



Lafayette Village Community Association

April/May 2015 Newsletter

ACC Spring Inspection has started

The Annual ACC Inspection of all Lafayette Village homes has started. These inspections ensure that all homes in our community meet our architectural guidelines, defined in the ACC guidelines document located on the LVCA website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised ACC Guidelines January 2013.pdf](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised_ACC_Guidelines_January_2013.pdf). These inspections also help you identify maintenance needs for your home you might otherwise miss.

Inspection schedule:

- March 10: Inspections start, weather permitting
- March 19: Inspection violation letters mailed to homeowners, with 30 days allowed for correction or a response
- April 21: Second inspection, to verify those corrections that have been made and to identify violations that remain uncorrected with no plans for correcting them
- April 25: Second inspection violation letters mailed to homeowners, with 15 days allowed for correction or a response.
- May 13: Re-inspection of all properties receiving 2nd inspection violation letters. Pool passes reviewed.
- May 20: Results of Spring inspection to ACC, Board of Directors, Pool Committee
- June 9: ACC Violations Hearings begin

If you've received a violation letter, **don't ignore it!** Respond to it promptly, and either correct the violation, or tell the management company your plan to correct the violation. Some violations take time to correct, but if you provide a plan and a date to correct the violation, you will be considered in compliance. If you don't respond to the violation letter and don't correct the violations, you will lose your pool privileges and may be subject to violation charges and the loss of your parking spaces!

Lafayette Village Swimming Pool Opens May 23rd!

Please send in your pool registration form before May 15th. A late registration could delay your passes for up to two weeks. See pages 12 through 14 for the 2015 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 24th 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 25th

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

- 10:00am to 12 noon: **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.
- 12 noon to 12:15: **Clean up** using the pool house rest rooms
- 12:30 to 3:00: **Picnic** at Trammell Park (Tot Lot)
 - 12:30 to 12:45: **Prizes!** Kids on the team with the most trash collected get to choose prizes first.
 - 12:30 '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, 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, 2015. If your check was received after April 15th, you may be subject to a late fee and interest.

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 Library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (April 13 and May 11)

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (April 16 and May 21)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Thursday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass (April 23 and May 28)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass (April 21 and May 19)

Neighborhood Watch – No meetings currently scheduled.

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

Please check the website for the most current information:

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

A thank-you note from Jay Jarvis:

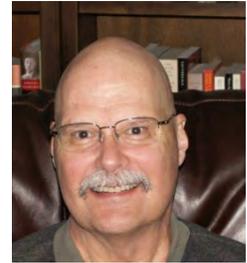
I want to express my thanks to LVCA for the wonderful "send off" open-house on Sunday, January 25th. A special thank you Courtney Gorham for hosting the event and to our President Carl Iddings for organizing the event and for the presentation of a beautiful acrylic appreciation award.

I'd like to also thank the community for allowing me to serve you over the years in various capacities. With the help of so many good volunteers, I believe we have made our community a better place to live and raise our families.

I will be back visit from time to time and look forward to seeing the new improvements to the community. This can only happen with good volunteers, so please contact any Board member or committee chair to volunteer. Our website has all the contact information www.lafayettevillage.org and we have a few pictures on Facebook, search Lafayette Village Community.

President's Column –

- **Where's my February/March Newsletter?** Due to a variety "life happens" issues and a crashed computer, I was unable to get the February/March newsletter out the door and to the printers in a timely way. The business of the Association continued as normal, however, and in this newsletter, I've tried to catch up, so you will see a few stories that would have been in the ill-fated February/March newsletter.
- **And on that topic:** With this issue, I have been editing the newsletter for six years and 72 71 issues. Because of a variety of new demands on my time, I am unable to continue editing the newsletter. It's time for someone else to take over this important communication vehicle – I like to think the newsletter provides solid information for all Lafayette Village residents and homeowners. If you would like to serve your community in a very visible way, I will be happy to provide as much training as you would like. You should have some writing skills, familiarity with Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat, and a willingness to devote some time every two months to produce the newsletter. Please send me an email (president@lafayettevillage.org) if you would like to take on this volunteer opportunity.
- **Now for a happy note, kudos to the Finance Committee:** And to our Treasurer, Jim Franklin. If you have looked at the Association's March financial statement, you will notice that we have implemented an investment strategy that will result in the Association receiving more interest from our reserve funds. Working with our funds manager at Wells Fargo, Jim Franklin set up a "ladder" of six CDs, all with different maturation dates and with different interest rates. Every six months, a CD will mature allowing us to either roll over the CD into a new CD or move the CD to our money market fund, if we anticipate a capital (reserve fund) project requiring more funds than we have in our money market account. With this approach, we maintain liquidity to fund our major projects while increasing our interest income substantially. We could only do this after our major milling and paving project was complete (since we needed the funds to pay for the project), but now that the project is behind us, we can begin to better manage our reserve funds. Thank you, Jim and the Finance Committee!
- **And now something completely different: a Community Parking District:** A Community Parking District, or CPD, restricts the parking of certain recreational vehicles, such as boats, RVs, and similar vehicles, anywhere in a designated district. Supervisor Gross has been gauging community support for **designating all of Mason District a CPD**, which would restrict parking of boats, recreational vehicles, campers, and trailers on public streets in residential areas. A CPD also prohibits parking vehicles weighing 12,000 pounds or more, vehicles having three or more axles, and vehicles transporting 16 or more passengers (except school buses). At its February meeting, the Board passed a resolution endorsing a Mason District-wide CPD. The next step in this process is for the County Board of Supervisors to approve one or more public hearings on this proposal. We will keep the community informed about the schedule for the upcoming hearings.
- **And finally, something less pleasant – dog poop:** This winter clearly revealed that some dog owners refused to clean up after their pooches. The sidewalks and grassy (sometime snowy) areas were pock-marked with piles of dog refuse, from all sizes of dogs. Both Fairfax County law and Association covenants require that dog owners and dog walkers clean up after their pets. And we make it easy to do so, with six community trash cans and two doggy bag stations providing the resources to remove pet waste. Dog owners who don't do this are irresponsible scofflaws. If you know of someone leaving his or hers dog's waste, please, either talk to them or send me an email (president@lafayettevillage.org). I will talk to those owners and suggest they either clean up after their animals or do the right thing, and give their pet up to someone who will be a responsible owner.



Carl Iddings, President

Take the Guess Work Out of Choosing Native Plants for Your Yard

Maybe you know a little about native plants and how they are important for the ecological functioning of our landscapes, including assisting our sagging populations of butterflies and other pollinators. Maybe you know nothing about natives and just want some new ideas for beautifying your landscaping. Maybe neither of these statements describes you!

Whatever your goal and whatever your knowledge level, the [Plant Nova Natives](http://www.plantnovanatives.org) website (<http://www.plantnovanatives.org>) includes terrific, picture-filled, and easy to follow information that will help you choose native species that are suited to your property and available at local nurseries. On the website, you will find a colorful guide to local native species, a list of local businesses that supply natives, and links to organizations that will come to your property and offer customized landscaping recommendations.

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

Lafayette Village Arbor Day/Earth Day Resolution 2015

On Saturday, April 25th, Lafayette Village will hold its 9th 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 9, 2015:

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,



White dogwood, proposed tree for Arbor Day 2015 planting

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: that Saturday, April 25, 2015 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.

Adopted March 9, 2015 by the Lafayette Village Board of Directors

//Gilbert J. Gaston, Jr.//

ATTEST: J. Gaston, Secretary

Solving Drainage and Erosion Problems: A Guide for Homeowners: As homeowners, we do not want a drainage or erosion problem to affect our homes or landscapes. To help you troubleshoot and solve these problems, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) has created an online drainage and erosion guide for homeowners. It is intended for use by homeowners on **small-scale home projects**. Larger projects may require permits or hiring a contractor. For more information and to access the guide, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/drainageproblem. If you have doubts about the scale of your project, please contact the NVSWCD at 703-324-1460, or send an e-mail using the Web site form.

If you are considering a landscaping project like this, make sure you inform the ACC about your plans by emailing the chair, Angela Cutter, at aicutter50@gmail.com. You can also find the ACC Request for Exterior Improvement form on the website under the Documents/ACC Documents tab.

Committee Updates

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, Chair

We are financially healthy and prepared for the summer months. Having come through the winter with a bit more snow than planned, our budget estimates were adequate and we are continuing to move forward without worry of a financial shortfall.

The Association reserve account is healthy and we have taken steps to invest in certificates of deposits that will earn increasing interest on our reserve funds. This year we intend to invest our reserves on the critical infrastructure within the community including retaining walls, grounds improvements and pool amenities. You have already noticed the major fence replacement at the pool and we are in the process of replacing the landscaping around the facility.

The Association provides you the information to monitor our finances. You can view our monthly financial statements on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_MonthlyFinancials.htm. And the final 2014 audit report is also available at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/2014AuditFinal.pdf>.

As always we solicit your comments and questions. Our financial committee meetings have been scaled back, but I can be reached at (703) 205-9087, or by e-mail at jim@prodigycapitalconsulting.com. And we can always use more members on the Finance Committee. If you have an interest in the Association's finances and would like to join, please email me.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

By now you will have received the Spring Inspection letters asking you to address exterior issues on your house. If you need clarification or an extension please let me (aicutter50@gmail.com) or Dale Edwards know. Extensions aren't automatic but will be allowed for major work, or for extenuating circumstances. If you plan any work and are unsure of the guidelines, or the need for submitting a work proposal form, please contact us. Because of the harsh winter, many shrubs suffered damage. It wasn't possible to identify all those when the inspection was done, so further notices may go out. All homes should have evergreen shrubs along the base of the house, and after thirty plus years, many need to be replaced anyway.

If you have a handyman to recommend, please let me know. Some of the citations people got are for things like reattaching a piece of siding. A handyman may be able to take care of this for far less than a siding company would charge - and perhaps cover several people in the neighborhood.

We finally have spring weather and suddenly people are outdoors again. So, apart from the work resulting from the inspection, please take a good look at your front AND rear yards. Your neighbors would appreciate your tidying them up after the hard winter.

Shovels, bikes, coolers, etc. may not be kept out front or outside the rear fence. (Of course trash and recycle bins are always no-nos.) Empty plant pots should be removed if you don't intend replanting this spring, and flower bed borders made of brick/wood/rock should be in good condition. No such borders may be installed along the sidewalk edge of your property. And, sorry, but no pink flamingos, fishing gnomes, cute kittens, fake flowers, or other yard ornaments are allowed in the front yards of the townhomes. Your back yard is yours, but be considerate and keep it tidy. The ACC can request that you maintain that area and remove items stored in the back if it becomes an eyesore for your neighbors and we receive complaints.

Please check where the downspouts from your roof are draining too. If yours are pouring water into your neighbor's yard and causing erosion of their property, consider rerouting them. Or work with your neighbor and perhaps install French drains to reduce the erosion.

It is unsightly and unhygienic for trash to be put out too early. If you can wait until dark the evening before, or even early the morning of trash days, the community will look so much more attractive. The crows are back and they love to rip into the bags and scatter waste around. And I'm positive I saw a vulture on Trammell Road today!

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

It has finally started to feel like Spring and work is underway to prepare for the upcoming pool season. The covers are off the pools, and they've already been filled with water. The pool will open on Saturday, May 23.

Committee Updates, continued

You may have noticed that most of the landscaping around the pool has been removed. This was done in preparation for the pool fence to be replaced. Once the new fencing is installed, new shrubbery will be planted. An additional project during the off-season was the installation of a new hot water heater in the pool house.

This edition of the newsletter contains the Pool Rules and Registration Form for the 2015 pool season. Please review these rules with your family. All residents and their guests are expected to comply with these rules. There is a major change to our pool rules this year. Due to recent legislation, the 15 minute period from 45 minutes past the hour to the top of the hour known as "break" or "adult swim" will become "lap swim". This period will now be open to swimmers of any age who pass a swim test and want to swim laps or water walk. Swimmers may not play games, float, dip in to cool off, or do anything other than swim laps or water walk during this period, as designated by the new legislation.

In order to receive pool passes or stickers, residents/homeowners must fill out the registration form and return it to Sequoia Management by May 15 in order to have passes for opening day. Each home in good standing (no outstanding HOA fees or ACC violations) will receive 5 passes/stickers that can be picked up at the pool beginning on opening day, May 23. If you have received a violation letter from Sequoia, you must correct the violations or contact Sequoia with an action plan before your passes or stickers will be issued.

Current pool passes are orange. These are the only passes that will be accepted for admittance to the pool. Passes must also display the "2015" stickers issued by Sequoia. As a reminder, you should keep your passes for reuse in future years. There is a \$5 per pass fee to replace lost passes. Registration forms submitted after May 15 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 pass enforcement begins - enforcement will begin Saturday, May 30.

This summer we are beginning a book exchange bookcase in the pool house. If you see a book you'd like to read, take it. If you have a book you'd like to share, leave it. We are looking for books for all ages. If you have books in good condition that you'd like to donate to help get the program started, please bring them to the pool house during pool hours or email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

As a reminder, the pool patio we installed last year will be available for residents to reserve for small gatherings. If you are interested, contact me for more information at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Once again we will have two community cookout and two "Swim Under the Stars" nights (see schedule below and mark your calendar now). In addition, we will be having an adult mixer at the pool, as suggested by a resident. Stay tuned for more details about this new event.

Join us on Sunday, May 24 for our Summer Kick-off Cookout and pool party. The Association will supply burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. The grills will be fired up from 4:00-6:00pm or until food runs out, and the pool will be open until 8:00pm. Come out and meet your neighbors! If you have a grill we can borrow or are willing to volunteer to staff the grill please email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

We look forward to a safe and successful pool season.

2015 Pool Event Schedule: Mark your calendars for these exciting events!

Opening Weekend Cookout

Sunday, May 24. 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Monday, May 25)

Swim Under the Stars Night

Saturday, June 13 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, June 27)

Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer

Saturday, July 11 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 18)

Swim Under the Stars Night

Saturday, July 25 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, August 1)

End of Summer Cookout

Saturday, August 29 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 30)

Committee Updates, continued

Neighborhood Watch – Doug Stewart, Chair

The community remains crime free in 2015 – since January 1st, there have been no crimes reported in the Association. This is partly due to people remaining vigilant, especially during our nighttime hours.

The Neighborhood Watch definitely needs more members to help keep this a safe neighborhood and to work on our National Night Out event, this year to be held on Tuesday, August 4th.

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/>. Other relevant websites include:

- <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/> -- The Virginia sex offender registry
- <http://spotcrime.com/va/fairfax+county> – Another way to access the police crime blotter via geographic location

Fairfax Police also have a presence on Facebook and Twitter.

Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, Chair

With the winter of 2014-2015 behind us, the Grounds Committee was pretty happy with the responsiveness of our snow removal contractor, Blade Runners. We have all seen the difficulty the weather service has in accurately predicting what Mother Nature will actually do, and the best we can do is be prepared and stand ready to react.

As a bit of recap from last newsletter, we will be re-soliciting for contractors to complete the concrete work the association needs done around the grounds in the Spring. If you had planned to be a part of the Concrete Jack contract, that contract was terminated when an agreement could not be reached on how to appropriately bill residents separately from the association. Please let me know if you would like to be part of the new contract solicitation.

We are still looking for interest in the mini library project if anybody knows anyone looking for a community service or Eagle Scout project. The project would be to build and install a mini library near the pool house for a community book loan program. Details on the concept can be found at the Little Free Library web site, <http://littlefreelibrary.org/>.



New pool fence after the trees were removed

The Committee also worked closely with the Pool Committee chair, Lisa Conoly, on the pool fence project. Because the pool fence needed to be replaced, the trees and bushes next to the fence had to be removed. Working with Lisa, the Committee recommended a mix of arbor vitae and holly trees, both evergreens, to replace the



New trees for a new fence!

existing trees. And new euonymus shrubs replaced both the existing shrubs on the parking lot side of the pool, and the arbor vitae next to the handicap parking spaces.

Finally thank you to those who attended the Open House salute to Jay Jarvis and special thanks to Courtney Gorham for hosting. It was great to get a chance to say thank you to Jay for all of his dedication to the community over the years.

Committee Updates, continued

And don't forget our annual Arbor/Earth Day celebration, this year on April 25th. 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 a dogwood this year, including Supervisor Penny Gross and our State Senator, Dave Marsden.

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 2015. All articles, letters to the editor, contractor recommendations, ads (free to residents and homeowners!), and other submissions are due by June 2nd.

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.

As mentioned in the President's column on page 3 of this issue, we need a new LVCA Newsletter editor. The newsletter appears six times a year, but much of the editorial content is provided by the chairs of the various Association committees and by Board members and residents. A good knowledge of Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat required, but training will be provided. If you want an interesting volunteer activity that will inform and entertain our Association members and residents, please send an email to president@lafayettevillage.org.

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:

- **Annandale Farmers Market**, every Thursday starting May 7 from 8:00am to noon. Located in Mason District Park on Columbia Pike. This smaller market normally has 15 to 20 vendors.
- **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, a 15-minute drive from Lafayette Village. During the peak season, starting April, over 50 vendors normally frequent this market.
- **Mosaic District Farmers Market**, every Sunday starting May 3, from 9:30am to 2:30pm. 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 6 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

For detailed information about these Farmers' Markets, visit the Annandale blog at <http://annandaleva.blogspot.com/2015/04/farmers-markets-open-in-may.html> or Fairfax County's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm>.

Spring comes to Lafayette Village, Finally!



Community Ads....

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

Day Care Provider: Kids First day care for kids 0-11 years old. Licensed daycare provider, trained in CPR and First Aid. Lafayette Village location. For more information, please call Maha at 703-347-2876 (9am-5pm) or email Maha_tayar@yahoo.com.

	10376 MAIN ST. FAIRFAX, VA. 22030	LOOSE LEAF TEA	SPICE BLENDS	BBQ RUBS	
	(703) 359-2425		SUGARS - NATURALLY FLAVORED		
	TUES-SAT 11AM-7PM		SEA SALTS	PEPPER CORN	GRAIN AND PASTA
	Bring this ad in for 10% off your purchase of \$10 or more!		EXTRACTS	CHOCOLATE	GIFT BOXES
			COOK BOOKS	TEA/SPICE ACCESSORIES	

Community Garden Notes....

Our community gardeners are getting underway with their early crops – potatoes, onions, lettuce, chard, carrots, beets, and even some early tomatoes. There's not much to look at yet except for rich, dark earth, but we expect lots of crops to start peeking through soon.

The garden is fully subscribed for this year, but we do maintain a waiting list for future plot availability. If you are interested in adding your name to the waiting list, in case of cancellations this year or for vacancies that may occur next year, please contact Anne Sansbury at asansbury@gicgroup.com.



The garden in Spring, but look! -- the blue bottle tree is in full bloom

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-hand 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.



(Reprinted from April 2014 newsletter, because the comparisons are so dramatic!)

Dog licenses required for all dogs residing in Lafayette Village

Fairfax County law requires that all dogs four months or older must be licensed. In addition, the LVCA Declaration of Covenants states that “Pets ... shall be registered, licensed and inoculated as may from time to time be required by law.” (Article VI, Section 6(b)). If you haven’t done so, please take the time to register your dog. The first time you register your dog, you can do so by mail or in person:

By Mail: Send a completed copy of the [Dog License Application](#), a check payable to the County of Fairfax, and a current certificate of rabies vaccination to the County of Fairfax, Department of Tax Administration, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax, VA 22035. You can download a copy of the dog license application at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/pdf_files/pddogapp9.pdf.

In Person: Bring a completed copy of the [Dog License Application](#), a check payable to the County of Fairfax, and a current certificate of rabies vaccination, to one of the following locations:

- The [Department of Tax Administration](#) at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 223, Fairfax between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays (8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays) or

The [Animal Shelter](#) at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax between noon and 7:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday or Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King Day Celebration, January 19, 2015

For the Association's 2015 Martin Luther King Day Celebration, held this year on January 19, we organized another food drive, this year to support the Annandale Christian Community for Action, an organization whose activities are focused on Annandale's neediest residents. The ACCA runs a food bank that is always in need of donations. Lafayette Village residents rose to the occasion, donating 505 pounds of food! Thanks to Jim Franklin, Susan Dudley, Kathie French, John Alexander with Grace, Lily, and Maddy, and Jay Jarvis, who staffed the collection site and delivered the food to the ACCA Food Bank. And thank you all who donated – this food drive was a fitting way to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King!



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January 26, 2015

Lafayette Village Community Residents
c/o Carl Iddings
3674 Yorktown Village Pass
Annandale, VA 22003

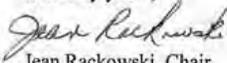
Dear Friends at Lafayette Village:

Thank you for the most generous donation of 505 pounds of food in support of the ACCA Food Pantry as part of the Martin Luther King Day Celebration. ACCA and our neighbors calling for food assistance are most grateful for your donations and the support of our pantry program.

ACCA has recently experienced about a 400% increase in the number of households requesting assistance with food. This tremendous increase in calls for help has left some of the shelves in the pantry empty and your donation has helped to fill the empty spaces. Support for the pantry from community partners like you make sure the food and nutrition needs of our needy neighbors are met.

When a call comes for food assistance, a volunteer makes a "shopping" trip to the pantry and then delivers the food to the needy family. So many do not have transportation to come to the pantry and our volunteers are able to make the delivery directly to the home. This many times will discover other needs and we try to help the family make connections with other programs to meet the additional support so vitally needed.

ACCA is grateful you chose our Food Pantry for your project to help with the Martin Luther King Day Celebration. Should anyone in Lafayette Village want to join our team of volunteers at the pantry, please do let me know. This is a most special way to connect with neighbors who are seeking the support and help from our community.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Rackowski, Chair
ACCA Food and Nutrition Program

703/ 914-8066 and henry.jean@verizon.net

One of the Best" – Catalogue for Philanthropy

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Maddy and John Alexander, loading the truck to deliver the food to ACCA's food pantry.

2015 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 2015 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 23, 2015 through MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

HOURS: Weekdays—May 26—June 5: 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Weekdays—June 8—September 4: 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. The Board at its discretion can issue pool passes to the owners and residents of 4020 Lafayette Village Drive.

CHILDREN

- A responsible person age 18 or older must supervise children under age 12 at all times. Should pool management deem it necessary for the safety of a child, a basic swim test will be given by the pool manager or his/her designee.
- For the safety of the child, strollers must be kept well away from edge of pool. Children in strollers must have personal and direct adult supervision.
- Any person who is incontinent, or children not potty trained must wear appropriate waterproof clothing. Cloth diapers with snugly fitting rubber pants or swim diapers must be worn in either pool. Any type of disposable diapers are not allowed because they can clog the filter system. In the event of an unsanitary mishap, pool staff must be notified immediately.
- There will be a 15 minute restricted swim period from 45 minutes to the top of each hour for "lap swimming or water walking only". 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.

2015 LVCA Pool Rules and Regulations continued...

RESTRICTED ADMISSION/POOL CLOSING

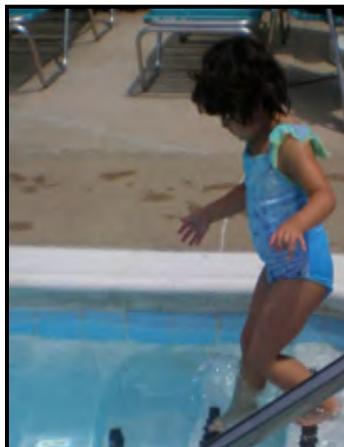
- If the pool becomes overcrowded, the pool management staff may restrict admission.
- The pool management staff is authorized to close the pool for any reason it deems fit, including: electrical storms, equipment breakdowns and pool chemical problems.

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 after notice and opportunity for a hearing. See Bylaws Article VII, Section 1 (b).
- The Board of Directors reserves the right to amend these rules/regulations at any time.



2015 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.

2015 POOL EVENT SCHEDULE:

Opening Weekend Cookout

Sunday, May 24. 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Monday, May 25)

Swim Under the Stars Night

Saturday, June 13 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, June 27)

Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer

Saturday, July 11 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 18)

Swim Under the Stars Night

Saturday, July 25 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, August 1)

End of Summer Cookout

Saturday, August 29 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 30)

LVCA POOL REGISTRATION FORM - 2015 APPLICATION

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

FAMILY MEMBER'S NAMES	Ages of Children (A=Adult)
1	
2	
3	
4	
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 15, 2015 to ensure passes for pool opening.
 Passes and 2015 stickers will be available for pickup at the pool beginning May 23, 2015.
 Passes/stickers will not be mailed to homeowners.

IF YOU SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AFTER MAY 15, 2015, 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 _____