

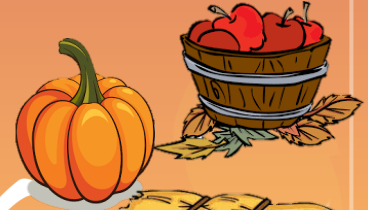
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# Loft Ridge Limelight

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



*Apples, pumpkins, and hayrides  
Autumn is calling*



## No Deer Hunt in Loftridge Park

Due to low harvest the last two seasons and homeowner interference, the County has decided that sharpshooting has not produced desired results and will not be conducting a deer hunt in Loftridge Park this fall.

The deer population continues to increase while the food supply doesn't. Unless bowhunting is favored by residents, there may not be any future consideration by the County.

## Board News

Sidewalk repairs and asphalt repaving are planned for September. Bids are being evaluated for several erosion projects. Redesigning of the entrance plantings is planned for Fall as well as planting of a few trees.

## Vehicle Safety Inspection Increase

The annual safety inspection will now cost you \$20, the first increase in thirteen years. \$.50 goes to the State Police, remaining amount to the inspecting facility. Stations were opting not to perform the inspections since more profit could be made charging for repairs. Some stations will accept those discount coupons you get in the mail.

## Virginia Tax Checks

To compensate for not generating changes to the tax rates for 2018, Virginia will be issuing checks by October 15 to all who filed 2018 returns. Single filers will receive a check for \$110, joint filers will get \$220.

## Phone in Hand = Fine!

Effective January 1, 2020 holding a phone in your hand while driving will subject you to a fine of \$125 for first offense, \$250 for any further violations.

## Board Meeting Agenda

Now available on [www.loftridge.com](http://www.loftridge.com) homepage, click on meeting date.

## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Please place all the leaves you remove in clear or paper bags and set them out after 5pm on Tuesday away from regular trash/recycle cans for collection by the "leaf truck." Please do not place them in our wooded areas.



## Common Grounds Update

Mowing will continue every 7-10 days until November. There will be aeration, seeding, and fall fertilization. Two leaf removals are planned for November and December. Irrigation systems will be winterized and shut down.

## School's In Session

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



**Slow to 25mph  
in school zones.**

*Good Neighbors make  
Good Neighborhoods*

## Prevent Pet-Related Fires

- Keep pets away from stoves and counter tops to prevent a pet accidentally turning on a stove knob. While you are away, you could remove the knobs or use knob covers all the time.
- Keep pets away from candles. Consider battery-operated flameless candles.
- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen on a fireplace.
- Don't let pets chew through electrical cords.
- If your pet is outside, make sure their housing is located away from brush and any vegetation that could act as fuel.



### And in Case of Fire

- All pets should wear or have implanted identification in case they flee.
- Never go back inside for pets. Tell firefighters they are inside.
- Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Have a "container" for quick and easy loading into a vehicle.

## 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.

## Pedestrian Safety

October is the month with the highest pedestrian involved incidents. According to local police, it is a myth that "pedestrians always have the right-of-way."

Many jurisdictions have begun pedestrian safety initiatives to encourage drivers and walkers to be more aware of surroundings. No one intends to get run over!!

## Fall Landscaping Tips

Plant Fall bulbs now and forget about them until next Spring. Prepare bed with rich, well-drained soil. Add planting mix and work into the existing soil to a depth of 6". Place the bulb (pointed side up!) then cover with soil mix. Water well and cover with mulch.

Divide those perennials to control their size, rejuvenate them and increase their numbers. There is no set rule as to when to divide them, but it is best to divide spring and summer blooming perennials in the Fall and fall bloomers in the Spring. Dividing the plant when it is not flowering enables the plant to focus its energy on growing new roots and leaves.

The most used method of dividing is to dig up the whole clump and carefully separate it into several smaller clumps. It's important to use a spade with a long, narrow blade. After removing, prune dead and damaged tissue, and make sure each section has a portion of roots and leaves. Replant the divisions in pre-prepared holes at the same depth they were originally. Water the new divisions plentifully, and keep them well-watered through their first year.

Tree and shrubs are best planted now. Their chances of survival are better and they are often marked down at nurseries and stores.



### National Drug Take Back Day

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place on **Saturday, October 26**. 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.

In addition, Fairfax County Police stations and area pharmacies now provide permanent drug disposal dropboxes where residents can safely dispose of their unused or expired medications anytime of the year

### National Night Out

Kids enjoyed the Moonbounce, Don Wheeler grilled, Louise Whitt manned the table, residents brought good food, the police visited and all enjoyed the good weather.

### Area News

- Dunkin Donuts has opened next to Hayfield High School
- Planet Fitness is occupying part of the former Giant in Hayfield Shopping Center
- Wendy’s will be built between Famous Dave’s and TGI Friday’s at Beacon Mall

### HOT Lane Tolls

Changes have been made to the HOT lanes on I-95 and starting in late October there will be toll charges using your E-Z Pass.

### Win the Lottery?

If you win a Virginia Lottery in excess of \$10 million, you can now remain anonymous. That might decrease the volume of “new relatives” coming forward but you will still be obligated to pay taxes.

### Loft Ridge Reminders

November 3



Ghoulympics  
Saturday Oct 26, 3-5  
tennis court area



Put flattened cardboard  
next to recycle cans



Dec 18 – Last Day for  
Yard Waste Pick-Up



### Loft Ridge Real Estate Update

Under Contract	TH Type	List Price	Cont Date	Rented	TH Type	Rented Rate	Date Rented
5700 Ridge View Dr	End	\$494,900	08/01/19	5720 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$2,300	07/08/19
		<b>Sold Price</b>	<b>Seller Subsidy*</b>	<b>Sold Date</b>	5716 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,500
5718 Gladden Ct	Int	\$490,000	\$ 0	08/13/19	4320 Caprice Dr	Int	\$2,500
5629 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$477,000	\$2,500	07/31/19	5625 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,600
5700 Evergreen Knoll Ct	End	\$480,000	\$ 300	07/19/19	4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,800
5658 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$475,000	\$ 0	06/28/19	5613 Ridge View Dr	End	\$2,875
4323 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$495,000	\$ 0	05/29/19			
4328 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$468,500	\$ 0	06/12/19			
4321 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$470,000	\$ 0	06/10/19			
5688 Medallion Ct	Int	\$425,000	\$ 500	05/31/19			
5716 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$445,000	\$ 0	05/24/19			

\* 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: Bright MLS Homes  
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](http://www.fairfax.gov).

### First Thanksgiving Day

In 1619 the first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in Virginia with pilgrims and Indians attending. It was designated an official holiday by President Lincoln in 1864. We all still enjoy the traditional foods on that holiday.

### Apples and Halloween

Ever wonder why apples don't sink during Halloween Party bobbing contests? That's because one quarter of an apple's volume is air!!

### 2018 Rainfall

2018 was the rainiest summer on record and in September a record was set with 16 straight days of measurable rainfall. Earlier record was 15 days set in 1934, 1889, and 1888.



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

*May you and yours have a safe and happy Thanksgiving*



### Alexandria Celebrating 270 Years

The Alexandria area was booming, so to facilitate shipping, in 1748 a petition was presented to the Virginia General Assembly to establish a town at West's Hunting Creek Warehouse. In 1749, that site was selected and the new town was named Alexandria in honor of the early owner of much of the land, Scotsman John Alexander. Sixty acres were laid out and lots were auctioned off that same year

### Star Spangled Banner is 205

This song was written on September 14, 1814 by Francis Scott Key as he witnessed the bombardment of Ft McHenry by the British Royal Navy in Baltimore Harbor in the War of 1812. He was inspired by the large US flag with 15 stars and 15 stripes flying triumphantly above the fort during the US victory.

It was named the National Anthem in 1931 by Congressional Resolution.

### Distracted Walking



It's not safe to walk while using a cellphone. One study of 11,000 unintended injuries revealed 25% broken or dislocated bones, 24% strains or sprains and 23% had concussions or contusions.

Unintended injuries are the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease and stroke!! And 26% of vehicle accidents involve the driver talking on a cell phone or texting.

So if you want to continue to enjoy living in beautiful Loft Ridge, please be careful.

## Approved Stain Colors



Approved stain colors for your deck and fence can be found at [www.lofridge.com](http://www.lofridge.com) under "Community" then select "Handbook." Recommended application temperatures are between 50-80 degrees so Fall is perfect weather for this project.

## 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

**Franconia Fire Station** has an open house Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm  
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 Fun Events

Sept 14 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Apple Butter Celebration, 11am-5pm, [www.goshenandoah.com/activities-events](http://www.goshenandoah.com/activities-events)

Sept 21- Nov 5 – 5 Cox Farms Fall Festival, [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com)

Sept 27-28 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale, corner of Franconia Rd/Telegraph Rd, Fri 9am-8pm  
and Sat 9am-noon

Sept 28-29 – Occoquan Arts and Crafts Show (free), Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 10am-5pm, rain or shine,  
[www.occoquanva.gov](http://www.occoquanva.gov)

Sept-Dec – Alexandria After Work Concert Series, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays, 6-8pm, call 703-746-4994 for month's location and  
music theme

Oct 5 – Irish Festival, noon-6:30pm, [www.CCEIrishfest.org](http://www.CCEIrishfest.org)

Oct 11-13 – Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour, Mt. Vernon, 6pm-9pm

Oct 19 – Air and Space Halloween Celebration, [www.airandspace.si.edu-events](http://www.airandspace.si.edu-events)

Nov 9 – St John Lutheran's Craft and Bake Sale, 9am-3pm, 703-971-2210

Dec 6-7 – Scottish Christmas Walk, [www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend](http://www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend)

Dec 14 – Wreaths Across America at Arlington Cemetery, [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

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**BOARD MEETINGS – 7:00pm**

Mark Twain Middle School  
 Thursday, September 15  
 Thursday, October 17  
 Thursday, November 21  
*Agenda for all meetings on [www.lofridge.com](http://www.lofridge.com) home page, click on specific date*

**ACC MEETINGS – 7:00pm**

Monday, September 9  
 Monday, October 14  
 Monday, November 11  
[ACCChair@lofridge.com](mailto:ACCChair@lofridge.com)

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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
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