

# ***New Lakepointe Update***

**October 2004**

## **President's Corner . . .**

The Board of Directors has been busy preparing for the future.

**Retaining Wall:** The new retaining wall across from the bus stop has been completed along with the new landscaping. We have heard a number of comments from residents in the past few days about how nice it looks. As time goes by the plants and shrubs will mature and it will look even better.

**Playgrounds, Tennis Courts & Pool:** You may have noticed new *No Trespassing* signs located at the playgrounds, pool and tennis courts. This has become essential as more and more of the residents of the neighborhoods that surround Lakepointe have come here to take advantage of our amenities. Most of our neighboring communities do not have the facilities that we have. As our neighbors have begun using these facilities it has become more difficult for Lakepointe residents to gain access to the basketball & tennis courts and it was felt signs needed to be posted at each location. A slight revision to the height of the poles will soon be made as the signs currently are too low and could pose a safety hazard to young children,

**Fall Improvements:** The BOD has contracted with Premier Landscaping (our lawn care contractor) to aereate and overseed the entire Lakepointe common area this fall. This is an optional service that is being done to keep our property from getting bare spots and to allow more air into the root system of the common area lawn.

Work will begin soon on the basketball & tennis courts. Treatment to seal the cracks on the asphalt surface and fence repairs are scheduled to be completed soon.

As a homeowner in Lakepointe this is also a great time to do improvements on your own property. REMEMBER- any exterior changes to your townhome must be approved by the Lakepointe Architectural Control Committee. An application for change can be obtained from the website.

The next Lakepointe Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. If you wish to attend please call me in advance so we may reserve time for you on the agenda.

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## **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**

The New Lakepointe website lives again! Due to several issues with our web hosting company over the summer, our website has not been available. Since becoming aware of the problems, Brian Knowles has been working with the hosting company and with much persistence on his part, we are happy to say our website is up and running once more. The new website address is:

***Newlakepointe.net***

Take a few minutes and visit the new website. ACC information, Bylaws, Neighborhood Watch, phone numbers, forms and Property Management information are all accessible via the website. Thank you, Brian, for keeping us online!

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## **GRAFFITI IN LAKEPOINTE**

Over the summer, we have had reports of graffiti on electrical transformer boxes as well as in other areas throughout Lakepointe. The Fairfax County Police have been contacted and have come out to photograph and document each incident. If you notice any graffiti in the community or have any information about these incidents, please contact the police department, Sequoia Management or a Board member immediately. The transformer boxes themselves do not belong to the community, but to Virginia Power, Verizon or Cox Cable, depending on the box itself. Once we are made aware of any damage or graffiti, the appropriate company will be contacted to repaint and/or repair the boxes as necessary.

## **LAKEPOINTE POOL PARTIES**

Although the weather was questionable as the day began, the annual community pool party went on as scheduled on Saturday, July 24. Approximately 75 to 80 residents and guests enjoyed the relaxing afternoon of fun and sun. There were plenty of water balloons for the kids to enjoy and more than enough food to go around.

On the evening of August 20, volunteers from throughout the community gathered for a couple of hours of conversation, food and lounging around the pool. Although it was a small group this year because of scheduling conflicts, those that were able to attend had an enjoyable evening.

A big thank you goes out to all those who planned and helped with the pool parties this year. As usual, they were a big success and enjoyed by all.

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### **SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION...**

**DRIVERS:** PLEASE **SLOW DOWN** AND WATCH OUT FOR THE YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AS THEY HEAD TO THE BUS STOP AND HOME AGAIN IN THE AFTERNOON. THE SPEED LIMIT IN LAKEPOINTE IS 15 MPH!

**PARENTS:** PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN AND REMIND THEM ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF STAYING ON THE SIDEWALKS WHEN GOING TO AND FROM THE BUS STOP AND LOOKING BOTH WAYS FOR TRAFFIC BEFORE CROSSING THE STREETS. WITH ALL THE EXCITEMENT A NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS, IT IS EASY FOR THEM TO FORGET THE SIMPLE SAFETY RULES.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER TO HAVE ANOTHER SAFE SCHOOL YEAR!!!

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### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS . . .**

- 1. Fill out ACC application and get approval BEFORE doing any exterior changes to your property.**
- 2. Please clean up after your pets! Also remember Fairfax County requires pets to be kept on a leash at all times when not confined behind fenced yards.**

## **ONCE AGAIN, THAT DREADED TOPIC - TRASH...**

Yes, the problem that keeps rearing its ugly head! There have been many, many complaints this summer about trash being put out too early or not bagged properly and being blown all over the community. **PLEASE** do not put your trash out until after dark on the evening before trash pickup, preferably not until the early morning of pickup day, but before 7 a.m. **PLEASE** make sure it is properly bagged and placed at the curb where it will be seen and picked up by the trash company. All trash should be placed at the curb in front of your unit, not in the common areas by the roadways or behind your home. If your trash bag breaks open or is scattered over the area, **PLEASE** be considerate of your neighbors and clean up after yourselves.

One of the fastest growing problems our community has are residents who are putting big items, such as old appliances, old or broken furniture, etc. out with the regular trash. You MUST contact the trash company to make them aware of the pickup. You can contact our trash company, AAA Recycling & Trash Removal Services, at 703-818-8222. They will tell you when to put the item(s) out and if there is an additional charge for the pickup of that item. Yes, there are additional charges for pickup of some large items, i.e., all appliances. Whether or not there is a charge depends on the type of item being disposed of. When the individual homeowner does not make the appropriate arrangements with the trash company, the extra charges are assessed to the homeowner's association for payment. When it can be established which resident placed the items out for pickup, the charges are assessed to that unit owner. If that cannot be determined, the extra charges are paid by the homeowner's association – in other words, we all pay the extra fees. This will ultimately mean higher and higher monthly assessments for everyone.

Please take responsibility and be accountable for your trash. Make arrangements for pickup if you have large items. If you see a resident putting large items out that are not picked up by the trash company on trash day, chances are the appropriate arrangements for pickup were not made. Please notify Sequoia or a board member of the items not picked up so appropriate action can be taken.

It is also important to note that certain items will not be picked up by the trash company under any circumstances and you must make other arrangements with the County landfill to properly dispose of these items. These include concrete, tree stumps, paint, motor oil, antifreeze, construction trash, automobile batteries, insecticides, combustibles and toxic or hazardous wastes. Disposal of these items can be done at the County I-66 Transfer Station or at the I-95 Landfill. For more information on disposing of these items, go to the Fairfax County website at [www.co.fairfax.va.us](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us) and click on Public Works and Utilities. All the information you need will be listed there.

Also be aware that any bush or tree limbs for disposal, must be cut into lengths no longer than 4 feet with limbs not larger than 6 inches in diameter. The brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 2 feet in diameter before being placed at the curb.

If each individual resident would take the time and make the effort to be sure their trash is bundled and handled appropriately, our community would benefit tremendously.

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## **INFO FROM THE ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

In each newsletter we will highlight one or two sections of the Lakepointe ACC guidelines. At this time we are highlighting information concerning storm doors.

Storm doors must be full-view with the kickplate no higher than six (6) inches; plain and unadorned in style.

Color Exception: Storm doors may be white in color, only if the ACC has previously approved white vinyl windows. The door must be monochromatic to match either the color of the front door or the trim of the townhome as prescribed by the builder's original McCormick paint color scheme or the updated Sherwin-Williams paint color schemes.

Security, wrought iron, and storm doors with excessive kickplates or frames, or storm doors with frosted glass are not permitted. The door style

must fit one of the approved storm door choices as shown in the ACC Guidelines which are available on the website ([www.newlakepointe.net](http://www.newlakepointe.net)).

If you have any questions or need any other information regarding storm doors, please contact an ACC Board member.

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## **TRICK OR TREATERS**

Halloween is just a few short weeks away. It's time to get those costumes ready for the big night! The hours for trick or treating in Lakepointe are 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

It will be getting dark earlier during the coming weeks, so make sure you have a light stick or flash light with you so you can be seen.

DRIVERS: Please slow down and watch for all the ghosts and goblins on their big night!! We want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe Halloween!

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## **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.

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## **New Lakepointe Artist Community**

We are very excited about having begun this project and with the response, so far, from the community. Artists working in oils, acrylics, watercolors, charcoal or writers are welcome. We have also recently had a request for mural artists and are looking for folks with that skill.

Ellen Baldy works in acrylics and is currently taking commissions for pet portraits. If you are

interested in sharing your artistic skills, putting together an exhibit or just asking for help on a particular project, please contact us:

Ellen Baldy at 703-978-8164  
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Terry Holman at 703-978-5853  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

October 18 – Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m.

Trash Pickup – Tuesday and Friday  
Recyclable Pickup – Tuesday

**Board Members:**

Kevin Donlea, President	764-0192
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Neighborhood Watch: Rob Soles  
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