



Lafayette Village Community Association

December 2013/January 2014 Newsletter

Community Street Milling and Paving Project Update

Submitted by J. Gaston

Happy Holidays, LVCA. The seasons are rolling along, and so is our progress in preparing to repave and repair Lafayette Village community streets, sidewalks, and curbs. On October 28th, LVCA President Carl Iddings and I met with Mr. Robert Pisano, PE, of Falcon Engineering. Mr. Pisano presented us with the results from their 13 core samples taken around the community, which did not reveal any dire conditions. Overall, our streets are of a reasonable thickness and material, though showing a little wear in a couple areas.

After reviewing the core samples, we spent about four hours walking the entire community. Mr. Pisano confirmed the dimensions and contents of their base plan of Lafayette Village. We also visually assessed the condition of our pavement, curbs and sidewalks. With this data, Falcon can include these specific areas for repair in the specification document that will be provided to prospective contractors. Most damage we saw involved concrete shifting or cracking from trees or erosion.

Mr. Pisano will use his findings as well as our repair recommendations to finalize the engineering specifications and bid documents. The Board expects to receive and review these documents by its December meeting. Once approved by your Board, Falcon will release bid packages to several Board-approved prospective bidders, allowing the companies three to four weeks to respond with their proposals. Falcon will receive and evaluate submitted proposals, and provide the Board with a recommendation, though we will also have access to and review all submitted proposals. Once an awardee is approved, Falcon will move forward with our guidance to schedule and accomplish the work. Because outside temperature can affect the outcome of this type of work, we are likely looking at spring, probably mid-April, before work begins.

This work will affect parking in our community. Obviously, as streets are milled, paved, and painted, all vehicles have to be out of the way. This could last for two or three days for each street, and could extend over a few weeks for the community as a whole. We don't have a firm plan yet on what the sequence will be, but we will do everything possible to keep you informed. Please be patient with us and your neighbors when you can't park close to home for a couple days. We all have to accept some level of inconvenience to get this important work accomplished the right way.

As you can see, there are many steps and moving pieces in this complex process. We'll continue to communicate via this newsletter, the web site, and email. You, of course, are always welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings (next one December 17th) to stay abreast of developments and ask questions.

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New Board Members, New Officers: At the LVCA Annual Meeting this past October, Jay Jarvis (Ashley Glen Road) was elected to the Board, replacing DJ Terreri, whose term expired. Thank you, DJ, for your service to the Association as our Treasurer.

In November, Angela Cutter resigned from the Board. The Board appointed Jim Franklin (Yorktown Village Pass) to complete her term. Thank you, Angela, for your service to the Association as Board Member.

With his extensive background in finance, Jim will serve as the Association's new Treasurer while Jay will serve as Member-at-Large. Contact information for your Board members can be found on page 2 of the Newsletter.

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HOME OWNERS REMINDER!

First Quarter Assessments are due January 1, 2014.

If you did not received your 2014 coupon book and are not on an automatic payment plan, please contact Sequoia as soon as possible.. Remember that your assessment payment must reach Sequoia by January 15, 2013, or you will be assessed a late payment fee.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings – 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 17 in the Woodburn Elementary school library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road. Starting in January 2014, Board meetings will take place on the **2nd Monday** of the month: 7:00PM, Monday, January 13 in the Woodburn Elementary school library, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road.

ACC Committee – 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass (December 19 and January 16)

Grounds Committee – 4th Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 7828 Ashley Glen Road. (December meeting cancelled; January 23)

Finance Committee – 7:00PM Monday, December 16 at 3735 Yorktown Village Pass. January meeting TBD.

Neighborhood Watch – TBD. We need a new chair for this important committee. Please email president@lafayettevillage.org if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

Fairfax Federation – 3rd Thursday of month at 7:30PM at Mason District Government Center (December 17 and January 16)

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



Christmas Tree Collection Schedule

Christmas and holiday trees will be collected and **recycled** by Patriot Disposal on the first two Mondays in January, January 6 and January 13. The trees must be **clean** of ornaments, tinsel, etc., and should **not** be placed in plastic bags. If you miss those dates, Patriot will collect your tree as part of its regular trash collection.

A note from the President:

On behalf of the Board, I want to wish you all very merry holiday season and a wonderful New Year! With the New Year comes a time for making resolutions, and I have a suggestion for you. For 2014, resolve to become more active in your homeowner's association. At a minimum, you should resolve to attend a Board meeting or two, ask questions, and learn how your association is managed.



You can also **resolve to volunteer** for one of our committees. If you are interested in money or finance, you should consider the **Finance Committee**. This committee helps draft the Association's annual budget, monitors expenditures and our reserve funds, reviews the annual Audit, and manages a reserve study every five years. If you like to work outdoors, landscaping or gardening, the **Grounds Committee** is for you. On this committee, you will help direct the landscape for our community, from trees and plantings to street lights, mail boxes and meadows. If you are more interested in architecture and design, the **ACC** is your home – you can help ensure Lafayette Village maintains its colonial townhome look. And if you like to swim or organize parties and community events, the **Pool and Recreation Committee** can use your help. Our last committee, **Neighborhood Watch**, organizes neighborhood patrols when needed, and runs our annual National Night Out celebration – if you're safety-minded, this committee has a place for you. All these committees meet at most once a month, with much work accomplished by email.

Lafayette Village has a reputation as an attractive, well-run community, thanks to a relatively few home-owner volunteers. But those volunteers need your energy, your ideas and your help to maintain an active community that's a great place to live. So, take the plunge, make the resolution, and volunteer to help Lafayette Village!

For 2014, LVCA Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month

Starting with its January 2014 meeting, the LVCA Board of Directors will meet the second Monday of the month in the library at **Woodburn Elementary School**, 3401 Hemlock Drive, opposite the corner of Aston Street and Gallows Road.

Our meeting schedule for 2014 is:

January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8

The Board hopes you can attend these meetings!

2014 LVCA Budget Keeps HOA Fees Unchanged

At its November meeting, the LVCA Board adopted the FY 2014 budget for the Association as recommended by the Finance Committee and presented to the membership at the October annual meeting. Once again, HOA fees will remain unchanged for 2014, at \$328 per quarter for town home owners and \$167 per quarter for detached home owners.

The 2014 Budget fully funds the Association's reserve fund (to support future major projects) at \$80,000. The approved budget has been posted on the website in the LVCA Documents Library.



Martin Luther King Day of Service – Monday, January 20, 2014

To commemorate Martin Luther King's life and legacy, we will hold an LVCA community service event for Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 20, 2014. If you would like to help organize a community event to honor Dr. King's legacy, please contact Carl Iddings at president@lafayettevilalge.org. In January, we will announce the time and location of the LVCA volunteer event.

Community Updates: Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Jim Franklin, Chair

First, let me introduce myself as your new Finance Committee Chair and LVCA Treasurer. I've lived and worked in Lafayette Village since 1995, and I'm very grateful to the Board for allowing me to contribute to the association in my small way. My thanks go out to DJ Terreri and Jay Jarvis who have shepherded the finances of the association very capably over the past several years, leaving me with a relatively easy job.

DJ passed along the year end summary in the last newsletter, and I won't belabor old news. Instead I'll address 2014 and our financial plans for the coming year.

- **Financial Health:** The association is in very good financial health, and we have sufficient reserves to embark on recommended capital improvements to keep our community in good working shape. We will end 2013 having operated well within the budget you approved, and our 2014 budget is posted to the web site having been approved unanimously by the Board.
- **Street Paving:** The reserve study defined street paving and curb repair as the next capital improvement requiring dedication of our reserve funds. We will be considering qualified contractor proposals over the coming months, and the engineering study estimates the cost of the project to be within our reserve funding capability. As the contracts are finalized I will pass along the cost and schedule information.
- **Financial Management Plan:** As a result of our clean audit and recommendations of the Finance Committee the Board approved the 2014 Financial Management Plan. I have begun the process of instituting the necessary account changes, and we are working closely with the management company to make sure that 2014 is as financially secure as we have come to expect. While this plan does not change anything significant for the residents, I want you to be aware that a good plan is in place, and the excellent financial health of your community association will continue in 2014 and beyond.

Again, I thank the Board for its endorsement, and I look forward to working on your behalf over the coming year.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The 2013 pool season was a great success! We had great lifeguards and lots of neighbors visiting the pool and participating in our many special events—two "Swim Under the Stars" nights and two cookouts. In addition to continuing those events, next year we hope to add water aerobics. If you know a water aerobics instructor, please send me an email at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Our contract with Atlantic Pools is ending, so we are currently reviewing proposals from three pool maintenance companies for next season. I expect the Board to award a new contract to the winning vendor in December or January. If you have questions or comments regarding the pool contract or anything else related to the pool, please email me.

Remember to save your pool passes for reuse next year. Look for the 2014 Pool Pass Application in the April/May 2014 newsletter.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

Winter means holiday season for many of us and lots of wonderful lights and decorations in the community. But don't forget that all exterior decorations must be taken down within one month of the holiday. It's also time to remove all the empty plant pots and gardening accessories from your steps and front yard. ACC guidelines prohibit storing things in front of the house. This includes brooms, snow shovels, bikes, etc. as well as trash cans and recycling bins. And don't forget to turn off the water supply to garden hoses to avoid frozen pipes this winter.

Speaking of trash, a couple of streets are again becoming problem areas. The crows are back and the longer trash sits out the happier they are, ripping open bags and scattering waste. Please follow ACC guidelines for trash and recycling. We're finding that if one person disregards the rules, then others on that street follow along. We need your help to remind your neighbors that they will be called to a hearing with the Board if they put trash out too early. (It takes a village to keep our Village looking good!)

Community Updates: Committee Report, continued...

Another area of concern is visitor parking spaces. Byrds Nest Pass and the section between Mt Airey and Butterfield Lane have several visitor spaces. These are not for resident (or roommate) use and you will be ticketed and possibly towed if you use them. If visitor spaces near your home are being used by residents, please contact any member of the BOD or the ACC, giving details of the vehicles, and we'll monitor that area.

Otherwise, since exterior improvements and garden projects are generally on hold, it's a quiet time for the ACC. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Dale Edwards at Sequoia management or email me at aicutter50@gmail.com.

Communications Committee – Carl Iddings, Chair

The Communications Committee is responsible for this newsletter, for maintaining and updating the Association website, www.lafayettevillage.org, and for managing the community email notification list. The Committee relies on residents, committee chairs, and the Board to provide interesting content relevant to homeowners and residents of Lafayette Village.

The next newsletter will be distributed at the beginning of February 2014. The deadline for submitting material is January 28, 2014. The newsletter will print your articles, photos, letters to the editor, advertisements (free to residents!), and especially your contractor recommendations, so please plan on making a contribution to the February/March 2014 Newsletter.

Grounds Committee – Jay Jarvis, Chair

The annual tree removal and pruning is complete with a record number of pine trees being removed. We also had a lot of overgrowth of common areas cleared to help increase ground vegetation to help reduce erosion. Next there will be a number of new trees and shrubs planted, including Redbuds, Cedars, Maples, Sycamores, and Crape Myrtles.

The Grounds Committee recommended and the Board approved a number of erosion projects throughout the community, including a new retaining wall behind some homes on Yorktown Village Pass, allowing residents to walk behind their homes without sliding down the hill.



New Retaining Wall



Tulip bulb planting

Community residents and committee members held two workdays to plant tulip bulbs on the large hill on Lafayette Village Drive between Hancock Forest and Hampton Village. Next spring, hundreds of tulips will brighten our community. Thanks to Mike Nutbrown and Leigh Yurchak for organizing the planting. They also recently donated two Magnolia trees which were planted on common grounds.

Our community garden is enjoying a new, taller deer fence and the garden is being expanded to accommodate more residents that wish to join the garden group. Under the leadership of Anne Sansbury, our community garden has been a very successful and self-sustaining community effort.

In November, another Grounds Committee project, invasive weed control, was initiated. Invasive Plant Control, a company whose mission is to eradicate invasive plants, began work removing invasive porcelain berry, Japanese honeysuckle, Oriental Bittersweet and Autumn Olive from selected areas of our common grounds. Next spring, the company will continue their work to prevent these invasive from re-sprouting. Our community is using the same company that has worked throughout Fairfax County parks, including Annandale Community Park.

VDOT finally completed repairs of our stormwater catchment basins this fall. Many of these drains on Lafayette Village Drive were damaged during snow removal in 2010. It took continued urging by the previous and current Association presidents to get this project onto a VDOT construction contract.



Repaired storm drain on Lafayette Village Dr.

Community Updates: Committee Report, continued...

At the end of November, the fire department was called to put out a fire in the wooded area behind Newport Glen Pass. The fire was apparently accidentally set, and thanks to fast action by units from the Fairfax County Fire Dunn Loring Station, the fire was quickly extinguished. (see attached picture).



Putting out a small brush fire

Thanks to our very hard-working and dedicated Grounds Committee members Anne Sansbury, John Alexander, Jim Bell, Courtney Gorham, Carl Iddings, and Mike Nutbrown.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Vacant

In the past two months Fairfax County Police reports show no reported incidents Lafayette Village.

We are currently looking for more volunteers to serve on the Neighborhood Watch. The committee also needs a new chair to lead the Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested, please email Carl Iddings at president@lafayettevillage.org.

Community News...

Winter has arrived!

And that means snow, snow plowing, and snow shoveling! Here are the guidelines Blade Runners will use to determine when and how it will plow our streets:



The Snows of Yesteryear!

- If winter weather advisory is issued for our area that predicts snow in excess of 2 inches, Blade Runners will wait and see that we receive at least the predicted amount.
- When the snow depth reaches two inches, Blade Runners will begin plowing operations, unless it appears the total snow amount will be considerably more. Once the snow has stopped and our roads are clear, Blade Runners will apply sand and calcium chloride to our streets to minimize icing.
- If we have a dreaded wintry mix – snow, rain, and ice – making the roads treacherous, Blade Runners will begin to apply Magic Salt® to our roads. Magic Salt® is a special de-icer that is efficient at melting snow and ice, while being more environmentally friendly than alternatives, including salt.

Blade Runners will communicate with the chair of the Grounds Committee and the President of the Association. In turn, they will provide updates to you through the LVCA email list.

If you do not already subscribe to the email list, now is a good time to begin – send your email address to lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org and request to be added to the mailing. You'll then be assured of getting the latest snow updates this winter, as well as other valuable notices. When the power failed during the most recent snow and ice storm, residents on the email list received 5 alerts, keeping them informed about when power would be restored and when Blade Runners would treat our streets.

Snow Shoveling:

As a resident of Lafayette Village, you are responsible for shoveling the sidewalks in front of your home, as well as the sidewalk to your front door and your driveway. In the event of a significant snowstorm, the Association will ask Blade Runners to clear the sidewalks on Lafayette Village Drive and Trammell Road next to Association property.

Community News, continued...

Shoveling snow or picking up large debris such as fallen branches can be physically demanding and can lead to injuries such as sprains and strains. Please follow these safety tips when you clean up after our wintery weather:

- Shovel small amounts of snow at a time.
- Push the snow instead of lifting where possible.
- Use proper form if lifting is necessary: keeping your back straight and lift with your legs.
- If you have a history of heart disease do not shovel without your doctor's okay.
- Avoid shoveling under snow and ice covered trees and roof lines due to possibly falling limbs, ice and snow.
- Take breaks while shoveling and do not overexert yourself, especially if you are inactive or over 40.
- Dress in layers and wear warm clothing and appropriate footwear.
- Watch where you are walking, even a little bit of snow can hide curbs and uneven walkways.
- Take off your boots or use a floor mat when you go back inside to avoid making floors slippery and hazardous.

More winter preparedness information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/hazards/winter-storm-snow-cold.html.

Lafayette Village at the polls: Election 2013

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
1,850	750	60	810	43.8%

In 2009, the last state-wide election, our turnout was 44.5%, representing 808 voters. County-wide this year, voter turnout was 46.8%.

Hummer precinct results:

Governor:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
McAuliffe	459	62%
Cuccinelli	260	35%
Sarvis	26	3%
Total	745	100%

House of Delegates, District 38:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Kory	468	70%
Leslie	200	30%
Total	668	100%

Lt. Governor:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Northam	473	65%
Jackson	257	35%
Total	730	100%

Sheriff:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Kincaid	395	59%
Wolfe	232	34%
Others	44	7%
Total	671	100%

Attorney General:

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Herring	466	63%
Obenshain	272	37%
Total	738	100%

The School Bond referendum passed in our precinct by a 74% margin.

Community Announcements...

Hidden Oaks Nature Center Features Activities during the Winter School Break

Located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale, the Hidden Oaks Nature Center offers a variety of programs and activities during the winter school break. The **Wild Things Puppet Show** on **Friday, December 27**, 10 – 11 a.m., for children ages 4-10, features three puppet shows plus the Native American legend of how butterflies came to be. Naturalist shows live animals highlighted in the stories.

On **Saturday, December 28**, 1:30 – 2:45 p.m., the **Dino Puppet Show & Activities** offers children, ages 3 - 7 with an adult answers the question, "How do we know that dinosaurs were here?" Enjoy a puppet show along with fun fossil facts.

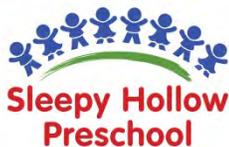
Registration is required for both programs and may be done online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks, or by calling 703-941-1065.

Other Hidden Oaks Programs: Celebrate Urban Birds

Sunday, December 22, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. \$6/child

(Ages 3 yr.-adult) Start a lifelong hobby with the fun of watching backyard birds. Learn how to identify common species and attract songbirds to your yard. Handouts will help you continue bird watching at home and making your yard a wildlife habitat.

Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Registration required, register online



You're invited to Sleepy Hollow Preschool's OPEN HOUSE for the 2014-2015 year on Wednesday, January 15th and Thursday, January 16th at 9:30 a.m. for parents and children.

Come learn more about our cooperative preschool, where children have been learning through play since 1949. Parents and children will tour our program, visit classrooms, speak with staff and parents and hear from our Director, Debbie Brown, about our unique program for children ages 2-5.

Located at 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 in the newly-renovated education wing of John Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Visit our website at www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com.

Snow Removal – Who removes snow from Lafayette Village Drive and Trammell Road? The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is the state agency that controls and maintains the roads in Fairfax County, and clears our streets of snow. Here are the VDOT Winter Resources to get information from home, work, and on your mobile devices:

- See the status of plowing in Northern Virginia neighborhoods: www.vdotplows.org;
- Follow [@VaDOTNOVA](https://twitter.com/VaDOTNOVA) on Twitter, and for real-time traffic updates and road conditions, call 511, follow [@511northernva](https://twitter.com/511northernva), use the [511app](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.vdot.511) or visit www.511virginia.org;
- Report unplowed roads, hazardous conditions to novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov or call 1-800-367-7623;
- Get general snow removal information at www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.asp;
- Follow VDOT at www.facebook.com/VirginiaDOT, on Twitter [@VaDOT](https://twitter.com/VaDOT), and visit www.VirginiaDOT.org;
- Call the Fairfax County Police to report an emergency (911) or non-emergency (703-691-2131) situation, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/.

Cut this out and keep it by your trash and recycling center for future reference.

Trash and Recycling Guidelines

Patriot Disposal is our trash collection company, providing the Association with twice-weekly trash collection on Mondays and Thursdays. Recycling and yard waste are collected on Mondays, as well.



Here are the guidelines for trash and recycling collection:

- **Trash and recycling should be placed in front of your house after dark or no earlier than 6:00pm the evening before collection.** Trash must be placed in secured containers or in closed plastic bags (i.e. not in small grocery bags) to avoid being blown around the community and/or attracting animals. The black, heavy-duty yard waste bags are best for this purpose.
- **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 with advanced notice.** 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.
- **If Patriot misses your trash or recycling**, call them at 703-257-7100 as soon as you notice your trash was missed. If you call the same day, Patriot will try to make a special collection for you. Otherwise, bring the trash or recycling back in to your home and wait for the next scheduled collection day.
- **Do not put out the following items – they will not be collected:**
 - Tires
 - Paint cans, propane tanks
 - Bricks, cinder blocks, building rubble
 - Rocks, sod, stones

The FAQ section on Patriot's website has a comprehensive list of items that won't be collected. To dispose of these items, you must take them to one of the county's Waste Transfer Stations.



These tires, left by Ashley Glen, won't be picked up by Patriot.

If you want to learn more about Patriot Disposal, visit their website at <http://www.patriotdisposalservices.com/index.html>.

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HIDDEN OAKS
NATURE CENTER

7701 ROYCE ST.
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703-941-1065

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks/

Winter 2013

Hours: Grounds open dawn to dusk.

In November the nature center is open 9am-5pm, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; noon-5pm Saturday and Sundays and November 29, and closed Tuesdays. The nature center is closed November 28, December 25 and 31, January 1 and 20, and February 17. Hours during December, January and February change and the nature center is open 11 am-4 pm every day except Tuesdays, when it is closed.

On-Site Adventures

Nature Playce

No reservations required. Open dawn to dusk. Free fun for families. Discover nature's wonders while your family plays in our 1/3-acre unstructured woodland play area. Make mud pies, dig into woodchip and leaf piles, make ground forts or just rest next to a tree and watch the clouds float by. At the nature center, become an Official Nature Snooper and receive a complimentary gift from the Friends of Hidden Oaks. Free.

Hidden Oaks Bingo: Everyone Wins!

(All ages) Ask a naturalist for your free Hidden Oaks Bingo card and join us for summer fun. From exhibit exploration to trail walks to program participation, achieve stamps for four-in-a row to win a Hidden Oaks Patch.

Winter Discovery Bag

No reservations required. Available during nature center hours. Enhance your enjoyment of the 1/3-mile Old Oak Trail, which loops behind the nature center. Each bag contains activities and learning enhancements ideal for young child and parent adventures along the woodchip path.



Scavenger Hunt

No reservations required. Available during nature center hours. \$1 (All ages) Use nature's clues to find its treasures with our self-guided scavenger hunts. Challenge yourself to find all the highlights along the 1/3-mile Old Oak Trail which loops behind the nature center.

Your Art in the Park—Create a Wall Tile

(All ages) Create your own nature design on paper and we will transfer it to a permanent, four-inch square tile for our Hidden Oaks Wall of Nature Art. Design a picture, make a handprint or creatively write out a name as the perfect way to honor your favorite nature lover! Sponsored by Friends of Hidden Oaks. \$20.

Take-home Nature Backpacks

(3-10 yrs.) Visit Hidden Oaks or check our Web site for nature-themed backpacks for ages 3-5 yrs. and 6-10 yrs. Families, schools and organizations may rent the backpack for one week. Enjoy DVDs, CDs, books, specimens, artifacts, puppets and activities. Security deposit and signed agreement required. \$10



 If ADA accommodations or alternative formats are needed, please call 703-324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY 703-803-3354

