

SPRING 2022

Loft Ridge Limelight

Loft Ridge Home Owners Association – Alexandria, VA – www.loftridge.com



*Happy 40th Anniversary
Loft Ridge!!*



Board Seat Vacancies

The business decisions affecting Loft Ridge are made by a Board of Directors. There are no specific requirements to be a member and amount of time devoted depends on your level/areas of interest. Board members must consider the Community as a whole and not have a specific agenda. You will have input in creating a budget, make decisions regarding issues of non-compliance and ACC violations, review contracts and delinquencies, generate resolutions and oversee our committees.

Seven of your neighbors comprise the Board. There will be two seats open this spring. If you would like to be a candidate, consider attending the March, April and/or May Board meetings to see what's involved.

Elections will be held at the **Annual Meeting May 10, 2022.**

Limelight is Going Digital

The newsletter will only be shared electronically beginning with the summer issue. The current issue and past issues can be found on www.loftridge.com. The newsletter will also be shared via the group email. Haven't subscribed to the group email yet? Contact management@loftridge.com to be added.

Board News

The Board has awarded the 2022 landscaping and tree maintenance contracts to Davey Tree Company. In partnership with the Board, their certified arborists have identified critical tree issues throughout the neighborhood and will begin addressing them in March.

ACC is Coming in April

Ridge View side less Caprice and Gingham. Are you ready?



Yard Waste



Pick-up resumed March 2. Place material in paper bags or reusable containers.

Join Us for a Spring Clean Up!

The Conservation Committee will be organizing a trash pickup soon (before Spring foliage makes it difficult to spot trouble areas). Check the Loft Ridge website for date and time!

Tennis Court Combo

Email or call Management. They maintain database of those with combinations to be notified with future changes.



Vehicles on Common Ground

It is the time of year to build/replace fences, decks and sheds so please remember that wheeled vehicles are not allowed on common ground. We realize that it is an "inconvenience" but you are responsible for damage.

Catalytic Converter Thefts

This is a significant problem in Franconia. At highest risk are **pickups, vans** and **SUVs** which have a high ground clearance. Most attractive are **Prius** and other **hybrids** which contain rhodium metal with a current price of \$17,000 per ounce. 2004-2009 vehicles of all makes are also targets.

Lee District Station asks if you see people at night who appear to be working on their vehicles call non-emergency number 703-691-2131.

Your Community Needs You

The **Architectural Control Committee (ACC)** will be conducting annual inspections in the spring. The ACC is a group of dedicated neighbors helping neighbors, working to preserve the beauty of our community and often finding issues about homes that would otherwise have gone unnoticed. If you are interested in volunteering, or want to know more about the ACC, please contact us at ACCChair@lofridge.com.

The **Conservation Committee** invites you to join our committee to seek a more ecologically friendly community. Information can be found online: <https://www.lofridge.com/committees/conservation-committee/>. Please email ConserveChair@lofridge.com if you want to join.

Over Fifty New Trees & Shrubs Planted!

During seven different planting days from mid-October to mid-November, the Conservation Committee-with help from volunteers Marcus Williams, Luisa Toro, Carie Rothernbacher, Lisa Staresina, Alex Grega, and Stephen Davis-planted fifty-four shrubs and trees across Loft Ridge.

Locations for everything from smaller Spicebush shrubs to seedlings of majestic oak trees were selected based on a walk around survey conducted by the Conservation Committee in prior months. These new plantings will beautify our neighborhood, but also play a critical role as habitat for local wildlife. They also help slow down and soak up excessive rain and fight against erosion. As January's snow storm showed, trees can become damaged and felled by bad weather, and replacing them is crucial in keeping Loft Ridge green, healthy, and resilient.

To protect the plantings from deer predation, each was enclosed in heavy gauge fencing which can be removed once the trees are more resilient against deer (a few years from now). They can then be reused when another round of plantings take place.

Can you be a care-taker for one of the trees near your house? Your help watering them this summer will allow them to thrive! Email ConserveChair@lofridge.com to volunteer!

Tips for Avoiding Squirrely Situations

Squirrels can cause unexpected damage to vehicles resulting in costly repairs. Here are a few tips for avoiding squirrels using your car engine as a place to keep warm.

LEAVE A BAD TASTE IN THEIR MOUTHS: Keep squirrels away with taste deterrents, like bitter apple spray or pepper. A generous dose around the tires and along the bumper is likely to drive off squirrels and other animals.

ROLL OUT THE UN-WELCOME MAT: Suspect a squirrel is nesting under the hood of your car? Leave the hood of your car open for a day or two (if it's safe); it might make your car less attractive and the squirrel may vacate voluntarily. Under the hood devices are available (Amazon under \$30); they emit ultrasounds and LED flashlights to deter rodents.
(Submitted by Medallion Court homeowner)

Thanks Neighbors Who

- Removed broken branches
- Shoveled sidewalks/cleared vehicles for neighbors
- Cleared mailbox access

Memorial Day Salute

“Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each service member who died protecting it.”

-- *Unknown*



Happy Mother's Day

“If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way Mom told you in the beginning.”

...Unknown



Loft Ridge Reminders

**Trash & Recycling Cans
Out Tuesday after 5
Back Wednesday Night**



**Federal – April 18
VA State – May 2**



Drive Twenty-Five!



**Lock Car/Turn on
Porch Lights to
Illuminate**



Loft Ridge Real Estate

Active	List Price	List Date	
5742 Evergreen Knoll Ct Int	\$549,000	02/21/22	
Under Contract	List Price	Contract Date	
5684 Medallion Ct Int	\$499,900	02/21/22	
4404 Cheatham Ct Int	\$500,000	02/17/22	
5706 Ridge View Dr Int	\$575,000	02/07/22	
Sold	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Sold Date
5713 Evergreen Knoll Ct End	\$580,000	\$ 0	02/11/22
5619 Ridge View Dr Int	\$552,000	\$ 0	12/31/22

Rentals Closed	Closed Rate	Rented Date
5737 Evergreen Knoll Int	\$2,500	01/15/22
5732 Lofthill Int	\$2,600	12/01/21
5684 Medallion Ct Int	\$2,550	11/25/21
5676 Ridge View Dr Int	\$2,550	11/24/21



*Seller Subsidy is the total seller contributes towards buyer's closing costs. It reduces the net sold price thus affecting future appraisals of other Loft Ridge homes.

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Contact management to join

Interact with neighbors on contractor ideas,
maintenance questions and get HOA information**Sequoia Management**

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Ryan Courtney, Community Manager

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**ANNUAL MEETING****Tuesday May 10, 2022**Board meetings will be held via Zoom until larger
assemblies are permitted and location secured.

Check Loft Ridge website for updates.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)ACCChair.lofridge@gmail.com**Conservation Committee**ConserveChair@lofridge.com**Newsletter Committee**ComChair.lofridge@gmail.com*Thanks*

We appreciated the favorable comments on
content and format. It was fun generating the
Limelight for 9 years and we hope you enjoyed
reading them.

Former Committee members,

*Louise Whitt**Lesia Jones***Free Notary Service**

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No charge to Loft Ridge owners and residents

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Police and Fire)	703-691-2131
Animal Control	703-830-1100
Poison Control	202-625-3333
Fairfax Connector	703-339-7200
Fairfax Water	703-698-5600
Dominion Virginia Power	866-366-4357
Fairfax County Trash	703-802-3322
Clermont Elementary School	703-971-2400
Mark Twain Middle School	703-313-3700
Edison High School	703-924-8000
Post Office - Franconia (22310)	703-971-1003
Post Office – Jefferson Manor (22303)	703-317-9286
John Marshall Library	703-971-0010
Voter Registration	703-222-0776
Washington Post	202-334-6100
Verizon	888-363-4498
Dominion Towing	703-339-2400