



Lafayette Village Community Association

April/May 2014 Newsletter

Milling and Paving Project to Begin Soon

Finally, the sun and weather have emerged from winter, just in time for the beginning of our community paving project!

Through the last several months, your Board has been working through several steps to prepare for this major undertaking. Our engineering support contractor, Falcon Engineering, assisted in preparing and releasing requests for proposal to six different companies. While two companies chose not to submit a proposal, we evaluated four other bids. After a thorough review of these offers, including reference interviews and direct company discussions, we voted at last month's Board meeting to award the contract to Finley Asphalt and Sealing. Their bid was very professional, well prepared, comprehensive, and fairly priced. Most importantly, in the Board's judgment, it represents the best value and lowest risk proposal to ensure we receive quality work for the community.

We're finalizing arrangements with Finley now, and anticipate being able to communicate our paving schedule in the next few weeks. Concrete work will be started first as the concrete mixer trucks are very heavy and could damage newly laid asphalt. We want to get the work of replacing sections of curbs and sidewalks finished before the paving begins to maximize the life of the new pavement.

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Lafayette Village Swimming Pool Opens May 24th!

Please send in your pool registration form before May 17th. A late registration could delay your passes for up to two weeks. See pages 12 through 14 for the 2014 pool rules and page 15 for the pool registration form. Don't forget the Pool Committee report starting on page 5.

The Pool Committee is sponsoring a Pool Opening Barbecue on Sunday, May 25th at 4:00pm. Celebrate an early start to summer with burgers, dogs, and chips, and a glistening blue swimming pool!

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Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 26th

Please join the Lafayette Village Community Association as we celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day with festivities, a Moon Bounce, and a tree planting!

- 10:30am to 11:30: **Great Trash Treasure Hunt.** Meet at the pool house to divide into teams and then clean up our community of trash. All trash will be taken to the pool house for counting and sorting for recycling.
- 11:30 to 11:45: **Clean up** using the pool house rest rooms
- Noon to 2:30: **Picnic** at Trammell Park (Tot Lot)
 - Noon to 12:15: **Prizes!** Kids on the team with the most trash collected get to choose prizes first.
 - 12:15 'til the food runs out: **Community cookout** with drinks, hot dogs, (regular and veggie) and chips
 - 1:00: **Commemorative Tree Planting** – everyone adds a bit of soil. Short remarks by **LVCA Pres. Carl Iddings, Congressman Gerry Connolly, Supervisor Penny Gross, State Senator Dave Marsden.**
- 3:00: **Moon Bounce** closes. After picnic clean-up

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REMINDER: Second Quarter Assessments were due April 1, 2014. Please enclose the April coupon with your check and make sure you mail your check in time to be received by April 15th.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Woodburn Elementary School, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (April 14); Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike (May 12)

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (April 18 and May 16)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Thursday of month at 7:30 PM at 7828 Ashley Glen Road (April 24 and May 22)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass (April 15 and May 20)

Neighborhood Watch – Schedule to be determined – check the website for updates!

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

Please check the website for the most current information:

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

SPRING INSPECTIONS COMPLETE

Violation Notices Mailed

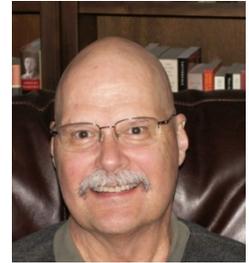
Our Community Manager, Dale Edwards, has completed our Spring ACC Inspection, and has mailed out 120 violation notices. If you receive one of these notices, be sure to correct the violations, or notify Sequoia about your plans to correct the violations. If you ignore your violations notice, you (or your tenants) will be denied pool privileges until the violations are addressed. If you have questions about the violations, you can contact Dale Edwards or Angela Cutter for clarification. Email addresses to the left of this box.

For more details, check out the ACC Committee report on page 5.

Thanks to contributors to this newsletter: Thank you to Jim Franklin, Angela Cutter, Lisa Conoly, Doug Stewart, Jay Jarvis, Linda Boone, J. Gaston, Anne Sansbury, and those who submitted ads. Thanks to the delivery crew – Linda Boone, Greg Johnson, Nathan Garcia, Tina Snapp, Kathie French, DJ Terreri, Christie Prucker, and Larry Dunham.

President's Column –

Later this month or in early May, Finley Asphalt and Sealing will begin working on our long planned-for community street milling and paving project. This project will start by repairing sidewalks and curbs and gutters throughout the community – this has to be done so that heavy concrete trucks don't damage the new asphalt. Once that is complete, the contractors will remove the top layer of asphalt on all our townhouse streets and the pool parking lot, repair any damage to the base layer of asphalt, and lay down a new course of asphalt that should last another 20 or so years.



Carl Iddings, President

While this project will cost around \$450,000, the Association can afford this while still maintaining a healthy reserve fund. Our strong financial status is due to many factors, especially the homeowners who have paid their HOA fees over the years, recognizing that much of that money was going to be saved for future major expenditures. And the past Boards and their presidents – Mary McFadden, Joaquin Tremols, Linda Boone, and Jay Jarvis – provided the leadership to increase our HOA fees to allow the Association to fully fund its reserves.

However, one person, in particular, deserves special recognition: the late Michele Krahn, a former Yorktown Village resident. When my wife and I first moved to Lafayette Village 10 years ago and I started attending Board meetings, Michele was there, alerting the Board to what were then inadequate contributions to our reserve funds. She argued passionately that unless the Association stepped up its contributions to its reserves, we couldn't afford this sort of project without a special assessment, an option she regarded with horror. Michele sounded the clarion, the Association heard the call, and we are now in a position of financial strength that allows us to afford comfortably this major project. I am just sorry that Michele isn't here to accept her kudos.

A note about the house on the hill, 4020 Lafayette Village Drive – a buyer has purchased the brick house on the hill at 4020 Lafayette Village Drive, and intends to clean up the lot, fix up the house, and live in it. Jay Jarvis and I have met the new owners, and anticipate having a very good relationship with the family. We welcome them to the community and look forward to the renovation of the house and property.

Milling and Paving Project, continued:

At this point, an important part of the project is getting info from you – our neighbors and community residents. **If you have special transportation arrangements or important events happening in the next couple of months** that require vehicle access to your home, such as moving, please email me the details at lvca.secretary@yahoo.com. One resident has already told me of a move scheduled for late May. We need time to coordinate your needs with the contractor's schedule to hopefully minimize disruption to your plans. Advance planning is key to making this work, so please let us know as soon as possible.

To put it bluntly, **this work is going to be disruptive**. Community streets (not Lafayette Village Drive) will have to be empty for the milling and paving to be done. Additionally, newly paved streets can't be driven on for at least 24 hours so the pavement can set. Residents will be notified well in advance of the paving schedule so cars can be moved. If some are left on a day when paving is happening, however, they'll have to be towed. The concrete curb and sidewalk work will only require vehicles to be moved from certain areas so the contractors can demolish the old concrete and put up forms for the new work.



Loading asphalt into a Finley paving machine

We'll be coordinating with our trash service, the US Post Office, UPS and other services so they're aware what streets cannot be accessed during the project and on what days. The Board and Finley Asphalt will work hard to make sure plans are shared and you're notified of how work will be completed. To stay up to date, please ensure we have an email address for you – if you are not already receiving LVCA emails, send your address to LVCAWebmaster@lafayettevillage.org with a request to be added to the mailing list. Notices will be sent frequently leading up to and during the work. But it will take seven to eight weeks to complete this project, meaning disruptions will test everyone's patience. The best way to avoid getting surprised is to remain informed. We'll continue to communicate via this newsletter, the web site, and email.

Lafayette Village celebrates Arbor Day, Earth Day & good gardens!

Lafayette Village Arbor Day/Earth Day Resolution 2013

On Saturday, April 26st, Lafayette Village will hold its 7th annual Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration with the Great Trash Treasure Hunt, a tree planting and a cookout! See page 1 for the detailed schedule.

In honor of this day, the LVCA Board of Directors adopted the following resolution on March 10, 2014:

Whereas, Earth Day was founded through the efforts of Senator Gaylord Nelson and first celebrated on April 22, 1970, and

Whereas, Earth Day's purpose is to raise recognition and awareness about the earth and how we can better protect our environment, and

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and,

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, Earth Day and Arbor Day are now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

Whereas, a clean, tree-filled environment in our community increases property values, enhances the economic vitality of business areas, and beautifies our community,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: that Saturday, April 26, 2014 be observed as Earth Day and Arbor Day in Lafayette Village, all residents being urged to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our environment including our trees and woodlands, and

Be It Further Resolved: that all residents are urged to assist LVCA in cleaning our grounds and planting trees in the common area to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



Eastern Red Cedar, our tree for the Arbor Day 2014 planting

Community Garden Notes:

Once the 2013 growing season was over, the Association and gardeners began an ambitious plan to expand the existing community garden. The existing plots were reconfigured, increasing their size, and five new plots were created. These new plots are awaiting topsoil from the pool picnic area project, and will be ready soon.

The existing plots have been rototilled and marked off, and the new deer fence will be completed as soon as the weather permits. There are still some plots available for the 2014 gardening season. If you would like to rent one, please contact Anne Sansbury at asansbury@gicgroup.com.



New garden plots awaiting topsoil and gardeners!

Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, Chair

The financial status of the association is in fine shape. Reserve funding is on tap to pay for the major paving and milling project upcoming, and several planned improvements have been funded through prior year appropriations. The Grounds and Architectural Control Committees have begun projects that will greatly enhance the beauty of our community using planned funds from 2013.

The budget for 2014 has not been adversely impacted by the snow removal and emergency tree removals from the storms this winter, and we are looking forward to the new pool picnic area and other funded improvements by the committees. Finance Committee meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and are open to the membership. Meetings are convened at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass, and please feel free to contact the Treasurer at (703) 205-9087 or at jim@prodigycapitalconsulting.com with any questions or suggestions.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

The 2013 Spring Inspection was completed and letters have been mailed to any homeowners who have items to correct. You have 30 days to act, so please don't wait till the last minute if you have questions about your violations. Contact me, Dale Edwards at Sequoia, or any of the ACC members, and we'll get back to you ASAP.

Weather to the contrary, there have been signs of spring awakening in the community. Snow shovels have been removed from view and several people have submitted requests for approval of projects – new windows, fences, doors, etc. It's heartening to know homes are being maintained and refreshed. Please refer to the ACC guidelines online ([http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised ACC Guidelines January 2013.pdf](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised_ACC_Guidelines_January_2013.pdf)) and contact me if you need clarification before contracting any work. It will save you time and aggravation.

Now I'll make my two annual pleas – Think about planting some flowers this spring, in your yard, in pots or railing boxes. They make the community look so pretty and loved. And, if your windows are grimy from the winter, get a mini workout and clean them. (or, give someone else a mini workout and a paycheck). They really are noticeable from the street, and ACC guidelines do require you to keep windows and window treatments in good condition from outside view. I swear there are windows that haven't been cleaned since the houses were built!

One of the strange things homeowners are responsible for is the strip of grass between the sidewalk and the street. (It's something I've never quite understood, myself.) But it does mean that if it's down to dirt and gravel you should try to spread some dirt and seed, or sod, to bring it back to something resembling grass. I've noticed many vehicles, especially trucks, being parked with the back ends overhanging this area – and sometimes even well over the sidewalk. This means the grass isn't getting enough light or moisture to grow.

A reminder about trash: I think the trash situation has improved over the last couple of years, so thank you all. It's especially important as the weather warms up, that you don't put your trash out early. The longer it's out there the more likely it is to get smelly and be ripped open by "critters". It's also a terrible eyesore, against ACC rules and quite disrespectful to your neighbors. The evening before (which means after about 6pm) or the morning of collection, are the times to put out trash.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The cover is off the pool and work has begun to prepare for the upcoming pool season. This year the pool opens on Saturday, May 24. I'm excited to say that this year we will have a new patio area where eating will be allowed. This area will also be available to reserve for small gatherings (see Pool Rules for details).

This edition of the newsletter contains the Pool Rules and Registration Form for the 2014 season. Please review the rules with your family. All residents and their guests are expected to follow these rules for safety.

In order to receive pool passes or stickers, residents/homeowners must complete the Registration Form and return it to Sequoia Management no later than May 16. Each home in good standing (no outstanding HOA fees or ACC violations) will receive 5 passes or stickers that can be picked up at the pool beginning opening day, May 24. If you have received an ACC

Committee Updates, continued

violation letter from Sequoia, you must correct the violations or notify Sequoia with an action plan before your passes or stickers will be issued.

Current pool passes are orange. These will be the only passes accepted for pool admittance. Passes must also display the "2014" stickers issued by Sequoia. As a reminder, you should keep your passes for use in future years. There is a \$5.00 per pass fee to replace lost passes. Registration Forms submitted after May 16 may take up to two weeks to process. Once processed, passes and stickers are typically delivered to the pool on Fridays. There will be a one week grace period before pool pass enforcement begins - pass enforcement will begin Saturday, May 31.

Join us on Sunday, May 25 for the first of several planned events this summer (see schedule below and mark your calendars). We will have a cookout and pool party to celebrate the new patio area. The Association will supply burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks. Neighbors are asked to bring a dish to share. The grills will fire up at 4:00pm and the pool will be open until 8:00pm.

2014 Pool Event Schedule: Mark your calendars for these exciting events!

Opening Weekend Cookout

Sunday, May 25. 3:00-8:00pm (Rain date Monday, May 26)

Swim Under the Stars Night

Saturday, June 21 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, June 28)

Swim Under the Stars Night

Saturday, July 12 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 19)

End of Summer Cookout

Saturday, August 23 3:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 24)

Neighborhood Watch – Doug Stewart

I am Doug Stewart, new chair of the Neighborhood Watch. Kristie and I have been residents for 7 years, and appreciate that our community has been relatively crime-free in that time. I hope to work with the Neighborhood Watch committee members to keep it that way. Some ideas that I would like to consider would be having a security assessment done of our property and considering some form of roving patrols during our summer months. If you would like to help, have suggestions for maintaining our low crime rate, or have concerns, please let me or one of the other committee members know. My email address is stewart8668@cox.net. Thanks and I look forward to working with the community.

By the way, we definitely need a few more members to help keep this a safe neighborhood.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

- **How do I reach the Police?**

For Emergencies: 911

Non Emergency: 703-691-2131

Online: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/>

- **How can I find out about crime in my neighborhood?**

The county program, My Neighborhood, allows you to search for crimes in any district in the county. Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policeevents/>

- **Any recent crimes in our community?**

Since the beginning of 2014, there have been three significant crimes reported in Lafayette Village: two drug incidents (one on Peyton Forest and one on Mt. Airey) and one assault (Peyton Forest). In addition, a number of vehicle break-ins occurred on Hampton Village and Ashley Glen, but these had not been recorded in the Police Department's database.

Committee Updates, continued

Grounds Committee – Jay Jarvis

The Grounds Committee continues to be very active with nine people attending the March committee meeting. Thanks to the input from Anne Sansbury, Jim Bell, Mike Nutbrown, Courtney Gorham, Carl Iddings, Amanda Sansbury and Donna Jacobson.



New restricted parking signs are coming to the entrances of our streets as required by a new county ordinance. The committee has worked for months on a design that will satisfy the new ordinance and still give us a friendly feel. Thanks to committee member Mike Nutbrown and Leigh Yurchak for the new design. The design still needs review by our attorney and others, but new signs should be in place later this year. The signs will be metal, as required by the county, and attached to round metal poles.

Construction will begin this month on a new fenced-in picnic area next to the back of the swimming pool. This area will be the only place where food will be allowed in the pool enclosure and can be used for picnics, birthday parties, and other events. Check the new pool rules on page 14 for rules governing use of the area.

Street Paving and Sidewalks work will begin late April by Finley Asphalt and Sealing. The pool lot must be finished by May 24, and all the curb and gutter work on each street will be completed before the milling and paving on that street begins. See the article on page 1 of this newsletter for more information about this project.



Under direction of our Community Garden manager, Anne Sansbury, the garden is looking really good. The water line will not be connected until the pool picnic area is complete, since the water line to the garden runs under that area.

Committee member Jim Bell put together a second list of erosion problems that need to be addressed. In the meantime erosion projects previously approved by the Board will be completed this month. Among these are the north areas behind Ashley Glen and the badly eroded hill at the end of Butterfield.

About 50 new trees and shrubs are scheduled to be planted in April. This goes along with our annual Arbor/Earth Day celebration, this year on April 26th. Please plan to join in the festivities beginning at 10:00 at the pool house for the Great Trash Treasure Hunt. This is always a fun event for the kids as we clean up trash from our community and the kids get to keep the gold coins they find and receive prizes for the most trash collected. Later in the day volunteers will separate the trash from recyclable items. Following the trash collection, we will have a cook-out at Trammel Park, a moon-bounce for the kids, and our annual tree planting. A number of dignitaries will assist President Carl plant the Eastern Red Cedar, including Supervisor Penny Gross, State Senator Dave Marsden, and (hopefully) our Congressman, Gerry Connolly. In addition, this year Donna Jacobson and Anne Sansbury will have an informative display with small gifts for children to highlight the plights of Monarch butterflies and bees.



The temporary dog run on the hill in the meadows is now available so dogs can let their owners watch them have free time. There was little cost to setting up the dog run since the old fence from the Community Garden was used. A new doggie bag dispenser will be added to the area. Residents who walk their dogs must still take any dog waste with them out of the area. Water will be available for the dogs in a rain barrel next to the shelter. The screen covering the barrel ensures mosquitoes do not breed in the barrel, so please do not remove or cut the screen. There is a spout at the bottom of the barrel and drinking bowl for your pet's convenience.

The committee is investigating how to make a portion of our large common grounds a Certified Monarch Waystation. Donna Jacobson recently presented the committee with information on the plight of the Monarch Butterfly and the process of becoming a certified Monarch Waystation. While simple and inexpensive, it does take time to establish milkweed plants – they have to be large enough for Monarchs to lay eggs on and Monarch caterpillars to feed on. The application fee for certification is \$16, and a Waystation sign costs \$25. If you'd like to help with this project, please contact committee chair Jay Jarvis.



Committee Updates, continued

Communications Committee: Did you know that you can submit ads, articles, contractor recommendations, and comments to the newsletter? All submissions will be considered for inclusion. Please submit your entries to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org. The next newsletter will be available early June 2014. All articles, letters to the editor, contractor recommendations, ads (free to residents and homeowners!), and other submissions are due by June 3rd..

Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, our website and the **LVCA email list**. If you would like to receive announcements of interest to the community, please send your email address to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org, and request to be added.

Community Notes....

Local Farmers Markets Schedule

Lafayette Village residents are fortunate to have four farmers markets close to our community, three of which will be opening in early May:

- **Falls Church Farmers Market**, open year round on Saturdays from 8:00am (9:00am in winter) to noon. Located at City Hall Parking Lot, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church. During the peak season, starting April, over 50 vendors normally frequent this market.
- **Annandale Farmers Market**, every Thursday starting May 1 from 8:00am to noon. Located in Mason District Park on Columbia Pike. This smaller market normally has 15 to 20 vendors.
- **Mosaic District Farmers Market**, every Sunday with a grand opening on Sunday, May 4, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Located on District Avenue, this market will have 30 vendors, including artisan food producers from around the area.
- **Wakefield Farmers Market**, every Wednesday starting May 7 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Located in Wakefield Park, this is another smaller market with 15 to 20 vendors.



Produce at the Annandale Farmers Market

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day – The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County, in collaboration with the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, and the Office of Public Private Partnerships, will collect unwanted, unused, and expired medications on **Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** Lafayette Village residents may drop off prescription drugs at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, in Annandale.

Please bring prescription medications in their original containers, and cross out personal information. Drop off is free and anonymous. Call UPC at 703-938-8723 or visit the UPC Web site at www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org or www.dea.gov for more information about the proper disposal of prescription drugs, and for additional convenient disposal locations. available after April 1.

Upcoming Electric Sunday Events: Dispose of computers, TVs, cell phones, rechargeable batteries, other electronics for free!

- April 27: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax 22030
- May 18: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax 22030

Photos – Spring comes to Lafayette Village, Finally!



Community Ads....

RETIREMENT DOWNSIZING MOVE – FOR SALE:

- 32 Ft. Aluminum Extension Ladder - Werner , Type I , Heavy Duty Industrial Use \$95.00
- 24 Ft. Aluminum Extension Ladder - Louisville. Light-weight Grade \$60.00
- Stihl **KM 55R** KombiSystem gas powered multi-tool head with Attachments \$450.00
 - HT KM Trimmer/Brushcutter, HT KM Pruner (Tree Limb) Attachment
 - HT Shaft Extension
- Honda **EM1600X** (1600 Watt) Portable Generator - Four Stroke Gas Engine \$750.00
 - Two -120 VAC Receptacles (Rated Voltage 120 V. 60 Hz,) 1 - VDC at 8.3 A)
 - Rated Ampere - 11.7 A
 - Rated output -1.4 KVA 1400 Watts), Maximum Output - 1.6 kVA (1600 Watts)

PLEASE CONTACT: Jim Bell, (703) 560-4722

INTERIOR PAINTING: Contact Mark Rhodes, Lafayette Village resident and a skilled interior painter, for free estimates. Call **703-560-8329**.

EXTERIOR PAINTING: Contact Christo at 703-623-3858 for exterior painting and siding or shutter repair.

SHAI STILL NEEDS A HOME! We recently found out that our lovely cat Shai will not be able to join us at our next assignment overseas due to strict quarantine regulations. We are therefore looking for a home for him. Shai is a bit shy (hence the name) but once he warms up to you he is very friendly. He is also great with other cats. He is neutered and has all his shots. If you are interested in providing a home for Shai please contact me at jjohns20@hotmail.com or at 206-660-2789.

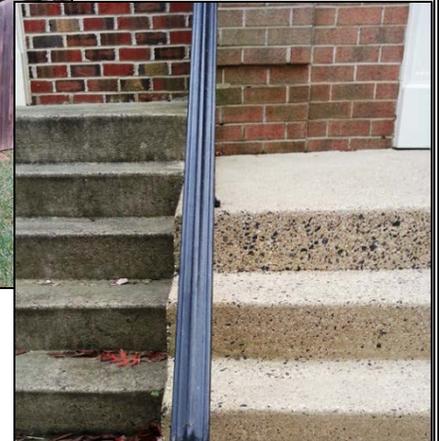


Dramatic Results from Pressure Washing....

These photos below show how pressure washing can restore fences and steps to a “like-new” condition. The fence on the left was pressure washed using a relatively low-pressure setting on the machine (about 600PSI) a fence-cleaning detergent, which removed mold, mildew, dirt and the gray aging layer, making the fence look new. The steps were pressure washed at a higher pressure, using a concrete cleaning detergent. You can see the difference between the pressure-washed steps on the right in the photo below and the untreated steps on the left. (The left-hadn neighbor later cleaned their steps as well.)

Tips:

1. If you choose to use a pressure washer, make sure you read the instructions carefully.
2. Use the correct cleaner for the job you are doing.
3. Use the correct pressure nozzle. Using a high-pressure nozzle on fence material like pine or cedar will damage the wood.
4. Wear leather gloves to protect your hands from inadvertently touching the spray.
5. When cleaning concrete, wear goggles in case you dislodge a concrete chip that could rebound back towards you.
6. If you pressure wash your siding, take care to always point the nozzle away from all seams, to avoid forcing water behind your siding.



Looking for babysitters....

Hampton Village Pass – We are looking for a babysitter to babysit our 10-month old son on nights and weekends occasionally, once or twice per month. We have a friendly dog, too. If you are interested, contact Mara Croce at mara.croce1@gmail.com or call 571-241-3994

Nanny Share – Seeking another family interested in a nanny share. We have a very loving and nurturing nanny currently watching our 15 month old boy and another 1 year old boy. Due to changing schedules we are looking to begin sharing with another family in July. Our current schedule is Monday - Friday 8:30 - 3:30, but we are somewhat flexible. Please contact Ashly Switzer, ashly.switzer@gmail.com or call (617) 669-7705 if interested.

Merrimac Trail – We are looking for a baby sitter for our 23-months-old, very cute boy twins. We can offer flexible part time one or two times a week. If interested please send an email to zitagita@gmail.com

Have fun helping cats at the Annandale Petco

Tails High cat rescue group needs volunteers to help care for the cats they house at Petco. You can sign up to volunteer weekly, monthly, or as often as you'd like. People are needed for AM and PM shifts every day. If you prefer to help at adoption events, foster cats or kittens, or have a specific skill you'd like to share, let us know. Please call: Tails High at 703-819-5240 or e-mail: Meow@TailsHigh.org. Website: www.tailshigh.org. All volunteers must be 18 years or older.



Help Taffeta find the forever home she's dreaming of!

County Budget Update from the Fairfax Federation....

On March 27, 2014, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations presented its review of the FY2015 Advertised Budget to its membership. (Lafayette Village is a member of the Federation.) The review of the \$7B budget followed an almost 2-hour presentation and Q&A with Ed Long, Fairfax County Executive, and Joe Mondoro, Deputy Director of the Department of Management and Budget. Mr. Long identified slow economic growth, a slightly rising unemployment rate, uncertainty about federal programs and other factors as driving the slow increase in income in the county. The housing market values are coming back but slower than anticipated, even though home values increased by over 6.5% on average in the county this year. (Values in the LVCA area increased by almost 8.5 %.) These increases in home values are not mirrored in the commercial sector which has lagged with almost no growth. Moreover, the vacancy rate in commercial property is the highest in over 20 years. Since 78% of the county revenues come from real estate taxes and personal property fees, slow revenue growth is the new normal in the county, according to Mr. Long.

This situation creates a dilemma for those who wish to spend more on the schools while maintaining and enhancing other community services, such as those for the aging population, parks, social services, public safety, etc. In response, the Federation approved a resolution to increase the amount of funding to the schools by one-half of the new revenue expected for FY2015 or about \$70M. Along with this, the Federation asked county government to look at the effect on pension funds and staff retention of increasing the age at retirement of county employees.

Debt management in the county was the subject of the third section of the Federation's budget resolution. Recently the county has been put on watch by one of the bond rating agencies because of concerns over the county: using one-time funding to pay ongoing expenses; holding reserves at 7-9% and not at about 20% of expenses; and maintaining a liability gap in the retirement system. Mr. Long commented that the county would grow those retirement funds from 72% currently to 80% of required expenditures over the next few years.

The fourth section of the resolution recommends a \$2M increase in funding to the libraries. This funding will be used to conduct a new strategic plan for staffing and collections at the libraries. The funding would also replace books that had been removed under a previous reorganization of the libraries and add volumes to the children's sections as well as increase technology and resources to help small businesses.

The Federation asked the Board of Supervisors to be aware that all programs and projects must be sustainable within projected revenues. The Federation repeated its previous request that the budget review period be extended to allow more transparency in the process and allow residents time to review the budget thoroughly. The current 6 weeks' time is insufficient for the Board of Supervisors to gain adequate public input about the priorities and funding contained in the budget.

Overall, the Federation recommended that the Board of Supervisors retain the current tax rate of \$1.085 per \$100 of assessed value. In order to fund the schools, libraries and other increases, the supervisors will need to find funding by reducing existing county programs. The County Executive offered over \$20M in possible cuts, many of which have already been dismissed by the Board, such as cuts to library hours and the school readiness program.

More information on the Advertised FY2015 Budget can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb>.

The Board of Supervisors will have very difficult deliberations on the budget this year. If you wish to share your thoughts during the public hearings on April 8 at 6:00 p.m., April 9 at 3:00 p.m. and April 10 at 3:00 p.m., please contact Supervisor Gross and other supervisors to let your thoughts be known. If you wish to testify, contact the Clerk to the Board's Office at 703-324-2391 or sign up online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker_bos.htm.

More Community Ads....

Home for Sale – Original owners of a lovely house on Butterfield Lane are leaving and will sell their house in May. End unit, backing up to parkland. Many, many upgrades. Sale without a Realtor is a win/win proposition. **Call (703) 560-8322**. If you have a friend who is looking for a house in a great community, this is a real opportunity.

2014 LVCA Pool Rules and Regulations...

The following rules are designed for your protection and safety. The Pool Committee has attempted to keep them short, simple and clear. Ultimately, however, we rely on your good judgment and consideration for the rights of other residents. Keep the pool safe, clean and enjoyable for everyone -- observe these rules and see that **ALL** members of your household and your guests do, too. **You are fully responsible for the activities of your children at the pool.** Be sure that they obey the rules and the instructions of all pool management staff members.

The careful observance of these rules by the residents will keep our pool in compliance with Fairfax County regulations and the provisions of our insurance coverage. Violations of Fairfax County regulations can lead to immediate closing of the facility. Unannounced inspections by County officials will take place on a frequent basis.

All residents use the pool at their own risk and are liable for any property damage incurred by themselves or their guests. The pool management staff and the LVCA are not responsible for loss of personal property.

POOL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL

Atlantic Pool Service, Inc. is the pool management company for the 2014 pool season. The pool manager functions as the agent of the LVCA Board of Directors and is responsible for operating the pool in a safe, hygienic and orderly manner, supervising all personnel, and enforcing all rules and regulations. The pool manager is authorized to make on-the-spot decisions regarding all rules and regulations, as well as their enforcement. This authority includes the expulsion or exclusion of any resident or guest as necessary. Any expulsion or exclusion will be reported in writing to the LVCA Board of Directors within 24 hours of the action.

SEASON: SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014 through MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

HOURS: Weekdays—May 27—June 6: 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Weekdays—June 9—August 29: 11:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Weekends and Holidays: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

POOL PASS CONTROL - ADMISSION TO THE POOL

Five passes have been issued to each household at the property address provided to the management company. These are to be used by residents and/or their guests. Passes must be given to the lifeguard to enter the pool area. The guard will return the passes upon exit from the pool. One pass per person, **including children**, is required to enter the pool.

CHILDREN

- A person age 16 or older must supervise children under age 12 at all times. Children may be required to pass a swimming test.
- A person 15 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult relative after 6:00 P.M. daily.
- Strollers must be kept well away from edge of pool. Children in strollers must have personal and direct adult supervision.
- Babies wearing diapers must also wear rubber pants or swim diapers while in either pool.
- There will be a 15 minute rest period from 45 minutes to the top of each hour for children under 16. This period will be signaled by a long blast of the lifeguard whistle at its beginning and end.

WADING POOL

- Only children 4 years and under may use the wading pool.
- An adult within the wading pool enclosure must supervise children in the wading pool at all times.

2014 LVCA Pool Rules and Regulations continued...

RESTRICTED ADMISSION/POOL CLOSING

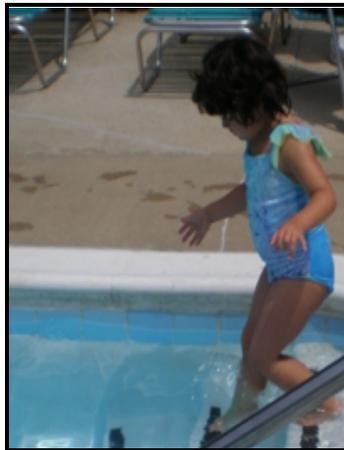
- If the pool becomes overcrowded, the pool management staff may restrict admission.
- The pool management staff is authorized to close the pool for any reason it deems fit, including: electrical storms, equipment breakdowns and pool chemical problems.

CONDUCT, HEALTH & SAFETY

- **No glass containers** are allowed within the pool enclosure.
- **No food** is allowed within the pool enclosure except in the designated picnic area.
- No alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind are allowed in the pool area.
- Chewing gum is not allowed anywhere within the pool enclosure, including the pool house.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere within the pool enclosure, including the pool house.
- Boisterous or unsafe behavior, including running, pushing, splashing, dunking, rough play or profanity is not allowed in the pools or on the pool grounds.
- The use of basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and other sports equipment not designed for use in a swimming pool is prohibited.
- Rafts or toys will be allowed at the discretion of pool management staff.
- Musical devices may be played at a low volume, so as not to disturb others.
- Sunbathers must shower before entering the pool.
- No person may swim with large bandages, open wounds or skin disorders.
- No cut-off shorts and/or T-shirts may be used as swimsuits.
- Litter must be disposed of properly.
- No pets are allowed within the pool enclosure.
- Anyone unable to pass a swimming test is not permitted in deep water.
- Diving in the shallow end or off the sides of the diving board is not permitted.
- A lap lane will be designated for the exclusive use of lap swimming on a first come, first served basis.

PENALTIES

- Anyone entering the pool enclosure before or after operating hours, without permission, may be barred from using the pool and is subject to prosecution for trespassing.
- Residents in violation of the above rules and regulations may have their pool privileges suspended for up to sixty (60) days. See Bylaws Article VII, Section 1 (b).
- The Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these rules/regulations at any time.



2014 LVCA Pool Picnic Area Rules...

This will be the only area of the pool deck where eating is allowed. The Picnic Area is available to reserve for small gatherings during regular pool hours on a first come first served basis.

CONDUCT, HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Pool passes are required to enter the picnic area.
- Seating is available on a first come, first served basis. Usage will be limited to a one hour period so that all residents have an opportunity to utilize the picnic area.
- Residents may not place their belongings on tables to “save” them.
- No glass containers are allowed within the pool picnic area.
- No alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind are allowed in the pool picnic area.
- Smoking is not allowed in the pool picnic area.
- Litter and recycling must be disposed of properly. Anyone not cleaning up after themselves may be barred from using the pool and picnic area.
- Grilling is not allowed.

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RESERVATIONS:

- To reserve, contact the Pool Committee Chair by email at least 2 weeks in advance.
- To reserve, member must have a valid pool pass and be in good standing with the Association.
- The Picnic Area may be reserved for a period up to 3 hours.
- Dated wristbands will be provided for up to 10 guests. All event attendees must have a wristband or valid pool pass.
- During reserved periods, one table must be made available for other pool guests to use.
- Each household may reserve the Picnic Area a maximum of 3 times during the pool season.
- The Picnic Area will not be available to reserve on holidays or during pool special events.

2014 POOL EVENT SCHEDULE:

- **Opening Weekend Pool Party (Cookout):** Sunday, May 25, 2014 3:00PM – 8:00PM
 - (Rain date: Monday, May 26, 2014)
- **Swim Under the Stars:** Saturday, June 21, 2014 8:00PM – 10:30PM
 - (Rain date: Saturday, June 28, 2014)
- **Swim Under the Stars:** Saturday, July 12, 2014 8:00PM – 10:30PM
 - (Rain date: Saturday, July 19, 2014)
- **End of Summer Pool Party (Cookout):** Saturday, Aug 23, 2014 3:00PM – 8:00PM
 - (Rain date: Sunday, August 24, 2014)

LVCA POOL REGISTRATION FORM - 2014 APPLICATION

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| OWNER: | RENTER: |
| | |
| ADDRESS: | ADDRESS: |
| | |
| PHONE: (H) | PHONE: (H) |
| (W) | (W) |
| (C) | (C) |
| Email: | |

| FAMILY MEMBER'S NAMES | Ages of Children (A=Adult) |
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| 1 | |
| 2 | |
| 3 | |
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| 5 | |

Choose whether you need stickers, new homeowner passes, or replacement passes:

| Renewal Stickers | New Homeowner Passes | Replacement Passes |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Number requested = _____ | Number requested = _____ | Number requested = _____ x \$5 |
| | | Total Enclosed = \$ _____ |

Each household will be issued five passes (not dependent on how many people actually live in your home). **If you are a new homeowner, your first five passes are provided at no charge.** Passes should be kept and reused each year. Stickers for the current year will be provided to all residents at no charge, and are required in addition to the passes for pool admission. If you have lost your passes, replacements cost \$5 each. Please send your check made payable to **Lafayette Village Community Association** with your application.

I/we and our invited guests agree to abide by all rules and regulations related to the use of the pool facility. I/we and our guests agree to hold harmless the Lafayette Village Board of Directors, Sequoia Management, Inc. and their employees and Atlantic Pool Service and their employees for any injuries or losses while at the pool facilities.

_____/_____ / _____
SIGNATURE **DATE**

Registration form must be received by May 16, 2014 to ensure passes for pool opening.
 Passes and 2014 stickers will be available for pickup at the pool beginning May 24, 2014.
 Passes/stickers will not be mailed to homeowners.

IF YOU SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AFTER MAY 16, 2014, IT CAN TAKE UP TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOU CAN PICK UP YOUR PASSES.

SEND THIS FORM TO:

LVCA POOL REGISTRATION

C/O Sequoia Management, attn. Dale Edwards
 13998 Parkeast Circle
 Chantilly, VA 20151-2283

email: dedwards@sequoiamgmt.com (You can include the information requested on this form or fill out the form posted on the LVCA website. Put LVCA Pool Pass Registration in subject line)

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

ASSESSMENTS PAID: _____ IN GOOD STANDING W/ACC _____ NEW HOMEOWNER _____