

New Lakepointe Update

February 2004

President's Corner . . .

Hang on -- Spring is near! This has been a busy weather season with snow, sleet and a wintry mix, but in a few short weeks warm weather will arrive and we can once again start enjoying the beautiful Virginia spring.

The Board of Directors has been busy working on several projects. We have voted to make several improvements in Lakepointe:

1. The bus stop will be receiving a new roof & truss system to support it.
2. The streets will be swept, the curbs repainted with new reserved lot numbers, yellow curb markings, and white stripes to indicate parking space locations.
3. The filter tanks that are used for removing dirt and other foreign material from the pool will be replaced. The current tanks have been there since the pool was new some 20+ years ago and have passed their life expectancy.

Other improvements the BOD will be discussing include removal of the old railroad ties located on the slope across from the bus stop & new landscaping in this area as well as reviewing the condition of the tennis courts, basketball courts and playgrounds located within Lakepointe.

Our next Board meeting will be held on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at 9766 Highwater Court in the home of Chuck Ruby. Please call me at 703-764-0192 if you wish to attend.

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Attention All Volunteers:

There are still two vacant Board of Directors positions. There will also be one additional position up for re-election at the Annual Meeting. Please contact one of the current Board members if you are interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Lakepointe Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 19, at Lake Braddock Secondary School in the Faculty Lunch Room. Watch your mail in the coming weeks for more details.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

5623 Stillwater Court
5505 Swift Current
5604 Rapid Run Court
9823 Spillway Court
5512 Dam View Court
9713 Lakepointe Drive
9763 Lakepointe Drive
9981 Whitewater Drive
9922 Whitewater Drive
9856 Highwater Court
9761 Highwater Court
9778 Highwater Court

Thank you to everyone who participated. Congratulations to all the winners!! We made an exception this year and awarded two prizes to the 9700 side of Highwater Court. We hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy how festive and brightly lit their area was. It was impossible to choose only one home and very difficult to limit it to two! Let's hope their holiday spirit spreads throughout our entire community!

FRIENDLY REMINDER...

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG. Be courteous to your friends and neighbors in this fine community. Remember to pick up after your dog when they have performed their business in our common areas. Children play there and other people walk there. It is unsightly and unsanitary.

Fairfax County law states that pet owners are responsible for picking up after their pets and removing debris from common areas or fines may be assessed. They also require pets to be

kept on a leash at all times when not confined behind fenced yards.

A Big "Thank You" to those responsible pet owners who already pick up and use leashes!!

Spring is in the Air...

Spring is just around the corner and it will be time for many homeowners to begin working on the exterior of their townhomes. Be sure to submit any necessary applications for change to Sequoia for approval by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). The ACC and Board of Directors spent many hours reviewing and updating our current Architectural Guidelines. Each homeowner was sent a copy of the updated guidelines late last year. They can also be accessed at the New Lakepointe website (www.newlakepointe.info). Remember, any change to the exterior of your unit requires approval by the ACC prior to the implementation of the change by the homeowner. This includes any changes to the front or rear entrance doors, storm doors, roof shingles, antennas, attic fans, exterior paint, windows, storage sheds, fences, shutters, siding, gutters, downspouts, handrails, address numbers, door knockers, lighting, patios or landscaping. A blank ACC Change Request Form is attached or can be obtained from our website.

Following is a brief summary of the application process. Homeowners must:

1. Carefully plan their repair, improvement or modification to conform to the ACC guidelines.
2. Complete an ACC Change Request Form including all information requested including dimensions, colors, samples, photos/sketches, type of material being used, timeline, etc.
3. Mail or deliver the completed ACC Change Request Form to Sequoia or an ACC committee member for review.
4. The ACC Committee will review all written applications within 30 days of receipt. Oral applications will not be considered.
5. If approved, Sequoia will forward a letter to the homeowner concerning the approval status. If the request is rejected, the reason will be included in

the written decision. An appeal may be filed with the Board of Directors within 30 days of the decision. The Board may sustain, reverse or modify any decision within 30 days.

6. The homeowner should promptly reply to any questions or concerns posed by the ACC in the letter they receive.
7. Once the homeowner receives written notification from the ACC and all concerns (if any) have been addressed and a formal approval letter is received, then work may commence.
8. All repairs/improvements must be completed within sixty (60) days after work begins.
9. An application approval is good for one (1) year from the date of approval. If work does not commence within one year, the homeowner must submit a new ACC Change Request form.

This is a brief explanation of the ACC approval process. For more detailed information, refer to the Lakepointe Architectural Guidelines at the Lakepointe website (www.newlakepointe.info).

Surfing the World Wide Web

There are several websites available that contain a wealth of information about our community, county and state. Take a few minutes to explore the following websites set up by Fairfax County, the State of Virginia as well as some national organizations. They offer a wide range of information on the various services they provide.

Real Estate Assessments:
www.co.fairfax.va.us/living/taxes

Fairfax County Public Schools:
www.fcps.k12.va.us

Police Department/Crime Info and Prevention:
www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/police

Registered sex offenders, State of Virginia
sex-offender.vsp.state.va.us/Static/Search.htm

Planning & Zoning
www.co.fairfax.va.us/gov/ocp

Emergency Services/Hotlines, Health Issues
www.co.fairfax.va.us/emergency

Parks & Recreation
www.co.fairfax.va.us/living/parks

Virginia Department of Education
www.pen.k12.va.us

Commonwealth of Virginia General Info
www.virginia.gov

Kids Commonwealth – an informational website especially for children to help them learn more about the Commonwealth of Virginia
www.kidscommonwealth.virginia.gov/home

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
www.NCMEC.org

Fairfax County Police Weekly Crime Reports
www.co.fairfax.va.us/ps/police/reports/weekly.pdf

If you have other websites you feel would benefit other members of our community, please forward them to us so we can share them in the next newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We're always looking for new Watch members. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining us. It is a great way to get to know other residents as well as a way to keep up to date with what is going on in Lakepointe. A new schedule is being put together and we'd love to include you!

Thanks again to Brian and Mary Knowles for their seven years of dedication to Lakepointe as Neighborhood Watch Coordinators. We all appreciate your time and effort.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 15 – Board Meeting
7:30 p.m.

March 19 – Deadline for Newsletter
(Distribution Early April)

April 19 – Annual Meeting

Trash Pickup – Tuesday and Friday

Recyclables Pickup - Tuesday