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## Notes from the Board

At the January Board Meeting, the Board ratified two contracts. A new landscaping contract was awarded to Blade Runners, Inc. for one year with 2 one year extension options at the same cost per year. This decision was made after review of five proposals from landscaping firms (see article inside). The Board based its decision upon operational and financial benefits to the community. Eric Storch, President of Blade Runners attended the meeting and listened to homeowners concerns about the community grounds and offered suggestions and comments on how his company can help.

The Board also awarded a second year contract to Loudoun Management Associates, Inc. LMA has recently made substantial staffing and operational changes to enhance their services to the community.

The Board would like to note that there is a vacant seat on the board that will expire in October 2009, if anyone is interested in serving, please contact Linda Boone, President.

The Board recently sent a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers addressing the environmental impact to our community that would result if I-495 was widened between Route 236 and the Gallows Road exits.

### *LITTER*



### **Disrespecting our Community-- By Linda Boone**

I recently had a letter from a resident who lives on a nearby street to Lafayette Village. She was asking me why her neighbors in Lafayette Village were disrespecting her property and the community by littering. She mentioned that every day when she walks her dog, she continues to collect food wrappers, cans, bottles and other trash from her street that has been left there by LVCA residents or blown there from Lafayette Village.

I did not know how to respond to her letter since I have also noticed that on the corner in front of my home, I have been picking up increasing amounts of fast food wrappers, papers, and other debris that settles on the street. Lafayette Village Drive and Trammel Road are both public roads, so people other than community residents use those streets. But does all the trash come from commuters traveling through our community?

I suspect not, especially when I notice there is litter along our other community streets as well. As you know, periodically we have a company come through the community collecting the litter. Each visit costs about \$50. This is an unnecessary expense if residents clean up after themselves.

I ask all of the residents of Lafayette Village to pick up litter near your home and refrain from creating litter anywhere in the community. We have conveniently placed trash cans along the roads, at the pool, basketball court and Tot Lot. Please be considerate of our community and our neighbors. As the littering motto states, "Littering is not Natural."

## Board awards landscaping contract to Blade Runners:

Last fall, the Board obtained landscape management proposals from 5 different companies. After carefully reviewing these proposals, and considering capabilities, references, price, and overall value to the community, the Board awarded a contract to Blade Runners, a local company based in Fairfax City.

While Blade Runners will provide the expected landscaping services – mowing, edging, mulching, fertilizing, weed and pest management, pruning and trimming, and leaf removal – Blade Runners impressed the Board by addressing certain key landscaping issues the community has faced in the past:

- Blade Runners recognized that using heavy equipment on our turf immediately after a rain is wrong and will only damage the turf and result in a sloppy mowing job. During times of drought or wet weather, Blade Runners will work with the community to determine optimum mowing times.
- Blade Runners will, wherever practical, employ mulching mowers to return the grass clippings to the turf where they can provide nutrients to build up our lawns.
- Blade Runners will remove debris, such as pieces of paper, bottles and cans from our turf before mowing, resulting in a cleaner, neater appearance for our community.
- Blade Runners will perform a spring cleanup of our lawns to remove accumulated winter debris.

The Board is also pleased that Blade Runners employs a certified arborist – tree specialist – who will be our primary contact with the company. With the aging and overgrown trees we have in our community, tree management has become a major issue for us. The Board expects to work closely with the arborist to ensure our tree management program is effective and efficient.

Blade Runners will continue our “Do Not Touch” program. If you have landscaping that you want to maintain yourself, Blade Runners will honor your wishes. To ensure we have an up-to-date list of homeowners who want to do their own landscaping, you will need to let us know of your intentions. See Form on Page 11 and complete and return it to LMA, indicating which landscaping jobs you **DO NOT** want Blade Runners to perform. Send the completed form to LMA no later than March 1, 2007.

Please join us in welcoming our new landscaping contractor, Blade Runners! You can contact Blade Runners at 703-273-8873 and ask for Eric.

## Update on Hidden Oaks/Lafayette Village Invasive Weed Control Project

As we all see when we drive up Lafayette Village Drive, the weeds have taken over the lower parts of our community! A group of neighbors has volunteered to work with the Fairfax County Park Authority on attacking and controlling these invaders. FCPA will provide these volunteers with training and other assistance in the early spring, and afterwards we will start working on taking out these invasives. Fairfax County's Invasive Management Area Coordinator, Kathy Frederick, will train us and will coordinate our efforts. If you would like to be part of this effort to greatly improve the appearance of our community, contact Carl Iddings at [carl\\_iddings@hotmail.com](mailto:carl_iddings@hotmail.com) or call him at 202-224-4866. (High schoolers, this effort can count for your community service hours, as well!)

## **LVCA DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

On April 10, 2006, the LVCA Board, in response to requests from homeowners, authorized the Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia (SWMNV) to develop a bow-hunting program on common property in the community. This Program continues today! Several homeowners on Merrimac Trail allow the hunters to enter their private property to hunt and retrieve harvested deer. Management of Northern Virginia (SWMNV).

The program is designed to reduce the deer population to manageable levels. To date, 5 deer have been harvested from community property. Per their agreement with the Association, SWMNV hunters have hunted in the woods only on prescribed days. They remove any deer harvested and either donate the meat to local food programs or use the meat themselves.

Periodically throughout the year, the SWMNV bow-hunters will be on LVCA property to track and hunt. New signs have been installed as a reminder that the program is a long-term approach to managing the deer near our community.

If there are questions about Fairfax County's deer management program options or Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia, please check their websites at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/comm/deer/deermgt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/comm/deer/deermgt.htm) and [www.swmnv.com](http://www.swmnv.com), respectively.

## **New Posted Deer Management Signs on Merrimac Trail**

### **NOTICE**

**LAFAYETTE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS:**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT  
THERE MAY BE  
DEER HUNTING IN THE COMMUNITY  
AS PART OF THE DEER MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM  
ON  
TUESDAY  
WEDNESDAY  
& THURSDAY  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**LVCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **LVCA TRAFFIC CONCERNS**

**THE BOARD RECENTLY SENT A LETTER ADDRESSING COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS TO THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES ABOUT A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF BELTWAY WIDENING/HOT LANES.**

**ON ANOTHER NOTE, THE COMMUNITY FAILED TO REACH THE REQUIRED 75% PETITION SIGNATURES TO QUALIFY FOR A TRAFFIC CALMING**



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Monthly Meetings

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

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

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

**Finance Committee** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday – 7:00 p.m. (Contact the Chair for location)

#### Community Activities

**Free AARP Tax Aide**-Feb.1-April 16, Monday and Thursday 1:00-8:00 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00a.m-12:00 noon, at the **Mason District** Government Building

**Mason District Little League** is currently registering for spring baseball. Call 703-941-4480 or [mdllorg@yahoo.com](mailto:mdllorg@yahoo.com) for more information

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## Would you recommend your Contractor?

(No contractor names were received for  
this Newsletter)

If you would recommend any contractor who has completed repairs, remodeling, landscaping, etc. and would like to recommend their work to the community... Contact Board member and newsletter editor Kathie French via email. The March/April newsletter will provide the community a list of neighborhood recommendations (if we receive them!).

**LVCA Board Meeting February 12<sup>th</sup>**  
please join us!

## DID YOU KNOW?



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Recently several car batteries have appeared on the streets in LVCA for regular trash disposal. Waste collection companies **cannot** collect household hazardous waste if they see it.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products from homes that contain materials with one of the four characteristics of a hazardous waste: Toxic, Ignitable, Corrosive or Reactive. These wastes can be very harmful if disposed in the regular trash. They can be safely disposed in small quantities by residents of the County at the Household Hazardous Waste Sites located at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax or the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton at 9850 Furnace Road. These sites offer free disposal for residents of materials such as car batteries, oil, and antifreeze, spray cans of insecticides, herbicides, oil-based paint, and petroleum-based products.

**Please be respectful of our community and dispose of all HHW properly. For hours of operation and directions to the HHW locations, call 703-324-5230 or go online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm).**

# VOLUNTEER! BECOME PART OF THE SOLUTION!

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. Give a few hours or serve on one of our committees:

- ◆ Neighborhood Watch – Watch Committee Members.
- ◆ Architecture Control Committee (ACC) - Leader and Committee Members
- ◆ Pool and Recreation – Committee Members
- ◆ Communication/Media- Committee Members
- ◆ Finance – Committee Members
- ◆ Website – Leader

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

#### **A Guide for Protecting Your Home and Property When You Are Away or on Vacation**

- Let your neighbor know you are going to be away and where you can be reached.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail, packages and newspapers.
- Ask a neighbor to mow your lawn in summer or shovel your walk in winter.
- Ask your neighbor to use your trashcans or set their refuse at the curb in front of your home on trash collection day.
- Invite your neighbor to park a car in your driveway to give your home an even more lived-in appearance.
- Make your home look as if you're there. Lights turned off and on by timers give your home a "lived in look" when you're away.
- Have good locks. A high quality, one-inch deadbolt lock on every outside door is a basic requirement.
- Never leave your home unlocked, even for a brief trip to the store or a visit to the neighbor across the street. Many homes have been burglarized in just such short periods of time.
- Don't hide a key outside your home. Leave that extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend. If you have deadbolt cylinder locks, you must use a key to lock the door and can't possible lock yourself out.
- Don't put a name or address tag on your house or car keys. That's an open invitation to an unwelcome visitor should you ever lose your keys.
- Plug a radio into a time set to go on when you're away. Set the radio to an all-talk station, leave the volume low, and give a would-be burglar the impression you're talking to someone. Light and noise are burglars' worst enemies.
- Have a free home security inspection and be an active participant in Neighborhood Watch. REMEMBER: A thief wants to take the path of least resistance. Your participation in Neighborhood Watch provides the most resistance!

*Prepared in the public interest by the Fairfax County Police Department*

*Committee Reports continue*

### RECREATION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank Megan Ferrey for donating delicious cupcakes and cookies for refreshments at the Halloween Parade.



## Yard Sale

Please contact Christine Magulas at [cmagulas@cox.net](mailto:cmagulas@cox.net) if you are interested in the participating and/or helping out with a Spring Yard Sale.



## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Greetings from the Grounds/Architectural Control Committee! We hope that all Lafayette Village Community residents had a great holiday season.

### **SPRING INSPECTIONS:**

Spring is around the corner so the Grounds/ACC would like to remind residents that Spring Inspections will be conducted in next several months.

Inspections will be performed by our management company, LMA. We will provide more information in the next newsletter.

### **HOME OWNER REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR CHANGE**

The following process for home owner requests is listed below:

- Refer to the ACC Guidelines that were published June 2006. If you do not have a copy, please contact our management company, LMA.
- Complete the Request for Exterior Change Form. Include as much information as possible regarding your request. For example, a picture, samples, measurements, etc. A copy of the form is attached.
- Mail your request to Loudoun Management Company, P.O. Box 2070, Purcellville, VA 20134-2070

*Architectural Committee continued*

- Your request will be reviewed by LMA. Requests that “do not fall” within the ACC Guidelines, will be forwarded to the ACC for consideration and action.
- The process should take approximately 30 days. Emergency situations will, of course, be handled immediately by the management company.

### **2007 TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

A status report on the 2006 Tree Maintenance Program will be shared in future newsletters. We will also share information on the plan for 2007.

The Committee would like to thank Mr. James Fernow for donating \$600.00 toward the planting of trees in our community. We greatly appreciate such an admirable gesture.

Hopefully other residents will step forward, in any way possible, to assist the Grounds/ACC in accomplishing goals for 2007. We have an extremely viable committee; however, we need more volunteers and we need a leader.

We meet the third Monday of the month at Woodburn Elementary School on Gallows Road. Please call the management company to re-confirm the location and time.

### **NEW STREET LIGHTS AND NEW MAIL BOXES**

The ACC is presently reviewing and prioritizing a list of potential locations for street lights and mail boxes.



FINANCE COMMITTEE

**NOTHING TO REPORT**



*Cakes by Megan*

703-624-3531 [www.cakesbymegan.biz](http://www.cakesbymegan.biz)

*Don't forget Valentine Treats*

## **Who do I call for assistance?**

Fairfax County has adopted regulations to promote public health, safety and welfare. Listed below are the most common neighborhood problems and the agencies responsible for addressing them.

If you are affected by one of these problems, and wish to register a complaint, please call the phone number listed below. Be prepared to give your name, address, phone number, and the best time to contact you. Please only call in complaints that directly affect you.

Upon receipt of your complaint, staff will contact you if additional information is needed prior to conducting the inspection,

- Inform you about the results of the inspections,
- Take action, if violations are found, to gain compliance in a reasonable amount of time,

Keep you informed as progress occurs and let you know when the matter has been resolved.

### Construction

Type of Problem	Agency	Phone
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction without required permits</li> <li>• Illegal removal of trees and clearing of land</li> </ul>	Code Enforcement Division <u>Public Works and Environmental Services</u>	703-324-1937

### Home Businesses

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Businesses conducted from a home (some home businesses are allowed with a <u>Home Occupation Permit</u>)</li> </ul>	Zoning Enforcement Branch <u>Dept. of Planning and Zoning</u>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying for and/or current status of <u>Home Occupation Permit</u>, Non-Residential Use Permits (NON-RUP)</li> </ul>	Zoning Permit Review Branch <u>Dept. of Planning and Zoning</u>	703-222-1082 TTY 711

### Housing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apartments in a single family home and/or too many unrelated people living in a home</li> </ul>	Zoning Enforcement Branch <u>Dept. of Planning and Zoning</u>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
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### Illegal Signs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs in the public right-of-way</li> </ul>	<u>Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)</u>	703-383-8368
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signs on private property</li> </ul>	Zoning Enforcement Branch <u>Dept. of Planning and Zoning</u>	703-324-1300 TTY 711

### Noise/Glare

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise complaints – construction activity and equipment</li> </ul>	Zoning Enforcement Branch <u>Dept. of Planning and Zoning</u>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General noise complaints and barking dogs</li> </ul>	<u>Police Department</u> Non-Emergency	703-691-2131
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trash truck noise</li> </ul>	Solid Waste Disposal and Resource Recovery Division <u>Public Works and Environmental Services</u>	703-324-5230
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise complaints (online) *</li> </ul>	<u>Zoning/Noise Complaint Form</u>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glare complaints</li> </ul>	Zoning Enforcement Branch <u>Dept. of Planning and Zoning</u>	703-324-1300 TTY 711

## Property Maintenance

• Abandoned/blighted properties	<a href="#">Blight Abatement Program</a> Housing and Community Development	703-246-5179
• Building code violations	Code Enforcement Division <a href="#">Public Works and Environmental Services</a>	703-324-1937
• Structures unsafe, dilapidated or in disrepair	<a href="#">Health Department</a>	703-246-2300
• Unsanitary living conditions		
• Overcrowding		
• No heat		
• No running water		
• Electrical system hazard		
• Inadequate light		
• Inadequate ventilation		
• Plumbing problems		
• Unsafe basement bedrooms		
• Roach or mouse infestations		
• Rats		
• Hoarding		
• Mosquitoes		
• House flooding		
• Sewage backup		
• Overflowing garbage and trash		
• Discarded tires		
• Vacant dwellings unsecured/open to entry		
• Grass in excess of 12 inches on residential lots of less than ½ acre <a href="#">Grass Height Complaint Form</a>	Environment and Facilities Inspection Division <a href="#">Public Works and Environmental Services</a>	703-324-1931
• Junk and debris in yards	Zoning Enforcement Branch <a href="#">Dept. of Planning and Zoning</a>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
• Snow removal on public streets	<a href="#">Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)</a>	703-383-8368

## Stormwater

• Drainage/Flooding	Maintenance and Stormwater Management <a href="#">Public Works and Environmental Services</a>	703-934-2800
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## Vehicles

• Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on street	<a href="#">Police Department</a>	703-691-2131
• Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on private property	Zoning Enforcement Branch <a href="#">Dept. of Planning and Zoning</a>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
• Inoperative vehicles on residential property – five vehicles or less	<a href="#">Police Department</a>	703-280-0587
• Inoperative vehicles on residential property – more than five vehicles	Zoning Enforcement Branch <a href="#">Dept. of Planning and Zoning</a>	703-324-1300 TTY 711
• Vehicles parked on front lawn for longer than 48 hours	Zoning Enforcement Branch <a href="#">Dept. of Planning and Zoning</a>	703-324-1300 TTY 711

*Taken from the Mason District website*



## **WINTER AND YOUR PET** From A "PAWS for PETS" Feature by Gail C. Golab, DVM, PhD.

As we progress through the winter months, you need to take time to ensure that your pets enjoy a happy, healthy winter season.

### **Housing:**

It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months, but if this is not possible, outdoor pets must be provided with shelter. Their home should be elevated off the ground to prevent moisture accumulation and have a door of some kind to keep out winter winds, sleet, and snow. Shelters should be insulated or heated. Water sources may be heated to permit constant access to unfrozen water; thermal units designed specifically for this purpose are readily available. Outdoor pets require extra calories to keep warm feed your pet according to its needs when the temperature drops. In severely cold or inclement weather, no pet should be kept outside. Indoor pets should have sleeping quarters in a draft-free, warm area with their bed or mattress elevated slightly off the floor.

**Roaming cats:** Roaming cats, as well as house pets and wildlife, may climb onto vehicle engines for warmth during cold weather. Be sure to check under the hood before starting your vehicle and honk the horn to startle any animals seeking shelter inside.

**Frostbite and snow removal salt:** Snow and salt should be removed from your pet's paws immediately. Frostbitten skin is red or gray and may slough. Apply warm, moist towels to thaw out frostbitten areas slowly until the skin appears flushed. Contact your veterinarian as soon as possible for further care. Snow removal products should be stored out of the reach of pets and small children as their toxicity varies considerably.

**Toxic plants winter products:** Plants and other items associated with the winter can be toxic to your pets. What follows is a general guide. Please consult your veterinarian, animal poison control, and the manufacturer for specifics. Remember, the earlier you seek treatment, the better for your pet!

**Moderate toxicity:** Fireplace colors/salts; plastic model cement Moderate to high toxicity holly berries and leaves; aftershaves/perfumes/alcoholic beverages; and chocolate (dark is more toxic than milk).

**Highly toxic:** Epoxy adhesives; and antifreeze. Please note that some items have special problems.



ACC REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

To: Chair, Architectural Control ACC  
Lafayette Village Community Association  
c/o Loudoun Management Associates  
P.O. Box 2070  
Purcellville, VA 20134-2070

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the By-Laws and A.C.C. regulations of the LVCA the following exterior improvements to my property,

located at: \_\_\_\_\_ are proposed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sketches, pictures, diagrams, color paint chips and further details of my project (as necessary) are attached to help preclude further inquiries that slow the A.C.C. process and delay my work.

I am aware that A.C.C. approval for the project is contingent upon quality workmanship and timeliness of work. I further understand that A.C.C. approval is not a substitute for compliance with applicable Fairfax County building codes, ordinances or any other regulation or restriction (such as easements) and that compliance with the above is the responsibility of the homeowner. Any cost relating to compliance will be borne by the homeowner.

I further understand that it is Association policy that the homeowner is responsible for repairing, to Association satisfaction, any damage done to common properties that might be caused by the homeowner and/or parties contracted by the homeowner during the execution of the project.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

ENDORSEMENT

Date of ACC action: \_\_\_\_\_

The ACC, having carefully considered the above request, hereby:

- approves as submitted
- approves the proposal as modified below
- regretfully cannot approve the project for the reasons cited below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A follow-up inspection will occur after completion to ensure compliance. Thank you for your cooperation.  
Chair, Architectural Control ACC

