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Notes from the Board

Mason District’s Supervisor, Penny Gross, attended our Board meeting in June. We appreciated her candor and participation. She was very informative and discussed a number of topics of interest including:

- ✓ defense for pandemic flu outbreak (suggested that families have a 2 week food and water storage plan.)
- ✓ the beltway expansion project
- ✓ gang activities in Fairfax County
- ✓ traffic calming in Lafayette Village
- ✓ a decrease in property taxes (11 cents per \$100) and elimination of person property tag fee.
- ✓ the day labor issues within Annandale

The Board recently met with our county Park Authority neighbors at Hidden Oaks Park to discuss the reports of vagrants living in the park and other topics of mutual interest. They stated that it did not appear that the park was currently inhabited by vagrants, but that they are very aware of such issues in the past and are keeping an eye out for any current activities. Other discussions included the overgrowth of vines that are encroaching on LVC property. The Park Authority needs volunteers to help clear the vines from the area. **It all comes down to Volunteerism**, of which LVC has not had much luck in recruiting to address our community needs. Additionally, they requested that residents not use park property as a dumping ground as they have found that we have been tossing grass cuttings, brush and other items on to the park property edge.

Board members also participated in a walk through with our Fairfax County Police representative to assess the vulnerability of our neighborhood to crime. We are happy to report that Officer Murphy found our neighborhood in good shape. He did suggest areas where more lighting and tree trimming would decrease some vulnerability. However, he stressed the need for an active Neighborhood Watch. We are continuing to seek volunteers! Please call any Board member if you are interested in participating! Also, we ask that you keep your porch lights on!

KEEP LVCA CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

By Linda Boone

Living at the corner of the community, lots of cars and people pass by my house every day. During recent years, I have noticed an increasing amount of litter or trash being thrown from vehicles or left along the curb near my home. I have noticed this trend in other locations throughout the community as well.

In an effort to provide places for residents and guests to put trash or pet droppings while walking down Lafayette Village Drive, the Board recently replaced the trash cans with lovely new ones that add visually to the community. However purchasing the new trash cans has done little to reduce litter on my corner.

Many of us while walking through LVCA notice when there is litter or plastic bags or paper stuck in bushes or blowing against steps. The Board has gone so far as to find a commercial company that is willing to clean up the neighborhood periodically and remove litter for a fee.

I am appalled at the idea of having to pay a company to help us clean up after ourselves. Given the tight budget we have in the association, I would prefer to spend the money on trimming trees or repairing erosion damage or adding new plantings, not to clean up litter.

I am asking every resident to be mindful about our property, especially the common areas around our homes. Please help keep LVCA clean and beautiful by picking up loose paper, twigs and other trash that may come into our neighborhood. Alas, if we don’t do the cleanup ourselves, we will pay to have it done by a company. We all want our community to maintain its attractiveness and high market values. We can do this if we all take responsibility for our small part of the community.

VISITOR PARKING REVISITED

AT THE JUNE 12TH BOARD MEETING, THE BOARD HEARD A PROPOSAL FROM RESIDENTS ON BYRD'S NEST PASS REGARDING THE VISITOR PARKING. THE BYRD'S NEST PASS RESIDENTS CONCLUDED THAT:

- THERE IS CURRENTLY NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM WITH ABUSE OF VISITOR SPACES ON BYRD'S NEST PASS
- THERE ARE SUFFICIENT VISITOR PARKING SPACES TO HANDLE VISITOR PARKING EVEN IF A FEW SPACES ARE OCCASIONALLY USED BY RESIDENTS
- RESIDENTS ARE AWARE OF THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND ARE NOT MALICIOUS IN THE OVER-USE OF VISITOR SPACES.

THE RESIDENTS OF BYRD'S NEST PASS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION IS TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF VISITOR PARKING SPACES ON BYRD'S NEST PASS. AS A RESULT, THE BOARD HAS AGREED TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION AS PROPOSED FOR ALL VISITORS PARKING THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE 21 PARKING SPACES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE VISITING OUR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE A COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND MAY BE USED BY ANY AND ALL VISITORS TO LVCA REGARDLESS OF WHICH STREET THE RESIDENT LIVES ON. THE AVAILABLE SPACES ARE LOCATED ON:

BYRD'S NEST PASS – 14 SPACES
BETWEEN BUTTERFIELD LANE AND MT. AIREY LANE - 5 SPACES
BUTTERFIELD LANE – 1 SPACE
YORKTOWN VILLAGE PASS – 1 SPACE

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR GUESTS MUST FOLLOW ALL RULES FOR VISITOR PARKING. THE REGULATIONS INCLUDE:

- ✓ RESIDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE VISITOR SPACES – THEY ARE FOR THE SOLE USE OF GUESTS
- ✓ A GUEST IS DEFINED AS SOMEONE WHO VISITS A RESIDENT FOR A RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME
- ✓ AN INDIVIDUAL WILL NOT BE DEEMED A GUEST IF THE INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINS A REGULAR OR CONTINUOUS PRESENCE IN A HOMEOWNER'S UNIT FOR A PERIOD IN EXCESS OF 48 HOURS
- ✓ COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON LVCA PROPERTY UNLESS PERFORMING WORK OR PROVIDING SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.

ANY VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF THESE RULES IS SUBJECT TO TOWING WITHOUT PREVIOUS WARNING.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

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

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

ACC Meetings—3rd Monday evenings

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

Community Events

Annandale Farmers' Markets -- Wakefield Park on



Signs, Signs, Everywhere its Signs!

Have you noticed the new signs near each of the Lafayette Village entrances and at the corner of Merrimac Trail? At first you may have thought they were just another real estate announcement. On a closer look the signs state "Quarterly Assessments Due" or "Board Meeting Monday 7:00 p.m."

These new signs are another attempt by the Board of Directors to keep residents informed. Along with this newsletter, the website, committees, and community meetings, the Board is very interested in residents being informed about happenings in Lafayette Village.

The Assessment signs will be displayed for a few weeks before the assessments are due which is on the 1st day of the quarter (in the months of January, April, June, and October.) The Board meeting signs will go up the

Wednesdays (2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) and Mason District Park on Thursdays (8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

COMMUNITY POOL OPEN THROUGH LABOR DAY

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!

week before the meeting. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Mason Government Center on Columbia Pike.

Thanks to the volunteers who are helping keep everyone informed by storing and displaying these new black and white signs.



RECYCLING IS MANDATORY IN FAIRFAX COUNTY – WE PAY FOR IT, WHY NOT?

Did you know that recycling is mandatory for residents in Fairfax County? Residents are asked to separate several regular waste and set them out for collection as recyclables. Materials such as cardboard (clean, flattened and no larger than 48 inches), plastics jugs and bottles, 3 colors of glass, mixed paper (junk mail, advertising slicks, magazines, white paper), newspapers, beverage cans, and aluminum cans should be recycled. Residential waste collection companies are required to provide this service to their customers.

Recycling is good for the environment since it allows materials to be reused rather than having to procure virgin materials like paper. Most recyclable materials return enough revenue to pay for their separate collection.

If helping the environment is not a primary concern, please consider that because recycling is mandatory, LVCA pays for recycling. Residents use it or not. When cardboard, plastic bottles and mixed paper were recently added to the list of recyclables, increased each home's collection charges by about \$9 per year to pay for collecting the new materials. Perhaps by recycling more, future disposal costs down for regular trash since the waste collection company pays its disposal costs by tons of material.

In every sense, it is good practice to recycle! We're already paying for it; we should take advantage of the service.

Remember that our recycling day is Thursday and materials need to be set out separately in or near the recycling bin or container so the collection company knows that the material is to be recycled.

If you have questions about how to prepare materials for recycling or what can be recycled, go to Fairfax County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/recycle-right.pdf for additional information or call 703-324-5052.

Unsure what items you can place out at curbside for recycling? All solid waste companies in Fairfax County now collect the following recyclable materials!

- **YES:** (In the bin) - Plastic bottles & jugs ONLY: Check for the neck, metal food containers, pill bottles, glass bottles and jars, soda bottles & cans.
- **YES:** (In bin, bag or container) - Junk mail, magazines, mixed paper and catalogs, flattened cardboard, newspapers, phone books, cereal and cracker boxes.
- **NO:** Yogurt/dairy tubs, plastic bags, Styrofoam packaging, plastic food boxes or trays, aluminum foil & trays, take-out containers, pizza boxes, hard back books, paper plates & napkins, lids, caps, tops, ceramics, light bulbs, prescription vials, pots & pans, alkaline batteries.
- **NO:** (At the curb) - Propane tanks, rocks, bricks, logs over six inches in diameter.

NOTE: Recyclables should be empty and clean; no food or soiled materials. Call your hauling company for more information. For County information, call 703-324-5052. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling. (From the June-July 2006 News for Civic & Homeowners Associations from Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross)

RATS

IT'S NOT JUST THE DEER, BUNNIES, SQUIRRELS, CHIPMUNKS AND RED FOXES THAT ARE OUR FURRY NEIGHBORS!!! WE HAVE RATS AND MICE!!!!!! OUR FURRY FRIENDS APPRECIATE THE FOOD AND SHELTER WE PROVIDE TO THEM... THEY LOVE OUR BIRD FEED AND GARBAGE BAGS AS WELL AS THE GROUND LEVEL WOOD DECKS AND BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPING THAT PROVIDE SHELTER... COMMUNAL LIVING AT IT'S BEST... WE DO NOT LIVE IN THE COUNTRY! WE LIVE IN A METROPOLITAN AREA WITH ALL THE BENEFITS BUT THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS AS WELL!

PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS AN UNFRIENDLY PLACE FOR THESE LITTLE CRITTERS TO LIVE!

A PEST CONTROL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WAS OUT RECENTLY ON A REGULAR QUARTERLY CHECK FOR A RESIDENT AND WAS ASKED TO CHECK FOR RATS. HE INDICATED THAT RATS LOVE BIRDSEED, WHICH IS USED IN THE POISON BLOCKS TO ATTRACT THE RATS. HE SAID WE SHOULD REMOVE ALL BIRD FEEDERS AND BIRDSEED TO DETER RAT INFESTATION.

ALSO, THE RATS AND OTHER RODENTS ARE TEARING INTO GARBAGE BAGS, AS THEY CAN SMELL FOOD. THE CODE OF FAIRFAX REQUIRES THAT TRASH BE STORED IN A RODENT PROOF CONTAINER, WHICH HAS A LID AND NO HOLES. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT RATS CAN SMELL FOOD AND GNAW THROUGH PLASTIC BAGS TO GET TO THE FOOD. PET FOOD OF ANY KIND CAN ALSO ATTRACT RATS. USING REGULAR TRASH CONTAINERS WITH LIDS IS THE ONLY REAL DETERRENT. PUTTING OUT BAITS CAN HELP BUT ONLY IF THE CONTINUING SOURCE OF FOOD IS REMOVED.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THE RODENT PROBLEM. REMOVE BIRDFEEDERS AND BIRDSEED AND PLACE TRASH IN CONTAINERS. BY DOING SO, WE MAY BE ABLE TO ELIMINATE THE RODENT PROBLEM THAT IS BECOMING RATHER PREVALENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AS A REMINDER, PLEASE PUT OUT YOUR TRASH AFTER DARK THE EVENING BEFORE COLLECTION OR EARLY IN THE MORNING ON THE DAY OF COLLECTION.

Help stop deer from browsing in Lafayette Village

Positive steps you can take to deter the deer from eating plants in your yard or on the common area of LVCA are:

- do not stock bird or squirrel feeders with dried corn – this is natural bait for deer
- maintain the woods in its natural state – do not cut down small trees and underbrush which is the natural forage of the whitetail deer
- use plant materials NOT favored by deer – see list below
- spray deterrents directly on plants or hang pouches of deterrent on the branches of those plants nibbled by deer and rabbits

Landscaping with plants not favored by deer is the single most effective manner in which to control plant damage. Those plants favored by deer will attract attention by the best-fed deer simply because they are treats that are difficult to ignore. Those favored plants include: tulips, hostas, azaleas and daylilies. Deer, on the other hand, do not disturb daffodils. Plants with a fuzzy texture such as lamb's ears or those with rough/tough leaves usually repel the deer along with herbs emitting strong aromas and flavors such as anise hyssop, catmint, angelica, lavender, fennel, dill or chives.

Most native specie plants including butterfly weed, cardinal flower, rose mallow and coneflowers are not attractive to deer.

And remember, just because a plant has been nibbled, it should not be assumed that it was caused by deer – other animals may be at work.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join Americans all around the nation in celebrating the 23rd Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. The purpose of this crime and drug prevention event is to unify neighborhoods, build partnerships between the police and community, and promote crime prevention throughout America. As your Mason District Supervisor, I encourage you to participate in your neighborhood's/civic or homeowners association's National Night Out on August 1st. For further information, contact:

- * Mason District Police Station--MPO Chip Conner at 703-256-8035.
- * Franconia District Police Station— Crime Prevention Officers MPO Jim Nida and PFC Allie Eggers at 703-922-0889 or via e-mail at fracpo@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- * West Springfield Police Station -- Crime prevention officer CPO Doug Coulter at 703-644-7377.

One way to deter crime and increase pedestrian safety year around is by immediately reporting malfunctioning lights to Dominion Virginia Power. Since utility companies do not drive through neighborhoods to ensure that all street lights are working properly, it depends on citizens interested in the welfare of their community to report these malfunctioning lights. Please report any inoperable street lights to Dominion Virginia Power toll-free number at 1-888-667-3000 (select options 1, 1, and 4 respectively). Please provide either the pole number or exact location (i.e., light pole is across from house number, or the 3rd and 5th lights going West on Columbia Pike south of the intersection with Sleepy Hollow Road) to make it easier for the repair crew to find the street light during daylight. If the street light is not repaired within 10 calendar days of your call, contact Supervisor Penny Gross' office at 703-256-7717 or email mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

(From the June-July 2006 News for Civic & Homeowners Associations from Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross)

LAFAYETTE VILLAGERS LETS PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 1, 2006

Turn on your outside lights, come to the pool and meet your board members and neighbors and walk the LV streets as a community! We can work together to deter crime in our area.

See you at the pool on August 1st at 7:00 p.m.!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUR COMMUNITY STILL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS WITH ENERGY AND IDEAS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ON OUR LVCA COMMITTEES THAT REPORT TO THE BOARD. THE COMMITTEES ARE:

- ◆ **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH –WATCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS.**
- ◆ **ARCHITECTURE CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC) - LEADER AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- ◆ **POOL AND RECREATION – COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- ◆ **COMMUNICATION/MEDIA- COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- ◆ **FINANCE – COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- ◆ **WEBSITE – LEADER**

Committee Reports continued

RECREATION COMMITTEE



LVCA will be holding its **annual bbq** on Sunday, August 27th, 2006. We are in need of grills to bbq hamburgers and hot dogs (gas or charcoal, we're not picky). Also, if you would like to volunteer your cooking abilities, with or without your grill that would also be greatly appreciated!! Please contact Christine Magulas at cmagulas@cox.net (with "bbq" in the re line) today!



The Spring Yard Sale was a huge success, thanks to all who participated! We are thinking about having a **Fall Yard Sale** as well, depending on neighborhood interest. Please contact Christine Magulas at cmagulas@cox.net (with "yard sale" in the re line) if you would be interested in participating!



Mark your calendars for the **Halloween Parade on October 29th**, 2006. Keep an eye out for details to follow! If you would like to help out with this event, please contact Christine Magulas at cmagulas@cox.net (with "Halloween Parade" in the re line).



Pool Reminders

Please help keep the pool safe and clean for everyone by continuing to follow these rules.

- **Pool Passes:** Everyone must show their pool pass with a 2006 sticker to the lifeguards each time they enter the pool
- **Food:** Absolutely no food is permitted within the fenced pool enclosure or pool house.
- **Smoking:** Absolutely no smoking is permitted within the fenced pool enclosure or pool house.
- **Diving:** The diving "L" of the pool is to be used for diving off the diving board only. No "Sharks & Minnows" or other games can be played in the diving L. The deep end is too narrow to allow these types of activities safely. If you have questions about any of these items, please feel free to contact Linda Witham at 703-698-7455.



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Many members of our community love our trees. We love the nice "wooded" feel to our streets and common areas. We have heard from many of you who are appreciative of the tree trimming and removal plan set in motion earlier this year. In May, the ACC Tree Management Plan was approved by the Board of Directors, and the ACC promptly implemented the plan without delay.

The ACC has been deluged recently by many requests for tree trimming or removal. Thank you for your attention, however, we are sorry to report that the Association budget for the ACC Tree Management Plan has been

Architectural Control Committee continued...

exhausted for 2006. As was done last year, the ACC plans to request a substantially larger budget authority for 2007 than was approved for our current year. If you lend your voice, the Association may have a better budget to work with next year for tree removal, replacement, and trimming.

In the meantime, the ACC requests that you as homeowners consider helping the community. If you identify the need to trim, remove, or replace trees or shrubs in common areas near your home, your generous contribution would be appreciated. Should you be willing to assume the expense, the ACC is willing to consider your request to trim, remove, or replace trees and shrubs in common areas. The form which you should use to request authority for Exterior Improvements is appended to the end of this newsletter.

If a homeowner chooses to contribute to our community in such a welcome way, the ACC respectfully requests that the homeowner first consider the impact of their request on their neighbors. We ask that you please secure the consensus of your neighbors on the same street and behind your homes when deciding to take the initiative of assisting the Association in trimming, removing, or replacing trees and shrubs in common areas.

Homeowners are reminded that dead or diseased trees and shrubs on their private lots should be removed and replaced as soon as possible. Trees or shrubs on private lots that threaten any damage to homeowner property, or that hang more than 7 feet over any sidewalk or fence, must be trimmed or removed so that they are no longer in violation.

Lastly, the ACC applauds the Board of Directors on implementing the erosion plan that the ACC has recommended for some time now. As a result, serious erosion problems in our community have now been curtailed. The contractor who has done the work has gone the extra mile in guaranteeing the quality of their work. Our area suffered extremely heavy rainstorms immediately after the erosion work was completed. Not only did the erosion work hold up very well, but the contractor came back under his own dime to fix and shore up what was washed away by inordinately heavy thunderstorms.

The ACC appreciates the support it has received from the Board of Directors. More importantly, the ACC welcomes your feedback as a resident, and invites you to join the ACC and make a difference. If you are interested in joining the ACC and standing out in your community, please contact Joaquín Tremols at (702) 201-5637 or by email to joaquin.tremols@wdc.usda.gov. Thank you!

FINANCE COMMITTEE



As of June 30, 2006 LCVA had the following account balances:

Operating	\$ 47,322.25
Reserves	\$ 54,290.84
Investments	\$152,028.35

Income to the association is slightly below what was projected in the budget due to about 8-10 homeowners not paying their quarterly assessments. The actual expenditures in the budget are tracking well with the budget plan, except for increased expenses for the trash and recycling contract and necessary pool house repairs.

The Finance Committee met on June 22nd to begin preparation of the 2007 budget. Letters requesting budgets have been sent to the Committee chairs. A draft budget will be distributed at the September 11 Board of Directors' meeting.

If homeowners have a certain project for one of the committees to pursue next year, please contact the appropriate committee chair so that your ideas can be included in the budget requests. Homeowners will be able to ask questions and discuss the draft 2007 budget at both the September 11 and October 9 (LVCA Annual Meeting) Board of Director meetings. The Board will approve the budget and determine the annual assessments after that discussion.

HELP FIGHT THE BITE!

Armed with good information and the proper tools, we can take a big bite out of mosquitoes in Fairfax County. The best way to avoiding mosquito bites is to eliminate standing water near your home in which mosquitoes breed. You can do this by cleaning your gutters, disposing of old tires, fixing leaky outdoor faucets, cleaning birdbaths regularly, and storing or disposing of buckets, cans, or other containers that can collect water. Treat standing water that cannot be eliminated with a larvicide that can be purchased at your local garden or hardware store. Finally, repair or replace screens on both windows and doors. By taking action early, we can remove many of the breeding grounds that mosquitoes find attractive and keep the number of mosquitoes low this summer. Additional information can be found at the county's Health Department web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wnvprevent.htm>

(From the June-July 2006 News for Civic & Homeowners Associations from Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross)

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