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LVCA NEWS

Newsletter 19
Summer Edition



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LVCA EVENTS

sponsored by the Pool & Recreation Committee



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Egg Hunt on April 10th started with an exciting game of "duck, duck, goose". Once the hunting got started, it wasn't long before the LVCA kids found all two hundred eggs!

Thanks again to Myke Glaze and PT Armor

for sponsoring this event and to all the LVCA families who came out and helped make this event a blast!

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Community Yard Sale was a huge success! Many residents expressed an interest in doing a second yard sale this year. Be on the lookout for signs regarding the 'Fall Cleaning' Yard Sale in September!

NEED A LAWN CHAIR?!

The LVCA will purchase new furniture for the pool deck in the very near future. In order to accommodate the new furniture, the 'gently used' chairs, lounges and tables must go! Look for signs posted at the pool at the end of the swim season for more information on the Pool Furniture Sale!

Your Article could be here! Don't forget to submit articles of interest to dinoia@cox.net. The next newsletter will be published mid-November. Please have all articles and/or pictures to the editor by November 2, 2004.

Thank you!!

ACC NEWS & UPDATES!

NEW LIGHTS IN THE COMMUNITY!

In an effort to improve the safety in the community, the Architectural Committee has surveyed the neighborhood and recommended locations for additional lighting. The Committee focused on mailbox areas without lights and other especially dark areas.

The Board has approved the Committee's recommendation, and we are in the process of arranging with Dominion Virginia Power for the installation of the lights. While we don't have a firm installation schedule as of now, we anticipate that the lights will be installed by the fall.

Due to budget constraints, we have prioritized the list, and will install 10 lights this year, with some additional lights to be installed next year.

This year, the locations for new lights are:

1. Ashley Glen Road at fire plug
2. Brunswick Forest Pass near intersection with Lafayette Village Drive
3. Byrds Nest Pass at bump out near 7825
4. Colonial Village Row at mailbox on right hand side of street
5. Hampton Village Pass near 7881
6. Mt. Airey Lane at corner between 3714 and 3716
7. Newport Glen Pass at mailbox on right hand side of street
8. Yorktown Village Pass at mailbox near 3698
9. Yorktown Village Pass at mailbox near 3723
10. At pool, next to pool house near front corner of pool fence in the parking lot area

Locations on next year's list include the mailboxes at the end of the streets on Colonial Village Row and Newport Glen Pass. If you have other locations you would like considered for next year's list, please contact Linda Witham at 703-698-7455 or linda.witham@verizon.net.

POOL RULE REMINDER!

Please be reminded that **NO FOOD** is allowed within the fenced pool enclosure. This is a Fairfax County law that must be enforced to ensure the pool is not closed down by county authorities. It also keeps the pool and surrounding area clean, as well as making the pool a safe place for children with severe food allergies.

We are encouraging pool patrons to enjoy food and drink on the bench in front of the pool area and in the larger picnic area in the rear by the pool fence. In an effort to make the picnic area more inviting and pleasant, we are sprucing up the picnic table and benches, and ordering a new picnic table as well. Please note that this is not a new rule—it has always been in the pool rules and regulations. We appreciate and thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Board of Directors is looking for a homeowner to fill the position of Chair for the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). There is also a need for additional committee members.

The ACC is charged with the duty of preserving the architectural character and aesthetic qualities of the community. Interested volunteers should contact a current board member or Jan Moshinsky (703) 385-1133) at Armstrong Management and will need to provide a statement of interest. Jan can be reached at (703) 385-1122 or jmoshinsky@armstrong.net.

CLIP THIS REMINDER AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE!

LVCA HOA dues are to be received by Armstrong Management by:

October 1, 2004

MASON DISTRICT NEWS & UPDATES

News from Supervisor Penny Gross

Mason District

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Annandale, VA 22003

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July/August 2004

Get involved in Transportation Planning: Everybody has something to say about traffic. Want to do something about it? The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has circulated a draft “public involvement guide” to help residents understand how to fully participate in transportation planning and programming processes. The public comment period will end on July 31; updates on progress and a printable version of the guide document can be accessed at VDOT’s website at www.virginia.gov.

National Night Out: Americans all around the nation in celebrated the 21st Annual National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 3, 2004**. The purpose of this crime and drug prevention event is to unify neighborhoods, build partnerships between the police and community, and promote crime prevention throughout America. One way to deter crime and increase pedestrian safety year around is by immediately reporting malfunctioning lights to Dominion Virginia Power. Since utility companies do not drive through neighborhoods to ensure that all street lights are working properly, it depends on citizens interested in the welfare of their community to report these malfunctioning lights. Please report any inoperable street lights to Dominion Virginia Power toll-free number at 1-888-667-3000 (select options 1, 1, and 4 respectively). Please provide either the pole number or exact location (i.e., light pole is across from house number, or the 3rd and 5th lights going West on Columbia Pike south of the intersection with Sleepy Hollow Road) make it easier for the repair crew to find the street light during daylight. If the street light is not repaired within 10 calendar days of your call, contact Supervisor Penny Gross’ office at 703-256-7717 or email mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Mason District Park Festival: The 25th annual fun-filled festival for the whole family will be Saturday, September 18, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. The program includes food, arts and crafts, door prizes, On-Stage Entertainment with performances by renowned local and international music and dance groups, children’s activities including hayrides, children’s rides, moonbounce, pony rides, children’s games, & train rides. Demonstrations by the Fire and Police Departments. Admission is Free. (Raindate, Sunday, September 19, same hours)

Child Supervision Guidelines: When your child is unsupervised, it is important that he/she knows what to do in case of an emergency, whether that be contacting parents, police, or other public safety officials. Additionally, your child must be emotionally, medically, and psychologically stable when left alone. Certain guidelines are specific to the ages of your children. If your child is seven years old or under, do not leave him/her unattended for any period of time, regardless of location. A child of 8 - 10 years old may not be left unattended for more than 1½ hours, and only during daylight. Children ages 11 - 12 years may be left alone for up to three hours until late evening. From ages 13 - 15 children may be left unsupervised, but not overnight, but those of ages 16 - 17 may be left alone for up to two consecutive nights. Please remember that these guidelines may not apply to all situations; parents are ultimately responsible for their children’s safety.

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For a full copy of the guidelines, go to the Department of Family Services page on the County's website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/factsheets/ChildSupervisionGuidelines.htm>

If you have any questions or need more information, do not hesitate to call the Fairfax County Child Protective Services Hotline at 703-324-7400; for information on Child Care Resources, contact 703-449-9555. Additionally, if you need assistance in selecting the appropriate, babysitter visit the following webpage: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dfs/factsheets/GuidelinesforSelectingaBabysitter.htm

Community Crime Statistics Information Line: Are you interested in learning about crime statistics in your community? Due to the new information hotline brought to you by the Fairfax County Police Department, this service is now available. This new information line will provide you with facts regarding the crime rate of your neighborhood. Callers will be asked to leave their name, telephone, fax, email or mailing address, as well as their geographical location of interest. Within 5-7 business days your requested report including an extensive full year of coverage will be sent to you. Because of the extreme popularity of this service, reports are limited allowing each individual two reports a week. Simply call 703-246-7932 to learn more about the safety of your community.

Support your Local Farmers' Market: The Annandale Farmers' Market will operate until Nov. 4 on **Thursday** mornings 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Seasonal produce from local growers is available, along with plants and baked goods.

Directions: Beltway Exit 52B (Little River Turnpike, Rt. 236) east 2 miles to left at John Marr Drive and right on Columbia Pike to park entrance on right just before Sleepy Hollow Road 703-941-1730.

Spotlight by Starlight: Enjoy another season of open-air concerts from June 2 to August 29, 2004, at the Mason District Park amphitheater. For a listing of events go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/md/mmspring2004.pdf>. Please note that shows are cancelled in the event of rain. To check, please call the park telephone number 703-941-1730.

Receive News and Updates by E-Mail: To receive information and updates about Mason District by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For district calendar of public meetings and other information, go to the Mason District Web site at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gov/bos/md/homepage.htm.

CLASSIFIEDS:

FREE FREEZER: Upright full size freezer. Old model but it still works well. You move and it is yours! Call Angela at 703-560-8306



NEIGHBORLY NEWS & VIEWS



EASTER SURPRISE?

This was our 'Easter Basket' that we had to view on Yorktown Village Pass Easter Sunday. If we may take this opportunity to remind the residents of not only Yorktown Village Pass, but all streets, that your TRASH IS NOT TO BE OUT BEFORE SUNDOWN THE DAY PRIOR TO SCHEDULED PICKUP. Place it on the street NOT on the grass! Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community clean and attractive.

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST BOARD MEMBER!

Mary McFadden, who lives on Butterfield Lane, is the most recent addition to our Board of Directors. She and her husband, Joe, have been residents of Lafayette Village since 1987.

Mary has been involved in the community for many years. In the past, she has served on the Board of Directors as a member at large, Vice President and also as a former Association President.

She is interested in having a good working relationship between the Board of Directors and the community. She believes that it is important that we all work together to maintain a strong community. A part of her focus will be to work with the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) to maintain the highest possible property values.

SECOND STORY DECKS IN LAFAYETTE VILLAGE

Submitted By Angela Cutter

There is talk once more of building second story decks in Lafayette Village.

Before a vote to allow decks to be built on our homes is taken, I'd like to present one side of the argument: against approving these decks.

My first concern is of an aesthetic nature. Many years ago while looking for a townhouse, I was impressed by Lafayette Village because it had an open, spacious look that is unusual in most town house communities. I'm concerned that the addition of decks will quickly clutter up the rears of the homes and detract from the architectural integrity of the community.

Second is the issue of upkeep. While many neighbors take wonderful care of their yards and the plantings are a delight, there are many more whose rear yards are neglected and become dumping grounds. These are the same people who will use a deck for their trashcans, packing boxes, barking dogs, bicycles, out of season sleds etc. Enforcement of standards by the HOA would be virtually impossible.

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Finally, and perhaps most importantly is the quality of life aspect. Decks overlooking our yards will result in a huge loss of privacy. Being able to feel this sense of privacy, even in a townhouse community, while reading or dining outside, is something to cherish in this crowded, busy area.

SECOND STORY DECK SURVEY

This survey is being offered to determine the interest level in second story decks in the Lafayette Village Community.

- **If it were up to you, would you allow second-story decks on Lafayette Village townhouses?**
- **If yes, would you consider installing a second story deck on your townhouse per Fairfax County, LVCA Board and ACC approval?**

YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please mail your response to Mary McFadden at the following address :

**7825 Butterfield Lane
Annandale, VA 22003**

Please mail your survey to Mary by August 31, 2004. THANK YOU!

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Springfield Roofing, Siding & Windows, Inc.
7709 Middle Valley Drive
Springfield, VA 22153
TEL 703-354-3229

A timely, courteous, knowledgeable, and patient estimator who took the time and trouble to explain the various problems he found, exactly what corrections he recommended, and the cost. The actual written bid came in UNDER what he had originally 'guesstimated' orally and the high-quality work was done on-time with minimal disruption!

No hesitation in recommending this contractor to friends and neighbors in LVCA! This one is definitely a 'keeper'!