Lafayette Village Community Association

June/July 2014 Newsletter

Milling and Paving Project Complete

On Friday, May 30, Finley Asphalt finished paving the last bit of asphalt on Butterfield Lane, completing Lafayette Village's 2014 milling and paving project. This project took five weeks to complete, and despite the rain and threat of rain throughout the five weeks, Finley was able to complete work on schedule and within our overall projected budget. On Tuesday, June 10, representatives from Finley and Falcon Engineering along with Carl Iddings walked through the community to identify the final punch list of those few items that need to be corrected before a final payment to Finley can be made. Some cracked curbing will be replaced, some asphalt will be heated and repaved, a few repairs will be made around drains, and chipped curb painting will be corrected.

Overall, the project was successfully done, and based on comments I have received, most everyone is very pleased with the results. Very little rework was identified, and we anticipate that the work will take no more than two days to complete. During the rework phase, some vehicles will need to be moved from their parking spaces, but we will give ample notice to those affected vehicles. Except for the pool parking lot which needs a number of asphalt repairs, the rework will not require wholesale closure of community streets.

The project cost the Association $511,651.10. These costs included $466,361.10 for the actual construction, payable to Finley Asphalt and Sealing, and $45,290 for engineering services, payable to Falcon Engineering. The initial bid from Finley estimated their costs to be $372,308.60, but we anticipated these costs would increase, once the streets were milled and the full base repairs were identified. In addition, the specifications did not include all curb and sidewalk repairs we wanted done. Also, the Board approved two change orders, one in the amount of $10,670 for curb painting, and one in the amount of $9,640 for paving fabric crack repair, an expense we only learned about after the milling was complete and the base pavement layer could be assessed.

All these changes increased the overall construction costs by $94,052.50. Note that our original estimate for construction costs was $568,446.50; through an aggressive bid process and close on-site by management by Falcon and the Association, we were able to keep construction costs $102,085.40 below this original estimate.

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Swim under the Stars – Saturday, June 28 until 10:30pm

Bring your children and join your neighbors for the first "Swim under the stars" event in the 2014 summer swim season! The life guards will stay late, we'll have a little bit of music, and we should all have a great time swimming late into the night! For more information, email Lisa Conoly at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

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REMINDER: Third Quarter Assessments are due July 1, 2014. Please enclose the July coupon with your check and make sure you mail your check in time to be received by July 15th.

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, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. (June 9 and July 14)

ACC Meetings –3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (June 19 and July 17)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Thursday of month at 7:30 PM at 7828 Ashley Glen Road. (June 26 and July 24)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 3733Yorktown Village Pass. (June 17 and July 15)

Neighborhood Watch – Schedule to be determined – check the website for updates!

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

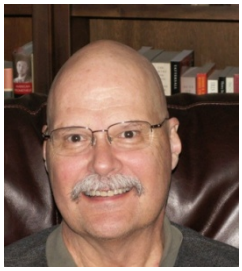
LVCA Formal Complaint Procedures:

The Association has a formal complaint procedure, providing a **written process for resolving complaints about Association actions** from members, residents and citizens. A copy of the resolution and its related forms can be found on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/ComplaintProceduresResolutionFinal.pdf. If you are a new homeowner, you should also have received a copy of this document in your disclosure packet.

If you have a complaint about the Association, these complaint procedures provide you a way to have your issue addressed by the Board and resolved quickly through a defined and equitable process. Complaints should address actions, inactions or decisions by the Board, the management company or the Association that you allege are inconsistent with applicable Virginia laws and regulations governing homeowners associations.

Use this process if you feel that an action taken by the Association violates or is inconsistent with Virginia law. Do not use this form if you are simply asking the Association to correct a problem you've identified – in that case a simple email to the President or a Board member will suffice. If you are not satisfied with the Association's response, then use the formal complaint process.

A note from the President – Parking in Lafayette Village:



The milling and paving project required some changes in our community parking habits. We had to strictly enforce the visitor parking spaces on Byrds Nest Pass and Butterfield/Mt. Airey Lanes, and closely monitor parking in the pool parking lot. Now that the project is over, I want to ensure everyone is aware of the Association's various parking rules and regulations.

First, as part of the project, the Association arranged for all curb markings to be repainted. Please check the parking numbers for your parking spaces, and verify that your numbers are correct. You can compare the numbers of the parking spaces to the updated list of assigned parking spaces, located on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LafayetteVillageParkingSpaceAssignments.pdf, which is the Association's official list. If there is a discrepancy, please send me an email at president@lafayettevillage.org with the corrected information. If you have swapped spaces with a neighbor, it is important you let us know – our parking regs state

> Homeowners are free to make individual changes in assigned parking spaces with their affected neighbors for so long as both own their townhouse units, and with the express written consent of both owners and the Board of Directors.

We need accurate records of whose vehicles are parked where.

Second, during the repainting, we highlighted all visitor parking spaces. This will allow the Association to enforce our visitor parking rules consistently. **Visitor parking is for visitors to Lafayette Village residents only**. Our rules state clearly that "residents will NOT use guest/visitor parking." In addition, visitor parking spaces are limited to 48 hours of continuous use. Guests are "not to monopolize the use of any guest space, and no guest will be allowed to use the space for more than 48 hours continuously or on a regular basis." Guest also cannot hop from one visitors space to another in an effort to finesse this rule.

Finally, the pool parking lot is **not** an overflow parking area. The pool parking lot is reserved for pool patrons and gardeners during pool season when the pool is open. Whenever the pool is closed, the pool parking lot is reserved for visitors and guests.

A vehicle found in violation of the visitor parking rules will be given a warning ticket. If you receive one of these warning tickets and feel it was issued incorrectly, contact Dale Edwards at Sequoia or call the phone number on the ticket and make your explanation. If the ticket was issued correctly, then at the next violation, the vehicle will be towed without warning to the Dominion Towing impoundment lot. It will cost you $135 to have your vehicle released from impoundment. You do not want to pay that, so if you're a resident and you've been parking your vehicle in visitor parking spaces, consider yourself lucky if you haven't been towed.

You can review the Association's parking regulations at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LVCA Parking Regulations 2012-04-09.pdf. These regulations were last updated in April 2012. The April/May 2012 newsletter contains the text of the updated regulations along with a letter from the Parking Task Force explaining those updates. If you would like to discuss these regulations in more detail, come to the Board meeting on July 14 to share your concerns.

Pet Sitter Available

Leaving Fido and Fluffy home this summer while you travel? Lafayette Village resident and experienced pet owner available to visit your cats or have your (well trained) dog stay with me for lots of care and attention. Email Angela at aicutter50@gmail.com for more information.

Community Events…

Lafayette Village Arbor Day/ Earth Day A Success!

Thanks to the whole Grounds Committee for making the Earth/Arbor Day Celebration a wonderful event. Starting with the community trash cleanup, butterfly information, the cookout, the moon bounce, and the tree planting, it was just a great event. Thanks to John Alexander, Anne Sansbury, Donna Jacobson, Mike Nutbrown, Jim Bell and the many others who helped with cooking, running our moon bounce, also to the homeowner that let us use electricity for the moon bounce, and to Senator Dave Marsden and Supervisor Penny Gross for once again helping us plant our tree.

Results of the Great Trash Treasure Hunt!

Neighbors sorting trash -- Thank you!

Waiting for the Moon Bounce

Carl Iddings, Sen. Dave Marsden, Lily Alexander, and Supervisor Penny Gross tree planting!

Grilling hot dogs and prepping the condiments!

Pool Opened Memorial Day Weekend with a Community Barbecue

The weather this past Memorial Day weekend was perfect for a barbecue at the pool! The pool was packed, and we had a great turnout for our opening day cookout. Thanks to all who volunteered to make the weekend a success!

Enjoying the cookout!

Enjoying the pool!

Receive LVCA news and notices by email: send your request to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org

Committee Updates…

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, chair:

The Finance Committee and the LVCA board have completed some major capital projects (see article on page 1) and a few more are ongoing to make our community a great place to live and improve our infrastructure to support the home owners for the next decade or more. Our conservative approach to managing the capital reserves provided a solid fund for the most important of our projects including the recently completed milling and paving of our streets, significant upgrades to the pool amenity, and new grounds improvements.

These projects have been funded by the collective reserve fund which is now at a level to support the ongoing smaller projects required in our community. Consequently, we will not require any increase in home owner assessments for the foreseeable future, and the collective reserve investment accounts are at adequate levels barring any unforeseen emergency.

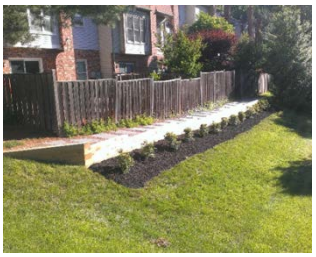
Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, July 15th at 7:00 pm. We meet at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass, and you are always invited to attend.

Grounds Committee – Jay Jarvis, chair:

New pool picnic pad

Your Grounds Committee continues to work to make our Association grounds as attractive as can be. The Grounds Committee has been very active now that spring has finally arrived. The Committee coordinated the installation of a new addition to the pool – a picnic pad where pool users can eat food, and reserve the area for small parties. Once the new furniture arrives, this area will be a great addition to our community pool.

The committee members continue to work on Monarch Waystation certification for Lafayette Village. An area has been cleared for milkweeds and flowers to support Monarch butterflies, and we continue to encourage the natural growth of milkweed in our meadows. See the Monarch Waystation article on page 11 for more details.


Azaleas between Yorktown Village & Byrds Nest

New trees and shrubs have been planted throughout the community. The large Maple tree that fell on Hampton Village Pass was long a landmark, especially for kids waiting for the school bus. It will take a few years to be a large Maple, but a new one has been planted in the same spot. We now have an entrance way of Crape Myrtle trees at both ends of our community. Look around and see all the new trees and shrubs.

Erosion continues to be a major headache throughout Lafayette Village. One round of improvements has just been finished and work has already begun on correcting more problems. While many of our sidewalks were recently repaired there still remain other areas that need to be addressed.

Thanks to the leadership of Anne Sansbury the community garden is growing a record crop of vegetables. The new underground water line has been installed with two access points in the garden. The new fence is complete.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, chair:

Our 2014 lifeguard crew

We had beautiful weather and good crowds for the pool opening on Saturday, May 24. On Sunday, we came together to meet our neighbors, share some food and celebrate our new patio with a cookout and pool party. Thanks to all who helped make this event possible, especially John Alexander, Carl Iddings, Andy and Cindy McDonald, and Larry and Debra Dunham. Also thanks to all who attended.

Our next event will be "Swim Under the Stars" to be held on Saturday, June 28 from 8:00-10:30pm. We'll keep the pool open late to swim under the lights and turn on some music. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this special evening.

Committee Updates and Recap, cont.…

Construction is complete on the new patio area with thanks to Jay Jarvis and the Grounds Committee and the furniture has been ordered. With this new patio, we finally have an area of the pool deck where eating is allowed. The new patio is also available to reserve for small gatherings. Visit the website for details.

The "free pass" opening week has ended, so if you haven't applied for your passes/stickers, you will need to do so to use the pool. You can find the application form on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/pool.htm. Come visit the pool and meet this year's lifeguard staff: Tyrone, Roger and Blanca.

2014 Pool Event Schedule: Upcoming events at the pool!

Swim Under the Stars Night
Saturday, June 28 8:00-10:30pm

Swim Under the Stars Night
Saturday, July 12 8:00-10:30pm (Rain date Saturday, July 19)

End of Summer Cookout
Saturday, August 23 3:00-8:00pm (Rain date Sunday, August 24)

The weather is getting warm so come enjoy our beautiful pool.

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 August 2, 2014. Articles and submissions are due by July 29th.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Doug Stewart, chair:

Looks like it was pretty quiet around here during the month of May. There was one drug related offense in our neighborhood on Peyton Forest on 5/26. Looks like there were 4 events between the 4000 and 4100 block of Hummer (2 drugs incidents, 1 burglary and 1 larceny).

Neighbors have also reported a few acts of vandalism against vehicles parked in community streets as well as Lafayette Village Drive. The Police have been notified, and are patrolling our community during the night.

Overall, we have a safe neighborhood with a very low level of criminal activity, which is one of the attractive features of our community.

This year's National Night Out is scheduled for August 5, the first Tuesday in August. If you would like to volunteer to help or have any suggestions for the event, please email Doug at stewart8668@cox.net. We are also looking for a few volunteers to serve on the Neighborhood Watch Committee. We have had several people leave and are very shorthanded. We need a few more members to help keep this a safe neighborhood.

Finally, if you see something suspicious, notify the police first, then email Doug. Don't put yourself in a situation where you risk harm to yourself. (See related article, page 12.)

National Night Out -- this August 5, 2014. See you there!

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

The community is looking so good with all the fresh green trees and grass and the lovely new streets. With warm weather, light evenings and lots of outside activity, it's time for **a gentle reminder to everyone about some of the "outside" rules**. Basically they are in force to keep the front yards and steps from becoming storage areas. *First*, bikes and toys may not be stored outside the house. They should be taken in each evening. *Second*, apart from one decoration on the front door or on the wall adjacent to the front door, no yard decorations are allowed. (holidays are the exception). Plastic flowers, pinwheels and statues are popping up and you will be asked to remove them. *Third*, garden tools, bags of dirt, etc, should be kept in the rear yard. *Fourth*, the area outside your fence is common property. You may not plant things there (or install brick or

Committee Updates and Recap, cont.…

wood edging). Again, you will be asked to remove them. *Fifth*, towels and swimsuits may not be hung to dry on the front railing.

Finally, **please follow the guidelines for trash**. Trash and recycling may not be put out until the evening before a pick up. Things had been improving, but just last weekend there were three homes on Ashley Glen alone that had trash in front at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. Let me know if this is a problem with your neighbors and we will remind them of the rules. If you'll be travelling this summer, please plan ahead. If you're leaving town on the weekend do NOT put your trash out before you leave. It's ugly and the smell will attract crows and raccoons. You may want to ask a neighbor to take it out for you or just double bag everything and leave it in your yard or utility room.

Email me if you have any questions about ACC regulations or exterior improvements. aicutter50@gmail.com . The Request for Exterior Improvements form can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Community Garden update …

So far this year the gardeners have exhibited daring in the face of uncooperative weather and tremendous creativity in their design features. The new deer fence has been a major challenge to coordinate with the creation of several new plots and the unruly weather we've been having, but it is now completed and promises to provide a masterful barricade against the larger garden invaders. Many gardeners have installed poultry fencing (aka chicken wire) around their individual plots to keep smaller animals out and they have added bright, shiny fluttery things (pie plates, CDs, whirligigs, sparkly ribbon) to deter birds.

Garden scene with guard flamingos in rear!

Due to the cold and rain of April and May, a lot of gardeners deferred planting to a later date. Even so, by mid-May we had many crops in the ground – onions, potatoes, radishes, parsnips, beets, corn, various herbs, and for the first time blueberries!

We have welcomed nine new gardeners this year and look forward to sharing the adventures of gardening with them. We have also inspired a nearby neighborhood on Gallows Road to investigate creating their own garden. Their comments about the amount of volunteer work and cooperation we experience in LVCA served to remind us that we live in a truly remarkable neighborhood. Thank you to all the neighbors who make our lifestyle so enjoyable, with special thanks to our Grounds Committee chairman, Jay Jarvis, for the incalculable hours he spend working around the community.

Mason District Farmer's Market Returns

If you don't have a garden plot, you can still get fresh produce! Visit the Farmer's Market every Thursday morning from 8 a.m. until 12 noon at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. As a producer's only market, the Farmer's Market offers locally grown, vine-ripe produce, fresh baked goods, herb plants, and much more for your summer time enjoyment.

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Community news …

Grounds Committee Honors Jim Bell

An original LVCA homeowner and longtime Grounds Committee member, Jim Bell is moving out of the area. The Grounds Committee recognized his service to our community at its May meeting. Picture above are Committee Chair Jay Jarvis, left, and LVCA President Carl Iddings, right, presenting Jim with an engraved clock. Thanks, Jim, for all you have done to make Lafayette Village a wonderful place to live!

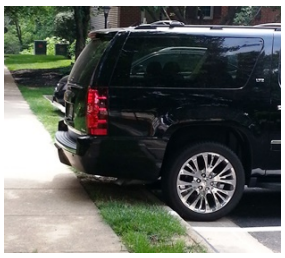
Cicada Killer Wasps Returning

Female cicada killer wasp

With the onset of summer heat, the new generation of Cicada Killer wasps has started to emerge from their underground nests, and you will begin to see them flying around the community. While scary looking, these wasps are not aggressive. The wasps we normally see buzzing around are the males – they are territorial and curious, but like all male wasps, lack a stinger and so cannot harm you. The female wasps are out hunting annual cicadas which they use as a host on which to lay their eggs. The females have stingers, but are not aggressive and their sting is reported to be mild.

Last summer, the Board discussed what, if anything, the Association should do to address the concerns residents have about these wasps. It turns out that it's difficult and expensive to control cicada killer wasps. There are pesticides one can apply, but they can have unwanted and serious side effects for pets (especially cats) and children. Because of this, and because many of these wasp burrows are on private property, **the Board determined that the Association should not get involved in trying to control these insects**.

As a homeowner and resident, you can choose to control these wasps yourself or with your neighbors. Pesticides are one solution, but you need to be aware of the risks, so read the labels carefully. Additionally, most 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/cicadakillers.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. You can also manually kill the cicada killers, as this website describes: http://sites.lafayette.edu/hollidac/research/biology-of-cicada-killer-wasps/control-of-cicada-killers/.



Don't park like this!

Finally, you can discourage the wasps from nesting in your yard or planting strip by keeping your yard and planting strip moist by frequent watering. Planting grass or laying sod on 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. Many wasp burrows are found on the planting strips, so maintaining these strips in grass will discourage the wasps from nesting there. Something as simple as parking your car so it doesn't overhang the planting strip will help grow grass.

POSTER CONTEST!

for young people under the age of 18
to raise awareness of environmental issues affecting
Monarchs and Bees

TOPICS:

Help the Bees

or

Help the Monarchs

or

Help the Bees and Monarchs

Please turn in your posters in the poolhouse by Sunday, July 20, 2014, and include your name, age, and contact information. Read the article about Monarchs on page11.

Prizes will be awarded at National Night Out in August.

Sponsored by the Grounds Committee.

Contractor Recommendations…

Design Pro: We had a great experience with the crew that came out and **wrapped our soffit/rakeboard** and **painted our front door, soffit, and downspouts**. They are reasonably priced (we got three estimates), very professional, thorough and fast. As an added bonus, Steve lives in our community. I would recommend him and am going to use him for some work inside the house as well.

Design Pro: Steve Papageorge, **703-627-6767**; email.papageorge.steven@gmail.com.

Mark Rhodes, Interior Painting: We had Mark Rhodes come to paint in our townhouse. We got his name from this newsletter and would like to compliment him on such a neat, professional and pleasant-to-work-with job he did. We would recommend him to anyone who wants a referral. Mark is also a Lafayette Village resident.

Mark Rhodes: **703-560-8329**

PMC Construction: This company recently did a bunch of work on my house, I'd like to recommend them if anyone is looking for a contractor.

PMC CONSTRUCTION 6560 Backlick Road Suite 204 Springfield VA 22150 **703-440-5732** Roofing Siding Gutters Fences Decks Kitchen and Bathroom Remodeling Painting Lighting Concrete Demolition services and power washing and landscape design. Free estimates.

In preparing my home for sale, I found the following contractors especially helpful:

For masonry, brick, concrete, and stone work: Pedro Arias, **Arias Concrete Services**, **703-960-4133** (cell: 301-318-4416)

For carpeting, vinyl, carpet stretching, wood and laminate flooring: Matt Muller, **Fairfax Floors, 703-560-6300**, or email Matt at matt@fairfaxfloors.com.

For railings and iron work: John Caldwell, **AAA Iron Works, 703-403-3273**, or email John at john@aaairon.com.

New "Reserved Parking" Signs on their way…

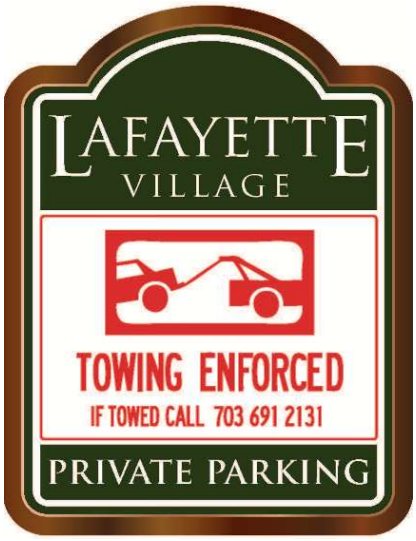
New "Reserved Parking" signs to be installed soon

The Association's most recent reserve study noted correctly that the current wooden "Restricted Parking" signs are in poor condition. They detract from the overall aesthetic appearance of Lafayette Village and need to be replaced. Also, the Grounds Committee learned that new county regulations have been adopted that impose new standards for restricted parking signs.

As a result, the Committee has worked diligently over the past six months to create new signage that is attractive, maintenance-free, and meets the new County standards that go into effect next year.

A mockup of the new signage, designed by Michael and Leigh Nutbrown, is shown at right. The sign contains the universal towing symbol and the County's non-emergency number and declares that community streets are for private parking only. The signs are aluminum set into a low-maintenance, wood-like frame, and will replace all 12 existing signs.

Look for these signs to be installed later this summer!



New Restricted Parking signs conform to new County regulations

The Monarch Waystation Program…

As many of you who attended the Earth Day festivities already know, the Grounds Committee is in the process of creating a Monarch Waystation in the LVCA community. The Waystation program was created by University of Kansas professor, Orley "Chip" Taylor, one of the founders of the Monarch Watch Organization. The program was created in order to help preserve the dwindling numbers of monarch butterflies in the United States.

The monarch butterflies are famous for their yearly migration from the Great Lakes region of the United States and Canada, to the Gulf of Mexico, then back again in the spring. This migration is over 2,000 miles, each way. However, over the last few decades, environmental factors have had a negative effect on the monarchs' migration. Commercial development has drastically reduced the area available for monarch habitats. Also, the increase use of herbicides is destroying the milkweed population, the plant on which monarch butterflies lay their eggs.

Professor Taylor developed the Monarch Waystation program in order to compensate for these changes in the environment. He thought that creating Waystations along the migration routes of the monarch butterflies would help sustain the monarch population. Professor Taylor borrowed the concept of the Waystation from the Pony Express of the 19th Century. Along the Pony Express routes, there were stations where the riders could stop, receive nourishment and obtain a fresh horse on which they could continue their journey. The Monarch Waystations help the butterflies in a similar way. They provide habitats along the butterflies' migration routes, where the butterflies can rest, receive nourishment and lay eggs, in order to help sustain their population.

Monarch Waystations can be created in home gardens, schools, parks, nature centers or any unused plot of land. Waystations consist of milkweed plants, nectar plants, a sunning area for the butterflies and some muddy puddles, since these beautiful creatures seem to prefer muddy water. Milkweed plants are necessary for the monarch population because the butterflies lay their eggs on these plants and the resulting larvae (caterpillars) sustain themselves by eating the leaves of these plants. Also, a safe sunning spot is necessary so that the butterflies are able to keep warm. Monarch butterflies cannot fly unless their internal body temperature is eighty-six degrees or higher. Currently, one of the largest Monarch Waystations in our area is at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, in Vienna.

If you would like to know more about the Monarch Butterfly, or be involved with creating a Monarch Butterfly Waystation, contact Jay Jarvis at jay@jarvislandscaping.com.

Community Ads…

Babysitter available, great with kids 3 to 12 yrs old. Teenage girl in the neighborhood looking to make some extra money for the summer. References available. Call **Maggie** at **703-208-3560**.

Two (2) Jimmy Buffett tickets: Saturday, August 16 at Jiffy Lube Live. Lawn Seats $80/pair or best offer. Please contact Lisa Conoly 703-560-7667 or lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Moving/Downsizing Sale: Original owners leaving Lafayette Village and must sell selected home furnishings including rugs, chairs, patio set, coffee tables, much more. Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, 1:00 to 4:00pm. 7801 Butterfield Lane.

Around the Neighborhood…

Spotlight by Starlight Summer Concerts Return to Mason District Park and at Ossian Hall Park – Enjoy performances all summer in Mason District with the return of the *Spotlight by Starlight* concert series at **Mason District Park (beginning June 1)**, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, all at 7:30pm and at **Ossian Hall Park (beginning June 7)**, located at 7900 Heritage Drive in Annandale, featuring performances on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. To obtain a complete 2014 *Spotlight by Starlight* concert schedule, visit the Park Authority's Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances. Admission is free, parking is free, and you can bring a picnic, so there's no reason not to enjoy summer evenings in the park!

Note: Concerts are cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the performance for weather-related updates.

Report Crimes Online with New, Updated System

Whether it's a suspicious person trolling the neighborhood, a mailbox that's been vandalized, or a stolen bicycle, all crimes matter to police. Online reporting is the quickest, most convenient way of documenting incidents and police urge residents to take advantage of an updated online reporting system.

Although the police department has had online reporting capacity for almost a decade, a new, easier, more user-friendly system was installed in December 2013. You can access this crime-reporting system at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrims/. **No crime is too insignificant to report** and that, often, these figures and incidents are used by crime analysts to detect trends and recommend proactive, preventive measures.

Residents may use the system to report crimes at any time. They will be notified of a report number and may use it for insurance purposes. If appropriate, an officer will notify and or respond to the complainant.

Report the following non-emergency crimes/incidents at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/reportcrime/.

- Bicycle theft
- Telephone harassment/threats
- Lost property
- Unoccupied hit & run crashes
- Destruction of private property/vandalism
- Suspicious persons/vehicles
- Larceny/theft under $5,000
- Trespassing
- Civil disputes
- Solicitor violations
- Larceny/theft from motor vehicles or parts

When you report a crime using the County's website, please remember to email the Neighborhood Watch chair, Doug Stewart, at stewart8668@cox.net – the Neighborhood Watch needs this information to decide how best to monitor the neighborhood.

Bridge to Annandale Community Park closed

The middle bridge to Annandale Community park has been closed to traffic because several tree trunks fell unto the bridge during heavy rains late May. Fortunately, the bridge itself was not damaged, but the Park will not have the funds to remove the trees until the new fiscal year starting July 1. After that, the work will need to be prioritized and scheduled.

To help ensure this project receives the attention it deserves, please contact Frank Vajda, our Mason District representative on the Park Authority Board. You can submit comments to Mr. Vajda at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardfeedback.htm.

Trees fallen across the middle bridge to Annandale Community Park

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REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

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

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

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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:

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

Chair, Architectural Control Committee (ACC)