



Lafayette Village Community Association

August/September 2010 Newsletter

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Join us for the 2010 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:15 pm. We will meet at the pool parking lot and walk as a group to the tot lot on Trammell Court. There will be a moon bounce for the kids to enjoy and refreshments for everyone. We have invited Fairfax County Police to attend, as well, to show off their equipment and talk to us about crime prevention. We will be out until dark.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

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

WHY YOU NEED to participate:

- There continues to be minor criminal activity in Lafayette Village – car tampering, larceny, even vandalism!
- You can sign up for the Neighborhood Watch. We need volunteers and the statistics are clear – an active community with an active neighborhood watch reduces crime!
- It will be fun! Meet your neighbors, make new friends, celebrate the summer!

If you can't join us, turn on your porch light at sunset and leave it on all night! **Lights on for Safety!**

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Don't forget to vote!

Traffic calming ballots were mailed to all Lafayette Village town home owners on Wednesday, July 28. Ballots must be mailed no later than Monday, August 16th. Take a moment right now to review the information in the mailing, check out the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/TrafficCalming for more information, vote, and mail in your stamped, addressed traffic calming ballot!

See the related article on page 8.

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LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for details and last minute updates)

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (August 9 and September 13)

ACC Meetings - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at 7882 Hampton Village Pass (August 16 and September 20)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (August 26 and September 30)

Finance Committee – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM. Contact the Chair for location. (August 24 and September 28)

Neighborhood Watch – Tuesdays after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (August 10 and September 14).

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

Please check the website for the most current information:

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

Pet Sitter Needed!

Looking for neighbors interested in cat-sitting. Duties include feeding, scooping litter pans and refreshing water. I am also interested in a pet-care exchange. I would be glad to take care of your pets while you are away, and in return you could take care of mine.



If you are interested, please send an email to kristinmurk@yahoo.com and let me know a little about yourself and your experience. Serious inquiries only.



Fall Yard Sale

The Pool and Recreation committee is planning a fall yard sale for Saturday, October 9th, from 8:00am to 12 noon. Sell from your front yard, driveway, Lafayette Village Drive or the pool parking lot!

If you are interested in participating in the fall yard sale, please contact Carl Iddings (703-206-0170, email carl_iddings@hotmail.com) or Christie Prucker (571-830-6492, email wizardmom416@gmail.com)

Prez Sez: Thoughts and Observations

With the sound barrier being finished along our section of the Beltway, we can turn our attention to fixing up our land next to the wall. Our Grounds Committee has been working on ideas for some time and you will see improvements over the coming weeks.

Our traffic calming task force has completed the work of providing a plan to slow down the traffic on Lafayette Village Drive. By the time this is read, all town house home owners should have received their ballots. Hopefully, the plan will be approved by our owners and the County can begin the work on implementation. Be sure to complete your ballot and mail it by August 16th!



Next, the Association needs to address the issue of parking along Lafayette Village Drive. Your Board asked the County to make the Lafayette Village Drive a "Community Parking District" or CPD. If approved by our owners most adjacent to Lafayette Village Drive, it would mean large trucks would not be allowed to park on the street. I will personally contact the 55 owners whose property is on the petition list. At least 34 owners will need to sign the petition to make LV Drive a CPD. This would complete point number 4 below.

Community Parking Districts (CPD) prohibit the parking of watercraft, motor homes, campers, trailers, vehicles greater than or equal to 3 axles, vehicles with a GVWR greater than or equal to 12,000 lbs., and vehicles transporting greater than or equal to 16 passengers (except school buses) on public streets in residentially zoned areas. Vehicles parked in violation are subject to a \$75 fine for each violation and may be towed at the owner's expense.

The petition process is used for smaller areas and has the following qualifications and procedures:

- Residentially-zoned area
 - Minimum size 5 block face OR 2000 linear feet
1. A request is made to the district supervisor by the HOA
 2. The district supervisor forwards the request to FCDOT
 3. FCDOT issues the petition and petition area maps
 4. The community gathers signatures verifying greater than or equal to 60% support for the proposed district and greater than 50% support along each block
 5. A fee of \$10 per petitioning address is remitted with the returned petitions
 6. The district supervisor forwards the petitions to FCDOT
 7. The Board of Supervisors conducts a public hearing to approve the proposed parking district
 8. FCDOT installs "Community Parking District" signs listing prohibitions at strategic locations

Exemptions include: vehicles used by federal, state or local public agencies to provide services; commercial vehicles discharging passengers, performing work or providing services; vehicles temporarily parked, for up to 48 hours, for the purpose of loading, unloading or preparing for a trip. See the [Code of the County of Fairfax](#), Chapter 82, Article 5B for more on the program and exemptions.

--Jay Jarvis, President

Committee Updates and Recap

Grounds Committee

Residents of Newport Glen Pass and Butterfield Lane will notice new street lights in next few weeks. A new light is being installed next to the mail boxes on the north side of Newport Glen Pass and next to the mail boxes on the northeast corner of Butterfield Lane. This will give residents of the area more visibility at night.

The Grounds Committee has identified a number of outdated mailboxes that will be replaced this fall. More details on the location of the boxes to be replaced will be in the next newsletter.

The Committee has identified a number of trees that will be trimmed or removed over the next few weeks. This fall during tree planting season, the Committee, will be installing a number of new trees. This is a continuation of the Committee's plans keep our community full of healthy and varied trees.

The Garden Group will participate in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3rd, by providing a gardening opportunity for all the children who show up at the Pool House for the march up Lafayette Village Drive. We will provide pots, planting soil, seeds, water and markers for kids to plant radishes, marigolds and other pot-friendly flowers and veggies. At the end of the National Night Out festivities, children can take their pots home and tend to their mini-garden!



The Community Garden in full summer glory!

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has completed its review of the Lafayette Village Community Association FY2009 audit, and is pleased to report that the Association received a "clean" audit. That means our finances have been managed properly with appropriate accountability and controls. Much of the credit for this clean audit goes to the Finance Committee, which has instituted a number of changes over the past year and a half to more effectively manage our funds. The completed audit will be posted on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm.

The Finance Committee has also started work on the FY2011 budget, which will be presented at the October Annual Meeting. The budget will be posted on the website and will appear in the October/November newsletter.

Neighborhood Watch

So far the summer seems quiet. There have been no significant reports to the neighborhood watch the past month. In patrolling at night we notice that many residents still do not keep their front porch lights on at night. This is a simple and inexpensive way to keep the neighborhood safe. Enough light deters someone from vandalizing vehicles and property. We could also use some help on the committee. There are too many nights that are not covered. If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours a month, please email Fred Saah at fred300@gmail.com.

Night Lighting

One home crime prevention tip is universal: **keep your home well lit**, both outside and in. When you leave your home for the evening, keep a television or radio on, as well as some inside lights. And get into the habit of turning on your porch light in the evening, and keeping it on all night. In Lafayette Village, it

Committee Updates and Recap, Continued

Neighborhood Watch, continued

costs less than seven cents a day to keep a 60-watt outside light burning all night. Crime prevention experts agree that keeping a porch light on at night is one of the most cost effective crime prevention steps you can take as a home owner.

Home security check

Another cost-effective crime-prevention step you can take is to request a home security check by a qualified, trained Fairfax County Police officer. The officer will inspect the locks, doors and windows of your home with you. He or she will also review the exterior lighting, landscaping and other factors affecting your home's resistance to burglary. The officer will then make recommendations for improving your home security. You can arrange for a **free** inspection at your convenience by calling the Mason District Station at 703-256-8035.

ACC

The ACC has been working diligently with KPA, our professional management company, to ensure that all homes are in compliance with ACC Guidelines and adhere to LVCA Bylaws and Covenants. Quoting from our ACC Regulations, "These standards are not intended to stifle the imagination or creative desires of residents, but rather to assure them that protective restrictions are in effect that will help maintain the appearance and value of their property and surrounding properties."

Unfortunately, we have noted a problem throughout LVCA that threatens to get quickly out of hand. It is absolutely critical that townhouse homeowners do not stain their rear fences. Fence staining will result in violation notices requiring that the stain be removed or if that is not possible, that the fence be replaced.

Current published ACC Guidelines for Townhomes (Paragraph 1.7) clearly state that proposed changes to existing fences or the proposed construction of new fences must be submitted to the ACC for approval. They further state, "Fences must be of cedar or unpainted pressure-treated wood and of the same construction as original fences."

Please take some time to read the Architectural Control Committee Guidelines, Bylaws and Covenants located on our website www.lafayettevillage.org. If you do not have web access, you may contact any ACC member for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

ACC BLOCK CAPTAINS

Further changes within the ACC have necessitated publishing a new listing of the ACC Block Captains and their streets. Homeowners should always notify their block captain whenever they have problems and/or questions.

CURRENT BLOCK CAPTAIN STREET ASSIGNMENTS

Merrimac Trail	Mike Louden Email: Mike.Louden@msn.com
Mt Airey Lane, Butterfield Lane	Chas Ryan Email: chr1969@cox.net
Ashley Glen Road	Penny Horsley Email: pjhorsley@aol.com
Byrds Nest Pass	Terri Clark Email: terri.clark@cox.net

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Colonial Village Row, Peyton Forest Trail	Tina Snapp Email: tLsKippies@gmail.com
Newport Glen Pass	Mary Coyle Email: MaryECoyle@cox.net
Yorktown Village Pass, Trammel Court	Joaquin Tremols Email: tremols@lycos.com
Hancock Forest Trail, Hampton Village Pass, Brunswick Forest Trail	VACANT Email: MaryECoyle@cox.net

We would like to thank Hattie Walden who served on the ACC for over eight (8) years, giving of herself unceasingly to her neighbors and others throughout the community. After such long service, Hattie has resigned from the ACC and we in the community will all feel her loss. THANK YOU HATTIE WALDEN!

Pool and Recreation

The Pool season comes to an end on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th. Reminder that pool hours are weekdays from 11:30am to 8:30pm and weekends from 11:00am to 8:pm. The pool will close for the season on Labor day at 8:00pm.

The committee is also planning for the Fall Yard Sale. See the announcement for that event on page 2 of this Newsletter.

Around Town...

Northern Virginia Conservation Trust Environmental Restoration Project

Every 2nd Saturday from 1-3pm, volunteers will meet at the Packard Center in Annandale Community Park (see address below) to remove non-native invasive plants. These plants crowd out native vegetation, eliminating vital food sources and degrading the habitat for native wildlife. Removing them allows native vegetation to thrive and helps restore local biodiversity.

No experience is required and groups are welcome! This is a perfect opportunity for families and students who need to fulfill volunteer service hour requirements.

What to wear: Volunteers should dress for the weather and for working outdoors where there may be mud and poison ivy: boots or sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirt, and work gloves are necessary. A hat and sunblock are recommended.

What to bring: Water, a light snack, clippers and loppers if you have them.

The invasive removal will be Saturday, August 14th. Meet at the Packard Center at 1:00pm. We'll be pulling stilt grass, vinca minor (Periwinkle), English Ivy and pachysandra. For more information, see <http://www.meetup.com/Northern-Virginia-Conservation-Trust/>

Contractor Recommendations:

Power washing – Mark Perkins owns a franchise of Power Wash by Perk Inc. – he is a current Fairfax County policeman working on his retirement career. He does what he says he will do. You can check the company at www.powerwashbyperk.com 703-497-0585. Does graffiti removal, asphalt and driveways, aluminum siding, concrete/sealed, wood siding, paint stripping, etc.

Painting – Bob McCalley, A to Z Decorator at 703-690-2197. Does interior and exterior painting, repairs prior to painting, etc.

Community Events

New Library Hours Began July 1, 2010 - The Fairfax County Public Library will change its hours because of countywide budget reductions. The new hours will take effect July 1, 2010. Regional and community library branches, with the exception of Access Services, which is located at the Fairfax County Government Center, will alternate morning and evening hours four days a week allowing customers to access a library somewhere in the county from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Although the change represents a reduction in the overall number of hours the library is open each week, the new schedule allows branches to extend their evening hours from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. The new hours for **Regional Branches** will be Mondays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesdays 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Wednesdays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturdays will remain 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays will remain 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Hours for **Community Branches** will be Mondays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Thursdays 1 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays will remain 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays closed. Many library transactions such as browsing the online catalog, downloading electronic resources, conducting research, reserving a book or DVD, registering for events, booking meeting rooms and more, can be done at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

Computer and Television Recycling Continues on *Electric Sundays* - *Electric Sundays* provide county residents with an opportunity to recycle televisions, computers, monitors and peripheral electronic devices such as printers, scanners, speakers, keyboards, mice and external drives. Residents also may recycle their fluorescent light bulbs at these events. Better yet, *Electric Sunday* events are a free service for Fairfax County residents! These 2010 events are held at the county's Recycling and Disposal Centers at the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax (4618 West Ox Road) and the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton (9850 Furnace Road), from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the following dates and locations: August 22 (I-66); September 26 (I-66); October 24 (I-95); November 21 (I-66). For more information, contact the Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling at 703-324-5230, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.

The 28th Annual Begonia Show and Sale Features a Palette of Color for Your Home - Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, welcomes the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society, sponsors of this annual event, on Saturday, August 28, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and on Sunday, August 29, 12 - 3:30 p.m. Feast your eyes with the splashes of color and treat your homes and greenhouses with natural décor this fall. The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including subtropical species. Admission is free. Call 703-642-5173 for more information about this or other upcoming events, or visit the Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/.

Spotlight by Starlight Concerts at Mason District Park: The free concert series continues through the month of August. Live music performances begin at 7:30 p.m. every Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. Children's shows are featured at 10 a.m. on Saturday mornings. A special last minute addition: DinoRock puppet show has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 28, at 10 a.m. To find out who is performing, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/spotlight.htm. Concerts are cancelled in case of rain. Bring your friends and enjoy the show!

Would you like to be a Candidate for the LVCA Board of Directors?

The LVCA Annual Meeting will occur this October, and two Board seats will be up for election. If you are interested in participating in the governance of your community, if you have good ideas about how the community should be run, then you should submit your name to the Nominating Committee to be added to this fall's election ballot.

The LVCA Board is responsible for directing the affairs of the Lafayette Village Community Association and enforcing the Covenants and Bylaws of the Association. Board members have a fiduciary responsibility to ensure Association funds are managed properly and expended prudently. The Board meets at least once a month. If you would like to have a part in managing our Association, please contact Sean Walsh at im_sean@msn.com.

Time to vote on a Traffic Calming Plan for Lafayette Village Drive

During the past year, the Traffic Calming Task Force has worked to develop a plan that will address the speeding problem on Lafayette Village Drive. Traffic studies, resident's comments and concerns, as well as three significant, speed-related accidents on Lafayette Village Drive all support the need for traffic calming techniques aimed at reducing speed to legal limits on our neighborhood "Main Street".

After much study and input from the neighborhood, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Lafayette Village Drive Traffic Calming Task Force has formulated a traffic-calming plan for your consideration. The work of the task force has been reported in the Association's Newsletter, and discussed regularly at LVCA monthly Board meetings. A formal presentation was made by the Task Force at the LVCA Semi-Annual meeting in May. This specific plan, approved by the Task Force and presented in the June/July newsletter, and discussed at a community meeting held June 23, represents the best solution to reduce speeding on Lafayette Village Drive, given the options made available to us by the Fairfax County DOT. The plan is explained thoroughly on the ballot packet mailed to all Townhouse home owners. The packets were mailed July 28th; if you have not received your packet, please email lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org or call Carl Iddings at 703-206-0170.

Please review the packet carefully. You will find a letter from the Traffic Calming Task Force with a map showing the actual plan. There is also a stamped and addressed ballot for you to vote on the plan. You can see more information on the plan at our website, www.lafayettevillage.org/TrafficCalming. You will need to vote either "Yes" or "No" for the **entire** plan, enter your name and address and then sign the ballot. Fold the ballot so the stamped, addressed side faces outwards and seal it with tape. Mail the ballot so that it is **postmarked by August 16th**. Only one ballot can be cast per household. **These requirements are per the Fairfax County Department of Transportation.**

All ballots will be received at Supervisor Gross's office. After the August 16th deadline has passed, Supervisor Gross's office will send them to Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff, who will open and count the votes. Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross will notify our neighborhood of the results. If 50% of the Townhouse home owners return their ballots, and 60% of those returned vote in favor of the plan, the County will add our project to its task list of approved neighborhood traffic calming projects. If that happens, we expect our project to be complete by spring of 2011.

Make your vote count! Please vote and mail your ballot today!

REQUEST FOR EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT FORM

To: Chair, Architectural Control ACC
Lafayette Village Community Association
c/o KPA, Attn. Diane Tschirhart
6400 Arlington Blvd., Suite 700
Falls Church, VA 22042-2336

Date: _____

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

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

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

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ E-mail: _____

ENDORSEMENT

Date of ACC action: _____

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

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

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

Chair, Architectural Control ACC