

SUMMER 2021

Loft Ridge Limelight

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



“Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move your dancing feet.”

— Bob Marley



NO HOA DUES INCREASE

Quarterly dues will remain at \$260.

Sprinklers On? Lights On?

If you see any on during the day, contact Louise or Management.

Your Metro Cards Expiring?

Beginning in June, Metro will be installing new fare card machines which will not accept some current cards. Look on the back of yours for the number “0167”. If those exist, your card will be compatible otherwise check the Metro website for replacement information.

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!



Multi-Purpose Court Survey

Enclosed is a survey asking you to express your preference / opinion on converting one of our tennis courts to a basketball court. Please read all the information carefully. Deadline and methods of response are indicated.

Be on the Look Out for Pokeweed (Phytolacca Americana)

Why is pokeweed here?

Loft Ridge HOA is actively eradicating invasive species around the HOA. As a result, native plants like pokeweed are beginning to rebound along the forest edge, behind the Ridge View playground, and in other places in the Community.

What is good about pokeweed?

Pokeweed is good for nature! It's an important good source for birds and the host plant for the caterpillar of Virginia's native giant leopard moth.

Why is caution advised with pokeweed?

Like many plants (such as poison ivy), this plant can be **toxic to humans and mammals and should be avoided by people and pets**. Children can be attracted by the clusters of berries, **ingesting even one berry may cause poisoning requiring emergency treatment**. The leaves of this plant may also cause skin irritation or a rash. Its toxicity increases with the age of the plant; special caution should be taken in the fall when the plant is the oldest.



Where can I find more information about pokeweed?

To learn more about pokeweed, go to:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/05/nyregion/pokeweed-is-beautiful-and-poisonous.html>

Compost Your Yard Waste – But Not in Plastic!

An article from the Conservation Committee

In the last issue of the Limelight, we highlighted ways to compost your table scraps. For this edition, we focus on composting your yard waste. While composting yard waste in Loft Ridge is prohibited (nor should you toss yard waste into the common or forested areas), yard waste pick up is included as part of our weekly trash services from March 1 through December 24!

However, on March 1 a new County rule took effect to prohibit the use of plastic bags for yard waste; enforcement began on April 19, 2021. Yard waste set out in a plastic bag after this date may be left uncollected, with a tag on it as a reminder of this new rule.

This move away from plastic is smart and environmentally sound: the county composts leaf litter and yard waste which returns nutrients to the soil. But the composting process unfortunately shreds plastic bags. That plastic then ends up in our environment as small pieces. The new rule eliminates plastic contamination from the compost and makes yard waste processing more efficient.

Loft Ridge residents can pick up paper compost bags at most local grocery and hardware stores. Reusable containers should be marked as Yard Waste. For more information, visit the County's page for the project, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/elimination-plastic-yard-waste-bags-faqs>.

Note: Invasive plants are still considered trash and should be disposed of in the normal trash and other wood debris such as lumber and treated wood should be taken to the I-66 Transfer Station or I-95 Landfill Complex.



Happy Father's Day

"A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow."

...Unknown



Anniversaries

September 11, 2001

Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776
Star Spangled Banner was named our National Anthem in 1931

Washington area Metro turns 45
Reagan National Airport opened in June 1941
Virginia State Parks are celebrating 85th
Air and Space Museum is 45 in July
First paper currency issued in 1861
Dennis the Menace cartoon is 70
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is 50 in September
First Commercial color television broadcast was in June 1951

*** Summer arrives June 20 ***

Tennis Court Combination

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

FREE Slurpee

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

Vehicle Reminders

Any wheeled vehicles you authorize on common ground will make you responsible for any damages. Non-motorized vehicles or trailers can't park in parking spaces overnight.

Stamps to \$.58?

That is the proposal by the Postal Service to be effective August 29th.

Area News

Amazon Fresh is now open in the former Shoppers Food Warehouse in Festival at Manchester.

Real Estate Taxes

Fairfax County rate was lowered to \$1.14 per hundred dollars of assessed value.

Ashley Homestore will fill in the remaining space between Aldi's and Lazy Boy in Kingstowne.

Dollar Tree across Route 1 from Lowe's is now open.

Loft Ridge Reminders

Trash/Recycle Cans
Out after 5 on Tuesday
In by dark Wednesday



Pet Care in Summer
Please don't leave your
pets outside without
shade and water



Drive Twenty-Five!



Call 811
to mark utility lines
before you dig



Loft Ridge Real Estate – The Market is Hot!

Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Sold Date
5316 Caprice Ct	End	\$530,000	\$ 0	03/18/21
5712 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$485,000	\$ 0	03/19/21
5624 Ridgeview Dr	Int	\$550,000	\$ 0	04/08/21
5708 Ridgeview Dr	Int	\$575,000	\$ 0	04/09/21
5662 Ridgeview Dr	End	\$585,000	\$ 0	05/21/21



Active Rentals		Rental Rate
5700 Medallion Ct	End	\$2,700



*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 Renee Mumford (Realtor)

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Loft Ridge Group Email

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Contact management to join

Loft Ridge Parents Group

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

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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

Kelly Campagne – 202-607-6331 Cheatham Court
Louise Whitt – 703-960-0428 Ridge View Drive

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 Towing	703-339-2400
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

