



Lafayette Village Community Association

October/November 2015 Newsletter

LVCA Annual Meeting:

Please join your neighbors and fellow homeowners on **Tuesday, October 20th** for the Lafayette Village Community Association annual meeting. Association members will have the opportunity to elect two homeowners to serve a three year term on our Board of Directors. Details of the meeting are found at the bottom of this page. All homeowners should have received a notice of the Annual Meeting, along with an agenda, the draft minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting and a proxy form. These forms are also available on the Association website at <http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/2015AnnualMeetingPacket.pdf>.

The membership will be asked to vote on several amendments to the Association Bylaws. (See page 9 for these amendments.) The first and third amendment simply clarify language in the bylaws, defining that the term “he” will mean “he” or “she”, and changing the name of the “Publications Committee” to “Communications Committee,” which is the name we currently use for that committee.

The second amendment clarifies that, between meetings, the Board can vote on Association business using email or other electronic means of communications, in addition to the procedures already outlined in Article VI, Section 6 of the Bylaws. Under this proposed amendment, for a Board email vote to pass, it must be unanimous. Whether the vote passes or fails, the results of the vote will be announced at the next Board meeting and the Secretary will record the results of the vote in the minutes of that Board meeting.

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please be sure to fill out your proxy vote and give it to a board member or someone who will be attending the meeting. You will find a copy of the proxy on the website in the Annual Meeting packet. Once completed, call or email a board member to have your proxy form collected.

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! - WIN YOUR NEXT ASSOCIATION DUES PAYMENT

Homeowners attending the LVCA Annual Meeting **in person** will be entered into a raffle. The next quarterly association dues payment will be waived for the winner. Come to the Annual Meeting and you could be the winner!

Annual Meeting Highlights:

- Two Board of Directors seats are up for election.
- The Nominating Committee will submit candidates for these seats.
- Nominations can be made from the floor.
- The membership will vote on a resolution to amend the Association Bylaws.

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All residents are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Woodburn Elementary School Library
3401 Hemlock Drive at the corner of Gallows Road

Note that only homeowners in good standing can vote on issues that come before the membership.

Our Community Information...

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Phone: 703-339-2400

REMINDER:

**Fourth Quarter Assessments were due October 1, 2015.
Payments received after October 15th are late and subject
to a late fee.**

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Woodburn Elementary School library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road (October 20, after the Annual Meeting and November 9)

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (October 15 and November 19)

Grounds Committee – 4th Monday of month at 7:30 PM at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass. (October 26; November 23)

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00pm at 3733 Yorktown Village Pass (No October meeting; November 17)

Neighborhood Watch – TBD.

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

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule:

Townhomes: Blade Runners will collect leaves from the common areas and townhome front yards on the following schedule, weather permitting:

- Monday and Tuesday, October 26 and 27
- Monday and Tuesday, November 16 and 17
- Monday and Tuesday, December 7 and 8

If you are concerned about leaf dust being blown onto your vehicle, please move them before leaf cleanup starts.

Merrimac Trail: Homeowners on Merrimac Trail are responsible for their own leaf cleanup. Please remember that **it's a violation LVCA rules to dispose of your leaves in the common areas behind your homes.** Leaves should be bagged and left for Patriot Disposal to collect on Mondays, or your yard service should dispose of them properly.

No Trash Collection on Thanksgiving Day

There will be **NO** trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. Instead, **Patriot Disposal will collect our trash on Saturday, November 28.** Should this change, an email announcement will be sent to all who have subscribed to the list.

Remember **do not put your trash out on Thanksgiving Day. Instead, put it out on Saturday, November 28.**

A note from the President:

As you recognized from the front page of this newsletter, our Annual Meeting will be held this upcoming Tuesday, October 20. Please plan to attend – our association is made stronger by the active participation of **all our homeowners**. We have an election to fill two expiring Board seats, and a resolution to amend our Bylaws, so please come, make your voice heard, and cast your ballot for the Board member candidates of your choice, and consider the Bylaws amendments.



Lights on for Safety: Now for my annual reminder: with the fall season upon us, and the days getting shorter, I want to encourage you to keep your **housetlights on at night for safety and visibility**. It's dark at night on our community streets, even with our streetlights. You can make our neighborhood brighter by turning your outside house light on at dusk and off at dawn. If you use a compact fluorescent or LED bulb, your costs will be just pennies a day, and for the year, less than a couple of Grande Pumpkin Spice Lattes at Starbucks! This is an easy way to make the community safer, and make your own walks at night more pleasant! **This advice is especially important for Merrimac Trail homeowners, since you have no streetlights on your street.** The original Merrimac Trail residents agreed amongst themselves that they would always keep their housetlights on at night, since those would be the only source of light for the street. So, everyone – do yourself and your neighbors a favor, and keep lights on for safety!

Lafayette Village 2025 Committee: We are still looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. As you may recall, this committee has the goal of developing a detailed “vision statement” for Lafayette Village in 2025. The committee will examine what the Association can do in the next 10 years to maintain and improve the real strengths of our community, ensuring that Lafayette Village remains the attractive and desirable community it is today. Our community elements -- street signs, lights, the tot lot, the pool, our common grounds, our community rules – all need to be examined critically to see if these elements need to be updated to enhance the livability and desirability of Lafayette Village. If you would like to work with some of your neighbors on this interesting and challenging project, please send me an email at carl_iddings@hotmail.com.

Deer Season: Drive Safely

Deer breeding season is here and white-tailed deer are on the move. You can expect to see increased numbers of the deer on and near our neighborhood streets. Fairfax County crash data indicates that there have been almost **400 reported deer-vehicle collisions in the past five years**. Deer movements and behaviors are unpredictable and deer-vehicle collisions are a serious public safety concern.

Approximately one-half or more of all deer-vehicle collisions generally occur during the months of October, November, and December. Deer are especially active pre-dawn to mid-morning and dusk to early evening. These periods of activity correspond with the time when many of us are commuting to and from work or school. Please drive cautiously during this time and be on the lookout for deer crossing roadways.



We have a large number of deer in our area, so here are some tips for driving during the rutting season:

- Use high-beams when there is no oncoming traffic to improve your view of the road and surrounding areas.
- Watch for eye shine along roadsides. Immediately begin to slow if you spot a deer. Where there's one deer, there are usually more.
- Reduce speed and grasp steering wheel firmly with both hands. You never know when a deer will attempt to cross a road. Deer can be unpredictable animals.
- If deer is frozen on the road, reduce speed and flash your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report collision to Fairfax County Police Department (non-emergency) at 703-691-2131. Residents can also request an animal removal from the roadway through the VDOT online work request form at <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>.

Committee Reports ...

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, Chair

Your Finance Committee has presented the 2016 Operating Budget and Capital Reserve Plan to the Board of Directors, and with its approval the final budget will be presented to the members at the 2015 Annual Meeting. Along with the 2016 Budget, the committee will present a financial forecast to the members and will report on the state of the Replacement Reserves.

As of the end of August 2015 the Replacement Reserve accounts are in line with requirements laid out in the 2012 Reserve Study, and the certificates of deposit are maturing and being rolled into longer term vehicles for added interest earnings. Our Wells Fargo Advisor Group professionals have ensured the safety of our funds and while the interest rates are conservatively low, the earnings continue to reduce operational pressure on the Association cash flow.

We have begun a support plan for the Lafayette Village 2025 project and strategic vision development that will ensure capital funding for any projects that the committee may require. As we consider the future of our community over the coming decade, it is important to allocate our funds to those projects that enhance the beauty, safety and value of our properties. The Finance Committee is dedicated to providing that fiscal support along with contributing to the strategic vision as members of the Lafayette Village 2025 study.

The Finance Committee welcomes our newest member, Chris Morgan, having been appointed by the Board in the August meeting. We are always looking for input, and if you are interested in assisting the Association with financial management and fiscal policy, please contact Jim Franklin at franklin-assoc@msn.com or call at (703) 205-9087.

Communications Committee – Carl Iddings, Chair

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, community emails and monthly Board meetings. The next newsletter will be available the weekend of December 5, 2015. Articles and submissions are due by December 1st.

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.

The Communications Committee has a number of volunteer distributors, the folks who distribute the newsletter door-to-door. During the past year, these included Kathie French, Mike Loudon, Christie Prucker, Tina Snapp, Linda Boone, DJ Terreri, Nathan Garcia, Greg Johnson, and Larry and Deborah Dunham. A special thanks goes out to these individuals. We welcome assistance with distribution – if you are able to distribute newsletters on your street, please send me an email at lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Doug Stewart, Chair

Lafayette Village has remained quiet and crime-free since my last report. During the period of August 1 through mid-October, no crimes occurred within the community that were reported to the police. There was one larceny reported in the adjacent Holmes Run Village community on Thor drive. Also, there were several drug offences reported on Hirst Drive close to the park entrance.

While we are crime-free right now, we all need to remain vigilant. Please report any crime to the police if you are a victim or if you suspect a crime is being committed. Document any details that you may observe. To report

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any suspicious event, use the police non-emergency number **703-691-2131**. For events that are life-threatening or immediately damaging to property, call 911. You can remain anonymous if you wish. And once you've called the police, please email me at stewart8668@verizon.net with the details, so we have a record of all suspicious activity in the community. Without documentation, it can be difficult to influence police action when they have other pressing matters that need attention.

We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood that remains free from most serious crime. We urge everyone to keep your outside lights on in the front and back at night, especially as the fall season brings shorter and shorter days. Studies have shown that well-lit neighborhoods have less crime.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

It's Fall, and if you've been asked to plant evergreen shrubs along the base of your house or a replacement tree, then now's the time. And even if you haven't been asked, this is the time to reevaluate your plantings. Sparse? Overgrown? Dying? Take advantage of the cooler, wetter weather to refresh your yard. Please remove any empty flower pots and planters that you can from the porch and steps, and store them away till spring rolls round again.

From time to time the ACC needs to revise the Architectural Guidelines. Currently the Board of Directors is considering some proposals from the committee. One is to clarify language concerning evergreen shrubs along the foundation walls. Originally our homes all had evergreen bushes. Over time people have planted flowers, like hydrangeas and roses, which are bare for several months of the year. Therefore the guideline is not being followed as intended. Another proposed change is in response to the "growing" problem of invasive vines.

Any approved changes will be incorporated into the Documents of the Association. Everyone signs and agrees to comply with the Association rules upon buying into the community, and it's up to everyone to read and follow the guidelines before undertaking any exterior repairs or improvements. A cohesive look means there has to be a degree of uniformity, especially in the townhomes. So, although we understand your frustration, please don't be surprised if we deny your request for an exception to the rules. It's the exceptions that cause problems to the committee, to the management company and to your neighbors. Renters are also required to adhere to the rules of the community – especially regarding storage of items in front of the house, and observing acceptable trash times. You as the owner will be held responsible for your tenant's violations of ACC Guidelines, so please make sure your renters are aware of these restrictions.

Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, Chair

Fall already? Wow that went fast. Well it's time for some cooler weather and getting those last grounds projects in before things start to freeze.

By the time you read this we'll have requested bids for the tree removal and pruning contract for this year. It's also quite likely that we'll at least have the planting plan in place if not bids requested for that work as well. It's planting time so we need to get all of that done before we miss the window.

I'm going to sound like a broken record, or maybe that I'm just one week late on everything, but also by the time you read this I expect to finally have the bids for the concrete work. The quotes were due over a week ago but I haven't heard back from any of the vendors yet. I hope that doesn't mean nobody wants the work.

Those of you who have been to the playground in the past



New fence around the tot lot. Note the lower rail that will help keep the fence fabric tight. In the background is the new play house.

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several weeks may have noticed the nice new chain link on the fence and gate there. I think it's looking pretty good. We're working to get more mulch in there ASAP so it won't be just one big sandbox.

The new parking signs are in and will be up before the end of October. You probably won't even notice the differences, but they're there. These new signs are reflective and fully comply with Fairfax County regulations.

The walkthrough for the erosion projects has been significantly delayed due to an injury that had new member Gustavo Vega out of commission for several weeks. We expect to complete the walkthrough this week so we can prioritize the issues and put the funds to the most urgent issues first.

We've planted some more milkweed in the monarch waystation and will be collecting more seeds for next year.

If you walk through the meadows you may notice that the dog run is no more. Thanks to Steven Longstreet for helping me take it out. Also thanks to Carl Iddings for locating the park bench that had gone missing from the dog run area months ago.

The Grounds Committee looks forward to the outcome of the Lafayette Village 2025 Committee which will recommend design change ideas that will guide the grounds team in making improvements and changes over the next 10 years.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The pool closed on Labor Day after a fun-filled summer. It was a safe year due to our great lifeguard staff that included Chase, Michael, Jan and Angelica, and thanks to residents following the rules.

The major improvement at the pool this year was the replacement of the fence and the plantings around the pool. We have also purchased some additional umbrellas now that there is less shade after the removal of the mature shrubbery.

During this first full pool season having an area where eating is allowed, six families took advantage of the opportunity to reserve the patio area to hold small parties. This same opportunity is available during the pool season to all residents in good standing.

We had several successful events at the pool including a new adult wine and cheese event. The Association also hosted two well-attended cookouts providing burgers, hot dogs, chips, condiments and water. We had two "Swim Under the Stars" nights where we kept the pool open late and turned up the music. These nights continue to be extremely popular. A big thank you to those who have volunteered their time and resources to make these events successful.

The pool has become a great gathering place for the community. We hope to continue to make improvements and add events to enhance this wonderful resource.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this an enjoyable and safe pool season. If you have comments or suggestions regarding the pool, please email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.



The new picnic pad in use during the end-of-season barbecue.

Community Ads and Notices.....

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

Mark Rhodes, Interior Painting: When it comes to house projects, I try to do-it-myself whenever possible. When our schedule got into a crunch, we decided to give Mark Rhodes a call at [703-560-8329](tel:703-560-8329). His very reasonable quote, personality, timeliness, and the previous referral write-up from Jay Jarvis were enough to sell us on him to do the work. He did an excellent job painting our walls and ceiling - it looks great! He got the job done quickly, but with professional quality - faster and better than I could have done myself. It was worth every penny and we're glad to turn around and refer him again to others in the community.

Get yourself a free estimate. Give the work to Mark. Take the time to do something you actually *want* to do. Then come home and enjoy your fresh painted job. - Mike Nuthrown

FREE Yamaha Full Instrumentation Organ: I am downsizing and would like to donate the organ to a church, youth group or a good home. I bought the organ in Japan in 1980 but it was hardly used. Just need to move it from my family room. Call Linda at 703-698-0338 to discuss.

Unusually high water bill? Fairfax Water can help reduce it!

Glad You Asked!

Q. Is there any relief from a high water bill caused by a leak?

A. As a courtesy, Fairfax Water offers a one-time adjustment for unusually high water charges caused by leaks. Most leak adjustments are calculated by crediting charges for two-thirds of the estimated water loss. Adjustments for a leaking water service line running from the meter to the house are calculated to credit 100 percent of the estimated water loss.

To be eligible for an adjustment you must demonstrate that you have promptly and properly repaired the leak when detected and have not received a Courtesy Leak Adjustment from Fairfax Water during the previous five years.

To request an adjustment, provide Fairfax Water with a completed "Request for Courtesy Leak Adjustment" form and proof of repairs, such as a copy of a receipt or invoice. The form is available at www.fairfaxwater.org/faqs/LeakAdjustForm.pdf or you may request a copy by calling 703-698-5800, TTY 711, or sending an e-mail to customers@fairfaxwater.org.

You can e-mail the completed form with the copy of your receipt or invoice to customers@fairfaxwater.org, fax them to 703-289-6133, or mail them to:

Fairfax Water
Attn: Billing
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

If you have questions regarding unusually high water bills, call the Customer Service Department at 703-698-5800, TTY 711. 💧

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202-758-6946

Election Information: Election Day is Tuesday, November 3....

What you'll be voting for: Election Day is soon approaching. Candidates for state and local offices will be on the ballot for the upcoming election on Tuesday, November 3rd. In Hummer precinct, Mason District, we will be voting for state senator, state delegate, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair, Mason District supervisor, at-large and Mason District school board members, County Sheriff, and other offices. These are all important offices that can have a real impact on us and our community. There will also be several referenda items on the ballot.

Where you will vote: All residents of Lafayette Village reside in Hummer Precinct, and vote at the Packard Center at 4022 Hummer Road. The polling site will be open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 3. If for some reason, you know you'll be unable to vote during polling hours, you can instead vote by absentee ballot. You can find out more about absentee voting at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>. You can also vote early.

Early voting: If you know you won't be able to vote at our Packard Center polling place on Election Day, you can still vote "absentee in person" at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike. You can vote Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 7:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm. You will need a photo ID in order to vote. In-person absentee voting ends Saturday, October 31. If you want to vote absentee by mail, this website will provide you the information you need: <http://elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/index.html>.

New photo ID requirements: You will need to show an acceptable photo ID before you will be allowed to vote. These photo IDs are acceptable:

- Valid Virginia driver's license, even if it has your old address.
- Military photo ID.
- Federal, Virginia, or local government-issued ID, including a passport.
- Employer-issued photo ID.
- Virginia college or university student photo ID.
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID.

For voting purposes, an expired ID remains valid for 12 months after its expiration date.

If you don't have a photo ID when you come to vote, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. In order for it to count, you will then have until noon on the Friday after the election (Nov. 6) to deliver a copy of acceptable photo ID identification to the Fairfax County Electoral Board at the Office of Elections in the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Verify your voter registration: You can verify your registration information at the Virginia Board of Elections website, <https://www.vote.virginia.gov/> and make any necessary changes then.

Expressing support for your favorite candidate: Our ACC Guidelines allow you to display one sign pertaining to the current political season. You must remove the sign immediately following the election.



This is the voting machine you will use to record your paper ballot in the upcoming election.

Remember to Vote on Tuesday, November 3rd!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st

Don't forget – when you turn your clocks back one hour on November 1st also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home.

Resolution amending Lafayette Village Bylaws.....

The following resolution will be offered to the membership for consideration at the Association's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 20th:

Resolution Amending the Lafayette Village Community Association Bylaws Offered to the Membership for Consideration at the 2015 LVCA Annual Meeting

Resolved by the members of the Lafayette Village Community Association that the "1985 Revised Bylaws of Lafayette Village Community Association" be amended by:

1. *Inserting a new Section 10 into Article II, "Definitions," of the Bylaws to read:*

Section 10. "He" shall mean "He or she" wherever it appears. Similarly, "his" shall mean "his or her" wherever it appears.

2. *Amending Section 6 of Article VI, "Meeting of Directors," to read:*

Section 6. Action by Directors Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by any provisions of law, the Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws in any meeting of the Board of Directors or at any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting either

- (a) if a written consent, setting forth the action, is signed, either before or after such action, by all members of the Board of Directors or of such committee, as the case may be, and filed in the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors or such committee, as the case may be; or*
- (b) the Board of Directors conducts a vote by email or other electronic means of communications, providing that such votes must be unanimous and must be announced at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, and that the Secretary records the results of the vote in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.*

Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors or of such committee.

3. *Amending subsection (c) of Article IX, "Committees," to rename the "Publications Committee" to "Communications Committee" and to add the following at the end of the subsection:*

... and cause to be created and maintained an Association website governed by such regulations as the Board may enact.

And be it further resolved by the members of the Lafayette Village Community Association that these amendments take effect upon adoption by the membership.

These amendments clean up language in our Bylaws and confirm an existing practice that the Board has used for many years to vote on matters requiring immediate attention, especially related to time-sensitive purchases and contract awards. For instance, in preparing the pool for opening, our contractor sometimes discovers equipment that needs to be replaced or expensive repairs that need to be made. In order to ensure that the pool opens on time, the Board has voted via email to approve the repair or purchase.

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Community News...

Notes from the Garden:

Greetings from the community garden! While some gardeners have already pulled up or killed off their crops for the year, others are still harvesting corn, string beans, limas, tomatoes, peppers, squashes, cucumbers, chard, and lots of herbs, while waiting for late crops such as parsnips, radishes, and pumpkins. One of the really good crops at the moment is okra! It is fun to eat straight from the plant when it's very young, and it's great for thickening soups when it's older. The other day someone asked what kind of flowering plant it was. The plant itself is really interesting and the flowers are gorgeous.

Speaking of flowers, we have had a wonderful array of zinnias, sunflowers, cockscomb, and Mexican sunflowers in the garden, making lots of bees very happy. They have also thoroughly enjoyed the garlic chive blossoms that were abundant this year. In addition to the bees, we have seen various kinds of butterflies which we hadn't seen in years past.

There is still time to plant greens, turnips, radishes, and herbs that you can start outdoors in pots and take indoors for the winter. If you want to store vegetables, pick them when they are fully mature, brush off the dirt and harden them. You can put them in a cardboard box lined with sawdust or straw and cover them with cardboard or newspapers and more sawdust or straw. Carrots, turnips, kohlrabi, parsnips will last for a long time in your vegetable drawer, but don't wash them until you are ready to use them. If you have a cool, dark place like an unheated garage, vegetables like squash, potatoes, and garlic can be stored there through the winter. Pretty soon you can enjoy a nice pot of vegetable soup after raking leaves!



Deer Hunting in Lafayette Village – Annual Update: Anyone who walks or runs throughout our neighborhood in the early morning or at night has noticed that we have an increasing number of deer living in our midst, eating our plantings and destroying young trees and other desirable vegetation in our woods and parks. Many years ago, the Board invited Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia to perform **controlled bow-and-arrow hunts** on our property in an effort to better control the deer population. In the past year, since September 15, 2014, hunters from Suburban Whitetail Management have conducted a number of hunts and have seen many deer, but have only taken one deer. The hunt leader reports that his deer cams have captured images of many more deer than in years past, so he hopes for a better hunting season this year.

Note that the Association does not allow hunting on Association property during fawning season. During hunting season, the deer are removed from our property and butchered elsewhere. The venison is normally donated to local food banks, although the hunter has the option of keeping the meat for himself.

FRASER FIR WREATHS FOR SALE

FROM *Nutbrown's* EST. 1958
CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

* 20" WREATH = \$30 * 26" WREATH = \$35

He can't bring trees back from the farm with him, but Mike Nutbrown is selling fresh Fraser Fir wreaths complete with pine cones and a hand-made, weather-resistant bow. Available for front door delivery the Monday after Thanksgiving. Please contact him at mr.nutbrown@gmail.com by October 30 to place your order.

Milling and Paving Project – Warranty Work...

The milling and paving contract the Association negotiated with Finley Paving included a one-year warranty covering materials and workmanship. In June of this year, J. Gaston and Carl Iddings walked the community, inspecting the work done by Finley. Not unexpectedly, given the size of the project, they found a number of problems that Finley needed to correct under the warranty. Later in August, a Finley representative also walked the community with the repair list created by Gaston and Iddings and agreed with most of the items on that list.

As a result of these walkthroughs, Finley Paving will be on-site on Friday, October 23rd, and Thursday, October 29th, to complete the repairs. On October 23rd, Finley will address the asphalt warranty work. The major work is replacing failing asphalt by a storm drain in front of 7922 Brunswick Forest Pass. This work will take about a half day. On October 29th, Finley will complete the sidewalk and curb/gutter work in the list below. That work will take a full day.

When this work is underway, some parking spots will need to be vacated. The Association will notify affected residents several days before that their vehicles will need to be moved to allow this warranty work to be completed. We want to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Finley Asphalt and Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk Warranty Work

Asphalt warranty work – October 23rd:

- 7922 Brunswick Forest Pass – replace failing asphalt
- Miscellaneous Asphalt Crack Filling:
 - 2 linear feet at entrance to Newport Glen Pass
 - 25 linear feet at entrance to Colonial Village Row
 - 15 linear feet at 3727 Yorktown Village Pass (near fire hydrant)
 - 5 linear feet at entrance to Byrds Nest Pass
 - 5 linear feet at front of 7854 Butterfield Lane
 - 2 linear feet at 3718 Mt Airey Lane
 - Remove stick from paving mat and crack fill (5 LF) at 7834 Ashley Glen Road
 - 10 Linear feet at mailboxes on Hancock Forest Trail
 - 10 Linear feet at 3955 Hancock Forest Trail
 - 10 Linear feet at 3977 Hancock Forest Trail

Sidewalk and curb/gutter warranty work – October 29th:

- Sidewalk at 7831 Butterfield Lane
- Curb at 7833 Butterfield Lane
- Curb across from 7833 Butterfield Lane
- Curb at 7825 Butterfield Lane
- Curb at 7932 Peyton Forest Trail
- Sidewalk at 3704 Mt. Airey Lane
- Sidewalk at 3712 Mt. Airey Lane
- Sidewalk at 7871 Hampton Village Pass



Need help walking your dog??

I am trustworthy, responsible and caring. I love dogs!

I also live in this neighborhood :)

\$10 per walk- 30-45 mins

Txt/Call Nicki

202-330-3106

Around Town...

Annandale Parade: Saturday, October 24th, 10:00am

It's Bigger and Better than Ever: Family Fun in the Heart of Annandale!

The **Annual Annandale Parade** will be held along Columbia Pike, stepping off at 10 a.m. and featuring clowns, storybook characters, marching bands, and beautifully costumed international dancers. This 65-year-old tradition, cited in 2013 as one of the best small-town parades in the country, is sponsored by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit www.annandalechamber.com, or email festival@annandalechamber.com.

The Haunted Village of Annandale

A new fall event sponsored by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce

The Haunted Village of Annandale silently festers in the underworld except in October, when the earth erupts, unleashing screeching phantoms and creepy goblins. Ghostly impressions move through the air while witches cackle amid the graves in this ancient Village.

You are invited, if you dare, to tour the Village & The Witch's Graveyard on **Fridays and Saturdays, October 16-31 from 6:00-9:00 PM** in the Annandale Shopping Center on Columbia Pike at Gallows Road. Discount admission coupons will be available at the stores in the center, while supplies last. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

For more information, visit <http://www.annandalechamber.com/>.

Election Officers Needed! – Fairfax County needs Election Officers a few days a year, including the upcoming General Election on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**, to run the polls and assist the voters at each of the 240 precincts in Fairfax County. Election officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required forms and training. The Election Officer Training Schedule is accessible at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/eotraining.htm. Election Officers are offered a **stipend of \$175** for serving a full day. Bilingual citizens are urged to serve, as language assistance is needed in many precincts. Residency in Fairfax County is not required. For more information, visit the Office of Elections Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm, send an e-mail to elect@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-4735; TTY 711.

Volunteer Opportunity: Drivers Needed to Assist Senior Citizens – The Shepherd Center of Annandale-Springfield is a non-profit seniors helping seniors organization. Volunteer drivers in the Annandale, Springfield, and Alexandria area take senior citizens (ages 50 and older) to medical facilities and food banks during the week, and shopping on weekends. More drivers are needed. If you could give a few hours each month, please contact Barbara Gatorian, Office Director, by calling 703-941-1419, or by e-mail at shepherdscas@vacoxmail.com. For more information about the Shepherd Center's services, log-on to <http://shepherdcenter-annandale.org/>.

Supervisor Gross Hosts a Second Senior Health and Safety Seminar on October 19 – A "Safety in our Community - Preventing the 911 Call" health and safety seminar will be held at the Mason District Governmental Center, Large Conference Room, on **Monday, October 19, 10 a.m. – Noon**. Presentations will include fire and injury/fall prevention, home and personal safety, Project Lifesaver (keeping at-risk residents safer and reducing caregiver anxiety), defending yourself from scams and other frauds, and emergency preparedness. These topics will be presented by representatives from the Fire and Rescue Department, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Fairfax County Office of Consumer Affairs, Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, and the Fairfax County Health Department. For more information, call the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Public Affairs and Life Safety Education Office at 703-246-3969, or the Office of Supervisor Penny Gross at 703-256-7717, TTY 711.

Reminder: Trash Collection Guidelines.....

For those new to Lafayette Village and as a reminder to long-term residents, here are the guidelines for our trash collection service:

- **Patriot Disposal Services is the company providing our trash collection service.** Their phone number is 703-257-7100 and their website is <http://www.patriotdisposalservices.com/index.html>.
- **Trash is collected every Monday and Thursday.** You can place your trash cans or plastic bags of trash in front of your house after 6:00pm the evening before trash is collected. You will need to bring in your trash can Monday or Thursday evenings.
- **Recycling will be collected on Monday each week.** Recyclable materials that will be collected include newspaper, mixed paper, flattened cardboard no larger than 4' x 4', glass, aluminum and metal food and beverage containers, and plastic bottles, jugs and containers. Recyclable materials may be co-mingled.
- **Yard debris will be collected on Monday each week.** Yard debris is defined as grass clippings, leaves and hedge trimmings. Yard debris must be placed at the curb in bags (paper is preferred), or in a separate container clearly marked "yard waste." Brush must be less than 4-inches in diameter, cut into 4-foot lengths, and tied in small bundles or bagged. Yard debris does not include stumps, whole trees, or clean-up from storm damage. Collection of these items may be provided for an additional charge.
- **Special items will be collected at the curb each week.** Special items include appliances, small furniture, mattresses, and other large items. Special items that will be collected and recycled include scrap metal (grills, bicycles, swings, chairs), small electronics (computers, monitors, small TVs, small printers, VCRs, DVD/CD players, etc.), motor oil, and car batteries. **Advance notice is required for the collection of all special items**, with the exception of small furniture and mattresses, which may be placed at the curb with the regular trash. This service is limited to two items per week. **You will need to schedule such pick-ups in advance by calling Patriot at 703-257-7100.**
- **Additional items, or items that are extremely large or heavy, will be collected for a minimum fee of \$25.00.** TVs or monitors larger than 19" will be picked up for a minimum fee of \$25.00; tires will be picked up for a minimum fee of \$20.00 each. Carpeting will be priced for pickup on a case-by-case basis, depending on the quantity. Special items scheduled for pickup that are not out on the scheduled pickup day will be re-scheduled for pickup at the request of the homeowner for a \$25.00 fee. All fees for special pickups must be prepaid by the homeowner prior to removal.
- **Patriot will collect packing boxes of new residents**, from the curb, along with ordinary household trash.

How Not to Put your Trash out in Plastic Bags

Many of us like the convenience of using plastic bags to put our trash out for collection. However, as the photo to the right shows, using a thin white plastic kitchen bag just invites neighborhood critters to chow down on your trash. This trash bag could have been slashed open by any of a number of wild animals – foxes, crows, rats, even inquisitive dogs. Patriot will not clean up a mess like this, leaving the trash to blow about the neighborhood!

If you put your trash out in a heavy duty yard waste bag, like the black bag to the rear of flimsy white plastic bag, animals will most likely leave your trash alone, and you won't have a mess to clean up.

