



Lafayette Village Community Association

September/October 2008 Newsletter

LVCA Annual Meeting

Please join the residents of our community on Thursday, October 16th for the annual meeting that will be held at the Immanuel United Church. Details of the meeting are found at the bottom of this page. During this meeting we will provide the standard committee updates, report on any old or new news, engage our management company and hear the concerns of our residents. The Nominating Committee has one nomination for one Board position that is up for vote. If you cannot make the meeting, please be sure to fill out your proxy vote and give it to a board member or someone that is attending the meeting. You will find a copy of the proxy on the last page. It was also mailed to you with the agenda for the meeting.

We will also have two special presentations during this meeting that you will want to attend.

1. Sean Walsh CPA, Treasurer, will discuss the new reserve study and the proposed budget for 2009.
2. Carl Iddings, will speak about the sound engineer's study that was conducted because of the Beltway HOT Lanes construction.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a brief board meeting.

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All residents are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, October 16, 2008

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Immanuel United Church

7901 Heritage Drive, Annandale, VA

(Note: This is a different location for the annual meeting.)

Check out page 6 for more information regarding recent vandalism in our neighborhood. If you know anything or see any suspicious activity, contact the non-emergency #: (703) 691-2131. Please keep the Neighborhood Watch Chair informed too. The Committee needs more volunteers!

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REMINDER

Fourth Quarter Assessments were due October 1, 2008.

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. (October 16 and November 10)
Note: The October 16th annual meeting is in a different location and is on a Thursday.

ACC Committee - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike (October 20 and November 17)

Grounds Committee - 4th Tuesday of month at 7:00 PM at 7828 Ashley Glen Rd. (October 28 and November 25)

Finance Committee - 7:00 PM at 3700 Merrimac Trail (October 23 and November 20)

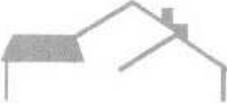
Neighborhood Watch - Tuesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (October 14 and November 11)

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

Please check the website for the most current information:

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

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Community Updates and Recap...

Finance Committee

Please check page 2 for the next meeting dates. The Finance Committee will be presenting the results of the reserve study at the annual meeting on October 16.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

There have been several vehicles broken into or vandalized in the last few weeks. This is an ongoing problem in surrounding areas as well. The thieves are looking for GPS systems, satellite radios, iPods, cell phones, computers and even air bags. While there is really nothing that can stop anyone from breaking in, there are several things that can be done to deter thieves.

- * Don't leave anything of value in your vehicle.
- * Remove GPS systems and satellite radios.
- * Take iPods and cell phones with you.

If a thief doesn't see anything they will move on. When something major such as an airbag, wheels and vehicle computers are stolen the thieves usually have a buyer for such items. They are usually out of their hands within hours so it is hard for the police to catch them. As always if you notice anything suspicious call the police.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

Fall is here, which means that it is a good time to do an inspection and make any necessary repairs to our homes before winter sets in and we are cited for violations according to the ACC Lafayette Village guidelines. Some areas to be especially aware of are:

- Fertilizing and seeding front lawns
- Replacing dead shrubs and trees
- Front step and walk erosion
- Mold on sidings and steps
- Buckling siding
- Peeling paint on railings and on homes

A reminder that storage of any sort out side of and behind rear fences is not permitted.

Information on the guidelines is available on the website www.lafayettevillage.org or from our management company KPA at 703-532-5005.

Let's keep our neighborhood at its best and our property values up!



This car was a victim of vandalism. Note the stolen airbags.

Communications Committee

Please submit entries for the newsletter to lafayette_village@yahoo.com. If you would like to view the newsletter in *color*, sign up for electronic distribution or access the newsletter on the website! The next newsletter will be available December 1, 2008. Entries are due by November 19th.

Grounds Committee Update

The Grounds Committee is preparing project proposals for 2009 to be presented to the Board for approval at the November Board meeting. If homeowners believe that a particular part of the common ground needs attention, please contact committee chair, Jay Jarvis at jay@jelinsurance.com or call 703-280-5812.

Several residents expressed an interest regarding a community garden plot as mentioned in an article in the last newsletter. Accordingly, the committee is recommending to the Board that an area under the power lines between the pool and the beltway be used for garden plots next spring.

Sometime in October a load of leaf mulch will be delivered to the pool parking lot. This is being arranged by our neighbor Linda Boone who works for Fairfax County. This is for anyone to use on their own yard. Thanks Linda.

The Committee discussed the ongoing problem of overgrown euonymus bushes throughout the neighborhood. Most need to be severely cut back and rejuvenated. One area that was of major concern was the shrubs at the corner of Yorktown Village and Lafayette Village Drive. Neighbors complained that it was dangerous to exit onto Lafayette Village Drive as the shrubs blocked the view of on-coming traffic. Volunteers recently cut the shrubs back. The Committee is investigating costs for contracting to have this done in late winter/early spring 2009 in all common areas, and to include opt-in options for residents who would like to have bushes in their front yards cut back too. This effort will be coordinated with the ACC .

Significant water drainage problems continue behind Mt. Airey Lane where runoff has undermined previous work done last spring in an effort to control erosion. Many of the rocks that were positioned to help with the runoff have shifted. A similar solution had been under consideration for next year for the area between Yorktown Village Pass and Byrds Nest Pass. The Committee believes that the best plan of action is to work with a landscape- or soil-engineer to assess the drainage issues impacting the whole property, suggest scientifically sound remediation plans, and help us prioritize any needed work so that we won't have to continually re-consider areas where prior erosion control efforts have failed.

A template or design for small plots of green on the corner of each street in the community was approved by the committee. Residents of each street may use the design as a starting point for improvements. Residents of Hampton Village will be the first street to consider the new design with is pictured below.

The Grounds Committee has an active core of volunteers with Sue Henley, Terri Clark, John Alexandra, and Susan Dudley. However, we can use one or two new members. If you are interested in participated in making our community grounds continue to look nice, please contact the Grounds Committee Chair, Jay Jarvis.



An example of the new green design.

Community News...

Need Home for Parakeets

Looking for a good home for two parakeets. Cage and supplies included. Contact Jay Jarvis or Audrey Liebross at 703-280-5812 or email Jay@jclinsurance.com

Belvedere Craft Fair 2008 - The Belvedere Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Belvedere Elementary School, 6540 Columbia Pike, in Falls Church. The fair will feature more than 70 artisans, crafts, and activities for children, and much more. Admission is free. For more information,

Farmers Market at Mason District Park - Only six weeks are left to join your friends and neighbors at the Farmer's Market on Thursday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale. The Farmer's Market will be open until November 6, and it offers vine-ripe produce, fresh baked goods, herb plants, and much more. 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.

Absentee Voting Begins on October 15 at Seven Satellite Locations - In-Person Absentee Voting at satellite locations throughout Fairfax County is available through Saturday, November 1. If you will not be able to go to your regular polling place on Election Day, November 4, you can vote absentee in-person at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale, Monday through Friday, 1 - 8 p.m. and on Saturday, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. In-person absentee voting is not available on Sundays. Information about other satellite locations is available by calling the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711 (Virginia Relay), or on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb.

NEW DATE for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event - The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program rescheduled its Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event for **Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Mason District Governmental Center Parking Lot, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale. The originally scheduled event was postponed because of heavy rain associated with Hurricane Hanna. **Only household hazardous waste from Fairfax County residents will be accepted. Examples of what to bring:** acids, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, mercury products, oil-based paint, paint thinner, pesticides, poisons, pool chemicals, ad rechargeable batteries (**no automobile batteries** - take these to the I-66 Transfer Station or the I-95 Landfill Complex). Proof of residency is required (ex: **utility bill, driver's license, etc.**). **No business or commercial waste will be accepted!**

In addition to household waste collection, Fairfax County, in partnership with Safeguard Shredding, will offer an ideal opportunity to securely destroy personal and sensitive documents such as old tax documents, credit information, expired contracts, etc. Up to five boxes of paper per resident will be accepted for shredding at NO CHARGE! For more information about this and other upcoming events, call 703-324-5230, TTY 711, or visit the Web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.

Around Town...

Election Day is right around the corner. Be sure to visit the polls on **November 4, 2008** to cast your vote for the following important offices:

President and Vice President | U.S. Senator | U.S. House of Representatives (8th, 10th and 11th Districts)

Polls will be open on November 4th from 6:00am until 7:00pm

Important Dates:

Monday, October 6 – Final day to register to vote. If you are registered at your current address, you do not need to register again. Citizens needing to verify their voter registration status are encouraged to call the General Registrar's office at 703-222-0776 as early as possible prior to the October 6th voter registration deadline.

Tuesday, October 28 – Final day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

Saturday, November 1 – Final day to vote absentee in person.

CRIME ALERT – VANDALISM IN LAFAYETTE VILLAGE

Our community is being targeted by professional thieves who are wearing gloves and know how to break into new cars without breaking windows. They take the built-in GPS, stereos and radios, and even air bags. New cars are not the only targets - we have one report of a catalytic converter getting stolen from under the front end of an older model pickup truck.

The criminal activities are taking place late at night, between midnight and early morning. The police are increasing their patrols and have recommended we alert everyone in the community to keep an eye out for suspicious activities. Anyone seeing suspicious activities should call the police non-emergency number right away - (703) 691-2131. In addition, the Neighborhood Watch Committee is considering late night patrols to assist the police in catching these crooks. If you would like to help with the Neighborhood Watch Committee, contact committee chair Fred Saah at fred300@gmail.com.

We must all be vigilant in keeping our eyes and ears open to protect our families and possessions.

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LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PROXY/ABSENTEE BALLOT

KNOW BY ALL BY THOSE PRESENT, that the undersigned Unit Owner(s) of Lafayette Village Community Association does/do hereby constitute and appoint: **(MUST FILL IN NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ACT AS YOUR PROXY - DO NOT FILL IN YOUR OWN NAME):**

_____ as the true and lawful voting representative, proxy and stead of the undersigned and the undersigned's unit in the Lafayette Village Community Association, as further identified below, to act, based upon the ownership standing in the name of the undersigned, at the Annual Meeting of the Association to be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 16, 2008, and any continuances thereof. My above-named proxy shall have full authority to vote upon any and all matters which may be presented, considered and voted upon at such meeting, pursuant to the ByLaws and in accordance with the instruction set forth below as fully and with the same effects the undersigned could have if personally present at said meeting. The undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that the proxy may lawful do or cause to be done by virtue itself.

(An uninstructed proxy allows the holder of the Proxy to vote in place of the unit owner on all matters that come before the meeting.)

The undersigned has executed this Proxy this ___ day of _____, 2008

Owner's Signature

On Site (Unit) Address

Expressed Instructions: I/we do expressly direct and instruct my/our proxy to vote as indicated below:

Mark One: () I/we instruct my/our proxy to be counted for **quorum purposes** only.

 () I/we instruct my/our proxy to be counted for quorum purposes and to cast my vote for any matters that may be presented at the Annual Meeting.