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Notes from the Board

The Semi-annual LVCA meeting scheduled for May 8th was canceled. This was due to the lock down of all Fairfax Police Departments as a result of the tragic shooting of two police officers at the Sully station.

Supervisor Penny Gross, Mason District has graciously rescheduled to attend our meeting in June. The meeting will be held on June 12th at the Mason District Government Building starting at 7:00 P.M. All homeowners are encouraged to come to this meeting.

BOARD POSTPONES CONVERSION OF VISITOR PARKING SPACES

AT THE APRIL BOARD MEETING, RESIDENTS FROM BYRDS NEST PASS ATTENDED THE MEETING TO OBJECT TO THE BOARD'S DECISION TO COVERT "VISITOR" PARKING TO RESERVED SPACES. THE BOARD WAS RECEPTIVE TO THEIR CONCERNS AND AGREED TO POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION TO ENABLE THE RESIDENTS TO PROPOSE A DIFFERENT PLAN. THE BYRDS NEST PASS RESIDENTS WILL PRESENT THEIR PLAN AT THE JUNE BOARD MEETING.

Lafayette Village Community Qualifies for Traffic Calming Program

Last summer the Board of Directors, responding to residents' concerns about speeding traffic through our community, requested that Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) evaluate Lafayette Village Drive for inclusion in the County's Traffic Calming program. We recently received the good news that Lafayette Village Drive qualifies for the program!

What is the program?

Fairfax County's Traffic Calming program first studies residential streets for inclusion in the program. If the street meets certain requirements, the community is asked to circulate a petition in the community to show that at least 75% of the residents in the community support development of a Traffic Calming plan for the street. If the petition succeeds, a community-based traffic task force will be created to work with representatives from FCDOT and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross's office, to develop a traffic-calming plan for Lafayette Village Drive. This plan could include such things as cross-walks, speed humps, medians, speed tables and other traffic calming techniques. Once the plan is developed, the County Board of Supervisors holds a public hearing before deciding whether to approve or reject the plan.

3RD QUARTER ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE ON JULY 1, 2006

What's happened so far?

Fairfax County DOT performed a traffic engineering study on Lafayette Village Drive that showed our street was eligible for inclusion in the Traffic Calming program. Specifically, the study showed:

- Total traffic volume exceeded 2600 vehicles per day, with 3/4s of that volume going towards Trammell Road.
- Average traffic speed going towards Trammel was 25 MPH; going towards the service road, average speed was 33 MPH.
- The 85th percentile speed – the speed which 15% of the vehicles were **exceeding** – was **38 MPH** in the southbound direction towards the service road. **This means almost 300 vehicles per day exceed the posted speed limit by more than 50%.**

Lafayette Village Drive met the County's criteria for traffic calming program on volume and excessive speed.

Next Steps:

Our next step is to circulate a petition in the neighborhood to obtain signatures of at least 75% of the residents agreeing to the creation of a community-based traffic calming task force. The Board of Directors will help circulate the petition, but **we need your help**. We need to submit a list of residents, including their signatures, who will be working with us to circulate the petition. If you want to work on this project, please contact Carl Iddings at carl_iddings@hotmail.com or Mary McFadden (mmcfadden1@cox.net, 703-560-1555) to have your name added to the list and to arrange to sign the form.

The Vision:

Gaining control of the traffic and parking on Lafayette Village Drive will be one of the most effective acts we can take as a community to enhance the livability of Lafayette Village. Your volunteering to help with the petition drive can make this a reality!

BOARD APPROVES DEER MANAGEMENT PLAN

On April 10, 2006, the Board of Directors approved a resolution to authorize Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia (SWMNVA) to hunt deer on Lafayette Village Community common area. The requirements for deer hunting stipulated by the Board include:

- that all affected residents of Merrimac Trail bordering the woods have had an opportunity to approve or disapprove hunting on their own property;
- that the SWMNVA agree to notify Lafayette Village residents via the LVCA web-site when hunting will occur;
- that no hunting will occur on weekends; and
- that all deer killed will be removed from the community before being cleaned.

At the present time, we are still waiting on the deer damage inspection from the Virginia State Game Warden before the hunting will begin.

The Virginia State Game Warden recommended a non-profit group, Suburban Whitetail Management, to cull the deer herd for LVCA. As a result, a representative of Suburban White Tail Management was present at two meetings to address safety concerns, answer resident questions regarding the hunting of the deer and describe the process in detail to the homeowners. Homeowners are directed to their website at www.swmnv.com where there is much useful information and FAQ's.

The Board of Directors approved the deer hunting on common property as a result of a number of homeowners, including residents from Merrimac Trail, who attended the LVCA Board meetings to complain about the deer overpopulation in our community. Few residents have expressed opposition to our approach about the growing deer problem. Many homeowners expressed the following concerns:

- Extreme damage to individual and community landscapes by foraging deer. The cost of ornamental plant damage has been estimated by Fairfax County at over a million dollars a year.
- Concern for Lyme disease from the deer ticks which deer carry. Lyme disease is a documented health issue in deer populated areas in Virginia. While Lyme disease is often easily treatable if caught in time, it can cause serious complications if early symptoms are overlooked.
- There have been at least two deer killed by vehicles near the basketball court on Lafayette Village Drive in the past year or so. Deer hits pose a serious threat to both life and property. In a recent year, almost 5,000 deer-vehicle collisions occurred in Fairfax County resulting in serious injury to motorists, the deaths of over a thousand deer, and property damage averaging \$1,982 per vehicle. Two motorists have been killed as a result of collisions with deer and many others have been hurt and hospitalized.
- Overpopulation of deer is unhealthy for the deer for a number of reasons, such as enough natural forest foliage on which to graze and feed. By over-browsing in the Fairfax County forests and stream valleys, deer are destroying their natural habitat as well as the habitat of birds, amphibians, and microorganisms that are necessary to sustain our natural environment. By destroying native vegetation, deer allow introduced (invasive) species of plants to dominate already devastated habitats in the parks.

The objective is not to eliminate all the deer. The objective is only to reduce the overpopulation of deer and bring the deer population to a healthy level so they stay in wooded areas and are not forced to forage in people's yards, and also decrease the likelihood of them wandering onto roadways.

In addressing the numerous concerns by residents, the Board also invited Fairfax County officials to a Board meeting. The County expressed strong support to culling the deer herd. The Fairfax County website on deer management is:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/comm/deer/deermgt.htm>

There is no charge for the deer management service. The days that the service visits our community will be announced in advance - no weekends - and only a few days each month. As you might see from the service's website:

- the service is staffed by volunteers who are concerned about the conservation of wildlife in Virginia.
- hunting is only with bow and arrow, much safer than guns, and only by highly trained and qualified archers.
- they hunt only from elevated deer stands, from which they shoot downward, virtually eliminating the risk of hitting anything other than the deer.
- the service will remove all trace of the culled deer - no entrails, bones, or carcass will be left behind.
- there will be plenty of deer left to maintain a much healthier ecological balance.
- the deer meat will mostly go to feed the hungry and homeless, a very worthy charity.

With all of this in mind, the Board strongly believes that:

- you will still be able to watch the wildlife, including deer, in our wooded areas.
- your children will still be able to walk to the Nature Center.
- none of us have to worry about getting hit by a stray arrow.
- your peace and privacy will not be invaded or disturbed.

Watch Out for Deer

Knowing that with the birth of fawns, deer become more mobile in springtime, the Fairfax County Police Department is warning motorists to be vigilant for deer while driving. During 2004, the most recent year for which statistics are available, there were 136 reported crashes involving deer in Fairfax County. However, police believe the actual number is significantly higher.

To avoid or survive a collision with deer, drivers are encouraged to follow normal safety procedures -- wear a seatbelt, be alert and drive cautiously, particularly during dusk and dawn. Specifically, police urge drivers to flash their headlights and honk their horns when they spot deer in the roadway. Also, they encourage motorists to drive with their headlights on during overcast days and to use high beams whenever possible at night.

If it appears a collision with deer is imminent, drivers should brake to slow down without swerving. If an impact occurs, drivers should take their foot off the brake so the front end of the vehicle will lift and the deer will go under the car, rather than crashing through the windshield or windows. To report a collision, call the police's non-emergency line at 703-691-2131.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

Boards 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)

Upcoming Events

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

May 27, 2006 COMMUNITY POOL OPENS!

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!

Mark your calendar

SUPERVISOR PENNY GROSS WILL ATTEND June 12th SEMI-ANNUAL LVCA BOARD MEETING

The May Semi-annual LVCA Board Meeting was cancelled due to the tragic event that resulted in the fatal shootings of two Fairfax City Police Officers.

New Fairfax County Government
Information Line -- **THE COUNTY**

INFORMATION LINE HAS CHANGED FROM 703-324-3185 TO 703-FAIRFAX TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENTS TO FIND THE INFORMATION THEY NEED. THE COUNTY INFORMATION LINE, STAFFED BY THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, PROVIDES GENERAL COUNTY INFORMATION FROM 8 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. COUNTY INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE DURING NON-BUSINESS HOURS ON THE 24-HOUR AUTOMATED INFORMATION LINE, 703-324-INFO AND ON THE COUNTY'S WEB- SITE AT WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV.

RECYCLE OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT:

HELP KEEP DANGEROUS MATERIALS OUT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT BY RECYCLING OLD COMPUTER EQUIPMENT. A LIST OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ACCEPT USED COMPUTERS FOR REUSE AND RECYCLING CAN BE FOUND AT:
WWW.FAIRFAXCOUNTY.GOV/DPWES/RECYCLING/MAT-COMP.HTM

ONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, SERVICE SOURCE, IS HEADQUARTERED AT 6295 EDSALL RD ALEXANDRIA, VA 22312-2670 IN MASON DISTRICT. AS PART OF THE KEEP IT GREEN PROGRAM, SERVICE SOURCE PROCESSES MOST COMPUTER EQUIPMENT FOR FREE, BUT CHARGES A \$10 FEE FOR EACH MONITOR TO OFFSET SPECIAL DISPOSAL COSTS. LARGE ITEMS, SUCH AS COPIERS AND FLOOR MODEL PRINTERS, ARE ALSO ACCEPTED FOR A FEE OF \$0.20 PER POUND. PEOPLE DONATING COMPUTERS WILL RECEIVE DOCUMENTATION FOR TAX PURPOSES. SERVICE SOURCE IS OPEN FROM 8:30 A.M. THROUGH 4 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS.

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

Trash Collection Reminders:

REMEMBER TO PLACE YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLABLES ON THE CURB IN FRONT OF YOUR HOUSE. *DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLABLES BY THE MAIL BOXES!* OUR MAIL CARRIERS HAVE REQUESTED THAT TRASH NOT BE PILED 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! AND WITH SPRING HERE AND THE HEAT OF SUMMER NOT FAR BEHIND, THE TRASH SOON BEGINS TO ROT AND SMELL! SO PLEASE HELP OUT THE MAIL CARRIERS AND YOUR NEIGHBORS, GET WHAT YOU ARE PAYING FOR, AND SAVE A BIT OF EFFORT BY PLACING YOUR TRASH AND RECYCLABLES IN YOUR FRONT YARD.

Everyone loves a cookout and barbeque.



Cookouts are great times to spend with family and friends. However, they can also lead to tragedy if they are not properly planned. Here are some safety tips for a happy and safe cookout season:

- 1) Never use gasoline to start a charcoal fire.
- 2) Use charcoal lighter fluid safely and prudently. Adding more fluid on hot coals may ignite the stream of fuel and burn back into the can, causing it to explode.
- 3) Consider using a U.L. approved electrical starter in place of lighter fluid.
- 4) Place grills away from structures and combustibles (minimum 15 feet) so they will not tip over or ignite objects above them. One of the biggest dangers with grills is trying to use them on apartment or condominium balconies. This practice is unsafe and against the law.

- 5) Never bring a grill into the home. The carbon monoxide produced by burning charcoal is dangerous, and deadly.
- 6) Keep a garden hose or a portable fire extinguisher handy in case of fire in the grill gets out of control. Call 911 immediately.
- 7) Keep children and pets away from fires and grills. It only takes a second for curiosity to cause a serious burn.
- 8) Though coals may appear to be cool, always soak them with water. Coals retain enough heat to reignite for days after a fire.
- 9) If your bag of charcoal gets wet, leave it in a well ventilated area away from the house. During the drying process spontaneous ignition can occur in confined areas.

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

LVCA COMMUNITY-WIDE YARD SALE A SUCCESS!

On Saturday, May 6th, about twenty residents participated in the LVCA Community-Wide yard sale. We had great weather, lots of signs directing people to the yard sale, and a well-placed ad in the Post, all of which brought lots of shoppers to the community. Most residents who participated had good luck disposing of their yard sale "treasures."

This yard sale was handled a bit differently than previous yard sales, since the Board agreed to let residents sell from their driveways and front yards. We would like to know what you thought of this change and of the yard sale in general. Please send an email to carl_iddings@hotmail.com and respond to the following questions:

1. I did/did not participate in the yard sale.
2. I would prefer that the next community wide yard sale:
 - a. return to the pool parking lot
 - b. let residents sell from their front yards
 - c. do both!
3. I would like to participate in the next yard sale
4. I would like to help organize the next yard sale.

If you have any thoughts about how to improve the next yard sale, please let us know as well.

LVCA COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY

We owe a BIG thank you to our neighbors and friends who participated in the Community Clean Up Day on May 13th(left to right) Audrey Jarvis, Cookie Fried (a visitor), Jay Jarvis, Ben Jarvis, Handro Tremols, and Bonnie and John James with son Ethan, Also Joaquin and Paloma Tremols (not in picture) participated.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE



TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN

THE ACC TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN IS IN FULL SWING. RESIDENTS MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT DEAD AND DISEASED TREES POSING A HAZARD OR THREATENING HOMEOWNER PROPERTY HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING REMOVED FROM OUR COMMON AREAS. FOLIAGE AND TREES ARE BEING TRIMMED AROUND MAILBOXES, STREETLIGHTS, AND STOP SIGNS. BAMBOO GROWTH THAT HAS PERNICIOUSLY THREATENED ENCROACHMENT AGAINST HOMES BEHIND BYRDS NEST PASS HAS BEEN CUT BACK BY AN ACC VOLUNTEER (THANKS AGAIN, MIKE LOUDON!!!) AND WILL BE MOWED OVER ON A REGULAR BASIS BY OUR GROUNDS CONTRACTOR.

FOR BUDGET REASONS, THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN IS SAFETY AND AVOIDING DAMAGE TO HOMEOWNER PROPERTY. FUNDING IS LIMITED. ONCE ALL SAFETY ISSUES AND CAUSES OF POTENTIAL DAMAGE HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED, AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED IF THERE IS ANY FUNDING LEFT.

THE ACC TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY AN ARBORIST FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY. THE ARBORIST INDICATED THE TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN IS SOUND AND A "VERY GOOD PLAN."

OUR TREES AND FOLIAGE ARE ONE OF THE REASONS PEOPLE LIKE TO LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHILE THE ACC CAN TAKE CARE OF THE TREES ON COMMON PROPERTY, HOMEOWNERS SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE TREES ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY. THIS INCLUDES TREES IN FRONT YARDS. IF THE TREE IN YOUR FRONT YARD IS DISEASED OR DEAD, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE IT, AND TO GRIND DOWN THE STUMP. YOU SHOULD THEN PLANT A NEW TREE THAT IS ON THE APPROVED TREE LIST. THE NEW TREE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 5 FEET TALL. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO REPLACE THE TREE, YOU MUST REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE ACC. YOU, TOO, ARE PART OF THE TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN.

ACC GUIDELINES

THE ACC IS NEARING COMPLETION OF THE NEW ACC GUIDELINES. LOOK FOR NEW GUIDELINES SOON. IF YOU ARE THINKING OF MAKING ANY CHANGE TO THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE CHECK THE ACC GUIDELINES IN THE "DOCUMENTS" SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE, WWW.LAFAYETTEVILLAGE.ORG IN SOME CASES YOU SHOULD REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THE ACC FOR THE EXTERIOR CHANGE YOU ARE PLANNING. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, YOU CAN CONTACT OUR MANAGEMENT AGENT, LOUDOUN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, OR THE ACC, FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

EROSION CONTROL

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED EROSION TAKING PLACE IN PARTS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. THE MOST SERIOUS EROSION WILL SOON BE FILLED IN BY A CONTRACTOR, EARTHWORKS INC. THE CONTRACTOR MATERIALS INCLUDE FILTER FABRIC AND 70 TONS OF STONE. THE FILLED-IN EROSION AREAS WILL THEN BE COVERED WITH FERTILIZER AND GRASS SEED, TOPPED BY STRAW SO BIRDS DON'T EAT THE SEED. **THE ACC AND THE BOARD REQUEST THAT NEIGHBORS NEAR THE FILLED-IN EROSION AREAS PLEASE WATER THE SEED SO THAT GRASS GROWS AND PREVENTS FUTURE EROSION! WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

GET INVOLVED WITH THE ACC

THE ACC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE ABOUT THE APPEARANCE OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE APPEARANCE OF OUR COMMUNITY IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN PROPERTY VALUES. WE ALL HAVE AN INTEREST IN MAKING SURE OUR COMMUNITY IS AS CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE AS WE CAN MAKE IT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE ACC OR OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT JOAQUÍN TREMOLS AT (703) 201-5637.

POOL COMMITTEE

Pool Opened May 27!!!! Until Schools close for the summer, the pool will open at 4:00 p.m. -8:30 P.M. during the week. Come check out what's new at the pool!

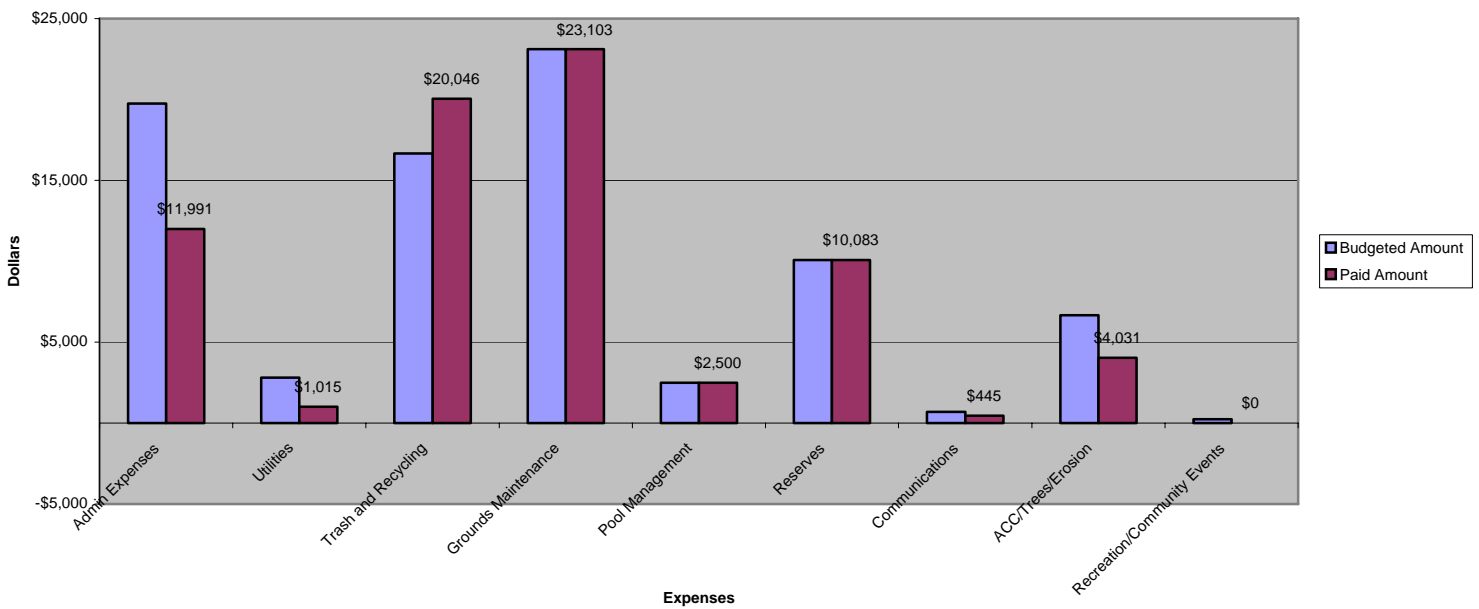
FINANCE COMMITTEE



LVCA BUDGET ON TRACK....

IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEWED THE LVCA BUDGET TO DETERMINE HOW CLOSE WE WERE TO OUR SPENDING PLAN FOR THE YEAR. THE FOLLOWING CHART SHOWS THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO THE MAJOR BUDGET LINE ITEMS THROUGH APRIL 2006.

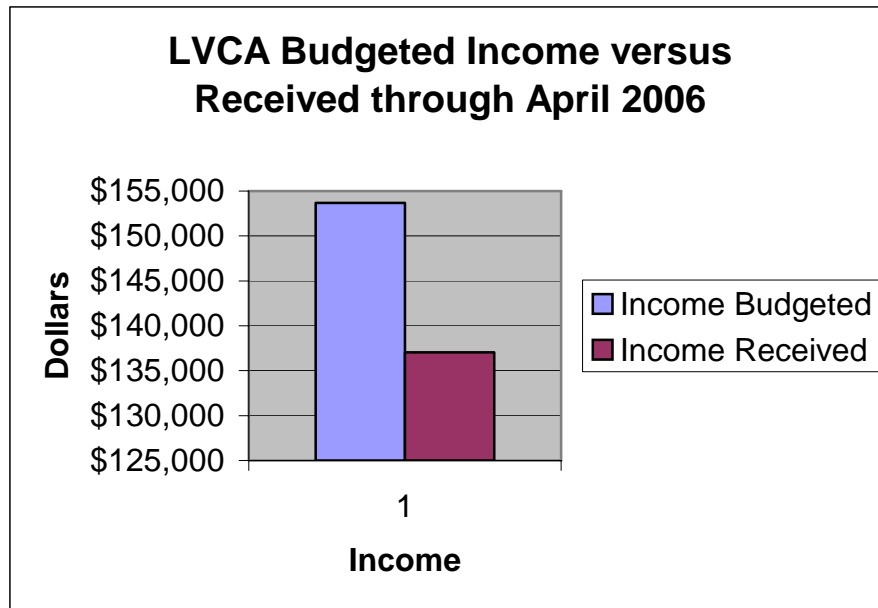
LVCA Budgeted Expenses versus Paid through April 2006



ONE ITEM OF NOTE IS THAT THE EXPENDITURES EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT FOR THE TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTRACT. THIS WAS EXPECTED DUE TO THE INCREASES IN FUEL COSTS AND OTHER ITEMS IN THE CONTRACT. HOWEVER, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE POOL AND ACC LINE ITEMS WILL EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNTS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS DUE TO THE REQUIRED MAINTENANCE PROJECTS NEEDED TO OPEN THE POOL, CORRECT EROSION PROBLEMS, AND ADDRESS OVERGROWN, DISEASED AND DEAD TREES.

FINANCE REPORT CONTINUED....

ANOTHER ITEM OF CONCERN IS THAT OUR INCOME RECEIVED FIGURE IS SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW THE BUDGETED AMOUNT.



THIS \$16,600 DEFICIT IS DUE TO A NUMBER OF HOMEOWNERS NOT PAYING THE QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS. LVCA NOT ONLY LOSES THE ASSESSMENT DOLLARS WHEN PAYMENTS ARE LATE BUT ALSO LOSES THE TIME VALUE OF MONEY BY NOT HAVING THOSE ASSESSMENTS EARNING INTEREST UNTIL THEY ARE NEEDED TO PAY BILLS. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE URGES ALL HOMEOWNERS TO PAY ASSESSMENTS ON TIME!

THE BUDGET PROCESS THAT WAS INITIATED LAST YEAR WILL BE USED AGAIN FOR 2007. COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL BE ASKED TO SUBMIT A LINE ITEM BUDGET THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT BY HOMEOWNERS PRIOR TO THE BUDGET BEING APPROVED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN OCTOBER. FROM ALL INDICATIONS AT THIS TIME, IT APPEARS THAT ANOTHER 10% INCREASE IN ASSESSMENTS WILL BE NEEDED TO FUND THE EROSION AND TREE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS, AS WELL AS CONTINUE TO FUND THE RESERVES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE PAVING AND CONCRETE PROJECTS THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN 2012.

IF YOU HAVE ISSUES ABOUT HOW YOUR ASSESSMENTS ARE BEING SPENT OR THE BUDGET PROCESS, PLEASE JOIN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. WE NEED AS MANY MINDS AS POSSIBLE THINKING ABOUT AND PLANNING FOR OUR FINANCIAL FUTURE. CONTACT LINDA BOONE FOR TIMES AND DATES, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

TIPS FOR THE GARDENER

- June is a great time to plant! Plants and trees that provide color in the month of June include azaleas, hydrangeas, rhododendrons, spireas, butterfly bush, mock orange and goldenrain tree.
- It's a great time to plant annuals, perennials and all trees and shrubs. Several examples are geraniums, impatiens, marigolds, petunias, vinca, salvia and many other plants. Perennials that provide interest in the month of June include daylilies, astilbe, rudbeckia, yarrow, foxglove and much more.
- Fertilizing annuals, perennials and flowering shrubs and trees with a blended plant food containing slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development is recommended.
- Feeding all your evergreens (hollies, boxwoods and yews) and deciduous trees (maples, oaks and ash) with a product that contains slow-release nitrogen, sulfate of potash, iron and other micro-nutrients for overall plant growth and development is recommended as well.
- Check all plants, especially newly planted ones, for water on a regular basis. Water deeply and thoroughly as needed.
- Gator bags provide a great way to keep trees watered during hot and dry months. These bags, which can hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree, where they release the water slowly to the root ball over the course of 15-20 hours.
- Spruce up your summer landscape with beautiful color in containers.

Pest Controls.

Various pest problems can occur in June. If you have plants that you suspect may be facing a pest problem, take representative sample to your local nursery--many have plant specialists who can diagnose the problem and recommend the appropriate control. Listed below are some of the proper controls for problems that may appear in June.

- Spray Rose Pride (Orthenex) on roses to control insect and disease problems.
- Spray for bagworms on arborvitae and other evergreens. Use Sevin or Thuricide.
- Watch for mildew in roses, dogwoods, lilacs, crape myrtles and perennials. Bayleton or Immunox are recommended for this disease.
- Spider mites can be controlled on Alberta spruce, hemlocks and other plants using Ortho Systemic Insect Control or Cygon
- Lacebugs can be controlled on azaleas, andromeda and other plants now with Malathion or Bayer Rose & Flower.
- If necessary, treat dogwoods for borers with either Thiodan or Borer Spray.
- To treat hemlock woolly adelgid, euonymus Azalea Lacebug and other pests use Merit for season long control.
- To control deer foraging on your landscape plants, try the following: Bobbex, Milorganite and/or Deer Away.
- To control rabbits and other animals that are getting into your garden, try a repellent such as Dried Blood or Ropel, which is labeled for that particular pest.
- Control slugs and snails on hosta and other plants with Bug-Geta or Deadline (if you have pets, you should use barrier tape or Sluggo instead of these products).

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Independent Beauty Consultant, Mary Kay

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www.marykay.com/jgamber1

jodygamber@yahoo.com

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