as enough natural forest foliage on which to graze.
4. Deer hits pose a serious threat to life and property. (*There have been at least two deer killed by vehicles near the tennis courts on Lafayette Village Drive.*)

Mr. Flanagan could assist the community, at no charge, to establish a policy to manage the over populated herd.

## TRASH TALK

Did you know that your homeowner's fees pay for front yard trash pickup? That means that you can place your trash cans or bags and recycle containers at the curb of your front yard and the trash company will pick it up. You don't have to lug your trash to a central location!

Our trash collection occurs every Monday and Thursday, except for News Years, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Our recycling collection occurs every Thursday. The ACC guidelines require us to place trash out no earlier (6:00 p.m.) than the evening before a trash collection day, and bring our trash and recyclable containers in on the evening of trash collection day. In addition, except when awaiting trash pick up, trash cans must be out of sight – either kept in your house, in your back yard or in your garage. You will be cited if you keep your trash cans in the front yard!

In fact, we have received a request from our mail carriers that we don't pile trash up by the mail boxes. If the trash pick up occurs late in the day, the mail carriers find it very difficult to access the mail boxes and deliver our mail if trash bags and cans surround them! So please help out the mail carriers, get what you're paying for, and save a bit of effort by placing your trash and recyclables in your front yard. *See insert regarding recyclables!*

## POOP SCOOP

**There is also a need for every resident to volunteer to keep our community clean. The Board has been exploring the option of paying a company to come in periodically to pick up the trash that accumulates in our common areas. A few years back, the board installed bags and trash receptacles to remind pet owners that they are responsible for their pets and the poop that they leave behind! Any of these additional services is another expense that could impact our Association fee increases. If we all pitch in by picking up trash as we take walks and pick up our own pet's poop, etc. we will not need to continually increase the services that in turn increase our fees.**

## COMMUNITY SAFETY TIPS

- **Be aware of your surroundings**
- **Look out your windows to see what is going on -- especially late at night**
- **Watch for out of the ordinary events**
- **Turn on your porch lights and patio lights at night**

**CALL POLICE IF ANYTHING APPEARS SUSPICIOUS**

**Emergency- 911  
Non-emergency 703-691-2131**

## THE 2006 CHINESE NEW YEAR GALA

"Myths and Legends"

(A New Tang Dynasty TV presentation)

**10% DISCOUNT FOR LVC RESIDENTS**

A 17-city worldwide Chinese New Year Gala comes to Washington, DC's National Theater on February 16 and 17 at 8:00 pm.

Ancient Chinese legends come to life on stage through colorful large scale dance operas accompanied by acrobatics, martial arts, dragon dancing, a thundering of giant drums, and China's most popular singer of all time, Guan Guamin, China's Pavarotti.

National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, DC Visit [www.ntdtv.com](http://www.ntdtv.com)

Regular Ticket price - \$28-\$68

### FOR DISCOUNT TICKETS:

Call 202-536-4358 or 240-597-0188 and provide the following code:  
LAF126

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

*We would like to thank all our committee members for their hard work and dedication!*

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

### TRASH RECEPTACLES

In an ongoing effort to enhance the appearance of Lafayette Village Community, new trash receptacles were installed. Hopefully, by now, you have noticed the beautiful new trash receptacles located at the basketball court, tot lot and on Lafayette Village Drive. It is very disappointing to see trash along Lafayette Village Drive when there are trash receptacles a short distance away. Let's pitch in and keep our community free of debris and dog poop.

### LIGHTS

Three new safety/ambiance lights were installed on Hampton Village Pass, Ashley Glen Road and Mt. Airy Lane. The request for safety/ambiance lights has been ongoing for many years and we are proud to have accomplished this effort. The location of the lights was recommended as the most critical lights for safety by Fairfax County Police. We are hopeful that in the future, more lights will be installed throughout the community.

### ACC APPROVED COLORS

The ACC approved colors are now available on our new website. And in some cases, you can also view the old developer colors. Just log onto Lafayettevillage.org, select your street and then your address and "shazam" there it is.

With the approach of spring, you are probably thinking of sprucing up your home. However, as a reminder, if you are changing your colors from the developer color, please use the website as a reference. Also, please remember to submit the "ACC Request for Exterior Improvement Form" to LMA, our Management Company, if you are making any improvements or changes to the exterior of your home.

### GROUNDS

Cox Cable has been working in the community to clean up areas where exposed connection boxes and cables due to erosion.

### LVCA TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

COMMON AREA TREE MAINTENANCE INFORMATION IS COMING SOON!

### FOLLOW UP INSPECTIONS

Follow-up inspections will be taking place during January and February. If you have not fixed violations and not contacted LMA, you will be cited for the continual violation.

**REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS: OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED BY JANUARY 31, 2006**

## CONTRACTORS

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

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

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

In our last Newsletter the ACC requested that homeowners share their favorite, reliable, efficient and, of course, honest contractors with the rest of the community. The following contractors were submitted:

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### Electricians:

Jerry Nugent  
703 569 0345

*"Mr. Nugent has done various electrical projects for me from 1983 to the present. He is skilled, reliable, honest and not over-priced. Plus he's really nice."  
Ann Sansbury*

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### Painters:

Classic Home Solutions, Inc.  
Chris Kellerher  
703 938-4246

*"Chris and his crew are, by far, the best painters I've ever had work in my town home. I've been using Chris for approximately six years. He has painted the interior and exterior of my town home. I am especially impressed with his professionalism. He is clean, polite and trustworthy."  
Hattie M. Walden*

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### Siding:

Artin Services Inc  
7304-C Roudinot Drive  
Springfield, VA 22150  
Contact: Donna Sabet  
703 451-5151

Siding America and Window Doors and Decks  
Various locations in MD, VA, DC  
410-451-8960 ext. 103  
Contact: Maurice Staples

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### Roofing and Siding:

Kirby Kerns Contractor Inc.  
9203 L Enterprise Court  
Manassas, VA 20111  
703-330-1555

Email: kirbykerns@aol.com  
Website: kirbykerns.com

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**If you have a contractor to recommend or warn against, please contact the ACC or Webmaster.**

*The identified contractors will be posted on the LVCA website. Hopefully the contractor list will grow and become a useful reference tool for our community.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### BUDGET

A 10% increase in assessments was approved for 2006 to fortify our current under funded reserve account. One of the major projects is to finance for major street resurfacing due in 2012.

#### AUDIT

An audit of the LVCA account was done as a result of the change in Management Companies. No discrepancies were found within the account.

#### ASSESSMENTS

The new Collection Resolution became effective January 1, 2006. The quarterly assessments are due to the LMA no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month they are due (January, April, July, and October).

### WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Changes are occurring within the website and newsletter. The Committee would like feedback and suggestions from the community. The committee is also looking for volunteers to participate on the committee.

### RECREATION

#### LVCA Community Yard Sale

We need volunteers to help organize the community yard sale, to be held sometime this spring at the pool parking lot, date to be determined. Contact Carl Iddings at 703-206-0170 or at [carl\\_iddings@hotmail.com](mailto:carl_iddings@hotmail.com).

If you want to participate in the yard sale, leave your name and contact information with Carl. He will get back to you when the specifics are work out.

## **LET IT SNOW..LET IT SNOW**

*Notes from Mason District*

### **A few things to know when there is snow –**

- (1) If you shovel your driveway before a plow comes through, remember to shovel to the right, facing the street - this will help reduce the amount of snow getting pushed back into your driveway when the plow arrives,
- (2) When driving behind a snowplow, keep at least two car lengths behind to protect your vehicle from the abrasives and chemicals being spread,
- (3) Remember that YOU are responsible for clearing snow from your sidewalk,
- (4) VDOT does not begin plowing residential streets {Lafayette Village, Trammell, Merrimac Trail) unless there is over two inches of snow (plowing is done as needed), if less than two inches, VDOT sands and salts streets where necessary.
- (5) Subdivisions often have more than one plow assigned to the area. If a plow clears the street next to yours, but does not come down your street, it probably means that another plow has been assigned to your part of the neighborhood and will be coming soon,
- (6) There is no "list of roads to be plowed"; VDOT is responsible for clearing all state roads.

For information on road and traffic conditions, call VDOT at 703-383-VDOT (8368). More transportation information is also available on the web at [www.virginiaDOT.org](http://www.virginiaDOT.org) You can also access recorded information on winter preparedness, County office closures, service changes and other important instructions during inclement weather, as well as local emergency information by calling the Fairfax County Emergency Information Line at 703-817-7771.

*Note: to read more about the Mason District activities go to website [www/mason@fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www/mason@fairfaxcounty.gov)*



# New Residential Curbside Recycling In Fairfax County

The same materials will now be collected at the curb by all solid waste companies in Fairfax County.

Recyclables should be empty and clean; no food or soiled materials.  
Yard Waste should be in paper bags, clear bags, or a reusable container.

## Recycling YES

### IN THE BIN



Plastic bottles & jugs **ONLY**:  
Check for the neck!



Metal food containers  
(Rinse clean. Labels and lids are OK.)



Glass bottles and jars



Pill bottles



Soda bottles & cans

### IN BIN, BAG OR CONTAINER



Junk mail, magazines,  
mixed paper and catalogs



Flattened cardboard



Newspapers



Phone books



Cereal and cracker boxes

### YES AT THE CURB



Grass, leaves,  
brush, mulch



## Recycling NO



Yogurt, dairy tubs



Plastic bags



Styrofoam packaging



Plastic food boxes or trays



Aluminum foil & trays



Foam take-out containers



Pizza boxes



Hard back books



Paper plates & napkins



Lids, caps, tops



Ceramics



Lightbulbs



Prescription vials

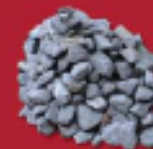


Pots & pans



Alkaline batteries

### NO AT THE CURB



Stumps, rocks,  
bricks

Call your hauling company for more information. For County information: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling>