



# LVCA NEWS

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## FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK !

BY Dave Metcalf

Our good friends and neighbors the Hennighs, have packed up, sold their LV home and moved to Germany. In case you are new to the community, Roger Hennigh was our president for the past three years and active on the Board for nearly five.

As Board President, he earned our respect for the time he gave so freely and for his leadership.

Most of the decisions a Community Board makes do not result in headline news; nonetheless, the character of the community is shaped by the Board's actions. With Roger at the helm there were no hasty decisions and no weak moments. There is no doubt we are a better community from his leadership.

Of course, we will miss Diana and the precious Michaela as much as Roger. If Roger and I returned from a Board meeting a bit too full of ourselves, you could count on Diana to put things back in place.

So Roger and Diana – may you find the beer full-bodied, the autobahn uncongested and the nights crisp and cool. And come back and visit your grateful friends at Lafayette Village!

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the June board meeting, Dave Metcalf was elected to "Acting President" until October 2003. At the October meeting, a new president will be elected to serve the community.



## JOIN PAM'S POSSE!

Pam Paroline, chairperson of the Neighborhood Watch, is looking for volunteers to assist her with the Neighborhood Watch Committee. If you are interested in assuring the safety and security of your neighbors, e-mail Pam with your name and address. Her email address is [pparoline@infantadopt.org](mailto:pparoline@infantadopt.org).





#### Editor's Note:

Welcome to the July/August edition of the LVCA newsletter. Summer has us moving at a slower pace, but the next newsletter will be here before you know it! If you need to submit a classified ad, article, travel tip or neighborhood news, please do so by AUGUST 15 for the September/October issue. Items received after the deadline will be held for the November/December issue.

Any items for submission should either be in a text email or a word document and emailed to: [dinoia@cox.net](mailto:dinoia@cox.net). Also, don't forget that this newsletter will be posted online after publishing, at [www.lafayettevillage.org](http://www.lafayettevillage.org).

Thanks! Enjoy the rest of your summer!  
Jen Dinoia

## KIDS CORNER by Carola Williamson, Pool & Recreation Committee

Are you looking for things to do this summer with your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews? Well, we have provided you with a list of great museums to visit this summer. If you have any great ideas on what to do this summer we would love to hear from you. Just send your kid-friendly ideas to [cjt7817@yahoo.com](mailto:cjt7817@yahoo.com)!

### **Babe Ruth Birthplace and Orioles Museum**

216 Emory Street  
Baltimore, MD  
410-727-1539  
Celebrates Ruth's career with the Red Sox and Yankees, and memorabilia from the Orioles.

### **Baltimore Civil War Museum**

601-S. President Street  
Baltimore, MD  
410-385-5188  
Exhibits trace Baltimore's triple role as a Union, Confederate, and Underground Railroad hub during the Civil War.

### **Baltimore Zoo**

Druid Hill Park  
Baltimore, MD  
410-366-5466  
Activities include talks by zookeepers of the animals and balloon rides.

### **Boyds Bear Country**

75 Cunningham Rd.  
Gettysburg, PA  
866-367-8338  
[www.boydsbearcountry.com](http://www.boydsbearcountry.com)  
Boyds Bear Country...the perfect place for the entire family! Enjoy a one-of-a-kind shopping experience, great food, plenty of hands-on activities, and a free museum.

### **Brunswick Railroad Museum**

40 W. Potomac Street  
Brunswick, MD  
301-834-7100  
Victorian antiques and clothing on display and an exhibit on the history of the C&O Canal.

### **Bug Box**

12505 Dillingham Sq., Smoketown & Old Bridge Roads  
Woodbridge, VA  
703-583-7380  
[www.bugbox.net](http://www.bugbox.net)  
The live insect zoo at the bug Box has several fascinating specimens, including butterflies, beetles, scorpions, tarantulas, walking sticks, and hissing cockroaches.

### **Capital Children's Museum**

800 Third Street, NE  
Washington, D.C.  
202-675-4120  
[www.ccm.org](http://www.ccm.org)  
There's a new learning adventure around every corner at Capital Children's Museum! Visit a charming Japanese home, conduct experiments in the Chem Lab, slide down a fireman's pole, and much more!

### **Chesapeake Children's Museum**

1011 Bay Ridge Avenue  
Annapolis, MD  
410-990-1993  
Interactive exhibits for parents and kids to learn together.

***MORE IDEAS IN THE NEXT ISSUE!!!***

# NEWS & VIEWS

## Mason District Council of Civic Associations

By Michael Kwon

In May, the Executive Board of the Lafayette Village Community Association voted to become a member of the Mason District Council of Civic Associations (MDCCA). At the June meeting, the Board further voted to make me their delegate to MDCCA. My name is Michael Kwon and I have been living in Lafayette Village for 4 years. I serve as the Vice Chair of MDCCA and as a delegate, I will represent Lafayette Village at MDCCA meetings and vote on behalf of the Board of Lafayette Village.

MDCCA is a member of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations and advocates for the rights of homeowners in Mason District. Any homeowner's association or civic association in Mason District can become a member of MDCCA and its president or delegate has the right to vote.

MDCCA holds a general meeting every third Wednesday at the Mason District Governmental Center, with a recess in the summer months. It is open to any Mason District resident. At the general meeting, a guest speaker covers a topic relevant to homeowners in Fairfax County. For instance, at the May meeting, a representative from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation spoke about pedestrian access and new "Yield to Pedestrian" signs being installed throughout the County.

We also honored Helen Winter as our Citizen of the Year. A long-time resident in Mason, Helen has been leading the Annandale Cleanup Project for the last 19 years as well as actively promoting the beautification of our hometown. She was further honored at the meeting by Congressman Tom Davis whose liaison presented her with a plaque of Congressional Record recognizing her

long-time service to the community.

Some of the projects that MDCCA is sponsoring in the coming months include: the Annandale Cleanup Project scheduled for Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Candidates Night on October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping keep our hometown clean, please join us at the George Mason Regional Library from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. In addition to clean-up instructions, you will be given a T-shirt, a safety vest, food and beverages.

The Candidates Night will be an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know the candidates for the State Delegates, State Senators, County School Board, and County Supervisors for Mason District. More details will be announced later for this October 15<sup>th</sup> event.

A membership at MDCCA gives Lafayette Village more exposure to the events and issues in the County and gives a chance to work in coalition with other homeowners associations on important issues. As the delegate, I will be helping with the communication and coordination between MDCCA and Lafayette Village. If you want any issues raised with MDCCA, please attend the Lafayette Village Board meeting or otherwise inform the Board members, and I will be glad to represent the Board's decisions at the MDCCA meetings.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

A big "THANK YOU" is extended to Michael Kwon for his work with MDCCA. He has already been able to arrange for Supervisor Penny Gross to attend the July Board Meeting. She will meet with Trudie and the LVCA Board to discuss issues that are pending in our neighborhood.

Pertinent issues discussed will be published in the next newsletter. Also, check the web-site, [www.lafayettevillage.org](http://www.lafayettevillage.org), for post-board meeting updates.

# NOTES & TIPS FROM TRUDIE

## Annual Inspections



The annual property inspections should be completed by the time you read this newsletter. Please remember to send in your “Intent to Correct” form to ensure that your pool privileges will not be restricted. We recognize that it has been difficult to schedule work on the outside of your home due to the extremely wet weather we have recently experienced but, maintaining the exterior of your home is a plus for everyone!!!!



## Lights

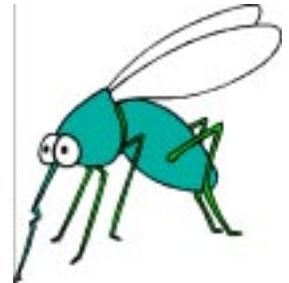
If you observe a light out on one of the light posts within the community, please call Trudie Peterson at (703) 313-9359 ext, 3010 or email her at [tpeterson@armstrong.net](mailto:tpeterson@armstrong.net) to report it. Please have an address near the post when you call, in order to expedite the repair process.

## Mosquitoes Are Out In Numbers

Mosquitoes are more than just pesky; there are a number of diseases caused by their bite. West Nile virus may cause no symptoms or may cause only a mild illness with symptoms similar to the flu. On rare occasions, the virus causes encephalitis or meningitis that can be a serious health threat for the elderly or people with weakened immune systems.

Mosquitoes need only a few tablespoons of water to breed. To eliminate mosquitoes breeding in your backyard, check the following areas and tip containers and toss any standing water:

- Roof gutters: clean out leaves and debris blocking and holding water
- Discarded cans & containers: remove, store inside or turn upside down (i.e. trash cans, trash can lids, buckets, bottles, flower pots, pet water bowls)
- Old tires: store tires where they can't collect rainwater
- Birdbaths: clean and change the water every five to seven days
- Wading pools: change water regularly and turn over when not in use
- Drainage ditches: keep open and free from debris holding water
- Canoes & boats: cover with a tight-fitting tarp or turn upside down
- Tarps: remove sagging areas
- Ornamental ponds: stock with small fish
- Puddle and swampy areas: drain or back fill
- Miscellaneous: Empty water from toys, wheelbarrows, wagons, unused hot tubs, rain barrels, flat roofs, plastic drain pipes and in-ground pipes



In addition to eliminating potential breeding sites, the Health Department recommends observing the following precautions to avoid being bitten:

- When visiting an area with lots of mosquitoes, wear long sleeves and long pants.

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## ***NOTES FROM YOUR ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE***

The Architectural Committee continues to work on providing replacement colors for homes in Lafayette Village. The new date for the unveiling of the replacement colors will be at the October Community Board Meeting. A new Architectural Handbook will be published and distributed to homeowners at that time!

Your Committee is looking into replacing mailboxes and adding more lighting in the townhome community. Other projects include improving the grounds in common areas.

We are looking for resident participation and need new members to replace those that have moved away. Block captains are needed for the following streets:

Ashley Glen	Peyton Forest Trail
Butterfield Lane	Trammell Court
Hancock Forest	Brunswick Pass

Please volunteer!! If you want to join or have ideas forward them by email to Trudi Peterson at Armstrong Management or to Kathie French, committee chair.

### ***SUMMER SAFETY TIPS***

***Submitted by Pam Paroline***

#### **HOT DOGS AND CATS**

On a warm summer day, the temperature inside a parked car can reach up to 120 degrees in minutes, even if a window is open slightly. Leaving your cat or dog in the car while running errands can put your pet at risk of potential brain damage or heatstroke.

Hot cars are just one danger animals face when the weather turns warm. Some animals, like humans, are prone to sunburn and skin cancer. To keep your pet safe, The Humane Society of the United States advises that pets with light-colored noses or light-colored fur on their ears should have those parts protected with sunscreen.

For more tips visit The Humane Society Web site at [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org)

### **PREVENTING HOME REPAIR RIP-OFF**

If you're looking to contractors to assist with home improvement projects this summer, refer to these tips from consumer agencies:

**\*\*Check the telephone book to see whether a company is listed in the business section or the yellow pages.**

**\*\*Get a written estimate—including itemized costs for labor and materials.**

**\*\*Don't be rushed—comparison shop and get other estimates before making your final decision.**

**\*\*Before signing any contract, check the contractor's references and any report the Better Business Bureau or attorney general's office may have.**

#### **BLADE RUNNER**

Did you know that the blade of a lawn mower can reach a speed of 200 miles per hour and can hurl objects as far as 50 feet? To avoid injury to yourself or others, the Department of Public Health recommends cleaning up litter and other objects from the area you intend to mow.

When purchasing a power lawn mower, look for one that has a rear blade guard to protect hands and feet and a downward-aimed discharge chute so debris is less likely to hit anyone.



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- Use an insect repellent indicated for mosquitoes and apply according to label instructions.
- If you do get bitten, keep the bite area clean and avoid scratching. Alcohol or ice applied to the bite will reduce the itching. If the itching or inflammation is extreme, or if infection is suspected, see your physician.

To learn more about what you can do to reduce mosquito breeding around your home or about the West Nile virus, visit the following Web sites:

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention  
www.cdc.gov/  
Virginia Department of Health  
www.vdh.state.va.us

## CLASSIFIED ANNOUNCEMENTS

1989 Toyota Tercel (Silver)  
2 Door Hatchback  
Standard Transmission  
83,000 miles  
Recently inspected  
Asking \$1,000.  
Please call Steve Thibeault @  
703-573-3747.

### **NEED TO SELL AN OLD CAR OR OTHER GOODS??**

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! SEND YOUR  
CLASSIFIED ADS TO JEN DINOIA AT THE  
FOLLOWING ADDRESS:  
DINOIA@COX.NET.

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS  
AUGUST 15TH. THANKS FOR YOUR PAR-  
TICIPATION!

*A BIG THANK YOU to the residents of Lafayette Village who took the time to attend the June meeting. At least 30 people came to the meeting and discussed current issues pertinent to the neighborhood. It was a great turn-out and hopefully the next meeting will be just as active.*

*The meetings are the last Wednesday of each month and begin at 7:00 p.m. The July and August meetings will be held at the George Mason Regional Library (Fairfax County) at 7001 Little River Turnpike.*