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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As spring time grows closer, it is important that we all remember to do our part to keep the neighborhood looking as beautiful as possible. While you are doing your spring cleaning, renovations and upgrades, remember that your trash should not be put out **until dusk** the night before pick-up days. Also, your trash should be placed curbside in front of your home, **NOT** in common areas. As always, paint cans should never be put out with your other trash.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Linda Donlea for the many years she published our New Lakepointe newsletter. We appreciate all her time and hard work over the past many years. I am also excited to let you know that Elke Trick has volunteered to take on the task, and we look forward to all she will bring to the newsletter!

Maybe you have a gift or talent that the rest of your neighbors could benefit from. We are currently looking for homeowners to serve on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), Neighborhood Watch can always use dependable folks and there is always neighborhood clean up and beautification to be done. Please contact any board member if you think you can help in some way. Let's keep making Lakepointe a great place to live!

All the best,
Craig Hunter Ross
HOA President

www.newlakepointe.net

MANAGEMENT CORNER

Change in Legal Representation

At the January 21, 2008 Board of Directors' meeting, the Board changed the legal representation of the Association. The new law firm for our Association is Chadwick, Washington, Moriarty, Elmore & Bunn, P.C., of Fairfax, Virginia. The law firm concentrates its practice almost exclusively on the representation of community associations in Virginia and the District of Columbia and is the largest law firm on the East Coast to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Janis Fenton at Sequoia Management Company, INC., (703) 803-9641.

Updated Lease Records

Management would like to remind homeowners who rent out their homes to supply management with a complete copy of the lease for updating records. It is extremely important that management has the correct mailing address for owners as well as the tenant information. An updated database will enable management to distribute information to both parties.

Leases can be faxed to (703) 968-0936, emailed to bjackson@sequoiamanagement.com or mailed to Lakepointe Townhomes Homeowners Association, 13998 Parkeast Circle, Chantilly, VA 20151.

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Please feel free to contact Jan Fenton, Senior Community Manager at (703) 803-9641 if you have any questions or concerns.

BOARD NEWS

New Lakepointe E-mail Listserv

Want neighborhood news delivered to your inbox? We have recently set up an e-mail distribution list for the neighborhood. The list will be used for timely announcements from the board, ACC, pool coordinator and neighborhood watch. Sign up or cancel your subscription any time at www.newlakepointe.net/news. Just click on "New Lakepointe E-Mail List" and enter your email, name and address, and click Subscribe! Questions? Contact news@newlakepointe.net.

UPDATES ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Tree removal

Removal of dead trees, or trees causing damage to sidewalks, curbs and storm drains was completed. Tree stumps were ground down and grass seed planted in those areas. We ask residents to help the grass grow by not removing the straw from these locations. With warmer spring temperatures coming soon, we ask community members to water these areas close to their house so the grass seed can successfully germinate.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled for April 28th, 7:00 PM at Lake Braddock High School. Attendees will participate in a drawing for a month free dues.

Verizon Fiberoptic Wires

Verizon completed upgrading its network by bringing an advanced fiber network into our community. The upgrades to the latest communications technology will allow for crystal clear voice connections, increased internet speeds and over time, a new choice for video services.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

ACC Guidelines for Exterior Changes

If you have planned any exterior changes to your residence, please go to the HOA website (www.newlakepointe.net) and fill in the necessary forms listed under "Architectural Control". Completed forms need to be mailed to Sequoia Management 45 days BEFORE outside construction/changes begin.

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Pet Care

Fairfax County Codes concerning pet waste demand that “the owner or custodian of any dog shall be responsible for the removal of pet waste deposited by such dog on the property of another, including public areas” (County Code Section 41-1-2, Section 108-5-2 and Section 41-2-6). Since our community is blessed with such spacious common areas, be considerate and clean after your pet. Our children enjoy the common areas for playing as much as our pets. Keep it safe and clean for everyone’s fun.

For more information on animals and animal control, please refer to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservice/legal.htm#legal7

Playground/Workout Areas

Please cooperate in keeping our newly mulched playgrounds and renovated tennis/basketball courts in great shape. Use the provided trash barrel at the tennis courts to dispose of any empty bottles or other containers.

Trash Removal/Recycling Center

Trash removal is on Tuesdays (with recycling pick-up) and Fridays by American Disposal Services. For bulk pick up, please call American Disposal Services at 703-368-0500 to schedule a date.

The nearest recycling center for our community is I-66 Citizens’ Recycling and Disposal Facility on 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For hours and materials accepted (including household hazardous waste, such as rechargeable batteries), please look at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/doclst.htm

Safety reminders

As always, report any unusual activities to our neighborhood watch coordinators Rob and Cheryl Soles (vasoles@verizon.net). The West Springfield District police department holds monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month) with guest speakers and interesting subjects. For more information, please look at the HOA website www.newlakepointe.net under “Neighborhood Watch”.

Use common sense, leave your porchlights on at night and involve your children in regular safety talks, such as strangers, fire safety, internet safety, etc.

Please remember: our community speed limit is 15 mph. With spring around the corner, there will be more children playing outdoors again.

Pool Passes

Looking forward to some relaxing time in the sun? Our pool will open again in May over Memorial Day weekend. Please make sure you still have the 2007 pool passes. Watch for the May newsletter on how to receive your 2008 stickers as well as how to obtain

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pool passes for new members of your household.



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Helping hands

- ◇ *Architectural Control Committee (ACC)* is looking for three volunteers interested in serving on this important committee. Make an impact in your community and contact any board member for more information.
- ◇ *Community Clean Up Day:* Help your community by participating in a clean up effort in May (look out for exact date in the next newsletter). Boy and Girl Scout groups, as well as other community service groups at our schools would be happy to give credits for such volunteerism.

Community Events

- ◇ *Community Easter Egg Hunt*
March 15th, 11:00 AM; rain date March 22nd, 11:00 AM
It's almost time for the Annual New Lakepointe Easter Egg Hunt! This year, we will be inviting all the children of New Lakepointe ages 0-9 years old to join us on Saturday, March 15th at the ball courts for

what has been a great time of egg finding and fun in the past! There are a couple of rules in order to participate:

- You must be a child resident of New Lakepointe between the ages of 0 and 9 years old
- Each child must bring one dozen (12) plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy to 9719 Lakepointe Drive before Friday March 14th. Eggs will be accepted anytime weekdays between 4- 8pm and Sat/Sun 1-6 pm. We suggest calling before dropping them off (703) 764-5374
- You must submit eggs by March 14th to participate.
- Children will be broken up into groups by age and released into the play areas to gather the eggs. The youngest will go first. Do not pick up any eggs on your way to the courts!
- If the weather does not cooperate or the ground is deemed too wet, the hunt will be postponed until Saturday, March 22 at 11am. Check the www.newlakepointe.net website for updates if you think weather may be an issue.
- Any questions at all, please call Craig or Cathy Ross at 703-764-5374

- ◇ Congratulations to the winners of the 2007 *Holiday Decoration Contest* ! A \$25 Safeway gift card was given to our neighbors in 5613 Stillwater, 9764 Lakepointe, 9778 Highwater, 9773 Highwater, 9980 Whitewater, 9974 Whitewater, 5623 Stillwater, 5611 Stillwater, 9703 Lakepointe and 9811 Spillway.

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Gardening Tips

With spring coming up, we included some helpful tips for a gardening success:

◇ **Lake Braddock Secondary School (LBSS) Mulch Sale, March 25th-28th**

A great way to support our school and their upcoming graduation party! You can help by filling in mulch order forms via the LBSS website (www.lbspspta.org). Norfleet hardwood bark mulch cost \$4.50/3 cubic feet bag. Home delivery on March 29-30, 2008 if you order more than 15 bags. Smaller orders have to be picked up at LBSS parking lot on March 29, 2008. **Orders are due by March 15th.**

- ◇ early spring is a good time to take care of your lawn. Vertical cutting or thinning to remove thatch and aerification or coring to reduce soil compactions are two ways to treat turf.
- ◇ following winter's frost and snow, repositioning stepping stones that have heaved or sunk below grass level might be a necessity. Lift them up, spread sand in the low areas to prevent heaving the next year and to improve drainage. Finally, replace the rocks.
- ◇ when starting to grow seedlings in vermiculite, make sure that seedlings are being transplanted to soil when the second pair of true leaves form

in order to allow continuous growth.

- ◇ kitchen containers can be recycled for starting seeds. Poke some wholes in aluminium trays, plastic yogurt containers, milk cartons, egg cartons or paper cups.
- ◇ stick to small containers of garden chemicals which will be used up easier. If you have any chemicals left over, please recycle them according to county codes as hazardous household waste and do not pour them down the drain.
- ◇ apply organic mulches after plants are 3 to 4 inches tall and the soil is warm.
- ◇ avoid mixing cut daffodils with tulips in flower arrangements. Daffodils produce a chemical that injure tulip blooms.
- ◇ when the leaves of spring-flowering bulbs emerge, apply a complete fertilizer to ensure good blooms next year. Remove the bulb foliage only after it dies naturally.
- ◇ one of the best flower for young gardeners are sunflowers. The large seeds sprout quickly and are dependable.
- ◇ sprinkling chili pepper powder on the soil may prevent squirrels from digging near your plants

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Source: Monthly Gardening Tips from the Virginia Cooperative Extension at Virginia Tech



FAMILY CORNER

In this section, you will find helpful tips with regards to childcare in our community, outings in the VA area and activities for young children. Any additional ideas or information on existing playgroups, yardsales, donations, etc. are always welcome.

Outings March/April

Warmer temperatures and spring break are ideal for family outings in the area. Here are some fun ideas/activities:

- ◇ **Burke Lake Park:** carousel, ice cream parlor and train will reopen April 7 through October 28, 2008.
- ◇ **Lake Accotink:** Partakes Classes (Watershed Explorers Camp and Tennis Camp) start March 17th.
- ◇ **Huntley Meadows Park, Alexandria:** an excellent wetland area for spotting wildlife along a 1/2 mile boardwalk

◇ Mount Vernon

- Free wagon rides at George Washington's pioneer farmer site. The rides are April 4 through April 27 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays. Additional wagon rides are also during Mount Vernon's Spring Garden Party from May 10-11, 2008.
- Between May 2 and June 1, 2008, Mount Vernon's Sheep will get shorn Friday - Sunday at the Pioneer Farm site from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00 PM-3:00 PM.

◇ Cherry Blossom Festival,

Washington D.C., March 29-April 13, 2008.
Parade to be held April 12th.

◇ Green Springs Garden, Alexandria:

Build a Bird House Workshop, April 26, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM. For children 6 years and older; \$20/project

Activities March

◇ Kings Park Public Library

- March 3, 10:30 AM "Welcome to Seussville", a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday for children age 3-5 with adult
- March 14, 12:00 PM, "LunchBunnies" (every second Friday of the month). Bring lunch and enjoy some storytime. For babies and children until 5 years with adult.
- March 17, 11:00 AM "Irish Bear Ark Animal Workshop", bring a St. Patrick's Day bear to

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life with handstuffing. Age 6-12

- March 24, 3:30 PM, Monday Movies. Watch a free movie (contact library for title) based upon a book and share your thoughts on comparing movie vs. book.

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◇ Pohick Regional Library,

- March 4, 10:15 AM “Tiny Tots” (every first Tuesday of the month). Very short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-17 months with adult.
- March 5, 7:30 PM “Writers’ Roundtable”. Discuss your work with other writers. Adults.
- March 10, 10:15 AM “Time for Twos” Lil’ Leprachaun. Stories and activities about St. Patrick’s Day. Age 24-35 months with adult.
- March 11, 7:00 PM, “Twinkle, twinkle, Little Star”. Enjoy stories under the stars. Age 3-6 with adult.

Babysitting/Daycare

- ◇ For a complete list of babysitters in our neighborhood, please refer to the HOA website at www.newlakepointe.net.
- ◇ Certified daycare providers in our immediate

neighborhood:

- Deborah and Carla Pecorelli, 9813 Spillway Court, 703-426-4688

Board Members:

Craig Ross, President	703-764-5374
Kevin Donlea, VP	703-764-0192
Mary Knowles, Secr.	703-764-5325
Bob Passut, Treas.	703-250-1932
Ron Randolph, Dir.	703-323-0011
Christen Guevara, Dir.	703-865-5726
Jeremy Seitz, Dir.	703-953-4030

Property Manager:

Jan Fenton, 703-803-9641
Community Manager,
Sequoia Management Company, Inc.
13998 Parkeast Circle
Chantilly, VA 20151

Architectural Control Committee (ACC):

OPEN - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Neighborhood Watch:	Rob Soles
Pool Liaison:	Beth Zarfoss
Newsletter:	Elke Trick

Online Connections:

Website: www.newlakepointe.net
Listserv: www.newlakepointe.net/news