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# LOFT RIDGE LIMELIGHT

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

## *Spring Arrives March 20*



### **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 18, 2017.**

### **News from the Board**

**Tree removal** and some pruning was accomplished. The **audit** was approved. Recommendations were made for additions to the upcoming **Reserve Study**. Creation of the **FY18 budget** is underway. Irrigation system is scheduled for inspection and start-up.

### **Deer Management**

A presentation by Fairfax County staff was offered and those slides provided via Group email. All were encouraged in both instances to contact Supervisor McKay's Chief of Staff, ([taylor.holland@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:taylor.holland@fairfaxcounty.gov)) with support or concerns. The majority of the emails have been in support so it is assumed that both Clermont and Loftridge parks will be added to the list for September-February hunt. More information will be in the Summer issue.

If you haven't subscribed to Group email and want the slides, contact [louise.loftridge@gmail.com](mailto:louise.loftridge@gmail.com).

### **Good Neighbors Make Good Neighborhoods!**

#### **Free Dirt and Grass Seed**

To help enhance our common areas while keeping costs down, top soil and grass seed will be provided to any resident who will spread it and water the area. Details will be provided via Group email.

#### **Is that blowing trash yours?**

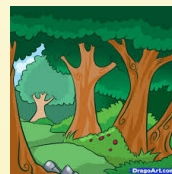
Please don't put loose items in your trash cans/bins. If they don't make it into the trash truck, they stay on the ground and no one picks up litter.



#### **Home Secure?**

Free security check by trained Police  
703-922-0889

#### **Items in Woods**



Please don't discard items into our wooded areas. Use your trash can or call for a special pick-up.

#### **Reuse Pet Water**

When giving your pet fresh water, throw the old water on your tree or shrubs.

**Grounds Contract Summary**

**Ongoing**

Mowing early Spring – late Fall every 7-10 days to 3” – 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  
 Seasonal flowers in entrance beds



**Sell, Buy or Give-Away**

Your Spring decluttering will go faster if you utilize [classified@lofridge.com](mailto:classified@lofridge.com).

- If you have an item to sell, indicate “FS” or “For Sale” and price in subject line (i.e. FS Bedroom dresser \$100)
- For an item to give-away, indicate “FF” or “For Free” in subject line (i.e. FF Moving Boxes)
- If you are in search of an item, use “Wanted” in subject line (i.e. Wanted Desk)

Most importantly, if you want to respond, use “Reply” and NOT “Reply All.” To join, email [classifieds-subscribe@lofridge.com](mailto:classifieds-subscribe@lofridge.com), with “Subscribe” in subject line.

**Parking Courtesy**

Please utilize your numbered space. Some homeowners who own a single vehicle habitually park in an unnumbered space thus preventing their assigned space from being used. That makes it difficult for visitors to find parking. While there is parking on Ridge View and at the Cannon Lane circle, that is a long walk from some residences. Let’s all treat our neighbors as we would like to be treated.

**Thieves and Your Car Fobs**

The Relay Attack is a device about the size of a smartphone that is used to capture a signal from a nearby key fob allowing for illegal entry and operation later. National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) tested one on 35 vehicles and opened 19. Of those, 18 were started and driven away.

So for vehicle safety, use your fob when close to your vehicle and when parking at home.

**Your Eyes Help**

If you see any of the following, please report them to [board@lofridge.com](mailto:board@lofridge.com).



- Irrigation sprinklers on during the day
- Apparent irrigation leak
- Dumping
- Tennis court gate open
- Street lights off/malfunctioning
- Pet waste stations overflowing



Any suspicious activity should be called in immediately to 703-691-2141.

### Free Prescription Medicine Disposal

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout will take place on **Saturday, April 29, 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.

### Trash Trivia

The average American produces nearly 1,500 lbs. of trash a year, enough to fill 400 shopping bags. Please place your trash inside cans and set those out no earlier than 5pm Tuesday night. We all should care about the appearance of our “home.”

### 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

### 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries

On May 30, 1922 the Lincoln Memorial, honoring our 16<sup>th</sup> President, was dedicated.

Since Memorial Day 1922, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has been selling red poppies nationwide to commemorate all those who died in service to the United States of America.

### 2016 Weather Memories

2016 was the hottest year on record beating earlier records from 2014 and 2015.

In May we had 15 consecutive days of measurable rain.

### Mailbox Use

Please don't tape/affix anything to our mailboxes. The adhesive doesn't come off and the group@lofridge email was designed for contacting your neighbors.

### Loft Ridge Reminders

Federal – April 18  
VA State – May 1



Don't Feed Wild  
Animals



Food Attracts Critters



If Can is Full,  
Take Baggie Home

Drive Twenty-Five!



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

Active	TH Type	List Price	List Date	
4319 Gingham Ct	Int	\$474,900	02/16/17	
Sold	TH Type	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date
5678 Ridge View Dr	End	\$485,000	\$ 0	12/02/16
5734 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$395,000	\$ 5,000	02/03/17

Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	
5716 Gladden Ct	Int	\$2,250	
Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	Date Rented
4320 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$2,350	12/29/16
4327 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$2,495	02/22/17

\*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)

## Nearby Spring Festival

Winchester will host the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival from April 28 thru May 7 this year. The idea of the Festival is to celebrate the passing of winter with miles of pink and white apple blossoms that dot this Virginia apple-growing belt.



The celebration draws about 250,000 visitors. The Winchester-Frederick County area is rich in Revolutionary and Civil War history and features museums and plantation-style homes with remarkable architecture. Winchester is the home of country-western singer Patsy Cline, explorer Admiral Richard E. Byrd and novelist Willa Cather.

Updated information can be found at [www.thebloom.com](http://www.thebloom.com)

## Changes Coming for Landmark Mall

Macy's at Landmark has sold their store and adjacent parking lot to the owner of the inner third of the mall. Sears has not sold out.

The development company anticipates a town center and open-air courtyard with a traditional street grid, sidewalks, trees, expanded parking garage as well as a public transit center. The town center will include a 10-screen movie theater and a hotel along with up to 400 apartments.

No date has been announced for starting the renovation.

## Got The Dot?

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Dept. has a new public-safety initiative – the Yellow Dot Program. Its main purpose is to aid first responders providing life-saving attention during the time immediately after a vehicle crash or emergency. Seniors and people with medical conditions and unresponsive victims will really benefit.

To participate just contact your nearest fire station and ask for the Yellow Dot Program kit. Complete the booklet in pencil and update as needed; include a current photo. Place the yellow dot decal in the lower left corner of your rear window – no higher than three inches from the bottom.

Questions? Office of Public Affairs and Life Safety Education at 703-246-3801.



## DWI Enforcement Squad

Thanks to funds from a Federal grant, Fairfax County Police Department has assigned nine officers to a DWI Enforcement Squad. They will patrol from 7pm to 5am daily and will focus on drivers who appear to be driving while impaired. That stop might prove the driver was under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or injury/illness. They will also be concerned with speeding, reckless driving and distracted driving all of which also contribute to accidents or injuries.

The squad's goal is not making the arrests but rather to encourage voluntary compliance to combat impaired driving.



**Happy Mothers Day**  
 Mothers are like glue  
 Even when you can't see them  
 they're still holding the family together



**LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS**

**Springfield Towne Center Farmer's Market**

May 6 – October 28  
 Corner of Spring Mall & Loisdale Roads  
 Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Kingstowne Farmer's Market**

May 5 – October 27  
 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](http://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](http://www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run)  
 Water slides, wave pool, miniature golf, batting cages, and picnic area

**Teacher Appreciation Week**

May 1-5 is Teacher Appreciation Week in Fairfax County. Why not encourage your child(ren) to show appreciation to all their teachers who have engaged them socially, academically and perhaps in sports. Teaching is a thankless job.

**LIBRARY RENOVATION**

John Marshall Library on Rose Hill Drive is undergoing renovation starting April 16 with planned re-opening in Fall 2018.



**Circus Now History**

Owners of the Ringling Brothers Circus have announced it is closing down after 146 years. The last shows in our area are indicated below. Take your kids now to enjoy this piece of history.

**LOCAL FUN EVENTS**

**Mar 31-Apr 1 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale**, corner Franconia and Telegraph Rd,  
 Fri 9am-8pm & Sat 9am-noon

**April 6-30 – Reithoffer Carnival** at Landmark Mall (Sears end)

**April 7-16 – Ringling Bros Circus "Final Farewell Out of This World,"** at the Patriot Center, [www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com)

**May 20 – 20<sup>th</sup> Mason Neck Eagle Festival**, FREE admission. Games, rides for the kids, live band.  
[www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/masonneck](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/masonneck)

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(for sale, for free, or wanted)

*Archived Newsletters*  
www.lofridge.com/news/newsletter

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

*Sequoia Management*  
703-803-9641  
management@lofridge.com



**ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday May 18**

Board Meetings – 7:00pm  
Mark Twain Middle School  
Thursday, March 16  
Thursday, April 20  
Thursday, May 11

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**Free Notary Service**

Kelly Campagne – 202-607-6331 Cheatham Court  
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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
USA Today	800-872-0001