

LAKEFOREST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Summer Edition

May 2007

Upcoming Events

- 20 May—Summer Yard Sale
- 28 May—Memorial Day
- 07 June—General Meeting
- 18 June—Last day of school
- 16 Sept – Community Day
- 14 Oct – Fall Yard Sale

Kudos...

...to all dog owners who pick up after your pets.

...to all homeowners for spiffing up your property with new siding and wonderful landscaping.

Special rates from AAA

Just a reminder that we have a special rate with AAA for twice weekly pickup. Rates were last posted at \$24.25 per month, but are subject to some fluctuation due to fuel prices. If you're interested, please call AAA at (703) 818-8222 to sign up. More details are available on the LFCA website.

Looking For A Few Good Neighbors!

Board members of the the Lakeforest Community Association (LFCA) have always been volunteers. True, some of the volunteers have been a little browbeat by their neighbors or spouses to accept a position, but no real blood has ever been spilled. This summer we have three positions vacated by residents who have served multiple terms on the Board. As a consequence, we need more volunteers to help fill these positions.

Here's how it works – we have nine board members who each serve three year

terms. The terms are staggered so that every year three members are up for re-election. Now, in the past several years, there have been very few new board members. Many of us are on our second or third three-year term. We need some fresh bodies to fill these seats! We meet once a month for one to two hours and that includes the big annual meeting in June.



Think about it, won't you? Please give us some of your time if you can.

You can volunteer right now by contacting one of the board members or attend the annual membership meeting.

Architectural Review Committee – Use It!

This is just a reminder that LFCA has an Architectural Review Committee to approve all changes made to the exterior of your residence/property. We have no desire to become a hard-nosed organization, but rather we are here to preserve the look and feel of our community and, thereby, protect everyone's

property values.

As an example, that deck you want to put in the backyard may not be a problem – lots of homes have one. But if your idea for a deck is four-stories tall with flood-lights and killer speakers that can be heard from the Parkway, then there may be a problem!

Should you make changes that are outside the guidelines established in the Covenants and other Restrictions of the LFCA, then the ARC will be required to see that changes are made to bring you within compliance. Do it the easy way – get it approved first!

FYI – Racial Graffiti in the Neighborhood

Two homes were struck by vandals late in 2006 along Maritime Lane. The unknown persons spray painted racial slurs on the garage door of one homeowner and left their marking on at least one car and the sidewalk. The Fairfax County Police Department was called and officers responded to the scene.

This is not the first time LFCA has been struck by graffiti. Several spots on the north end of Maritime Lane were also “tagged” about one

month earlier. If you’re out and about late at night – particularly in the coming months as the weather gets warmer – keep your eyes out for people being where they don’t belong.

As a reminder, we’ve also had several incidents where items have walked out of homeowner’s garages because the door was left open overnight. Don’t forget to have someone check and make sure the door is closed before turning in for the night.

We Do It For Free: Painting House Numbers on the Curb

It’s been at least three years since the house numbers have been painted on curbs throughout the community. One of the reserve funds the Association maintains is for redoing the house numbers on a periodic basis.

Some of the numbers still look nearly new, but others are barely visible. Since we have the reserve fund on a three-year cycle, we will be looking for a contractor to redo the numbers early this summer.

Remember, your dues to LFCA already pay for this service. Don’t forget about this and succumb to one of the flyers that will start showing up in the next month or two.

Note from the Treasury



Financially, we maintain a sound, but not excessive position. The Community has established reserve funds for recurring expenses such as trails maintenance, trees, and curb painting of addresses. We are striving to get these to levels required by the State of Virginia. Some of these funds are kept in a checking account to

which we have ready access if the need arises. In addition, we also have a modest amount of reserves set aside in four CDs with staggered maturity dates. Details are discussed during each of our monthly board meetings and the Budget is approved during the annual General Meeting in June. Minutes of all these meeting can be

found on our web site.

Our budget for 2007 is nearly identical to last year. As a result, dues remained at \$75.00 for this year. Dues letters were mailed in early February with a due date of April 1, 2007. Deployed military with APO addresses had an automatic one-month extension for dues payments.

Annual Meeting to be Held in June

The LFCA annual meeting will be held on June 7 at the Pohick Regional Library.

Topics for discussion at this meeting will include the annual budget, election of new board members, and a review of ARC projects.

If you have any topics you would like to have discussed, this would be the time. If you like, you can get in touch with a board member and we can place you on the Agenda, or just feel free to ask your question from the floor. Our meeting is informal and brief. We try to start promptly at

7:00 PM and we have to be out of the room by 8:45 since the library closes at 9:00.

If you’d like to see copies of the minutes from previous General Meetings or any of our monthly Board Meeting, please visit our community web site – www.lakeforestcommunity.org



LFCA
Annual Meeting

Pohick Regional
Library
June 7, 2007
7:00 PM



Cats, Dogs, and Ferrets!
All can get a rabies shot at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

A Reminder from Fairfax County

The county asked us to remind our residents of the requirement for a license for all dogs over the age of four months. Not only is it required by County Ordinance, but it can also be an important identification in the event that a pet strays from its owner.

Proof of a current rabies vaccination is required to purchase a license and Fair-

fax County Animal Services has planned several low-cost rabies vaccination clinics in 2007 for dogs, cats, and ferrets. The rabies clinics for 2007 will be conducted at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. The remaining scheduled dates for 2007 are May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18. Cost is

\$10.00 per pet.

Dog licenses are on sale at the shelter or the Department of Taxation, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Licenses for neutered animals are \$5 and those for "unaltered" dogs are \$10. Additional information can be found at:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/dog_licenses.htm

Dues are Due

The annual dues statements were mailed out in February and are now overdue. Our budget for this year is planned to be about the same as last year so we've kept the dues at \$75.00. If you haven't put them in the mail yet, then there is an additional \$5.00 for every 30 days the dues are late.



Dues remain at \$75 per year.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Are you familiar with the Northern Virginia Habitat ReStore? The ReStore is a building and home improvement material resale shop in Alexandria. Their entire inventory is donated by local businesses and individuals and that's how they are able to offer prices at 50 to 90% below retail prices.

The success of the ReStore relies on its donors and its customers, that's why they would like our community to be aware of what they do. If you're thinking of remodeling and are stuck with a

budget or upgrading your appliances and don't know what to do with the old ones, the ReStore is the answer!

Donating materials to the ReStore helps builders, contractors, and individuals dispose of usable, excess or unwanted materials that are in good condition in a way that offers tax savings to donors. Convenient pickup service is available, and all donations are tax-deductible. Call (703) 360-6700 to schedule a pick-up or e-mail restoreinfo@habitatnova.org to learn more.



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Water Line Replacement Program from Dominion Power

Several homeowners have asked us about this plan from a subsidiary of Dominion Power. Details are on the Dominion Power web page, but the gist is that for \$3.25

per month, Dominion Products and Services, Inc. will insure the line running from your house out to the street. The premium depends on the insured length. For \$3.25, the

length cannot exceed 125 feet and the upper limit on repairs is set at \$1,500.00. Dominion Products and Services will insure water line lengths up to 500 feet.. Visit the site and

see if this might be an option that would interest you. They make it easy and tack the payment on your normal monthly electric bill.



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