



Lafayette Village Community Association

September/October 2007 Newsletter

The LVCA Needs You! Cast Your Vote!

One of the main purposes of the upcoming *annual* meeting (details below) will be to elect two of our members to fill two seats on our Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for running all aspects of our community including repair and maintenance of the common grounds, and ensuring our homes are all kept in good appearance. Nominations have been accepted and now we need your vote! Please review the information you received in the mail and please be sure to respond as directed.



Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Meeting!

**Please attend Lafayette Village
Community Association's
ANNUAL Meeting!**

Monday, October 8, 2007 at 7:00PM

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA
Mason District Government Building

Topics include: Board Elections, 2008 Budget,
Committee News, HOT Lanes, Future plans,
your concerns and more...

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Halloween party for the kids...*

Our Community Information...

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REMINDER

Third Quarter Assessments are due October 1, 2007. There is a 15-day “grace” period but the dues are considered late past October 1. Any checks received after October 15, will be considered past due and a fine will be assessed! Please pay your assessment on time!

LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Monthly Meetings

Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the Mason District Government Building, 6507 Columbia Pike

Board Working Sessions – 4th Monday of month at 7:30 PM. Please check website

ACC Meetings - 3rd Monday of month at 7:00 PM at the George Mason Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike. Please check website for October location change!

Finance Committee – 4th Thursday of month at 7:00 PM (Contact the Chair for location)

Neighborhood Watch – Please check website

All residents, including renters, are invited to attend scheduled meetings.

Please check the website for the most current information:

<http://www.lafayettevillage.org/>



2007 LVCA Board Members (from left to right)

Top Row: Joaquin Tremols, Carl Iddings

Bottom Row: Linda Boone, Kathie French, Jay Jarvis

Photo submitted by Jay Jarvis

Committee Updates & Recap...

Recreation Committee

- * Please join us for the annual October Halloween Party. More details on page 9.
- * Despite the clouds, Lafayette Village sponsored a community barbecue on August 5th. Many of our neighbors met at the pool parking lot and had a hamburger or hotdog. Thanks to the Recreation Committee for providing the food, and thanks to our neighbors who brought a side dish to enjoy.
- * Please be advised that there were not enough families interested in a Fall yard sale this year. Please look for details regarding the Spring yard sale early next year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christine Magulas at cmagulas@cox.net. Thank you for your interest.

Neighborhood Watch Committee

- * The Neighborhood Watch continues to meet monthly. More details on page 6.
- * On August 7th our neighbors met near the Tot Lot for the *Neighborhood Night Out* event. The Recreation Committee provided lemonade and cookies, and there was an opportunity to meet with the police. After the event our community received the following email from PFC Courtney K. Thibault, our contact from the Crime Prevention Office: “Thank you to everyone for making National Night Out such a success! Despite the heat we had 35 parties and officers were able to stop by each party. It is always rewarding for us in Crime Prevention to see the community and police officers together. Through community partnership we can work together to fight crime and keep our communities safe.”

Grounds Committee

Each Saturday, the Grounds Committee and other volunteers have been meeting to continue the invasive weed control project. The committee also met on September 15th to walk the grounds and compiled a list of action items.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has been conducting a review of the proposed operating and reserve expenditures for 2008 as part of their analysis for the budget. A draft budget will be presented to the community at the October 8th Annual Meeting. Additionally, we are working with LMA in our continuing analysis of the financial statements and have begun a review of delinquent accounts.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

- * The ACC is working with the management company to present proposals to the Board for several new Mailboxes and Street Lights in the community. As we get more information we will pass it on.
- * The Committee continues to review Home Owner Requests for exterior improvements on the third Monday of the month. The request will be sent back after the Committee has reached their decision.
- * If there are any questions/concerns for the committee, please attend the monthly meeting.

Communications Committee

The Editor will consider all submissions to the newsletter including ads, articles, and recipes. Please submit your entries to lafayette_village@yahoo.com by the 15th of the month. If you would like to view the newsletter in *color*, sign up for electronic distribution or access the newsletter on the website!

Pool Committee

The pool is closed for the season. Thanks to all for a safe and fun year.

2nd Annual Fall Festival

Saturday, October 6, 2007

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PHILLIPS School - Annandale

(Corner of Braddock and Backlick Roads)

ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS TO TEENS: Haunted House, 24' Slide, 26' Rock Climbing Wall, 65' Obstacle Course, Moon Bounce, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Ring Toss, Duck Pond, Make Your Own Scarecrow, & so much more!

Food, Arts & Crafts, Flea Market, INOVA Blood Drive.

“A Taste of Annandale” Participants

Silverado, Fuddruckers, American Legion, The Sunset Grille, Ribsters, Total Star & Beanetics

Live Music by the ML Band

Come join us for a fun filled day!!!!

Free Parking at Immanuel Bible Church

(Directly across the street)

For more information visit, www.annandalechamber.com or call 703.941.8810

RAIN or SHINE!!!!

Presented by PHILLIPS Programs for Children and Families and the Annandale Chamber of Commerce



George Mason Friends

Used Book Sale

George Mason Regional Library

7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

Oct. 11, 5pm - 9pm

Oct. 12, 10am - 6pm

Oct. 13, 10am - 5pm

Oct. 14, 12pm - 5pm

Rare and unusual books, children's books,
and more...

NOTICE: Our children are back to school. Please be sure to obey school zone speed limits, watch for kids walking to school, and be observant of children getting on and off the bus.

For Your Information...From Our Neighbors



* MOMS Club® of Annandale

Ever feel like you are the only mother who stays home?

You are not alone! Come meet other at-home moms.

OPEN HOUSE

The MOMS Club® (Moms Offering Moms Support) is an international, non-profit organization specifically for at-home mothers everywhere. We help you feel good about your decision to stay at home with your children and give you the opportunity to share in activities with other at-home mothers and their children.

We have monthly meetings, speakers, discussions, park play days, holiday & family parties, outings for mothers and their children, and activity groups like arts & crafts, playgroups, babysitting co-ops, and MOMS Night Out. We also do service projects to help those in need.

All of our activities are during the day, when at-home mothers need support, and mothers are always encouraged to bring their children with them to activities.

Please join us at our next meeting and learn more about the MOMS Club® of Annandale. Everyone is welcome!

For information, email Jaime at momsclubannandale@gmail.com.

FOR SALE

- Graco Duoglide Double Stroller - navy & yellow print, compatible with Graco infant seat. Front & rear canopy, recline seats, snack trays, swivel wheels. Great condition. The plastic cap covering the leg pin is cracked but it does not impact the stroller performance. \$45. Contact Jody Gamber at 571-331-1925.
- Schwinn Single Jogging Stroller - aluminum frame, 16" quick-release wheels, zipout-zipin weather shield. Excellent condition. Contact Jody Gamber at 571-331-1925.

Recommended Contractor (by Homeowner):

Pegleg Gutter, Don Curry
703-272-7311

Cleans gutters, trims branches close to home, installs gutter guards, etc. Homeowner recommended the company highly as they take time to clean the gutters thoroughly on our tall townhomes.

Contact **Jody Gamber** for more information on how to begin your own **Mary Kay** business with a *flexible* schedule and *unlimited* earning potential. 571-331-1925 or marykay.com/jgamber1

A homeowner is concerned that even well-trained dogs may get excited when other dogs or small children are around. He wants to remind owners that by Fairfax County Code and LVCA documents, all dogs must be on a leash and under positive control at all times. Anytime a dog is outside the home or fenced yard, the dog must be on a leash.

It has been noted that several dogs have been running loose in front of the Tot Lot and behind the homes on Trammel Court and Colonial Village Row. Please remember that owners are liable if your dog injures or even scares someone. There are many small children and dogs in the neighborhood and we must all be careful while we have our dogs on public property. Please be responsible and keep your dog on a leash.

Get Involved With The Neighborhood Watch...

There is good news to report. We live in a neighborhood that cares about the safety of our families, our homes and our possessions. In August, several of our neighbors from Lafayette Village met to discuss the reactivation of the Neighborhood Watch program. This program is being rejuvenated to protect our community and we need your help.

The mission of the Neighborhood Watch is to PROTECT the people and the surrounding community, create AWARENESS of what is occurring in the neighborhood, and to get our community INVOLVED in their own SAFETY. The program is currently in the planning process and we invite everyone with experience or ideas to join the Committee. Several manuals were ordered from the police department to help the committee members learn more about how to initiate a successful Neighborhood Watch program. In the next few weeks more information will be available pertaining to the program. Please note that the Committee is committed to SAFETY and neighborhood PROTECTION, and will **not** be involved with home inspections or other citations that you may receive from the management company. We are focusing on burglary, loitering, vandalism and suspicious and disruptive behavior.

We need your support.

- We would like each street to have a **Captain** and a back up **Deputy**. This person would be responsible for reporting any news back to the Committee and also distributing any important information from the Committee to the residents. We are hoping this person might act as spokesperson for each street and encourage others to join the Neighborhood Watch.
- We would like to have people throughout the day to take a few minutes to drive/walk through the neighborhood to check for suspicious behavior. We can accommodate your schedule. **IMPORTANT:** If you do see something that appears suspicious, please do not confront the situation. Please call the non-emergency police number at: **703-691-2131**. For an emergency, please call 911.
- **Be Aware.** If you decide you do not want to be publically involved, please make a decision to be aware of your surroundings and to report suspicious behaviors.
- **Be considerate.** Many of your neighbors are involved in this initiative. If questioned, please let your neighbors know if you need help or if everything is fine, without taking offense. Please know that these are VOLUNTEERS that are trying to make sure we live in a safe community.

It is in all of our best interests to protect our community. Please keep in mind; we are not looking for a huge time commitment, just help with communications, organization, and neighbors to be aware of their surroundings. Your level of involvement is up to you and is greatly appreciated. We advise our VOLUNTEERS to be safe. Drive during your shifts and don't walk alone at night. Carry a flashlight and a cell phone. Contact the Committee if you have further questions.

Please review the next page and let us know how you can help. Thank you in advance.

Dear Neighbor,

Please check the appropriate statements below. Then, please either mail this form to: Walsh, 7830 Ashley Glen Road or email your information to: lafayette_village@yahoo.com by 10/8/07.

___ Yes, I am interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch

___ Yes, another member of my household is also interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch

___ I am interested in joining the Committee.

___ I do not have a lot of time, but would be interested in volunteering time to patrol the streets one day a month.

___ I have a dog or frequently walk, and would be interested in carrying my cell phone and reporting any suspicious behavior during this time.

___ I cannot patrol the streets, but would be interested in offering my time in another way.

___ I would be interested in being a ___ Street Captain or a ___ Street Deputy.

The Committee would like to contact you to discuss your availability for volunteering and to make sure you have the information you might need to be part of the Neighborhood Watch. We will offer basic training. If you have ideas on how to make this program successful, please feel free to send them along.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Other Comments: _____



More Neighborhood News...

In order to keep the deer population controlled within our community, the Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia group will continue to hunt the deer. Efforts will increase as the Fall season approaches. September 15th was the opening of an Early Urban season for antlerless deer. On October 6th, hunters may begin to take bucks as well as antlerless. Records show that they have removed 9 deer total from the area. With the proximity of the Park Authority property nearby, the deer will surely continue to “migrate” to our area.

Now that Fall is here, the deer are becoming increasingly active. Please be mindful and drive carefully on Lafayette Village Drive and Trammel, especially at night. Many deer have already been spotted here and on 495 too!

Please Note: The police have had several reports of GPS navigation systems (such as Garmin) stolen from cars. To prevent an incident in your neighborhood please completely remove the system when you are not in your car. Do not just put the system in your glove compartment or under your seat. Criminals are breaking in if they see the mount on the windshield or the mark from the suction cup for the mount and looking through the car.



Crews fix curbs and cracked pavement in our neighborhood.



Residents enjoy the community barbecue.

The management company will be making sure that **trash and toys** are not being stored improperly in front of homes or in common areas for long periods of time. The bylaws are posted on the LVCA website. Both homeowners and renters are responsible for knowing and following the rules. Citations may be issued if you are not in accordance with the community guidelines. Fines will also be assessed.



Residents work hard eliminate the invasive weeds.

Photos submitted by Jay Jarvis

Lafayette Village

Halloween Party

Sunday, October 28, 2007

11:00 am at the Tot Lot

We will meet at the park where we will have a costume contest and trick or treats! Please bring a light snack to share!

Questions? Please contact Christie at cmagulas@cox.net



WASHINGTON POST BLOGGER

Northern Virginia is truly wonderful at this time of the year. We are blessed with watching the beautiful Oaks and Maples change colors, while at the same time, we can still enjoy the outdoors without getting cold. For me, this is the best time to visit the neighborhood dog park. My favorite is Banneker Park in Falls Church. Watching the dogs play with their boundless energy never fails to make me smile.

It also makes me sad, because there are many homeless animals in shelters all across the country. If you are interested in adopting a pet, I encourage you to visit local shelters and give a homeless pet an opportunity to be loved. Our shelters are filled with many unwanted pets and I am sure there is one there that will fit perfectly in your home.

Top 10 Reasons to Get Involved with the Neighborhood Watch

1. It's a great way to lose weight by walking around the neighborhood.
2. Your dogs will love the extra attention. (Remember to be responsible and pick up the dog poo.)
3. You'll finally learn where each street is located in the community.
4. You might meet a new friend.
5. You'll feel good about yourself.
6. With any luck your cellular network will follow you.
7. You can no longer say "We don't get out much."
8. You don't have to quit your day job.
9. It will be OK to be nosy about your neighbors while on patrol.

And most importantly:

10. You will know you are doing your part to protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your possessions.



Time for tricks and treats...

Submit your favorite recipes to the editor!

Pumpkin Pie Cake

Ingredients:

Crust (reserve 1 cup)

- 1 pkg yellow cake mix
- ½ cup margarine, melted
- 1 egg

Filling

- 1 large can of pumpkin pie mix
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup milk

Topping

- Reserved 1 cup of cake mix (above)
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ¼ cup margarine

Pumpkin Pie Cake

Directions:

- Grease 13x9 pan, preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Combine cake mix, melted margarine, egg (mixture will be thick)
- Put mixture in bottom of pan and shape as bottom layer
- Beat milk, canned pumpkin mix, eggs until smooth
- Pour over crust
- Combine sugar, cinnamon, margarine, and reserved cake batter by hand until crumbly
- Sprinkle over cake
- Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes

This is a tasty alternative to the standard pumpkin pie.

Chocolate Fudge

Ingredients:

- 1 ½ cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup Carnation Evaporated milk
- 2 Tbsps Butter, unsalted
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 ½ cups Nestle Toll House semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract

- Line an 8-inch square pan with foil.
 - Combine sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt in a medium heavy-duty saucepan.
 - Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly.
 - Continue to boil for 4-5 minutes, stirring constantly.
 - Remove from heat. (Mixture will be extremely hot.)
 - Stir in marshmallows, chocolate chip morsels, nuts and vanilla extract.
 - Stir vigorously for 1 minute or until marshmallows are melted.
 - Pour into prepared pan and refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm.
 - Lift from pan, remove foil and cut into pieces.
- Enjoy! This is a truly simple but yummy recipe!

Local Pumpkin Patches w/Activities for the Family...

(There is an admission fee.)

*Cox Farms

Fall Festival: Sept 22 – Nov. 4
Open 10am-6pm daily
15621 Braddock Rd. Centreville, VA
<http://www.coxfarms.com/default.asp>

*Burke Nursery and Garden Centre

Fall Festival and Pumpkin Playground: Sept. 28 - Oct.31
Open 9am-9pm daily
9401 Burke Rd. Burke, VA
<http://www.pumpkinplayground.com/>

*Heather Hill Gardens

Open through October
M-F: 10am-6pm, Sat: 10am - 5:30pm, Sun: 11am - 5:30pm
8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA

Election Funding...

The content of this article does not reflect the opinions of the LVCA in any manner. This article was submitted by David Poole, Executive Director of the Virginia Public Access Project.

For the past ten years, the non partisan Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP) has brought transparency and accountability to the election process. Using computer technology, VPAP helps Virginians understand the role of money in state and local elections.

Politics has become a major industry, with state and local candidates spending hundreds of thousands of dollars for part-time jobs. VPAP empowers citizens to see for themselves – without the filter of the media or campaign ads – who is paying for the campaigns for state House, state Senate and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. At www.vpap.org, informed citizens such as you can view a complete list of contributors sorted by amount, name, zip code, locality and occupation. You can even plot the information on a map.

Virginia's campaign finance system stands in contrast to the federal system, which seeks to reduce the influence of money in politics by erecting legal barriers between elected representatives and special interests. But a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision found a key portion of the 2002 McCain-Feingold law violates the constitutional right to free speech.

Virginia is one of a handful of states that does not limit corporate, PAC, or personal campaign contributions. Anything goes, as long as candidates disclose the name, occupation and address of any donor who gives more than \$100. The idea is that politicians who do not show restraint will put themselves at risk if voters perceived them to be more responsive to monied supporters than to their constituents.

For decades, the flaw in the Virginia system was that voters had no practical way to access candidates' disclosure reports, which collected dust in filing cabinets at local and state agencies. In 1997, VPAP brought the information out of the darkness by keying the reports into a database and posting the information online. For the first time, Virginians had immediate and easy access to where candidates got their campaign funds and how they spent it.

During the last decade, VPAP has broadened its view of money in politics by integrating information about gifts and trips reported by elected officials, lobbyist registrations and candidates' personal financial holdings. VPAP weaves all of this information into a single database and makes it available free to the public at www.vpap.org.

VPAP takes a "just-the-fact" approach. It does not comment or interpret, but leaves it to voters to draw their own conclusions. One Virginia newspaper has called VPAP.org a "remarkable cyberplace" where the public can "learn a lot more about the candidates by tracking their money than by listening to their stump speeches."

I invite you to visit our site and see for yourself. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th. There is still time for you to learn the source of money behind each candidate and to understand what that says, if anything, about what kind of representative they will be.

David Poole may be reached at dpoole@vpap.org.

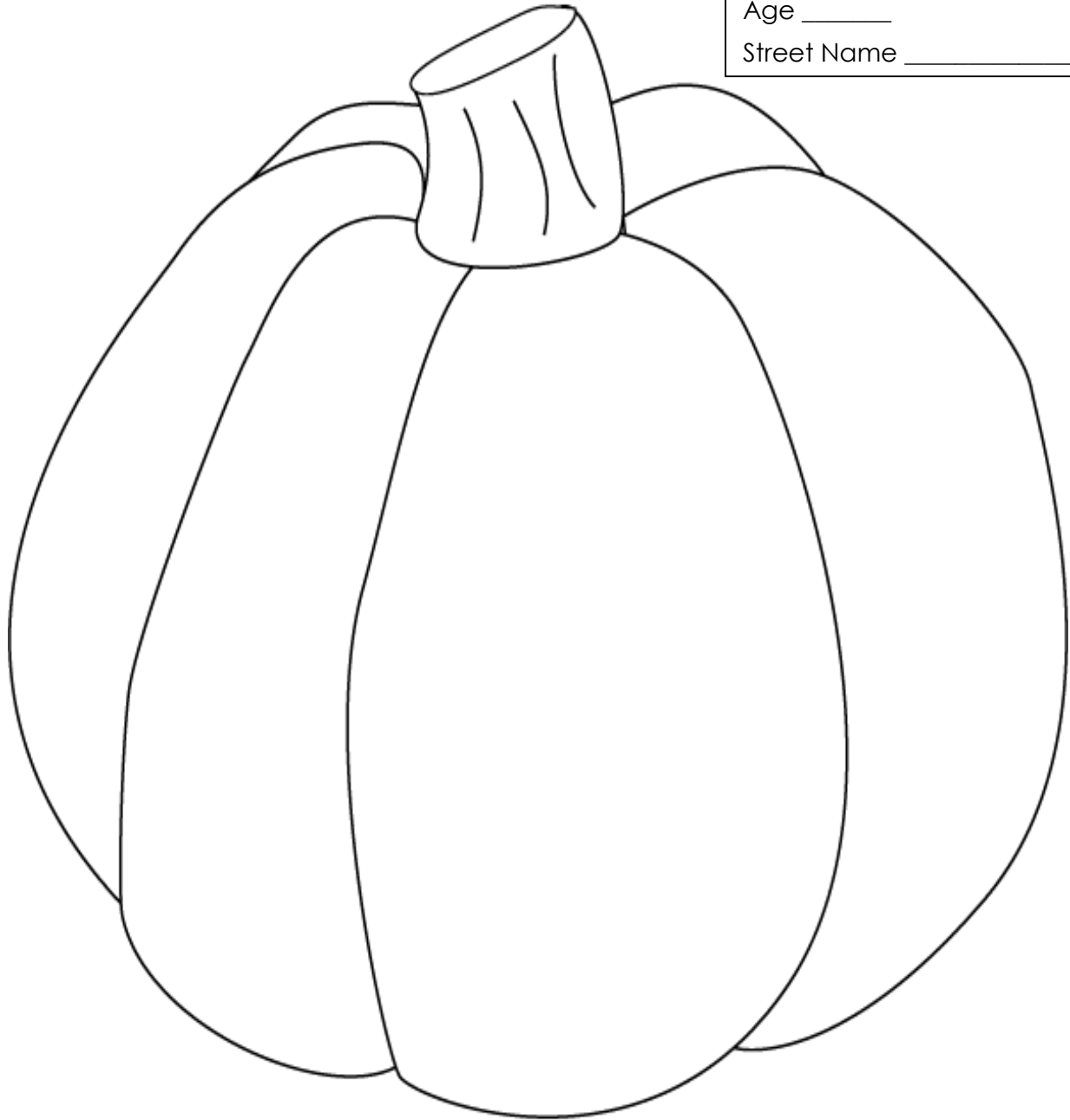
Fun For The Kids...

Have your child color this pumpkin and give it an original “face.” Top 3 notable drawings will be mentioned in the next newsletter.

Name _____

Age _____

Street Name _____



Send completed picture to: Walsh, 7830 Ashley Glen
RD, Annandale, VA 22003.