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# LOFT RIDGE LIMELIGHT

Loft Ridge Home Owners Association – Alexandria, VA – [www.loftridge.com](http://www.loftridge.com)

*Spring Arrives March 20*



## 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 three 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 17, 2018.**

## Deer Management

Sharpshooting was conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department from November through January in Clermont Park in an effort to reduce the large deer population. Initial results were lower than anticipated, partly due to homeowner interference. However, ultimately FCPD was able to reduce the herd by six deer. The reduction of the herd helps to improve the overall health of the herd and reduces the ecological pressure on our local woodlands. All venison harvested through this program is donated to Hunters for the Hungry. More information can be found online: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/sharpshooting](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/sharpshooting).

## Real Estate Taxes

A 2.5 cent increase on property tax has been proposed. On a \$400K assessment, this will amount to \$100.

**Good Neighbors Make  
Good Neighborhoods!**

**ACC is Coming  
in April**

Are you ready?



## Tennis Court Combination

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

## Yard Waste

Set it out in paper bags on trash day for pick up starting March 28.



## 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.

## Grounds Contract Summary

### Ongoing

Mowing early Spring – late Fall every  
7-10 days to 3" – 4"  
Edging every other mowing  
Pruning of beds and tree saucers  
Herbicide treatment walk, curb &  
hard surface weeds

### To-Be-Determined

Pruning shrubbery, 2-5 times  
Ground cover pruning, max 5 times

### Fall

Fertilization of grassy areas  
Turf aeration, fertilizing and overseeding  
Leaf removal (2x)



### Spring

Clean-up (removal of winter debris,  
prune deadwood)  
Fertilize trees, shrubs & ground cover  
Pre-emergent weed control (2x)  
Cutback of perennials  
Tot lot mulch replenishment

### Spring and Fall

Edge & mulch plant beds & tree wells  
Post-emergent weed control  
Seasonal flowers in entrance



## It's as Easy as A B C

*Are you planning an exterior change?*

**A**sk the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) if your intended change or construction is within guidelines by submitting the request form found at Exhibit A in the Handbook ([www.loftridge.com](http://www.loftridge.com), HOA, governing documents, handbook)

**B**e approved. The ACC has 30 days after receipt of your request to provide their decision by annotating and signing the request form.

**C**ommence with your project. Please remember construction or material delivery vehicles are not allowed to drive on common ground. Call Miss Utility at 1-800-552-7001 before digging.

## Watch Loft Ridge's Monarch Waystation Emerge

Less than a year after being planted, the bayscaping native plant garden installed in Cannon Lane field attracted an enormous amount of pollinators. For example, over 50 monarch caterpillars made their home on the swamp milkweed. As spring arrives, take a walk to the garden and watch the next season of flowers and sedges grow and change.

## Please Care

If you see trash on the common ground, please pick it up. This could be from someone's overflowing can or a walker who discarded an empty water bottle. No matter the source of these "eyesores," this is our neighborhood and its condition reflects on all of us.



## 140<sup>th</sup> White House Easter Egg Roll

After a few attempts, the official event started in 1878. Initially the children played “toss and catch” and “egg picking” in which they knocked eggs together to see which would crack first. In 1889 music by the Marine Band was introduced. World War I and II caused a hiatus but in 1953 President Eisenhower revived the tradition.

The Easter Bunny made his first appearance in 1969. Five years later the idea of having children use spoons to push their eggs in marked lanes was started.

In 1977, President Carter added a three-ring circus and a menagerie that included a steer named “Big Red.” The Reagans added Broadway show performers and balloons from the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. They also staged a hunt for wooden eggs autographed by Hollywood stars and sporting greats. Since then, wooden eggs inscribed with the signature of the president and first lady have been handed out as official keepsakes to all egg-rollers 13 years and younger.

### Area Development News

Under construction on Telegraph Road next to Wegman’s (on the former Hilltop Golf Course site) is a new development called “The Crest.” It is for seniors 55 and older and will consist of 32 single family residences, 103 townhouses and 124 multifamily units.

### Water Rate Changes

Fairfax water will be increasing the rate per 1,000 gallons of water used from \$2.81 to \$2.94 effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. To help keep your bill down, did you know that a “running” toilet can quietly waste over 1,000 gallons of water in a single day. To learn how to detect a leak, go to [www.fairfaxwater.org/customer/detect.htm](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/customer/detect.htm).

### Loft Ridge Reminders

**Federal – April 16**  
**VA State – May 1**



**Easter Activities**  
**March 31, 2-4pm**



**Watch for details on**  
**the Group email**



**If Can is Full,**  
**Take Baggie Home**

**R E M E M B E R**

**E** Trash **E**  
**M** out after **M**  
**I** 5pm **I**  
**N** Tuesday **N**  
**D** nights **D**  
**E**

**R E M E M B E R**

### Loft Ridge Real Estate Update – Spring is Selling and Buying Time!

Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date
5704 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$470,000	\$ 5,000	11/29/17
5717 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$425,000	\$ 0	12/11/17
5692 Medallion Ct	Int	\$425,000	\$ 2,000	01/16/18

Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	
4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,800	
Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	Date Rented
5625 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,500	01/31/18

\*Seller Subsidy is the total seller contributed towards buyer’s closing cost. It reduces the net sold price thus affecting future appraisals of other Loft Ridge homes.

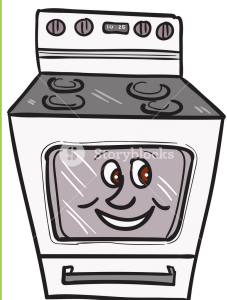
Source: Metropolitan Regional Informational Systems, Inc.  
Courtesy of Maren Seubert (Neighborhood Realtor)

## Reagan Airport Renovation

Work has just begun on a three-year major project. Vehicle travel to the airport will be congested and/or delayed. We are lucky we live so close to a Metro Station.

Initial work will impact passenger pick-up area and curb activity at Terminals B and C. When completed, the main National Hall will be closed to non-passengers as it will be beyond the security check points. Gate 35X, where passengers board buses to get to planes for short flights, will be replaced with a new concourse.

## Restore Open Daily



ReStore, operated by Habitat for Humanity, has a large selection of items for purchase from electrical parts to chandeliers, from newer appliances to kitchen cabinets. Selection depends on donations and some are new.

Located at 869 S. Pickett St, you can shop or donate Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-3pm. Call 703-360-6700 to arrange for pick-up of large items you wish to donate. Painted cabinets, computer equipment and appliances older than three years are about all they won't accept.



## Girls and Boys to Work Day

April 26 is the day to take your child(ren) to work with you. The original program of taking your daughters to work is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018 and it also marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of including boys in the worthwhile "lesson."

## Grocery Bags and Your Trash

Please don't put your trash out in flimsy bags. The birds and other animals can easily open them and spread contents. If you don't want to use a trash can, at least put your garbage out in thick black bags. Your neighbors care what their street looks like.

## Spring Cleaning – Document Dilemma

### KEEP IT --- OR ---SHRED IT?

- **Tax Return:** keep for 7 years
- **Investment statements for taxable accounts:** once you receive yearly summary, shred monthly and/or quarterly statements
- **Bank statements:** keep for years when supporting tax returns, if not, shred after balancing account
- **Credit card statements:** keep when major purchase included in case needed for warranty or when charitable contribution is on statement. All others may be shredded once verified.
- **ATM receipts:** shred once verified against bank statement
- **Cancelled checks:** unless needed for tax return or other purpose, shred after 1 year
- **Medical bills:** keep at least 1 year unless supports a tax deduction then save with tax documents
- **Retirement plan contributions:** keep records of contributions to non-deductible individual retirement accounts indefinitely
- **Insurance policies, wills, birth certificates, citizenship papers, and other legal documents:** keep forever in a secure place (safety deposit box at bank or a fireproof box at home)

These guidelines are provided for information purposes only. It is recommended that you check with your insurance company, brokerage firm, government agency, lenders or creditors to find out if you should keep your records longer based on your individual situation.

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## *Happy Mothers Day*

Mom's love is like a rose

With each day it grows and grows



### LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

#### **Springfield Towne Center Farmer's Market**

May 5 – October 27  
Corner of Spring Mall & Loisdale Roads  
Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

#### **Kingstowne Farmer's Market**

May 4 – October 26  
Parking lot where Giant is located  
Fridays 4:00pm – 7:00pm

#### **Mount Vernon Farmer's Market**

May 2 – December 19  
Parking lot at Sherwood Hall Lane Library  
Wednesdays 8:00am – 12:00noon

### LOCAL POOLS

#### **Lee District Park**

6601 Telegraph Road  
703-765-9642

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec.htm)

Free Spray Park

#### **Cameron Run Regional Park**

4001 Eisenhower Avenue  
703-960-0767

[www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron\\_run](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run)

Water slides, wave pool, miniature golf, batting cages, and picnic area

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week in Fairfax County. This year's theme is "Teachers Deliver" since they provide students with inspiration, motivation and ultimately their futures. Why not encourage your child(ren) to show appreciation to all their teachers who engage them socially, academically and perhaps in sports. Teaching is a thankless job!

### **New Metro Parking Hours**

Metro has expanded the hours during which you must pay a fee.

Monday – Thursday 7:30am – 12:30am  
Friday 7:30am – 2:00am  
Saturday 10:00am – 2:00am

### **National Sibling Day**

April 10 is a day to appreciate and cherish your brothers and sisters you often take for granted. They are our best friends, confidants and supporters through life. Be lucky if you have a sibling for your "growing-up time" and your future.

### LOCAL FUN EVENTS

**Mar 17-18 – Harlem Globetrotters**, [www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com)

**Apr 13-14 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale**, corner Franconia and Telegraph Rd,  
Fri 9am-8pm & Sat 9am-noon

**May 12 – Mason Neck Eagle Festival**, FREE admission. Pony rides, hay rides, live wildlife shows, live music, food and drinks, <http://www.masonneckstateparkfriends.org/event-2828118>

**May 18-20 – Mt. Vernon Spring Wine and Sunset Tour** at Mt. Vernon from 6:00pm-9:00pm,  
<http://www.mountvernon.org/plan-your-visit/calendar/events/spring-wine-festival-sunset-tour/>

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**REMINDER  
 DRIVE  
 TWENTY  
 FIVE**

**ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday May 17**

Board Meetings – 7:00pm  
 Mark Twain Middle School  
 Thursday, March 15  
 Thursday, April 19  
 Thursday, May 10

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm  
 Clermont Elementary School Library  
 Wednesday, March 14  
 Wednesday, April 11  
 Wednesday, May 9  
[ACCChair@loftridge.com](mailto:ACCChair@loftridge.com)

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**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
USA Today	800-872-0001