Lafayette Village Community Association

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Recent Changes in Recycling

Excerpted from https://www.patriotdisposalservices.com and
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/glass-containers-no-longer-required-in-curbside-recycling-program/

Beginning January 1, 2018, China has banned the import of recycled scraps with more than .5% contamination - much lower than the global standard. China has been the largest importer of recycled materials including 7.3 million metric tons of recovered plastic from the US in 2016. These new limitations have put enormous pressure on western countries, including the United States.

Contaminants include plastic bags, food waste, loose shredded paper, wrong plastics, etc. The US currently exports one-third of its recycled materials—how are we handling the excess waste? Unfortunately, much of this waste ends up in local landfills or in large containers in shipping yards around the country. What can we do? The best solution is to ensure the correct recycling of materials and ensuring all recyclables are clean when placed in your recycling container.

The curbside recycling bin program is designed to collect specific materials.

What *Can* Be Recycled?

- Newspaper
- Flattened Cardboard
- Plastic Containers
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Aluminum Cans

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How and Where Can I Recycle Glass?

Fairfax County residents have two options for glass disposal: the purple, glass-only containers located around the region or place it in the trash. Please don't place glass bottles and jars in your curbside recycling bin. A map of purple bin glass recycling sites is available online at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass

Also you can find Fairfax County's helpful "Always-Never" recycling flier at the end of this newsletter or online at https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/sites/publicworks/files/assets/documents/pdf/publications/always-never-flyer.pdf

The new glass recycling bin at the Mason Government Center.

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REMINDER!

First Quarter Assessments are due January 1, 2020

You will receive your 2020 coupon book in the later part of December. If you do not receive it and are not on an automatic payment plan, please contact Sequoia as soon as possible. Remember that your assessment payment must reach Sequoia by January 15, 2020, or you will be **assessed interest at 8% on your outstanding balance.**

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Board Meetings – Meetings for November 20th and December 18th will be held at 7 p.m. at Mason Crest Elementary School, 3705 Crest Dr., Annandale, VA 22003. Meetings for January 2020 through September 2020 will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month. Location to be announced.

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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3rd

Don't forget – when you turn your clocks back one hour on November 3rd, 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.

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

A Note from the President…

Hi Everyone,

I would like to thank all residents who came to Lafayette Village's Community Association Annual Meeting on October 7th. We had a good turnout and it's always good to receive input from residents concerning how to handle issues in the community. I encourage all residents, homeowners and renters both, to attend the Board of Directors' meetings. Your input is always welcomed. Also, congratulations to Deborah Dunham for winning one quarter of HOA dues!

At the Annual Meeting, Gina Keating was elected to replace Steven Longstreet as Board Secretary. I would like to thank Steven for his years of service to the community and welcome Gina to the Board. Gina is a longtime resident of Lafayette Village and has lived in the community for 17 years. Gina is recently retired from the Department of Homeland Security, where her last position was as an Information Technology Branch Manager.

As most of you are probably aware, Fairfax County is no longer picking up glass containers for recycling. Therefore, as of November 11th, Patriot Disposal Services will no longer accept recycling which contains glass containers. Clean glass containers, and only glass containers, can be deposited in the Purple Recycling Bin located at Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003. After November 11th, Patriot will accept glass containers in their trash pickup, but will not pick up recycling which contains glass.

Donna Jacobson, President
LVCA Board of Directors

I continue to encourage all residents, renters as well as homeowners, to join Nextdoor. Being a member of Nextdoor will help you stay abreast of what is happening in Lafayette Village, especially during snow storms and emergency situations. If you would like more information on Nextdoor, you can contact me at LVCA.bod.president@gmail.com or you can visit www.Nextdoor.com.

Finally, please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 5th. Our polling location is at the Fred Packard Center, located at 4030 Hummer Road. All polling locations will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Every vote matters so please try and vote on November 5th.

LVCA is holding a contest for the finest holiday decorations in our community!!

How exciting! Lafayette Village Community Association is holding a contest to recognize and show appreciation to individual property owners for an outstanding job of decorating their homes during the holidays for everyone to enjoy.

Judging will take place on **Tuesday evening, December 17th**. Be sure to leave your lights on for the judging by a committee composed of residents of Lafayette Village. They will roam the streets appraising the decorations and awarding recognition with a sign posted in the front yard for the first, second and third place winners. Photos of the winning homes will be posted on our fabulous webpage, on Nextdoor and in our next newsletter!

Committee Updates ….

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

It's the job of the ACC, in conjunction with the management company and the Board of Directors (BOD), to apply the guidelines that have been established to keep our community looking great. In order to do this, the guidelines must be enforced as uniformly as possible, with few exceptions. If you are not familiar with the ACC Guidelines, you can find them on our website at www.lafayettevillage.org/resources/architectural-control-committee-documents/

Any exterior work that affects the appearance of your home needs to be approved by the ACC. This includes major things like windows, roofs and fences, as well as smaller things, like painting the front door, removing a dead tree or keeping the backyard tidy. Each item by itself may not seem a big deal, but if all residents don't comply with the Guidelines, the potential impact on our community could be disastrous.

If you are planning to have exterior work done on your home, you need to submit a Request for Exterior Improvement Form to Dale Edwards at Sequoia Management dedwards@sequoiamgmt.com and to Peter Phipps peter.j.phipps@gmail.com and Rick Jacobson jacobsonr48409@gmail.com of the ACC Committee. Also, before the ACC reaches a consensus on your request we may need to ask for more information, or for more complicated requests, we may need to look at your house. We try to work closely with the home owner and the management company to try and ensure that every house is in compliance. Plus, from time to time we review the ACC Guidelines to keep them up to date with current developments, such as new materials or technology.

However, the ACC can't act on a moment's notice. The ACC is composed of community volunteers, who may be busy with work or travelling at times, so please don't wait until the last minute to turn in your Request for Exterior Improvement Form. The turnaround isn't instantaneous, so it is best to turn in your request as soon as possible in order for it to be approved by the time the contractor is ready to begin work. Also, submit the Request for Exterior Improvement Form with as much detail as possible. Attaching sketches, pictures or other documentation is always helpful. Plus, make sure that any contractor you hire is aware of our restrictions. A contractor may tell you that staining that new fence will look lovely, but it's your responsibility to know that any stain that changes the color of the natural wood isn't allowed. Unfortunately, any exterior improvement project that isn't in compliance with the Lafayette Village Guidelines will need to be corrected, so if you have any questions or concerns, ask Peter and myself before you move forward with your project.

The ACC Guidelines were developed for the good of the overall community and sometimes this means having to say no to an individual request. However, compliance with these Guidelines helps to keep our community attractive and our home values high. Once again, homes sold quickly this year and often with multiple offers, so compliance with the ACC Guidelines continues to be beneficial to home owners.

Grounds Committee – Mike Nutbrown, Chair

The end of the year is always busy in personal lives but also with grounds. This is when we tend to plant new and prune existing trees in the community. I expect that we will have new trees, shrubs, and grass planted in the community by the end of October.

Tree pruning and removal lists are being finalized as of this writing and should be in the quoting and approval stage by the time you read this.

We contracted for 3 leaf collections. Expect one right around Thanksgiving, another around Christmas, and a third sometime in the season depending on leaf drop. Some trees hold their leaves much longer than others, and some are very gradual with their drop. I'm sure we'll have times where we see some build-up. The standard plan is for two in most communities, but we recognize the need for another.

Shenandoah cut 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 and the wooded area. These areas saw dramatic improvement as a result, and I plan to continue this practice next year with new areas of focus.

Committee Updates, continued ….

Grounds Committee, continued….

We've received some preliminary drawings and plans to address the drainage and erosion projects we've been tracking for some time now. Depending on how busy everyone is and what money is left in the budget after our remaining falls projects are complete, we might get to start on a project or two.

The street light project presses forward. We still plan to convert to LED lights to save energy and reduce maintenance costs going forward from our aging lights.

We're always on the lookout for new members in the committee to give input and get these tasks done. Please reach out if you'd like to join the grounds committee or would like to attend a meeting.

Pool Committee – Lisa Conoly, Chair

The pool closed on Labor Day after a busy summer. That weekend we held our final cookout of the year to celebrate a safe and successful pool season. Many thanks to all who participated.

Some additional highlights of the summer include:

Both pools were white coated before being filled with water in the spring. This is done every six - seven years. (What we notice is the smoother feel of the bottom under our feet.)

A new pump was installed for the main pool.

Our pool furniture was re-strapped, changing the color to match the furniture in the eating area. We were scheduled to purchase new furniture, but by re-strapping the frames instead of purchasing new furniture, we saved money and helped the environment by keeping the furniture out of the landfill.

Ready to hibernate for the winter!

Eight "sand-style" chairs were purchased for the wading pool area.

We held two well-attended cookouts, one to kick off the pool season and one to say goodbye to the summer, with the Association providing burgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips and drinks.

We held two of our popular "Swim Under the Stars Nights". We turned on the pool lights, turned up the music and kept the pool open late.

We hosted our fifth annual adults-only "Wine and Cheese Mixer". We kept the pool open late for the one night of the summer reserved exclusively for the adults in our community to have a drink with their neighbors in our wonderful patio area.

This was our fourth summer offering instructor-led water fitness classes. Classes were held twice a week, weather permitting. A total of 10 classes and 3 meetups (when our instructor was on vacation) were held.

We continued our Readers' Exchange bookcase in the pool house. Residents can take a book they'd like to read, or leave a book they'd like to share with others.

We were given a used ping pong table that we set up on the patio. However, it wasn't a weatherproof table, so even with treatment and a cover, it quickly became damaged.

Fourteen families took advantage of the opportunity to reserve the pool picnic pad for small parties. This opportunity is available to all residents in good standing.

Once again, 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 to the pool.

The Board and I will be reviewing contracts this fall, as our current contract with Atlantic Pools is ending. Remember to save your pool passes for reuse next year so you don't have to pay for replacement passes. Look for the 2020 pool Pass Application in the Spring issue of the newsletter.

Committee Updates, continued ….

Pool Committee, continued….

Thank you to the many people who volunteered their time and talents to make our events successful. These events wouldn't happen without their contributions. And thank you to everyone who participated in our pool events and helped make this a safe and enjoyable pool season for all.

The pool continues to be a great gathering place for the community. We hope to continue to make improvements and add events to enhance this wonderful neighborhood resource. If you have comments or suggestions regarding the pool, please email me at lisac_234@hotmail.com.

Communications Committee – Donna Jacobson, Chair

Newsletter

We've added a new feature in this issue of our newsletter, *LVCA Pet Corner!* Did you enjoy it? Do you have a special pet you'd like to introduce to the community? Let us know and help us to get to know the pets in our community by suggesting who we should feature in our next issue!

Also, do you or someone in your household have an interesting or unusual hobby or accomplishment you'd be willing to share with our community? We'd love to publish your story in our feature *Meet Our Neighbors* and get to know more about 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.

Environmental Impact of Dog Waste

A study published in the *Journal of Applied Psychology* observed dog owners who pick up or leave behind their dog waste. The study concluded that a little more than 60% of dog owners pick up after their pets.

Dog waste has a large impact on our local environment; it has been cited as being the third or fourth largest contributor of bacterial pollution in urban watersheds. In 1991, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) listed dog waste as a nonpoint source pollutant. This places dog waste in the same category as:

- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles and other sources
- Thermal pollution from impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops

It is proven to contaminate local watersheds, but the reach of the pollutants can do much more. Untreated waste from 100 dogs across the span of 2 to 3 days contributes enough bacteria, nitrogen, and phosphorous to close 20 miles of a bay-watershed to swimming and shell-fishing, according to the EPA.

LVCA Pet Corner

New neighbors, Sebastian and Melissa Freeman from Newport Glen Pass tell us about their very sweet, very special (needs) dog, ***Chloe****! Here's what Melissa had to say:*

Melissa and Chloe when she was a puppy!

How long has Chloe lived in Lafayette Village?

We just moved to the neighborhood in early August!

When and how did you come to adopt Chloe?

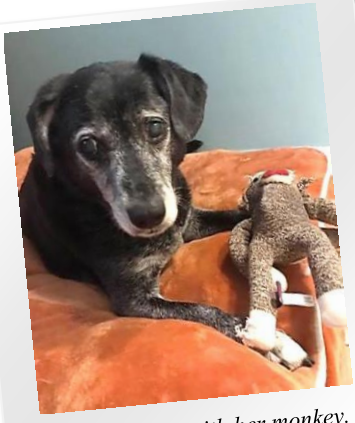
I knew that I wanted to have a dog; I had just gotten my own condo after living with roommates for a while. It had always been on my radar to get a dog that was my own, one that I could raise. I knew that I wanted a puppy and I knew that I wanted a black lab. Chloe was found on the side of the road with her litter mates in southern Virginia and she was picked up by the Humane Society in that area. Another rescue, local to Springfield, Virginia ended up getting her and all of her litter mates and I found Chloe on their website. When I first met her at the rescue, she ran to me and I knew she was going to be my dog.

How old is Chloe now?

Chloe is 13 years old.

I understand that Chloe is blind, what can you tell us about her disability? How does she overcome it?

Chloe has always been an extremely active dog - when playing fetch, she could catch anything and it was rare that she missed. She would catch treats from us and all of the sudden she stopped catching them - letting them fall to the ground and not knowing how to find them. That was really odd. We found out from the vet that she probably couldn't see anything, maybe shadows, but that she was mostly blind. It was heartbreaking. But, from that point, we started trying to figure out a plan for how to help her. We tell her when to "step" when there are stairs, and we try not to move furniture as much as possible. Our move to Annandale has been challenging for her, because everything is new, but she's getting the hang of it. Her other senses really help her - especially smell and hearing. She likes to walk with other dogs when she can because she can smell them, but when we don't have other dogs to walk with, we try to talk to her while we're walking so she can hear where we are. We help her a lot, and in a sense, my husband and I are her Seeing Eye dogs!



Chloe relaxing with her monkey.

What are some of Chloe's cutest characteristics or habits?

Chloe makes us laugh every day. She howls at fire engines - even to this day we wonder if she thinks the fire engine is talking to her. She used to chase shadows before becoming blind. She loves sticks - picking up the biggest one and dragging it.

Chloe is on stick-carrying duty!

LVCA Pet Corner, continued ….

Chloe models for sidewalk artist!

Do you have other pets as well?

We do not have other pets. Chloe likes to be the center of attention!

Does Chloe get along with other dogs and people?

Chloe likes people more than other dogs, mostly because she is blind now, but she has always really loved people. It takes her a while to get to know other dogs, but the more we see them out on walks, the more she will come to know them based on their scent.

Is there anything else you think we'd like to know about Chloe?

She has overcome a lot in her 13 years. She also has diabetes, which we discovered 2 years ago. She handles her insulin shots every day (2 times per day) like a champ. I think Chloe has given me a lot of lessons in resiliency. She has been through so much but her tail still wags like crazy when we get home. She is the definition of love to us.

Lafayette Village Weekly Trash Collection Schedule

Day of the Week	Collection
Monday	Trash and Yard Waste
Wednesday	Recycling
Thursday	Trash and Yard Waste

2019 Holiday Trash Collection Schedule:

- **Thanksgiving, Thursday November 28th:** **No trash or yard waste pickup.** Trash and yard waste will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled pickup date, which is **Monday, December 2nd.**
- **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th:** **No recyclables pickup.** Recycling will be picked up that **Saturday, December 28th.**
- **New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st:** **No Recyclables pickup.** Recycling will be picked up that **Saturday, January 4th.**

All other trash, yard waste and recycling pickups during the holiday season will be collected on their regularly scheduled pickup dates.

We do not know yet when Christmas trees will be collected, but will send out an announcement with that information as soon as we know.

Notes on the Community Garden ….

By Anne Sansbury, LVCA's Garden Sage

The Lafayette Village community garden isn't the only place we have November gardening chores to do. In our yards and in our homes, we also have plants to take care of at this time of year. We can also use this time to think about what we want our gardens/yards/house plants to look like next summer. Do you need to re-pot plants? Would additional structures help support your future plants? Do you need more evergreens in front of your house? November is a good time to take care of any last-minute gardening chores, as well as a time to do a bit of planning before the holidays take over, and December can be your last chance to do other chores. Here are some indoor and outdoor care suggestions:

General November Garden Care

- Rake leaves and make leaf mold or compost.
- Clean, sharpen, and oil garden tools.
- Finish winterizing your water garden.
- Start forcing bulbs like paperwhites, hyacinth, and amaryllis for the holidays.
- Add organic matter to beds.
- Cover compost so that rain doesn't flood and leach the nutrients.
- Keep weeding. It's easier to see the weeds once the garden plants die back. Now is a great time to get rid of some perennial weeds that stay green all year.
- Keep watering, until the ground freezes. Pay particular attention to anything you planted late in the season.

Caring for Indoor Plants in Winter

- Check that indoor plants are receiving enough water, humidity and air circulation.
- Keep an eye out for pests like spider mites and scale, and take care of them before they become a problem.
- Although many indoor plants go dormant in winter, watch for signs that they are not getting enough light (yellowing leaves, straggly stems...) and move your plants to a brighter spot, if necessary.

November Garden Tasks for Frost Free Areas [which could be us]

- Perennials can be divided now.
- Plant Roses, Azaleas, Camellias & Tropical Fruit Trees suited to your areas, as they become available.
- Prune flowering trees as they drop their blossoms.

Notes on the Community Garden, continued ….

- Keep planting bulbs that don't require a cold period (amaryllis, anemone, calla lily, freesia, homeria, lilies, oxalis, Ranunculus, Sparaxis, watsonia) and annuals that are cool-season bloomers.
- Keep your fall vegetable garden going. Harvest often and succession plant.
- Sow wildflower seeds.
- Keep an eye out for insect pests.

Caring for Your Garden in November in Frosty Zones [which also could be us]

- Continue harvesting vegetables like Brussels sprouts and carrots that can handle frost.
- Keep watering trees and shrubs until the ground freezes.
- Protect your roses by mounding soil around the crown and covering the bud union. Tie down climbing rose canes to protect them from cold winds.
- Clean up garden debris and cut back and remove any diseased or infested foliage.
- Protect evergreens from deer damage by circling with stakes and burlap or spraying with a deterrent.
- Protect the bark of young trees from mice damage by wrapping wire fencing around the bottom portion of the trunk. Use something like hardware cloth, with extremely small openings.
- Protect plants from vole damage by not mounding mulch too close to the plant.
- Get those bulbs into the ground NOW.
- Drain and store hoses.
- If you're planning on buying a live Christmas tree with the intention of planting it this winter, dig the hole now, before the ground freezes. Remember to keep the soil covered, so that it too does not freeze and can go back into the hole.

Outdoor Garden Chores for December (if you enjoy gardening in the cold)

- Plant Bulbs. Whether you snagged a great bargain at an end-of-season bulb sale or simply forgot to plant a few bulbs, it is okay to tuck bulbs into soil as long it's not frozen solid.
- Transplant Herbs
- Keep Composting
- Prune Trees
- Make Your Own Mulch
- Cut Back Perennials
- Edge Planting Beds
- Sow Cool-Season Crops

All done! *Thyme* to sit back with a cup of hot chocolate and rest!

Mason District news and information ….

In a recent Mason District E-Newsletter, Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor, discussed voting in the upcoming election next Tuesday, November 5:

> "Although considered an "off off-year" election, this year's ballot will have more races and referenda than most. All of the General Assembly seats (Delegate and State Senate), Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and all magisterial Supervisor seats, School Board at-large and district seats, the Sheriff, Commonwealth's Attorney, Soil and Water Conservation District, and a school bond referendum question, will be on the ballot. All are four-year terms except Delegate, a two-year term. By my count, a Mason District voter can mark the ballot for 13 candidates! It's an important election, so please make sure you know your polling location, and if you've moved recently, update your registration."

Where you will vote: All residents of Lafayette Village reside in Hummer Precinct and vote at the Packard Center at 4022 Hummer Road. On Tuesday, November 5, the polling site will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center/Annandale Park
Master Plan Public Comment Meeting
September 17, 2019

At the meeting on September 17th the many renovations which will be undertaken at Hidden Oaks Nature Center/Annandale Park was discussed. Anne Sansbury attended this meeting and provided this summary.

A few of the topics discussed at the public meeting were as follows:

1) The current playground will be replaced and a new playground will be installed. The new playground will be built to current code requirements and will need to be located in a different area. The playground may be relocated to the area where the basketball court is now. The hill which the basketball court is currently on will be reduced and an accessible pathway installed.
2) The basketball court may be eliminated, moved to the area where baseball field #2 is currently located, or a half court may be installed somewhere else in the park. Baseball field #2 is the first one on your left as you enter the parking lot.
3) Baseball field #2 may be eliminated, reduced in size, or left as is if no new basketball court is installed.
4) Baseball field #1, the one beyond the parking lot as you drive in, will be upgraded.
5) Renovations at the picnic shelter will include unisex, accessible bathrooms and two grills. Upgrades will include painting, lighting, and a new roof.
6) Hidden Oaks Nature Center just received a new roof. Future improvements will include an additional multipurpose room, an accessible restroom and water fountain, and a new office area.

If you have any comments on the above topics, please submit them to Pat Rosend via email at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov, by snail mail to 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035, or by phone at 703-324-2387.

Community Ads ….

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.

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.

Community Food Drive for Martin Luther King Day of Service

Sunday, January 19 and Monday, January 20, 2020

To commemorate Martin Luther King's life and legacy, Lafayette Village residents will contribute to the ACCA Food Pantry, a local food bank. For the upcoming Martin Luther King Day we are looking to collect the following types of food:

Canned meats – ham, chicken, tuna, or beef	Macaroni and Cheese	Peanut butter and jelly/jam
Canned soup, stew, and chili	Boxed meals	Pasta and sauce
Cereal	Corn meal (Masa harina)	Rice
Canned vegetables	Canned fruit	Fruit juice
Coffee and tea	Beans – dried or canned	

Please, no expired foods or partially opened packages of food. Please bring your donations to the Pool House at the following times: **Sunday, January 19, noon to 2:00 p.m. or Monday, January 20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

A Board member or volunteer should be present to accept your donations. If no one is around, please leave them in the marked box at the front of the pool house. Again this year, we will donate our food to the ACCA Food Pantry to assist needy residents living in Mason District.

RECYCLING RIGHT IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

The curbside recycling bin program is designed to collect specific materials. The list below includes recyclable items you should always place in the bin. Keep them ***loose, clean, and dry*** – never in plastic bags. Placing unaccepted material or wet, dirty, sticky items in the bin reduces the recyclability of other material. You may leave lids and labels on containers. If you are unsure if something is recyclable in the bin, remember, "When in doubt, throw it out." To avoid creating litter, use a lidded container. Private collection companies who serve our community take recyclables to sorting facilities. These facilities often have different lists of acceptable items for recycling. The items below are universally accepted and should ALWAYS be placed in the recycling bin.

ALWAYS PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS (LIDS ON)

METAL FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS

CARTONS

MIXED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

**For specialty items such as food containers like tubs, clamshells and other plastics, please contact your hauler.*

Glass is no longer accepted in curbside recycling bins. Glass breaks during the collection process, damages sorting machinery, and reduces the value of other recyclable material in single-stream recycling. Please bring glass bottles and jars to purple, glass-only recycling containers located throughout the area. The collected container glass will be recycled for use in county projects and other beneficial applications. If you choose not to bring your container glass to a purple can, please place your glass in the trash. A map of purple can sites is available online at ***www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass***.

Reduce waste by purchasing fewer single-use products.

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KEEPING COMMUNITIES CLEAN AND HEALTHY

Some things should never be placed in the curbside recycling bin. Plastic bags can be returned to grocery stores, and clothing, shoes, and small appliances can be donated.

NEVER PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN

PLASTIC BAGS, FILM AND PILLOW PACKAGING

GLASS

FOOD BAGS AND WRAPPERS

NEEDLES AND MEDICAL WASTE

SHREDDED PAPER

DIAPERS

MIXED PACKAGING

HANGERS, HOSES AND CABLES

CLOTHING

FOAM AND PLASTIC TAKEOUT CUPS AND CONTAINERS

BATTERIES

Some things are recyclable but not in the curbside bin program. The ***I-66 transfer station*** in Fairfax and the ***I-95 landfill complex*** in Lorton accept phones and electronics, paint, batteries, household hazardous waste, scrap metal, cooking oil, motor oil, and much more. Proper disposal of this material protects collection workers and the environment.

For facility hours and locations, please visit ***www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash***

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