

Lake Forest Community Association (LFCA) Annual letter 2018

Welcome to all our new neighbors who moved here in the last year

President

Winter has been a bit chilly. May all of you stay warm and healthy for the remainder of winter and may the next 3 seasons bring you another good year. We completed the Milky Spore last year and it went well; we won't need to apply it for another 13-15 years. Thank you for your support and patience. On our web page you will see pictures from our annual Community picnic. We called Supervisor Pat Herrity's office when Dominion Energy told Dave Wilson they were not responsible for the street lights. Mr. Herrity's office solved the problem. Seems that to get Dominion to act, you must select "Report a Power Outage" from their menu, not "Customer Service". Thank you to Bea Takenaka for placing Holiday wreaths on our monuments – they looked very nice; The two entry signs received new Plexiglas. Bea, with the help of Michael, Evan and David Fabish the old and grimy Plexiglas was removed and the new ones installed. Hopefully we can keep using the wreaths over the next several years. Thank you to Nancy Thompson for keeping our meeting minutes and also to Bea Takenaka for hosting our monthly Board meetings. Thank you Troop 2761 and the Holmes Family who spearheaded the bat house project.

Every year your Board has elections for 3 Board members. Bringing in new members to the Board brings new people, spreads the understanding of what entails managing a broad perspective of homeowners, and new perspectives needed for the community to continue forward. Please consider running. Contact the Board if you are interested. We will elect new Board members at our June 2018 Meeting.

We the Board thank you for paying attention to the Association rules. Al Brooks states we are keeping our neighborhood in step and that more neighbors are asking questions and maintaining their homes in concert with the architectural committee support.

Finances

As of December 31, 2017, the community association accounts totaled \$78,728.19. The Association' primary recurring expenses are maintenance of the common areas and trees. LFCA is also committed to fund entrance repairs, trail maintenance, curb numbers and milky spore applications using reserve funds. In 2017, LFCA used the reserves to fund milky spore application for participating members, upgrade/repair entrance signs, and stabilize a stretch of embankment along common area streams.

Engagement with Fairfax County Government

This year the Board engaged Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation on a handful of neighborhood improvement projects to promote the safety and well-being of our residents. At the request of the Board, VDOT surveyed the drainage problem at the corner of Cervantes Lane and Maritime Lane to identify a solution. In the spring, VDOT plans to construct a means for storm water to drain across the intersection and if necessary, will raise the gutter and curb to support the drainage.

Thank you to the residents who participated in the Fairfax County Transportation Priorities Survey this fall. Based on resident input, the Board requested Fairfax County extend the Maritime Lane sidewalk by the Fire Station to connect with Seabrook Lane. The request was added to a list of over 400 transportation projects being considered for future funding. The results of the survey and decision by the county have not been announced. The Board will continue to engage the County on behalf of the safety and well-being of the neighborhood. You can read more about the Transportation Priorities Plan on the Fairfax County Government website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/tpp-2017>

Bat houses and our little free library

We hope that you enjoy the new bat houses in our neighborhood. They were built by two Girl Scouts from Troop 2761 named Alison Little and Sarah May Holmes to support their silver award. The scouts proposed the idea to the HOA who funded the supplies. Since bats eat mosquitos, by having the bat houses to attract more bats, we are hopeful this will lower the amount of mosquitoes in our area. One bat house is close to the library, the other one on the path from Bertito Lane to Cervantes Lane. The installation and ceremony took place during our Community Oktoberfest last September. A year ago, their whole troop also built the little library that has been used by a lot of us. The library is located on Octavia Court where we hold our annual picnic.

County Government closure announcements: <https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com/>

To sign up for county alerts: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts> to sign up for your customized Fairfax alerts.

Contact Police: For Non-Emergencies: 703-691-2131 Ms. Utility: 811 always call before you dig

Community Trail Map. If you are not sure where our community trails are, please print a copy of the trail map that can be found on our website <http://www.lakeforestcommunity.org/>. Not all streets pointing to Huntsman Lake have a public trail actually leading to the lake. Our neighbors would appreciate if you'd not walk through their yard to either go down to the lake or come back up from the lake. There are trails that will get you there. If you can't find the map, we'd be happy to send you one. Please contact the board at our website.

Save the Dates, The LFCA Board has planned the following events for 2018:

Annual Dues Due	1 April 2018
Community Yard Sale (will be advertised on Craigslist, Facebook, Nextdoor as a multifamily community-wide yard sale	19 May 2018
Annual Membership Meeting Place TBD	7 June 2018
Community Day Oktoberfest	16 September 2018