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Loft Ridge Limelight

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



Declaration Amendments

In May, information on the proposed amendments was mailed to each of you. To date less than 20% of you have cast your ballot. The HOA attorney has indicated no deadline is necessary and we want to ensure each of you has time to evaluate these changes. Recognizing the notarization process is inconvenient, the Board is developing a process whereby notaries will be made available. Go to <http://www.loftridge.com/?ddownload=5502> to read amendment information, or to print a replacement ballot, go to <http://www.loftridge.com/?ddownload=5499>.

Grounds Update

Franconia Road has a new row of Arbovitae Green Giants set back far enough as not to encroach on the sidewalk

Several felled or dead trees were removed as well as the row of diseased bushes across from the tennis courts.

The County is working on the culvert on the trail that needs serious work after damage from heavy rains. The County has accepted responsibility for the culvert behind the Ridge View tot lot.

Ridge View pet waste can was replaced and you will soon see a bench on Medallion and the tennis court area will get a new bench and trash can.

Ridge View Paving Update

Ridge View, from Franconia to the circle, is included in a VDOT contract ending July 2016. If the work starts this fall, we are a priority and could see crews on-site in early October. We have been assured the speed humps and street markings will not be affected.

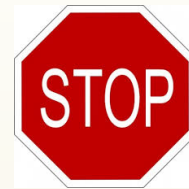
VDOT reports that the area where Ridge View intersects at the circle (end of VDOT property) and starts up the hill (Association road) has a standard crown to avoid the area holding water.

New Board Member

Welcome back past Board member **Carter Mullen** of Lofthill Court.

Drive Carefully

It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.



TEXTS

WRECKS

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."

School's In Session!

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



*Good Neighbors make
Good Neighborhoods*

DEER HUNT IN LOFTRIDGE PARK

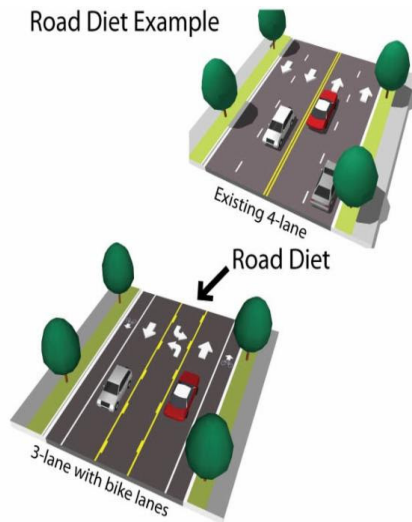
From Sept 12, 2015 to Feb 20, 2016, archers will be permitted to hunt in Loftridge and Clermont Parks Mondays thru Saturdays beginning 30 minutes prior to sunrise until 30 minutes past sunset.

Hunting is conducted from elevated tree stands ensuring all arrows are at a downward angle. The stands are located at least 100 feet from the park property lines and 50 feet from established park trails. Archers will wear program identification, have attended safety training and demonstrated superior marksmanship before licensing.

The deer population in Fairfax County has grown to a level that poses hazards and is not sustainable over time. There are thousands of deer-vehicle collisions that result in injury and death of residents. Deer are the primary hosts for ticks that cause Lyme disease. Over-browsing by deer impacts the ecosystem including loss of other wildlife species that depend on these habitats for food, cover and nest/den sites.

The Fairfax County Deer Management Program is a cooperative effort of the Fairfax County Police Department and Park Authority.

Road Diet Example



Franconia Road's "Diet Lanes"

This fall Franconia Road will see drastic changes from Van Dorn to Mark Twain MS. The existing four lanes will become a bike lane, an eastbound lane, a turn lane, a westbound lane and a bike lane.

Preventing Larcenies from Vehicles

While there is no guaranteed method of preventing theft:

- Keep your car doors locked.
- Don't leave valuables, such as money, purses, or cell phones in your vehicle.
- Belongings left in the car regularly should be stored out of sight (in the trunk, glove box or console).
- At night, leave your porch light on!! It's a cheap deterrent.

Report Street Light Issues

Street light out, malfunctioning, or damaged? Please contact Management with the 4-character pole ID and the nearest address.

If you see someone lingering around cars in Loft Ridge, immediately call 703-692-2131 to increase the chances of the police catching the thief in the act!!

Recycling....Are you guilty?

Are you careful what you put in your recycle can/bin? Fairfax County's recycling costs are in the red, PAYING \$38 a ton to dispose of items which are not recyclable. Pizza boxes are not recyclable - - the food cannot be separated from the cardboard. ***When in doubt, leave it out.***

And did you know that 76% of 1,000 adults say they throw away food at least monthly. That food accounts for 20% of what's in landfills. Think of how you can re-purpose your leftovers before discarding them - - lots of ideas on the web.

Thank You

Kudos again to Teresa Bearden for orchestrating our 6th annual enjoyable and entertaining 4th of July festivities.

NNO was another success with special acknowledgement to co-organizers Chris Maletz and Jonathan Heisey-Grove who also manned the grills. The bounce-house was a hit again and residents greeted policemen, sheriffs and Station 5 firefighters in their engine complete with loud siren and lights!!

Rain Garden watering was done by Renee Grebe & Matt Iden, Debra Rate, Dawn Terminella, Louise Whitt and Alex & Casey Winn. Special thanks to the owner of 4301 Gypsy who provided the water.

Nicolette Daleske is turning chairmanship of the ACC over to Patrick Sullivan on October 1.

Dangerous for Children

When you are taking out your trash can, check to make sure the light green cover on the FIOS box behind your row is attached. In one week, three were found several feet from the box!! These are a definite attraction for young children as well as a real falling hazard.

If you find a lid not attached/screwed on or missing, call Verizon at 1-800-VERIZON with the address closest to the box

Loft Ridge Reminders

Daylight Savings Time Fall Back on November 1



Scoop the Poop

Can Full?
Take baggie home



Loft Ridge Ghoulympics

Watch for details on the group email.



RE M I N D E R

Trash out after 5pm
Tuesday nights



Loft Ridge Real Estate Update

		East Ridge Real Estate		
Active	TH Type	List Price		List Date
5737 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$379,777		06/27/15
Under Contract		List Price		Cont Date
5714 Medallion Ct	Int	\$350,000		08/29/15
4408 Cheatham Ct	Int	\$399,950		08/31/15
Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date
5710 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$410,000	\$6,000	06/26/15
5657 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$436,900	\$0	06/26/15
4401 Cheatham Ct	End	\$470,000	\$4,700	07/17/15
5729 Evergreen Knoll Ct	End	\$436,000	\$0	08/06/15
4324 Caprice Ct	End	\$450,000	\$0	08/14/15
4305 Gypsy Ct	Int	\$419,000	\$10,000	08/28/15

* 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.

Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate
5716 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,150



Source: Metropolitan Regional Informational Systems, Inc.
Courtesy of Maren Seubert (Realtor)

Distracted Walking



It's not safe to walk while using a cellphone. One study of 11,000 unintended injuries revealed 25% broken or dislocated bones, 24% strains or sprains and 23% had concussions or contusions.

Unintended injuries are the 5th leading cause of death after heart disease, cancer, respiratory disease and stroke!! And 26% of vehicle accidents involve the driver talking on a cell phone or texting.

So if you want to continue to enjoy living in beautiful Loft Ridge, please be careful.

Fall Planting Tips

Early fall is the best time for planting after you have removed all the leaves, weeds and debris from area. Shrubs and trees will establish root systems over the winter. Plant those perennials and for more blooms next year, divide those that need it - - after they are done blooming. Simply cut them back if too young to divide. Winter hardy pansies and violas planted now, will bloom this fall and again in the spring, and those spring blooming bulbs can be planted as long as the ground isn't frozen. Finally don't forget to mulch for cold weather protection.



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

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



Pedestrian Safety

October is the month with the highest pedestrian involved incidents. According to local police, it is a myth that "pedestrians always have the right-of-way."

Many jurisdictions have begun pedestrian safety initiatives to encourage drivers and walkers to be more aware of surroundings. No one intends to get run over!!

Empty or Expired Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are only good for a certain period of time. When it's time to replace, unwanted ones need to go the Landfill Complex on Furnace Road in Lorton. Call 703-690-1703 for directions and times or consult www.fairfax.gov.

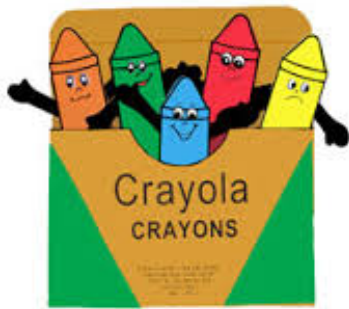
Smoke Detector Safety

The majority of fatalities occur while occupants are asleep. Contrary to popular belief, the smell of smoke may not wake you up. So consider:

- a smoke alarm on every level and if your bedroom door is shut, put one in the bedroom
- test alarms monthly and replace the battery at first "chirping sound" but at a minimum replace batteries annually
- vacuum around smoke alarms. Dust and debris can interfere with operation
- smoke alarms wear out and should be replaced every ten years. Get a battery back-up for wired-in smoke detectors so they will function in case of loss of power



Townhouse Association Life



We can learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.



LOCAL FARMER'S MARKETS

Smart Market

May 2 – October 31
Corner of Spring Mall & Loisdale Roads
Saturdays 10:00am – 2:00pm

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 Saturday, October 10, 10am to 4pm. Kids can board and examine the fire trucks!!

On Wednesday and Saturday nights **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 25-26 – Cameron UMC Children's Consignment Sale, corner of Franconia Rd/Telegraph Rd, Fri 9am-8pm and Sat 9am-noon.

October 17 – Burgundy Farms Fall Festival at www.burgundyfarms.org

October 3 – 20th Annual Art on the Avenue from 10am-6pm at Mount Vernon Avenue

October 17 – Family Fall Festival from 10am-2pm at Armistead L Booth Park, 520 Cameron Station Run

October 21-25 – Disney on Ice "100 Years of Magic" at www.patriotcenter.org

November 12-14 – Edison Fall Play at Edison High School at www.edisondrama.com

November 27 – Alexandria Tree Lighting at Old Town Market Square starting at 6pm

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

December 5 – Holiday Boat Parade of Lights from 6-7pm at www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com

December 10-13 – Live (Singing) Christmas Tree. Ticket info at www.fbcalexandria.org

November 28 – December 21 – Christmas Tree Sale at Edison H.S.

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Archived Newsletters
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Board Meetings – 7:00pm
Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall
Thursday, September 17
Thursday, October 15
Thursday, November 19

ACC Meetings – 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 9 at 5727 Evergreen Knoll Ct
Tuesday, October 6 at 5761 Ridge View Dr
Tuesday, November 10 at 5670 Ridge View Dr

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Keeping the Grass Alive

Reminder to residents: Do not park your vehicle over the grassy strip between the curb and the sidewalk. HOA is not going to spend dues money to address those areas.

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

