



Lafayette Village Community Association

October/November 2012 Newsletter

LVCA Annual Meeting: Cong. Gerry Connolly to attend

Please join your neighbors and fellow homeowners on **Monday, October 1st** for the Lafayette Village Community Association annual meeting. Association members will have the opportunity to elect two homeowners to serve three year terms on our Board of Directors. Details of the meeting are found at the bottom of this page. All homeowners should have received a notice of the Annual Meeting, along with an agenda and proxy form. These forms are also available on the Association website.

The Board is pleased to announce that **Congressman Gerry Connolly** will attend our annual meeting as our special guest. Congress Connolly will talk to us about the current congressional session and other topics of interest. He will take questions. We also invited Chris Perkins, the Republican candidate for the 11th Congressional seat currently held by Cong. Connolly, but he was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.



Cong. Gerry Connolly

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please be sure to fill out your proxy vote and give it to a board member or someone who will be attending the meeting. You will find a copy of the proxy on the last page. Once completed, call or email a board member to have your proxy form collected.

RAFFLE RAFFLE RAFFLE - WIN YOUR NEXT ASSOCIATION DUES PAYMENT

As in prior years, homeowners attending the LVCA Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, will automatically be entered into a raffle. The next quarterly association dues payment will be waived for the winner. Come to the Annual Meeting or submit your proxy, and you could be the winner!

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All residents are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting

When: Monday, October 1, 2012

Time: 7:00pm

Where: Mason District Government Center
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA

Note that only homeowners in good standing can vote on issues that come before the membership. The Annual Meeting will be followed by a short Board meeting.

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REMINDER:

**Fourth Quarter Assessments are due October 1, 2012.
Payments received after October 15th are late and subject
to a late fee.**

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings (Check Website for Details)

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM (October 1, November 12)
Note: the October 1 meeting will be held at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike. The November 12th meeting will be held in the cafeteria at Woodburn Elementary, 3401 Hemlock Drive at Gallows Road.

ACC Committee - 3rd Thursday of month at 7:00 PM at 3711 Yorktown Village Pass (October 18 and November 22)

Grounds Committee – 4th Thursday of month at 7:15 PM at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. (October 25; November meeting TBD – check website)

Finance Committee – October 29 and November 26 at 7:30 PM at 7823 Byrds Nest Pass

Neighborhood Watch – Wednesday after the Board meeting at 7:30 PM at 3721 Yorktown Village Pass (October meeting TBD and November 13)

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

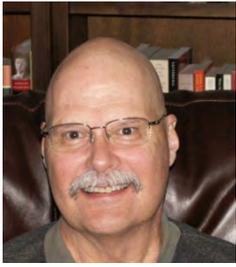
GENTLY USED FURNITURE NEEDED – I volunteer at the non-profit Brain Foundation (<http://www.brain-foundation.org/index.html>) and hopefully within the next month we will be purchasing our 7th home for people with brain disorders who can now live on their own (counseling is provided by Pathway Homes or the Community Services Board). We need everything to fill a 4-BR home (and bed linens - we do not use twin beds).

If you are planning on moving or redecorating and have gently used furniture needing a new home, we would appreciate your donating your furniture for this cause. We will provide a donation letter for the IRS. We would also arrange pickup of large items by truck. Contact Gloria Kozich at glojkoz@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

No Trash Collection on Thanksgiving Day

There will be **NO** trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Instead, under the terms of our new contract with Patriot Disposal, trash will be collected on **Monday, November 26** when regular trash collection resumes. Remember **do not put your trash out on Thanksgiving Day**



A note from the President:

Fall has finally arrived, and with it the cooler fall weather we all welcome. Less welcome are the leaves that have already started to fall – below is Blade Runner’s tentative schedule for leaf collection over the next three months. Since this is an inherently dusty process, you may want to move your vehicles on those days.

I also have a variety of other topics I’d like to talk about:

First, **Trash Collection:** Patriot Disposal, our new trash company, began collecting our trash, recycling, and yard waste this past Labor Day, September 3. While there have been some glitches, overall I think Patriot has been doing a good job serving our community. I have asked you all to email me with any complaints you may have about Patriot’s service. Patriot does start collecting trash at 6:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays, so if your trash isn’t out by then, it may be missed. If your trash and recycling is missed, you can call Patriot’s customer service staff at 703-257-7100 and they will assist you in resolving the problem.



An early morning start to Lafayette Village trash collection

Second, **the Community Garden Water Bill:** Earlier this year, some home owners were concerned that the water line to the Community Garden was responsible for a doubling of the pool water bill over the past four years. To address this concern, we installed a water meter on the line leading to the garden so we could track the water actually used by the gardeners. On September 18, the meter showed the garden had used a total of 9,690 gallons of water, at a cost of \$79.17, including sewer charges. Our total water bill this summer was \$1170.39, and we expect one more small water bill before the end of the year.

Third, **Complaint Procedures:** At its August meeting, the Board adopted a formal complaint process which residents and citizens can use to file complaints against the Association. The resolution and related forms can be found on the website at [www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LVCA Complaint Procedures.pdf](http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/LVCA%20Complaint%20Procedures.pdf) . Bookmark this link if you anticipate using the complaint form.

Fourth, **Dog Poop:** Despite repeated requests to all dog owners to clean up after their pets, we continue to see dog poop left behind on our sidewalks and grassy areas, often resulting in an unpleasant clean up for the unfortunate individual who happens to step in the mess. It’s clear that asking folks to do the right thing isn’t working. At the November Board meeting, I will ask the Board to consider contracting with Doody Calls to begin a regular clean-up of our common areas. This will cost the Association money, but because a few dog owners refuse to look after their dog’s messes, we have little other choices. I am interested in your thoughts about this proposal – please email me at president@lafayettevillage.org.

Finally, **Thanks to Jay Jarvis and Nathan Garcia:** The Annual meeting October 1st will mark the retirements of Jay Jarvis and Nathan Garcia from the Board of Directors. Jay has been especially active during his most recent tenure as a Board member, serving as Secretary, President, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. In his various roles, he was instrumental in creating the community garden, opening up the Meadows under the power lines for community use, bringing on board a new management company, and continuing the work of strengthening our Association balance sheet and reserve funds. His work on the Board these past five and a half years has contributed greatly to keeping Lafayette Village a vibrant, desirable community in which to live. Thank you, Jay, for your service to the Association and community.

Thanks also to Nathan Garcia, who agreed to fill a vacancy on the Board despite his heavy work schedule. During his time on the Board, Nathan served as Member-at-Large and Secretary, where he did an excellent job ensuring the accuracy of our minutes. Thank you, Nathan, for volunteering your service to the Association and community.

Leaf Collection Schedule:

BladeRunners has announced the following dates for leaf collections, weather permitting:

October 15 and 16, November 19 and 20, and December 17 and 18

Committee Annual Reports for 2012...

Finance Committee – Jay Jarvis, Chair

This is my last report as LVCA Treasurer, as my term of office ends at the annual meeting. The Finance Committee has been active in preparing the budget for the Board to consider (see page x), soliciting bids for the required five year reserve study and in drafting a proposed investment policy. The proposed budget includes **no increase in homeowner assessments** and a recommendation to review assessments after the new reserve study is complete. The new reserve study will give the Board a clearer picture on future reserve requirements which may result in Board consideration reduced assessments. The new investment policy would give instructions to a Board-appointed investment manager to invest reserve funds in government back securities insuring funds as needed and with the maximum amount of income consistent with a low level of risk.

The proposed budget would set aside funds that might be used to build a meeting room addition to the pool house and an enclosed outdoor eating area next to the pool deck. Draft plans were printed in a previous newsletter.

The financial reports for 2012 show that we are within budget in all categories. Last year there was some concern expressed that the community garden used an excessive amount of water, resulting in a very large pool water bill. Early this year, I installed a water meter on the water line running to the garden. The meter has shown the amount of water used for the garden this year is less than \$80. That amount has been charged against the income paid by those using the garden.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our community as Treasurer and as a Board Member. I know that those Board members remaining and those nominated will continue to provide great leadership for Lafayette Village Community.

Communications Committee

This Report summarizes the activities of the LVCA Communications committee for the period from the last annual meeting through September 28, 2011.

- **Newsletter**
 - Since the last annual meeting, edited and distributed six newsletters (December, February, April, June, August and October) totaling 79 pages.
 - The cost of printing these four newsletters was roughly \$1950, spread across two fiscal years.
 - The newsletter printed letters to the editor, numerous articles written by residents, contractor recommendations, and advertisements submitted by residents. It included photos submitted by residents.
- **Website**
 - Updated regularly with meeting schedules, contact information, and various LVCA documents, such as Board minutes, LVCA Newsletters, the annual budget, etc.
 - The cost of hosting the website is \$130 per year.
- **Mailing list**
 - Approximately 50 announcements sent to LVCA mailing list. These announcements address general LVCA news and announcements of possible interest to our residents, HOT Lane construction notices, and frequent weather-related messages.
 - Approximately 150 separate email addresses are on the LVCA mailing list.
- **Flyers**
 - Again this year, no flyers were distributed to the community.

The Communications Committee has a number of volunteer distributors, the folks who distribute the newsletter door-to-door. During the past year, these included Kathie French, Mike Loudon, Christie Prucker, Tina Snapp, Linda

Committee Annual Reports for 2012, continued...

Boone, Terri Clark, DJ Terreri, Nathan Garcia, Larry Dunham, Jim Bell and Jay Jarvis. A special thanks goes out to these individuals.

The next newsletter will be available December 1st, 2012. Submissions are due by November 27th.

Neighborhood Watch Committee – Fred Saah, Chair

This year has been another good one for the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Our neighborhood continues to be relatively crime free, with only 14 incidents reported to Police during the year (see chart below), a reduction from the 19 incidents reported the previous year.

In August we celebrated the National Night Out. We had approximately 75 residents show up at the playground for snow cones, water and informative safety brochures. We also raffled off an automatic light switch which goes along with the theme of Lights On for Safety. There was a moon bounce for the children. We were visited by the Fairfax County Police and by a Lafayette Village resident who is a US Marshall. Both had their cars with them and turned on the lights and sirens which is always a big hit with the children.



Investigating a U. S. Marshall's car

Below is a breakdown of the crimes reported to the Fairfax County Police from October 2011-September 24, 2012 for Lafayette Village. You can see we had a significant reduction in crime after January 2012.

Report type	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Total
Noise Violation	2												2
Sex Offense				1									1
Larceny	1		2	1									4
Destruction of Property		1		1									2
Drug Offense						1							1
Vehicle Tampering			1	2						1			4
Assault		1											1
Total													15

Overall we live in a neighborhood that remains free from most serious crime. We urge everyone to keep your outside lights on in the front and back at night. Studies have shown that well lit neighborhoods have less crime. Also, do not keep any valuables in your vehicles and make sure they are locked. This includes GPS units, cell phones, laptops, golf clubs, etc... Once the criminals see the lights and realize that cars are locked they will go elsewhere.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Neighborhood Watch, please contact Fred Saah (fred300@gmail.com).

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

A little history of the ACC for those newer to the community:

The ACC was formed when Lafayette Village was new and self managed. After several years a management company was hired to assume many of the committee's original functions. It performs the in-depth annual Spring Inspection, communicates the results to the homeowners, schedules hearings and maintain all running records for each home.

Committee Annual Reports for 2012, continued...

The volunteers on the ACC oversee the guidelines, revising them as needed, review requests for exterior improvements, do occasional spot-checks of the community throughout the year, and generally field questions/concerns that the management company may not be able to answer. Very rarely we grant a request for an exception to an established regulation. Please do not assume that this is a blanket approval. Each request is decided on individual circumstances. All ACC documents are available on the website and it's everyone's responsibility, including renters, to follow the posted guidelines.

It's not a perfect system but we are trying to hold the management company responsible for accuracy of inspections and record keeping. And our overall goal is to keep Lafayette Village looking attractive and competitive in the marketplace. It takes more and more effort as the houses age and the HGTV generation of buyers seeks perfection !!

A persistent problem in the community is **trash**. We follow the Fairfax County ordinance that trash may not be put out more than 12 hours before a scheduled pickup. Our new company (Patriot) comes through at about 6 am on Monday and Thursday. This means nothing should be outside your home or on the street before about 6 pm on Sunday or Wednesday. (We've noticed that Colonial Village and Peyton Forest have a high percentage of problems putting trash out early, and we've started closely monitoring this.) Recycling is only picked up on Monday, along with **yard waste**, a service newly offered to townhome residents. Branches should be no longer than 4 feet in length and tied in bundles. Other yard waste should be in large paper bags (you can buy bags specifically for this purpose).

Trash, trash cans/recycling containers, etc. may NOT be stored outside your home. Contrary to one homeowner's argument, "hiding" it behind bushes or the back fence is not allowed. We don't expect Sequoia to get into degrees of visibility - outside the house constitutes a violation. This includes driveways of townhomes and the detached homes on Merrimac Trail

And, speaking of bushes **The guidelines require you to maintain plantings along the front foundation** of the house. These should be evergreens so the appearance is maintained all year round. If your bushes are more dead than alive or completely overgrown, please don't wait to be cited. Take the initiative and improve your home. This is perfect weather for gardening, green thumb or not. Small shrubs need not be expensive and are much better value than paying \$10 a day in fines. It's also the right time to plant spring bulbs and grass seed. Homes are required to maintain the grass in front of the home. An exception to grass will be granted by the ACC only in cases of extreme shade.

While paint colors for homes have been expanded, please remember that replacement siding needs to be as close to the original as possible. It's an expensive job and it would be awful to have to redo it if it's incorrect. The same applies to windows. Some people have installed windows without mullions, the cross pieces that divide the glass into panes. The regulations on windows are very clear and those people will be required to correct the problem. Don't take your contractors word that it will be okay - if in doubt, ask the ACC for advice before you begin work.

Now something no one enjoys having to deal with: hearings and fines. From July to September about 35 people were called for hearings because of non-compliance. Despite receiving notification by certified and regular mail, **only 6 people** came to present their cases to the Board of Directors. It's in your interest to communicate with the ACC or Sequoia since your case will be discussed and decided upon, even if you don't show. In many cases, fines of \$10 a day, for **each** violation, were imposed. The ACC would like to work with you but we can't do that if you don't communicate - and have realistic expectations. We can't make valid citations go away.

There are still a dozen more hearings coming up - some go back to May and are things as simple as replacing house numbers. This means that about 20% of our residents were called to hearings, which I find quite remarkable

But the ACC would like to thank the remaining 80% for being good neighbors, for their pride in their homes and Lafayette Village. You make the community a better place for everyone.

Committee Annual Reports for 2012, continued...

Grounds Committee – John Alexander, Chair

The Ground Committee is responsible for the beautification of the neighborhood (including tree planting, tree maintenance, erosion control, maintaining trash cans and benches), for the community garden, for the trash and landscaping contracts and for replacing and installing lights and mailboxes.

Accomplishments

Since the Semi-Annual meeting in May, the Grounds Committee has:

- Saved the community \$5,814 in 2013 alone by bidding out our waste management services, which included new recycling bins and yard waste pickup for townhomes;
- Quickly coordinated with BladeRunners for the post Derecho clean-up, which started the first business day after the storm and cost approximately \$19,000;
- Resurfaced and painted the basketball courts and resurfaced the other recreational court;
- Replaced the basketball backboards and nets and repainted the rusted backboard supports;
- Added a new bench to compliment the new picnic table at the courts;
- Installed a new light on Mt. Airey to increase visibility and safety and ordered three replacement poles for lights on Ashley Glenn, Hancock Forest and Butterfield;
- Installed a water meter on the line to the Community Garden to accurately assess the water usage and associated cost (~\$80 on less than 10,000 gallons YTD);
- Received Board approval of a resolution banning the disposal of yard waste on Common Grounds and enabling the community to charge for the cleanup of improperly disposed of waste;
- Created a comprehensive RFP for Grounds Maintenance and bid it out to several companies as our current contract with BladeRunners expires at the end of this calendar year.

Tree Maintenance and Erosion Control

The cleanup effort after El Derecho took a big bite out of our budget, and the committee is evaluating which parts of which projects we will be able to accomplish this year. We have solicited bids for several erosion control projects and have a long list of trees to be trimmed and removed. Our first priority is to clean up trees that are touching homes and those that are dangerously overgrown. The second priority is getting some erosion control projects finished and cleaning up trees that are contributing to erosion issues by blocking sunlight. While we cannot accommodate every request immediately, if there is an area of particular concern to you, please let us know.

Thanks to the dedicated committee members, without whom all this would not be possible: Anne Sansbury, Jim Bell, Courtney Graham, Jay Jarvis and Carl Iddings.

Please let us know if you are interested in taking an active role in keeping our community beautiful, safe, fun and clean!

Pool and Recreation Committee

The pool closed on Labor Day after a successful summer season headed by our lifeguard staff of Jackie, Andrea, Jana and Adam. It's been a year of many highlights:

- Both the main and baby pools were resurfaced with new whitecoating, last applied in 2005. The whitecoating makes the bottom of the pool smoother to walk on and fills in any cracks that have formed. This process is done every 7-8 years.
- Both pools also received new waterline tile. Our previous tile was discontinued some time ago and the available supply of replacement tile had been depleted. By completing this work at the same time as the whitecoating, we were able to save some labor costs.

Committee Annual Reports for 2012, continued...

- 219 pool pass applications were processed (out of 315 homes in Lafayette Village). New passes were issued to all applicants at no charge for the first time in several years. Remember to save these new passes for reuse next season.
- For safety, the Board approved a new pool rule in mid-July that prohibits the use of basketballs, footballs, soccer balls or other sports equipment not designed for use in swimming pools.
- For the second year in a row, we were able to begin our full-day pool hours approximately two weeks earlier than in previous years. This means that college students home for the summer, and anyone else whose schedule allows, can take advantage of the pool earlier in the day, not having to wait until late June when the school year ends.
- Our first ever "Swim Under the Stars" Night in which the pool was kept open until 11:00 pm was held in August. It was attended by 40-50 people in spite of it being a cool evening with some rain.
- We replaced two lifeguard chair umbrellas and lap lane ropes.



Enjoying a night-time swim!

One disappointment was that the Labor Day End-Of-Summer Barbecue we planned had to be cancelled due to possible rain.

We hope to plan additional "Swim Under the Stars" nights and more for next season. If you have any suggestions, we would like to hear from you.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this a safe and fun Summer.

Community News...

Upcoming Election: Tuesday, November 6th

The general election for Federal offices (President, Senator, Congress) will take place on Tuesday, November 6th. All Lafayette Village residents vote in the **Hummer Precinct (519)**, located at the Packard Center in Annandale Community Park, **4030 Hummer Road**. The polls are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm. You will have the choice of voting a paper ballot using the Optical Scan voting machine or, voting on the Touchscreen voting machine.

Important dates:

In-Person Voter Registration Deadline: **Monday, October 15, 4:30 p.m.** (If you are registered at your current address, you do not need to register again.) If you need to register, there will be a voter registration table at the Mason District Governmental Center Open House on October 13, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Absentee Voting Information:

By Mail Ballot: Deadline to *apply* for an absentee ballot by mail is **Tuesday, October 30, 5:00 p.m.**

In-Person Ballot: Last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person is **Saturday, November 3, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** In person voting is at the Government Center and the Mason District Government Center.

Candidates and Referenda:

We will be voting for candidates to be our next President, U. S. Senator, and 11th District Representative. In addition, there will be two amendments to the Virginia state constitution, and four Fairfax County bond questions. One constitutional amendment changes the state constitution to limit the taking of private property ("eminent domain") for public use only. The second amendment allows the legislature more leeway in scheduling its veto session. The Bond referenda would allow the County the authority to issues bonds for a variety of library, parks, public safety and storm water management improvements throughout the county.

Community News, Continued...

FEDERATION JOINS WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY ROUNDUP

The Federation, an umbrella organization of homeowner associations in Fairfax County (LVCA is a member), is a contributing organization to the upcoming Fairfax County Roundup – A Whole Community Collaboration for Disaster Resiliency -- scheduled for **Thursday, October 25th** from 8:00am-4:00pm at the Ernst Community Center, Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA. The Roundup's purpose is to bring various community, faith, and non-profit organizations and businesses together to discuss the community's role before, during and after disasters.

The recent derecho storm power outages highlighted the need for communities to have formal and informal ways of communicating information within their communities and to be aware of/care for community members who may need special assistance during emergencies. Lots of organizational donations and private assistance are always offered in the wake of various types of emergencies. Oftentimes there is little coordination of these activities to best maximize the use of the resources. The Roundup is a first step toward inventorying existing community resources and understanding how to tailor their availability for different emergencies.

Fairfax County is blessed with superior governmental emergency assets. The McConnell Public Safety Operations Center is a state-of-art facility for collecting and disseminating information to the Police and Fire Departments in the area, coordinating with state and federal agencies and collaborating with other governmental resources. Now Volunteer Fairfax and the County's Neighborhood and Community Services organizations are partnering to host the Roundup which will be a forum for discussions about how to link community organizations with existing governmental emergency planning.

James Lee Witt, former FEMA Director, will be the Keynote Speaker at the event. County supervisors and state legislators have been invited to participate. There will be a plenary session designed to provide attendees with basic emergency response information. This session will be followed by community-specific focus groups, which will identify the community strengths, existing resources, and gaps in community services. During the focus group reports, participants can exchange information about existing resources and explore how to further the relationship between communities and governmental emergency responses.

The Federation's role will be to publicize the event and encourage our community leaders and District Council representatives to participate in the free event. We would like to have about 50 community leaders from various geographical areas and magisterial districts to attend the event. After the meeting, these leaders can then disseminate the learnings from the Roundup and act as a catalyst for implementing changes in their communities. Possibly this process can then be repeated during subsequent sessions to build upon our experience so that communities become better prepared for the next emergencies.

If you are interested in attending, please go to the Roundup website at <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/roundup.php> or Google Fairfax County Roundup, which takes you directly to the page where you can register to attend. The Federation encourages our communities to register and participate in this valuable event. If there are questions, contact Linda Boone, 2nd Vice President of the Federation at linda.boone1@verizon.net and she will provide you further information.

TREE PLANTING PLAN FOR S-CURVE PRESENTED TO BOARD – VDOT's Landscape Architect for Northern Virginia presented a landscaping plan for Association property by the S-curve on Lafayette Village Drive. The plan calls for a total of 18 trees, including hollies, black gums, and other native species, to be planted along the S-curve on Lafayette Village Drive, and Virginia Creeper vines to be planted along the sound barrier itself. The grant the Association received earlier this year from Transurban/Fluor Lane will fund the bulk of this project. This landscaping will tie into landscaping VDOT will develop on its property adjacent to ours. The December newsletter will have more details on this exciting project. Planting will begin in the spring.

Around Town...

Annandale Fall Festival and Parade: Saturday, October 27th

It's Bigger and Better than Ever: Family Fun in the Heart of Annandale!

The **Annual Annandale Parade** will be held along Columbia Pike, stepping off at 10 a.m. and featuring clowns, storybook characters, marching bands, and beautifully costumed international dancers. This 62-year-old tradition is sponsored by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce.

Annandale Fall Festival: After the parade, enjoy the Fall Festival and the Taste of Annandale at the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike, featuring international cuisine, live entertainment, and games. Vendors will be on-site from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and have art work, exquisite crafts, and more for your holiday shopping. The **Kids Zone** will feature puppet shows, magic shows, face painting, storytelling and other entertainments for children. Older kids will enjoy the Obstacle Course & Bungee Jump, along with interactive & inflatable games.

Mark your calendars. This will be a day of Family Fun not to be missed.

Skate Annandale Set for October 6 – Supervisor Gross has partnered with American Inline to host "Skate Annandale," a mobile skate park event to be held on Saturday, October 6, from 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department. Skaters are encouraged to attend this free event to skate on the rails, ramps, and jumps of the American Inline mobile park. This event is open to skaters of all ages and skill levels, and participants are requested to provide their own safety equipment. For more information, contact the Office of Supervisor Gross at 703-256-7717, TTY 711, or by e-mail at mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Green Spring Gardens Hosts Garden Design Symposium – On Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Green Spring Gardens Park staff invites you to obtain key knowledge for designing an eco-smart garden. Learn about imaginative and forward-thinking design concepts from experienced landscape designers. For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Civil War Marker Dedication Ceremony at Mason District Park – The public is invited to a Civil War trail marker dedication ceremony at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 20, 2012. In addition to unveiling this new marker, the event also will commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. Speakers from the Fairfax County History Commission, Fairfax County Park Authority, and Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, will be joined by special guests: Timothy Munson and Sam Bailey, both of whom are relatives of two of Mason District's historic families. This event is FREE. For more information, please contact Naomi Zeavin, Fairfax County History Commissioner, at 703-534-3005.

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 4th

Don't forget – when you turn your clocks back one hour on November 4th, also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors throughout your home.

This simple act could save you and your family's lives!

LVCA Draft 2013 Budget.....

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE HOA
2013 DRAFT BUDGET as of 9/11/2012 8:00 p.m.

Working with our management company, the Finance Committee has prepared the following draft budget for the fiscal year starting January 1, 2013. This budget assumes that HOA fees will remain unchanged in 2013 -- \$328 per quarter for town homes and \$167 per quarter for detached homes on Merrimac Trail. This budget maintains the current reserve funds contribution, pending completion of the upcoming reserve study, to be completed in early 2013. The budget also carries over the grants funding we received earlier this year, for the Community gardens north and plantings next to Lafayette Village Drive along the "S" curve.

	<u>Adopted 2012</u>	<u>Totals on 7.31.12</u>	<u>2012 Projections</u>	<u>Draft 2013</u>
Revenue				
Single Family Assessments	\$14,028	\$10,521	\$14,028	\$14,028
Townhome Assessments	\$385,728	\$289,296	\$385,728	\$385,728
Pool Passes	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$0
Late Fees	\$1,000	\$1,155	\$1,980	\$1,500
Interest-Reserves	\$100	\$655	\$1,122	\$500
Miscellaneous Income	\$300	\$1,558	\$1,558	\$300
Hot Lanes Grant (carried over)	\$5,000	\$13,914	\$13,914	\$5,000
Garden Plot Income	\$250	\$715	\$715	\$250
NEPP Grant (carried over)	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Total Revenue	<u>\$411,006</u>	<u>\$317,814</u>	<u>\$419,045</u>	<u>\$411,306</u>
Administrative Expenses				
Misc. Administrative	\$3,000	\$1,225	\$2,100	\$3,000
Community Events	\$750	\$402	\$750	\$1,500
Management Fees	\$38,400	\$22,400	\$38,400	\$39,936
Website/Newsletter	\$2,000	\$1,475	\$2,528	\$2,500
Legal Fees	\$12,000	\$6,881	\$11,800	\$12,000
Audit & Tax Preparation	\$3,700	\$4,100	\$4,100	\$4,100
Reserve Study/Professional Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
Bad Debts	\$12,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$8,000
Neighborhood Watch	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
Meeting Support	\$2,500	\$1,580	\$2,700	\$2,700
Total Administrative Expenses	<u>\$74,850</u>	<u>\$38,063</u>	<u>\$65,378</u>	<u>\$77,236</u>
Contract & Maintenance Expenses:				
Trash Removal	\$52,309	\$30,558	\$52,385	\$46,544
Grounds Maintenance & Repair	\$21,900	\$9,362	\$16,050	\$20,000
Landscaping Contract	\$70,680	\$41,229	\$70,680	\$70,000
Tree Maintenance	\$20,000	\$1,730	\$2,970	\$20,000
Emergency Tree Fund	\$7,000	\$23,345	\$23,345	\$7,000
Snow Removal/Spring Sweep	\$10,000	\$400	\$690	\$10,000
Garden Expense	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$250
Tot Lot Maintenance	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500

	<i>Adopted 2012</i>	<i>Totals on 7.31.12</i>	<i>2012 Projections</i>	<i>Draft 2013</i>
General maintenance	\$2,000	\$847	\$1,452	\$2,000
Contingency	\$2,750	\$0	\$0	\$2,700
Mailboxes	\$1,600	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lights	\$11,400	\$5,684	\$9,744	\$0
Total Contract & Maintenance Expenses	\$200,389	\$113,155	\$177,316	\$178,994
<i>Pool Expenses</i>				
Pool Contract	\$32,345	\$24,845	\$32,345	\$34,000
Pool Telephone	\$350	\$135	\$232	\$350
Pool Electricity	\$3,500	\$1,333	\$2,285	\$3,000
Pool Water	\$2,800	\$167	\$287	\$1,500
Pool Gas	\$225	\$87	\$150	\$225
Pool Supplies	\$3,800	\$942	\$1,615	\$3,000
Pool Maintenance	\$3,500	\$4,491	\$4,491	\$4,500
Total Pool Expenses	\$46,520	\$32,000	\$41,405	\$46,575
<i>Utility Expenses</i>				
Street Light Electricity	\$5,200	\$2,610	\$4,475	\$5,200
Total Utility Expenses	\$5,200	\$2,610	\$4,475	\$5,200
<i>Fixed Expenses:</i>				
Taxes & Licenses	\$2,800	\$325	\$560	\$2,800
Insurance	\$4,935	\$2,879	\$4,935	\$5,000
Total Fixed Expenses	\$7,735	\$3,204	\$5,495	\$7,800
<i>Special Projects</i>				
NEPP Grant Expenses	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,000
Hot Lanes Grant Expenses	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Total Special Projects	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
<i>Replacement Reserves:</i>				
Replacement Reserves	\$71,791	\$41,878	\$71,791	\$72,000
Total Replacement Reserves	\$71,791	\$41,878	\$71,791	\$72,000
Total Expenses	\$415,485	\$230,910	\$365,860	\$387,805
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$4,479)	\$86,904	\$53,185	\$23,501

On December 31, 2012, the end of the Association's 2012 fiscal year, we project a reserves fund balance of \$505,527, and an unappropriated member's equity balance of \$195,794 (representing surpluses from previous years). The Board will award a contract in November for a new reserve study to be completed early in 2013, which will guide us when we begin to repave our community streets in 2013. For instance, it may be possible to repave all our community streets in 2013! The new reserve study will also help the Board make decisions about whether we can afford to build a community club house attached to our pool house (see the April/May 2012 Newsletter for a preliminary discussion of this project).

We will formally present this draft budget to the Association membership at the Annual Meeting on October 1st along with a draft investment policy to guide the Board in better managing our reserves.

Please review the budget and bring your questions, observations, and ideas to the meeting.