

# LAKE FOREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2021

## *Yearly Recap from Your Board President – Sam Packer*

Welcome to 2021! May we all have a good year. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all new residents of our community. In terms of a 2020 recap, we invested in a major upgrade of our path infrastructure and we have a couple of years to go before completing all planned renovations. We had our Community Annual Meeting in November using the ZOOM format due to COVID restrictions and we appreciate all residents who were able to attend. This year if we are still restricted from meeting in person, we'll have another Zoom Annual Meeting in June.

On behalf of the Board, I'd like to extend sincere thanks to two residents for their continued community support: **Gerhard Treiber** for his assistance in maintaining our HOA website and managing our Zoom Annual and Monthly Meetings. **Sally Tomlin** for updating our community message boards.

Your Board is composed of 9 volunteer members. If you are interested in serving on the Board, email us at <http://www.web4u2.website/lfca/contact.html>

*Wishing all a happy 2021. Stay healthy and be safe!*



### **ACCESSING BOARD MINUTES**

*Nancy Thompson – Board Secretary*

All the minutes from the Board Annual Meetings and Monthly Board Meetings can be found on our webpage <http://www.web4u2.website/lfca/archive.html>

## **IN THE NEWS**

**COVID Vaccine Info** – To stay up-to-date on the COVID vaccine, go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/covid19>

**Leaf Collection** can be tedious, but usually your trash company makes special pickups. Keep an eye open in their billing notes. If not, many landscape companies have leaf vacuuming services.

**Yard Waste** - Per VA Code, it is illegal to dump trash, garbage, refuse, or litter on public property or private property. Private property includes our HOA common land.

**Road maintenance** – Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for the maintenance and snow removal of our roads. Please forward your concerns to <https://www.virginia.gov/info/contactus.asp>.

## **Financial Report \$\$\$\$\$**

*Wes Cox- Treasurer*

The 2020 pandemic did not significantly affect LFCA finances. We did end the year with a slight increase in dues delinquencies to 2.5% vs a usual 1.5%. We also added a Zoom subscription to our account to support the annual and monthly board meetings. Trees along the trails were also again a major expense, totaling \$9,500. In 2020, we made reserve expenditures of \$23,150.00 for trails repair and \$600.00 for replacement water hydrants at two entrances. The use of reserves keeps the dues steady and avoids the need for special assessments. Annual dues for 2021 remain \$125.00, the same as for 2020. We do not charge for seller documents or to confirm dues amounts and payments for the many sales and refinances that occurred in 2020. As in past years, the LFCA will begin 2021 in a strong financial condition with healthy reserves.

## **My Back Yard**

*Dave Wilson – Board Member*

When Mary and I bought our home on Cervantes Lane in 1982, the walking paths were unpaved. The view from our deck was a wonderful mix of forest, homes, and lawns. Up near the top of hill from our house was a split rail fence that the builder had put up behind his model home on Fishermans Lane to draw attention to the trail. There was a lot of mountain laurel growing wild along the trails as well as blueberry bushes.



Our trails are paved now through the good work of the homeowners association. The trails have been a godsend to our many neighbor families as they get in their daily walk through our woods. Watch for the delicate white blossoms of the mountain laurel next spring, as well as those of the service berry, blueberry and perhaps some indian pipestem mushrooms.

We spend a great portion of the association annual budget on trails, trees, storm water management, and common ground maintenance. Keeping the forest healthy, beautiful and accessible is a major responsibility that is taken very seriously.

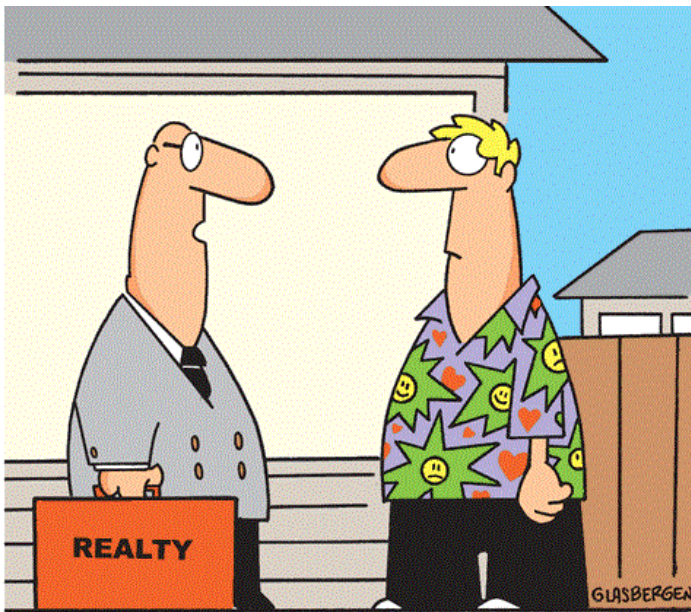
We have a wonderful community and with both you and mother nature working together, we can keep it that way!

## Save the Dates

<b>Annual Dues Due</b>	<b>April 1, 2021</b>
<b>Annual Meeting</b> <i>(tentative)</i>	<b>June 10, 2021</b>
<b>Community Picnic</b> <i>(tentative)</i>	<b>Sep 19, 2021</b> <i>(Rain Date Sep 26, 2021)</i>



**Reminder:** In Fairfax County, dogs are required to be on a leash at all times in public areas unless they are in a designated off-leash area.



**“I think the seller will accept your offer, but the Homeowners Association will never approve that shirt.”**

## LFCA Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

*Al Brooks – Board Member/ARC Chairman*

Whenever homeowners are planning new or replacement fencing, exterior painting, reroofing, siding or additions- basically anything on your property exterior -notify our Homeowners Association by submitting the email from our website and we will respond to your question or request.

If you have any questions about exterior property changes or additions, email the ARC through our website:

<http://www.web4u2.website/lfca/contact.html>

You may be asked to fill out the “Application for Exterior Change” <http://www.web4u2.website/lfca/documents.html>

We encourage all homeowners to become familiar with the HOA Architectural Standards by reviewing this document on our webpage:

[http://www.web4u2.website/lfca/documents/arc/LFCA\\_ARCHITECTURAL\\_STANDARDS.pdf](http://www.web4u2.website/lfca/documents/arc/LFCA_ARCHITECTURAL_STANDARDS.pdf)

## Fairfax County Parkway Comprehensive Plan

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) have been studying various recommendations to improve the Fairfax County Parkway. Recommendations are to be presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in Winter/Spring 2021. One major recommendation is NOT to have HOV lanes on the Parkway. To stay up-to-date with any proposed changes, you can refer to their website:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway>

## New Museum Opened Close to Home

The National Museum of the U.S. Army opened on Veterans Day. It celebrates over 245 years of Army history and honors our nation’s soldiers from the Regular Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. It is well worth a visit and tickets are free.

National Museum of the United States Army  
1775 Liberty Dr, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

For information on hours & tickets, go to:

<https://www.thenmusa.org/>