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# LOFT RIDGE LIMELIGHT

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

**It's the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the revised Loft Ridge Limelight and we want to hear from you!**  
**Please complete the enclosed survey and drop it off at any address listed on the back page or scan and send to [loftridgenewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:loftridgenewsletter@yahoo.com).**



## 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. At Board meetings, Directors must be civil, productive, respectful and stay on point. Whatever the outcome of a vote, the entire Board must stand behind it. Board members must consider the Community as a whole and not have a specific agenda. This criteria is a must and we are interested in candidates who fit that bill.

There is a monthly packet mailed to each Director, to be pre-read. 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 open seats 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 28, 2014**.

## FIOS in 2014 – For Some

The Verizon contractor has set flags along Ridge View to the upper end. They will dig the ditches and lay the fiber optic cable inside orange PVC to protect it from the elements. Verizon will then schedule the "splicers" (probably in 3rd to 4th quarter of this year) who will check the cable before authorizing neighbor commitment. Once splicers approve, installers can then run the wiring from the connectors into your home.

Updates will be provided in future editions.

## Parking Alert!

When parking at the tennis court or Cannon Lane circles, park parallel to the curb in order to avoid a **\$50 ticket**.



## New Tennis Court Combo May 1

The tennis court combination may be obtained from Management or any Board member. Please see the last page for contact information.

## Vehicles on Common Ground

It is the time of year to build/replace fences and decks 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.



## ACC Inspections

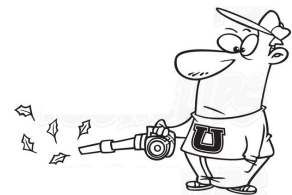
ACC inspections are coming in April.  
***Are you ready?***

## News From The Board

A contract was awarded to LMK Web Design for the redesign of our website. Goal is to have it "up and running" by the Annual Meeting. Responses to the recent survey were useful in determining content. No Trespassing signs have been ordered for the tot lots and the "big field" on Cannon. Waste stations/trash cans will be emptied on Tuesdays. Creation of a draft budget for FY15 is underway. The County has agreed to unclog the stream under the dip on Ridge View.

## Grounds Contract Summary

- Spring:**
- Clean-up (removal of debris accumulated over the winter)
  - Edging of plant beds
  - Mulching with shredded hardwood
  - Fertilization of trees and shrubs
  - Turf fertilizations
  - Pre-Emergent and post-emergent weed control
- Summer:**
- Annuals in entrance beds
- Ongoing:**
- Mowing April 1 – November 15 every 7-10 days to a height of 3-4"
  - Edging April 1 – November with every other mowing
  - Weed control in beds and on hard surfaces
  - Removal of tree suckers and low hanging branches
- Fall:**
- Mulching with shredded hardwood
  - Pansies in entrance beds
  - Turf fertilizations
  - Turf aeration, liming and over seeding
  - Post-emergent weed control
  - Leaf removals
  - Necessary pruning of trees less than 12'
- Time TBD:**
- Pruning shrubbery, 2-3 times
  - Perennial cut back
  - Ground cover pruning, max 5 times



## Spring Cleaning – Tips for Discarding

### Donate Items:

- Find a home for them by sending an email to [group@loftridge.com](mailto:group@loftridge.com)
- Donate to local charities
- Post on Freecycle.org

### Trash/Recycle:

- Trash/recycle cans are to be **set out no earlier than 5pm Tuesday night**
- Trash/recycle cans are to be **returned to rear yards** Wednesday evening
- Special pick-up items can be scheduled by going to <https://specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov> or by calling (703) 802-3322. Set items in an area distant from regular trash. Trees and light poles interfere with "grab arms" of equipment.

Help keep the community clean and beautiful by keeping an eye out for neighbors who may not know the above guidelines. Kindly talk with them directly or call/email Management to help resolve the problem.



**Don't be the neighborhood animals or birds "BFF"  
by putting garbage out early in plastic bags!**



## Is That Dog Poop Yours?

Lately some dog walkers have been allowing their dogs to “leave a present” on our grass, our sidewalks, and in some cases in yards!! This is not only unsightly but it’s unsanitary. Would you like to step in one of those piles and have to clean off your carpet, shoes, or car flooring? Please, if you see someone not cleaning up after his/her pet, remind him or her Fairfax County has a “Scoop the Poop” law! If you know the owner’s address, contact the Board or Management and they will be sent a warning letter.

Some homeowners in the single family houses around us walk their dogs in our Community. Not using bags has suddenly become a problem and it’s doubtful that only the non-residents are guilty.

## Updated Noise Ordinance

On December 3, Fairfax County of Supervisors adopted a law to limit nuisance noise. The law bars noises that can be heard inside a home when the doors and windows are closed, including loud music, yelling and barking dogs. In addition, use of a loudspeaker or amplifier outside between 11pm and 7am is prohibited. Police non-emergency number is 703-691-2131.

## Loft Ridge Reminders

**Federal – April 15**  
**VA State – May 1**



**Don't feed deer or squirrels**



**Lock car, turn on front porch light to illuminate**



**Easter Parade (details on group email)**



## Loft Ridge Real Estate Update – Spring is Blooming!

Contract	TH Type	List Price	List Date	Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	Date Rented
5717 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$425,000	01/15/14	5714 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$1,995	02/27/14
				5720 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$2,195	02/26/14
				5717 Evergreen Knoll	Int	\$2,175	02/17/14
				5714 Medallion Ct	Int	\$1,750	01/09/14
				5702 Medallion Ct	Int	\$2,200	12/20/13
	TH Type	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date			
4319 Marjoram Ct	End	\$455,000	\$ 1,000	02/25/14			
4332 Marjoram Ct	Int	\$435,000	\$10,000	01/31/14			
4318 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$380,000	\$ 8,500	01/28/14			
5630 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$404,000	\$ 0	01/14/14			
5738 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$378,000	\$ 0	12/30/13			
5648 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$405,000	\$10,000	12/27/13			
5724 Ridge View Dr	End	\$435,000	\$ 7,500	12/16/13			
5730 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$374,900	\$11,653	12/06/13			



\* 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

Source: Metropolitan Regional Informational Systems, Inc.  
Courtesy of Lesa Jones (Neighbor and Realtor)

## What is the Architectural Control Committee?

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is mandated by our governing documents. The Committee's main responsibility is to insure that any exterior changes are approved before being done and are in compliance with the Guidelines. In the Spring, Committee members inspect all townhouses and note any unapproved changes from original condition or color. Maintenance issues are also noted. Homeowners are notified in writing of anything observed that is not in compliance and given ninety days to correct the maintenance issues and/or request approval of unapproved changes. A re-inspection is completed at that time and the Board is advised on non-compliant homeowners.

The ACC's intention is to ensure we continue to live in an attractive and well-maintained Community. Owners were provided a copy of the governing documents and Guidelines, contained in the Handbook, at time of purchase.

The Committee recommends Guideline changes to the Board, usually based on several homeowners suggesting them or to comply with a new law. When approved, the updates are mailed to each homeowner and also posted on the Loft Ridge website.

The Committee members are your neighbors who have volunteered. Additional members are needed and welcomed. If you are interested in joining, contact [accchair@loftridge.com](mailto:accchair@loftridge.com). Meeting dates and locations are reflected on the last page of each issue of this newsletter.

## Different Liability for Credit and Debit Cards

Credit cards are covered by the Truth in Lending Act, which places the maximum liability for fraudulent charges at \$50. The law offers dispute protection and fair credit billing that allows users to stop payment on fraudulent purchases.

Debit cards are governed by the law known as the Electronic Fund Transfer Act. You are not liable for charges IF you report the loss or theft of your debit card to your bank immediately AND it has not been used. If you notify the bank within two days, you are liable for up to \$50. On day three, your liability becomes \$500. If sixty days pass and you haven't notified the bank, absent extenuating circumstances, you can kiss all that money goodbye even if it came from another account linked to the one you access with your debit card.

U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG) is urging Congress to make protection for all "plastic" equal.

## Dig with C.A.R.E.



**Call** Miss Utility at 1-800-552-7001 **before you dig.**

**Allow** required time for marking.

**Respect** the marks

**Excavate** carefully.

*Whether your project is big or small, always dig with C.A.R.E. It's the only way to avoid costly mistakes, fines and even personal injury. Besides, it's the law!*





**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

**LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS****Smart Market**

Parking lot next to Silver Diner  
Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

**Kingstowne Farmer's Market**

May 2 – October 24

Parking lot where Giant is located  
Fridays 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**Mount Vernon Farmer's Market**

May – November

Parking lot at Sherwood Hall Lane Library  
(just past turn to Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital)  
Wednesdays 8:00am – 12:00noon

**FUN FOR THE GROWN-UPS****DC Metro Food Tour (Old Town Alexandria)**

3-hour guided tour - sample specially made dishes from local restaurants  
301 King Street

202-683-8847

[www.dcmetrofoodtours.com/old\\_town\\_1.html](http://www.dcmetrofoodtours.com/old_town_1.html)

**Birchmere**

Music hall known for nightly jazz, country, R&B, folk or bluegrass

3701 Mount Vernon Avenue

703-549-7500

[www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com)

**Torpedo Factory Art Center**

Visual arts center with 84 working studios, 5 galleries, 2 workshops, the Art League School and the Alexandria Archaeology Museum

105 N Union St

703-838-4565

[www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org)

**Entertainment Cruises**

Sail the Potomac year-round while enjoying a full dining experience

600 Water Street SW

Washington, DC 20024

[www.entertainmentcruises.com](http://www.entertainmentcruises.com)

**Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse**

Movie theater and live performances while enjoying dinner and a draft

2903 Columbia Pike

Arlington, VA 22204

703-486-2345

[www.arlingtondrafthouse.com](http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com)

**LOCAL FUN EVENTS**

**Year Round Weekly – Bingo** on Wednesday and Saturday, Franconia Fire Dept on Beulah Rd, at 7pm, 703-922-5858

**Mar-Nov – Huntley Meadows Park**, 6918 Harrison Lane, is open from dawn to dusk, [www.historichuntley.org](http://www.historichuntley.org)

**Apr 20-Oct – Huntley Meadows Park**, tours of historic house are on Saturdays 10am-3pm by appointment, 703-768-2525

**March 8-29 – “Proof”** at Little Theater of Alexandria ([www.thelittletheater.com](http://www.thelittletheater.com)), 703-683-0496

**March 15-16 – Harlem Globetrotters** at the Patriot Center, Sat 7:30pm & Sun 2pm

**March 28-29– Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale**, corner Franconia/Telegraph Rd, Fri 9am-8pm & Sat 9am-noon

**April 9-20 – Ringling Bros Circus** at the Patriot Center ([www.ringling.com](http://www.ringling.com))

**May 2-3 & 9-10 – “Wizard of Oz”** at Edison HS at 7pm each evening and Saturday matinees at 2pm

**May 3 - 24 – “Boeing Boeing”** at Little Theater of Alexandria ([www.thelittletheater.com](http://www.thelittletheater.com)), 703-683-0496

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 703-803-9641  
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**Loft Ridge Group Email**  
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**Loft Ridge Mom's Group**  
[groups.yahoo.com/group/loftridgemoms](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/loftridgemoms)

**Survey Drop Off Locations**

**5644 Ridge View**  
 Next to the Tot Lot

**5769 Ridge View**  
 Just past the "dip"

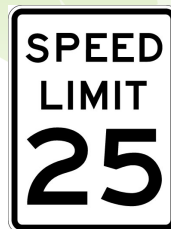
**5690 Medallion Ct**

**ANNUAL MEETING, Wednesday, May 28**

**Board Meetings – 7:30pm**  
**Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall**  
 Wednesday, March 26  
 Wednesday, April 23  
 Wednesday, May 21

**ACC Meetings – 7:30pm**  
 Wednesday, March 12 at 4325 Gypsy Ct  
 Wednesday, April 9 at 5757 Ridge View Dr  
 Wednesday, May 14 at 5603 Ridge View Dr

**Communications Committee**  
 As needed



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**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency (Police and Fire)</b>	<b>703-691-2131</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>	<b>703-830-1100</b>
<b>Poison Control</b>	<b>202-625-3333</b>
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	<b>703-339-7200</b>
<b>Fairfax Water</b>	<b>703-698-5600</b>
<b>Dominion Virginia Power</b>	<b>866-366-4357</b>
<b>Fairfax County Trash</b>	<b>703-802-3322</b>
<b>Clermont Elementary School</b>	<b>703-971-2400</b>
<b>Mark Twain Middle School</b>	<b>703-313-3700</b>
<b>Edison High School</b>	<b>703-924-8000</b>
<b>Post Office - Franconia (22310)</b>	<b>703-971-1003</b>
<b>Post Office – Jefferson Manor (22303)</b>	<b>703-317-9286</b>
<b>John Marshall Library</b>	<b>703-971-0010</b>
<b>Voter Registration</b>	<b>703-222-0776</b>
<b>Washington Post</b>	<b>202-334-6100</b>
<b>USA Today</b>	<b>800-872-0001</b>