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Loft Ridge Limelight

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



*Sand and Sun
Summer Has Begun!*



HOA DUES INCREASE

Effective July 1, HOA dues will be **\$247** a quarter. If you have direct debit, make a note.

Tennis Court Combination

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

Thank You to Outgoing Board Members

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Thanks to outgoing Board Members Rick Everett and Will Goodyear. Enjoy more time with your families.

Welcome New Board Members

Welcome new Board members Dan Laursen and Eric Naide and re-elected Louise Whitt.

Congratulations Grads!!

ES grads, say hello to lockers!

MS grads, say hello to more activities/events!

HS grads, best of luck in college, trade school, or the workforce!



College grads, welcome to the 9-5 world!

Board Update

A contract has been awarded for three eroded areas deemed to be safety issues and for a badly worn residents-made walking path. Spring tree work was completed and the irrigation systems were turned on.

Irrigation System

The stations have rain gauges and are set to turn on, when necessary, while you sleep. If you see sprinklers running during the day, excessive water on the street or damage, please call 703-960-0428 or email louise.loftridge@gmail.com. We had a large repair bill in the spring, partly due to damage, which was preventable.

Treat Your Neighbor as You Would Like to be Treated

Our builder complied with the County's requirements on parking (slightly more than two spaces per house). However the builder was not required to have two parking spaces near each unit.

A quick review of parking is that our documents allow for *one assigned space*. That space is for the sole use of the townhouse with that address. All the *unnumbered spaces* are on a *first-come first-park basis*. It has been noted that some owners with a single car consistently park in an unnumbered space. And there are those who move the second car into the unnumbered space when spouse goes to work. Would you like to have company and parking is unavailable because your neighbor is guilty of bad parking habits?

This is a great community. Let's all be "Good Parking Neighbors"

What is that in the Woods?

The deer population has caused major damage to our woods by eating everything green but they didn't bring in all the flower pots, cement blocks, bricks, dead plants, etc. that abound. Please don't dispose of anything in the woods! We love our beautiful Community.

And if you see any illegal dumping, call Health Department at 703-246-2205 or police non-emergency number.

Bluebird Boxes Having a Great 2018



We are in the midst of our 6th season with bluebird boxes and what a year it is so far! This past winter, many of the bluebird boxes were moved further from the tree-line to maximize suitability for bluebirds and to minimize the nesting of our native House Wrens (which had been monopolizing nest boxes). This small change has had a big impact – we already have our first two successful bluebird nests, one with 5 eggs and the other with 4, our first ever tree swallow nest with 6 eggs. If you are interested in learning more about Loft Ridge’s bluebird trail or in helping monitor the boxes, please contact Renee Grebe at grebebird@yahoo.com.

Tennis Courts

For the sake of our dues, please remember the courts are for tennis ONLY! No food or drink inside, no children unless playing tennis (not even if they are in strollers), no skateboarding, bicycling, etc. The surface is expensive to repair when damage occurs. Children under 12 are not allowed without adult supervision.

Dogs at Tot Lots

Dogs are nice pets but when they urinate in the mulch it’s smelly and unsanitary. Our kids play, throw and sit on that mulch. Please leave your dogs at home when enjoying the tot lots.

Concern for Our Children

Your dues pay to keep our Community looking good. Toward that end, please remember your children are not unbreakable. You are responsible for any damage your children cause, so be alert. Even broken off lower branches are harmful to the health of trees. Some children also pose a risk by riding skateboards and bicycles on the streets. Those children do not have the right-of-way and shouldn’t be using the streets for those activities. Unless you have coordinated with another parent to assume responsibility, **please don’t leave your child(ren) unattended at the tot lot.**

Be Aware: Report sightings of Invasive Lanternflies

A destructive and highly invasive insect, the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), was newly reported in Virginia in January 2018 (in Frederick County/Winchester). First accidentally introduced into Pennsylvania in 2014, SLF were reported in New York and Delaware in the fall of 2017. Virginia Cooperative Extension requests residents get familiar with this insect and report any sightings to help control potential outbreaks. More information is online at <https://ext.vt.edu/agriculture/commercial-horticulture/spotted-lanternfly.html>.



Fairfax ReLeaf Tree Planting Update

Over half of the 50 free trees planted in November 2017 made it through the winter. This is the expected survival rate – not bad for being planted and left to thrive on their own without additional care! The trees, supplied by Fairfax ReLeaf, will continue to have tree tubes left around them to protect them from mowers and deer browse (sometimes for several years). The HOA will work with Fairfax ReLeaf to replace necessary seedlings in the fall of 2018, when they have the best chance of survival.

Our Free Little Library

The More That You Read
 The More Things You Will Know
 The More That You Learn
 The More Places You’ll Go
 ----- Dr. Seuss



Our Free Little Library is in its second year and is very popular. Thanks to Stacie Carrier for building and maintaining it. We hope that more of you will take Dr. Seuss’ encouragement and visit it on Ridge View near the tennis courts. Take a book or leave a book, children and teens on lower shelf and adults on the top.



Thanks To:

- Kari Buttera for organizing the Easter activities
- All who picked up the debris from our March windstorm and for reporting downed trees. The Board can't see everything.
- Angelo Miranda and Renee Grebe for our 2nd Sunday Nature Walks



Happy Father's Day

The greatest gift I ever had,
I call him Dad!



Let's Celebrate

- June 23, National Cupcake Day
- July is National Ice Cream Month
- July 1, National Joke Day
- July 18, National Hot Dog Day (Presidents Reagan and Carter fed these to their guests)
- July 29, National Chicken Wing Day
- August 2, National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- August 10, National S-Mores Day



FREE Slurpee

On **July 11** your local 7-11 will be giving away a free Slurpee to each customer from 11am -7pm.

Metro's Shorter Hours

Metro reduced their service hours and recently announced they need to retain that schedule to allow more time to perform maintenance. **Until June 30, 2019** the hours will remain:

- 5:00am – 11:30am --- Monday – Thursday
- 5:00am – 1:00am --- Friday
- 7:00am – 1:00am --- Saturday
- 8:00am – 11:00pm --- Sunday

Dining Tax Increase

Effective July 1 City of Alexandria will increase its restaurant tax by 1% making that 5% tax the highest in the metropolitan area.

Texting Can Cost You

Texting or reading a text while driving is now a primary offense in Virginia. First offense results in a \$125 fine, subsequent ones are \$250 each.

Loft Ridge Reminders

Pets In Summer

Don't leave your pets outside without shade and water



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National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7
6pm – 8pm
Tennis Court area
Moonbounce
Refreshments
Meet policemen
and maybe firemen

Poop Can Full?

Take baggies home



Loft Ridge Real Estate Update --- Your Biggest Investment!

Under Contract	TH Type	List Price	Contract Date	Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	Date Rented
4333 Gingham Ct	End	\$489,900	05/16/18	4320 Caprice Ct	Int	\$2,500	05/05/18
5730 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$399,900	05/10/18	4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,800	03/30/18

* 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)

Yard Critter Control

Squirrels won't dig plants from your yard or flowerpots if you sprinkle crushed red pepper on top of the soil. And deer will go elsewhere if you fertilize your plants with blood meal since they don't like the smell of this organic fertilizer.

Happy Fourth of July America

America was built on courage, on imagination, and unbeatable determination to do the job at hand

--- Henry S Truman

230 Years Ago Virginia ---

Was admitted to the Union on June 25, 1788 making it the 10th of 13 Original Colonies. Of note:

- Over half the Civil War battles were fought here
- Yorktown was the final battle of the American Revolution
- College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, established in 1693, is the second-oldest in the United States
- Chesapeake Bay Tunnel Bridge is the world's largest bridge-tunnel complex

Bird Nests In Your Gutters?

...or behind your outside lights? In a vent? The birds are cute, but their nests can cause damage to your home. If your drain spout (near the splash block) seems to have a continuous drip or wet spot, your gutter may be clogged, causing water to trickle down the drainpipe. If birds have nested in your vents, their next stop might be into your stove. Move the nests or have them removed before the damage gets costly.

What Should I Do With Latex Paint?

Latex paint is not considered a hazardous waste. Before disposing of it, try to find someone who can use it – such as a neighbor, theater group, or church. If you must dispose of it, pour paint onto newspaper, let the paint dry, then throw away the newspaper with your regular garbage. Mixing kitty litter into the paint accelerates drying.

What to do with “Unusable” Flags



According to Federal law, the U.S. Flag is to be disposed of when damaged, soiled or torn and no longer suitable for display.

You can dispose of yours 24/7 at the Franconia Police Department in a white bin. It will be ceremoniously disposed of by Fairfax Police Department Honor Guard members in coordination with the Fire Department.

And if you buy a replacement one soon, you can fly it on June 14 (Flag Day) or July 4 (Independence Day).

Grill Safety

The lazy days of summer can hold various fire dangers. The combination of hot, dry days and BBQs can sometimes have a lethal outcome. Awareness can help to protect both the people and land around you. Here are some grill safety tips:

- Keep grills far enough away from your home, or other combustibles, so that an adequate amount of air can circulate (15 feet).
 - Charcoal must be kept dry, as wet charcoal can spontaneously ignite. Spare propane bottles should be stored outside and away from your home.
 - Keep children away from the grill. Grills continue to give off heat long after the cooking has stopped.
 - When finishing with your cookout, be sure to dispose grill ashes and/or charcoal in a safe fashion. NEVER place hot ashes in paper or plastic bags or containers. Only use metal containers for hot ashes.
 - It's always a good idea to have a back up plan – keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen.
- Enjoy the summer and stay cool and safe!



Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms produce lightning and have potential for danger.

- Keep an eye on the sky. Look for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind
- Listen for the sound of thunder. When it roars, go indoors and stay there until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder
- Don't wait for the rain to start before seeking shelter

Thunderstorms can also bring flooding. Do not drive on flooded roads – “turn around don't drown.” Two feet of swift water can move or float most vehicles, including SUVs and pickup trucks.

Summer Fun and Frolics

LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

FREE CONCERTS

Springfield Towne Center

Farm Stand

Lee District Park Amphitheater

Farmer's Market

Opened in May

Wednesdays at 7:30pm

May 5 – October 27

Bush Hill Presbyterian Church

Inclement weather, call 703-324-7469 after 6pm

Corner Spring Mall & Loisdale Rds

(Across from Rose Hill Safeway)

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Saturdays 8am – 1pm

June 20 The Cathedral Brass (Symphonic Brass)

27 The Fabulous Hubcap (Oldies/Classic Rock/Soul)

Kingstowne Farmer's Market

Huntington Market

July 11 The NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (Summer Pops)

18 City of Falls Church Concert Band (Concert Band)

25 Lindsay Lou & The Flatbellies (Americana Roots)

May 4 – October 26

Open starting May 10

Parking lot / Giant Grocery

Red Brick House next to Metro

Fridays 4pm – 7pm

Thursdays 3pm – 7pm

Aug 1 The Pietasters (Ska)

8 Sharon Clark Quartet (Jazz)

15 The Nighthawks (Blues)

22 Junkyard Band (GoGo Band)

29 The United States Navy "Cruisers" (Pop/Rock)

LOCAL POOLS

Lee District Park

6601 Telegraph Road

703-922-9841

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

Water slides, wave pool, miniature golf, batting cages

Summer 2017 Weather

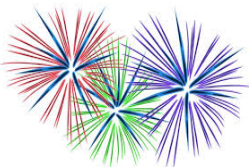
July 2017 started off with a 15-day dry spell but finally saw 9.1" of rain, making it the 6th wettest on record (11.06" in 1945 current record). Friday the 28th set a new record with 3.31" of rain.



4TH OF JULY

Fireworks, parades, and other activities for Virginia, Maryland, and DC may be found at <http://dc.about.com/od/specialevents/a/4thofJuly.htm>

City of Alexandria celebrates USA and Alexandria birthdays on July 7, 2018 from 7pm – 9:30pm. <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation>



LOCAL FUN EVENTS

June 9 – Civil War Camp Day, re-enactors interpret soldier and civilian camp life, 10am – 4pm, www.fortward.org

June 25-29 – Civil War Kids Mini Camp to explore life during civil war through fun and educational activities, 9am-noon, www.fortward.org

June 28-29 – Real World of Science behind Harry Potter, at Stabler-Leadbetter Apothecary Museum, www.alexandriava.gov/apothecary, 703-746-3852. June 28 at 1pm, family-friendly tour/June 29 at 6pm, adult tour

July 13, Aug 10, Sept 14 – After Work Concert series, 6pm, www.alexandriava.gov/events

July 14 – Tons of Trucks, 10am, www.alexandriava.gov/events

August 10-18 – Prince William County Fair at Prince William County Fairgrounds, www.pwcfair.com, 703-368-0173

August 25-October 21 – Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville, MD, www.rennfest.com, 800-296-7304

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Elections will be held June 21st

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Archived Newsletters
www.loftridge.com/news/newsletter

Loft Ridge Mom's Group
groups.yahoo.com/group/loftridgemoms

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*Starting our 6th year of
this newsletter.
Hope you still enjoy it!!*

Board Meetings – 7:00pm
Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall
Thursday, June 21
Thursday, July 18
Thursday, August 16

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
Monday, June 18
Wednesday, July 11
Wednesday, August 8
Wednesday, September 12
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