Lafayette Village
Community Association

October/November 2018 Newsletter

LVCA Annual Meeting

Please join your neighbors and fellow homeowners on Wednesday, October 10th for the Lafayette Village Community Association annual meeting. Association members will have the opportunity to elect two homeowners to serve 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. A copy of the proxy form can also be found at the end of this newsletter. Members will be asked to approve the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please be sure to fill out your proxy vote and mail it to our management company at the following address:

Sequoia Management
Attn: Dale Edwards
13998 Parkeast Circle
Chantilly, VA 20151-2283

Submitting your proxy form will help the Board reach the necessary quorum for conducting business, even if you cannot attend.

All residents are encouraged to attend LVCA's Annual Meeting

When: Wednesday, October 10, 2018
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.

Our Community Information….

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Architectural Control – Angela Cutter
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LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Board Meetings – Meetings are typically the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Mason Crest Elementary School, 3705 Crest Dr., Annandale, VA 22003

ACC Meetings – 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 3713 Yorktown Village Pass

Grounds Committee – 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 7920 Brunswick Forest Pass

Finance Committee – 3rd Tuesday of month at 7:00 p.m. at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail

Neighborhood Watch – TBD

Fairfax Federation – 3rd Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax

Mason District Council – Contact Donna Jacobson at jacobsond48465@gmail.com

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

ANNUAL EVENTS in LAFAYETTE VILLAGE

LVCA Annual Meeting – October 10, 2018

Martin Luther King Day Food Drive – January 19th, 2019

Earth Day/Arbor Day – April 22/26, 2019

Pool Events – Swim Under the Stars, Adult Wine and Cheese, End of Season Cookout, dates TBD

National Night Out – August 6, 2019

Election Officers Needed

Residents interested in becoming Election Officers may submit their application online at www.vote4fairfax.com/apply. For residents who already have applied, the Office of Elections will be issuing additional paperwork at its office, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323 in Fairfax, Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Election Officers must be registered voters in Virginia and complete required training and forms. Additional information is available at the Office of Elections website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/election-officers/working, call 703-324-4735; TTY 711, or send an e-mail to elect@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Committee Updates ….

Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Angela Cutter, Chair

So much rain this summer means gutters and downspouts have been working overtime. Now the leaves are falling and it's a very good time to make sure gutters are flowing freely to avoid water backing up into the house. The rains have also resulted in lots of mildew on siding, bricks and steps. Because of the weather we haven't been citing people for this, but now fall is here and bare trees make the ugly dark stains even more obvious. It's time to power wash your house and Nextdoor is a good source for recommendations if you can't do the work yourself.

All the rain has also been too much of a good thing for our yards. Weeds are growing like crazy and they need to be pulled. Doing so now not only means your yard will look better, but you'll also have less to deal with in spring.

On the subject of yards, the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has replaced the section in our Guidelines that recommended replacement trees and shrubs. With so much information available online and at local nurseries, homeowners can best select trees that suit their particular space and light situation.

These are the main points of new Section 5: Approval is still required to remove and replace a tree. Do not plant trees with extensive/water seeking roots that will damage foundations and sidewalks. Avoid trees that will drop fruit that get trampled underfoot on sidewalks. Shrubs along house foundations must be evergreen.

Other Guidelines that have been revised and approved include:

- Section 3. Installation of electric vehicle charging stations. We still have just one in the community but we found a couple of things that needed to be better addressed for safety and appearance.
- Guideline 1.18. Trash. No trash should not be put out before 6 p.m. the evening before a pickup. Trash may not block sidewalks. Only empty/dried paint cans, with lids removed, will be taken by the trash company. Containers must be labelled with unit number. No plastic bags in recycling.
- Section 2.6. Fences on Merrimac Trail must be wood or a composite that has the appearance of wood.

The form, *Request for Exterior Improvement*, now includes email addresses for myself and for Dale Edwards. Using email to forward this form to us means you'll usually get a faster response from the ACC. Email, rather than calling Sequoia, is always preferable for reaching Dale.

Please review the Guidelines before undertaking any exterior work and, if in doubt, send me an email and I'll let you know if you need to go through the ACC for approval.

Thank you to all the good people in the neighborhood who pick up trash on Lafayette Village Drive, in the pool parking lot and other common areas. Everyone can help by picking up things that end up scattered near your house. It may not be YOUR trash, but another day it could be yours that's blown down the street.

Likewise, with household waste. If you know whose it is, talk to them directly. Please talk to your neighbors if there's a recurring situation that's causing a problem near your home before you contact the ACC.

Committee Updates, continued ….

Tips for Curbside Recycling

The following is from *Mason Matters*, a publication from the office of Fairfax County Supervisor, Penny Gross. It reflects current County policy regarding recycling.

Make the most of recycling by including reusable materials:

- Mixed paper, magazines, junk mail, newspapers
- Flattened cardboard, glass bottles and jars
- Metal food and beverage cans, milk and juice cartons (remove caps and straws)
- Plastic food and beverage bottles, jugs and tubs

Materials that are NOT recyclable curbside:

- NO takeout containers, NO plastic bags, NO diapers
- NO pizza boxes, NO Styrofoam, NO packaging peanuts
- NO clamshell containers – Styrofoam or clear plastic
- NO household hazardous waste or used electronics

For a complete A to Z list of recycling and trash topics, visit: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/z-list-recycling-and-trash-topics.

Pool and Recreation Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The pool closed on a busy, sunny Labor Day after a summer challenged by a lot of rainy weather. Although school was back in session the final week of the pool season, we were able to continue our regular weekday schedule for those whose schedule allowed a midday visit. It was a safe season thanks to Atlantic Pool's lifeguard staff that included Jonathan, Lucie, Anna, Matthew and Harvey.

On the last weekend we provided the kids at the pool with a surprise snack of chips, juice boxes and water. Thanks to Anne Sansbury for contributing chips and Gordon Rice for contributing bottled water.

The weekend before school began we held our End of Summer Cookout. We were lucky the weather cooperated for us to come together one last time before the pool closed. We enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and condiments provided by the Association. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make it happen, including John and Pat Grant who acted as grill masters; Betty Harmon who helped with set up, clean up, and keeping everything organized in between; and Amy Phipps for providing and manning the snow cone machine.

If you have comments or suggestions please contact me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Communications Committee

Send me your ads, articles, photos, contractor recommendations, and comments for our newsletter! All submissions will be considered for inclusion. Please send your entries to newsletter@lafayettevillage.org. The next newsletter will be available in December 2018.

Notes on the Community Garden ….

By Anne Sansbury, LVCA's Garden Sage

It's *Thyme* to Plant Fall Crops!

Who's still excited about gardening? Warm temperatures during the day and cool temperatures at night allow for proper root growth and dormancy conditions, making fall the perfect time to re-energize the yard with vegetables, foliage and color.

Now is the time to plant some Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbage, kale, lettuce, radishes and spinach. Harvest times vary, but here's a quick breakdown:

- Brussels sprouts: December-February
- Carrots and radishes: before the ground freezes
- Cabbage and kale: during the first frost
- Lettuce: before the first frost
- Spinach: November-January

The trick for cool season vegetables is timing. If you plant the seeds too early, they germinate and grow quickly while it is still hot. They may not do well. Moreover, if they mature in hot weather, they may acquire a bitter taste. If you plant them too late, they may not have established themselves enough to survive the frost. There are handy charts online to help figure out those parameters.

You can also extend the growing season by covering your vegetables with row covers or using a cold frame. It does not have to be a complicated process. Again, there is a lot of information online about row covers and cold frames.

On the other hand, if you have had enough super-hot and super soggy gardening, it's time to pull up all your weeds and vegetable plants and remove them from the garden altogether, so they cannot create mischief over the winter.

If anybody is interested in becoming an LVCA gardener next year, please let me know (asansbury@gicgroup.com) and I will put you on the waiting list. For all the gardeners who plan to return next year, see you around St. Patrick's Day!

Election Information: Election Day is Tuesday, November 6….

You'll be using the DS200 optical scan voting machine to record your paper ballot in the upcoming election.

Is Your Voter Registration Current? If you have had a change in name or address, you may update your voter registration at the Virginia Department of Elections website: https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation. You are eligible to register to vote if you are: a citizen of the United States; at least 18 years of age by the next general election; and a resident of Virginia. **To vote in the November 6, 2018 General Election, you must be registered by the October 15 deadline.** Registration is available online at the Virginia Department of Elections website or in-person at the Fairfax County Office of Elections. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Please note that office hours are extended for statutory deadlines. Additional information about voter registration is available at the Fairfax County Office of Elections website: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/voter-registration.

Note Absentee Voting Deadlines for the November 6, 2018 General Election: Mark your calendars with the deadlines for the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

- October 30: Deadline to apply to receive an Absentee Ballot by mail, 5 p.m.
- November 3: Deadline for In-Person Absentee Voting, 5 p.m.
- November 6: Absentee Ballot return deadline, 7 p.m.

In-person absentee voting at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale, will be available beginning Saturday, October 13 through Saturday, November 3, 2018. Voting times on Saturdays are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. No voting on Sundays or on Monday, October 8 in observance of Columbus Day. Dates and times for in-person absentee voting and additional information is available from the Office of Elections at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.

What you'll be voting for: On Tuesday, November 6, we will be voting for our chosen candidates for U. S. Senate and U. S. House of Representatives. These seats are currently held by Senator Tim Kaine and Congressman Gerry Connolly, both of whom are running for reelection. Also on the ballot are two proposed Constitutional Amendments. The first referendum asks "Should a county, city, or town be authorized to provide a partial tax exemption for real property that is subject to recurrent flooding, if flooding resiliency improvements have been made on the property?"

The second asks "Shall the real property tax exemption for a primary residence that is currently provided to the surviving spouses of veterans who had a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent and total disability be amended to allow the surviving spouse to move to a different primary residence and still claim the exemption?"

Where you will vote: All residents of Lafayette Village reside in Hummer Precinct, and vote at the Packard Center at 4022 Hummer Road. The polling site will be open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Tuesday, November 6. You can also vote by absentee ballot or vote early, if for some reason, you will be unable to reach our polling site during polling hours. You can find out more about absentee voting at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm.

Early voting: If you know you won't be able to vote at our Packard Center polling place on Election Day, you can still vote in person at the Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike. You can vote Saturdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and starting October 14, you can vote Monday through Friday between 3:30pm and 7:00pm. You will need a photo ID in order to vote.

Election Information, continued ….

Photo ID requirements: You will need to show an acceptable photo ID before you will be allowed to vote. These photo IDs are acceptable:

Valid Virginia driver's license, even if it has your old address.

- Military photo ID.
- Federal, Virginia, or local government-issued ID, including a passport.
- Employer-issued photo ID.
- Virginia college or university student photo ID.
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID.

For voting purposes, an expired ID remains valid for 12 months after its expiration date.

If you don't have a photo ID when you come to vote, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. In order for it to count, you will then have until noon on the Friday after the election (Nov. 9) to deliver a copy of acceptable photo ID identification to the Fairfax County Electoral Board at the Office of Elections in the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Gallows Road Redevelopment Plan

By Donna Jacobson, LVCA's representative to the Mason District Council

The Gallows Road/Libeau Lane Redevelopment Plan was discussed at the Mason District Land Use Committee, held on Tuesday, September 25th. Christopher Land LLC is seeking a Special Exception to the Zoning Ordinance, in order to build an age restricted condominium development for residents 55 years and older, on the 9-acre property across from Woodburn Elementary School. A representative from Christopher Land LLC presented their proposal at the meeting. Further information concerning the meeting can be found on the Annandale Blog at http://bit.ly/2QY9onw.

There will be a second Mason District Land Use Committee meeting on this subject in November. The date of this meeting will be posted on Nextdoor when it is confirmed.

Community Ads….

Interior Decorator and Home Organizer: I'm a professional organizer and interior decorator living in Lafayette Village. Let me help you achieve your goals in 2018! We can start as small as a single room to achieve results you will be proud of. If interested, please call me at 703-217-4707 or email me at betty.marie.harmon@gmail.com for more information and to receive an estimate.

Land and Cruise Planners in the neighborhood! Specialized in all cruise lines, land, tour, all-inclusive vacations around the USA, Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Africa – All around the world. Specialized in individual and groups travel, family or high school reunions, meeting and corporate incentive travels, weddings and honeymoons. For your family travel or vacation needs, please email me at pascasie.adedze@cruiseplanners.com or visit passycruisevacation.com or call 703-559-3626 (home) and 217-721-5152 (cell).

Interior Painting: Contact Mark Rhodes, Lafayette Village resident and a skilled interior painter, for free estimates. Call or text Mark at 571-236-5634. Landline is 703-560-8329. Recommendations on the Nextdoor app.

Day Care Provider: Kids First day care for kids 0-11years old. State and County Licensed daycare provider, trained in CPR and First Aid. Lafayette Village location. For more information, please call Maha at 703-347-2876 (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) or send an email to maha_kidsfirst@yahoo.com.

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 throughout your home, and check the expiration date on all your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

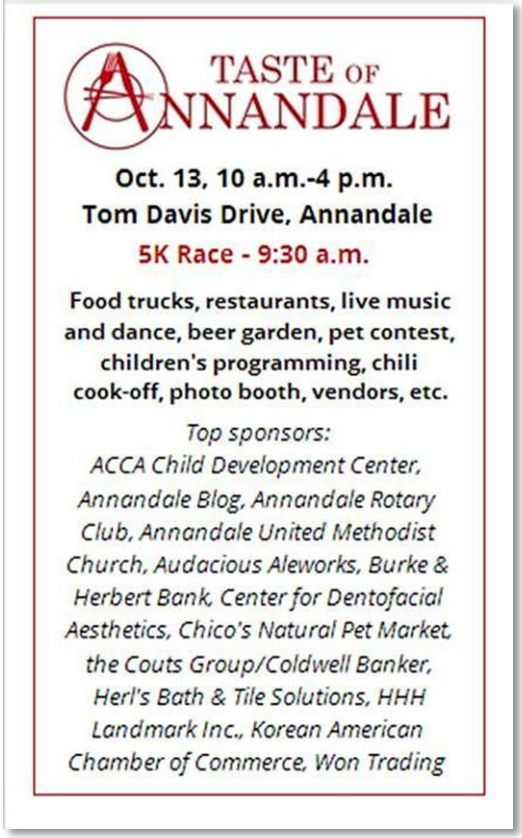
This simple act could save you and your family!

Remember that all smoke alarms have an expiration date 10 years after you purchase them and activate them. The hard-wired smoke alarms installed in Lafayette Village homes have all expired and should either be replaced or supplemented with battery-powered alarms. It's easy to replace the hard-wired smoke detectors in our homes – step-by-step instructions can be found at http://www.lafayettevillage.org/docs/HowToReplaceSmokeAlarm.pdf.

Mason District News ….

National Fire Prevention Week is October 7-13, 2018 – Firefighters throughout Fairfax County will observe Fire Prevention Week, and host Open Houses on **Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** The theme this year is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – Fire can happen anywhere." Visit fire stations throughout Mason District to learn about fire safety and participate in activities. For more information, call 703-246-3801, or log-on to the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems. Fairfax County's Fire and Rescue Department also has information to keep your trick or treaters safe this Halloween.

On November 4, **test smoke alarms** throughout your home when you set your clocks back one hour to return to standard time.



Taste of Annandale Celebrates Community – The fourth annual "Taste of Annandale" will be held on **Saturday, October 13, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, along Tom Davis Drive, between Columbia Pike and John Marr Drive. This community event opens with a 5K Race at 9:30 a.m., departing from the K-Mart parking lot, 4251 John Marr Drive in Annandale. Runners can register for the 5K at https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Annandale/AnnandaleTasteofAnnandale5k. Taste of Annandale features international cuisines from local restaurants and food trucks, live multicultural music and dance, local craft beer, a chili cook-off, a pet contest, a free photo booth, and games. Children's programming, hosted by the Annandale Christian Community for Action's Child Development Center, 7200 Columbia Pike in Annandale, includes puppets, crafts, face painting, storytelling, games, free child ID, and more. A demonstration pop-up park will be located at the ACCA Child Development Center parking lot. Communities of Trust will display the Fairfax County Police Department helicopter at the Annandale Volunteer Fire Station from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit the Taste of Annandale website at https://tasteofannandale.com, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tasteofannandale2018, or call Bob Kahane at 703-856-8773.

Participate in the Annandale Fall Festival Parade! – The Annandale Chamber of Commerce will host the 68th Annual Annandale Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Annual Parade has been an Annandale tradition since 1950. It promotes community involvement and neighborhood camaraderie while celebrating the rich diversity of Annandale.

Mark your calendar, participate or bring the family to view this Annandale Tradition. Children are invited to wear their Halloween Costumes, to cheer the participants, and to marvel at the exhibits. For more information, and participant online registration, visit www.annandalechamber.com.

Get Rid of Unused Medications
Prescription Take-Back Day - October 27th

Do you have expired, unused medications that you no longer want or need? The Fairfax County Police Department, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency, will accept unused and expired medications for proper disposal on Saturday, October 27, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. In Mason District, residents may drop off prescription drugs at the following locations:

Mason District Police Station
6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale

Franconia District Police Station
6121 Franconia Road in Alexandria

West Springfield District Police Station
6140 Rolling Road in Springfield

Only prescriptions in liquid or pill form may be dropped off. No needles or pressurized canisters will be accepted. Disposal is free, safe, convenient, and confidential. Information about year-round proper disposal of medications is available on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal, or by calling the Health Department at 703-246-2411; TTY 711.

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PROXY/ABSENTEE BALLOT

KNOW BY ALL THOSE PRESENT that the undersigned Unit Owner(s) of Lafayette Village Community Association does/do hereby constitute and appoint: (MUST FILL I N 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 10, 2018. 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 By-Laws and in accordance with the instructions 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 lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this proxy/absentee ballot:

(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.)

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The undersigned has executed this Proxy this_____ day of_____, 2018.

_____ _____

Owner's Signature on Site (Unit) Address

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Owner's name printed

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/Special meeting or the Semi-Annual Meeting.