

FALL 2021

# Loft Ridge Limelight

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

*“Starting this month, all the months end with “brr” because it’s getting colder”*

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## Special Pick-ups

Make sure you call 703-802-3322 or schedule online by Tuesday 2pm. Before you add to an existing pile, ensure pick-up has been scheduled. The material scheduled must be out by 6pm on Tuesday placed away from trees and trash/recycle cans.

## Board Member News

Elected were Abbigale Boyle, Nicolette Daleske and Carie Rothenbacher of Evergreen Knoll, Jenna Radford of Gingham Ct, and Muthu Naryanaswamy of Gypsy Ct. Erika Wheeler of Medallion was appointed in July.

Thanks to outgoing members Eric Naide of Gladden Ct and Chris Payne of Ridge View Dr who retired, and Louise Whitt of Ridge View Dr who was not re-elected.

## New Bike/Driving Rules

Virginia HR 2522 effective July 1, states that drivers who don't have three feet of clearance between their vehicle and a bicyclist must move over to pass. Bicyclists may now ride two abreast in travel lanes.

## Tennis Court Use

Help minimize wear and tear. As the sign says, tennis shoes only. No bikes, skateboards, lawn chairs, pets or unauthorized sports. Surface damage costs each of us money.

## Board Meetings

You can find the Zoom agenda and meeting packet on [www.loftridge.com](http://www.loftridge.com) homepage. Click on the meeting date

## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

Please place all the leaves you remove in 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.

## School's In Session

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



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

*Good Neighbors make  
Good Neighborhoods*

## Planting Your Garden this Fall!

Quick! Which season do you consider the best time to plant and garden? If you said spring, you're not completely wrong...but you'd actually be missing the ideal season to get your perennial flowers and especially "woodies" (shrubs and trees) into the ground.

As summer fades and autumn approaches, now is the time to get new plants in the ground. Trees and shrubs begin dormancy in anticipation of winter making them less likely to die upon transplanting. They'll also have more time to acclimate to soil conditions before further establishing root systems in the spring, making them more likely to flourish the following year.

Consider planting native species in your yard this year. Natives benefit the entire food chain of local wildlife, helping to enhance biodiversity in our local ecosystems. Non-native species – which include most of the plants sold at commercial nurseries and big box stores – often provide severely reduced or even negative benefits to the surrounding ecosystem.

Plant NOVA Natives is a great resource for choosing the best native plants based on your site's conditions (e.g. sun/shade, wet/dry) and so much more. Check out their list of native-only plant nurseries in the area and upcoming plant sales where you can get new plants as well as talk to experts (<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/local-native-plant-sales>). One of the best native plant events locally is the Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale, taking place on Saturday, October 2, 2021, 9am-2pm. See the link for more info!

And, this fall kicks off the 5-year Plant NOVA Trees campaign as well! You can help Loft Ridge HOA be part of the movement to get more native trees into our community. Learn more here: <https://www.plantnovatrees.org>. (submitted by Conservation Committee)



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

*Happy Thanksgiving finally  
with friends and family!!*



## Composting Correction

In the Summer 2021 issue of Limelight, we incorrectly stated that "composting yard waste in Loft Ridge is prohibited." While in fact compost piles are prohibited (and yard waste should never be tossed into the common or forested areas), we wanted to offer the correction that in fact composting is allowed in our HOA. As the HOA Handbook indicates on p. 10: "Composting shall be restricted to an enclosed composting bin in the rear of the house on ground level. Composting piles are not permitted." (submitted by Conservation Committee)

**Star Driver's Licenses**

Due to COVID, airlines will not require this form of identification until May of 2023.

**Wallet Impacts**

- Stamps did rise to \$.58 on August 29
- Your County trash service went from \$360 to \$400 annually
- 5 cent fee for each plastic bag will be discussed by Board of Supervisors in September
- Transfer fee from rail to bus will increase from a 50 cent credit to a \$2.00 credit on September 5

**Thwart Phone Hackers**

One easy way to do this is to turn your phone off then back on to make it more difficult for hackers to get information from your smartphone.

**Area News**

- Hearings are being held regarding renaming Lee District to Franconia District
- Five Below is now next to Safeway in Kingstowne
- Pizza World is next to Panera
- Farmer's Market at Giant is open Fridays 3-7pm through October 30

**Anniversaries**

- **September 11, 2001**
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier dedicated November 11, 1921
- First Thanksgiving Day celebrated November 1621
- Pearl Harbor was bombed December 7, 1941
- 245 years ago the United Colonies became the United States
- 135 years ago the Statue of Liberty was dedicated

**Fire Month Memories**

Fire Prevention Week occurs annually during the week in which October 9 falls commemorating the historical Chicago Fire of 1871 started by Mrs. O'Leary's cow.

**Loft Ridge Reminders**

**Daylight Savings Time - November 7**



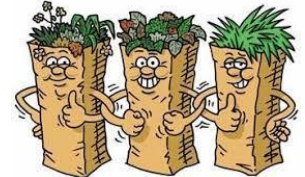
**Grandparents Day September 12**



**Scoop the Poop Can Full? Take baggie home**



**Dec 22 – Last Day for Yard Waste Pick-Up**



**Loft Ridge Real Estate**

**Under Contract**

		List Price	Cont Date
5708 Evergreen Knoll Ct	End	\$495,000	07/19/21
5653 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$545,000	07/19/21
4330 Gingham Ct	Int	\$550,000	08/02/21
5716 Gladden Ct	Int	\$500,000	08/03/21

**Rentals**

		Rental Rate		
5700 Medallion Ct	End	\$2,600		
<b>Rented</b>				
		Close Rate	Rented Date	
4322 Gingham Ct	Int	\$2,250	07/14/21	
5722 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,600	07/21/21	

\*Seller Subsidy - total seller contributes towards buyer's closing costs. Reduces net sold price, affecting future appraisals of other Loft Ridge homes.

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Contact management to join

*Loft Ridge Parents Group*

[groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/lofridgemoms/info](https://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 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

