



Lafayette Village Community Association

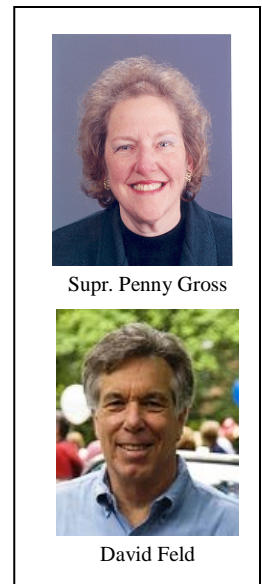
October/November 2011 Newsletter

LVCA Annual Meeting: Mason District Supervisor Candidates to Attend

Please join your neighbors and fellow homeowners on **Monday, October 3rd** for the Lafayette Village Community Association annual meeting. Association members will have the opportunity to elect one homeowner to serve a three year term on our Board of Directors. Details of the meeting are found at the bottom of this page. All homeowners should have received a notice of the Annual Meeting, along with an agenda and proxy form. These forms are also available on the Association website.

The Board is pleased to announce that **Supervisor Penny Gross** and **David Feld** have accepted our invitation to meet with us to discuss their positions as candidates for the upcoming Mason District Supervisor election, this November 8th (for details, see article on page x).

If you cannot attend, please be sure to fill out your proxy vote and give it to a board member or someone who will be attending the meeting. You will find a copy of the proxy on the last page. Once completed, call or email a board member to have your proxy form collected.



Supr. Penny Gross

David Feld

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE - WIN YOUR NEXT ASSOCIATION DUES PAYMENT

As in prior years, homeowners attending the LVCA Annual Meeting will automatically be entered into a raffle. The next quarterly association dues payment will be waived for the winner. Come to the Annual Meeting and you could be the winner!

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All residents are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting

When: Monday, October 3, 2011

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Mason District Government Center
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA

Note that only homeowners in good standing can vote on issues that come before the membership. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a short Board meeting.

Our Community Information...

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REMINDER:

**Fourth Quarter Assessments are due October 1, 2011.
Payments received after October 15th are late and subject
to a late fee.**

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (October 3 and November 14)
Note: The October 3rd annual meeting/board meeting was moved to the Monday before Columbus Day.

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (October 20 and November 17)

Grounds Committee – 4th Thursday of month at 7:15 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (October 27; November meeting TBD – check website)

Finance Committee – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM. Contact the Chair for location. (October 25 and November 29)

Neighborhood Watch – Wednesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (October 12 and November 16)

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

Please check the website for the most current information:

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

Deer Rutting Season Approaches – The deer population in Lafayette Village appears to have exploded this year, with a number of bucks and three or four groups of does and their fawns. As it starts to get colder in the fall, and darker earlier, the deer rutting season will begin, and the deer will become single-minded in their efforts to mate. It's during this time that deer-car collisions occur most frequently, especially during dusk and dawn.

Please drive carefully during these times. If you see one deer, slow down because there are likely to be others.

Thanksgiving Trash Collection

There will be **NO** trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, November 24. Instead, trash and recyclables will be collected on **Friday, November 25**. Remember to place your trash in front of your home on **Friday after Thanksgiving**. It's a convenient time to get rid of your turkey carcass!

Prez Sez: Thoughts and Observations

This is my last Prez Sez column for our community. I will not be seeking another term as president. I have served in the office for the past two years and it is time to turn the helm over to someone new. I have enjoyed serving our community and meeting so many wonderful people. Thank you for allowing me to serve.



I wish to thank all of our committee chairs during the last year: Angela Cutter, ACC; John Alexander, Grounds; Carl Iddings, Communications; Lisa Conoly, Pool & Recreation; Sean Walsh, Finance; and Fred Saah, Neighborhood Watch. They have done a wonderful job of making Lafayette Village a great place to live. A special thanks and best wishes to our outgoing Board Member, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Sean Walsh. Sean's term of office is up and he is not running for reelection. He and his growing family are looking for a single family home outside our community. We wish the Walsh's much joy and happiness, and are grateful for all they have done for Lafayette Village.

The Board appointed a Task Force earlier this year to review our current management company and research what others might provide. After much deliberation the Task Force recommended to the Board that LVCA change management companies. At its September 12th meeting the Board selected Sequoia Management Company to be our management company effective January 1, 2012. I thank all members of the Task Force which included our Board members and Carl Iddings, Larry Dunham, and Kathie French. Special thanks to Carl Iddings for preparing spreadsheet comparisons and to Hattie Walden who spearheaded the effort.

Our disagreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, over the value of LVCA land they took for expanding the Beltway, is moving towards a court date of March 19th. Unless both sides can come to some agreement before that date, a jury will make the decision on the value of the land.

The LVCA annual meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd. Mason District Supervisor candidates Penny Gross and David Feld will attend as our special guests, to address the homeowners and take written questions. In addition, the committee chairs will report on activities they have undertaken to make our community an even better place to live. The meeting attendees will elect one homeowner to serve a three year term on the Board of Directors. After the Annual Meeting, the new Board will elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer to serve for one year.

Thank You, Sean Walsh

Sean Walsh, current Vice President and Treasurer of the Association, is stepping down after his full three year term. As Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, he worked diligently to stabilize our Association finances, and particularly to ensure the long-term viability of our Reserve Fund. Thanks to his leadership, LVCA finances are in their best shape ever. As a result of his work, our most recent Reserve Study provided a road map to increase our reserve contributions, which will ensure the Association has the funds to make major repairs to our roads, sidewalks and pool house when they are needed.

We all owe Sean a heartfelt thanks for a job well done!

Committee Updates and Recap...

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has drafted a 2012 budget for presentation to the Board. The committee recommends that the assessments remain unchanged for 2012, at \$328 per quarter for townhomes and \$167 per quarter for the Merrimac Trail homes. The committee also notes that the Reserve Fund balance is \$443,069 as of September 30, 2011.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

This year has been another good one for the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Our neighborhood continues to be relatively crime free, with only 19 incidents reported to Police during the year (see chart below). There were 10 incidents between August and September alone, however, so we are hopeful this trend does not continue. Currently we only have 6 active members. We could always use more to help out an hour or two per month. Many nights and streets are left unpatrolled due to the lack of volunteers.

This year's National Night Out was our most successful to date. Aside from the moon bounce we had snow cones for the children (and adults too). The children also got to plant a seed to take home and watch it grow along with a few goodies. We also received a visit from a US Marshal who let the children see inside his cruiser and let them run the siren.

The traffic calming that was installed in the spring has made a noticeable difference in the speeds on Lafayette Village Dr. However, with school back in session everyone still needs to look out for the children walking to and from bus stops.

Below is a breakdown of the crimes reported to the Fairfax County Police from October 2010-September 28, 2011 for Lafayette Village.

Report type	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Total
Noise Violation				1	1			2		2	2	2	10
Sex Offense		1			1	1							3
Larceny											2	1	3
Drug Offense												1	1
Auto Theft												1	1
Assault												1	1
												Total	19

Many of the noise violations and the assault occurred in the same house in the community.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Neighborhood Watch, please contact Fred Saah (fred300@gmail.com).

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

The ACC consists of 6 members and meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Our role is to review architectural guidelines, to coordinate with the management company to ensure compliance with those guidelines and to approve homeowner requests for improvements.

Over the past 6 months we've dealt with approximately a dozen such requests and, following the Spring Inspection by KPA, we've fielded at least 3 times as many questions seeking clarification or waivers to the violation notices. One of the most frequent question regards paint colors. This process has become confusing and the ACC is working on streamlining

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the paint guide to bring color names up to date and, to give everyone a little more choice – within the “colonial” color palette. No major changes – you won’t be seeing purples and pinks in Lafayette Village any time soon !

As I’ve mentioned before, the ACC is striving for consistency in the enforcement of violations. So, although we try to be flexible and accommodate requests, we do have to deny those that conflict with the guidelines. Most of us work at maintaining our property but the ACC knows there are exceptions and we’re as frustrated as you if your neighbor ignores deadlines and penalties. In those situations the Board of Directors and the management company assume responsibility for imposing fines on the homeowner and referring the matter to the association attorney. So please don’t think that we have given up on a house or don’t care.

For a 30 year old townhome community, most of our homes are looking pretty good. However, one area that needs improvement is our own yards. Just as the grounds committee is working very hard to keep the common areas looking good, it’s up to you to keep your yard looking cared for and some are looking a little sad and neglected. Fall is the perfect time for gardening. The front (and side if you have an end unit) and the little strip of grass in front of your home by the parking spots, are your responsibility. Blade Runners will mow lawns and trim shrubs and bushes on your property but they don’t sow grass seed or prune back severely overgrown bushes/shrubs. Those once beautiful azaleas may now be all stems that struggle to produce anything resembling a flower and need drastic pruning or even replacing. (And, by the way, all homes are required to have shrubs along the house line, so if yours are dying or gone altogether, they must be replaced with new ones). Dying trees on your property are also your responsibility.

Next spring the ACC will ask the management company to pay close attention to yards as well as homes. Our community can look fresher and better with some minimal expenditure and a little playing in the dirt. So I encourage everyone to get a jump start on gardening projects right now and get that curb appeal we hear so much of these days. Plants are usually significantly cheaper now than in spring too.

Some people are surprised to learn that ACC guidelines also cover the yard inside your fence. Rear yards should be kept trimmed and tidy – primarily for safety (think rats and snakes) but also because that rear yard can be seen by many neighbors and shouldn’t be an eyesore. Trying to sell a home next to a yard that’s full of waist high weeds or junk doesn’t improve our property values.

A new management company will be taking over in January and the ACC hopes to keep the momentum going with as smooth a transition as possible of ACC records and expectations. We’ll be asking the BOD for an opportunity to sit down with the new agent as soon as possible in the new year.

Finally, your input is always welcome – remembering that we’re all volunteers whose sole aim is to keep our homes, and the community, looking great and staying ahead of the vagaries of the real estate market. And thank you to all the people who take wonderful care of their homes and so make our lives much easier !! -- Angela Cutter

Communications Committee

This Report summarizes the activities of the LVCA Communications committee for the period from the last annual meeting through October 3, 2011.

- **Newsletter**
 - Since the last annual meeting, edited and distributed six newsletters (December, February, April, June and August and October) totaling 66 pages.
 - The cost of printing these four newsletters was roughly \$1650, spread across two fiscal years.
 - The newsletter printed letters to the editor, numerous articles written by residents, contractor recommendations, and advertisements submitted by residents. It included photos submitted by residents.

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- **Website**
 - Updated regularly with meeting schedules, contact information, and various LVCA documents, such as Board minutes, LVCA Newsletters, the annual budget, etc.
 - The cost of hosting the website is \$130 per year.
- **Mailing list**
 - Approximately 40 announcements sent to LVCA mailing list. These announcements address general LVCA news and announcements of possible interest to our residents, HOT Lane construction notices, and frequent weather-related messages.
 - Approximately 150 separate email addresses are on the LVCA mailing list.
- **Flyers**
 - This year, no flyers were distributed to the community.

The Communications Committee has a number of volunteer distributors, the folks who distribute the newsletter door-to-door. During the past year, these included Kathie French, Kim Cox, Mike Loudon, Christie Prucker, Tina Snapp, Linda Boone, Terri Clark, Larry Dunham, Angela Cutter, and Sean Howard. A special thanks to these individuals.

The next newsletter will be available December 3rd, 2011. Submissions are due by November 27th.

Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee is responsible for the beautification of the neighborhood (including tree planting, tree maintenance, erosion control, maintaining trash cans and benches), for the community garden, for overseeing the trash and landscaping contracts, and for replacing and installing lights and mailboxes.

Accomplishments

Since the Semi-Annual meeting in May, the Grounds Committee has:

- Replenished the wood chips in the Tot Lot with IPEMA Certified Engineered Wood Fiber;
- Continued with the upgrade of mailboxes by ordering 7 new ones from the USPS (installation is pending);
- Inventoried the condition and height of lamp posts;
- Worked with KPA and the Recreation Committee to fix all the lights attached to and surrounding the pool, significantly increasing the visibility and perceived safety;
- Created a comprehensive list of trees to trim and remove, which was put forth as one RFP to consolidate work and reduce cost; and
- Reviewed bids for a walkway behind Byrds Nest Pass and contracted with a company to install.

Erosion Control

We've seen significant improvement in areas where trees have been removed and canopies raised 8-12 feet. Our Fall Tree Maintenance RFP was constructed with this in mind, as it has proven to be a much cheaper and equally effective means of controlling erosion. There are still areas where this may not be a feasible option, and we're evaluating alternate solutions. If there is an area of particular concern to you, please let us know.

Common Grounds

The Committee has discussed at length ways to utilize the area under the power lines, between the beltway and the houses along the west side of Lafayette Village Drive. The Community Garden is one use; the other is a walking trail which extends from the S-Curve to Trammel Court. To increase access to this vast resource, we're partnering with an Eagle Scout troop to install a foot bridge across the gully behind Brunswick Forest. In addition, we're developing a long-term vision for the area that can be used to guide future efforts.

This Fall, the Committee will be focused on identifying areas for replacement trees, new and replacement benches, other beautification projects, and developing a project list for 2012.

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Please let us know if you are interested in taking an active role in keeping our community beautiful, safe, fun and clean!

Garden Update: The Committee also manages the community garden, thanks to the efforts of Anne Sansbury. Here is her latest update about the community garden:

The Lafayette Village Community Garden did not get swallowed up or washed away during any of our recent weather phenomena! Some gardeners have pulled their plants while others are still growing and harvesting vegetables -- tomatoes, eggplants pumpkins, peppers, bok choy, a variety of squashes.

There's a lot of evidence that small creatures are enjoying some of the food, especially the squashes and tomatoes. Entire spaghetti squashes, even the ones that are hanging up off the ground, have been demolished and provide quite a nasty experience when it comes time to dispose of them.

We are also growing a stellar crop of weeds in and around the garden -- what's new?!? -- but are cleaning them up one plot at a time. Soon it will be time to bid the garden adieu for the winter, but for some of us there's a lot of work to do before we can rest easy.

As a final note, the garden committee apologizes to all the children who planted nasturtiums during National Night Out and did not get a plant to sprout. While these are supposed to be easy plants to sprout and grow, they probably needed much more water than they got, or the seeds were bad to begin with. We never know with gardening. It's always a surprise to discover what actually sprouts. We'll find some more accommodating seeds for next year, promise!

If you are interested in participating in the community garden next spring, please send your request to Anne Sansbury at sansbury@cox.net.

Pool and Recreation Committee

The 2011 Pool Season has come to an end after a summer that was one of the busiest in recent memory. We were lucky to have some of the best lifeguards in recent years in Kyle, Gabi and Jan. Despite having both an earthquake and a hurricane, for the most part this summer's weather made the pool an enjoyable gathering place.

This was my first season as the Pool Committee Chair and has been a learning experience for me. To continue to improve the pool for everyone, I encourage you to fill out the Swimming Pool Evaluation Form that was mailed to all homeowners with the Annual Meeting Notice and return it to our management company.



Lifeguards Gabi and Jan at pool closing

Contractor Recommendation:

Dog walking service: We recently needed a dog walking service, and discovered Dog Day Afternoons, Inc., a business based in Alexandria but interested in providing service in our community. Nathan Richman, the co-owner, and his team provided excellent, trustworthy service at a very reasonable price. Our dog enjoyed his walkers, and we were confident he was treated well and affectionately. We highly recommend Dog Day Afternoons. You can contact Nathan at 703-965-1112. Website is www.dogdayafternoonsinc.com.

Board selects Sequoia Management as new management company

Earlier this summer, the Board created a Management Search Committee to determine if the Association might be more effectively served by a new property management company. The committee included all five board members, and three community members, including former Board members Kathie French and Carl Iddings, and Larry Dunham. Board Secretary Hattie Walden identified a number of management companies and issued a solicitation to them. The committee received a total of 8 responses to the solicitation, and evaluated them in detail, using a spreadsheet prepared by Carl Iddings to manage the comparisons.

After narrowing down the candidates to three companies, the committee then interviewed each company, spending an hour to an hour and a half with each at their offices. As a result of this extensive process, the Committee recommended Sequoia Management Company to the Board as the best candidate to meet our current and future requirements for community management. The Board approved this recommendation at its September meeting, and has started contract negotiations with Sequoia.

When informed of the Association's decision, Craig Courtney, Vice-President in charge of Community Management, stated that Sequoia is "very selective in the communities we bid on and Lafayette Village was is a perfect fit for our niche market: single family and townhome HOAs of 300-400 homes." He further noted that "our philosophy is simple; we believe the best professional management is found in your community, not behind a desk. Our management style is hands-on. We try to anticipate your needs, provide dedicated service to your homeowners and protect your community's value."

Sequoia will assign Dale Edwards as our community manager. Mr. Edwards holds the AMS and CMCA certifications in community management, and is working on his PCAM (Professional Community Association Manager) certificate. He will be assisted by Glenda Cruz, who is his dedicated Administrative Assistant. Mr. Edwards has nearly 20 years experience in the community management field, and will manage four other properties in addition to Lafayette Village. The Search committee met Mr. Edwards and found him excited at this new opportunity.



Dale Edwards

As part of the transition from KPA, Sequoia will be mailing all home owners an introductory letter, including a new set of coupons for 2012. Sequoia will officially take over from KPA on January 1, 2012, and the Board anticipates a very smooth transition. There will be more information in the December - January newsletter, including information about electronic payment of your HOA fees.

LVCA Parking Rules

One of the great features of living in Lafayette Village is the reserved parking spaces we all enjoy, something many townhome communities don't have. The Board has adopted parking regulations to ensure fair use of our community parking spaces. These rules:

- Provide two reserved spaces for each townhome without a garage, and one space for each garage townhome. Any additional vehicles owned by residents must be parked on Lafayette Village Drive or Trammell Road.
- Permit homeowners and residents to call Dominion Towing to remove a vehicle illegally parked in a reserved space.
- Ensure that no commercial vehicles park on community streets. A commercial vehicle is defined as any vehicle on which commercial lettering appears, any "for hire" vehicle, or any vehicle clearly used for

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commercial purposes, whether signed or not. Such vehicles **must** be parked on Lafayette Village Drive or Trammell Road.

- Provide for a number of visitor parking spaces, reserved for guests only. Residents are not permitted to park their personal vehicles in guest parking spaces. Vehicles violating this rule are subject to towing after a warning ticket. Visitor parking spaces are located on Butterfield Lane, Byrds Nest Pass, and Yorktown Village Pass. These spaces are available for all guests of Association residents.
- Prohibit parking of junked vehicles on community streets, performing extraordinary maintenance on vehicles on community streets, parallel parking and double parking on community streets, and routine parking of vehicles in the pool parking lot.

All residents of Lafayette Village are required to abide by these rules. The rules against residents parking in visitor parking spaces, in particular, are repeatedly violated. The Board recently appointed a task force to examine the improper use of visitor parking spaces and develop ways to better ensure these spaces are in fact available for guest use. The task force is scheduled to report its findings at the November Board meeting.

The complete set of parking rules can be found on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/ParkingRegulations.pdf>.

Upcoming Election: Tuesday, November 8th

The general election for county and state legislative offices will take place on Tuesday, November 8th. All Lafayette Village residents vote in the **Hummer Precinct (519)**, located at the Packard Center in Annandale Community Park, **4030 Hummer Road**. The polls are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm. You will have the choice of voting a paper ballot using the Optical Scan voting machine or, voting on the Touchscreen voting machine.

Important dates:

In-Person Voter Registration Deadline: Monday, October 17, 4:30 p.m.. (If you are registered at your current address, you do not need to register again.)

By Mail Voter Registration Deadline: Postmarked by October 17.

Absentee Voting Information:

By Mail Ballot: Deadline to *apply* for an absentee ballot by mail is **Tuesday, November 1, 5:00 p.m.**

In-Person Ballot: Last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person is **Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** In person voting at the Government Center and the Mason District Government Center.

Candidates:

We will be voting to fill a number of state and local offices, including the State Senator for District 37, the Delegate for District 38, Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners, County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Mason District Supervisor, at-large School Board member, and Mason District School Board member.

Candidates Forum:

The Fairfax County League of Women Voters and the Mason District Council are sponsoring a "Candidates Debate/Forum" on Monday, October 17th, in Wright Hall on the campus of Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The At-Large School Board candidates will hold a forum, while Supervisor Penny Gross and David Feld will hold a debate. The event begins at 6:30pm with a social gathering, followed by the School Board forum, and the Mason District Supervisor debate.

Around Town...

Annandale Fall Festival and Parade: Saturday, October 22nd

It's Bigger and Better than Ever: Now Held in the Heart of Annandale!

The **Annual Annandale Parade** will be held along Columbia Pike, stepping off at 10 a.m. and featuring clowns, storybook characters, marching bands, and beautifully costumed international dancers. This 61-year-old parade is sponsored by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce.

Annandale Fall Festival: After the parade, enjoy the Fall Festival and the Taste of Annandale at the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike, featuring international cuisine, live entertainment, and games. Vendors will be on-site from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and have art work, exquisite crafts, and more for your holiday shopping. There also will be a headline performance by Tory Bailey, Country Western and Rock Star at 3 p.m.

Mark your calendars. This will be a day of Family Fun not to be missed.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout

From **October 10-14, 2011**, residents may properly dispose of unused and expired medications by taking them to the Mason District Station, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Proper disposal of unwanted medications prevents accidental poisoning or abuse by others, and protects the environment. Only prescriptions in liquid or pill form may be dropped off. No needles or pressurized canisters will be accepted. Disposal is **free**, convenient, and confidential.

Information about proper disposal of medications is available on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/dontflush.

Need a notary public? Notary services are available at Supervisor Penny Gross's office Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 5:00. For more information, call 703-256-7717.

Did you know? You can recycle ink-jet printer cartridges at Supervisor Gross's office, as well. Her office staff maintains an ink-jet cartridge recycling box at the front desk.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 6th

Don't forget – when you turn your clocks back one hour on November 6th, also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home.

This simple act could save you and your family's lives!

Save the Date for Annandale Crop Hunger Walk on Saturday, October 15 at 8 a.m.

The Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) is sponsoring this annual walk at Lake Accotink, 7500 Lake Accotink Park Road in Springfield, in collaboration with Church World Service (CWS) to raise funds for the hunger, disaster, refugee relief, and development programs of CWS in the United States and worldwide. A portion of the money raised is returned to ACCA to help with its assistance program for needy families in the Annandale, Bailey's Crossroads, and Lincolnia communities. Volunteers and donors are needed to support this annual event. For information or to volunteer, please contact Camille Mittelholtz at kmittelholtz1@cox.net, or call 703-573-0074.