# Lafayette Village
Community Association

## *Summer 2019 Newsletter*

## *LVCA Annual Meeting*

Please join your neighbors and fellow homeowners on Monday, October 7th for the Lafayette Village Community Association annual meeting. Association members will have the opportunity to elect officers to serve on our Board of Directors for the 2019 – 2020 year and to approve the budget for 2020. Details of the meeting can be found below.

All homeowners will be receiving a letter concerning the Annual Meeting in September, along with an agenda and proxy form. A copy of the proxy form can also be found at the end of this newsletter as well as on our website at https://lafayettevillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-07-10-Proxy.pdf.

Additionally, members will be asked to approve the minutes from last year's Annual Meeting.

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

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

**All residents are encouraged to attend LVCA's Annual Meeting**

**When:** Monday, October 7, 2019
**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.

### WIN YOUR NEXT ASSOCIATION DUES PAYMENT!!

Homeowners attending the LVCA Annual Meeting in person will be entered into a raffle. The next quarterly association dues payment will be waived for the winner. Come to the Annual Meeting and you could be the winner!

# *Our Community Information….*

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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** – Meeting location, date and time is to be determined. If interested in attending contact Peter Phipps at. peter.j.phipps@gmail.com or Rick Jacobson at jacobsonr48409@gmail.com.

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

**Finance Committee** – Meetings are held at 7900 Peyton Forest Trail. Date and time is to be determined. If interested in attending contact John Alexander at jmalex14@msn.com.

**Neighborhood Watch** – TBD

**Fairfax Federation** – Meetings are held at on the 3rd Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax.

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

**Thanks to our newsletter's contributors:** Donna Jacobson, Lisa Conoly, Mike Nutbrown, Carl Iddings, Peter Phipps, Rick Jacobson, Anne Sansbury, Alexa McKenrick, Brittany Dewberry, John Alexander and those who submitted ads. Thanks as well to our *awesome* delivery crew – John Wolken, Greg Johnson, Tina Snapp, Kathie French, Katherine Kraft, Christie Woodard, and Larry Dunham.

# *A Note from the President…*

Hi Everyone,

I encourage all residents, renters as well as owners, to read the article in this newsletter concerning the social network site, Nextdoor. The article explains in detail the many uses of Nextdoor and how to sign up for it. I am finding the site an excellent way to get necessary information to residents quickly and would like to see as many residents as possible sign up.

In August I will be sending Nextdoor generated postcards through regular mail to residents who are not yet signed up. Please take a minute to read these postcards and sign up. Being a member of Nextdoor will help you stay abreast of what is happening in Lafayette Village, especially during snow storms and emergency situations.

*The new glass recycling bin at the Mason Government Center.*

Also, I would like to make residents aware that a purple glass-only recycling bin has been installed at the Mason Government Center parking lot, located at 6507 Columbia Pike. Fairfax County is trying to encourage people to put glass containers in these purple glass-only recycling bins instead of mixing them with other recyclables in their curbside pickup. The recycled glass from these purple bins will be crushed and used in construction projects, such as sewer and road repairs

*Donna Jacobson, President*
*LVCA Board of Directors*

Any color glass bottle or jar is allowed, however, glass containers should be rinsed before depositing them in the purple bins. Also, broken glass should be placed in a rigid container before depositing it. The following items should NOT be placed in the purple recycling bins: Plastic bags, light bulbs, windows, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, Pyrex, and glass sheets. For more information on this issue please visit https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/news/regional-approach-glass-recycling-leads-creation-purple-can-club

Finally, just a reminder that National Night Out is being held on Tuesday August 6th, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There will be a moon bounce, snow cones and a visit from Fairfax County Police Officers. Hope to see you there!

## Mark your calendars for these exciting LVCA Pool events!

***Swim Under the Stars Night*** ..... Saturday, August 3, 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.
(Rain date Saturday, August 10)

***End of Summer Cookout*** ..... Sunday, September 1, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
(Rain date Monday, September 2, 3:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

# *Committee Updates ….*

## Architectural Control Committee (ACC) – Peter Phipps & Rick Jacobson, Co-Chairs

There have been some big changes on the Architectural Control Committee since the last newsletter! Angela Cutter has retired as ACC chair after years of faithful service and has passed the reigns to Pete Phipps and Rick Jacobson – that's right, Angela was so good it's going to take two people to properly fill her shoes. We wish Angela the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

Spring inspection season has drawn to an end and summer is in full swing, which means people are taking the opportunity to schedule work on the exterior of their homes. Remember, any exterior changes to your home (roof/shingle, window, and tree replacements are common ones) are subject to ACC review and approval. We on the ACC do understand that there can be emergency situations, especially those that result from some of the significant storms we're subject to in Northern VA, that need to be fixed right away – damaged trees that present a danger to people or property, roof or window damage from storms, etc. Don't wait to get a contractor in to fix the problem ASAP. Once the damage is repaired, treat any additional work that qualifies as an exterior improvement the way you would for any other exterior work. Refer to the ACC Guidelines on the Lafayette Village Community Association's website for specific rules governing the exterior of your homes. Exterior Improvement request forms are also available on the website.

The **changes to the recycling pickup schedule** have also been a hot topic recently. Patriot has changed their schedule so that they are picking up trash only on Mondays and Thursdays, with a separate recycling pick up day on **Wednesday**. The transition to this new routine has gone fairly well throughout the neighborhood, although we do occasionally see recycling set out on trash days and vice versa. Patriot is not responsible for taking away trash set out on recycling day, so there's potential there for garbage being out all day baking in the sun and heat, making a for a disgusting mess. Please be mindful of this schedule to avoid these situations! The ACC Guidelines are in the late stages of being updated to reflect this trash and recycling schedule change.

Rick and I are always available to answer any questions residents may have about anything ACC related! Our contact information is on the LVCA website and on page 2 of the newsletter. Again, we thank Angela Cutter for her service to the ACC and we look forward to serving this beautiful community and doing our part to keep it beautiful well into the future!

## Finance Committee – John Alexander, Chair

Our community's financial health continues to be very good, as judged by the 2018 Audit and our current financial position.

**2018 Audit**

Every year we submit our financial records, meeting minutes, reserve study and newsletters to independent auditors, who review all the documentation and provide a report on their findings. The Association was commended for several practices. First, our assessment's receivable balance is just 1% of annual assessments, which highlights our diligence in collecting outstanding balances as well as the timeliness of receiving payments from our owners. In addition, we were commended for keeping 15% of annual assessments in Unappropriated Member's Equity (UME), which provides an additional safety net should unexpected expenses pop up. UME is simply a designation for money that is not allocated to our Replacement Reserve account (which is mainly used for capital improvements), nor to the current year's operating balance.

The auditors recommended that the Board review the process for approving vendor invoices, to ensure consistency and accuracy in payment and accounting. Consequently, the Board approved a formal process that will involve the Committee Chair in reviewing and approving specific vendor invoices. The auditors also highlighted that our money market account sometimes has a balance that exceeds $250,000, and wanted documentation in the minutes of the Board meetings that these amounts are insured. The board received documents from Wells Fargo confirming that our money market account is covered up to $1.25M, as the one account is distributed across 5 different banking entities.

# *Committee Updates, continued ….*

## Finance Committee, continued ….

**2019 Financial Overview**

As of July 1, the Association had $650,000 invested in CDs, with not more than $100,000 invested with any one bank. In the first six months of the year, we earned over $5,600 in interest. Our annual budget for interest is $4,000. This influx of interest will serve as a buffer if we get any snow later this calendar year, since we have already reached our snow budget. As we go into the budget season, these two line items will receive extra attention.

The operating budget has a surplus of $10,000 through June, which is to be expected. Much of our discretionary spending happens in the Fall, with plantings and tree trimming removal. The Association has also covered Reserve expenses for the asphalt rejuvenation, pool white coating, pool pump and restrapping the pool furniture. We are prepared to outlay money in 2019 for the basketball and multipurpose courts, as well as erosion control landscaping, should these projects come to fruition.

Remember, you can find the monthly statement of income on the website, as well as the annual budget. The annual budget will be reviewed and approved at the Annual Meeting in October.

## Pool Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The weather is heating up and the community pool is the place to be to cool off! If you haven't visited the pool, now is the perfect time to see what you've been missing. The pool is the place to take a relaxing dip, swim laps, take a water fitness class, arrange swimming lessons for the kids, or catch up with your neighbors. Come meet this year's lifeguard staff: Our Pool Manager, Nathan; lifeguard Rachel; and our international lifeguards Teresa (Czech Republic) and Caroline (Poland).

We have two events remaining before the summer ends. Our second and final "Swim Under the Stars" night of the summer will be held Saturday, August 3 from 8:00-10:30 p.m. We'll turn on the pool lights, turn up the music and keep the pool open late into the evening (Rain Date Saturday, August 10).

Also make plans now to join us in the pool parking lot for our End of Summer Cookout on Sunday, September 1 (Rain Date Monday, September 2). We'll light the grills from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and the pool will remain open until 8:00 p.m. The Association will provide burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks. Neighbors are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Memorial Day weekend we hosted a Summer Kickoff Cookout to celebrate the opening of the pool. A large crowd came out on an unseasonably hot day and we were able to feed everyone before thunder broke up the party. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make the cookout possible including John Alexander, John and Pat Grant, Peter Phipps, Charles and Christine Woodard, Betty Harmon and Mike Darr.

*Matthew Simionato about to be first in the pool for the summer season!*

In June, we celebrated the end of the school year with our first "Swim Under the Stars" night of the summer. We had a good turnout for this popular pool event even though it was a cool night and the water hadn't warmed up yet. In July, we held our fifth annual Wine and Cheese Party. A small group enjoyed the one night during the summer reserved for adults only at the pool; coming out to socialize with neighbors, have an adult beverage and a snack, and some even enjoying a swim. The Association provided the snacks and beverages but several people helped with the preparations. I must thank Anne Sansbury, Amanda Sansbury, Christine Woodard, Cheryl Ryefield, and Mike Darr for their help with this event.

# *Committee Updates, continued ….*

## Pool Committee, continued ….

We have been lucky enough to have a ping pong table donated to the pool by David and Elaine Duncan before they moved out of the community. We are looking for volunteers to help set up the table on the picnic pad. Once it is set up, rules will be posted and it will be available for use during pool hours. If you can help with setup, please email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

We are continuing our Water Fitness classes twice a week: Tuesdays at noon, and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. It's not too late to join us. Classes are drop-in and cost $10 per class, cash or check. No advance reservations are required. Water shoes are recommended but not required.

The picnic pad continues to be available for residents in good standing to reserve at no charge for small gatherings. A reservation includes wristbands allowing admission to the pool for 10 people, in addition to your household pool passes. The reservation form is available on the Lafayette Village website.

Stop by our Book Exchange bookcase in the pool house to find your next read! If you see a book you'd like to read, take it. If you have a book you've finished and would like to share, leave it. We have books for all ages. If you have books you'd like to donate, bring them to the pool house during pool hours or email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

**A Reminder:** Due to fair housing rulings, the period from 45 minutes past the hour to the top of the hour, previously known as "break" or "adult swim", has become "lap swim". The period is now open to swimmers of any age, able to pass a swim test, who want to swim laps or water walk during this time. Swimmers may not play games, use floats, hang out in the water to cool off while talking with friends, or do anything other than swim laps, water walk or other exercise activity during this period. The diving board is closed during "lap swim". Although we now have a "lap swim" period every hour instead of a traditional "break", it is important to ensure all members of your family take regular breaks to rest and hydrate.

**Another Reminder:** Signs are posted in the pool parking lot advising that during the pool season, parking in the pool parking lot is restricted during pool hours to pool patrons and community gardeners. You (or your household guests) can park your vehicle in the pool parking lot after the pool closes (8:30 p.m. weekdays, 8:00 p.m. weekends and holidays), but you must move your vehicle before the pool reopens the next morning (11:30 a.m. weekdays, 11:00 a.m. weekends and holidays). Violators may be ticketed, and repeat violators may be towed. Please advise your guests of this policy, as well.

**Pool Safety Tip** - Always stay within arm's reach of young children, including those wearing water wings, and avoid distractions when supervising children at the pool, even when lifeguards are present.

The pool will remain open through Labor Day, Monday, September 2. Please contact me at lisac_234@hotmail.com with your comments and suggestions.

*Two of our lifeguards this year, Nathan, our pool manager and Caroline, our international guard from Poland.*

# *Committee Updates, continued ….*

## Communications Committee – Donna Jacobson, Chair

**Newsletter**

Do you or someone in your household (even a pet!) have an interesting or unusual hobby or accomplishment you'd like to share with our community? We'd love to publish your story in our new feature *Meet Our Neighbors* and get to know more about you, our Lafayette Village neighbors!

We always welcome the opportunity to include any of your story ideas, photos, or ads in our upcoming newsletters! Please feel free to contact me via email at newsletter@lafayettevillage.org.

*LVCA newsletter distro-team member, Weston Kraft, hard at work on Bryds Nest Pass!*

## Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, Chair

Our annual Earth/Arbor Day cleanup, cookout, and tree planting was a great success again this year. Thank you again to all who participated.

So far the work by Shenandoah Landscape Services has been overall better than what we saw from Peters. We had a few missteps here and there and let them know about them as we heard or saw the issues. Our primary contact has been very friendly and easy to work with and we hope to make this one work at least for the existing contract period. At the moment my main issue has been their tendency to run behind schedule on projects we expected to see started sooner as that leaves me telling someone their issue will be addressed at a certain time only to have them waiting potentially a few extra weeks to see it done. We will continue to work with them on issues arising from their work or improvements we'd like them to make.

Weather permitting, Shenandoah should have at least begun the process of cutting back the encroaching vegetation along the perimeter of the community with special focus on the area behind 7816-7846 Ashley Glen, the boarder of Colonial/Newport with the meadows, and between Yorktown Village Pass and the wooded area. All of those areas are seeing such growth it can be difficult to walk behind the houses.

## Recreation Committee – Alexa McKenrick, Chair

*Alexa with Teddy and Nathan.*

*And this is Effie!*

Hello, neighbors!

My name is Alexa McKenrick and I am the chair of our Recreation Committee. I'd like to share a bit about myself. I lived with my husband, Josh, and our three children - Teddy (8), Nathan (6), and Effie (2) on Byrds Nest Pass from 2008 to 2018. In June 2018, we moved only a few yards away to Merrimac Trail! My sister and her family also live in Lafayette Village on Hampton Village.

I love living in Lafayette Village and have benefited from having access to the recreational grounds many times over. I know that many of you feel the same way. That's one reason why I am hopeful you will consider joining me on this committee.

# *Committee Updates, continued ….*

## Recreation Committee, continued ….

This newly-formed group seeks to maintain and improve the recreational areas within the community. We are looking for new members to join us in advising the Board about important decisions pertaining to areas such as the tot lot, the blacktop and basketball court.

If you have not done so already, please consider filling out our survey to give us your input about the recreational grounds. Scan this QR code below. (You do need a Google account to fill out this electronic survey.) You can also email me directly at amckenrick@gmail.com or message me on Nextdoor.

*Scan this QR code to go directly to the Recreation Committee survey.*

Here are some questions and answers about the Recreation Committee:

**What will we be doing?** We will be advising the Board on important decisions about the renovation of our tot lot and the repaving of the blacktop areas. Committee members will not have to attend Board meetings. Instead, we will meet as a group on our own and send a representative or a report to the monthly Board meetings.

**How often and where will we meet?** Once a month for 30-45 minutes at one of our homes.

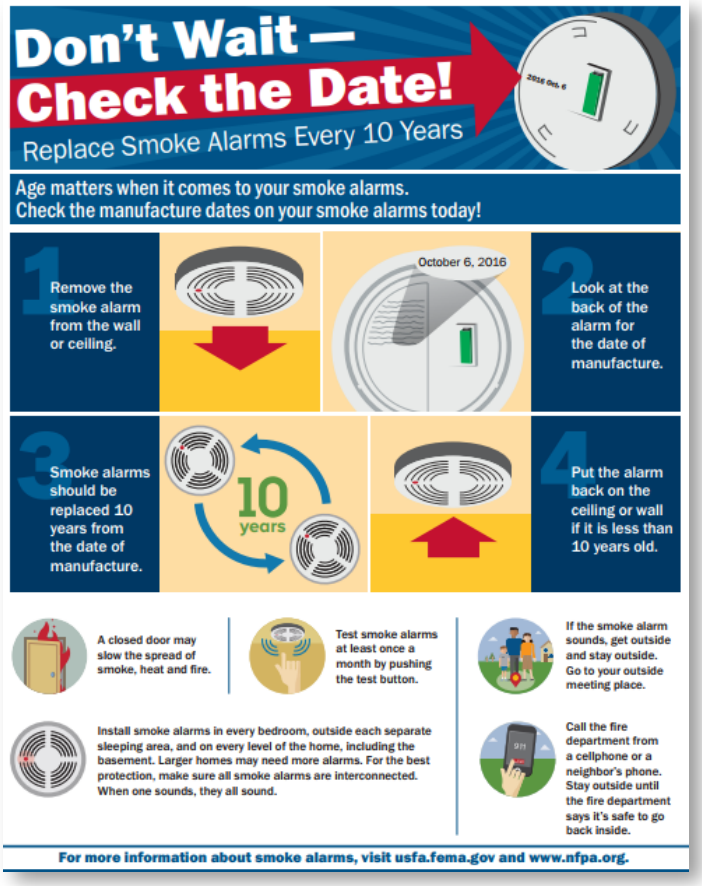
**Who are we seeking?** Anyone who uses any of these areas or just wants to see our community look nice.

**What's the commitment?** Attending meetings (or reading committee notes) once per month or every other month. Doing minimal outside work.

**Ten Reasons to *Scoop the Poop***
*excerpted from www.doodycalls.com/blog*

1. Dog waste is an environmental pollutant.
2. Pet byproducts can harm your health.
3. Contaminated waste can make dogs sick, too.
4. It doesn't just disappear.
5. Rodents love pet waste.
6. Dog waste is far from fertilizer.
7. Mowing over doggie deposits does not solve the problem.
8. Children are at risk.
9. An unsightly mess.
10. Less mess, less stress.

**Be a good neighbor!**



# *Garden Gnome Report ….*

***By Anne Sansbury, LVCA's Garden Sage***

Is this summer, or is this a trek to the center of the earth? As I write, we are expecting temps of 98 degrees that will feel like 110 degrees. Ouch! All of a sudden, trips to the garden are dangerous. However, we gardeners are hardy and so are our crops, which are growing beautifully for the most part. Just ask the critters who have entered the garden and eaten some of them.

We got our deer fence reinforced this year, and it's marvelous that it doesn't sag. Too bad it's not a deer/raccoon/squirrel/chipmunk/slug (you get the idea) fence. Some of our gardeners have lost crops to animals that take a bite and wander off.

If anybody wants to plant fall crops, at the beginning of August, you can plant beets, carrots, cauliflower, Swiss chard, collards, cucumbers, endive, kales, peas, potato transplants, rutabaga transplants, spinach, and turnips. Lettuce, mustard, and radishes can go in the ground in mid-August. All will continue to produce well into October and some, such a cauliflower, Swiss chard, collards, endive, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard, peas, radishes, and spinach, will last through most of November. Other vegetables such as Brussel sprouts, carrots, kale, potatoes, rutabaga, and turnips will last well into the winter.

In the meantime, if you have an abundance of cucumbers, this is my favorite thing to do with them –easy and delicious:

## *Refrigerator Dill Pickles*

**Ingredients:**

3-½ cups water
1-¼ cup white vinegar
1 tablespoon canning salt (NOT table salt)
1 tablespoon sugar
Cucumbers, unpeeled, sliced into disks (about 4 cups)
2 cloves garlic (whole)
2 heads fresh dill

**Instructions:**

Boil the water, vinegar, sugar, and salt in a saucepan. Cool. Add cucumbers, garlic, and dill in a plastic or glass bowl (not metal!). Cover with the cooled liquid. Put in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days. The pickles should be good for 6 weeks. Enjoy!

# *Meet Our Neighbors ….*

***John Grant**, a Lafayette Village resident since 2013, recently talked with me about his passion for cat rescue work. Here are his comments and photos of some of the cats he's rescued and fostered.*

*John hobnobbing with the renowned veterinarian, The Incredible Dr. Pol, at National Geographic!*

*Hedy is helping John with his work!*

*John examines a rescued feral kitten.*

**Have you always worked with cats?**

Cats have been a latter-day involvement. I was involved with ferret rescue for years due to a glut of cast-offs and misinformation saying that rabies was rampant in their numbers.

**How did you get started working with rescue organizations?**

I obtained a license to do wildlife rehabilitation and handled squirrels and opossums as a main interest. I would carry the wee baby animals to work at a very secure facility where 10 – 15 minutes twice a work day was all they needed. No one ever wondered what was in my lunch box (I was the only person carrying one!)

**What does it mean to you to rescue a feral cat?**

It is a personal boost to rescue feral cats. They have a terribly complicated life. I was fortunate to discover other organizations who gave advice, help and understanding of the complexities of rescue work. I asked for info at a cat adoption at PETCO and was quickly shown to a group, then many groups, and 200 cats later …. not all were feral!

**Where do the animals come from?**

Most cats in the feral community are a combination of cast out cats, the multiplying of cats due to un-neutered colonies, domesticated cats who mate with others and the dispersal of those litters back into the wild ~ not all *fluffies* have their litters under the bed!

**How much time do you spend in your rescue efforts?**

My time to physically rescue is a small effort; the upbringing of any kittens caught is the main time-consumer. To set traps and sit in observance is a 3 – 4 hour window, but almost all trapped cats are neutered and returned to the place trapped within a total time of 12 hours. A very small number of trapped cats ever find their way into a traditional home setting, perhaps 5%, they are too wild. (I have one!)

Often kittens are present at a trap site and as often as possible taken in to socialize. I have done many litters…they are fun to do but lots of work. The expense is sobering but offset minimally by donated medicines and supplies, and rarely, acceptable food.

**What does it mean to you personally to work with feral cats?**

I enjoy working with the feral cats. I can give them a voice not always heard. This little cat did not have a choice to be abandoned or try to survive in today's world. Nearly all trap sites where cats are returned have humans supplying food.

## *Meet Our Neighbors, continued ….*

*Rescued Tuxedo kitten brothers.*

*The Tuxedos meet their new family!*

**Is it hard to give them away to their new families?**

It is most difficult to hand them over; to let them "go." Very heart rending for me.

**How do you find homes for them?**

Advertising locally is my choice. No mass media, word of mouth is best, but your friends can take only so many!!

**What advice do you have for people considering adopting a cat?**

My advice: Feed well, hold back on dry foods. Wet is best always, especially for males (crystalline deposits in urinary tract.) And never let your cat outdoors – they're too susceptible to fleas, ticks, predators and accidents. Find a veterinarian you can trust. Keep up dental exams and vaccinations, and, lastly, play with them!

## Are You A Caretaker Of Young Children At Our Pool?

Check out the *NEW* basket of pool toys at the pool! This basket is located inside the pool house by where the noodles are stored. These toys are meant to be shared by the little ones at the pool. Please be sure to pick up the toys after you use them. And remember, these toys are shared — keep them at the pool so everyone can enjoy! Also, we are seeking donations for our pool toy tub. (No squeeze toys or toys that could collect water, please!)

# *Mason District news and information ….*

**Virginia Sales Tax Holiday** – The three-day sales tax holiday begins on Friday, August 2 at 12:01 a.m. and ends August 4, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. Virginia residents can save money on essential supplies during hurricane season and year-round emergency preparedness items, and Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products. For a list of sales tax exempt items during the holiday weekend, visit https://tax.virginia.gov/virginia-sales-tax-holiday.

**The Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA)** is a volunteer organization serving neighbors in dire need of assistance, including furniture. Please call 703-256-9513 and ACCA will pick up your donated furniture and give you a tax-deductible receipt. The most needed items are mattresses/box springs (single, double, or queen size) sofas (not sleeper types), kitchen/dining room tables, and chairs, chests of drawers/dressers, coffee tables, end tables, and microwaves.

**Spotlight by Starlight** is a free summer concert series presented by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Friends of Mason District Park. All performances at the Newton W. Edwards Amphitheatre at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, are on Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Performances for children on Saturday begin at 10 a.m.

**Annual Begonia Show and Sale,** Aug. 24-25 - Green Spring Gardens, Saturday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday noon - 3:30 p.m.

**Welcome Home Kit Donation Drive** – New Hope Housing, operator of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter at 3525 Moncure Avenue in Falls Church, welcomes donations of new cleaning products, toiletries, linens, and gently used housewares for "Welcome Home Kits" for residents transitioning from the shelter to their new home. For more information or to host a "Welcome Home Kit Drive," contact Sami Smyth, volunteer coordinator, at ssmyth@newhopehousing.org, or call 703-799-2293, ext. 11.

## LVCA's Parking Regulations and Towing Policy

**a)** **Reserved Spots** - Only individuals who are residents of the townhouse to which the Reserved Spot is allocated, or guests who have been given permission by these residents, can park in these spaces. Anyone else parked in one of these spaces will be towed immediately.

**b)** **No Parking Areas** - No one can park in these areas due to safety concerns. These areas need to be available for emergency vehicles. Anyone parked in one of these areas will be given a ticket and towed immediately.

**c)** **Visitors Spots** - These are spots allocated for visitors of residents. Residents should not be parking in these Visitors Spots. Also, one guest can only park in one of the Visitors Spots for up to 2 days, then the spot needs to be available for other guests. Anyone in violation of this policy will be given a ticket for the first violation and will be given a ticket and towed for the second violation.

**d)** **Swimming Pool Parking Lot** - During swimming pool hours, only residents using the swimming pool or the community garden can park in the swimming pool parking lot. Any one in violation of this policy will be given a ticket for the first violation and will be given a ticket and towed for the second violation. The swimming pool hours are:

Weekdays: June 10-August 30: 11:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Weekends and Holidays: 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**e)** **Residents who have had their Parking Privileges Suspended** - Residents who are not in good standing and have had their parking privileges suspended cannot park in their Reserved Spots. If they do, they will be given a ticket and towed immediately. If you have had your parking privileges suspended you need to contact Dale Edwards, dedwards@sequoiamgmt.com, to resolve the issue.

## *Around Lafayette Village ….*

### Earth Day Celebration & Community Clean Up, April 13th

### Wine and Cheese Night at the Pool, July 13th

# *Community Ads ….*

**Interior Decorator and Home Organizer:** I'm a professional organizer and interior decorator living in Lafayette Village. A New Year is here, let's declutter and put some spark back in your home! We can start as a small project or the entire house 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.

## Home Sweet Home? Nextdoor Is The Place To Be!

Do you need a reliable contractor? Would you like to sell or give away a possession without leaving home? Are you curious about local concerts and festivals? Would you like to warn neighbors about a potential security problem or notify them about a dog wandering around Lafayette Village? Nextdoor, the private social network, provides all this and more to the neighbors who sign up to use it – for free!

Signing up requires address verification so you can be sure that the people listed for Lafayette Village Community Association (LVCA) are really your neighbors, and there's a directory so we can get to know each other. We also have access to Nearby Neighborhoods and we can choose the types of messages we want to receive, be they Urgent Alerts (emergencies, crimes), Recommendations by category, Events, For Sale or Free ads, or Crime and Safety notices.

You can join Nextdoor on your own or when you receive an invitation from someone who has already joined. Visit nextdoor.com and enter your email address and residential street address. You should be automatically directed to the Lafayette Village section. Complete all the required fields. If you received an invitation, follow the special link on your invitation to create your account and click Sign Up. Then verify your address. You can sign in through Facebook as well, if you want to remember just one password in the future. Signing in through Facebook is entirely optional and will not cause Nextdoor content to be posted to Facebook. You can also join on an iPhone or an Android – specific instructions abound online. Go to the App Store on your phone and search for Nextdoor.

The rules of Nextdoor are mainly rules of common sense and common courtesy; however, it's a good idea to read about the more technical rules when you sign up. While LVCA has an email distribution service for notices relevant to our community (highly recommended; contact lvca.bod.president@gmail.com and ask to be added to that list), Nextdoor provides a platform for useful communications about dozens of items and notices of interest in and around our neighborhood. Don't be left out in the cold this winter! Join Nextdoor!

# L A F A Y E T T E  V I L L A G E  C O M M U N I T Y  A S S O C I A T I O N
# 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 Special Meeting of the Association to be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7th. 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.)**

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The undersigned has executed this Proxy this _____day of _____ 2019.

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Owners Signature On-Site (Unit) Address

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Owners 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 of the Association.

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**Please return this document to:**

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

**Or email it to dedwards@sequoiamgmt.com**