



# Lafayette Village Community Association

## April/May 2017 Newsletter

### ACC Spring Inspection has started

The Annual ACC Inspection of all Lafayette Village homes has started. Our property manager, Dale Edwards, has completed the initial inspection and cited 108 homeowners with a total of 152 violations of our ACC Guidelines.

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!

Members of the ACC will also inspect the community, looking particularly at trees and shrubs. Unless you've received an exception, all townhome front yards must have a tree. If you've recently removed a tree from your front yard, you will need to replace it. There are a number of attractive native trees that are appropriately sized for our townhome front yards, such as dogwoods and redbuds. (Greenspring Gardens maintains a list of native trees at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/infosheets/nativetrees.pdf> )

Townhome foundations must be screened by evergreen shrubs, preferably native. If you've removed the shrubs, or you don't like that they've overgrown and now screen your ground floor windows, check out your neighbors for ideas about acceptable and appropriate shrubs. Greenspring Gardens is also a good source for native shrub ideas.

### Lafayette Village Swimming Pool Opens May 27<sup>th</sup>!

Please send in your pool registration form before May 17<sup>th</sup>. A late registration could delay your passes for up to two weeks. See pages 11 through 13 for the 2017 pool rules and the last page of this newsletter for the pool registration form. Don't forget the Pool Committee report on page 6.

The Pool Committee is sponsoring a Pool Opening Barbecue on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup>

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. **A small number of gold coins have been hidden around the community to give added interest!** 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
- **Moon Bounce opens**
- 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, Grounds Chair Mike Nutbrown, State Senator Dave Marsden, and Supervisor Penny Gross.**
- 3:00: **Moon Bounce closes.** After picnic clean-up

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**REMINDER: Second Quarter Assessments were due April 1, 2017. If your check was received after April 15<sup>th</sup>, you may be subject to a late fee and interest.**

### LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

**Board Meetings** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month at 7:00 PM in the library at Mason Crest Elementary School, 3705 Crest Drive (April 10, May 8)

**ACC Committee** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (April 20, May 18)

**Grounds Committee** – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass (April 24, May 22)

**Finance Committee** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7833 Byrds Nest Pass (April 18, May 16)

**Neighborhood Watch** – Third Wednesday of month at 7:00PM at 7876 Hampton Village Pass (April 19, May 17).

**Fairfax Federation** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at 7:30PM at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax (March 16, April 14)

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

**Please check the website for the most current information:**

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

### **Consider Alternatives to Plastic for Bagging Yard Waste –**

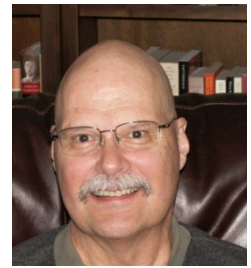
Plastic bags are made from non-renewable resources, are not compostable, and require additional processing. Eliminating plastic bags for yard waste collection helps ensure all local yard composting facilities make the highest-quality end-products for use on residential and commercial lawns and gardens.

When packaging yard waste for collection at the curb, **consider the use of paper lawn and leaf bags or a reusable container.** Patriot Disposal, our trash collection company, prefers the use of these bags. Paper lawn and leaf bags are made from a renewable resource, use less energy to produce, break down naturally when composted, reduce the cost of processing the material, and they are a more sustainable alternative to plastic.

For more information, including sustainable yard waste management options such as grasscycling, composting, and self-hauling material, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/yardwaste.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/yardwaste.htm) or call 703-324-5230.

## President's Column –

- **Pool Parking:** Now that we are approaching the pool season, I want to remind you that **when the pool is open, parking in the pool parking lot is limited to pool attendees and gardeners.** You will be able to park in the pool parking lot overnight during the summer only if you park there after 8:30pm and move your vehicle before the pool opens at 11:00am. **If your vehicle is parked in the pool parking lot during pool hours it will be ticketed,** which will serve as your warning. The next time your vehicle is parked improperly in the pool parking lot, **it could be towed!**
- **Direct Electronic Payments for your HOA Fees:** On the top of page 2 of this newsletter is a reminder that HOA fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each quarter (January, April, July, and October) and are late if received after the 15<sup>th</sup> of each quarter. You can make it easy on yourself (and I'm sure you have better things to remember than paying your HOA fees) by signing up for an automatic **electronic debit payment.** To do this, simply complete the form located on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/AutomaticDebitFormLVCA.pdf>, and mail it to Sequoia Management at the address on the form. Easy! And even better, no more late payments!
- **Revised 2017 LVCA Budget:** At its April meeting, the Board adopted a revised budget for our current 2017 budget year. You can view the new budget on the website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LVCA-2017Budget\(BoardAdoptedRevision\)4-10-2017.pdf](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LVCA-2017Budget(BoardAdoptedRevision)4-10-2017.pdf). This revision shifts funds primarily from the "Contract and Maintenance Expenses" section of the budget to fund an additional \$30,000 contribution to our Replacement Reserve fund. The recently completed Replacement Reserve study identified a potential shortfall in the amount of funds needed in our Replacement Reserve in 2018. The additional contribution of \$30,000 to our reserve fund will eliminate that potential shortfall while still maintaining the services we provide to our members.



### Residential Document Shredding Event coming to Mason District

Protect yourself from identify theft by destroying sensitive documents such as old tax forms, sales receipts, and other financial records that contain private information. This year, Fairfax County's Solid Waste Management Program will run nine shredding events throughout the county, where residents may **securely shred up to four medium-size boxes of documents.** The documents will be reduced to unreadable shreds, thereby preserving your privacy and preventing fraud.

Material from businesses will not be accepted. Other items that will not be accepted include plastic report covers, metal binder clips, floppy discs, CDs, newspapers, junk mail, film, and photographs.

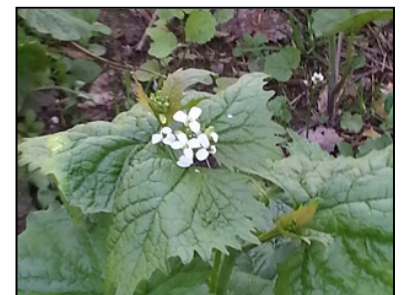
The Mason District Shredding event will happen on **Saturday, May 13, 2017, from 8:00am to 12 noon at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike.** This is a popular event, so watch for the line of vehicles waiting to enter the Government Center. For guidance on what to shred, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm>.

For more details and schedules, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm>.

### Garlic Mustard Season is here!

Garlic mustard is an invasive plant that has the ability to change the chemistry of the soil in which it grows to favor more garlic mustard plants at the expense of other plants. It is found on the edges of wooded areas, and is prevalent around the edges of Lafayette Village. I have seen garlic mustard behind townhouses on Byrds Nest Pass, Mt. Airey Lane, Newport Glen Pass, and elsewhere in our community.

Garlic mustard is easy to identify. The plant grows up to 18" tall, has toothed leaves, and is topped by a spray of white flowers with four petals. If you spot garlic mustard on your walks through the community, please pull it up – it comes up very easily roots and all, and you will prevent this annual plant from propagating itself for another season.



Notice the distinctive white flowers with 4 petals

# Lafayette Village celebrates Arbor Day, Earth Day!

## Lafayette Village Arbor Day/Earth Day Resolution 2017

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lafayette Village will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> 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 19, 2017:

**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,

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved:** that Saturday, April 22, 2017 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 19, 2017 by the Lafayette Village Board of Directors**

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**ATTEST: John Alexander, Secretary**



Pignut Hickory, proposed tree for Arbor Day 2017 planting, showing its fall colors.

## Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens

Save the Date– The Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens will take place on **Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** More than 40 local garden vendors descend on Green Spring Gardens with beautiful and unusual plants to fill your spring gardening needs. Growers and Master Gardeners are on hand to help with plant selections and gardening advice. FROGS members receive 10 percent off plants in the Garden Gate Plant Shop. Free admission. For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA 22312 ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring)).



## Committee Updates

### Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, Chair

The Finance Committee has reviewed the 2015-2016 Audit and it is our pleasure to report that the Association remains in good financial health with Sequoia doing a great job of managing our finances. The investment account at Wells Fargo Advisors supports our Replacement Reserve and will augment our cash reserves to accomplish the Association's objectives over the coming year.

The Audit pointed up a shortfall in our reserve position in relation to the new study report, and the board is defining our remedies to bring the Replacement Reserve account up to the level required in the most recent report. While our new reserve requirement requires a modification of the budget to allow for more contributions to the reserve fund, we do not foresee any impact on community services, and we are taking steps to ensure that the association fees remain steady.

In short, the Community Association is in great fiscal shape, our reserve fund is being augmented to ensure infrastructure maintenance and improvement, and your association dues should not increase. We believe that our budget and operational plan will provide for an even better summer swim season, and will allow us to accomplish all of the projects previously forecast.

The Finance Committee is always looking for input, and if you are interested in assisting the Association with financial management and fiscal policy, please contact Jim Franklin at [franklin-assoc@msn.com](mailto:franklin-assoc@msn.com) or call at (703) 205-9087. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17th, at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass, and all interested community members are invited to attend. And remember that you can view the Association's most recent monthly financial statements on the website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca\\_MonthlyFinancials.htm](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_MonthlyFinancials.htm).

### Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

The surprise snow delayed the Spring Inspection a little but by now all violation letters should have been mailed. With over 100 homes being cited, many of us will have some work to do this spring! It was a thorough inspection by Sequoia but things do get missed, and there may be just a few more notices as we assess the tree situation in the next few weeks. Because the letters went out a week later than anticipated, the reinspection schedule will be pushed back a week.

Please comply with the guidelines. It's a win/win/win if you do:

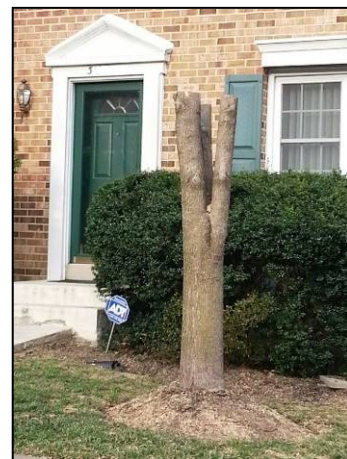
- You'll get pool passes on time and won't have to attend a hearing with the Board.
- The Board won't have to adjudicate a lot of appeals and,
- The whole community will look better for it.

I know I reference the townhomes a lot. There are so many, and the density exaggerates what seem to be small issues, but the detached homes on Merrimac are also a reflection of the community. It's important to maintain high standards all over, especially in spring when people tend to list their homes for sale.

If you're a renter, and you know there are problems with the exterior of the house you're in, please ask your landlord to take remedial action. Pool passes aren't issued if there are any outstanding violations, whether it's owner or tenant occupied.

Some points to remember:

- Refer to the LV website for guidance on which repairs require ACC approval and submit as much information as possible with your request.
- Semi-gloss paint should be used for shutters, doors, railings etc.
- Changing paint colors on the exterior of the house requires prior approval.
- Shrubs along foundation walls should be evergreens.
- Spring cleaning of back yards is required (and much appreciated by your neighbors too).
- Gardening supplies, bikes, toys, etc. may not be stored in front of the house.



## Committee Updates, continued

- Yard ornaments are not allowed in front of the townhomes.

We're already starting to see requests for exterior repairs and improvements and that's always a great sign that people are taking care of things.

Finally, with lighter evenings and warmer weather, a lot of people are out enjoying the neighborhood streets, so please wait until late on Sunday and Wednesday evenings before putting out your trash and recyclables. Nothing should be put out between the Thursday morning collection and Sunday evening. If you're an absentee owner please remind your tenants of this.

Thanks to everyone who makes the tasks of the ACC easier – we really do appreciate it.

### Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

With warmer temperatures arriving, the covers have been taken off the pools to begin preparations for the upcoming pool season. Opening day will be Saturday, May 27.

This edition of the newsletter includes the Pool Rules and Registration Form for the 2017 season. Please review the rules with your family, paying particular attention to the "lap swim" rule that replaced what had previously been known as "break" or "adult swim". All residents and their guests are expected to comply with these rules.

**In order to receive pool passes, residents must fill out the Registration Form** (even if you have submitted a form in the past) and return it to Sequoia Management by May 17 in order to have passes for opening day. Registration forms submitted after May 17 may take up to two weeks to process. Each household in good standing (no outstanding HOA fees or ACC violations) will receive 5 passes or stickers **that will be mailed to applicants**. If you have received a violation letter from Sequoia, you must correct the violations or contact Sequoia with an action plan before your passes will be issued. There will be a one week grace period before pool pass enforcement begins - **pass enforcement will begin Saturday, June 3**.

Current pool passes are lime green and are the only passes that will be accepted for admittance to the pool. Each pass must also display a "2017" sticker. You will need to keep your passes for reuse in future years. If you have lost your passes the replacement cost is \$5 per pass (see the application form for details).

Again this year, **the patio area will be available at no charge** to residents in good standing to reserve for small gatherings. See the Pool Rules for details. The application can be found on the web site.

We are planning to offer a **water aerobics program** again this year with the possibility of additional classes being added. Watch for more details as opening day approaches.

We are also continuing our **Reader Exchange bookcase** in the pool house, available to all residents during pool hours. If you see a book you'd like to read, take it; if you have a book you'd like to share, leave it.

Join us on Sunday, May 28 for a community cookout and pool party to celebrate the beginning of the pool season. The Association will supply burgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and condiments. 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 the food runs out and the pool will be open until 8:00pm. Come out and meet your neighbors! If you have a gas grill we can borrow or are willing to volunteer to handle the grill, please email me at [lisac\\_234@hotmail.com](mailto:lisac_234@hotmail.com).

Additional events are planned throughout the summer, including the popular "Swim Under the Stars" nights – see the schedule at the bottom of page 13, and mark your calendar now!

**Reminder:** When the pool is open, **the pool parking lot is restricted to pool users and gardeners**. Violators will be ticketed, and repeat violators will be towed.

We look forward to a safe and successful pool season.

Pool Rules can be found starting on page 11.

Pool Picnic Pad Rules can be found on page 13

The Pool Pass Application Form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

All pool documents are also on the website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/pool.htm>.

## Committee Updates, continued

### Neighborhood Watch – Steve Longstgreet, Chair

When spring brought warmer weather last year it coincided with a surge of vehicle break-ins across the neighborhood. Luckily so far this year to date the neighborhood has been free of reported crimes. Still, as the weather warms up, we remind you to:

- Lock your house and car doors
- Keep valuables out of your car (especially at night)
- Call 911 if you see anything suspicious - as requested by Fairfax Police Department

If you're heading out of town for Spring Break or other vacations - ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your home; have your mail stopped and collected at the post office; and try not to announce the vacation on social media until you get back.

#### Neighborhood Watch Updates:

- New Mason District Crime Prevention Officer
  - MPO Eddy Azcarate is taking over as the CPO for Mason District Station. **He'll be holding a community coordinator meeting on May 9th to introduce himself.** You may remember Officer Azcarate from his riveting presentation at the 2016 Annual Meeting last October.
- Next meeting - April 19th at 7 pm located at 7876 Hampton Village Pass. Please let me know you're attending at [slongstreet@gmail.com](mailto:slongstreet@gmail.com)

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 has teamed up with CrimeReports.com to display Fairfax County crimes and the local sex offender registry. The following link will take you to our local map: <http://bit.ly/2oDU3wZ>.

### Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, Chair

The grounds budget will likely be reduced this year to help the Association stay in compliance with its new Reserve Study. These changes eat rather heavily into our tree and grounds maintenance budgets this year. That being said, the Grounds Committee just worked with Blade Runners to develop a spring grounds improvements and plantings proposal, building on the proposal that was held over from the fall when we ran out of time. The Board approved that new proposal by email, so we should see new trees and some turf renovation in the month of April – including our new tree for our Earth/Arbor Day celebration!

The Grounds Committee will host the annual Earth/Arbor Day celebration Saturday April 22. We'll kick off the event with a neighborhood clean-up with prizes for kids who help and the chance to pick up a few coins hidden in paper cups among the trash. After that we'll clean up and head up to Trammel Park for a cookout, tree planting, and of course some bouncing in the bounce house. Put it on your schedule to come join us in making our local environment a little happier.

Our last meeting was attended by a Hancock Forest Pass contingent who came to let us know they want to take some land back from the invasive plants that have been inching closer to their houses over the years. We were excited to see their



## Committee Updates, continued

enthusiasm and look forward to helping them with a volunteer effort to cut back the invasive plants along the edge of the park behind their homes, reclaiming Association property from the invasive weeds.

We're always open for new members of the community who have an interest in the maintenance and beautification of our grounds to join the grounds committee and help make it a better place for everyone. If you are interested, please send me an email at [grounds@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:grounds@lafayettevillage.org).

### 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](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org). The next newsletter will be available early June 2017. All articles, letters to the editor, contractor recommendations, ads (free to residents and homeowners!), and other submissions are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, our website, the **LVCA email list**, and Nextdoor.com, our community's social network . If you would like to receive announcements of interest to the community, please send your email address to [lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org), and request to be added. And if you haven't already, log on to [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), create an account and join in on the discussions!

## 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 4 from 8:00am to noon. Located in Mason District Park on Columbia Pike. 13 vendors scheduled to participate. Website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm>.
- **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 participate in this market. This is the best farmers market in the area! Website at <http://www.fallschurchva.gov/547/Farmers-Market>.
- **Mosaic District Farmers Market**, every Sunday year round, from 10:00am to 1:30pm. Located at 2910 District Avenue, this market will have over 40 vendors, including artisan food producers from around the area. Website at <http://mosaicdistrict.com/events/event/mosaic-farmers-market/>.
- **Wakefield Farmers Market**, every Wednesday starting May 3 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Located in Wakefield Park, with 14 vendors scheduled to participate. Website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefieldmkt.htm>.



### Mark Your Calendar: Fairfax Animal Shelter Hosts Low-Cost Rabies Clinic for Pets in Annandale

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter and Pender Veterinary Clinic, in partnership with the Office of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross and the Mason District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department, will host a **low-cost rabies clinic** on **Sunday, April 23, 12 to 2 p.m.**, for **dogs, cats and ferrets**, in the Main Community Room of the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. All dogs must be on leashes, and cats and ferrets must be in carriers. Vaccination cost is \$15 per pet. Fairfax County 2017 dog licenses will be sold separately and cost \$10. Cash and checks only will be accepted for payment at the clinic. For more information, call 703-830-1100, or visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal).



## Community Notes, continued....

### Gang Activity and Prevention – Notes from Supervisor Gross’s Town Hall Meeting

Gang activity has been rising across the Washington, D.C., region lately. Our police school resource officers watch for signs of gang activity and gang recruitment in our schools, and we need everyone's support to keep this dangerous problem at bay: parents/guardians, police, schools, health and human services providers, the court system and others. Gang activity is the primary focus for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, as well as our Police Department, which has a gang investigations unit that examines all gang-associated crime. It's important to note that according to police, gangs are actively and successfully recruiting new members, especially in middle school. There are a variety of resources available about gang prevention:

- To report suspected gang activity in Fairfax County call 703-691-2131, TTY 711, or in an emergency call/text 911.
- To report information regarding gang-related crime to the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force call 1-866-NO-GANGS (1-866-664-2647).
- If you or someone needs help, call 703-GET-HELP (703-438-4357), the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force resource information line.

For additional information about gang activity, prevention, the Northern Virginia Gang Task Force, and more, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gangprevention](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gangprevention) and [www.preventgangsnova.org](http://www.preventgangsnova.org).

## Community Garden Notes....

Happy Springtime! I hope we had enough cold weather to kill off some nasty germs and other unwanted varmints. We definitely did not have weather bad enough to deter weeds in the garden. If they were edible, we could feed the whole community. But enough of weeds....**we would like to invite new gardeners to join us for the 2017 season.** This year, we have **three garden plots available** for new gardeners. We have a great group of creative gardeners who are always trying new crops and new methods of gardening. And every year brings new challenges in the realms of bugs, bigger creatures, weather, water, and yes, weeds. But isn't that what makes gardening so much fun!?!

If you've been dreaming of a return to nature, you've been wanting to show your children where some of their food comes from, or you just appreciate the taste of home grown vegetables, please consider gardening with us. For more information, contact Anne Sansbury, our garden coordinator, at [asansbury@gicgroup.com](mailto:asansbury@gicgroup.com)



The garden in spring!

## 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 0-11years 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](mailto:Maha_tayar@yahoo.com).

**Major Food Drive on May 13 :** Mark your calendar for the 25th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive on Saturday, May 13. Postal carriers will pick up non-perishable food donations as they make their regular deliveries. This is one of the biggest food drives of the year and benefits the ACCA Food Pantry.



## Annandale Community Park News....

### Stream Restoration Project Planned for Coon Branch in Annandale Community Park

On Tuesday, April 11, about 15 local residents, including many from Lafayette Village, attended a briefing on the Coon Branch stream restoration project. Presented by Jasdeep Saini, an engineer with Fairfax County's Storm Water Management Division, the briefing discussed the county's plans to address the erosion and stream degradation of Coon Branch, the major stream running through Annandale Community Park.

Mr. Saini explained that the project will affect about 1900 linear feet of Coon Branch. The goals are to:

- Stabilize the streambed and its banks. (Currently, the banks are highly eroded, and are eroding away the private properties on Estabrook Drive as well as parkland near the baseball diamonds.)
- Improve the habitat, including stream habitat, and improve water quality.
- Protect the infrastructure, including the sewer line embedded under the stream and the bridge across Coon Branch to Hirst Drive.
- Control the quantity and velocity of storm water runoff, thereby reducing downstream sedimentation, particularly in Creek Accotink and Lake Accotink. This will also allow the County to meet its stormwater management goals.

This will be a lengthy project. Currently, the project team, led by Mr. Saini, is collecting data to feed into the initial and detailed design phases of the project. If you walk along Coon Branch, you will notice that many of the trees in the project area have been tagged with white and pink ribbons, and have silver-colored medallions affixed to them. Each of these trees has been entered into a database that identifies its species, condition, and location. Some of these trees, particularly those close to the project limits will be removed and replaced during the restoration.

The tentative schedule for this project is:

- Stream assessment completed – May 2017
- Conceptual design completed – September 2017
- Detailed design, including acquisition of property easements completed – end of 2018
- Start of construction – early 2019, assuming easements can be obtained.

One critical element of this project is obtaining easements from the homeowners along Estabrook Drive. The project could be halted if easements cannot be obtained.

Note that this project does not address the stream that runs next to Lafayette Village, the unnamed tributary of Coon Branch. That stream could be considered as a phase two add-on to the Coon Branch project. The Association will work with our County Supervisor and the Park Authority to help make phase two happen.



Map showing the project limits. Lafayette Village is at the top.

**The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust** is sponsoring a trash cleanup in **Annandale Community Park** on **Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m. to noon**, at 4030 Hummer Road. For ages 14 to adult (ages 7 to 13 if a parent is present). Gloves and supplies will be provided, and refreshments available. Bring shoes and clothes appropriate for dirty work in the park, and water, sunscreen, and bug spray. Bring boots or waders if you want to clean in the Coon Branch, a shallow stem of Accotink Creek. Event is rain or shine, as long as there is no thunder or lightning.

Please e-mail [dsaltzberg@nvct.org](mailto:dsaltzberg@nvct.org) to let us know if you're coming for a preliminary headcount, but last-minute attendees are welcome.

**Directions:** Enter Annandale Community Park from Hummer Road (just off Little River Turnpike), and bear left toward the basketball courts. Meet at the picnic shelter at 9 a.m. Contact Daniel Saltzberg, [dsaltzberg@nvct.org](mailto:dsaltzberg@nvct.org) 703-354-5093.

## ***2017 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 2017 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 27, 2017 through MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017

**HOURS:** Weekdays—May 29—June 9 4:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
Weekdays—June 12—September 1: 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. 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.

## ***2017 LVCA Pool Rules and Regulations continued...***

### **RESTRICTED ADMISSION/POOL CLOSING**

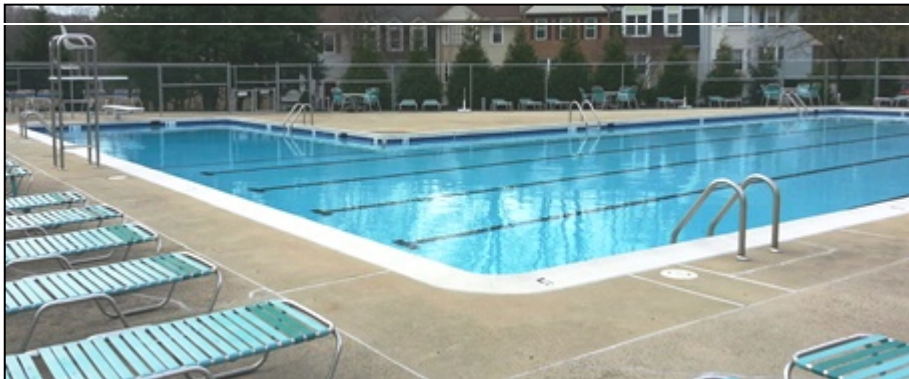
- If the pool becomes overcrowded, the pool management staff may restrict admission.
- The pool management staff is authorized to close the pool for any reason it deems fit, including: electrical storms, equipment breakdowns and pool chemical problems.

### **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.



The pool is ready for summer. Are you?

## ***2017 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:**

- Only Association members in good standing may reserve the pool picnic pad.
- To reserve, contact the Pool Committee Chair by email at least 2 weeks in advance.
- To reserve, the member must have a valid pool pass.
- To reserve, the member must also complete the LVCA Pool Picnic Pad Agreement, which the Pool Committee Chair will provide to the member.
- 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.

**2017 POOL EVENT SCHEDULE:** Mark your calendar for these exciting events!

**Summer Kick-off Cookout** – Sunday, May 28, 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Monday, May 29)

**Swim Under the Stars Night** – Saturday, June 17, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, June 24)

**Adult Wine and Cheese Mixer** – Saturday, July 8, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 15)

**Swim Under the Stars Night** – Saturday, July 22, 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 29)

**End of Summer Cookout** – Saturday, August 26, 4:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 27)



## LVCA POOL REGISTRATION FORM - 2017 APPLICATION

<b>OWNER:</b>	<b>RENTER:</b>
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	<b>ADDRESS:</b>
<b>PHONE: (H)</b>	<b>PHONE: (H)</b>
<b>(W)</b>	<b>(W)</b>
<b>(C)</b>	<b>(C)</b>
<b>Email:</b>	

FAMILY MEMBER'S NAMES	Ages of Children (A=Adult)
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

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.

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**SIGNATURE** **DATE**

Registration form must be mailed or emailed by May 17, 2017 to ensure you receive your passes by pool opening.  
 Pool passes will be mailed to homeowners who have applied for them beginning in mid-May.

**IF YOU SUBMIT YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AFTER MAY 17, 2017, IT CAN TAKE UP TO TWO WEEKS BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR PASSES IN THE MAIL**

**SEND THIS FORM TO:**

***LVCA POOL REGISTRATION***

C/O Sequoia Management, attn. Glenda Cruz  
 13998 Parkeast Circle  
 Chantilly, VA 20151-2283

email: [gcruz@sequoiamgmt.com](mailto:gcruz@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)

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**FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:**

ASSESSMENTS PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOOD STANDING W/ACC \_\_\_\_\_ NEW HOMEOWNER \_\_\_\_\_