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Note from the Board President

The LVCA Board of Directors has chosen officers for 2007:

President	Linda Boone	703-698-0338
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Please contact any of the Board members at anytime you have a question or concern about what is happening within the LVCA. We were elected to serve you. We invite you to participate in governing this community by attending Board meetings that are held every second Monday at the Mason District Government Center.

We have one vacancy on the Board that the Board can appoint. If anyone is interested in a short term on the Board, this vacancy is for a position whose term expires in 2007. A few months would give you a better feel about whether you would like to continue to serve for a full term on the Board. Please call any Board member if you are interested in becoming a Board member.

You can also participate in the community by volunteering for one of our committees such as the ACC, Finance, Recreation, Pool or other committee. We have onetime events or ongoing projects where we need volunteers or else we will have to pay a contractor to do the work. We hope that more of you will work with us in the community.

We continue to need volunteers to serve one night per month as a Neighborhood Watch member. Training is available and it is a proven fact that communities with active Watch programs have less vandalism and crime.

If you have suggestions about ways to improve the community, please let a Board member know. We will investigate and discuss them at the Board meetings and implement those that we can within our budget and community documents.

We recently held ACC hearings for homeowners that were not maintaining their properties in accordance with the covenants guidelines. The four homeowners who came to the hearing, requested additional time to correct discrepancies at their homes and the Board approved all the requests. I mention this to state that the purpose of the ACC hearings is not to call homeowners in or fine them. The purpose of the discrepancy letters and the hearings is to help maintain all our property values by ensuring that the quality appearance of LVCA homes remains. I ask all of you to help us in this endeavor by not storing trash cans, toys or other “stuff” in the front of your home. You have space in your backyards for such items. Also please look at your home as if you were a perspective buyer and see if it is in good enough condition to sell. If it is, you should not receive ACC violation notices or have to come to hearings before the Board.

I look forward to being the President during the coming year and ask each of you to donate some time to keeping LVCA the kind of community we want to live in and have our children grow up in.

I wish each family in LVCA happy holidays. May peace be with you and your family during this joyous holiday season.

Linda Boone, President

**1ST QUARTER ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE
ON JANUARY 1, 2007**

Traffic Calming Program Petition to be Circulated

Earlier this summer, Lafayette Village Community Association received the good news that our community's main street, Lafayette Village Drive, qualified for inclusion in the County's Traffic Calming program. (See the article in the July/August Newsletter.) If we meet certain conditions, this program will allow LVCA to develop a community-based traffic-calming plan for Lafayette Village Drive that will address such issues as the fact that almost 300 vehicles a day drive down Lafayette Village exceeding the speed limit by more than 50%.

To make this happen, **75% of the neighborhood's residents must sign a petition agreeing to the creation of a community-based traffic calming task force.** It is this task force that will develop the community-based plan to calm the traffic on Lafayette Village Drive. In the next month, you will be contacted by one of your neighbors who have volunteered to carry the petition door-to-door. **Please sign the petition so that we can proceed with the Traffic Calming program.**

If you have questions about the traffic calming program, please contact Carl Iddings at carl_iddings@hotmail.com with your questions, and he will get back to you as soon as possible with an answer or explanation. **But remember, for LVCA to proceed with the Traffic Calming Program, you must sign the petition!**

Gaining control of the traffic and parking on Lafayette Village Drive will be one of the most effective acts we can take as a community to enhance the livability of Lafayette Village. **Your signing the petition can take us a step closer to realizing this community vision!**

Volunteers making our community better!

Recently, an out-of-control Halloween prank left graffiti tags on one of our community signs and other community street signs. A couple of volunteers got together and spending an hour on Veterans Day morning, removed most of the graffiti, thereby eliminating an eyesore from our neighborhood. Another volunteer has organized a community clean up day the past two springs.

Other community members have volunteered to be trained on removing invasive weeds from the borders of Lafayette Village Drive. (See story on page in this newsletter.) After their training early next spring, these volunteers will be hard at work, clearing invasive weeds and making Lafayette Village Drive a more inviting entrance to our community. Other volunteers have gone door-to-door collecting signatures in support of our community traffic calming program. Another volunteer replaced the missing stop sign on Colonial Village Row. Others have contributed tree replacements by buying and having new trees planted.

Volunteers make our community work, and make our community better! There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. We need help on numerous committees – the ACC, the Neighborhood Watch, the newsletter and web site, preparing the swimming pool next spring -- all could benefit from your contribution. Even the Board of Directors has a vacancy waiting to be filled. You can make a difference!

Volunteer now by calling one of your board members or one of the committee chairs – his or her phone number and email address are on front page of this newsletter. Your neighborhood needs you!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

Board Meetings- 2nd Monday --7:00 p.m.- 6507 Columbia Pike-
Mason District Government Building

Board Working Sessions - 4th Monday -7:30 p.m. -(contact a board
member to confirm location)

ACC Meetings-3rd Monday evenings

Finance Committee - 4th Thursday - 7:00 p.m. -

Community Events

Neighborhood Watch Tips from Officer Murphy of the Fairfax
Police

December 11th at 7:00 p.m.--6507 Columbia Pike- Mason District
Government Building

11th Annual Mason District Holiday Town Gathering -- 7:30pm
until 9:00pm on Wednesday, December 6th at the Mason District
Government Center.

INOVA Blood Donor Services is seeking donors of all blood types,
especially Type O positive/negative. Donating is safe and easy, and in
less than one hour you can save up to three lives! To make an
appointment, call 1-866-BLOOD-SAVES (1-866-256-6372)

WE HAVE A NEW PROPERTY MANAGER AT LMA
PLEASE WELCOME SARAH CROUCH
(HER PHONE NUMBER IS NOTED ON PAGE 1)

Please Note

There will be no garbage collection
on December 25th and January 1st.
Please do not put out any trash until
the following Thursday.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting with
Fairfax Police Officer Murphy on
December 11th. Come learn about
keeping our community safe and
secure! Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
6507 Columbia Pike- Mason District
Government Building.

Please join us!

The December Board Meeting has been cancelled.
Please plan to attend our future meetings on
January 8, February 12, March 12 and April 9,
and contribute to the decisions about our
community.

DID YOU KNOW?

57 people have been killed in crashes on Fairfax County
roadways, including 13 pedestrians and 8 motorcyclists. Last
year at this time, 52 people had been killed. The numbers are
not going in the right direction!

*We all need to slow down and remember what we learned
as children: STOP. LOOK both ways. LISTEN. Cross at
the crosswalk. Wear white at night.*

Would you recommend your Contractor?

If you would recommend any contractor who has completed
repairs, remodeling, landscaping, etc. and would like to
recommend their work to the community... Contact Board
member and newsletter editor Kathie French via email. The
January/February newsletter will provide the community a
list of neighborhood recommendations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW!

Our community still needs volunteers with energy and ideas to actively participate in our community and on our LVCA committees that report to the Board. Give a few hours or serve on one of our committees:

- ◆ **Neighborhood Watch – Watch Committee Members.**
- ◆ **Architecture Control Committee (ACC) - Leader and Committee Members**
- ◆ **Pool and Recreation – Committee Members**
- ◆ **Communication/Media- Committee Members**
- ◆ **Finance – Committee Members**
- ◆ **Website – Leader**

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Tis the season

As we approach the Holiday Season, we need to be mindful that thieves see this as a time of opportunity for “easy pickings”. Recently there have been several reports of vandalism and break-ins in our neighborhood. Everyone needs to pay more attention to the people and activities happening on our streets.

Please attend a Neighborhood Watch discussion on Monday night December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Officer Brendan Murphy of the Fairfax County Police Department will be sharing helpful information on crime prevention. Officer Murphy will also be providing an orientation to those interested in a Neighborhood Watch Program. This will be a perfect opportunity to pick up a few tips on safety in general and the Neighborhood Watch program in particular. This meeting will be held at the Mason District Station at 6507 Columbia Pike.

Come and learn about how to make our neighborhood a safer place for all Lafayette Village residents. We will all benefit by being good neighbors. The Neighborhood Watch Committee is still looking for people to volunteer one day a month for the watch program. Please contact Joyce Mussey, committee chairman, if interested.

Committee Reports continued

RECREATION COMMITTEE



The Halloween Parade was a great success....see all our "friendly ghosts"



Committee Reports continued



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report

FINANCE COMMITTEE



LVCA ASSESSMENT COUPON BOOKS

Quarterly Assessment coupon books will be mailed in December. Single family homeowners will pay \$139 per quarter and the townhome owners will pay \$272 per quarter in 2007. The assessment is due on the first day of the first month of each quarter (January, April, July and October) and late if not RECEIVED by the management company (LMA) by the 15th of that month, for example, due January 1, 2007 and late after January 15, 2007.

Hidden Oaks and Lafayette Village Partner

At the October Annual Meeting, a number of residents volunteered to work on invasive weed control in Hidden Oaks/Annandale Community Park by Lafayette Village Drive. Fairfax County's Invasive Management Area Coordinator, Kathy Frederick, will be meeting with the volunteers in late winter/early spring 2007 for training and coordinating efforts. After training us, the Park Authority will set up an area to be managed; one bordering Lafayette Village Drive on the south side of our community, and the volunteers will begin removing invasive weeds. This work effort should greatly improve the appearance of the gateway to our neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer and help with this effort (this can count for high school community service hours, as well!), contact Carl Iddinos at carl_iddinos@hotmail.com.

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 Please send information no later than January 15th for the next newsletter
 The next edition will cover January/February
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HUMMER PRECINCT UNOFFICIAL VOTING RESULTS

Here are the unofficial returns from the Hummer precinct, where all Lafayette Village residents vote:

Turnout:

Registered voters	Voting in person	Voting absentee	Total voters	Percent Voting
1,812	951	88	1,039	57.3

U. S. Senate Race:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Allen	365	39%
Webb	567	60%
Other	8	1%
Total	940	100%

U. S. House Congressional District 11:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Davis	483	52%
Hurst	442	47%
Other	7	1%
Total	932	100%

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #1 “Marriage Amendment”

Position	Votes	Percentage
Yes	414	45%
No	507	55%
Total	921	100%

The Hummer precinct includes all of Lafayette Village plus all the residents between Hummer Road, Gallows Road, the Beltway and Little River Turnpike. Like most residents of Fairfax County, we voted for our incumbent congressman, (in our case Tom Davis), for the challenger, Jim Webb, for Senator, and against the proposed constitutional amendment #1, the marriage amendment. For more details, visit the county’s website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/returns.htm>.

Thank you to all who turned out to vote on November 7th!

Home Safe Home for the Holidays

The holidays should be a magical time for children. Yet each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 8700 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees.

In addition, Christmas trees are involved in about 400 fires annually, resulting in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and an average of more than \$15 million in property loss and damage. Young children are particularly at risk for injury from sharp objects, such as glass ornaments, or from well-intentioned gifts of toys that are not appropriate to their age.

Keep the season merry with this list of safety tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Safer Trees and Decorations

When purchasing an artificial tree look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.

Christmas Safety continued

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.

When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.

Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood. This allows for better water absorption and will help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

Use only noncombustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or unleaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.

Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use nonflammable holders and place candles out of children's reach.

Take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food, which may tempt a child to eat them.

Wear gloves to avoid eye and skin irritation while decorating with spun glass "angel hair." Follow container directions carefully to avoid lung irritation while decorating with artificial-snow sprays.

Bright Ideas for Lights

- Indoors or outside, always use lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory that indicates conformance with safety standards.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails or tacks. Or run strings of lights through hooks (available at hardware stores).
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Friendlier Fireplaces

- Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result, as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.
- Before lighting any fire, remove all greens, boughs, papers, and other decorations from fireplace area. Check to see that the flue is open.

(article from the Readers Digest webpage)