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Loft Ridge Limelight

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



Board News

The **timber retaining wall** at Ridge View and Cheatham was replaced. All **parking space numbers, tic marks and fire lanes** were pressured washed and repainted. Fire Marshall is requiring compliant and additional signs. **Asphalt trails** were repaved. **Erosion repair** was completed alongside 5724 Ridge View. **Broken** curbs were repaired. Our **insurance** policy was awarded to Nationwide. **Benches** have been ordered for Evergreen Knoll and Lofthill.

Thank You!

To Chris Maletz for organizing another delightful National Night Out, Jonathan Heisey-Grove for joining him at the grill and Louise Whitt for a smooth running food table. The kids enjoyed the



Thank You!!!

Moonbounce and residents munched on donated food items. We were visited by local police officers, sheriffs and firemen (in their engine with siren and lights!!) as well as Supervisor McKay.

Don Wheeler and Louise Whitt assisted in ridding us of active hornet nests and Louise cut up several broken/hanging branches.

Free Prescription Medicine Disposal

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout will take place on **Saturday, October 22, 10am – 2pm**. 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.

Dooring

Effective July 1, Virginia passed a law that imposes a \$50 fine on a driver who opens a vehicle door on the side of passing traffic without checking to see that it was “reasonably safe to do so.”

School's In Session!

When bus lights and stop signs are activated vehicles must stop in both directions unless they are separated from the bus by a median. The penalty? A maximum of \$250, up to 6 points on your license, and possible suspension of your driving privileges.



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.

Leaves, Leaves, Leaves

In autumn Jack Frost paints every leaf a radiant color and soon after they all need to be removed so the snow has room to fall.

When you bag the ones from your yards, please place them out after 5pm on Tuesday nights in paper bags so they end up in the “leaf truck” for composting. Putting leaves in plastic bags means they end up in the incinerator.

Your Tree's Leaves, Your Liability?

You might want to ask your insurance agent if you are liable if someone slips on wet leaves which have fallen from your tree.

Oct 1st or 2nd: Volunteers Wanted for Cannon Lane Bayscaping Project

The Loft Ridge HOA applied for and received a second grant from NVSWCD to landscape with native plants in a frequently wet area of the Cannon Lane field. These seasonally wet areas can provide habitat for amphibians if surrounded by a richer ecosystem than simply grass. This will be an exciting addition to Loft Ridge's growing native habitat restorations.

This planting project will be much larger than the rain garden behind Gypsy Court and will benefit from many volunteers helping to move bags of mulch or digging holes for planting 400+ plants. Are you able to help or need volunteer hours for you or your kids? Email Renee Grebe at grebebird@yahoo.com and mark your calendars for the first weekend in October! Updates and additional calls for volunteers will be posted on Loft Ridge's email list.

Fairfax County Data Collection on Deer in Clermont & Loftridge Parks

As part of its ongoing wildlife survey efforts, the Fairfax County Park Authority's (FCPA) Wildlife Ecologist and Wildlife Biologist partnered to gather additional data in Clermont & Loftridge parks on the deer population and its impact on Fairfax County parkland. In July, a deer browse survey was conducted to determine how much vegetation and habitat has been damaged by deer. Results of this survey showed these parks rank between 4 (heavy) and 5 (severe), on a scale of 1-5, meaning deer are having an extreme effect on the health of these forests. In August, a camera survey was done to more accurately estimate the number of deer per square mile in these parks. Results of the survey will be available this fall. The Board will be inviting FCPA to hold a public forum where results and potential next steps can be discussed with the community. More information about deer management can be found online:



<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/wildlife/deer-management/faqs.htm>

Deer and Your Vehicle

The last three months of the year are the most prone to have deer/vehicle collisions, with November historically the worst.

- Keep your eyes peeled and remember deer travel in herds. Deer are more active pre-dawn to mid-morning and dusk to early evening.
- If a deer is stopped in the roadway, reduce speed and flash your headlights. Deer can become blinded by brightly steady lights.
- If a deer jumps in your vehicle's path, reduce speed and grasp steering wheel firmly with both hands.
- Take your foot off the brake at time of impact. This will reduce the likelihood of deer dashing through a windshield on impact.

If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the collision to the Fairfax County Police non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.

Handicap Ramp Work

Due to a 2015 change in American Disabilities Act (ADA) criteria, when milling and repaving is done to streets, adjacent handicap ramps must be brought into compliance.

Previously the ramps had to be wheelchair accessible; now they must also alert blind or low-vision persons to a change in elevation. You can see from the VDOT work recently done on Ridge View Drive to ramps in their right-of-way, the length of the slant has been increased so decline is more gradual and in the square nearest the street, the sides are same height as previous sidewalk square so when tapped with a blind person's cane, it signals the barrier and alerts to upcoming "bumpy material" which ends when street level is reached.

When our HOA-owned streets are milled and paved in the future, our private handicap ramps must also be brought into compliance.

Remembering 9/11

On **September 11**, everyone should stop and take a moment to remember those who lost their lives in the attacks, and also the loved ones they left behind who are still grieving every single day. We must also remain vigilant of suspicious activity. If you **SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

Pearl Harbor Bombed!!

On **December 7, 1941** that was the news on every radio station worldwide.

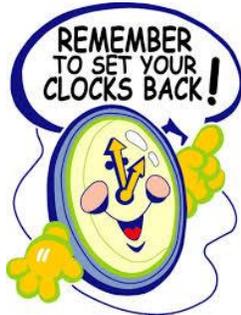
The surprise bombing attack by 353 Japanese aircraft started at 7:55am lasting 75 minutes. U.S. personnel casualties numbered 2,403 killed, 1,178 wounded and 10 U.S. Navy ships, including 8 battleships, were destroyed or damaged. The U.S. Pacific Fleet's three aircraft carriers were out to sea on maneuvers and the Japanese couldn't locate them.

The battleship USS Arizona remains sunken in Pearl Harbor with its crew onboard, half of the dead from the attack. A United States flag flies above the sunken vessel, which serves as a memorial to all Americans who died in the attack.

Even though that infamous attack was **75 years ago** and most of the service members from World War II are deceased, let's remember them this Veteran's Day along with all those who are serving or have served in defense of our Country's freedom.

Loft Ridge Reminders

**Daylight Savings Time
Fall Back on November 6**



Scoop the Poop
Can Full?
Take baggie home



**Loft Ridge
Ghoulympics**

Watch for details on the group email.



RE M I N D E R
Trash out after 5pm
Tuesday nights



Loft Ridge Real Estate Update

Under Contract		List Price	Cont Date	Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	Date Rented
4332 Gingham Ct	Int	\$399,900	08/15/16	5767 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,400	Active
5722 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$439,900	08/18/16	5716 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,150	05/18/16
				4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,700	06/16/16
				5714 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$1,995	08/01/16
Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date			
5678 Ridge View Dr	End	\$387,994	\$0	06/24/16			
5627 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$420,000	\$3,000	06/16/16			

* 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 (Realtor)

2015 Weather to Remember

November 6, 2015 temperature of 80 degrees broke record of 78 for that date set in 1948. 80 degrees has only been recorded on that date 22 times since recordkeeping started 145 years ago.



October Dangerous for Pedestrians

This is the leading month for pedestrian-involved accidents in Fairfax County. With the arrival of autumn and milder temperatures, more people are walking, bicycling, or jogging. All pedestrians and motorists need to be more cognizant of each other.

Who Decided.....

When Thanksgiving Day was to be celebrated? In 1863 President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. But during the Depression, in 1939 the President moved it from November 30 to November 23 to the dismay of some states so in 1941 Congress declared recognition to be on the fourth Thursday not the last Thursday.

Remembering our Service Members

95 years ago the “Unknown Soldier” was memorialized at Arlington Cemetary.

90th Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

Tune in at 9am for this three-hour event. It covers a 2.5 mile parade route and is watched by about 3.5 million street spectators and 50 million media viewers.



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

May you and yours have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!!



“Fire Month” Memories

Fire Prevention Week occurs annually in October during the week in which October 9 falls commemorating the great **Chicago Fire of 1871**. It was **145 year ago** that Mrs. O’Leary’s cow started that historical fire.

In **1766**, the first fire escape mechanism – a wicker basket on a pulley and chair – was patented.

Fireplace Safety

With winter just around the corner, to make the chilly months warmer:

- Have an annual fireplace/chimney professional inspection
- Use only wood that is properly seasoned to reduce creosote build-up
- Make sure your fireplace has a sturdy screen to contain sparks
- Allow fireplace ashes to cool before disposing of in a metal container

Please note: firewood trucks are not allowed on common ground and your firewood is to be stored inside your fence



Indian Summer is ---

Warm, calm spell of weather that

occurs in autumn usually followed

by a period of colder weather

LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Springfield Towne Center Farmer's Market

May 7 – October 29
Corner Spring Mall &
Loisdale Rds
Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Kingstowne Farmer's Market

May 6 – October 28
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

Opened May 5
Red Brick House next to
Metro
Thursdays 3pm – 7pm

Franconia Fire Station has an open house Saturday, October 8, 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

September 16-17 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale, corner of Franconia Rd/Telegraph Rd, Fri 9am-8pm and Sat 9am-noon

September 17-18 – King St Art Festival at www.visitalexandriava.com, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-5pm

September 24 – Calvary Road Baptist Children's Consignment Sale, 6811 Beulah, 8am-2pm

September 24 – Free Museum Day. Download 2 free tickets and search for participating museums at www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-live-2016

September 24 – Northern Alexandria Native Plant Sale, parking lot of St Clement at 1701 N Quaker Ln, 9am-2pm

October 1 – Annual Art on the Avenue from 10am-6pm at Mount Vernon Avenue at www.artontheavenue.org

October 15 – Burgundy Farms Fall Festival at www.burgundyfarms.org

October 19-23 – Disney on Ice "100 Years of Magic" at www.patriotcenter.org

October 22 – November 12 – A Party to Murder at The Little Theater, www.thelittletheater.com, 703-683-0496

November 5 – Craft Show, Edison High School, 9am-4pm

November 10-12 – Edison Fall Play at Edison High School at www.edisondrama.com

November 25 – Alexandria Tree Lighting at Old Town Market Square starting at 6pm

December 3 – Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade at www.ScottishChristmasWalk.com

December 3 – Holiday Boat Parade of Lights from 6-7pm at www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com

November 28 – December 23 – Christmas Tree Sale at Edison H.S.

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Archived Newsletters

www.loftridge.com/news/newsletter

Loft Ridge Mom's Group
groups.yahoo.com/group/loftridgemoms

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703-803-9641
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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

Both are Board members but each paid
for their certification

Board Meetings – 7:00pm
Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall
Thursday, September 16
Thursday, October 20
Thursday, November 17

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 14 at 5761 Ridge View Dr
Wednesday, October 12 at 5631 Ridge View Dr
Wednesday, November 9 at 5761 Ridge View Dr
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ACC Re-inspections

September 1 – 18

Are you ready?

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
USA Today	800-872-0001