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Loft Ridge Limelight

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



News from the Board

The Board is reviewing **bids** for maintenance of the **common grounds** along with **emptying of the pet waste stations**. **Tree removal/pruning** was completed. **New trees** will be planted to replace the stump piles. **Fall walk-around** will be conducted for identification of dead or dying trees. The **dead shrubs** at Churchman and Ridge View are under warranty and will be replaced.

Also under review are bids for **repair of sidewalk cracks and trip hazards** as well as pressure washing and painting of **fire lanes**. The **irrigation system** will be turned off in early October. The **tot lots** have been remulched, new baby swings installed at RV tot lot and a wasp nest removed from EGK tot lot. At the **tennis courts** you will see two new nets and straps. A contract was awarded to correct the **erosion problem** at the far end of Gingham Ct.

County Project Updates

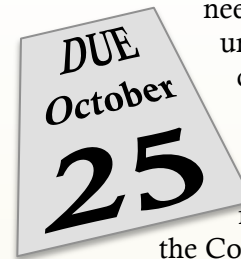
The cause of the high water level in the stream under the **dip on Ridge View** has been corrected. Work is continuing on locations for the **tree box filters**, the number of which is dependent on the County's material availability. And in spite of all the signatures obtained favoring the **rain garden**, lack of County funding has caused that project to be shelved indefinitely.

The **off-leash dog park**, (see article in Summer Limelight) originally scheduled for July, appears to be on target for sometime this Fall.



ACC Deadline Nears

ACC violation letters were sent out advising some homeowners of needed repairs or unapproved changes. You have until **October 25** to ensure your name isn't on the Committee's non-compliant list after **November reinspections**.



Fall Leaf Pick-Up

The County asks that you put leaves in clear or paper bags and set them away from regular trash/recycle cans for collection by the "leaf truck."



**Drive
Text
Pay**

School's In Session!

Stop when bus has red lights flashing and stop arm extended.



Speeding Could End in Tragedy

Are you going to be the driver who causes our first “tragedy” because you were speeding? Remember nothing is so important that a child is “expendable.” Some of you are driving recklessly in our Community. If there is a serious accident, the driver could lose everything he/she has spent a lifetime accumulating!! And what about the child’s grieving family??

Speeding/reckless driving tickets are expensive and points are charged against your driver’s license, which can result in increased insurance costs or non-renewal. Is speeding really worth it?

Please **SLOW DOWN** and ask your neighbors to do the same. 25 mph is fast enough.

Deer Mating Season



Did you know that 60% of all automobile crashes in the Washington DC area happen from October through January? This is mainly due to the number of unsuspecting deer that gallop into oncoming traffic.

This time of year, deer are wandering around looking for food and a mate – and they don’t necessarily restrict their hunt to forests or parks.

If you see a deer, slow down and be alert for more. Do not swerve to avoid a collision because some of the most serious accidents occur when a driver attempts to dodge a crossing deer.

Area Construction/Revitalization

Mulligan Rd (now named Jeff Todd Way) opened in August. It is located just south of Hayfield HS and connects Telegraph to Route 1 at Mt Vernon Memorial Hwy.

Springfield Town Center is opening in October! It will feature Regal Theaters, food court, large play area, and many clothing, shoe and jewelry stores among others.

Work continues at **Telegraph and N Kings Hwy** intersection with anticipated completion this Fall.

Wegman’s (Beulah and Telegraph) opening has slipped to mid-2015.

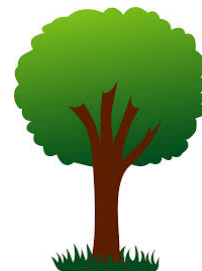
Fall Landscaping Tips

Plant Fall bulbs now and forget about them until next Spring. Prepare bed with rich, well-drained soil. Add planting mix and work into the existing soil to a depth of 6”. Place the bulb (pointed side up!) then cover with soil mix. Water well and cover with mulch.

Divide those perennials to control their size, rejuvenate them and increase their numbers. There is no set rule as to when to divide them, but it is best to divide spring and summer blooming perennials in the Fall and fall bloomers in the Spring. Dividing the plant when it is not flowering enables the plant to focus its energy on growing new roots and leaves.

The most used method of dividing is to dig up the whole clump and carefully separate it into several smaller clumps. It’s important to use a spade with a long, narrow blade. After removing, prune dead and damaged tissue, and make sure each section has a portion of roots and leaves. Replant the divisions in pre-prepared holes at the same depth they were originally. Water the new divisions plentifully, and keep them well-watered through their first year.

Tree and shrubs are best planted now. Their chances of survival are better and they are often marked down at nurseries and stores.



Thanks to Our Neighbors

Fourth of July weekend saw a colorful parade and tasty picnic. The water balloons were a big hit with the kiddos – thanks to Teresa Bearden for organizing this enjoyable event.

National Night Out was another great success. McGruff the Crime Dog showed up and the kids were on the Moonbounce until the last minute. Thanks to all who contributed food and drinks and a special thanks to Don Wheeler who manned the grill.

Respect Your Board

Your Board of Directors is comprised of your neighbors, all of who VOLUNTEERED to give their personal time. They try to comply with homeowners' requests but that isn't always possible. The Board members devote much time outside of monthly meetings; compare them to teachers who are required to do much more than teach a few hours a day. Why not think about attending a Board meeting, joining a Committee or becoming a Board member? It could be fun!!

Mary Quigley, President

Loft Ridge Reminders

Daylight Savings Time
Fall Back on November 2

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK



CHANGE YOUR BATTERY

Scoop the Poop

Can Full?



Take Baggie Home

Loft Ridge
Ghoulympics

Watch for details on the group email.



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E Trash **E**
M out after **M**
I 5pm **I**
N Tuesday **N**
D nights **D**
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Loft Ridge Real Estate Update – Values are on the Rise!

Active	TH Type	List Price	List Date
5672 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$435,000	07/31/14
5702 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$359,900	07/02/14
5733 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$409,000	06/25/14

Under Contract	TH Type	List Price	Contract Date
4331 Gingham Ct	Int	\$399,900	08/15/14
5601 Ridge View Ct	End	\$475,000	08/05/14
4331 Marjoram Ct	End	\$459,900	07/15/14
4410 Cheatham Ct	End	\$465,000	07/14/14

Sold	TH Type	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date
5632 Ridge View Dr	End	\$473,000	\$ 0	08/15/14
5704 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$440,000	\$0	08/08/14
5652 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$435,000	\$1,000	07/16/14
4328 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$435,000	\$3,200	06/26/14
5659 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$436,100	\$3,600	06/20/14

FOR SALE

SOLD

FOR RENT

*“Location, location, location”
Loft Ridge has it!*

* 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 Lesa Jones (Neighbor and Realtor)

Halloween Safety Reminders



Go trick-or-treating with your child(ren). Have them wait on the steps for the treats.

Do not let your child(ren) eat any candy before examining it at home. Discard unwrapped candy.

Make sure costumes are made of non-flammable material and short enough to not create a tripping hazard.

Make sure eyeholes of masks are the right size and in right place so vision is not blocked. Consider using makeup instead. Your child needs to be able to see and walk safely across streets.

All costumes should be bright in color or have child(ren) wear reflectors or carry flashlights.

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

A Time for Thanks

Thanksgiving means something a little different to each of us. Whether Thanksgiving Day means family gatherings, football, turkey and pumpkin pie, parades, or the day before Black Friday, all of us in this great nation have so much to be thankful for.

Take a moment of your day to give thanks for:

- Freedom and for those who have granted and protected it for us
- A free education, a privilege many still do not enjoy
- Good health and the means to maintain it
- The job that may drive you crazy some days, but puts food on the table



There's an old saying that's particularly applicable at Thanksgiving: "I cried because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet." We all have something to be thankful for and too often take it for granted until we realize someone else has less.

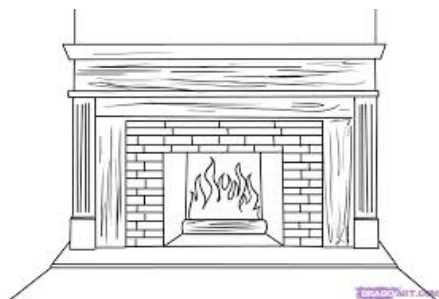
May you and yours have a safe and very happy Thanksgiving holiday!!

Fireplace Safety

With Old Man Winter soon upon us, here are some tips for you when using your fireplace during chilly months:

- Have fireplaces, chimneys, and chimney connectors professionally inspected annually
- 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.



Insecticide on Firewood Can Be Dangerous

Firewood may bring more than heat inside your home. Those people who find it convenient to bring a supply of firewood into the house may also be bringing in unwanted insects.

Dry firewood left outdoors from last year may have attracted a variety of insects. When this wood is brought indoors, the heat inside the home will stimulate the wintering insects to emerge from the wood.

The insects most commonly found in firewood include long-horn beetles, several different kinds of ants and spiders. Occasionally, these insects appear in numbers large enough to create the fear that they will become an established household pest.

These insects are commonly controlled by sweeping and vacuuming. Another method of control is aerosol insecticide but this is not a good idea. Burning wood that has been **TREATED WITH AN INSECTICIDE** will produce **HAZARDOUS FUMES**.

Because of potential insect problems indoors, it is recommended that firewood should be brought inside as it is needed.

Fall Fun Activities for All

Support your local schools!



BoxTops 4 Education is an easy way to do this. Learn more about this excellent program at www.boxtops4education.com

LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Smart Market

June – November
Parking lot next to Silver Diner
Saturdays 10am – 2pm

Kingstowne Farmer's Market

May 2 – October 31
Parking lot where Giant is located
Fridays 4pm – 7pm

Mount Vernon Farmer's Market

Mid-May – Mid-December
Parking lot at Sherwood Hall Lane Library
Wednesdays 8am – 12noon

Franconia Fire Station has an open house on Saturday, October 11 from 10am to 4pm. Bring the kids to board and examine the fire trucks!!

On Wednesday and Saturday nights there 's **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 26-27 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale, corner of Franconia Rd/Telegraph Rd, Fri 9am-8pm and Sat 9am-noon.

Oct 3-5 – Fall Wine and Sunset Tour at George Washington's Estate and Gardens. www.mountvernon.org

October 11 – Rock and Roll Stroll at John Carlyle Square Park in Old Town Alexandria. www.RockandStroll.org

October 18 – Burgundy Farms Fall Festival at www.burgundyfarms.org

October 22-27 – Disney on Ice "FROZEN" at www.patriotcenter.org

October 25 – Trick or Treat Boo-Tique Alexandria at www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com

Oct 25-Nov 15 – "Street Car Named Desire" at www.thelittletheater.com

Nov 12-15 – Edison Fall Play at Edison High School at www.edisondrama.com

November 28 – Alexandria Tree Lighting at Old Town Market Square starting at 7pm

December 6 – Alexandria Scottish Christmas Walk Parade at www.ScottishChristmasWalk.com

December 6 – Holiday Boat Parade of Lights at www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com

December 13-28 – "The Rocky Horror Show" at www.thelittletheater.com

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Board Meetings – 7:30pm
Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall
Tuesday, September 2
Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, November 4
TBD, December

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
September 10, 5727 Evergreen Knoll Ct
October 8, 5757 Ridge View Dr
November 12, 4334 Gingham Ct

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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