



Lafayette Place
Neighborhood Association

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MAY NEWSLETTER

Hi NEIGHBORS,

Well, we're heading into the 5th month of the Association. We have had many residents appreciate the work we've done attempting to stand behind, and work on behalf of the residents within our Community. And we've had some real successes. The Association cares about ALL of our neighbors, and we will always be here when and if you need us. :) "If you have registered and haven't received an email from us, it's basically because we were "waiting to get some more registrations before we started emailing. With so few, we are "continuing to send the Newsletters to you by paper until more of the community comes "together with us to do email.

ELDERLY SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Though we didn't get much snow this year, we started our elderly snow removal program "which was utilized by several of our neighbors. Remember this for next year if you need us.

WALKING GROUPS

The Walking Group registration will continue throughout the year. Now that it's getting "warmer, we should be starting soon. Right now there are very few neighbors signed up, "so if you want to become involved in a little exercise, sign up.

GOFUNDME PAGE

Right now I'm working on programs that doesn't cost me much, but provides a lot of benefits "for our neighbors. Currently we have a little over \$250 raised, which is no where near enough "to get some really good stuff going. I emailed Sun Communities asking for a donation that will "do nothing but help their community, but as usual I was ignored. We've been wanting Sun to "join with us in this venture since August of last year, but they wouldn't have it. We "understand that Sun's main job is to make money, but wish they could become more ""resident-centric". That's ok. We'll do it without them. ""If you'd rather pay by check, make it payable to LPNA and leave it in the red mailbox at #828.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE

This year the Association wants to help provide cans of nourishment to those who are less "fortunate than us. Collections are on May 13th. Our mailperson will leave a bag in your "mailbox the day before. You can either put some canned goods and leave it on your porch, "or drop it at #828. There's always a can in the back of your pantry that you'll never use. "The Association already has lots of canned goods to give.

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One of the programs I'd REALLY like to do is a Pot Luck gathering to get to know your "neighbors, maybe in June/July. Each week we'd arrange a Pot Luck for each court. We'll send "a flyer to each home for which date they'll do. If you live on Lafayette Blvd, you can come to "the court that's closest to you. Everyone brings a dish, you get to meet your neighbors, enjoy"a wonderful afternoon of meet and eat, I like it. If you'd like it also, send the form to the right.

GARDEN CONTEST

We used to have a Garden or Property Beautification Contest, but Sun decided this program "wasn't worth keeping. So the Association is bringing it back at our expense. Starting in July, "you'll be able to make nominations to the Association for the best properties, then the "community will vote on who the top three winners are. #828 will not participate in this contest."Cash prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Now's a great time to start "thinking about how you can beautify your property. If you need some help and advice, contact"the Association.

GRASS SEED AND DIRT

This is another program Sun decided to cancel. We used to get grass seed at the beginning of"Spring from the office, so I guess that was another money saving decision that affected our"community. So the Association is offering free grass seed to anyone wanting to fill in some"patches or ruts. We also have a lot of garden soil for free. We have a wheel barrel and"shovels, so all you need to do is come and get some.

GRASS CUTTING

The Association is wanting to make sure that everyone can get their grass cut regardless of"whether they can afford to pay for it. You should not let your grass grow so high a mower"will stall trying to cut it. We have an agreement with several neighbors to cut, trim and blow "your grass for \$20. The company the park uses does a terrible job and charges"\$34 per cut. You neighbors can use the money, so contact the Association and we'll set"you up. If you have trouble affording it right now, let us know. We'll help you. To get the "special price you'll need to go through the Association." "DO NOT LET ANYONE CUT YOUR GRASS WITHOUT CLEANING THE CLIPPINGS. "IT LOOKS TERRIBLE REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE THEY CHARGE. "ASK THE ASSOCIATION.

GRASS CUTTERS WANTED

If you want to cut grass to make a little extra money, and have a mulching lawn mower,"string trimmer and blower, let us know. We'll put you on the Resource page and refer some"neighbors to you.

POWER WASHER

For those residents who want to make their home look cleaner this Spring, the Association "has a Power Washer that you can use free of charge. Just submit the form to the right.

SPEEDING

Speed limit in the park is 15mph. It's easy to creep up to 20mph safely. But when we have cars,"both resident and guests going over 30mph, this is unacceptable. We have children and pets"that are in jeopardy of being hit by a car going around a curve at a high speed. This is not our"personal racetrack. It's easy to feel that way with all the twists and turns in our park." "If you have guests coming, it is your responsibility to inform them of our speed limit. Let's keep"our park safe for all of our children and

pets.

LOUD MUSIC

So, I'm laying in bed sleeping, when at 1am, a car pulls into our court with their car music blaring, base thumping, and "obviously waking me up. And I'm sure many of you have experienced this at some point. I know many of you love music, but when you or your guests come into the park, please turn the music down. The rule in the park is no loud music after 9pm. So please, don't come home in the early morning and just sit in the parking lot with the radio blaring. I was told long ago by Management that if this happens just call the police. But I would rather have everyone, residents and guests, just being more courteous of your neighbors sleeping enjoyment.

LET'S USE OUR NEIGHBORS

Those of you in our community that have these skills: ""- lawn mowers - car share - dog walker/groomer"- plumbers - auto repair - car washer/waxer"- electricians - home care - tax preparer"- seamstress - baby sitter - personal shopper (and whatever other talents that would benefit our community)

Contact me if you'd like to do some work right in our park. Why should we have to go outside our community to find people to do those jobs, when we have them right here. I'm sure they wouldn't mind making a few extra dollars. So if you have a skill that would benefit our community, let me know and I'll post it on the Resource page. ""Support our Community!!

FINAL THOUGHTS

I know that some of you may think that the Association is not worth the time and money we're putting into it. And that's understandable. Some of you may have never experienced the neighborhood feeling I've experienced in my life. Winston Churchill famously said, "You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." I'd like to know that when I leave this life, I will have the comfort of knowing I'd truly given my time and heart to Lafayette Place, that I have left something behind that have benefited many of our neighbors, and that I have promoted the concept that NEIGHBORS ARE VALUABLE!! NEIGHBORS ARE IMPORTANT!!""If you move from here, and we hope you don't, take this neighborhood philosophy and "Pay it Forward." What will you do to leave your mark in the world?June.

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