

SPRING 2021

Loft Ridge Limelight

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



*“Spring: a lovely
reminder of how beautiful
change can truly be.*

--- Anonymous



Cicadas Are Returning

Seventeen years of maturing have ended for Brood 10 and thousands of them will emerge in early Spring – late May. For 5-6 weeks we will hear the males incessant screeching in an effort to attract females. The females will slice open thin branches on trees and shrubs to deposit eggs. After 6-10 weeks, nymphs will hatch and dig underground to suck liquid from roots of plants and trees. Once they die, they aerate the soil and provide nutrition for growing trees. While alive, they are eaten by those with insectivorous diets. **Dogs can get stomach upset if they eat the cicadas.**

Board News

Contract was awarded to repair sinkhole and rusted culvert alongside the tennis court path. Audit was approved.

It's as Easy as A B C

Ask 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, HOA, governing documents, handbook)

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

Commence 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.

ACC Inspections

All townhouses will be included.
Are you ready?

No Phone While Driving

It will cost you \$125 or \$250 if you are ticketed for your cell phone being in your hand while vehicle is in motion.



Home Security Survey

Free security check by trained Police.
703-922-0889

Yard Debris

Pick-up resumed March 1. Place material in paper bags or reusable containers.

STOP Signs



Ticketable offense if you don't come to a complete stop.

**Good Neighbors Make
Good Neighborhoods**

Grounds Contract Summary

Ongoing

Mowing early Spring – late Fall every 7-10 days to 3 ½ ”
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
Seasonal flowers in entrance beds



Happy Mother's Day

“All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my Angel Mom.”

...Abraham Lincoln



Compost Services for Your Veggies!

An article from the Conservation Committee

Composting is an ecologically smart way to reduce waste, return nutrients to the soil, and enrich our ecosystem. While many of us are in the habit of discarding leftovers or tossing old food from our fridge, composting is easier than ever, with multiple options you can use.

Food waste is accepted on a weekly basis at four City of Alexandria's farmers' markets. Look for stations at the Del Ray and Old Town farmers' markets on Saturdays and the Four Mile Run and West End markets on Sundays, weather and schedule permitting.

MOM's Organic Market in Del Ray also accepts food waste 24/7 at their self-service station in the back of the parking lot, next to the big purple glass recycling bins.

As a new pilot program, Fairfax County is accepting food scraps for composting at two sites: the I-95 Landfill Complex and the I-66 Transfer Station, both open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

Lastly, there are private services, such as Veteran Compost (www.veterancompost.com), which currently services our area, and Compost Crew (www.compostcrew.com), available with enough consumer interest, that provide residential pickup services for a monthly fee and may provide compost “dividends” back to customers for gardening.

NOTE: *Composting is for vegetative food scraps only; no meat or other animal products, fats, or oils. And while yard waste can also be collected to be composted, that's a different topic and will be covered in a future Limelight article.*

*** *Spring arrives March 20* *****Star Spangled Banner 90th**

Written at Fort McHenry, Maryland in September 1814, it wasn't until March 1931 that President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating it as America's National Anthem. Since 1862, it has been played before the opening of major sporting events.

Please Care

If you see trash on the common ground, please pick it up. This could be from someone's overflowing can or a walker who discarded an empty water bottle. No matter the source of these "eyesores," this is our neighborhood and its condition reflects on all of us.

Reuse Pet Water

When giving your pet fresh water, consider throwing the old water on a tree or shrub.

Water Fees Increase

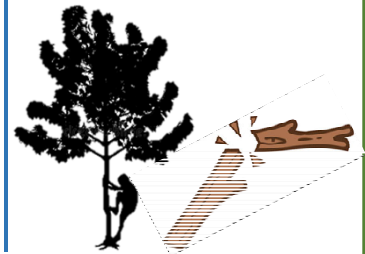
Effective April 1, for each thousand gallons of consumption, water usage charge will increase 13 cents, peak water charge will increase 5 cents and the service charge will increase 4 cents.

National Moment of Remembrance

In observance of Memorial Day, a Resolution passed in December 2000 which asks that at 3pm local time for all Americans *To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps."*

Home Sense

New arrival in part of Shoppers Food Warehouse space at Festival at Manchester Lakes.

Loft Ridge Reminders**Daylight Savings Time
March 22****Federal – April 15
VA State – May 1****Drive Twenty-Five!****Please Don't Climb
Trees or Break Branches****Loft Ridge Real Estate****Active**

		List Price	List Date
4316 Caprice Ct	End	\$522,500	02/19/21
5712 Evergreen Knoll Ct	Int	\$465,000	02/11/21

Sold

		Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Sold Date
5720 Lofthill Ct	Int	\$523,500	\$ 0	01/21/21
5718 Lofthill Ct	End	\$510,000	\$ 0	11/20/20

Rentals Closed

		Closed Rate	Rented Date
5672 Ridge View Dr	Int	\$2,500	02/04/21
4313 Gypsy Ct	End	\$2,700	01/29/21



*Seller Subsidy is the total seller contributes towards buyer's closing costs. It reduces the net sold price thus affecting future appraisals of other Loft Ridge homes.

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Contact management to join

Loft Ridge Parents Group

groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/loftridgemoms/info

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Board meetings will be held via Zoom until larger assemblies are permitted and location secured. Check Loft Ridge website for updates

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**Free Notary Service**

Kelly Campagne – 202-607-6331 Cheatham Court

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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 Towing	703-339-2400
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
Verizon	888-363-4498

