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LOFT RIDGE LIMELIGHT

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

Spring Arrives March 19



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 two 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 12, 2020.**

Revised Community Handbook

The Board has approved a revised Homeowners Association Community Handbook. These guidelines will be used for upcoming inspections so please access it online at www.loftridge.com or contact Management for a hard copy. The synopsis of changes is included with this issue.

New Towing Company

A contract has been awarded to Dominion Towing effective March 15. New signs will go up. If you need a vehicle towed from your numbered space, read procedures in the Handbook. Vehicles in unnumbered spaces or other parking issues should be addressed to the Board.

ACC Inspections

ACC inspections are coming in April for all Ridge View side except Caprice.

Are you ready?

Scoop the Poop

It's a Fairfax County Law. Pet owners who violate the County's pooper scooper law may incur a fine up to \$250.



Yard Waste

Set it out in paper bags on trash day for pick up starting March 1.

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.



Board News

Work is underway to alleviate icy streets on Lofthill, Medallion and by the Ridge View tot lot. Irrigation systems will be turned on. Verizon was given locations of open or loose boxes or exposed cables. Tennis court has a new lock. The County has filled in the sinkhole by tennis court path and will determine the origin.

Caring for Loft Ridge’s Trees

Board has identified funds for “woodland management”. This initiative will help care for the trees on our 15 forested acres of common property. The company Invasive Plant Control (IPC) has been contracted to begin a multi-year treatment plan to control non-native, invasive vines in two areas where mature trees are most at-risk in our community. Trees in the area behind the tot lot and two rows of townhouses on Ridge View Drive are being strangled by Chinese wisteria, while trees behind the homes at the end of Lofthill Court are being smothered by porcelainberry. Large invasive trees, such as tree of heaven, and thick invasive underbrush, like bush honeysuckle and multiflora rose, were also targeted. These plants, which are too hearty to simply remove by hand, were targeted with herbicide treatment, indicated by green painted stumps. This year’s treatment has been completed, but these two areas will continue to be treated for at least the next two years. The Board will continue to evaluate these and other areas as the budget allows.

Grounds Contract Summary

Ongoing

- Mowing early Spring – late Fall every 7-10 days to 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



It’s as Easy as A B C

Are you planning an exterior change?

Ask 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, HOA, governing documents, handbook)

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

Commence 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.

2019 Loft Ridge Christmas Bird Count

The Audubon Society’s 120th Annual Christmas Bird Count was held in the Alexandria sector, which includes Loftridge and Clermont Parks, on December 14th. This annual community science event helps track the overall health of the bird population throughout the U.S. For a second year in a row, four birders braved rainy conditions, which limited sightings to only 27 species. Most notable birds were a large flock of Cedar Waxwings (not an uncommon winter bird, but one better found by an ear than sight) and hundreds of both American and Fish Crows flying north to their evening roost as they do each night (they fly south each morning too!). Fun fact: You can tell these two crow species apart by their call. If you ask a crow if it’s an American Crow, a Fish Crow will deny it with an emphatic “uh-uh!”. Listen for it the next time you see a flock of crows overhead! All are welcome to join us again in December 2020!

Special Trash Pick-Up

Call 703-802-3322 to schedule no later than day before scheduled trash pick-up. Set items away from trees, light poles, vehicles and regular trash. If your items don’t get collected, please remove them.

National Moment of Remembrance

In observance of Memorial Day, a Resolution was passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3pm local time for all Americans *To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to “Taps.”*

Loft Ridge Reminders

Federal – April 15
VA State – May 1

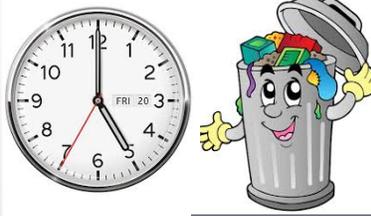


Don’t Feed Wild Animals



Food Attracts Critters

Trash & Recycling Cans Out Tuesday after 5
Back Wednesday night



Easter Egg Hunt
April 4



Details on Group Email

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

Under Contract		List Price	Cont Date	Rented		Rented Rate	Date Rented
4318 Gingham Ct	Int	\$475,000	01/21/20	5632 Ridge View	End	\$2,700	01/24/20
Sold				4322 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$2,350	11/27/19
5605 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$470,000	\$0	5716 Gladden Ct	Int	\$2,300	11/10/19

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

Lighting at Clermont Ballfields

In December the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing at which they voted unanimously to approve removing deed restrictions which prevented lighting. Athletic lighting installation and operation will be only at Fields 3 and 4 (western fields adjacent to Loft Ridge) until 9pm during baseball/softball seasons scheduled by the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. The parking lot will be lit until 9:30 on those days. Final decision will be made by the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Area Updates

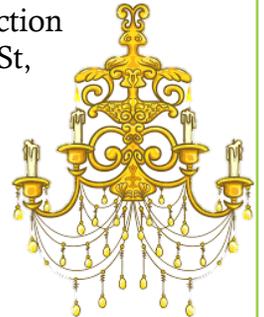
Walgreen’s is in the former Rite Aid locations in Rose Hill and Kingstowne. Planet Fitness is now in half of the former Giant in Hayfield. Lidl’s grocery is open on Commerce Street across from Dunkin’ Donuts and El Paso. Shoppers Food Warehouse and Top Golf have closed.

Pothole Gotcha

In Placerville, CA, potholes got so bad that residents took to spray-painting rants and pictures near the worse ones to get city’s attention. It worked - - city sent out work teams. They removed the graffiti – but didn’t address the potholes!

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 Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-3pm or donate Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-2pm at rear of store. 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.



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.

Feed Your Roses

Everything’s coming up roses. Banana peels are a great fertilizer. Just air-dry the peels until crumbly, then place three of them a few inches deep into the soil around each rosebush in spring, then again in June or July.

Celebrate

April 2 is International Children’s Book Day. Hans Christian Andersen’s birthday so continue using our Free Little Library on Ridge View. Anytime a child reads a book it expands brain activity.

April 14 is International Moment of Laughter Day. Laughter is the best medicine and it starts with a smile. Tell a joke or make a funny face to get people around you to share a chuckle, giggle or full-blown belly laugh.

Happy Mother's Day



A mother is she who can take the place of all
others but whose place no one else can take
...Cardinal Meymillod



LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Springfield Towne Center Farmer's Market

May 2 – October 31
Corner of Spring Mall & Loisdale Roads
Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

Kingstowne Farmer's Market

May 1 – October 30
Parking lot where Giant is located
Fridays 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Mount Vernon Farmer's Market

May 6 – December 16
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
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, and picnic area

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 - 8 is the time to let your teachers know how much you appreciate them and all they do for you.



National Police Week

May 10 – 16 will feature many events to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe.

LOCAL FUN EVENTS

Mar 14-15 – Trolls LIVE at Eagle Bank Arena, www.eaglebankarena.com

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

Mar 28 – Cherry Blossom Jubilee, 12noon-5pm, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 S Union St, Alexandria

Apr 17-18 – America Horticultural Spring Garden Market, www.ahsgardening.org/event/ahs-spring-garden-market

Apr 23 – National Girls and Boys to Work Day

Apr 25-May 16 – "Blue Stockings," Little Theatre of Alexandria, <http://thelittletheatre.com/>

May 2 – Carlyle's Perfectly Paired Chocolate and Wine Tasting, 6:30-9pm, Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St, Alexandria

May 2-3 – Sesame Street Live! Make Your Magic, www.eaglebankarena.com

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ANNUAL MEETING, Tuesday May 12

Board Meetings – 7:00pm
Mark Twain Middle School
Tuesday, March 10
Tuesday, April 14
Tuesday, May 5
Tuesday, June 9

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
John Marshall Library
Monday, March 9
Monday, April 13
Monday, May 11
Monday, June 8
ACCChair@lofridge.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
Verizon	888-363-4498