

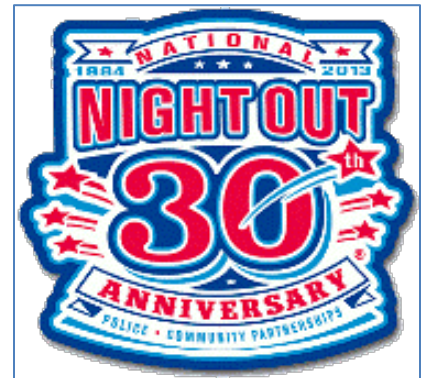


Lafayette Village Community Association

August/September 2013 Newsletter

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 6, 2013

Join us for the 2013 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 pm. This year we will gather at Trammell Park to meet those walking up Lafayette Village Drive from the pool house. There will be a moon bounce for the kids to enjoy, and snow cones to take the edge off the heat. We will distribute Child ID kits for parents to take home, and will have glow sticks and wrist bands for kids. We have invited Fairfax County Police to attend as well, to show off their equipment and talk to us about crime prevention. We will be out until dark.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

WHY YOU NEED to participate:

- You can pick up an ID Kit, allowing you to take and store your child's fingerprints and DNA!
- You can sign up for the Neighborhood Watch. We need volunteers and the statistics are clear – an active community with an active neighborhood watch reduces crime!
- It will be fun! Meet your neighbors, make new friends, celebrate a crime-free summer!

Remember to show your support for National Night Out by turning on your porch light at sunset and leave it on all night! Lights on for Safety!

Pool Event – End of Summer Barbecue Saturday August 24

(Rain date August 25)!

Come celebrate the approaching end of summer, when we will have an end of pool season barbecue and pool party starting at 4:00pm. The Association will supply burgers and hot dogs, condiments, chips, and drinks. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish to share. The pool will be open to all residents until 8:00pm.

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Volunteers needed for Annual Meeting Nominating Committee

The LVCA Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, when two Board seats will be up for election. We need volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to provide a list of Board candidates for the membership to consider at the Annual meeting.

If you would like to serve on this committee, please email Carl Iddings at president@lafayettevillage.org.

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EARLY REMINDER: Fourth Quarter Assessments are due October 1, 2013. Please enclose the October coupon with your check and make sure you mail your check in time to be received by October 15th.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings - 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Woodburn Elementary School Library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (August 20 and September 17)

ACC Meetings – 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (August 15 and September 19)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Thursday of month at 7:15 PM at 7828 Ashley Glen Road. (August 22 and September 26)

Finance Committee – August 26 (Monday), September 16 (Monday) at 7:00 PM at 7827 Byrds Nest Pass

Neighborhood Watch – TBD. We need a new chair for this important committee. Please email president@lafayettevillage.org if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

All residents, including renters, are invited to attend scheduled meetings. Please check the website for the most current information:

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

LVCA Annual Meeting

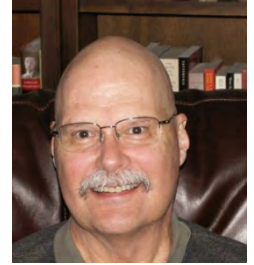
The LVCA Annual meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 2013. We will be meeting at 7:00pm in the large meeting room of the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike.

There will be two board seats up for election, and one of the incumbents, DJ Terreri, has indicated he will not be a candidate for re-election. If you are interested in running for a seat on the LVCA Board of directors, please send an email to President@lafayettevillage.org. We also need volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee – see the note on page 1 of this newsletter for details.

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A note from the President:

If you are renting a home in Lafayette Village, this note is for you. First, welcome to our community! We are proud of Lafayette Village, its distinctive look and ambience, and hope you enjoy it as much as the homeowners do. You should know that Lafayette Village is a covenanted homeowners association, governed by a set of documents including our covenants, bylaws, and ACC guidelines. The Association itself enforces these governing documents.



As a renter, you are not responsible for most of the physical upkeep and maintenance of your residence, things that are covered by our governing documents – your landlord takes care of those details. However, there are some community rules that do apply to you, and failure to follow them could result in fines being issued to your landlord. These rules include:

- **Trash collection** – Trash is collected every Monday and Thursday, with recyclables and yard waste collected on Mondays as well. If Thursday falls on a holiday or a snow emergency, trash will be collected the next scheduled collection day. Trash and recyclables should be placed curbside in front of your home no earlier than the evening before trash collection day. All trash containers must be returned to your home or back yard the same day after the trash or recyclables have been collected. Trash and recycle containers cannot be stored in your front yard.
- **Back yard maintenance** – While the Association provides front yard maintenance services to the town homes, you are responsible for maintaining your back yard. This means grass needs to be mowed, weeds pulled, and any loose trash, animal waste, and other refuse needs to be collected and put out with your trash.
- **Pet Waste** – Although this should go without saying, you are responsible for cleaning up after your pet. The Association has bag holders and trash cans throughout the community for your use when picking up dog poop.
- **ACC Guidelines** – The ACC Guidelines, available on our website, detail a comprehensive set of requirements for all homes in Lafayette Village must adhere to. Some of these guidelines are directly relevant to you as a tenant. For instance, all windows visible from the street must have appropriate window treatments. Yard ornaments are prohibited. Yard plantings are controlled, as well, so if you want to do some front yard beautification, please read the guidelines before proceeding with your project.
- **Mailings from Sequoia Management to your landlord** – If you receive mail from our management company to your landlord, please make sure he or she receives the mailing. While Sequoia makes every effort to identify your landlord's actual mailing address, on occasion mail is addressed to his or her property in Lafayette Village. It is important that such mailings actually reach your landlord – one tenant found his vehicles had been towed because his landlord had not received a set of letters warning that vehicle towing could happen. The tenant ended up having to pay a stiff towing fee.

We want your time living in Lafayette Village to be an enjoyable experience for you and your neighbors. Following the relevant Association rules and guidelines will help ensure that. For more information, you can review all Association governing documents on our website, www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm. And to get announcements of interest to all residents of Lafayette Village, send your email address to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org with a request to be added to the mailing list.

GENTLY USED FURNITURE NEEDED – I volunteer at the non-profit Brain Foundation (<http://www.brain-foundation.org/index.html>) and hopefully within the next month we will be purchasing another home for people with brain disorders who can now live on their own (counseling is provided by Pathway Homes or the Community Services Board). We need everything to fill a 4-BR home (and bed linens - we do not use twin beds).

If you are planning on moving or redecorating and have gently used furniture needing a new home, we would appreciate your donating your furniture for this cause. We will provide a donation letter for the IRS. We would also arrange pickup of large items by truck. You can contact Gloria Kozich at glojkoz@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

Did you know? Each issue of the LVCA Newsletter is posted on our community website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/newsletter.htm>. You can view each newsletter in color and click on any web URL to go directly to the referenced website.

Community Updates: Committee Reports....

Finance Committee – DJ Terreri, chair:

The Finance Committee is looking for new members. Please contact Finance Committee Chair DJ Terreri at treasurer@lafayettevillage.org if you are interested in serving on the committee. We meet about five times each year with much of our work done by email. The committee is responsible for preparation of a proposed budget, overseeing the annual audit and managing the Association's funds.

Our most recent balance sheet (found at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/2013-06LVCAFinancialStatement.pdf>) shows the Association has \$859,508 in assets with \$526,740 in our Replacement Reserve fund. It is these funds that will pay for the road repairs the Board is currently planning.

During the next few months, the committee will be reviewing the 2012 audit and working on preparations for the draft annual budget which is to be presented to the Board at its September meeting.

The Finance Committee will meet on August 26 and September 16 at 7828 Ashley Glen Road. Both meetings will start at 7:00pm.

Grounds Committee – Jay Jarvis, chair:

The Committee has developed its annual tree work plan for 2013. This plan calls for the removal of 18 more pine trees, elevating trees over the sidewalk on Trammel Road, clearing out the overgrowth behind the homes on Ashley Glen Road, and elevating all trees on common grounds that have not already been elevated. You can find a map of this plan on page 7 of this newsletter. The map indicates the 18 trees to be cut with a "C" and marks four sections with lightning bolts where we will do additional clearing. Please let me know if there are other areas that might be considered.

This fall the plan calls for planting Crape Myrtle and Redbud Trees (marked with "T" on the map), and Azaleas at the end of Ashley Glen and Hampton Village (marked with "A" on the map).

The committee recently had all sidewalk drains cleared and with volunteers completed adding large "riprap" rocks in the swale between Butterfield and Ashley Glen to help stop major erosion. In the Meadows, we have installed a new canopy with rain barrel to collect water on top of the hill under the power lines. We also have completed the steps from Lafayette Village Drive down the hill at the "S" curve to the beginning of our trail. Homeowners can enjoy a walk on the trail and up the hill, under power lines, then sit under canopy and relax.

The Grounds Committee is considering other improvements including:

1. Installation of a retaining wall and walk way behind the section of homes on the south side of Yorktown closest to Lafayette Village. This will be similar to the one behind Byrds Nest Pass. There is a steep hill just as the residents walk out their back gates, so this work will allow residents to walk safely when they come out their gates.
2. Excavation of the area next to 7816 Ashley Glen to make a swale so water runs down the hill. The side walk would be raised so water flows down and away.
3. Installation of a drain at the end of the sidewalk in front of 7878 Newport Glen with the outflow channeled to the wooded area at the bottom of the hill.
4. Addition of river rock behind 7878 Newport and along the drain line where there is erosion.
5. Addition of river rock between 7844 and 7842 Butterfield in the drain line and at the bottom of the retaining wall.
6. Addition of a retaining wall 7 to 8 feet from curb into the hill between Hampton Village and Hancock Forest. Then adding a retaining wall on the north side of the current community garden about 24 feet out at a height that would make it level from the edge of the garden. The dirt from the area next to the retaining wall between Hampton and Hancock would then be moved to the area next to garden behind the new retaining wall allowing for expansion of the community garden. Then adding a sidewalk between Hampton Village and Hancock Village and out to the edge of LVCA property. The long term goal would be to have the county add a sidewalk all the way out to Hummer Road.

Community Updates: Committee Reports, cont....

7. Addition of a concrete pad at the back edge of the swimming pool with a separated fenced area which would allow for food, as required by the county.
8. Addition of river rock behind 7880 to 7886 Hampton Village to help prevent erosion.

The Committee has requested quotes for much of this work from Blade Runners. This work could be funded by surplus Grounds Maintenance funds from previous years, carried on our books as "Unappropriated Members Equity." If you have questions or comments about this plan, send an email to the Committee chair, Jay Jarvis, at jay@jarvislandscaping.com, or attend the next meeting of the Grounds Committee on August 22nd.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, chair:

The pool season is in full swing and many families have made visiting the pool part of their regular routine.

This summer we've had two "Swim Under the Stars" nights where we kept the pool open late, turned on the pool lights and turned up the music. The June event was held on the night of the "super moon" and had about 50 attendees. The July "Swim" had about 40 people in attendance despite afternoon rain and cool temperatures.

We have one final event before the pool closes for the year. On Saturday, August 24 we will have a cookout in the pool parking lot (rain date August 25). The grills will be fired up from 4:00-6:00pm and the Association will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and beverages. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. The pool will be open until 8:00pm that evening for those wishing to have a swim.

If you have not visited the pool yet this year, come to this final event of the season and see what you've been missing. If you have suggestions for future pool activities, email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com. The pool will remain open through Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2013.



Swimming under the stars!

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. Lafayette Village makes it easy to stay informed through the newsletter, website and monthly Board meetings. The next newsletter will be available October 5, 2013. Articles and submissions are due by September 30th.

If you aren't receiving community announcements from the LVCA Mailing list, maybe you haven't submitted your email address! You can join the mailing list by sending an email to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org with a request to be added to the list. Don't miss out on announcements important to Lafayette Village residents and homeowners.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Fred Saah, chair:

Join us August 6th for the National Night Out at the playground. There will be a moon bounce, snow cones and refreshments. We will also have some child ID kits and other goodies for you to pick up. We've invited Fairfax County police to attend, as well, so we expect a police officer to show up, demonstrate his vehicle and equipment, and talk to us about crime prevention. So, come out and meet your neighbors and board members and have some fun.

If you would like to help monitor the moon bounce to ensure all children have an equal time and can enjoy all the fun, please email fred300@gmail.com.

On a separate note, this will be my final article for the newsletter. After 16 years my family and I have decided to move to different part of Fairfax County. We have enjoyed our time in Lafayette Village and have met many wonderful friends and neighbors that we are going to miss.

The neighborhood watch is going to need a new coordinator. Please email president@lafayettevillage.org if you are interested.

Community Updates: Committee Reports, cont....

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, chair:

I began writing a report that immediately became a repeat of my remarks from previous months. So, this month it's going to be short and sweet.

The exterior maintenance of your home is required under the governing documents. This includes all things visible from the outside, including what's hanging in your windows, to your rear yard, which is visible to your neighbors. Therefore, whether you're an "old timer", a new owner, or a renter, you need to familiarize yourself with the ACC guidelines on the website. You can find the guidelines at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/Revised%20ACC%20Guidelines%20January%202013.pdf>. If in doubt about whether something is allowed or needs prior approval, please email me at aicutter50@gmail.com. You especially want to contact me if you plan on updates like windows or siding that entail considerable expense. If something is straightforward or doesn't require committee approval, then I will usually respond within a day or so. And the ACC will inform you of any group decision as soon as possible.

Thank you to all who keep their homes looking so good and the neighborhood a friendly place to live.

Community Garden update ...

The first thing we gardeners learn is that weeds are happy in all kinds of weather. What they don't like, however, is a thick covering of newspaper with a fair amount of mulch on top of the newspaper. You can't put the newspaper close to your plants, but for pathways, it's a great weed deterrent. For the plants themselves, mulch around them is almost essential in the heat of July and August to ensure that the plants don't dry out. It also makes walking near the plants safer and cleaner.

The other thing that we gardeners learn quickly is that our plants and crops taste really good to all kinds of creatures. Among the creatures we have to fend off are deer, raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, slugs, aphids, cutworms, corn earworms, beet webworms, asparagus beetles, grasshoppers, Japanese beetles, and harlequin bugs. Every week there's a new challenge to determine what ate our crops this week and how to discourage those pests in the future. That said, we still have some marvelous food and flowers growing in the garden this year.

One of the other challenges of growing a garden is watering. According to organic gardener, Joe Belsan, most plants – tomato, pepper, corn, okra, eggplant – need one inch of water per week. If it hasn't rained for three days, it's probably time to water. Don't forget, if you have bugs or diseases on your plants and need to cut them back or pull them up, don't leave them in the garden and don't compost them, because bacteria can live in the soil for many years and the bugs will just take off for some other plant. In the past, a lot of us have filled two-liter bottles with water and turned them upside down next to our plants to provide continual watering. Another idea is to put half-gallon jugs with a 1/8" hole in the bottom next to the stems of your plants and put a teaspoon of fertilizer into each jug and then fill the jugs with water. You can fertilize like this every 2 to 3 weeks.



Corn growing in the garden

Community ads ...

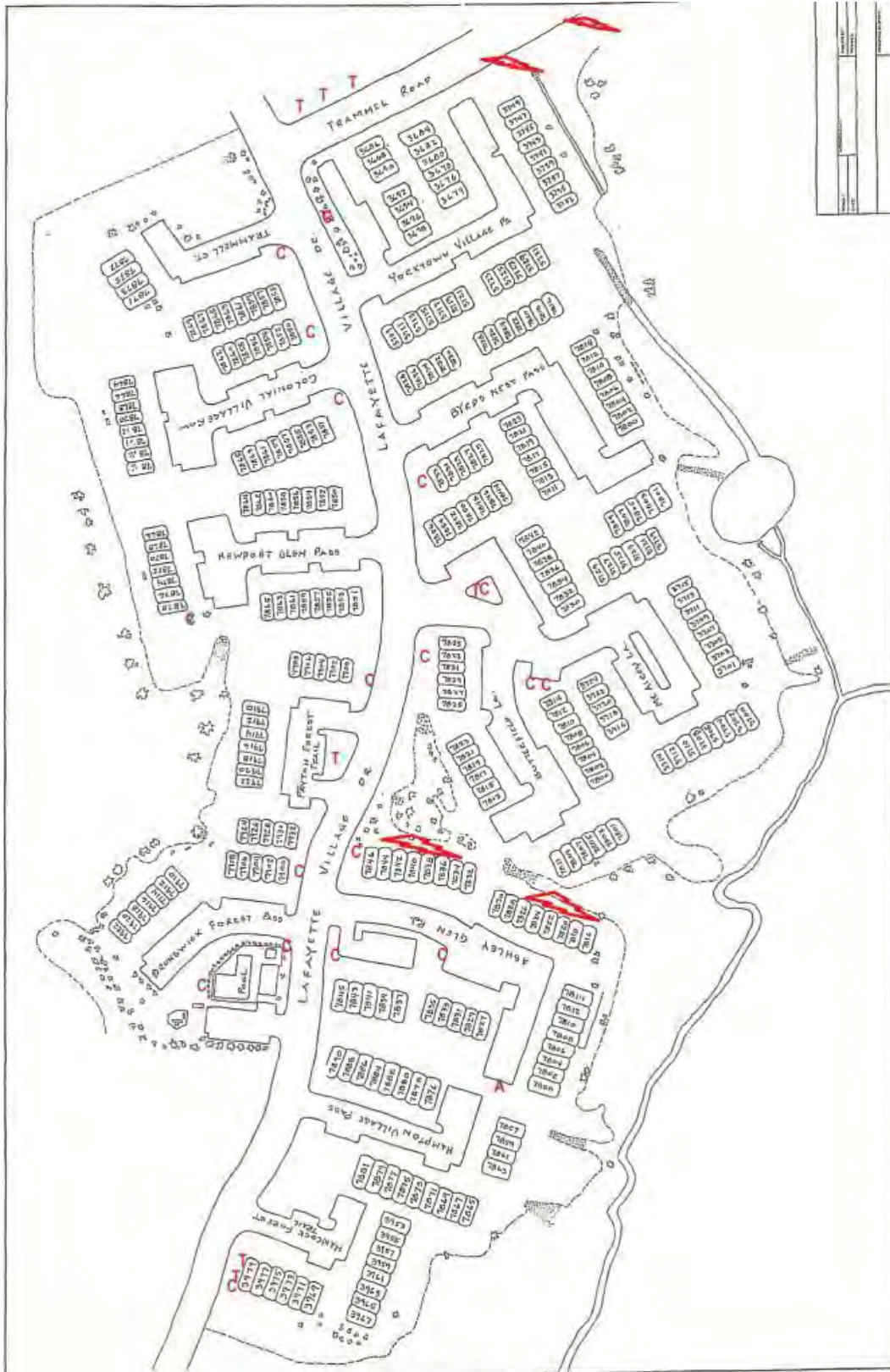
For Sale: Small dresser with mirror (three drawers)

Perfect for a child's room or guest room. Furniture is dark (cherry?) and is in good shape except the bottom 2 drawer runners do not function properly. Email kristinmurk@yahoo.com with questions or for a picture.

Dresser/mirror is available after August 5th but you can look at it prior. Please bring your own muscle and truck. \$50 OBO

Map of Grounds Committee Work Plan...

This map is also available on the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/TreeWorkMap2013.bmp. Once you've downloaded it (it will take a while), click on the map to enlarge it so you can see the details.



Vendor and Contractor Recommendations ...

Brick Repointing – Masonry Specialist LLC, a family-owned business based in Manassas, pointed up the brick façade on our townhouse, being careful to match the mortar color so the patches blended in with the existing mortar. They provided free quotes and their price was reasonable. 703-443-2308 Website: <http://www.masonryspecialist.com/index.html>

Driveway Resurfacing – A group of neighbors on Ashley Glen got together and had their driveways resurfaced by **Resurface Inc**, based in Manassas, at a very affordable price including a 10% discount. The neighbors are happy with the work, and have used the company in the past as well. 703-335-1950

Bathroom Remodeling – A homeowner recently converted his basement half-bath into a full bath, using Sean with U. S. Floors K&B based in Chantilly. He highly recommends Sean and notes that the work was superb. 703-674-7047

Realtor – Need a real estate agent? We used **Debbie Dogrul Associates** to sell our house in July and to help us look for a new home. We were very pleased with the entire experienced DDA team and their full service, hands-on approach. We received offers very quickly. We would definitely use them again and would recommend them to our family, friends and neighbors. Please contact our agent, Katie Alexander at 703-579-7881 or email katie.alexander@teamdda.com. Tell her Kristin Walsh sent you!

Bay Window Repair – We had the pleasure of working with **Zelari Services** to refresh our bay window and rake boards. We had some water damaged boards that needed replacing and the whole bay window and rake boards needed painting.

The crew started on time, finished on time and gave us a solid estimate. They came to us highly recommended and we're very happy with their work. We're considering them for our bathroom renovation as well. You can contact the company at:

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Services: HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Drywall, Painting, Remodeling, Home Improvement, Residential and Commercial Cleaning.

Around Town...

Safeguard Yourself and Pets from Mosquitoes, Fleas, and Ticks – Summer is not over, and warmer weather and rainfall create perfect habitats for mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks. The Fairfax County Health Department's Disease Carrying Insects Program (DCIP) staff reminds residents to protect themselves from the West Nile Virus and other diseases carried by insects by doing three basic things: 1) Use any mosquito repellent containing DEET, and wear long sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors; and 2) eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by tipping and tossing containers with standing water. Information about insects that carry disease and how to safeguard against them is available online at the Health Department's Web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite. Information will also be available at our National Night Out celebration on Tuesday, August 6, in Trammell Park.

Reminder: Reduced-Cost Rabies Clinic Comes to Annandale this Summer – The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a reduced-cost rabies clinic for dogs, cats, and ferrets at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale, on **Sunday, August 18 from 2 to 4 p.m.** **The one-year rabies vaccinations for all pets cost \$12 per vaccine.** To obtain a three-year vaccine, you **MUST** bring the pet's rabies certificate indicating the current rabies vaccination and vaccination expiration date. Only rabies certificates will be issued, no tags. All dogs must be on leash, and all cats and ferrets must be in carriers. **Dog licenses will be sold separately, \$10 per dog.** Cash or checks only – NO credit cards. For more information, please call 703-830-1100, or visit the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal.

Around Town, continued...

FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS: Working for You

The Federation of Citizens Associations is a 73 year old volunteer community group that studies and advocates for issues of importance to Fairfax County residents, especially those living in homeowners associations and condominiums. The Federation:

- Actively participates in Fairfax County Government by studying issues and sending resolutions approved by its members to the Board of Supervisors.
- Maintains a strong relationship with the Board of Supervisors by co-sponsoring various community events such as the Evolution of Fairfax County services and the Emergency Preparedness Roundup of Community Resources
- Works closely with Fairfax County staff to study issues about land use, the environment, transportation, and the budget
- Develops a strong State Legislative Program that is sent to the County's delegation and other delegates and senators in Richmond about issues of importance to County residents
- Works with State representatives in the General Assembly to support legislation that benefits County residents
- Serves on task forces, boards, and commissions appointed by the Board of Supervisors to bring a community perspective to the projects of importance
- Celebrates civic participation at our Citizen of the Year Banquet where active community volunteers are recognized for their contributions to the quality of life in Fairfax County

The new year of activities begins in September and there are new leaders for the Federation: Rob Jackson (President, Dranesville), Ed Wyse (First Vice President, Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President, Braddock), Linda Boone (Recording Secretary, Mason), Scott Schlegel (Treasurer, Dranesville) and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary, Hunter Mill).

The Federation is always looking for volunteers to work on issues and projects. The following are the Federation subcommittees:

Budget—reviews annual County budget and prepares a resolution to the Board of Supervisors

Citizen Association Services—deals with association issues such as fines and enforcement of Covenants

Education—discusses Fairfax County Public School issues

Environment—teams up with other organizations in the region to educate the public about environmental issues and pollution prevention

Human Services—collaborates with other public and private organizations to advocate for quality services for all residents of the county

Land Use—advises the Board of Supervisors about various points of view regarding land use in the county

Legislation—meets with legislators and other to advocate for regulations and laws that support community issues, produces a resolution annually

Public Safety—studies issues related to the police, fire department and emergency preparedness agencies in the county

Resolutions—drafts internal rules and regulations and formats resolutions for other committees

Transportation—examines issues related to improving transportation in the region including roads, rail, and Metro.

If you are interested in any of these topics and would like to be more involved, contact Linda Boone at linda.boone1@verizon.net.

One of the issues the Federation is advising the Board of Supervisors about currently concerns a proposal to change the County Code to allow small residential studio apartments to be built near public transportation and intense development areas. These 500 square feet apartments would be rented to anyone who earns up to 60% of median income in the County. Questions for the community include: How many of these studios should be built and where can they be built; will the units change the nature of communities where they are built; how many people should be allowed to live in each; can single family homes be converted into studio apartments; how much parking and open space are required; and other very complex and controversial issues. Homeowners and residents should contact their Supervisors to express support or concerns about this important issue. To access information about the current activities of the Federation, go to <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org>.

Lafayette Village is a member of the Federation. If you are interested in any of these issues, please join with other members of the Federation to have your voice heard by our leaders.

Around Town, continued...

In addition to being a wonderful community resource, Hidden Oaks also offers three summer camps during the month of August that may interest some of our younger residents.

- **Young Chefs Cooking Camp – Aug. 12-16 (M-F)**

Ages 8-12 yr. from 9:30 am. -12:30 p.m. at Clark House (off of Columbia Pike near Harris Teeter). Learn the basics of food preparation and experiment with fun, nutritious cuisine with a nature motif. A supply fee of \$30 is due the first day of class. Clark House is at 6332 Barcroft Mews Dr., Falls Church. Advanced registration required. \$185 per child. Register online or call 703-222-4664 weekdays for code 561 223 9502

- **Dinosaur Days Camp – Aug. 19-23 (M-F)**

Ages 5-9 yrs. from 9:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Explore the world of dinosaurs becoming junior paleontologists. Naturalists lead discovery of the latest in dinosaur knowledge plus create crafts, play games and unearth a real fossil for children to keep. Maximum 20 children with low adult/child ratio. Details www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks or call 703-941-1065. Advanced registration required. \$185 per child. Register online or call 703-222-4664 weekdays for code 308 222 4301

- **Geology Rocks Camp – Aug. 26- 30 (M-F)**

Ages 7-10 yrs. from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Discover the natural wonders of the park while excavating rocks, minerals and fossils. We will hike the park, make fossils, explore real fossils (and have one to take home), play games and enjoy hands-on activities. Taught by a geologist who makes the rock cycle rock! Maximum 20 children with low adult/child ratio. Details www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks or call 703-941-1065.. Advanced registration required. \$185 per child. Register online or call 703-222-4664 weekdays for code 308 223 2401.

Inside Hidden Oaks Nature Center, facilities include live animal displays, a climbing “tree” loft/puppet stage, a resource library and the Urban Woodlands interactive exhibit. Young children accompanied by adults can investigate Nature Playce, an outdoor exploration area, for unstructured play opportunities in the woods.

Community News...

Cicada Killer Wasps in Lafayette Village

A number of streets in our community – Byrds Nest, Butterfield, and Mount Airey, among others – are experiencing an infestation of cicada killer wasps, also known as giant ground hornets. These are large (1 ½ to 2 inches in length), yellow-striped, black-bodied solitary wasps.



Cicada-killer wasp

The males are territorial and fight each other for the available females – those are the wasps you are most likely to see. The females are hunting for dog-day cicadas, the large, green cicadas that appear every summer and damage trees when laying their eggs. After mating, the female wasps tunnel into dry dirt where they make their nesting burrows (tunnels that can be up to four feet in length) where the wasps store the cicadas they have paralyzed with their sting. The female wasp will lay an egg next to each cicada before sealing the chamber. After the female wasp has laid all her eggs, she flies off to her death. Once the eggs hatch, the grubs feed on the paralyzed cicada until they're finished, when they spin

cocoons to emerge as adult wasps next summer.

These wasps typically emerge in mid-July and live for about a month.

While scary looking, these wasps are non-aggressive unless they are directly attacked. Male cicada killers may seem aggressive as they buzz around you, but they're just being territorial. The males do not have stingers, and the



Cicada killer wasp nest

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female's sting is reported to be mild.

It is difficult to control cicada killer wasps. There are pesticides you can apply, but they can have unwanted side effects for pets and children. Because these pesticides are most effective when applied at night, it is usually up to the homeowner to treat the wasp nests. Additionally, the pesticides won't affect the eggs that have already been laid, so the wasps will return year after year. You can learn more about chemical control of cicada killers at <http://www.bugspray.com/articles99/cicadkillers.html#cicada-killer-treatments>. And this website describes another method of ridding your lawn of cicada killers using ammonia: [http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Ground-Digger-Wasps-\(Cicada-Killers\)-from-Your-Lawn](http://www.wikihow.com/Get-Rid-of-Ground-Digger-Wasps-(Cicada-Killers)-from-Your-Lawn). You can also manually kill the cicadas, as this website describes: <http://sites.lafayette.edu/hollidac/research/biology-of-cicada-killer-wasps/control-of-cicada-killers/>.

Finally, you can discourage the wasps from nesting in your yard or planting strip between the sidewalk and curb by keeping your yard and planting strip moist by frequent watering. Planting grass or mulching the bare areas in your yard and planting strip also help to discourage these wasps since they prefer to burrow in areas of bare dirt.

The Board will be discussing the problem of cicada killers at its August meeting, to be held 7:00pm at the Woodburn Elementary School on August 20th. If you have thoughts on this issue, please plan to attend.

Window Mullions

A distinctive feature of Lafayette Village townhomes is our window treatments which use mullions or window grids to divide our windows into what appear to be separate panes of glass. Unfortunately, many of the remaining original windows have deteriorated and their mullions are breaking. If you have broken mullions in your windows, you have been or will be cited for violating ACC guidelines. If you are not ready to replace your windows (the best solution of this problem), we have identified three options for correcting the problem with your mullions:

1. **Blaine Windows** in Silver Spring, MD – This company actually still does repair work for the original windows, which were manufactured by Capitol Windows. The company can provide and install the correct mullions for our windows. However, this is a potentially expensive option, particularly if you plan to replace your windows in the next few years.
2. **New Panes Creations** – This company sells kits which you can use to fabricate replacements for your broken mullions. You will need to remove all the mullions from the entire window before installing the replacement, which are positioned in place using Velcro tape. The company's website is www.newpanes.com.
3. **Custom Carpentry** – You can hire a handyman or carpenter to fabricate new mullions using quarter- round and half-round molding found at hardware stores and lumber yards. Again, you will need to remove all the mullions from the entire window before installing these custom mullions, to ensure that the mullions on both halves of the window match one another.

If you have found another successful solution to replacing broken mullions, please share it with us. Send your solution to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org, and we will publish in the next issue of the newsletter.

REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

To: Chair, Architectural Control ACC
Lafayette Village Community Association
c/o Sequoia Management, attn.: Dale Edwards
13998 Parkeast Circle
Chantilly, VA 20151-2283

Date: _____

Pursuant to the By-Laws and A.C.C. regulations of the LVCA the following exterior improvements to my property located at: _____ are proposed:

Sketches, pictures, diagrams, color paint chips and further details of my project (as necessary) are attached to help preclude further inquiries that slow the A.C.C. process and delay my work.

I am aware that A.C.C. approval for the project is contingent upon quality workmanship and timeliness of work. I further understand that A.C.C. approval is not a substitute for compliance with applicable Fairfax County building codes, ordinances or any other regulation or restriction (such as easements) and that compliance with the above is the responsibility of the homeowner. Any cost relating to compliance will be borne by the homeowner.

I further understand that it is Association policy that the homeowner is responsible for repairing, to Association satisfaction, any damage done to common properties that might be caused by the homeowner and/or parties contracted by the homeowner during the execution of the project.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ E-mail: _____

ENDORSEMENT

Date of ACC action: _____

The ACC, having carefully considered the above request, hereby:

- approves as submitted
- approves the proposal as modified below
- regretfully cannot approve the project for the reasons cited below:

A follow-up inspection will occur after completion to ensure compliance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Chair, Architectural Control Committee (ACC)