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# Loft Ridge Limelight

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



## Happy Holidays

### Christmas Tree Pickup



**UNDECORATED** Christmas trees will be picked up with trash **ONLY** January 6 and 13. Do **NOT** drag the trees into the woods.

### Snow Plowing & Sand

Snow plowing will occur at 3"  
Sand will be spread as needed.

### Inclement Weather Towing

The Association may authorize the immediate removal of vehicles on LRHOA roadways and parking areas that are stalled, stuck, parked or abandoned and may authorize storage of removed vehicles. Homeowners are subject to the imposition of charges for removal and storage of these vehicles.



### Lunar Luminescence for the Holidays

There will be a full moon on Christmas Eve and "almost full moons" predicted for December 25 and 26. Enjoy!!

### Snow Shovel Storage

Please do not store your snow shovel on the front porch. Sometimes it "grows legs and walks off" then what do you do the next time it snows. And it's so out of place in the Spring when it doesn't get put away.



### News from the Board

**Contracts** were renewed for **Management** and **snow removal**. **Grounds** contract is undergoing revision and will be awarded this month. **Irrigation** service was awarded to Hydro Tech.

**Tree assessment** was performed by an arborist. Contract will be awarded this Spring to cut the vines choking trees in common areas.

**Split rail fence** was installed, two new **benches** and one **trash can** were installed and the **culvert damage** on the Loftridge Park trail was repaired by the County along with the **grass damage** by reseeding.

**Always call the police if you notice  
any suspicious behavior in the Community.**

### GROUP Email Etiquette Standards

The Board has adopted usage standards for our Group email due to some recent "unpleasant" exchanges. They can be found at [www.loftridge.com](http://www.loftridge.com) on Home page under Loft Ridge Group Site. Note that violation of these standards can result in ***your privileges being revoked.***

### Time to Volunteer?

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is made up of volunteers and as such always runs the risk of being understaffed.

If you'd like to assist the current members with the annual inspections, reviewing requests for change and proposing updates to the handbook, contact [ACCChair@loftridge.com](mailto:ACCChair@loftridge.com). We are especially looking for volunteers from the Cannon Lane side.

Not sure what's involved? Come to a meeting this winter and find out. Your neighbors will thank you and your neighborhood will look better because of it.

## Call 911 If You Can – Text If You Can't

If you are in trouble in Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, towns of Herndon, Vienna, or Oakton, **simply enter 911 (without dashes) in the TO or RECIPIENT field and type your emergency on your cell phone.** 9-1-1 will text you back to acknowledge receipt and ask any necessary questions.

Calling 911 will get a faster emergency response but text 9-1-1 is appropriate:

- For someone who is in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 9-1-1
- For a medical emergency that makes the person incapable of speech
- For an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing, or has a speech disability



If text to 9-1-1 is not available at your location, you'll receive a text message to contact 911 by phone.

Text 9-1-1 is not available if you are "roaming," requires a text or data plan, cannot accept photos or videos at this time, cannot include more than one person and is only available in English.



## And When It Snows

You are responsible for shoveling your porch/stoop, walkway and the sidewalk in front of your home as well as your numbered parking space. Shoveling snow from an unnumbered space doesn't mean you staked a claim but common courtesy is if you didn't clear the space, don't park in it.

## Snow On Your Car

When clearing the snow, please remember your roof. The snow blowing from a rooftop can be blinding to the car behind you. And those lights and license plates need to be visible too.

Check your gas tank level often and make sure your windshield washer tank is full.

## Cute Holiday Stamps

Make it a Charlie Brown Christmas with the 2015 stamps from the Post Office or [usps.com/charliebrownstamps](http://usps.com/charliebrownstamps).



## Shoveling Courtesy

Don't throw snow into the street or push in front of islands. It will freeze, turn to ice and when the plow comes through again, the snow will end up behind vehicles again.

Ensure the mailman can get safely to the mailboxes, that storm drains are open to allow faster exit of melting snow and fire hydrants need to be exposed. Don't forget access to the pet waste stations. And if those are full, please take your doggie bags home - - when the lid won't close due to overload, a health hazard is created and an attraction for some wild animals will exist.

## Snow and Your Trash Can

This time of year it is more important to have your cans out for as short a time as possible. Out after 5 Tuesday and in by dark Wednesday. They can freeze in place, making it difficult to move, and the snowplow has to maneuver around them.

Remember if weather is severe, the County trucks may not collect on schedule but assume they will.

## Power Outages

Occasionally when the snow is wet and heavy, we can lose our power. To ease the discomfort, make sure you have batteries in your flashlights. If you choose to light with candles, be careful where you place them.

Turn off major appliances, such as heat pumps and water heaters to reduce strain on those when the power returns. Also, turn off your computers, TVs and microwaves. And small appliances, i.e. toasters, should always be unplugged when not in use.

Keep refrigerator doors closed as much as possible; food can be kept cold for a day or two that way. Leave a lamp or light turned on to indicate when power has been restored.

And remember pumps at gas stations are inoperable. You can charge your cell phones in your car --- if it isn't snowing too hard!!



## to Our Neighbors

Nicolette Daleske and Lisa Starisina are taking a break from the ACC. Thanks to you both for your efforts and time. Ruth Grover, Karen Holloman and Jodie Paustain volunteered to replace them.

Mary Kelly did her usual great job organizing Halloween Ghoulympics.

Thanks to all who shovel the snow from the mailbox areas and the dog-walking paths.

## Loft Ridge Reminders

March 13



Do you know where your snow shovel is located?



VIRGINIA LAW



On Residential Streets

ACC Inspections are scheduled for April 2016



## Loft Ridge Real Estate Update – New Home for the Holidays?!?!

Active	TH Type	List Price		List Date
5737 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$355,000		06/25/15
4404 Churchman Ct	Int	\$440,000		10/20/15
Under Contract				
5646 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$409,900		9/18/15
Sold		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy*	Sold Date
5705 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$365,000	\$0	11/30/15
5751 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$414,900	\$8,000	11/25/15
5724 Ridge View Dr	End	\$480,000	\$7,000	11/19/15
4408 Cheatham Ct	Int	\$396,000	\$6,900	09/30/15
5714 Medallion Ct	Int	\$350,250	\$2,000	09/30/15

\*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
4332 Gingham Ct	Int	\$1,899

  

Rentals	TH Type	Rental Rate	Date Rented
4329 Caprice Ct	Int	\$2,200	10/28/15



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

**Memorable 2014 – 2015 Winter**

December – Only 18<sup>th</sup> time since recordkeeping started there was no snow

February – Coldest since 1979 (35 years ago)

March 5<sup>th</sup> – 4.8” snowfall

Overall:

- 1<sup>st</sup> time since 1986-1987 above average snow two years in a row
- Average snow 1981-2010 at Reagan 15.4”  
2014-2015 = 18.3”    2013-2014 = 32.0”

(Most snow 56.1” 2009-2010; Least .1” 1997-1998)

Coldest winter since 2010

All weather forecasts for this winter are snowy, unseasonably cold and wet. One source has red-flagged snow for 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January and February and a long spell mid-Feb thru early March.

**Safety Reminder**

Use sand or non-clumping kitty litter to help decrease the likelihood of slipping or falling on steps and sidewalks.

**Weather “Alerts”**

**Warning** – Conditions for snow event (heavy snow, heavy sleet, ice storm, blowing snow or any combination) expected in next 12-36 hours.

**Watch** – Same as warning with time frame of 24-72 hours.

**Advisory** – Same as warning but less snow or ice.

**Wind Chill Advisory** – within 12-36 hours temperatures can reach or exceed -15 below

**Cold Air Getting In?**

Put those kiddy safety plugs into the outlets on your outside walls. You’d be surprised how much air blows in through those.

***BE VIGILANT FOR NEIGHBORS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE DURING BAD WEATHER*****The Perfect New Year’s Resolution**

Checking and possibly cleaning up your credit report is an easy resolution you can keep this year. There may be mistakes that are affecting your credit scores. This results in higher interest rates when you make a purchase or possibly being denied credit. By law, you are entitled to one free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus annually. You may contact the credit bureaus at:

- Annual Credit Report Service, Box 105281, Atlanta GA 30348-5281, 1-877-FACTACT, [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)
- Experian NCAC, Box 2002, Allen TX 75013-0036, 1-888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)
- Equifax, Box 740241, Atlanta GA 30374-0241, 1-800-685-1111, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)
- Transunion, Box 1000, Chester PA 19022, 1-800-888-4213, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)



## National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



Second Friday in January has been designated as a day to show appreciation for those who serve to protect us by wearing something blue, say something nice on Facebook or have your child design a card or write a letter and deliver it to your local police station.

## FREE Tax Preparation

AARP's Tax Aide Program is available February 1 – April 15. IRS-certified counselors prepare and eFile Federal and Virginia returns. Bring picture ID and social security cards for taxpayer(s) and dependents. Don't have to be an AARP member.

Sherwood Regional Library  
2501 Sherwood Hall Ln  
Alexandria 22306  
Mon – Sat 10:15-2:00  
Mon – Thurs 5:00-8:00

Lee Center  
1108 Jefferson St  
Alexandria 22314  
Wed 10:00-2:00

## New Year's Party Club Soda

Got some left over and now it's flat? Don't throw it out – use it for watering house plants. The chemicals that remain add vigor and color to your greenery.

## The “Wonders” of Winter

Younger than 18? You wonder if there will be school  
Older than 18? You wonder if your car will start

## Fireside Wassail Recipe

12 whole cloves	2 quarts apple cider	2 cups pineapple juice
2 – 3” cinnamon sticks	2 cups orange juice	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup lemon juice
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar	lemon slices	

Great if kept warm in a crock pot



## LOCAL FUN EVENTS:

**Year Round Weekly – Bingo** on Wednesday and Saturday, Franconia Fire Dept 703-922-5858

**Year Round – Franconia Museum**, at Lee District Govt Center ([www.franconiamuseum.org](http://www.franconiamuseum.org))

**December 10-13 – Live (Singing) Christmas Tree**, First Baptist Church ([www.fbcalexandria.org](http://www.fbcalexandria.org) for ticket info)

**December 11-13 – Sesame Street: Make a New Friend** at Eaglebank Arena (formerly Patriot Center) ([www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com))

**Thru December 23 – Christmas Tree Sales** at Edison High School

**Thru January 6 – George Washington's Thanksgiving Proclamation**, daily ([www.mountvernon.com](http://www.mountvernon.com))

**New Year's Eve – First Night** is a non-alcoholic, family-oriented celebration in Old Town Alexandria from 7pm-midnight ([www.firstnightalexandria.org](http://www.firstnightalexandria.org)) or call 703-838-5005

**February 21 – Disney Live: Mickey and Minnie's Doorway to Magic** at Eaglebank Arena ([www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com))

**March 18-20 – Harlem Globetrotters** at Eaglebank Arena ([www.eaglebankarena.com](http://www.eaglebankarena.com))



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(For Sale, For Free or Wanted)

**Archived Newsletters**

<http://www.loftridge.com/news/newsletter>

**Loft Ridge Mom's Group**  
groups.yahoo.com/group/loftridgemoms

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703-803-9641  
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**Board Meetings – 7:00pm**  
Mark Twain Middle School Lecture Hall  
Thursday, January 21  
Thursday, February 18  
Thursday, March 17

**ACC Meetings – 7:30pm**  
Wednesday, January 13 at 5631 Ridge View Dr  
Wednesday, February 10 at 5761 Ridge View Dr  
Wednesday, March 9 at 5674 Ridge View Dr

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*Oh By Gosh By Golly*  
*It's Time for Mistletoe and Holly*



**HAPPY LEAP YEAR 2016!**

**Free Notary Service**

Kelly Campagne – 202-607-6331 Cheatham Court  
Louise Whitt – 703-960-0428 Ridge View Drive

No charge to Loft Ridge owners and residents

Both are Board members but each paid for their certification

**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