



# *Lafayette Village Community Association*

## *February/March 2011 Newsletter*

### **Let's talk trash!**

**This issue of the Newsletter** focuses on Trash and Recycling. Turn to page 10 for a summary of our trash collection policies. Also, our trash collection company, American Disposal Services, has implemented a "Single Stream Recycling" program that has expanded what you can recycle. You can find the details of this program on page 10, as well as a descriptive flyer on page 12. Finally, there are some waste products you should not throw in your trash – Fairfax County has a Household Hazardous Waste program that allows you to safely dispose of common items like paint, pesticides, button batteries, and florescent bulbs. Details of this program can be found on page 8.

**One community-wide problem has led to: A Murder of Crows!** Unfortunately a Murder of Crows, also known as a flock of crows, has returned to the community after a long absence. Several years ago we had a real problem with crows tearing open trash bags and scattering rotting food around. Now they seem to be back to their old tricks. You can help keep the community cleaner by using a trashcan if possible, or strong trash bags, limiting the amount of food waste (and freezing foodstuff before you put them out) and by waiting to put out your trash until the evening before trash pickup - or even better, by 6:00am the morning of the collection.



Crows (or worse, rats) had a feast at this flimsy garbage bag!

Some people persist in putting out trash on Sunday morning. This is unsightly, allows more time for creatures to tear open bags, and is also against the ACC regulations. Please, if you see someone doing this, either remind them that this is not allowed, or, if you are uncomfortable approaching them, identify where they live and ask an ACC rep or Board member to address the issue. And, a reminder from our mail carriers - Please pile your trash away from the mailbox. This allows our mail carriers better access and also keeps the scattered debris away from the mailbox, both for them and for us.

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#### **ACC Spring Inspection**

The annual Lafayette Village ACC spring inspection will begin in March. You can get a step on this process by taking a few minutes to conduct your own home inspection. The ACC report on page 4 of this newsletter will give you some ideas about common problems that are usually cited. With a critical eye, and a bit of work, you might be able to avoid a negative inspection report. (The ACC Request for Improvement form is on page 11.)

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### LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

**Board Meetings** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike. (February 14 and March 14)

**ACC Committee** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 7882 Hampton Village Pass (February 17; March 17)

**Grounds Committee** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (February 24 and March 24)

**Finance Committee** – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of month at 7:00 PM

Locations and times of meetings to be determined. Check the website for details.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Tuesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (meetings cancelled until April)

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

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

#### **Are you on the LVCA Mailing list?**

Did you know LVCA maintains an email list, used to distribute announcements of interest to Lafayette Village homeowners and residents? If you are not on the mailing list, you missed notices that

- Our trash would be collected on Friday instead of Thursday, due to the snow storm;
- Christmas trees would be picked up the first two Wednesdays in January;
- Beltway traffic would shut down periodically while bridge trusses were set;
- Electric Sunday, the county's electronic recycling program, was happening on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>;
- Linked to the agenda of the next Board of Directors meeting;

and many other notices of special interest to Lafayette Villagers!

If you would like to get notices like these, send an email to [LVCAWebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:LVCAWebmaster@lafayettevillage.org), and request to be added to the LVCA mailing list. That's all it takes! You can request to be removed at any time. So, if you find notices like these valuable, and you have not yet signed up for the LVCA Mailing list, do so today!

## Prez Sez: Thoughts and observations

by Jay Jarvis, LVCA President



Winter is fully upon us and while we did not get the volume of snow we did last winter, it has been a destructive season. Volunteers and contractors are working to get the last of the downed limbs removed from our common grounds. Thanks to all neighbors who pitched in and helped each other. That is one of the things that makes our community so great.

Over the last thirty years various LVCA Boards have approved many resolutions. A number of these dealt with the way our community association is to be administered. Some have been posted on our website, but many have just been forgotten. In an attempt to provide continuity of administrative functions, the Board has begun the process of establishing all administrative procedures for the community under one document which will be call our Standard Operating Procedures. Board member Hattie Walden is heading up the first draft for Board consideration. When approved by the Board, it will supersede all previous resolutions on administration.

The completion of the sound wall is still some time off. The private contractor installing the new water line under Beltway has run into some difficulties which has really slowed progress. Hopefully by spring we will see a completed soundwall.

According to Traffic Calming Task Force member Carl Iddings, the new traffic island and the speed tables should be installed before spring. See the Traffic Calming notice on page 7 for more details.

Our annual spring clean up and Earth/Arbor Day will be on April 23rd. I hope your family will plan to help with the clean up, the tree planting and a fun picnic. There will be more information about this annual event in the April/May newsletter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer Community Garden manager Anne Sansbury for doing such a wonderful job. This last year saw a really good crop of vegetables and flowers. If we have enough interest, we will look at expanding the number of plots beyond the current twelve. See page 9 for more details about the possible community garden expansion.

Please consider volunteering for one of our committees. All committee chairs need help. The committee chair for each committee and their contact information is listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

A special thank to Shawn Howard for his time of service on the Board. After receiving a major promotion last month at the CPA firm where he works, he submitted his resignation from the Board. Did I mention, he is also a graduate student and the father of a new baby ☺ At the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board will vote on John Alexander to fill Shawn's unexpired term. John, who is the Grounds Committee Chair, will stay on as the committee chair.

# Committee Updates

## Finance Committee

The Board adopted the FY2011 LVCA Budget at its December meeting. You can review this budget on the website at [http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca\\_documents.htm](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm). HOA fees remain unchanged for 2011 at \$328 per quarter for townhouses and \$167 per quarter for the detached homes on Merrimac Trail.

## Pool and Recreation Committee

It's not too early to begin thinking about the spring LVCA Yard Sale. Contact Christie Prucker ([wizardmom416@gmail.com](mailto:wizardmom416@gmail.com)) if you would like to help plan or participate in that community-wide event.

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

With winter chill, the neighborhood has been very quiet, apart from the intrepid joggers and dog walkers. But winter still takes its toll on our community. March is just around the corner and with it comes the Annual Spring Inspection by KPA to identify any violations of ACC guidelines in Lafayette Village homes. None of us likes to see the dreaded inspection report in the mailbox, but please remember that these inspections are a very important part of maintaining the integrity and appearance of your own home and our community in general. Apart from aesthetics, remember the magic words "Increased Property Values" !

Some of the things you may be asked to fix are:

- paint on and around doorways, windows;
- rusted stair railings;
- overgrown or dying shrubs/trees,
- cable wires that have come loose,
- gutters and drains in poor condition
- leaning fences

to note some of the most common violations.

Take a few minutes to look at both the front and rear of your house with a stranger's eye and you may identify the issues yourself. If you are cited, you must respond to KPA (preferably in writing) to avoid being fined or losing your pool and parking privileges. If you need guidance or feel you have been cited incorrectly contact our property manager, Diane Tschirhart at ([Dtschirhart@kpamgmt.com](mailto:Dtschirhart@kpamgmt.com)).

The ACC is also pushing for increased consistency in the Spring Inspection. This is an area that causes all residents frustration and that the ACC hears about a great deal. We understand from personal experience how annoying it is to be cited for something that is ignored on another home. So, if you feel you've been cited unfairly you may also contact the ACC at [aicutter@verizon.net](mailto:aicutter@verizon.net) or talk to your street captain and we will try to help you.

Please familiarize yourself with the ACC regulations before you begin **any** exterior projects. You can find them at [www.lafayettevillage.org](http://www.lafayettevillage.org). Encourage your neighbors to do so too, even if they're renters. For example, we're seeing fences being stained with colored preservatives. This is not allowed. All preservatives must be transparent and not change the color of the wood. Another issue is storm doors. They must be black, brown or match the color of the front door or trim on your house. White is not allowed and you will be cited. And remember that all holiday decorations should be removed from the exterior of your home, **and** your windows, no later than one month after the holiday.

Finally, we are actively seeking more ACC members. Please consider joining us, especially if you haven't volunteered in the community yet. It requires no special skills other than an ability to attend monthly meetings (held on the third Thursday of the month) and a concern for an attractive, well maintained neighborhood.

## ***Committee Updates, continued...***

### **Communications Committee**

The next newsletter will be distributed the first weekend in April 2010. Please send your articles and other submissions (MS Word, Excel or JPEG format only) for the newsletter to [lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org) by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 **astorishingly vivid color**, sign up for electronic distribution (email the Webmaster at [lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org](mailto:lvcawebmaster@lafayettevillage.org)) or access the newsletter on the website!

### **Grounds Committee**

#### **Community Volunteer Day**

This past December, a few hearty souls showed up on a sunny day, with near 30 degree temperatures, to lend a hand with some odd jobs around the community. We dredged the pool house gutter, installed a new gate on the Tot Lot, and spread out wood chips (from the trees we thinned out this summer) in the start of a path down behind the basketball court. Next time we'll try to pick warmer day, and will hope to see you there.

#### **2011 Projects**

The committee is in the process of developing a list of projects for 2011 and beyond. These projects range from major erosion control, to tree planting, to ground cover, to new benches, tables and trash cans. Please let us know what ideas you have, whether they are big or small.

#### **Trash and Recycling**

As some of you have noticed, our trash and recycling trucks have been arriving earlier in the day. In fact, I've seen some of you rushing out in your PJs, just as I am dashing out too at the crack of dawn, as we practice just-in-time trash disposal. While a quick constitutional in subfreezing temperatures is a great substitute for the first cup of coffee, I know I'll be making a greater effort to put my trash out the night before.

If you're following the same logic, please remember to be considerate of our neighbors (and to follow our HOA rules) and wait until after 6 PM to place your bins and bags at the curb. Also, please bring in your bins and cans promptly on trash day. This will keep our community looking its best, and help keep your mailbox free from letters from the management company.

Note: If you're going away for a few days and just have to put out your trash / recycling, please ask your neighbor to put out and pick up your bins at the appropriate times.

#### **Pet Droppings**

I don't presently have a dog, but I spent a fair amount of time in my youth, shovel in hand, wandering around the backyard, peering closely at the ground trying to determine what was bark and what most definitely wasn't. So, I know what a messy and stinky job it is to clean up after your pet, but it's a job we all have to undertake. There have been reports of piles of all sizes along Lafayette Village Drive, and we just can't let this be. Here is one of several hundred articles on the Internet about why we need to keep our community poop free.

Q. Are dog feces bad for the environment?

A. Yes and no. Because dogs eat meat, their excretions contain bacteria that are harmful to all animals, not just humans.

## *Committee Updates, continued...*

The biggest problem with dog poop is if it finds its way into a river or lake, the bacteria can grow in the water and cause cholera or dysentery if the contaminated water makes contact with an open wound or is digested. The second problem is that as the bacteria grows in the water, they will reduce the amount of oxygen that is available for fish. Many species of fish cannot survive in streams that have reduced oxygen levels.

Large, unnatural numbers of any animal in a small area can cause a problem – not just dogs. If only a handful of dogs were leaving their poop behind, we wouldn't have a problem. Their remains could be easily absorbed into the soil.

But should you let your dog poop in your vegetable garden? Not a good idea; even in your own yard you should dispose of your dog's poop properly by picking it up with a plastic bag and placing it in a garbage container. If you compost with it or use it in your garden; the bacteria can leach onto your vegetables and make you sick. (Source: <http://www.riverwestcurrents.org/2004/June/001824.html>)

### **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

Things have been pretty quiet recently although there were a couple of cars that had property removed from them. Both seem to have been left unlocked, which just makes it easier for the thief. They don't have to risk breaking glass or picking the lock. The most common thing a thief does is walk around and try the door handles; if one opens they can see what is in the car. Even if you hide such things as a GPS unit, cell phone, etc.. it doesn't do any good if they can easily get in. The best way to prevent this is to make sure your vehicle is locked and anything of value is out of sight. Everyone should be aware of strange vehicles driving through the streets or people walking around who do not belong here. If you notice something out of the ordinary you can call the Fairfax County Police non emergency number, 703-691-2131, but do not approach anyone

As always if you are interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch Committee contact Fred Saah ([fred300@gmail.com](mailto:fred300@gmail.com)).

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**February snows:** While the recent snow made a mess of our streets and damaged our trees:



Others found the fun and beauty in a winter snowfall:



### **Traffic Calming Update:**

While our traffic calming devices were not installed by Christmas, Supervisor Gross's office has informed us that our project is still on the schedule and still fully funded. Transportation staff now think construction will start by the end of February or the beginning of March. Because the traffic island requires concrete work, the weather is a big factor affecting the schedule and mother nature has not been cooperating!

### **Letter to the Editor:**

Dear Editor,

After living in the Lafayette Village Community for over 24 years, I am puzzled by the recent increase in the amount of animal waste to be found throughout our common areas. I am curious about this phenomenon, and am writing to suggest that the editors of the newsletter dispatch one of their ace investigative reporters to look into the matter and interview those owners who don't feel that it is necessary to clean up after their pets. An article on the subject should prove informative and enlightening -- especially to those who take pains to dispose of their animals' deposits appropriately.

A skilled reporter should be able to elicit all kinds of information. Perhaps some Lafayette Village residents are plagued with weak joints and sore muscles, and no longer have the dexterity to bend and scoop. Others may enjoy the decorative effect of the numerous piles of various sizes scattered throughout the community. Maybe there are those who find it amusing to see adults and children stepping into them, soiling their clothing and tracking the mess into their homes. One or two might believe that they are performing a service by fertilizing the grass, or by leaving snacks for other dogs to savor. Upon reflection, one honest person even may admit that he lacks consideration for his neighbors and doesn't care about the appearance of the community in which he lives.

Each year members of the LVCA board and many residents of the community engage in a number of projects such as landscaping, litter collection, and the like to maintain and enhance the beauty of our community. It would be interesting if your reporter could reveal why their efforts apparently are not appreciated by others.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Dunham

### **Contractor Recommendations**

#### **Flooring Contractor:**

We recently had wood flooring installed by **Hatcher's Floors, Inc. (7655 Fullerton Road, Springfield, VA 22153, 703-451-0459)**. Our satisfaction with the company is 100%. They are courteous, punctual and very neat. Their prices are excellent - we did get other estimates which were two times their price. They do all types of flooring.

#### **Fencing:**

The fence company is **Accokeek Fence Company (<http://www.accokeekfence.com/>)**. They know their business.

They frequently work around TH developments so they were careful to avoid any Cox or FIOS cabling on properties as well as underground gas or electrical lines. They also encourage owners to observe them work and ask questions throughout the process. They also left little footprint behind.

#### **General handyman:**

**Chuck of All Trades Handyman** (Chuck Vernon, 1312 Ross Drive SW, Vienna, VA 22180, 703-281-5545) did extensive drywall repair for us in our master bedroom. Chuck was prompt, worked efficiently, took care to protect the furniture that couldn't be moved, and cleaned thoroughly after his work. His price was reasonable and the final results were excellent! We are very pleased with his work and will use his services again.

## *Around Town...*

### **Mason District Announcements**

**Five Mini-Nature Classes begin Mid-February through Mid-March at Hidden Oaks Nature Center** - For five weeks, from mid-February to mid-March, Hidden Oaks Nature Center will host a variety of mini-nature classes for children. Classes vary from learning about Native American survival skills, performing complex science experiments, or studying the biology and habits of birds, mammals, reptiles and insects of the Mid-Atlantic region. For detailed information about each mini-nature class, visit the Hidden Oaks Nature Center Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks), phone 703-941-1065, or visit the nature center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day (closed Tuesdays) at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale. To register by phone, call 703-222-4664.

**Going Green in the Garden** - On Sunday, February 27, 1:30 - 3 p.m., Green Spring Gardens welcomes entomologist Dr. Mike Raupp, from the University of Maryland, to teach how to effectively deal with pests in the garden. Learn about products that are safe, effective, or neutral for the environment. Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria. For more information and to register, call 703-642-5173, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp).

**By Popular Demand: 2011 Seedling Sale Features a Deer Resistant Package and Bare Root Trees** - The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District's annual seedling sale is in progress for 2011. All seedlings in the package are native to Northern Virginia, and two packages are back by popular demand! The Deer Resistant package consists of shrubs and small trees (\$15.95), and includes two of each of the following; Spicebush, Silky Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, Serviceberry, and Pawpaw. The Bare Root Trees are larger varieties (\$10.95), and includes two each of the following; Sycamore, American Hornbeam, and Black Oak. A full, non-refundable payment must accompany the order and be received by Monday, April 11, 2011, or while supplies last. A confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site will be provided. For more information, please contact Nick Kokales by phone at (703) 324-1420, by e-mail at [nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov), or visit the Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd).

**Electric Sunday Events Continue in 2011!** - The widely successful e-waste recycling program, *Electric Sunday*, continues in 2011, and provides residents with an opportunity to **recycle televisions, computers, monitors, printers, scanners, speakers, keyboards, mice, and external drives**. Residents also may recycle **fluorescent light bulbs** at these events. Better yet, *Electric Sunday* events are a **free service** for Fairfax County residents! The 2010 events will be held at the Fairfax 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 specified dates and locations: Feb. 27 (I-66 Transfer Station); March 27 (I-95 Landfill Complex); April 10 (I-66); May 22 (I-66); June 26 (I-95); July 24 (I-66); Aug. 28 (I-66); Sept. 25 (I-95); Oct. 23 (I-66); Nov. 20 (I-66). For additional information, call the Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling at 703-324-5230, or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm).

**Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste Program** – The county accepts household hazardous waste **from residents** free of charge during regular business hours at the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax (4618 West Ox Road), and the I-95 Landfill Complex in Lorton (9850 Furnace Road). Household hazardous waste refers to used or leftover contents of consumer products that contain materials with one of the four characteristics of a hazardous waste: toxic, ignitable, corrosive or reactive as defined by the EPA. Household hazardous waste should not be disposed of in the regular trash. For more information and details about what the county will and will not accept, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm>.

## Community Events...

**The 2011 GBBC will take place Friday, February 18, through Monday, February 21. Please join us!**

The **Great Backyard Bird Count** is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are across the continent. Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds.

To participate, you only need to count birds anywhere for as little or as long as you wish during the four-day period. You'll tally the highest number of birds of each species seen together at any one time. To report your counts, you fill out an online checklist at the Great Backyard Bird Count, [www.birdsource.org](http://www.birdsource.org).

### WHY COUNT BIRDS?

Scientists and bird enthusiasts can learn a lot by knowing where the birds are. Bird populations are dynamic; they are constantly in flux. No single scientist or team of scientists could hope to document the complex distribution and movements of so many species in such a short time.

Ornithologists need our help. We can make sure the birds from our community are well represented in the count. It doesn't matter whether you report the 5 species coming to your backyard feeder or the 75 species you see during a day's outing to a wildlife refuge.

For more information, check out the Great Backyard Bird Count website, [www.birdsource.org](http://www.birdsource.org).



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### Calling interested Community Gardeners!

The Grounds Committee manages the community garden, with member Anne Sansbury serving as the community garden coordinator. There is an opportunity to expand the community garden to add additional 10' by 14' garden plots, but we need to know if there is sufficient interest in the Lafayette Village community to support these additional plots. Each plot holder is charged \$25 per year for his or her plot to offset Association expenses in creating and maintaining the garden.

If you are interested in a community garden plot, you should first read the community garden guidelines, found on page 6 in the March/April 2009 Newsletter ([www.lafayettevillage.org/newsletters](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/newsletters)). Then, if you are still interested, please send an email to Anne Sansbury at [sansbury@cox.net](mailto:sansbury@cox.net). If there is sufficient interest, the Grounds Committee will expand the community garden to meet demand!



Gardening success! This could be your plot!

## ***More Trash Talk...***

### **Trash Collection in Lafayette Village**

#### **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. This policy is why, when the snow event on Wednesday, January 27th, prevented ADS from collecting our trash and recyclables on Thursday, they returned on Friday to complete the job.

#### **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.

#### **What can I recycle?**

American Disposal has recently instituted a program called "Single Stream Recycling," which has greatly expanded the waste products that can be recycled. With this new program, Lafayette Village residents no longer need to separate out recyclables – all can go into the same container, a process called "commingling." Later, when the recyclables are transferred to the recycling center, they will be screened and sorted by various electro-mechanical means: magnets for ferrous metals, eddy currents for non-ferrous metals, air jets for plastic containers, heavy duty rotating screens for corrugated cardboard, etc. The resultant separated materials are ready for baling & shipping to factories to be re-manufactured into new & useful products.

Because of this new program, Lafayette Village residents can recycle a wider range of waste products. In addition to cans, bottles, jars, and paper goods, we can now recycle milk and juice cartons, all plastic bottles and jugs, wide mouth plastic containers, aluminum foil and trays, empty aerosol cans, pizza boxes, and other items you may previously throw into your trash. The brochure on page 12 details what can and can't be recycled.

#### **How do I dispose of old paint?**

Our trash company will not collect paint cans that still have liquid paint in them. If you do leave such cans out for collection, you will find that ADS has left them behind, as one resident discovered recently (see photo at right).



Oil-based paints are considered household hazardous waste, and can be taken to one of the county's household hazardous waste disposal centers – see page 8 for details.

Latex paint can be put out with your trash **if you have prepared it properly.** To do this, you will need dry the paint out. Take the lid off the can and place it in a well-ventilated place. Mixing the paint with clay-based kitty litter will help accelerate the paint drying. You can also pour the paint onto newspaper if you have a small amount of paint to discard. Once the paint has dried, you can throw it away with your regular trash.

#### **Who do I call with a trash collection complaint?**

If you experience a problem with the way your trash is being collected, contact our management agent, Diane Tschirhart at 703-532-5005 or email her at [dtschirhart@kpamgmt.com](mailto:dtschirhart@kpamgmt.com).

**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:

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

Chair, Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

**Recycling YES** 



Aluminum Cans



Metal Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Jars



Cereal & Food Boxes



Milk & Juice Cartons



Plastic Bottles & Jugs #1-7 (with lids)



Wide-mouth Plastic Containers



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Office paper, & Junk Mail



Magazines, Phone Books & Catalogs



Paperback & Hardcover Books



Aluminum Foil & Trays



Empty Aerosol Cans



Rigid Plastics



Cardboard Boxes & Pizza Boxes

Please empty and rinse all containers before placing in recycle cart.



 **Recycling NO**

No Motor Oil Containers  
No Plastic Cutlery, Forks, Knives, Spoons



Plastic Food Trays & Cups



Clam-shell Containers



Light Bulbs



Glassware



Ceramics



Pots & Pans



Paper Plates & Napkins



Batteries



Styrofoam Cups, Plates, Bowls, To Go Containers