



Lafayette Village Community Association

May/June 2008 Newsletter

IMPORTANT NOTICE - HOT LANES UPDATE

Several members of our community attended the latest hearing regarding the HOT Lanes. Joaquin Tremols and Carl Iddings spoke on our behalf and have kindly summarized the information for the community. We need your assistance so please continue reading...

The public hearing revealed that sound barriers were recommended for only part of our community. VDOT currently plans to erect sound barriers from the Little River Turnpike on-ramp to the northbound Beltway to a point opposite the end of the townhomes at Peyton Forest. The rest of Lafayette Village will be sound barrier-free, from Newport Glen to past Trammell Court, a very sizable gap. Sound barriers start again opposite the last few houses on Thor Drive. The explanation for this gap was that there is a small hill between the townhomes and the Beltway that reduces Beltway noise adequately. We also learned that a part of our land past the S curve towards Little River Turnpike will be taken as part of the newly configured on-ramp to the Beltway.

Tremols and Iddings made the following points on the behalf of LVCA:

- LVCA expects to be compensated appropriately for the land that VDOT plans to take.
- LVCA expects sound barriers to be erected continuously from Little River Turnpike to Gallows Road. The small hill does not begin to protect our community from Beltway traffic noise.
- LVCA expects sound barriers to be erected before construction of the HOT Lanes in our stretch of the Beltway begins. To subject us to both Beltway traffic noise and construction noise would be unbearable.
- LVCA expects VDOT to communicate more effectively with our community, especially regarding design plans and construction schedules.

VDOT's failure to include a continuous sound barrier between Little River and Gallows is unacceptable, and we need to organize as a community to force VDOT to correct this flaw in their HOT Lanes design. We need each homeowner to do the same so our voice is heard.

We need you take action and would like you to **WRITE A LETTER** to make sure our demands are met. You can either write your own letter or use the one that has been stored on the LVC website for your use. (http://lafayettevillage.org/HOTLanes/VDOT_Letter_Prototype.doc). A copy of the letter can also be found on page 9 of this newsletter. Please include the date, your address, and sign your name before mailing to the addresses listed below. If you want a peaceful night's sleep, we need everyone's participation.

Please get this letter in the mail immediately. We need them to be post marked as close to June 2 as possible. VDOT staffers were impressed that several people from the community spoke at the hearing, and they will be even more swayed if we can generate a hundred or more letters. You will need to address your letter to Roger Boothe; his information is below:

Finally, the Association membership passed a resolution at the semi-annual meeting urging VDOT to construct a continuous sound barrier wall between Little River and Gallows Road. A copy of the resolution is on the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/HOTLanesResolution.pdf.

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You should also copy our elected officials:

***Sen. Chap Peterson**
P.O. Box 1066
Fairfax, VA 22038
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8717 Mary Lee Lane
Annandale, VA 22003

***Chairman Gerry Connolly**
12000 Government Center Pkwy, Ste. 530
Fairfax, Virginia 22035-0079
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Finally, send a copy of your letter to Joaquin Tremols, President of the Association.

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REMINDER

Third Quarter Assessments are due July, 1 2008. If you do not receive an invoice, please let KPA know immediately.

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. (June 9 and July 14)

ACC Meetings - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike (June 16 and July 21)

Grounds Meetings – 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7828 Ashley Glen Rd. (June 24 and July 22)

Finance Committee – Next meeting will be held on June 4 at 7:00PM at 3700 Merrimac Trail.

Neighborhood Watch – Tuesdays after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (June 10 and July 15)

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

New Board Treasurer

Sean Walsh has filled the open position on the Board and is the new Treasurer. Sean is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) and CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner.) He attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX and has 10 years of accounting experience. Sean's specialty is fraud investigations. He intends to work closely with KPA and the other Board members to ensure many years of financial security for our community. Welcome Sean!

Thanks to all of those that attended the semi-annual LVCA meeting, held on 5/29/08. Check the website at www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/HOTLanesResolution.pdf for the resolution that was presented regarding the HOT Lanes.

Raising Awareness About The Environment...

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS!

Recently, the Washington Post published a very important article regarding the effects of yard and pet waste on our waterways. Anything that flows from neighborhood lawns, sidewalks and streets -- including fertilizer and dog waste -- can make its way into storm drains and waterways. Polluted storm water is the No. 1 cause of unhealthy water in streams and rivers throughout Northern Virginia, according to the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners.

During rainstorms, a series of pipes moves water from roadways and parking lots to a nearby waterway, reducing the chance of flooding. This water does not go to a treatment plant but directly into streams, rivers and ponds.

You can reduce the amount of pollution reaching our waterways by doing simple things such as disposing of pet waste in the trash or down the toilet and taking used motor oil to gas stations and auto repair shops, which often are willing to recycle it. For more information on how you can help, check out www.onlyrain.org. We all enjoy the benefits of living near important resources such as the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay, so think about how you can be part of the solution in protecting our waterways.

Help Keep Our Streets and Highways Litter Free

Littering is illegal and it is also unhealthy and disrespectful. Anyone convicted of littering can be fined up to \$1000 and/or sentenced up to 12 months in jail. The courts can also assign offenders to community service where they will spend time picking up highway litter. Virginia spends about 5 million tax dollars a year for litter clean up!

A new program has been initiated by Fairfax County where you can report someone for littering. To report a vehicle, record the vehicle and situation information and include it on the form to the right of this article. Follow the mailing directions on the form and Fairfax County will then follow up with a notice sent to the registered owner of the vehicle that advises them of the offense however, this notice will not result in any punitive action or further investigation. It will also not be counted as an actual traffic violation. The purpose of this process is simply to remind offenders that littering is illegal and unnecessary.

Recycle at the Post Office – Great Opportunity to Recycle Electronics!

Small electronics, such as cell phones, PDAs, digital cameras, MP3 players and inkjet cartridges, can be recycled through a U.S. Postal Service pilot program. Free postage-paid mailers are available at all post offices for mailing electronics to a company that reuses or recycles the equipment.

For information about this and other Fairfax County recycling events, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes Click on Recycling and Trash under subject areas.

Littering is against the law. If you witness someone littering from his or her car in Fairfax County, mail this completed form within 7 days to Clean Fairfax Council. The Fairfax County Police Department will then contact the vehicle's owner.

Car Truck Other

VA License #: _____

Littering done by:

____ Driver ____ Passenger

____ Tossed ____ Dumped from
vehicle

Type of Litter: _____

Date of Violation: _____

_____ Time _____ AM/PM

Location of Violation: _____

Clean Fairfax Council
12000 Government Center Pkwy,
Suite 467
Fairfax, VA 22035

*You can mail in this form, report by phone at 703-324-3106 or visit our website: www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org and follow link to 'Report A Litterer.'

Community Updates and Recap...

Grounds Committee

*Twenty new trees were planted along the S-curve to replace the dead trees that were removed. This should help build a shield from the highway. Two new Crepe Myrtles were planted at Butterfield and Lafayette Village Drive, one new Holly near the tot lot, and two Leyland Cypresses behind Trammel Court and Colonial Village. Both Crepe Myrtles planted last year next to the basketball court seem to be doing fine as does the Magnolia Tree on Yorktown Village. The plates marking trees which have been partially donated will be installed soon. Thank you to our donors: Susie Lee, Allen Story, Lisa Connolly, Hattie Warren, Carl Iddings and Jay Jarvis. You can still donate!

*The erosion projects Blade Runners was contracted to do have been finished. Blade Runners has also offered to run down spouts for homeowners to the proper drainage area for \$400 each. The committee will be evaluating the work done over the next few months to see if it has solved the problems for each area. We have already noticed some problems with the work behind Butterfield and are working to have them corrected.

*Dominion Power has cut down all the brush to the ground under the power lines. This is done every five years.

*Planning for future work days and preparation of the 2009 Grounds budget will be discussed at the June meeting.

*The area on the south side of Hancock Village Drive is no longer being mowed at the direction of the Park Authority. The land is Park Property and not Lafayette Village Community Property.

Pool and Recreation Committee

The pool season officially kicked off on May 24, 2008. You can pick up your new passes or your '08 stickers on Saturday, May 31st. Keep in mind each person who comes to the pool will need to have a current pass, starting 5/31.

Finance Committee

The next Finance Committee meeting will be on June 4th. Please contact Sean Walsh at im_sean@msn.com for meeting details. The committee is waiting for the final 2007 audit to be finalized. The Reserve Study outlined in the last newsletter is being performed by Miller Dodson and should be completed by the end of May.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

* The new ACC guidelines, approved by the Board at its May meeting, are now available on the website at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/lvca_documents.htm. Click on "ACC Documents" to go to the ACC portion of the documents page and follow the links. Also take a few minutes to check the house colors that are assigned for your home. If they are incorrect, please send a correction notice to the webmaster at lvcawebmaster@hotmail.com. The revised section of the guidelines has also been delivered with this newsletter for your reference. The ACC has developed these guidelines to keep our community attractive and protect our property values.

* After working with the Post Office for many, many months, new mailboxes were installed the first week of April. There are still issues with the installation and the Post Master has promised our management agent we will have a schedule for fixing the problems by the end of May. Our next project will be working with the post Office to upright leaning mailboxes and paint mailboxes which are rusted.

* We have also been working on the installation of 3 new lights in our Community. Our management agent has been contacted by Dominion Power and this work will begin the first week of June. Please do not remove the stakes that mark the new light locations.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

The Committee is still looking for more members and more community involvement. Please contact Fred Saah at fred300@gmail.com for more information. Check out these links for more information about crime in our area.

Fairfax County Police Daily Incident Reports: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases>Fairfax County Police

Newsletters: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/newsletter>

Around Town...

Lafayette Village Resident Begins Group for Stay-At-Home Moms

Submitted by Katie Toro

Jaime Carroll, a resident of Trammell Court, decided to leave her job as a Fairfax County public school teacher to stay home with her newborn son, Royce. But she found, as so many new moms do, that life as a mom was a big adjustment. So, Jaime started reaching out to other new moms, and in October 2007 founded an Annandale chapter of the international organization, Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) Club. Today the Annandale MOMS Club has 22 active members (moms who are at home full-time and those who work part-time) and more than 30 children from infants to early elementary school-aged. The MOMS Club members enjoy getting together for weekly playgroups, park play days, group fitness, field trips, monthly pancake breakfasts and pool days, book club discussions, moms' night out, and many other fun activities. Some activities take place in members' homes in or near Lafayette Village. If you are a stay-at-home mom and are interested in joining, or you know a stay-at-home mom who lives within Annandale's 22003 Zip Code, just email momsclubannandale@gmail.com for more information.

Farmers Market Returns to Mason District Park - The Farmer's Market returns every Thursday morning, beginning May 1, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. The Farmer's Market offers vine-ripe produce, fresh baked goods, herb plants, and much more for your summer enjoyment. For a complete schedule of Farmer's Markets hosted by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and other activities, visit their Web Site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm, or call 703-324-5390.

Pool Rules Reminder

Please review all of the rules that were included with the last newsletter and can be found on the LVC website.

- Pool Stickers are available on Saturday, May 31st, starting at 11:00am.
- Each person entering the pool must have a 2008 pass. There will be no exceptions.
- The lifeguard will collect your pool pass each time you enter and will return it when you leave.
- The lifeguards are expected to enforce all of the rules, so please be respectful.
- Absolutely no food is allowed within the enclosed pool area.
- Make sure your children are aware that they need to get out of the pool during the adult-only time.

2008 Pool Hours

Weekdays	11:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Weekends, Holiday	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SchoolDays/Weekdays	4:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Babysitter Available

Responsible 14-year old to babysit in your LVC home

Contact Ben Jarvis

703-280-5812

Community News...

There is still time to donate a tree

Would you like to add your family name to one of the new trees being planted in Lafayette Village? While LVC has removed a number of dead trees and the wind has downed others, the community has plans to plant more than 50 new trees this spring.

Individuals or families that donate \$100 towards one of the new trees will have a small plaque mounted next to the tree. The plaque will list the family name as you would like it and the type of tree. The plaque can also note a special occasion, such as the birth of a child.

To participate, please send a check for \$100 payable to "LVCA," and mail it to our management company KPA, 6400 Arlington Blvd, #700, Falls Church, VA 22042. Please send a note with your payment or specify on the memo line of the check that it is for the tree planting program.

Arbor Day Celebration - A Success Story

The Arbor Day celebration held on April 26th was a huge success and children earned community service credit! Volunteers gathered at 10am in front of the pool to split up in three trash-finding teams. Eight bags of trash and 16 tires were collected during the hunt. After the trash was collected and sorted, there were three bags of recyclables. Gold coins were distributed throughout the community and it was a game of finders-keepers. Prizes and Arbor Day bracelets were awarded to the teams. Afterwards the volunteers and other community members gathered at the Tot Lot for a cook-out. Thank you Terri for managing the food! Just after 1:00pm, our LVCA President, Joaquin Tremols said a few words and a new Holly tree was planted. We were also pleased to meet Gerry Connelly, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and hear him speak to us about his goal to increase the county's tree canopy from 33% to 40%. He noted Homeowner Associations were the key to meet this goal by planting on their private land.

Many thanks to the more than 20 children and adult volunteers who made this day both productive and fun. A special thank you to Jay Jarvis and the Grounds Committee, the LVCA Board and to Gerry Connelly for participating.



Arbor Day volunteers gather for tree planting.



Chairman, Gerry Connelly and Joaquin Tremols commemorate Arbor Day.

Community News...

Help Decide Future Bus Service in Fairfax County - The Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Transit Services Division, is developing a county-wide comprehensive 10-year plan for Fairfax Connector and Metro Bus service. In Mason District, a public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. Learn about the project and provide comments and suggestions for improving bus service. There will be presentations, maps, charts, and personnel working on the project available to take comments and answer questions. For the complete public meetings schedule, or to submit comments in writing, logon to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tdp.htm, or call 703-324-1500 to leave a recorded message with your comments. To request reasonable ADA accommodations or alternative format materials, call Katharyn Rogers at 703-324-1120, TTY 703-324-1102.

Participate in the Lincolnia Flea Market on June 7 - Whether it's a donation, a purchase, or to volunteer, the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street in Alexandria, welcomes community participation for its rummage sale on Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain date, Saturday, June 14). Donations accepted include: clothing (no shoes or underwear), white elephant, jewelry, dishes, small appliances, toys, puzzles, craft items, books (no text, old, or musty books please), linens, and yarn. Donations of baked items and plants will be accepted closer to June 7. For additional information about acceptable donations, call the Lincolnia Senior Center at 703-914-0223.

Completion of LRT (Route 236) Spot Improvement Projects Anticipated Ahead of Schedule - The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) anticipates the completion of its construction along Route 236 as early as this summer. Its original completion date was October 31, 2008. Four intersections were improved along a 2.23 mile segment of Little River Turnpike, between Lake Drive and Pickett Road, to ease congestion and improve traffic flow. The project includes selected right/left turn lanes, signalization, a new drainage system, sidewalks, and other improvements. Weather permitting, and barring any unforeseen delays, VDOT's contractors will install a traffic signal pole at the intersection of Little River Turnpike at Woodburn Road, pave, and paint the lane stripes during the month of May. For more information, contact Mr. Giles Njumbe, construction manager at 703-359-1137, or e-mail him at Giles.Njumbe@vdot.virginia.gov.

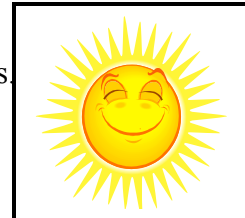
Fairfax County Budget - The FY 2009 budget deliberations in Fairfax County should be complete. The Board of Supervisors marked up the budget and was scheduled to adopt a revised budget on April 28th. The budget package provided an additional \$40 million increase to Fairfax County Public Schools, maintained pay equity for county employees, and increased the tax rate by three cents, the first rate increase in 12 years. Because of declining property values in most parts of the county, many homeowners actually will see a modest decrease in their tax bill. The budget reaffirms the Board's commitment to affordable housing and storm water management programs in the county. A third Code Enforcement Strike Team to curb multiple occupancy in residential areas also was funded. This expanded program was demanded by many constituents. The county's Revenue Stabilization Fund, nicknamed the "rainy day fund" by some, remains in reserve for unanticipated emergency revenue needs.

Budget Guidelines accompany the Board's action on the budget, and include a Lines of Business (LOBs) review regarding county program and service priorities, possible areas for elimination, reduction, reorganization, consolidation, and/or alternative service delivery for both county and schools. A significant public input process for the LOBs review will be developed, beginning with a public hearing/forum this fall.

Hooray for Summer...

As **Summer** approaches, remember these important safety tips:

- * Protect your children, pets and older family members. Excessive exposure to the sun and heat can quickly dehydrate people and pets and make them susceptible to heat stroke.
- * Always wear sunscreen. Sunscreen decreases the risk of skin cancer and wrinkles.
- * Drink a lot of water.
- * Swim only when a lifeguard is present and wear a flotation device if necessary.
- * If you are going to be in the woods, check yourself for ticks which can carry diseases such as Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.
- * Never use a propane or charcoal grill inside your home.
- * Keep your car doors locked and don't leave any valuable items in view. Theft usually increases in the summer months.
- * Now that school is out, make sure you know where and with whom your children hang out.
- * Drive carefully and slowly through the neighborhood. Many kids are outside playing and crossing the street in front of the pool.



A Dessert Low in Sugar...

Eclair Dessert:

- 1 Box of Graham Crackers
- 2 Small Packages of Vanilla Instant Sugar-Free Pudding
- 2 1/2 Cups Milk
- (1) 9-oz container of Cool Whip
- Chocolate icing

Blend 2 packages of pudding with milk. Fold in softened Cool Whip. Line bottom of 13x9 pan with graham crackers (lay them in pan). Cover with custard mixture, add another row of graham crackers, then custard, and repeat again for a total of 3 layers. Refrigerate at least two hours. Soften 1/2 container of frosting in microwave. Drizzle over top of custard.

NOTICE REGARDING TRASH CANS

Under long-standing guidelines, residents are not permitted to keep their trash cans in their front yards. Violations can result in penalties and fines. Going forward, in addition to the customary penalties and fines, trash can violations will be subject to the removal and relocation of the trash cans by a contractor. The homeowner will be billed for the cost of the removal and relocation of the trash can from the front yard to their back yard inside the fence. The contractor's rate is \$40 an hour.

Please Spay & Neuter all pets to help control the population of homeless animals. Consider adopting a pet from a local animal shelter.

www.lostdogrescue.org

www.hsfc.org/

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices/

Roger Boothe
VDOT Project Manager
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RE: Design Flaw of the Sound Barriers - HOT Lanes Project

Dear Mr. Boothe:

I am a resident of Annandale and a member of the Lafayette Village Community Association (Lafayette Village). Lafayette Village lies immediately adjacent to the Capital Beltway between Little River Turnpike (VA 236) and Gallows Road. Lafayette Village is a community that consists of 315 single family dwellings constituting approximately 1,000 residents. Lafayette Village has informed me of the design for the sound barriers which are part of the HOT lanes project, which is why I am writing you.

I was very disappointed to learn that the proposed design fails to provide for continuous and un-interrupted sound barriers along the Beltway bordering Lafayette Village. I understand VDOT and Fluor contend that a slight inclination between some of our townhomes and the Beltway will serve as a sound barrier for those homes. As a resident of Lafayette Village, I assure you that the slight inclination along that section of the Beltway does not and will not ever serve as a sound barrier against noise from the Beltway. And it will not protect Lafayette Village residents from the increased noise on the Beltway resulting from the HOT Lanes project. In addition, I have noticed that other areas on the Beltway with hills much steeper than our slight incline have sound barriers erected on them. One such area is just south of the Braddock Road interchange. If sound barriers are appropriate there, they certainly are appropriate for our community.

My home and my community are currently adversely affected by the Beltway traffic noise. This situation will only worsen with the construction of HOT lanes next to our community. The erection of continuing and un-interrupted sound barriers would mitigate these adverse effects, but partial sound barriers and slight inclinations will not. Please make sure that a continuous and un-interrupted sound barrier is erected between Little River Turnpike and Gallows Road, along the Beltway bordering Lafayette Village as part of the HOT Lanes project.

Thank you in advance for heeding our request for the erection of continuous and un-interrupted sound barriers between Little River Turnpike and Gallows Road along Lafayette Village.

Sincerely,