

Loft Ridge Limelight

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



*“Fill each day with laughter
Fill each day with fun
And make this holiday season
A Very Happy One!”*

--- Unknown



Christmas Tree Pickup

UNDECORATED Christmas trees will be picked up with trash **ONLY January 6 and 13**. Please do **NOT** dispose of the trees in the woods.



New Board Member

Welcome to Rachael Roach who volunteered to fill a position ending in May 2022.

Yard Debris

Collection ends December 24 and restarts March 2021.

Snow Plowing and Sand

Snow plowing will occur at 3”. Sand will be spread as needed.

Inclement Weather Towing

The Association may authorize the immediate removal of vehicles on LRHOA roadways and parking areas that are stalled, stuck, parked or abandoned and may authorize storage of removed vehicles. Homeowners are subject to the imposition of charges for removal and storage of these vehicles.



When It Snows...

Keep the snow cleared in front of your **storm door** to make sure you can open it.

Board Update

Contracts for snow removal and sanding, grounds maintenance and management were approved. Irrigation systems have been winterized, aeration and overseeding done. Fall tree work was completed. First leaf removal was completed, 2nd one set for December. Split rail fences were repaired.

New Architectural Control Committee Members Needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact in your community? The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) may be for you! We meet once per month, and our main responsibility is to ensure that any exterior changes that a homeowner requests are reviewed to ensure that they are in compliance with the Loft Ridge HOA guidelines. In the Spring, we inspect all townhouses, looking for maintenance issues or changes that are not in compliance. The ACC’s mission is to ensure we continue to live in an attractive and well-maintained community.

As you may know, this year’s inspection was postponed due to COVID-19, so the coming Spring will be busier than in the past since the ACC will inspect the entire community. Additional members are needed now so that we can conduct training and complete the 2021 inspections on time. If you are interested in joining, please contact accchair@loftridge.com.

Give Thanks for Chocolate

Friendship is the Greatest Gift

2020 Bluebird Box Wrap-Up

2020 has been a challenging year for so many reasons and our bluebird box trail had a difficult season too. During this season, our 8th year monitoring this trail for the Virginia Bluebird Society, we had a devastating 56 house sparrow eggs laid across 8 boxes. This invasive bird unfortunately aggressively displaces many of our native species in nesting locations and competes in foraging for food. Thankfully, our volunteers know how to ID these eggs and they are removed before they can hatch. By comparison, our boxes were home to bluebird parents which successfully raised 14 babies. And, for a third year in a row, we had tree swallows successfully nest, with 4 babies raised. 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.

And When It Snows

You are responsible for shoveling your porch/stoop, walkway and the sidewalk in front of your home as well as your numbered parking space. Shoveling snow from an unnumbered space doesn't mean you staked a claim but common courtesy is if you didn't clear the space, don't park in it.

BE VIGILANT FOR NEIGHBORS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE DURING BAD WEATHER



Winter arrives December 21

Happy Valentine's Day!



Green Living Tips for This Winter

The brand new Loft Ridge Conservation Committee would like to share some easy tips with you to help reduce our community's ecological impact by living more sustainably. We challenge you to join our efforts by trying at least one of these at your home this winter.

- **Consider setting your thermostat one or two degrees lower than in past years.** Or better yet, invest in a programmable thermostat. This simple action will reduce your overall energy use, saving you money while reducing the demand on our power grid and lowering harmful carbon emissions.
- **Ensure your home is properly insulated from the cold.** Outside air getting in makes your furnace work harder, wasting energy and increasing your electric bill. Check the thickness of your attic insulation and ensure it is adequate, ensure your windows and doors are properly caulked, and use a fireplace plug to keep heat from escaping when you're not using your fireplace.
- **Clean and properly store outdoor items during the cold months.** Rain, snow, and ice wreak havoc on tools, toys, and furniture left outdoors over the winter. Extend the life of your outdoor items and keep them out of the landfill by covering them or bringing them indoors.
- **Find other ways to cut back on garbage.** According to the EPA, half of the 300 million tons of trash generated in 2018 ended up in landfills. Reduce this number by rethinking garbage. Join a BuyNothing group (<https://buynothingproject.org/>) or post items you no longer need on NextDoor.com or Craigslist, repair broken items, and explore ways to use food scraps, such as freezing vegetable trimmings for tasty homemade soup stock.

For more information or to join the Loft Ridge Conservation Committee, please contact ConserveChair@loftridge.com.

Area News

The Springfield Plaza Giant has relocated to the former K-Mart Store.

Landmark Mall, established in October 1965, was officially closed with Sears departure.

Special Pick-Up Called In?

Please don't set items out assuming a neighbor will want them or that someone has called for a special pick-up. If neither is the case, discards just get left and make our neighborhood look trashy.

Last Winter Weather Memories

Don't bet on a repeat of last winter when snowfall was just .06 inches, the third lowest on record, only trailing winters of 1972-1973 and 1997-1998 when only .01 inch fell. December through February were unusually warm.

Snow and Your Trash Can

This time of year it is more important to have your cans out for as short a time as possible. Out after 5pm Tuesday and in by dark Wednesday. They can freeze in place, making it difficult to move, and the snowplow has to maneuver around them.

Remember, if weather is severe, the County trucks may not collect on schedule but assume they will.

Christmas Card is 145 Years Old

Americas first commercial Christmas card was printed in 1875. Hallmark started production in 1915.

Charge for Plastic Bags

Virginia HB 534 and SB 11 are both proposing a 5 cent charge for each plastic bag from stores.

Loft Ridge Reminders

**Daylight Savings Time
March 14**



**ACC Inspections –
Begin April 2021**



**Pets Inside in
Cold Weather**



**Leave Your
Porch Lights On**



Loft Ridge Real Estate

Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Sold Date
5730 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$455,000	\$ 2,500	09/02/20
4325 Gingham Ct	Int	\$502,500	\$ 0	09/16/20
5739 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$480,100	\$ 0	10/02/20
4309 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$509,900	\$ 1,500	10/16/20



Rentals		Rental Rate	List Date
4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,700	11/12/20
5684 Medallion Ct	Int	\$2,425	08/01/20
5676 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,400	07/13/20

Closed		Closed Rate	Rented Date
5716 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,495	12/28/20
5753 Ridge View Dr	End	\$2,500	11/10/20
5628 Ridge view Dr	Int	\$2,350	11/08/20

*Seller Subsidy is the total seller contributes towards buyer's closing costs. 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)

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Board meetings will be held via Zoom until larger assemblies are permitted and location secured. Check Loft Ridge website for updates

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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

