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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 16, 2019.**

### **Deer Management**

Sharpshooting was conducted by the Fairfax County Police Department from November through January in Clermont Park in an effort to reduce the large deer population. The total reduction from this effort was only seven deer, which is lower than expected based on camera surveys. We continue to have a higher population of deer than our acreage of woods can healthfully sustain.

If you want to voice your concern, contact Taylor Holland (Supervisor McKay's office) at 703-971-6262.

### **Signs to Reflect Loft Ridge**

A contract has been awarded to indicate our community name on our entrance signs. Work is anticipated to be completed by summer.

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

#### **ACC is Coming in April**

Are you ready?



#### **Tennis Court Combination**

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

#### **Yard Waste**

Set it out in paper bags on trash day for pick up starting March 1.



#### **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 damage.

## 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



## It's as Easy as A B C

*Are you planning an exterior change?*

**A**sk the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) if your intended change or construction is within guidelines by submitting the request form found at Exhibit A in the Handbook ([www.loftridge.com](http://www.loftridge.com), HOA, governing documents, handbook)

**B**e approved. The ACC has 30 days after receipt of your request to provide their decision by annotating and signing the request form.

**C**ommence with your project. Please remember construction or material delivery vehicles are not allowed to drive on common ground. Call Miss Utility at 1-800-552-7001 before digging.

### Group Email Usage

Please keep in mind the policy for use indicates this avenue is for Loft Ridge related info or concerns, not personal concerns or issues.

### Construction Work

If non-motorized equipment is needed (i.e. bobcat) for your interior or exterior project, it cannot be left in a parking space overnight.

### Poop Bags Out of View

If you aren't near a "poop can" for your dog's last deposit and your trash can is in rear of your unit, please keep the bag out of sight (i.e. in a flower pot) until you can deposit it.

### Street Repaving

The Board is working on obtaining bids for repaving our streets. You will be given ample notice of work on your street and your cooperation in moving your cars when notified will be appreciated.

### Erosion Paths Completed

Four more paths were completed recently. These are different from the first one (next to 5724 Ridge View) in that these have pea gravel as the top surface. If you want to see these, they are next to 5601 Ridge View, alongside 4301 Gypsy (up to rain garden), and alongside 4316 Gingham and 5716 Medallion.

### 2018 Bluebird Box Wrap-Up

Our 6<sup>th</sup> season of monitoring bluebird nest boxes as part of the Virginia Bluebird Trail has come to a close. Competition for these nest boxes across species was higher than ever. Bluebirds had 6 nesting attempts resulting in 8 babies successfully fledged, white tail swallows - - our first ever occurrence in our boxes - - had 5 nesting attempts with only 2 babies successfully fledged. House wrens continue to do well with 6 nesting attempts and 10 babies successful fledged. Moving near boxes - - further from the forest edge did help us maximize target species (bluebirds, tree swallows) and minimize House Wrens (nesting attempts down 30% since 2017 and down 55% compared to 2013). This was the first season we successfully introduced a “spooker” mechanism, erected temporarily on boxes with actively nesting bluebirds to scare away House Sparrows from attacking bluebird nests. We will continue to use them, as needed, during the 2019 nesting season. If you are interested in learning more about our bluebird trail or in helping monitor the boxes, please contact Renee Grebe at [grebebird@yahoo.com](mailto:grebebird@yahoo.com).

### Moms, Dads, Grandparents

Join the Loft Ridge Parents Group! Find car pool buddies for kids activities at library, info on Community activities like the Halloween parade, and kids same ages/interests as yours for play dates. New to the area? Get recommendations for pediatricians, dentists, sports teams, dance, music lessons, etc.

**Loft Ridge Parents Group Yahoo Listserv:** <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/lofridgemoms/info>

**Loft Ridge Parents Group Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LoftridgeParents>

### Loft Ridge Reminders

Federal – April 15  
VA State – May 1



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Only thing missing is

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Easter Activities  
April 13, 2-3:30pm



Watch for details on  
the Group email

**R E M E M B E R**

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

**R E M E M B E R**

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

Under Contract		List Price	Cont Date	
5743 Evergreen Knoll Ct	End	\$430,000	01/27/19	
5630 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$463,000	01/17/19	
Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date
5717 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$463,000	\$0	01/17/19
5700 Medallion Ct	End	\$430,000	\$3,500	12/28/18
4334 Caprice Ct	End	\$474,900	\$2,500	12/12/18

\*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)

Active Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	List Date
4405 Churchman Ct	Int	\$2,400	01/19/19
Pending			
5700 Medallion Ct	End	\$2,350	03/28/19
Rented			
		Rented Rate	Date Rented
4322 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$2,350	02/25/19
5706 Gladden Ct	Int	\$2,450	01/15/19
5605 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,450	01/18/19
5723 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,500	01/16/19
5732 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$2,500	02/01/19

## Good Neighbor Reminders

- If your branches hang over the sidewalk or parking spaces, please trim them so a 6' tall person can walk under them.
- If you have a tree that drops flowers, nuts, etc. onto the sidewalk, please clear the sidewalks. Rain can make these items slippery.
- If you have dead potted plants to dispose of, please don't just set them out with the trash. They need to be in bags or in trash cans.
- Please no white trash bags. The birds and squirrels will love you but your neighbors won't especially if you don't clean up your mess from chewed bags.
- Your doggie waste bags should be deposited in designated cans throughout Loft Ridge or taken home and placed in your trash can.

## Special Pick-Up

It's free!! All you have to do is schedule online (<https://specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov>) or call 703-802-3322. On regular trash day, the County Trash will pick up bulk items too large for cans, i.e. mattresses. Set items away from regular collection points in an area without trees, lightpoles, etc. nearby so the equipment can pick up the items.

## Restore Open Daily



ReStore, operated by Habitat for Humanity, has a large selection of items for purchase from electrical parts to chandeliers, from newer appliances to kitchen cabinets. Selection depends on donations and some are new. Located at 869 S. Pickett St, you can shop Monday-Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-3pm or donate Monday-Saturday 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am-2pm at rear of store.



Call 703-360-6700 to arrange for pick-up of large items you wish to donate. Painted cabinets, computer equipment and appliances older than three years are about all they won't accept.

## Free Prescription Medicine Disposal

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout will take place on **Saturday, April 27, 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.

## Library Parking

According to information sheet, the carpool parking spaces are there to reduce pollution and land development impacts from automobile use.

## Weather Record

May 2, 2018 hit a high of 91 breaking the old record set in 1930.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Nature Walks – 8am

Neighbors Angelo Miranda & Renee Grebe have partnered to offer free, informal, 1 hour-long nature walks once a month in Loftridge Park. If you're interested in nature, want to learn more about our area's ecology, or just want to meet neighbors, put on some sturdy shoes and join the fun. The walk meets at the tennis courts at 8am on the 2nd Sunday of each month. No RSVP needed, just show up. All ages are welcome, but please, no dogs. For kids under 13, please be sure they are accompanied by an adult. Canceled only in case of particularly bad weather. For last minute updates, search for "Loft Ridge Nature Walks" on Facebook!



## 105th Mothers Day

A mother's arms are more comforting  
than anyone else's...Princess Diana



### LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

#### **Springfield Towne Center Farmer's Market**

May 4 – October 26  
Corner of Spring Mall & Loisdale Roads  
Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

#### **Kingstowne Farmer's Market**

May 3 – October 25  
Parking lot where Giant is located  
Fridays 4:00pm – 7:00pm

#### **Mount Vernon Farmer's Market**

May 1 – December 18  
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 6 - 10 is the time to let your teachers know how much you appreciate them and all they do for you.

## 1964 Alaska Earthquake

Barely five years after achieving statehood, in March of 1964 southern Alaska suffered a 9.2 magnitude earthquake, second only in intensity to Chili's in 1960.

The earthquake caused \$31M (1964 dollars) in damage as well as claiming 131 lives. The subsequent tsunami was felt as far south as Oregon and California claiming lives and causing damage.

## Day Out with Thomas

Visit [www.borail.org](http://www.borail.org) for information on a 25-minute train ride at the B&O Rail Museum in Baltimore April 26-28 and May 3-5. Purchase tickets soon!

### LOCAL FUN EVENTS

**Mar 22-23 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale**, corner Franconia and Telegraph Rd,  
Fri 9am-8pm & Sat 9am-noon

**Mar 22-31 – Marvel Universe Live! Age of Heroes**, [www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com)

**Apr 14 – Cherry Blossom Festival-Sakura Sunday**, [www.nationalharbor.com/venue/national-harbor](http://www.nationalharbor.com/venue/national-harbor)

**May 4-5 – Sesame Street Live! Make Your Magic**, [www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com)

**May 17-19 – Spring Wine Festival and Sunset Tour**, [www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/SpringWineFestivalSunsetTour](http://www.virginia.org/Listings/Events/SpringWineFestivalSunsetTour)

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(for sale, for free, or wanted)

*Archived Newsletters*  
[www.loftridge.com/news/newsletter](http://www.loftridge.com/news/newsletter)

*Loft Ridge Parents Group*  
[groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/loftridgemoms/info](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/loftridgemoms/info)

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**Peanut Butter is 115!**

Peanut butter was first featured in 1904 at the World's Fair in St. Louis.



**ANNUAL MEETING, Thursday May 16**

Board Meetings – 7:00pm  
Mark Twain Middle School  
Thursday, March 21  
Thursday, April 18  
Thursday, May 9

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm  
Clermont Elementary School Library  
Wednesday, March 13  
Wednesday, April 10  
Wednesday, May 8  
[ACCChair@loftridge.com](mailto:ACCChair@loftridge.com)

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**Free Notary Service**

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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