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Loft Ridge Limelight

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



*Hip, Hip, Hooray for the
Hot Summer Day!*



HOA DUES INCREASE

Effective July 1, HOA dues will be **\$260** 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

Agendas on Website

To help you decide which Board meeting to attend, agenda can be accessed on our website.

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!



Change in Inspection Schedule

Resolution 36 was recently approved which allows the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) to conduct inspections on a split schedule. Lofthill, Gladden, Medallion, Evergreen Knoll, Caprice and Gingham will be inspected in odd-numbered years (2019) while the other streets will be inspected in even-numbered years (2020).

This change lessens the burden on the ACC members but we still need to keep our homes looking nice – we look great for a 35-year old HOA. The complete resolution can be found on www.loftridge.com.

Trash Must Be in Cans!!

The County is enforcing their trash policy that trash must be containerized. This is also a health issue since bags attract “critters” and birds.

You can use your personal trash cans but the County has free trash cans in 95, 65, and 35 gallon sizes and recycling cans in 65 and 35 gallon sizes. You can order yours by calling customer service at 703-802-3322 or at fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/trashrecycling-container-request.

In the not-too-distant future the County will discontinue collecting trash that is in bags!!!

Your FY20 Board Members

Continuing are Louise Whitt, Eric Naide, Erika Wheeler, Nicolette Daleske (recently appointed), Lance Bunch (recently appointed). Chris Payne and Drew Lucio won re-election to three-year terms. Dan Laursen had to resign due to personal commitments so thanks for your service.

Loft Ridge Signs

Now the entire world knows our name!!! Landscaping in front will be redesigned this fall to provide the perfect complement



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.**



Short Term Rental Listings

Resolution 37 was recently adopted requiring owners of short term rentals in Loft Ridge to complete designated form and provide copy of the lease. The complete resolution is on the website.

Parties on Common Ground

Please get Board approval for these beforehand. This will avoid conflicts and let the Board know who to contact in the event of damage or trash being left.

Vehicle Vandalism

To help deter break-ins, make your vehicle "unattractive." Simplest thing is to leave your porch light on - - thieves like darkness.

Any time you don't lock your car, you're a prime target. Remove wallets, purses, loose change, cell phones and GPS equipment and anything you think might be "inviting." Townhouse vehicles are parked close together, which provides cover for thieves, so we need to be smarter.

Helmet & Safety Tips

Have your child use a helmet for riding bicycles, roller blading, skateboarding and riding a scooter.

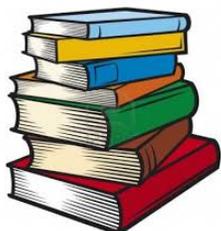
Any bicycle should be the correct size, have reflectors, and good maintenance.

Teach your children to always stop and look both ways before crossing the road. Never allow a child to ride at night or with headphones on.

Fairfax County Code requires that anyone under the age of 15 riding a bicycle must be wearing a safety helmet!! Check for a sticker inside the helmet indicating compliance with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standards.

Our Free Little Library

There is no Friend as Loyal as a Book
----- Ernest Hemingway



Our Free Little Library is in its third year and is very popular. Thanks to Stacie Carrier for building and maintaining it. We hope that more of you will 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.

Special Pick-Ups

You are allowed six free special pick-ups per year. Simply call 703-802-3322 go to <https://specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov> to schedule.

The items must be set apart from regular trash and away from trees, light poles, etc. that might interfere with the "grab arms" of the truck.

Dig with C.A.R.E.



C Call Miss Utility at 1-800-552-7001 **before you dig.**

A Allow required time for marking.

R Respect the marks.

E Excavate carefully.

Whether your project is big or small, always dig with C.A.R.E. It's the only way to avoid costly mistakes, fines and even personal injury. Besides, it's the law!



2018's Rain and Heat!!

- July – Most rain in a month since 2015
- The month's total of 9.73" made it fourth rainiest since 1945
- The 8-day long, 90+ streak beat the previous longest streak set in the 90's
- July 17 – 2.79" of rain set a new record, second most for a July day since 1975
- The 4.0" on July 21 almost beat the 1911 record of 11.06"
- July 3 saw the first excessive heat warning since August 2016

Thanks To:

- Kari Buttera for organizing another great Easter party
- Renee Grebe for donating and installing native plants in front of the tennis courts and behind the Cannon Lane sign



Happy Father's Day

Anyone can be a Father – It takes someone special to be a Dad!



Water Bill Increase

Effective April 1, Fairfax Water has raised the Water Usage Charge from \$2.94 to \$3.07 and the Sewage Usage Charge from \$7.00 to \$7.28 per each 1,000 gallons of water used.



FREE Slurpee

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

Electricity Rebates Due

Most Virginians will get a credit on their electric bills due to a Federal tax overhaul. The State Corporation Commission announced in March that Dominion Energy's customers will get a one-time customer credit by July 1. When the tax rates were lowered, Dominion failed to lower their rates to the proper level.

Moon Landing Anniversary

On July 20, 1969, America watched as Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped onto the moon. Remember the immortal words, "That's one step for man, one giant leap for mankind." And in the following fifty years, look at the progress.

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 6
6pm – 8pm
Tennis Court area
Moonbounce
Refreshments
Meet policemen
and maybe firemen

Trash Out After 5



Loft Ridge Real Estate Update --- Prices on the Rise!

Active	TH Type	List Price	List Date
5658 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$475,000	05/25/19
Under Contract		List Price	Cont Date
4323 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$489,900	05/14/19
4328 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$459,900	05/13/19
4321 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$464,900	05/15/19
5688 Medallion Ct	Int	\$425,000	05/08/19
Sold		Sold Price	Sold Date
5716 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$445,630	05/24/19
5702 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$485,300	04/19/19
4317 Gingham Ct	Int	\$466,000	04/12/19
4401 Cheatham Ct	End	\$500,000	03/14/19
5743 Evergreen Knoll Ct	End	\$437,500	03/14/19
5630 Ridge View Ct	Int	\$463,000	03/08/19

Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	List Date
5716 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,500	05/25/19
4320 Caprice Ct	Int	\$2,550	04/15/19
4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,800	04/05/19
Pending		Rental Rate	Pending Date
5625 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,600	05/16/19
Rented		Rental Rate	Rented Date
5700 Medallion Ct	End	\$2,350	03/28/19
4405 Churchman Ct	Int	\$2,400	04/01/19

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



Medicine Disposal

There is a large green container at the Franconia Police Department in which you can dispose of expired or unwanted medications all year. It is labeled MedRerun Drug Collection Unit.

Area News

Dunkin Donuts has opened next to Hayfield Secondary

Harmony Animal Hospital will open in July on the upper level of Telegraph Village Shopping Center

Streaky Windows

Try diluting rubbing alcohol or vinegar 50/50 with water, dab the mixture onto a microfiber cloth and wipe away the grime.

125th Labor Day

On June 28, 1894 Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday as a tribute to the American workers for their contributions to the strength, prosperity and well-being of our country.

Be the Best Fairfax County Recycler You Can Be!

Fairfax County’s recycling is going through some changes. Here are tips to help ensure the items you’re recycling don’t end up in the landfill:

- Don’t put glass into your curbside bin.

Glass unfortunately contributes to contamination of other recyclable materials in single-stream recycling pick up like we have. While the county doesn’t forbid glass in our curbside bins, glass put there gets landfilled. However, a new program now allows you to drop off your glass recycling at big purple located in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax County. Glass in those bins is crushed into sand and used in road projects! Find more info, including a map, here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass>

- Ditch the Filthy Five

These items contribute to the most problems for our recycling facilities and should always be put in your trash (and not your recycling): (1) plastic bags, (2) shredded paper, (3) hangers, cords, and hoses, (4) takeout containers and cups, and (5) diapers. The “why” behind each of them is interesting and you print out a flyer and learn more here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/files/assets/documents/pdf/publications/filthy-five-factsheet.pdf>



Confronting the Truth

The Critic

A little seed lay on the ground,
And soon began to sprout;
“Now which of all the flowers around,
It muse, “shall I come out?”

“The lily’s face is fair and grand,
But just a little cold.
The rose, I think is rather loud,
And now that fashion is old.

“The violet – it is very well,
But not a flower I’d choose;
Nor yet the Canterbury bell-
I never cared for blues.”
And so it criticized each flower,
That supercilious seed,
Until it woke one summer hour,
And found itself – a weed!

Summer Weather Dangers

Thunderstorms produce dangerous lightning. To keep safe:

- Keep an eye on the sky, looking for darkening skies, flashes of light or increasing wind.
- Listen for the sound of thunder. When thunder roars, go indoors and stay there until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder was heard.
- Do not wait for the rain to start before seeking shelter and do not leave the shelter until the rain has ended.

Heavy rains are “deceptive”

- Keep children inside and don’t let them play in or near streams
- Don’t drive on flooded roads. Adhere to the old adage “Turn Around, Don’t Drown.” Just two feet of swift water can move or float most vehicles, including SUVs and pickup trucks.

For severe weather warnings, sign up on Fairfax Alerts System. See Winter 2014 issue for details.

Summer Fun and Frolics

LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Springfield Towne Center

Farmer's Market

May 4 – October 26
 Corner Spring Mall &
 Loisdale Rds
 Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Kingstowne Farmer's Market

May 3 – October 25
 Parking lot / Giant Grocery
 Fridays 4pm – 7pm

Farm Stand

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

Huntington Market

Open starting May 9
 Red Brick House next to Metro
 Thursdays 3pm – 7pm

FREE CONCERTS

Lee District Park Amphitheater

Wednesdays at 7:30pm
 Inclement weather, call 703-324-7469 after 6pm
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

June 26 The Fabulous Hubcaps (Oldies/Classic Rock)

- July 3 The Nighthawks (Blues)
- 10 Dale Jett and Hello Stranger (Traditional Carter Family, Country)
- 17 City of Fairfax – Main Street Community Band (Concert Band)
- 24 The Annandale Brass Ensemble (American Popular Music)
- 31 Enter the Haggis (Celtic, Rock)

- Aug 7 The United States Navy 'Country Current' (Country)
- 14 Nomad Travels (Dance/Music)
- 21 Junkyard Band (GoGo Band)
- 28 Trio 111 (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

4TH OF JULY

Fireworks, parades, and other activities for Virginia, Maryland, and DC may be found at <https://www.tripsavvy.com/fourth-of-july-fireworks-in-washington-dc-4169908>

City of Alexandria celebrates USA and Alexandria birthdays on July 6, 2019 from 7pm – 9:30pm. <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation>

LOCAL FUN EVENTS

Jun 29 – Jailhouse Rock on the Range Laurel Hill Golf Course, 5pm until??, www.thefirstteedc.org/2019-jailhouse-rock-on-the-range/

Jul 4 – An American Celebration at Mount Vernon, 8am-5pm, 703-780-2000

Jul 13 – 6th Annual Port City Old Town Pub Crawl, 1:30pm-6pm, 703-797-2739

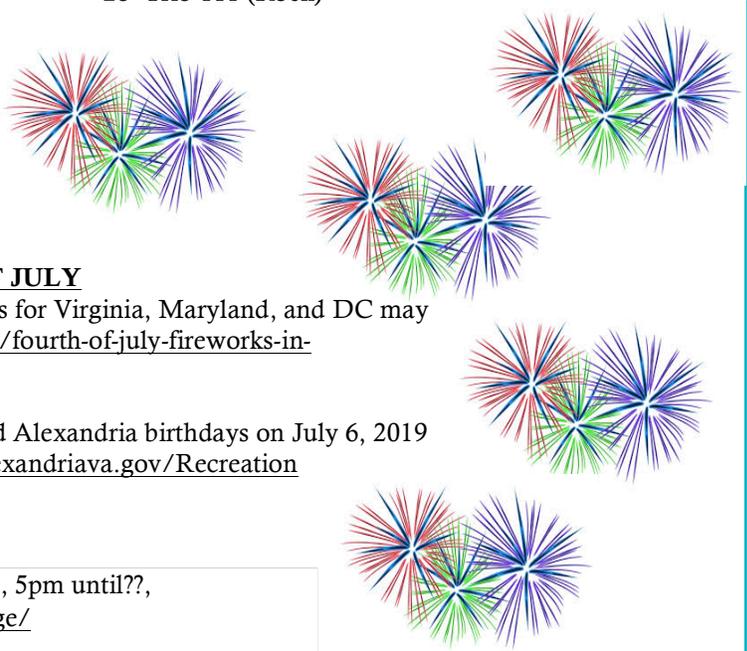
Jul 27 – Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair, 10am-6pm, Waterfront Park North and South at end of King St

Aug 1-4 – 4-H Fair and Carnival at Frying Pan Park, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair

Aug 9-17 – Prince William County Fair at Prince William County Fairgrounds, www.pwcfair.com, 703-368-0173

Aug 24-Oct 20 – Maryland Renaissance Festival in Crownsville, MD, www.rennfest.com, 800-296-7304

Sept 14-15 – Colonial Market and Farm at Mount Vernon, 703-780-2000



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groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/lofridgemoms/info

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management@lofridge.com

Board Meetings – 7:00pm
Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall
 Thursday, June 20
 Thursday, July 18
 Thursday, August 15

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
John Marshall Library
 Monday, June 10
 Monday, July 8
 Monday, August 12
 Monday, September 9
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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