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LVCA NEWS

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KEEP FOR REFERENCE

SPOTTED IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!



Alert neighbor Sam Schaeen spotted this doe and her two fawns walking along Yorktown Village Pass on a recent Sunday evening. Many thanks to Sam for snapping this photo for all to enjoy!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH UPDATE

On August 4, 2003, the Neighborhood Watch Committee met at George Mason Library. Residents who had expressed interest in being part of this committee were in attendance. These new committee members are interested in and committed to keeping Lafayette Village Community a safe and secure neighborhood. It was decided that the committee would communicate any safety issues or concerns to Pam Paroline who would inform the Board of Directors or the George Mason District Police Department. Since some of these new committee members are 'out and about' in our community daily, they provide a 'watchful eye' and all members act as a resource in keeping Pam informed of neighborhood activity. Thanks and appreciation goes to Jean Cyr, Debbie Tobin, Joyce Morgan and Wayne Lau for attending the meeting and joining the Neighborhood Watch Committee!

CHANGES TO ANNUAL ASSESSMENT

As you know, the quarterly assessments have not been raised for the past several years. The Board of Directors reviewed the draft Budget for 2004 at the meeting held on August 27, 2003. Due to the increase in vendor's prices and information from the recently completed Reserve Study, the Board will be increasing the quarterly assessments by 10%. Copies of the 2004 Budget will be available at the Annual meeting and will be enclosed in a future newsletter. The new quarterly assessments will be \$205.70 for the town homes and \$105.60 for the single-family homes.

EDITOR'S NOTE:



Welcome to the Fall edition of the LVCA newsletter. Fall is here and hopefully we will have beautiful weather to enjoy, given our tempestuous summer! If you need to submit a classified ad, article, or neighborhood news, please do so by November 20 for the December - February edition. Items received after the deadline will be held for the March - May issue.

As you may have noticed, the newsletter will now be published quarterly. Please remember to check the web-site, www.lafayettevillage.org, frequently as it will be undergoing changes in the format soon. The new format will allow for more updates and should keep you well-informed of LVCA events.

Remember, any submissions should either be in a text email or a word document and emailed to: dinoia@cox.net.

Thanks! Enjoy the foliage!

Jen Dinoia

KIDS CORNER

Here are a few great ideas for places to go with your kids this fall. I strongly recommend all of the places for a fun time outdoors!

Frying Pan Park
2709 West Okx Road
Herndon, VA
703-437-9101

Come to this very enjoyable family friendly farm filled with your kids' favorite farm animals. Take a hayride or enjoy the country store. **Admission is free.**

Directions:

From 1-495 take Rt 66 west to exit 57, Rt. 50. Go west on 50 for 2.3 miles to the Fairfax County Parkway, Rt. 7100. Turn right and go north 4.1 miles on Fairfax County Parkway. Turn left on West Ox Road. Go 1.4 miles to Frying Pan Park on the right.

Stribling Orchard
Markham, VA
540-364-3040

Bring your family along to pick your own apples and pumpkins. Visit with pigs, goats, donkeys and horses. **Admission is free** and the orchard is located only 45 minutes away.

Directions:

From Northern VA/Washington D.C.:

Take I-66 West to Exit 18, Markham, Virginia. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left onto Route 688 South. At the stop sign, go straight across Route 55. At the next stop sign, turn right following Route 688. Go across the railroad tracks. The orchard is the first driveway on the left. (look for signs)

Butlers Orchard
22200 Davis Mill Road
Germantown, MD
301-972-3299

Annual Pumpkin Festival - Weekends in October

Choose your very own pumpkin; take a hayride; jump in the Hayloft Barn; explore the straw maze; see Pumpkinland characters; taste hand-dipped caramel apples and enjoy the beautiful fall foliage. Crafts, food, family activities and much more! Admission fee collected in the parking lot.

Directions:

From Northern Virginia, Washington D.C. and Lower Montgomery County:

Beltway 495 to north on Interstate 270 North towards Frederick Exit 16 - Father Hurley Boulevard.

Bear right off of exit onto Rt. 27

Continue on Rt. 27 for approximately 1.3 miles

Right onto Brink Road. Approximately 1/2 mile to:

Left onto Wildcat Road. Approximately 1 mile to:

Left at stop sign onto Davis Mill Road. Orchard will be on your left.

HELP!

The Board of Directors is looking for a new Pool & Recreation Committee chair. Carola Williamson had to resign and we will miss her greatly!

If you are able to help out, please contact Trudie Peterson ASAP. The Board needs to fill this position right away, as the Halloween event is rapidly approaching. The Board would also appreciate assistance from anyone willing to plan just the Halloween event, in the event he/she cannot permanently chair the committee. See the front page for Trudie's contact information!

NEWS & VIEWS

SUPERVISOR PENNY GROSS ATTENDS LVCA BOARD MEETING

By Michael Kwon

At the board's invitation, Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross attended our board meeting on July 23. She addressed a number of issues that the board asked about, e.g., road signs and parking situations. She explained the options the board has regarding these issues, based on the state and county zoning laws, and shared her experience from similar cases throughout the district. She also offered contact names to other homeowner's associations that have dealt with similar issues.



She came bearing gifts for the board members as well, bringing emergency contact kits issued by the Fairfax County Fire Department and other safety related items. Ms. Gross left with deep gratitude from our board members for personally attending the board meeting and addressing our concerns. She impressed everyone not only with her knowledge and experience, but also with her sincerity and personable approach as a public servant.

UPDATE ON GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WITHIN LAFAYETTE VILLAGE

The Grounds Maintenance contract is with AG&E Landscape Services. They are contracted to mow front yards and common areas every seven to 10 days (depending on the weather). Edging around all concrete walks and curbing adjacent to the common turf areas is done every other mowing during the months of April through October.

There are two pre-emergent herbicides applied; one in early Spring and one in late Spring. Two broadleaf herbicides are applied; one in late Spring and one in the Fall. Fertilizers are applied in Early Spring, Fall and late Fall throughout the common areas.

Hand-edging and mulching of all shrubbery beds in the front of yards (in the town-home section) and the common areas is done one time in the spring. All common area trees and trees in the front yards of town homes will be hand edged and mulched once a year in the spring.

All shrubbery in the front yards of each town home and the common area shrubs will be sheared three times per year. Leaves will be removed from the turf areas twice a year; once in November and once in December.

Trees on private property (the fronts, sides and backs of town-homes) were to be trimmed by LVCA. Unfortunately, LVCA can no longer afford to provide this service. If you are interested in having a tree on your property trimmed, please call a contractor of your choice. The Association's contractor is Boyer's Tree Service. They can be reached at (703) 830-8768.

If you do not want the Grounds crew to mulch or shear your shrubbery in your yard, please email **Trudie Peterson** at tpeterson@armstrong.net or please send a written request to 6074 Franconia Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22310 or fax to (703) 313-9502.

NOTICES & CLASSIFIED ADS

The Board of Directors is looking for volunteers to plan and implement the community picnic. The picnic is usually held in October. If you are available to assist, please call Trudie Peterson at (703) 313-9359 ext. 3010 or email her at tpeterson@armstrong.net.

Thanks for your assistance!



Beth Roberson and Maddie Tortora wish to thank everyone who bought lemonade and cookies or brownies from them this summer at the swimming pool. The girls raised over \$50 and gave

the money to Inova Fairfax Hospital to purchase books, videos or games through their Kid Power Program. A special thanks to all the big tippers!

BABYSITTER NEEDED!

We are looking for a reliable responsible babysitter in the evenings (1-3 nights a week 5:30-9:00 pm on an as needed basis) for twin daughters 3 1/2 years old. Husband will be at home working from his home office during this time. We just need someone to keep an eye on the girls while mom is gone.

Will pay. Please call 703-472-522.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held October 22, 2003, at Woodburn Elementary. Elections will be held for open Board Member positions.

Attend the meeting and meet your neighbors and board members! More information regarding the meeting will be mailed out to residents within the next few weeks.



The fourth quarterly assessment payment is due **October 1, 2003**. Please pay on time to prevent being charged a late payment. Thank you.

Piano For Sale

Wever Vertical that has never been used and is in excellent condition!

Asking \$3500, please call

703-208-2242 and ask for Lina

Dear Lafayette Village Neighbors,

This is to let you know that we are with the Fairfax Long & Foster office. We really enjoy real estate and have gained a lot of experience over the years. We are proud to be associated with a top family-owned company like Long & Foster.

We have resided at 7821 Byrds Nest Pass since the fall of 1996. We have enjoyed living here and have seen the tremendous growth in the appreciation of our property. Should you be interested in moving up to a larger home or different community please allow us help you.

By the way, we are always looking for referrals and if you

know of anyone needing our services, please do not hesitate to put them in touch with us.

Please call us at any time. We can be reached at our home office (703) 208-9809, or on my cell phone (703) 395-4399.

We hope this letter finds you well.

Yours truly,

Jaime and Charlotte Negrón
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