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Loft Ridge Limelight

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



*Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower.*



Deer Management

Clermont and Loftridge Parks have been designated for sharpshooting by the Fairfax County Police Department in an effort to reduce our deer population.

Operations will be conducted on no more than five evenings (Monday-Thursday) between November 2018 and March 2019, excluding November 22-25 and December 19-January 2.

Sharpshooting will occur no earlier than one half hour after sunset, when parks are closed to the public, and in pre-determined locations away from residences. County staff and/or uniformed public safety officers will be present in parking lots and trailheads informing park patrons of this activity and preventing unauthorized access.

More information can be found online:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/deer-management-program>.

2nd Sunday Nature Walks – 8am

Neighbors Angelo Miranda & Renee Grebe have partnered to offer free, informal, 1 hour-long nature walks once a month in Loftridge Park. If you're interested in nature, want to learn more about our area's ecology, or just want to meet neighbors, put on some sturdy shoes and join the fun. The walk meets at the tennis courts at 8am on the 2nd Sunday of each month. No RSVP needed, just show up. All ages are welcome, but please, no dogs. For kids under 13, please be sure they are accompanied by an adult. Canceled only in case of particularly bad weather. For last minute updates, search for "Loft Ridge Nature Walks" on Facebook!

Vehicle ("Car") Taxes Due!

Payment due on October 5 for existing vehicles and new vehicles registered in the County prior to July 1.

Tree Work Needed?



Trees need trimmed or dead branches removed? Email the Board. Members are observant but can't see everything.

Library Reopening

There is no specific date right now, but expected opening of the remodeled John Marshall Library in Rose Hill is late September to mid October.



Tennis Court Code

Can be obtained from Management. They maintain a database of all who will be notified in the event the code is changed.

Welcome Back!

Welcome Erika Wheeler back on the Board for Loft Ridge.

School's In Session

Stop when bus has red lights flashing and stop arms are extended.



Slow to 25mph in school zones.

Divide Those Perennials

Fall is the ideal time to divide your perennials and there are three reasons to do so – control their size, rejuvenate them and increase their numbers. Generally you should divide spring and summer bloomers in the fall and fall bloomers in the spring. Dividing when plants are not in bloom enables the plant to center its energy on growing new roots and leaves. You can either dig up the entire clump and separate it into several smaller clumps or slice and remove sections of the plant, leaving it intact. For either method use a spade with a long, narrow blade.

Remove dead and damaged tissue and make sure each section has a portion of roots and leaves. Replant the divisions in pre-prepared holes at their original depth. Water the new divisions plentifully and keep them well watered throughout their first year.

Leaf Removal

As much as we enjoy our trees when they are green, the deciduous ones lose their leaves in the fall. The Association pays for two leaf removals from common grounds, the first is after our contractor determines that the majority of the leaves have fallen (usually late November).

As you rake your leaves, until December 24 please bag them and put the bags out with Tuesday night trash not into the woods. In the woods the leaves create an unnaturally deep layer of leaves, which makes it harder for the trees to get water, thus weakening them. And when leaves are dry, deeper piles will increase the likelihood of a stronger blaze in case of a fire.



Winter Preparations

To minimize damage from weight of ice, heavy snow or heavy winds, trim tree limbs that hang over your roof.

Clean out leaves and other debris from your gutters, repair any holes and look to make sure they haven't pulled away from the edge of the house. Gutter guards are a good idea to reduce leaf accumulation.

Change Furnace Filter

If you don't replace your filter as recommended, it becomes overwhelmed with dust and creates a strain on your HVAC system. This might increase your electric bill or worse, cause irreparable damage to your system.

Looking When Cooking

October is Fire Prevention Month. Did you know unattended cooking accounts for 1/3 of house fires and related burn injuries? Here are a few useful cooking tips:

- Unplug appliances when not in use
- Be attentive and alert when cooking
- Keep stove area clear of paper towels, pot holders – anything that burns
- Keep kids at a safe distance
- Turn handles inward to prevent “knocking over”
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy

And don't forget a working fire alarm. If a fire starts, get out and call 911. Do not go back into a burning building. If you think someone is inside, tell firefighters when they arrive.



Quirky Holidays

- September 13 – National Peanut Day
- 16 – National Collect Rocks Day
- 18 – National Cheeseburger Day
- October 1 – Homemade Cookie Day
- 14 – Dessert Day
- 27 – Make a Difference Day
- November 3 – National Sandwich Day
- 14 – National Pickle Day
- December 4 – National Cookie Day

Mailing Gift Cards?

Those envelopes can't go thru the cancelling machine, so you need to add an extra 21 cents

National Night Out

Many turned out for this annual event. Kids always enjoy the moonbounce. Thanks to Chris Maletz and Carter Mullen for manning the grills and Louise Whitt for handling the food table and organizing the event. See everyone next year.

Local Tidbits

- Sunday Washington Post available on Monday at Dollar Tree
- Key cutting machine now at Kingstowne Safeway
- Safety/emission inspection dollars-off coupons can be found in those packets of coupons in your mail

National Drug Take Back Day

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout will take place on **Saturday, October 27, 10am – 2pm**. Take any unwanted medicines (pills or liquid) to the Franconia Police Station inside the Lee District Government Center, 6121 Franconia Road, across from Paradiso restaurant. There will be a large bin directly ahead – no questions asked.

Loft Ridge Reminders

**Daylight Savings Time
Fall Back on November 4**



Scoop the Poop

Can Full?
Take baggie home



**Exclusive Use of ONLY
Your Numbered Space**

What is the parking space number?



**Dec 24 – Last Day for
Yard Waste Pick-Up**



Loft Ridge Real Estate Update

Active	TH Type	List Price	List Date	Active Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	List Date	
4321 Gingham Ct	Int	\$429,999	08/01/18	5632 Ridge View Dr	End	\$2,850	08/10/18	
Under Contract		List Price	Cont Date	Rented		Rented Rate	Date Rented	
5698 Medallion Ct	End	\$425,000	09/25/18	5712 Gladden Ct	Int	\$2,400	08/13/18	
Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date	5722 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,600	07/22/18
4333 Gingham Ct	End	\$492,500	\$0	06/29/18	5753 Ridge View Dr	End	\$2,450	07/23/18
5744 Evergreen Knoll Ct	End	\$430,000	\$4,000	07/11/18	5720 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$2,350	07/29/18
					4318 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$2,495	08/01/18

* 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 (Realtor)

Empty or Expired Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are only good for a certain period of time. When it's time to replace, unwanted ones need to go the Landfill Complex on Furnace Road in Lorton. Call 703-690-1703 for directions and times or consult www.fairfax.gov.

Franconia Fire Dept's 85th

Franconia Volunteer Fire Department services Loft Ridge and is now 85 years old. Most of the members are volunteers. You can support station operations and vehicle/equipment purchases with a cash donation or you can play Bingo at their station on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

Thanksgiving Turkey Pardoning

This tradition was started by President Lincoln in 1863. It's always fun to see what "pair" of names is selected for the two who are pardoned.

Last Year's Weather Records

Nov 3's temperature of 83 surpassed the previous record set in 1974 by 3 degrees. Dec 16's record of 24 was the coldest since Dec 14, 2010.



If you're handing out treats, please turn on your porch light!!

May you and yours have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!!



"Uncle Sam" is 205

September 7, 1813 marked the day when Uncle Sam became the designation for the United States. Sam Wilson was a meat packer from Troy, New York who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's". Local newspapers also began using that term.

During World War I, the updated image of Uncle Sam wearing a tall top hat and blue jacket and pointing straight ahead at the viewer was used as a recruiting poster after adding the words "I Want You For the U.S. Army".

In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Sam Wilson as the progenitor of America's national symbol of Uncle Sam.

Local Senior Discounts



On Tuesdays, anyone over 60 can get a 5% discount on purchases at Giant and at Ross those over 55 get a 10% discount. Be sure to tell the cashier because your age may not be obvious.

Pentagon Turns 75!

Ranked among the world's largest office buildings, construction was completed in 1943. Construction was started on September 11, 1941 exactly 60 years before the infamous attack, which damaged roughly one-third of the building.

100th Veteran's Day

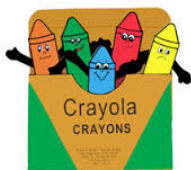
Let's all remember we are in the "Land of the Free" because of those who are and were brave!

Military Draft Ended

Forty-five years ago as the Vietnam War ended, Congress declared the military draft, started in 1940 for World War II, was no longer needed.

Universal recognition to celebrate the ending of WWI fighting (Nov 11, 1918) takes place at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month annually.

Townhouse Association Life



We can learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

Franconia History Day

Admission is free to this 17th annual recognition of our area to be held on Sunday, November 18 at the Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, 6300 Beulah Street.

Franconia Fire Station has an open house Saturday, October 6th 10am to 4pm (FYI the long weekend) Kids can board and examine the fire trucks!!

On Wednesday and Saturday nights **Bingo at the Fire Station**, 6300 Beulah St. Early birds at 7pm and regular bingo at 8pm.



This fire station is a not-for-profit station and is self-supporting. Repairs and equipment maintenance are costly. Since they cover Loft Ridge, consider a donation this Fall during their annual fund drive.



LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Springfield Towne Center Farmer's Market
 Aug 28 – Nov 17
 Corner Spring Mall & Loisdale Rds
 Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Farm Stand
 Opened in May
 Bush Hill Presbyterian Church
 (Across from Rose Hill Safeway)
 Saturdays 8am – 1pm

Kingstowne Farmer's Market
 May 6 – October 26
 Parking lot / Giant Grocery
 Fridays 4pm – 7pm

Huntington Market
 Opened May 6
 Red Brick House next to Metro
 Thursdays 3pm – 7pm

Local Fun Events

Air and Scare – In October discover the spooky side of air and space at the Udvar-Hazy Center's annual Air and Scare! Participate in creepy crafts, spooky science experiments and other Halloween-themed activities.
<http://Airandspace.si.edu/events>

Mt. Vernon by Candlelight – Historic Mount Vernon sparkles with holiday cheer during candlelight tours. Late November through mid-December, "Mrs. Washington" hosts a tour featuring characters from the Washingtons' world guiding you through the home and adding ambiance and authenticity to a traditional Christmas evening. www.mountvernon.org

Winter Walk of Lights – Vienna's Meadowlark Garden's Walk of Lights from November through January features 500,000

September 15-16 – Alexandria King Street Art Festival, 220 King St, Saturday 10am-7pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

September 22 – Irish Festival, 12noon-7pm, details at www.CCEIrishfest.org

September 28-29 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale, corner of Franconia Rd/Telegraph Rd, Fri 9am-8pm and Sat 9am-noon

September 29-30 – 49th Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show (free), Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm, rain or shine, www.occoquanva.gov

October 5-7 – Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour, Mt. Vernon, 6pm-9pm

Nov 30-Dec 1 – Scottish Christmas Walk, www.campaigncenter.org/scottishwalkweekend

December 1 – Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade at www.scottishchristmaswalk.com

December 14-16 – Christmas Illuminations at Mt. Vernon, 5:30pm-8pm

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Free Notary Service

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No charge to Loft Ridge owners and residents

Board Meetings – 7:00pm
Mark Twain Middle School
Thursday, September 20
Thursday, October 18
Thursday, November 15

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
Monday, September 10
Monday, October 8
Monday, November 12
Monday, December 10
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Keep Kids Alive
Drive Twenty-Five

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