



Lake Forest Community Association

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Current Board Members

President - Bev Franklin
V.P. & Community Web Site - Harry Hopkins
Treasurer - Wes Cox
Secretary - Lois Misuinas
ARC Chairman - Al Brooks
ARC & Community Relations- Dave Wilson
Grounds Committee - Bill Ethington & Gloria Flick
Newsletter/Community Relations - Kathy Jacobs

Board members of the Lakeforest Community Association (LFCA) have always been volunteers serving three year terms. These are staggered so every year members are up for re-election. We will have a few open spots - think about the possibility of joining!

You can volunteer right now by contacting one of the Board members or attend the annual meeting in June.

Upcoming Events

26 May - Memorial Day
12 June - General Meeting
17 June - Last Day of School
14 September - Community Day

Previous General Meeting and Board Meeting Minutes, as well as previous newsletters, are available for review on our community website - www.lakeforestcommunity.org.

Annual Meeting

This is an easy way to find out what's happening in our community and meet your neighbors. The LFCA annual meeting will be held on June 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library. Topics for discussion will include election of new board members.

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 to request to be placed 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 7:30 PM and must vacate the room by 8:45 PM as the library closes at 9:00 PM.

Community Paths

How lucky we are to be able to enjoy such a wonderful path network through our neighborhood. As the weather improves, please make an effort to keep ivy and other debris off the paths. I often carry a spare plastic bag on my walks to collect any trash that has blown through - every little bit helps. A big thank you to Steve Gilbert for recently revving up his chain saw to remove a tree that had blown down blocking access on a path.

Leash Law

Just a reminder in our dog friendly community, it is important to keep dogs on their leash. We had an incident of an attack in December on one of our paths. A resident was bitten by a loose dog in spite of the owner's attempt to call their pet. Please be respectful of others' safety. If you want to exercise your dog off-leash there is a great dog park just a few miles from here at the South Run Recreation Center. And while we're on the subject, I've been asked to remind all dog walkers to be sure to clean up after your pet.

Community Day

Discussion has included the possibility of moving our Annual Community Day around in the neighborhood to include as many residents as possible. This is a great opportunity to spend a few hours getting to know new neighbors and/or visiting with those you don't see too often. Please contact a Board member if you would be interested in hosting on your block. Don't worry...the Board will coordinate set-up and provide the food.

Anyone for Bridge?

Lois Misuinas on Cervantes Court is interested in playing daytime bridge. If you are too, please contact her at 703-455-4130.



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Those Darn Aging Trees

For trees on community property that you consider a threat to your property, i.e., fence or home, please let the Board know about it and we will have it checked and taken out if it is deemed a problem. If a tree has fallen and caused damage to your property, please make the Board aware of it BEFORE you take any action to have the damage repaired.

Also please notify the Board of any trees that have fallen on paths or trees that you think may fall on the paths. For a tree that has fallen, just provide the location and we will have it removed. For a tree that you think may fall on the path, again provide the location and we will have it checked and taken out if it is deemed a problem. Also notify the Board if you see any other major problems with the paths that you consider a danger to walkers or other users.

The Board member who has primary responsibility for trees is Bill Ethington, wee2@cox.net or phone 703-455-6007. If he is not available, please notify another Board member.

Rabies Alert

A resident in the 7600 block of Cervantes Court had the unfortunate experience of having their dog attacked by a rabid raccoon near their home. As a result, the Animal Services Division of the Fairfax County Police reminds us that all cats and dogs 4 months of age or older are required to be vaccinated against rabies. Also, all dogs of 4 months of age or older are required to have a current Fairfax County Dog License. Please visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta/pdffiles/pddogapp.PDF or call 703-324-2483.

There have also been a number of rat sightings in the 7700 block of Maritime Lane. Be sure to bring pet food in and dump pet drinking water before sundown and keep garbage in tightly sealed containers (such as the ones provided by the waste management companies) preferably in the garage until pickup time. Pet feces can also attract pests and vermin. More information is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/chs.

Web Site Referrals

A recent inquiry regarding a negative home improvement contractor experience was referred to the website for posting. Feel free to share with your neighbors any useful information regarding these experiences under the Recommended Contractors selection. www.lakeforestcommunity.org

Do Your Part for Nature

- Pile grass clippings in a back corner of your yard; add chopped leaves this fall and you'll have wonderful compost next year-let's eliminate all curbside bags of leaves.
- Set your lawn mower to mulch once the night time temperature reaches at least 55 degrees...later in May.
- Pour a little vinegar on those weeds growing in the sidewalk cracks.
- Don't allow mulch/bark to touch the trunks of trees as this causes disease.

Architectural Review Committee

Many of you may be aware of the recent problem of a resident making major exterior changes to his house without prior approval by the ARC. This has produced a wave of issues resulting with legal intervention to correct the situation. Please remember when you decide to make exterior changes to your property to get approval from the ARC first. The form is available on the website www.lakeforestcommunity.org