



Lafayette Village Community Association

December 2009/January 2010 Newsletter

Thank you, LVCA Volunteers!

During the mad dash of the holiday season, between shopping for gifts, mailing out holiday cards, cooking holiday treats or great holiday meals, we often need to take time to reflect on the meaning of the holiday season, on the year past and the year to come. We think of those who've helped us in the past and those we want to remember during the holidays.

In that light, we need to give thanks to the LVCA Volunteers, our neighbors who give of their time and energy to make Lafayette Village the special place that we call home. So:

- Thank you to the Board members, past and present, who hold a fiduciary responsibility to the Association and its members and residents: Jay Jarvis, Joaquin Tremols, Sean Walsh, Michele Krahn, Shawn Howard, and Kathie French. Thank you for your judgment and wisdom in keeping Lafayette Village a great place to live.
- Thank you to the Finance Committee for monitoring Association finances, and leading the Association to an improved financial situation: Sean Walsh, Shawn Howard, Hattie Walden, Michele Krahn, Kathie French.
- Thank you to the ACC for ensuring our homes maintain their classic look while helping us maintain their appearance over the years: Mary Coyle, Susie Lee, Mike Loudon, Joaquin Tremols, Hattie Walden, Penny Horsley, Angela Cutter, Tina Snapp, and Terri Clark.
- Thank you to the Grounds Committee, responsible for maintaining and improving our common areas: Jay Jarvis, John Alexander, Susan Dudley, Terri Clark, Anne Sansbury, Sue Henley.
- Thank you to the Neighborhood Watch Committee, working diligently to keep our community safe and vigilant: Fred Saah, Jay Jarvis, Maria Ugincius, Jim Lester, Linda Boone, Tina Snapp.
- And thank you to the Pool and Recreation Committee for providing the many amenities that enhance our quality of life in Lafayette Village: Linda Witham, Lisa Conoly, Christy Prucker.

Thanks to all our volunteers! If you would like to join this list of LVCA volunteers, please contact Jay Jarvis at Jay@LCLInsurance.com and let him know how you would like to get involved.

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Newly Elected Board Members

At the LVCA Annual Meeting this past October, board member Jay Jarvis and new member Shawn Howard were elected to a full three-year terms on the Board. Jay was re-elected to a full term; Shawn, a CPA who brings additional financial expertise to the Board, was elected to fill the seat formerly held by Kathie French.

Thank you, Kathie, for your extensive service to the Association!

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HOME OWNERS REMINDER!

First Quarter Assessments are due January 1, 2010.

You will soon receive your 2010 coupon book. Remember that your assessment payment must reach KPA by January 15, 2010, or you will be assessed a late payment fee.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (December 14 and January 11)

ACC Committee - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at 7882 Hampton Village Pass (December 21 and January 18)

Grounds Committee – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (December 17 and January 27)

Finance Committee – 4th Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3700 Merrimac Trail (December meeting cancelled; January 28, location to be determined.) Check the website for details.

Neighborhood Watch – Tuesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (December 15 and January 12)

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

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

LEAF COLLECTON REMINDER!

The next (and last) scheduled leaf collection for this year will begin Tuesday, December 8th and end on Wednesday, Dec. 9th or Thursday, Dec. 10th, weather permitting. During this leaf collection, Blade Runners will clean all plant beds (including the areas under hedges and shrubs), parking lots, grassy common areas, and will conduct the final mowing of the year. The leaf vacuum truck will move through the community as early as the 9th.

The LVCA Mailing List will keep you informed of any changes to this plan. To receive these notices, send your request to

lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org.

Prez Sez

by Jay Jarvis

LVCA President

Hi Neighbor,

This is my first column as the new president of our home owners' association. I pledge to continue the work of helping make our community a beautiful and inviting place to live and raise a family, and to maintain our sound financial footing.



Recently you may have noticed a number of trees being removed on our common grounds. Most of these are pine trees that were planted almost 30 years ago. These trees gave us fast growing greenery, but they have shallow roots and easily diseased. Some have already fallen on their own. About 50 are coming out this fall and we are planting 50 more trees of a different variety, including Hollies, Red Maples, Black Gums, Beech, and Hemlock trees.

The Grounds Committee recommended and the Board voted to renew the contracts of Blade Runners, Inc. to be our ground maintenance contractor and American Deposal Systems for our trash contractor. While there have been some complaints, the feeling of the committee and the Board is that both have done a pretty good job. We did make some modifications in the contracts. The grounds maintenance contract now includes three leaf collections each year, the addition of a slow release fertilizer with the mulching, and the provision of an emergency number in the event a major problem arises, such as last year's dumping of a large load of mulch covering half of Lafayette Village Drive for an entire night. The trash contract now includes a trash pick up the day after a holiday or bad weather prevents the contractor from collecting our trash. Our community has already seen this benefit implemented as we had a trash and recycling pickup the day after Thanksgiving for the first time.

While our Grounds Committee works to make the common grounds attractive, it is up to you as a homeowner to do your part by making your own home's grounds and exterior look their best. For those homeowners who do not do their part, we have a really great Architectural Control Committee that helps enforce our efforts to make this happen. If you happen to receive a letter from our management company noting a violation of the ACC rules, please contact the management company right away. Let them know when you plan to have the violation corrected and follow up with them when it is done.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage everyone to decorate their home and streets for the holidays. For the best decorated homes there will be a first, second and third place sign placed in the yards on December 22nd. And there will be one street with a Best Decorated Street sign placed at the entrance of the street. This one will go to the street that has the most homes beautifully decorated. Please use any theme you like for decorating, whether religious or non-religious. And remember to take down all decoration after the first of the year.

Our family wishes you and yours a wonderful holiday season.

Community Updates and Recap...

Finance Committee

After much work, the Finance Committee presented a 2010 budget to the Board for its consideration. This budget provided for all Association expenses during 2010 **without** an increase in homeowner quarterly assessments. I'd like to thank my fellow committee members for their hard work; Kathie French, Michele Krahn, Sean Howard, and Hattie Walden.

The budget was approved by the Board during its November meeting, and can be found on the LVCA website and on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. The 2010 dues will remain the same as last year: \$328/quarter for the townhomes and \$167/quarter for the detached homes. KPA will be mailing you a coupon booklet shortly, with the first quarter's assessment due January 1, 2010. You will only be invoiced directly if you have an outstanding balance.

Pool and Recreation Committee

During the winter months, this committee is mostly dormant. However, if you are looking for a volunteer activity, the Committee chair, Linda Witham, always needs help in the spring to process pool passes and prepare the pool for the summer season. Contact her if you would like to help with this.

Also, it's not too early to begin thinking about the spring LVCA Yard Sale. Contact Linda Witham if you would like to help plan that community-wide event.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) met on October 26 and again on November 16. At the October meeting the committee welcomed newly appointed committee members Terri Clark of 7812 Byrds Nest Pass and Tina Snapp of 7832 Ashley Glen Road. On November 16, the ACC welcomed Angela Cutter of 3713 Yorktown Village Pass as a member pending appointment by the Board.

The ACC has initiated new street captains listed below for the twelve (12) townhouse streets and Merrimac Trail. If you have concerns or questions regarding your street or regarding anything pertaining to the ACC, please feel free to contact your street representative.

- **Hancock Forest Trail, Hampton Village Pass, Brunswick Forest Trail** - Street Captain: Hattie Walden (hmwalden@mindspring.com)
- **Butterfield Lane, Mt. Airey Lane** - Street Captain: Susie Lee (Susielee999@verizon.net)
- **Ashley Glen Road** - Street Captain: Penny Horsley (pjhorsley@aol.com)
- **Byrds Nest Pass** - Street Captain: Terri Clark (terri.clark@cox.net)
- **Colonial Village Row, Peyton Forest Trail** - Street Captain: Tina Snapp (tLsKippies@gmail.com)
- **Newport Glen Pass, Trammel Court** - Street Captain: Mary Coyle (maryecoyle@cox.net)
- **Yorktown Village Pass** - Street Captain: Angela Cutter (aicutter@cox.net)
- **Merrimac Trail** - Street Captain: Mike Loudon (Mike_Louden@msn.com)

Reminders

- Now that cold weather is approaching the ACC would like to remind everyone to turn off and drain your outdoor faucets.
- We would also like to remind everyone that clearing the snow from the sidewalk in front of your home is the responsibility of every resident.

For further information on ACC guidelines or the Exterior Request form, please visit our website www.lafayettevillage.org or contact KPA directly or see page 12 of this newsletter.

Community Updates and Recap, continued...

Communications Committee

The next newsletter will be distributed the first weekend in February 2010. Please send your articles and other submissions (MS Word, Excel or JPEG format only) for the newsletter to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org by January 25th. We are particularly interested in **contractor recommendations** you would like to share with the rest of the Association. If you've had a good experience with a contractor doing work on your home, your neighbors would love to see your recommendation.

If you would like to view the newsletter in **astoundingly vivid color**, sign up for electronic distribution (email the Webmaster at lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org) or access the newsletter on the website!

Grounds Committee

See the "Prez Sez" column for a summary of what the Grounds Committee has been up to recently.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

Recently, some items have been taken from vehicles that were left unlocked at night. This makes it very easy for thieves, since they do not need to make any noise to gain entrance into your vehicles. They just walk around and pull up on door handles and if they open they see what is in there.

A few things you can do to make the neighborhood safer:

All year:

- Make sure your vehicle is locked
- Don't leave items (cell phones, iPods, GPS devices, XM/Sirius radios, etc.) exposed.
- Leave your front porch light on all night. (Crooks hate this! It's simple, doesn't cost much per year, and it's effective! Studies show that crime levels are reduced in well-lit areas.)

During the Holiday Season:

- Don't leave gifts in your vehicle overnight.
- Don't leave gifts visible near windows, especially electronics.
- Crush electronic boxes, and take them to the nearest cardboard box recycling center (behind the ABC store next to the Giant's on Little River Turnpike). Leaving the boxes out for trash collection just shows the bad guys what new goodies you have.

Everyone needs to do their part to keep the neighborhood safe. When criminals see a safe and vigilant neighborhood, they will go elsewhere. As always if you are interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch Committee contact Fred Saah (fred300@gmail.com).

Traffic Calming Task Force to begin work

The Lafayette Village Traffic Calming task force will hold its initial meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10, in Supervisor Gross's office at the Mason District Government Center. Earlier this year, Maria Ugincius, a member of the Neighborhood Watch committee, initiated discussions with Fairfax County to restart the traffic calming project for Lafayette Village Drive. After the County agreed, then Board president Joaquin Tremols appointed members of the Neighborhood Watch committee and other residents to serve on the task force. This initial meeting includes County Department of Transportation staff who

Community Updates and Recap, continued...

Traffic Calming Task Force, continued:

will discuss the next steps in the process. The task force will conduct a community awareness meeting to discuss the traffic calming effort, and provide community expectations.

There have been several recent speed-related accidents on Lafayette Village Drive, frequently occurring around the time school buses are dropping off children in the afternoon. These accidents simply emphasize the need to better control speeding on our main street.



Speeding and wet pavement were factors contributing to this accident on Lafayette Village Drive, Dec. 2nd.

Lafayette Village at the polls: Election 2009:

We all know the results of this year's state-wide elections. How do we compare here in the Hummer precinct, where all Lafayette Village residents vote?

Turnout:

Registered voters	Voting in person	Voting absentee	Total voters	Percent Voting
1,817	727	81	808	44.5

In 2008, our turnout was 78%, representing 1,482 voters. This year, voter turnout was almost 50% less than 2008.

In the Hummer precinct, Bob McDonnell won with 51% of the votes. Jody Wagner also took 51% of our votes, while Steve Shannon won with 53% of the vote. Del. Watts took our precinct with 56% of the vote. While the entire Mason district voted strongly for Sen. Deeds for Governor, Fairfax County as a whole tracked our voting outcomes.

The Hummer precinct includes all of Lafayette Village plus all the residents between Hummer Road, Gallows Road, the Beltway and Little River Turnpike. For more details, visit the county's website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/returns.htm>.

Local food banks and food pantries need our help:

A few to consider: Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) operates a food pantry at 7200 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Call 703/256-0100 for information about current needs and drop-off times. Several faith communities operate food pantries, including Culmore United Methodist Church, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, and Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque. On a larger, regional basis, contact Food for Others, 2938 Prosperity Avenue in Merrifield (info@foodforothers.org), or the Federation of Virginia Food Banks in Lorton (telephone 703/541-3063).

Frequently Asked Questions about LVCA Trash Collection...

1. When is trash collected?

Trash is collected twice weekly, every Monday and Thursday by American Disposal Service (ADS). Recyclables are collected every Thursday. On Merrimac Trail, grass clippings and yard waste are collected every Wednesday. Thanks to a **new policy** contained in our new contract with ADS, **if trash and recyclables cannot be collected on a regularly scheduled day, they will be collected on the next possible business day.** For example, since Thanksgiving always falls on a Thursday, our trash and recyclable collection will occur on the Friday following Thanksgiving. Similarly, if a snow storm prevents ADS from collecting trash on a scheduled day, trash (and recyclables) will be picked up on the next possible business day.

2. When and where should I put out my trash?

Trash should be placed in front of your home near the sidewalk by 6:00 AM every Monday and Thursday. Recyclables should be placed with your trash on Thursdays. Trash may be placed in front of your house the evening before collection day as long as it is after 6:00 PM. Your trash should **not** be piled near intersections or mailboxes.

If you do not use a trash can for your trash, you should place your trash in a sturdy yard-waste black plastic bag, not the flimsy kitchen trash bags. The photo to the right shows what can happen when you put your trash out in such a bag – you've invited rats, crows, and other scavengers to a trash-bag feast!



Rats or crows had a feast from this flimsy kitchen trash bag.

3. Are there special trash collections?

Yes, the trash company will collect moving boxes and small pieces of furniture during the regular collection service. Contact the trash company for a date and time for pickup of large pieces of furniture, such as couches, mattresses or appliances. Sometimes there is an extra charge for a special collection, depending on the items being disposed. American Disposal Service, our trash company, can be reached at 703-368-0500.

4. Can I put my trash in the public trash cans?

No! These are community trash cans that are placed for the convenience of the community. If you put your trash bags in these cans, you make them unavailable for use by the rest of our residents.

5. Where can I store my trash can?

You should store your trash can in your house, backyard or garage. You must remove your trash containers from the street no later than the evening of the day the trash was collected. **You cannot store your trash can or recycle bins in your front yard** – that is a violation of ACC guidelines and you will be cited and fined. Currently, fines for trash can and recycle bin violations are \$50 per violation.

6. Who do I call to complain about trash collection?

On occasion, the trash company may leave behind trash or recyclables you left for pickup or may be sloppy in transferring the trash to the trash or recycle truck, so that more trash ends up on the street rather than in the truck. If you experience one of these problems or have a different complaint about the way your trash is being collected, contact our management agent Diane Tschirhart at 703-532-5005 or email her at dtschirhart@kpamgmt.com.

2010 Approved Budget...

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Approved Budget - 1/1/10 - 12/31/10

Acct		FY10			FY09
		Approved Budget	Actual 7/31/09	Projected 12/31/09	Approved Budget
	Income:				
	Assessments - Single Family				
4010	\$167/qtr	14,028	10,521	14,028	14,028
	Assessments - Townhomes				
	\$328/qtr	385,728	289,296	385,728	385,728
4030	Late Charges	1,300	960	1,280	1,560
4050	Pool Passes	700	680	700	675
4060	Interest	2,000	0	800	3,000
4070	Garden Plot Income	525	525	525	0
4090	Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>200</u>
4596	Total Income	404,381	302,022	403,136	405,191
	Operating Expenses:				
4610	Administrative	78,090	35,836	64,590	64,065
4620	Pool	40,660	44,568	44,700	40,090
4630	Maintenance	198,950	92,341	161,750	215,633
4635	Utility	4,200	2,355	4,050	3,400
4640	Fixed	7,200	4,589	7,030	7,000
4650	Replacement Reserves	<u>75,281</u>	<u>43,750</u>	<u>75,003</u>	<u>75,003</u>
4643	Total Operating Expenses	404,381	223,439	357,123	405,191
4710	Net Surplus (Deficit)	0	78,583	46,013	0
	Administrative Expenses:				
5020	Office	4,200	2,161	4,000	5,300
5040	Legal	16,000	5,776	8,000	5,000
5045	Audit & Accounting	3,325	2,500	2,800	3,225
5050	Management Fees	38,930	21,833	37,430	37,440
5055	Bad Debt	10,000	618	7,500	7,500
5069	Community Events	850	542	850	850
	Communications				
5070	(Website/Newsletter)	1,500	858	1,500	1,800
5093	Meetings Support	2,500	1,410	2,310	2,750

2010 Budget Continued...

5125	Neighborhood Watch	<u>785</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	Total Administrative Expenses	78,090	35,836	64,590	64,065
	Swimming Pool Expenses:				
5510	Pool Contract	29,835	32,328	28,965	28,965
5540	Pool Telephone	350	180	310	375
5550	Pool Electricity	3,700	2,084	3,575	4,000
5560	Pool Water	1,600	1,143	1,500	1,450
5570	Pool Gas	175	82	150	300
5580	Pool Supplies	2,000	81	1,200	2,000
5583	Pool Maintenance	<u>3,000</u>	<u>8,670</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
5696	Total Swimming Pool Expense	40,660	44,568	44,700	40,090
	Maintenance Expenses:				
6045	Grounds Upkeep Contract	72,000	41,229	70,680	70,680
6047	Grounds Maintenance/Repair	20,400	4,986	10,000	20,400
6055	Tree Removal	22,000	0	5,000	22,000
6056	Emergency Tree Fund	5,000	2,000	5,000	5,000
6058	Tot Lot Maintenance	300	290	300	0
6065	General Maintenance	1,200	760	1,000	603
new	Milky Spore Application	0	0	2,200	2,200
6075	Trash and Recycling Service	50,800	40,346	62,570	70,000
6095	Snow Removal & Supplies	7,500	2,730	5,000	5,000
6160	Mailboxes (4)	5,000	0	0	5,000
6170	Lights (4)	<u>14,750</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,750</u>
6296	Total Maintenance Expense	198,950	92,341	161,750	215,633
	Utility Expenses:				
6330	Electricity for Street Lights	<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,355</u>	<u>4,050</u>	<u>3,400</u>
6336	Total Utility Expense	4,200	2,355	4,050	3,400
	Fixed Expenses:				
6340	Insurance	4,500	1,889	4,330	4,300
6365	Income Taxes	<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,700</u>	<u>2,700</u>
6596	Total Fixed Expenses	7,200	4,589	7,030	7,000
6900-0001	Replacement Reserve	<u>75,281</u>	<u>43,750</u>	<u>75,003</u>	<u>75,003</u>
6920-0000	Total Replacement Reserve	75,281	43,750	75,003	75,003

Winter Backyard Habitats--Life Goes On!

Despite its often dreary appearance in winter, the outdoors remains an active place for much of our local wildlife. The trees have shed their leaves so we can see what's going on there: robins, titmouses and cardinals are searching for food, and the squirrels dart in and out of their huge nests (called "dreys"). Rabbits and foxes are sporting thicker coats, and deer are still browsing for food like ivy, bramble, and bark. Though you're more likely to glimpse them through the bare trees, you may notice how easily they can still slip beyond your view! Meanwhile, critters like chipmunks, bats, and frogs are hibernating to protect themselves from the coldest stretches of the season.

In your own yard, there may be little gardening to do, but our feathered neighbors can use some attention. While Mother Nature has equipped them to cope with these harsher conditions, you can still help out with their search for food, water, and shelter. You might hang some suet--soft cakes of lard with seeds and berries--in your trees. (The Wild Bird Center in Alexandria sells several varieties that our birds like much better than grocery-store suet.) If you have a bird bath, you can break up the ice that might form on top to keep water accessible, or consider a bird bath heater, also available at the Wild Bird Center and other birding stores. A roosting box offers them a break from the wind, rain, and snow.

Winter is also a good time to plan a habitat--you can peruse a multitude of various resources and set up a rough timetable. George Mason library, local bookstores, and the web all have plenty to offer. A couple of sites to start with:

<http://www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife/certify.cfm?campaignid=WH09DAAC>

http://www.enature.com/backyardwildlife/nwf_bwh_home.asp

Habitat loss is a direct result of our impact on the environment – so it makes sense for us to help restore it. Thanks to the habitat programs of the National Wildlife Federation and the abundant resources here in Northern Virginia, we can all make a difference, even if it's only a few square feet at a time. The size of your backyard here in Lafayette Village doesn't matter as much as what you do with it.

--Kim and Andy Arnette

Contractor Recommendation:

I recently had an excellent experience with WGI Roofers, who replaced my roof efficiently and quickly. The company showed up on time, removed two layers of shingles and roofing paper, replaced rotted sheathing, and then installed new roofing paper and reshingled the roof, all in six hours. The price was quite reasonable. I highly recommend WGI Roofers, a family-owned and operated business, located at Seven Corners. Its website is www.wgiroofing.com, phone is 866-855-5669.

If you have had a good experience with a contractor performing work on your home, share your opinion with your neighbors! Send your recommendation to the editor at lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org to appear in the next Newsletter.

Conserving Land in your Neighborhood!

By Ashley Stanton, Stewardship Specialist, NVCT



Carl Iddings has been organizing community driven invasive removal work days at Annandale Community Park. If you have attended any of those recently, you may have heard him mention a group called the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust or NVCT; and then asked yourself, what is that and why should I care?

NVCT is an award winning charity that saves nearby Northern Virginia nature by helping local governments and private landowners voluntarily preserve natural areas, trails, streams, and parks. To accomplish this mission, we work with landowners to place conservation easements on their properties. An easement allows the landowner to retain ownership of the property, but allows for long-term protection by restricting development. This kind of land protection is very beneficial to Northern Virginians because it creates networks of open space in an otherwise urban atmosphere.

NVCT also organizes and sponsors volunteer events that include: invasive plant removals, native plantings, and trash clean-ups. These events take place on properties that either we own or are owned by easement donors; but we have also created partnerships with many local schools, county parks, and “Friends of...” groups (i.e.: Friends of Little Hunting Creek) to get other conservation projects up and running. We have become a source of land management resources and information for our easement donors; but NVCT staff is working to improve our outreach capacity, so that we can be more useful to those in the surrounding communities as well.

We work across the Northern Virginia region, including: Arlington County, the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, Falls Church, Loudoun County, Prince William County, and Stafford County. Since its founding in 1994, NVCT has preserved over 5,000 acres of land. We have helped to protect Crow’s Nest down in Stafford, which is home to one of the largest Great Blue Heron nesting sites in Virginia! NVCT has even helped to preserve Virginia’s historical landscape by protecting places like the Glebe House in Arlington, and Oak Hill here in Annandale.

We are proud to have helped preserve much of Northern Virginia’s natural and cultural heritage. If you want to learn more about us, or meet some of the staff, come visit us at the Packard Center in the Annandale Community Park. NVCT would love to have your support for ‘Saving Nearby Nature’.

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