Santa Visits LOW on His New Ride
by Santa and his Elves

Santa will be visiting Lake of the Woods riding atop the newest fire truck - Engine 29, a 2015 Pierce Arrow XT 1500 GPM Pumper - on December 18, 19 and 20. Each night Santa will start and end his journey with a loop through the Clubhouse lower level parking lot, and end with closing the loop on Lakeview Parkway. He will also drive through the Sheetz, Food Lion and Walmart parking lots at the end of his trip each night.

Santa’s fire truck sleigh is a large vehicle to maneuver, and overhead trees and wires can be tricky, so Santa will be staying on the main roads (no cul-de-sacs.) A brush truck will lead the procession one block ahead. This will allow residents time to make it to their door to see Santa.

The schedule is as follows:
Friday, December 18, starting about 5 PM (Marina-side of LOW): From the Front Gate the procession will head down Lakeview Parkway to Yorktown Blvd and use the side streets to work its way past the back gate and stopping at Confederate Drive.
Saturday, December 19, starting about 5 PM (Golf Course Side): The procession will head down Lakeview Parkway to Confederate Circle and use the side streets to work its way back to the Front Gate.
Sunday, December 20, one trip around Lakeview Parkway, then to Wilderness Shores and Somerset subdivisions

You can follow Santa as he visits our area on the 18th, 19th and 20th using the GPS tracker on the LOW Fire and Rescue webpage, http://www.lowfr29.com/ under the Santa Tracker heading.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!
President’s Letter
by Louisa Rucker

Dear Friends,

Seeing so many of you at the Members’ Holiday party last Sunday was a pleasure. Wasn’t the Clubhouse beautiful? Thanks go to 67 Garden Club members who, (aided by maintenance employees), gave two days onsite of their time and talents to enhance this building. Appreciation also goes to others on the maintenance team who, under the direction of Tracy Johnson, were responsible for decorating the front entrance and the exteriors of various Association buildings. I can’t remember a more attractive visual display.

Thanks also go to Joey and her terrific staff who took such good care of the 650+ attendees at the Members’ Holiday party. It was a deliciously happy afternoon.

Perhaps you have been following discussions regarding proposed changes to Fareways Café and the Golf Pro Shop. At the November 4 Town Hall Meeting, the November 17 Board Meeting and the Special Board Meeting on December 3, AGM Dave Heiser offered options for ways to better use the Woods Center space and to increase revenues for Fareways.

Two options have emerged.

Option 1 could be titled “Trading Spaces” because the Café and Pro Shop would do just that. Pros of this plan on the golf side include a more prominent golf presence when golfers arrive, a better location for checking players in and out, and a smaller, more enticing display of pro shop merchandise. For Fareways, the biggest pluses are a dining area with improved ambiance featuring carpeting, comfortable furniture (the former retired Clubhouse roller chairs!), lovely views and the addition of a bar for those who would enjoy a libation. Like other popular sports bars, the area would have TVs. Additionally, the new location would have consistent temperatures (in Fareways the temperature changes each time the outside doors are opened) and the absence of summer flies who have been so attracted to the Fareways menus.

Cons for this plan basically are making a change, any change, and the $$$ entailed. They are the same cons for Option 2. In both layouts the Dogwood Room is retained for card players, meetings and other current uses.

Option 2 has the Golf operations staying put, with the Pro Shop reduced by one-third. The newly-identified space would then become a meeting and card room. Fareways would remain in place and add a freestanding bar in the space now defined as the Cardinal Room. The rest of the area would continue to be the restaurant, also with the flavor of a sports bar.

See President on p. 4

Call Pat for all your real estate needs!

LOW MARKET STATS
through 11/30/2015
as reported in Metropolitan Regional Information Systems:

98 active
29 under contract
224 sold since 1/1/2015

Thinking of buying or selling?
Allow me to achieve your desired results!

Visit my website at lakeofthewoodsvirginia.com

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Lake Currents          December 11, 2015
Lake of the Woods Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
Community Center Classroom
January 2, 2016

9 AM CALL TO ORDER

1. EXECUTIVE ORDER

10 AM

2. OPEN SESSION
   2.1 Pledge of Allegiance
   2.2 Enter Into Open Session
      A. Meeting Notice and Quorum Confirmation
      2.3 Approval of Agenda
      2.4 Approval of Minutes: December 16, 2015

3. REPORTS
   3.1 Report from Orange County Supervisor – Lee Frame
   3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff - Mark Amos
   3.3 Report from Security Chief – Scott Walker
   3.4 Report from LOW Fire & Rescue President – Joe Clontz
   3.5 Report from Orange County Schools – Jim Hopkins
   3.6 Reports of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
      A. Executive Session Actions
      B. Committee Liaison Reports
      3.7 Report of General Manager
      3.8 Committee Reports
         A. Safety and Security Committee – John Bell, Committee Chair

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS
   5.1 Discussion of Structural Analysis of Clubhouse Pool and Fitness Center Building
   5.2 Consideration of Approving Pool/Fitness Center/Outdoor Recreation Complex Request for Proposals
   5.3 Consideration of Publishing in Lake Currents Proposed Amendments to the Regulations on Permanent Non-Inflatable Floats

6. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

7. MEMBER GENERAL COMMENTS

8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS

9. SCHEDULED MEETINGS
   • Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2016, Community Center, 7 PM
   • Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Saturday, February 6, 2016, Community Center, 10 AM

10. ADJOURNMENT

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General Manager's Column
Preventive Maintenance Stretches Assessment Dollars
by Phil Rodenberg

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It’s cold outside! And our front gate and buildings are outfitted with those wonderful lights and decorations. Meanwhile, inside everyone is thinking about how to stretch budgets as far as possible. LOWA does that too, through our Preventive Maintenance (PM) Program carried out by our Maintenance Department. I will be talking about PM as I outline the GM’s proposed operating and capital budget. A big part of the budget is the maintenance on all our buildings, vehicles and equipment, funded in the capital spending plan. At budget time, we find ourselves using the term useful life to describe how much longer an item has before we need assessment dollars to replace it.

How do we make sure those components last as long as possible? One key is buying durable items that can stand up to wear and tear. Another is having an effective PM program to get maximum value. A mark of an effective community association is a well thought out PM program.

Facilities Director Jessie Graves, Buildings Foreman Darryl Hale and crew, Vehicle Maintenance Foreman Jerry Chatham and technician, and Golf Turf Equipment Mechanic Dave Oliver all take great pride in keeping our buildings, vehicle fleet and equipment looking good and working well. PM helps extend the life of a mower, a fence, an oven and other items so they do not have to be replaced so soon. Our maintenance staff is trained to do many of the day-to-day tasks to try to avoid delay and contractor expenses when possible. When we do call contractors it is usually for complex or specialized tasks like big plumbing projects or heavy tree removal. We look for reliable contractors who charge a fair price.

How has preventive maintenance worked for LOWA? Here are two examples:

1. Our trained Maintenance Staff conducts PM on all air conditioning units every month. By doing so we are able to stay on top of costly repairs and also save on energy costs. The HVAC Technician saves thousands of dollars annually by conducting PM in house. We save by not having to pay a contractor to complete the PM and also save the cost of materials mark-up. We can replace a $10 contactor or a $20 capacitor on an outside heat pump in-house. If left un repaired, these items can cause the unit to burn out fan motors and compressors which are more costly to repair, upwards of $1,000!

2. Our technician conducts PM on vehicles every 3,000 miles. This includes oil changes, tire rotations, checks of fluids, suspension, belts, lights, and all safety related items. By doing so we spend $50-$100 on materials and two hours of labor with in-house staff. Recently, we completed PM on a van where the technician found the brake pads required replacing which was a cost of $50. If left un repaired these components could be over $300 for new rotors, and calipers. In addition, a failure would pose a safety concern for our maintenance crew.

What kinds of maintenance, other than PM, do we have at LOWA?

Routine maintenance like cutting grass on Veterans Dam is placed on the Maintenance Calendar. The maintenance calendar is one of the best tools we use to stay organized for all kinds of maintenance. Each spring, the department puts together the Maintenance Calendar by accounting for all of the duties it has for roads, grounds, lakes, buildings, and other amenities then maps out a plan of attack for the year.

See General Manager on p. 5

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Phil Rodenberg

Member Services/Holcomb
Building: 972-2237
M-F: 8:30 AM-5 PM; Sat. 9 AM-1 PM

Clubhouse: 972-2221
Office Hours: Wed.-Fri., 9 AM-5 PM
Menus: LOWA.org/Amenities/clubhouse
See p. 9 for Specials & Hours.

Community Center: 972-9680
ECC Office: 972-2211
M-F, 7 AM-3:30 PM

Golf Pro Shop (Woods Center):
Daily 8:30 AM
Reserve a tee time 972-2230

Fitness Center: 972-9680
Daily 5 AM-11 PM

Golf Course: 9 AM daily

Security/Front Gate:
972-2210 or 972-2020
lakeofthewoods.capsure.com

Tennis: Jim 972-8888
Courts available 6 AM to 11 PM

County Waste curbside trash & recycling collection: Wednesdays
540-727-0887
LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Special Board of Directors Meeting
December 3, 2015, 8 AM, Woods Center

Note: These minutes are unapproved and provided to members for review.

Present
Louisa Rucker, President
Mike Rugless, Vice President
JoAnn Zwickl, Treasurer
Leighton Cumming, Secretary
Jim Hutchison
Nigel Goodwin
Larry Morlan

Others
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager
Dave Heiser, Assistant General Manager
Linda Brooks, Recorder (from 8:55 AM)

Call to Order. With a quorum present, President Rucker called the meeting to order at 8 AM in the Woods Center.

1. OPEN SESSION
1.2 Confirmation of Quorum and Meeting Notice
Secretary Cumming confirmed that a quorum is present and proper notice was given to all members of record.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
2.1 Tour of Woods Center
In order to compare two proposals being considered for reorganization and renovation of the Woods Center, Assistant General Manager Dave Heiser and General Manager Phil Rodenberg hosted a tour of the facility for the Board of Directors and other members interested in Golf and Fareways operations.

2.2 Discussion of Woods Center Reorganization Plan
Following the tour, the Board gathered for further discussion at 8:55 AM. AGM Dave Heiser summarized the features, costs, pros and cons associated with each of the two options being considered, and answered questions from the Board and other members. Finance Director Larry Cole shared his thoughts on financial aspects of the proposals. Directors were given an opportunity to summarize their opinions on the proposals.

President Rucker asked the General Manager to put further consideration of the renovation proposal on the December 16 Board meeting agenda.

3. Member Comments
Members commented as follows: 1) members don’t even know Fareways exists, and larger road signs would be helpful in raising awareness; 2) the need for staff support for proposed facility changes; 3) the greater marketing opportunity renovations would create; and 4) the potential to reduce subsidies for Fareways. One member mentioned that future changes need to accommodate the amenity requirements expected by younger golfers and families of a modern golf facility in order to attract their patronage.

4. Adjournment
There being no further business, President Rucker adjourned the meeting at 10:36 AM.

Leighton H. Cumming, LOWA Secretary
Clubhouse Manager’s Letter
by Joey Welsh

We have been extremely (and happily) busy this month with all the holiday celebrations going on. Dinner with Santa was a huge success once again. This event has grown bigger and bigger from one year to the next as more and more families come to enjoy this fun event.

Last Sunday we had another well attended Members’ Holiday Party here at the Clubhouse. Thank you for all of your food donations brought in for the Wilderness Food Pantry. We continue to collect through Christmas, so if you are headed this way and can bring a non-perishable food donation, they are much needed in our community for the less fortunate.

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Clubhouse was another record setter. We fed 387 happy people their Thanksgiving meal and they went home to a clean kitchen! It was a really enjoyable day to have all of the great members and their families celebrate with us.

This year all of our special events sold out quickly including the Thanksgiving Dinner, Dinner with Santa, and our upcoming New Year’s Eve Party. SOLD OUT! While that is great news for us here at the Clubhouse I know some of you are disappointed. Please put a reminder in your calendar for next year to call early in the fall for reservations.

Our toy drive needs a little help. Please consider donating a new unwrapped toy for some of the less fortunate kids in Orange County. We have done so well in past years that the Orange County Children’s Toy Box group now rely on us to come up with a generous donation to the cause. Just drop it off in the lobby or hand it to me or one of the managers. I love Christmas and feel strongly it is up to us to help make these children’s Christmas a little brighter.

This year we will be closed on January 1 and re-open on Wednesday, January 13. At my house we say “Merry Christmas” which translates to anyway you want to say it, we love you, may God bless you, have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Merry Christmas to All and to All a good night!

9.9 Maintenance Area Hours
by Jessie Graves, Director of Facilities, LOWA

The 9.9 Maintenance Area leaf and brush drop off is located off Seven Pines Drive in Section 11. Winter hours of business are 7 AM to 5 PM, seven days a week. Members will only be able to drop off leaves and brush (under two inches in diameter) within that time frame. There will be a locked gate during off hours. Members are advised to inform their respective contractors of this change. LOWA will be informing locally-known contractors as well.

Christmas Tree Disposal
It’s that joyous time of the year when our homes are beautifully decorated for the holidays. In many cases, that includes real Christmas trees. At some point, these trees will need to be taken down for disposal. When that time arrives, please remember to remove all lights and decorations prior to dropping off trees at the 9.9 Maintenance Area. Please do not attempt to dump the trees into either of the lakes; this is a violation of our restrictive covenants and regulations. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Have a safe and happy holiday.

General Manager from p. 3

Scheduled replacement shows we plan ahead for the eventual replacement of worn out items. LOWA’s Repair and Replacement Reserve is the source of funds. For example, our project is underway to replace the Main Marina docks and bulkhead. The new dock will have decking boards made of composite material intended to last longer than traditional wood decking boards.

No matter what, we have to be ready to provide emergency maintenance for unpredictable problems like a broken water line.

We welcome calls from members which we call requested maintenance. Please let us know if you see something that does not look quite right in the common areas by calling the Maintenance Department at 972-2223. We will go out to the site to assess the situation.

For example, during a LOWA-approved special event on common areas adjacent to the Lakes, for a period of time necessary to reasonably address the concern. Any such restriction or suspension exceeding five (5) days shall require approval of the Board of Directors. During the period of restriction or suspension, no Watercraft shall be operated or no activity pursued in violation of the restriction or suspension. This is effective immediately.

Temporary Restrictions Amendment to Lakes Regulation Approved by Board

The Board of Directors at its November 7 meeting approved the following addition to the end of Section X. Lakes, Subsection A. Watercraft Operations and Usage:

12. TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF LAKE USE

The General Manager may restrict or suspend use of a certain portion of a Lake (1) in an emergency, (2) when life or property is threatened, or (3) to otherwise protect health, safety or property, such as, by way of example, during a LOWA-approved special event on common areas adjacent to the Lakes, for a period of time necessary to reasonably address the concern. Any such restriction or suspension exceeding five (5) days shall require approval of the Board of Directors. During the period of restriction or suspension, no Watercraft shall be operated or no activity pursued in violation of the restriction or suspension. This is effective immediately.
Wine Talk
by Joe Szadvari, Sommelier

The holidays are upon us again. Many families will be serving the traditional turkey, ham, and other main dishes. Even though it is okay to serve any kind of white, rosé, or red wine, the following wine types are more flexible, to please most everyone (without causing “uncomfortable” moments for the hostess or host).

Buttery Chardonnay. These wines lend themselves to adding enhanced flavor to turkey and ham, without overpowering them. They also pair well with several side dishes (green bean casserole comes to mind) and for overall enjoyment. Please do not over-chill them – two hours in the refrigerator prior to serving is long enough – as they will taste thin and watery when too cold.

Pinot Noir. This red wine has light tannins, which will not “mask” the flavor of your main course(s). They are usually supple, with red and dark fruit flavors, and can be quite complex. However, be extra careful with regard to purchasing “hot” Pinot Noirs containing high alcohol levels, sometimes as high as 15.5%! These wines can cover up the great flavors of the wine and seem harsh on the palate. A good “Pinot” should contain alcohol levels of around 13-14.5%.

Viognier (pronounced Vee-on-yay in the USA). This type of wine, at its best, can be very creamy, floral-scented, nicely fruited, soft, buttery, and elegant. Some Viogniers can be slightly sweet. Try the Viogniers from the Loire Valley of France, California, and Virginia. Stay away from the overly crisp style as they do not pair well with holiday main courses. These wines contain low levels of acid so they are very easy to drink and don’t demonstrate harshness. Chill them for about two hours prior to serving.

Valpolicella (from Italy around Verona). What a wonderful style of wine! Made from three grape varietals – Corvina Veronese, Rondinella, and Molinara, they produce several styles of dry red wine. The one style I recommend is the least expensive and is loaded with fruitiness. These wines contain lower levels of tannins and are extremely approachable young. They are light-bodied (feel light on the tongue) and have an alcohol content of around 11%, which makes them easily tolerated by your guests. The flavors are bright and red-fruited and a hint of sour cherry. Aroma of blueberries is not unusual in these wines.

Dry rosé. Most people would think that this style of wine is for summer only. I disagree – they are really great any time. If you chill them slightly, they will be a great pairing with holiday cuisine. These wines usually have flavors of strawberries, cherries, and melon. Aromas of strawberry and melon are quite usual in these wines.
**Program Schedule**

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“December 7: Pearl Harbor Day Observance” (:30)

LOW Veterans Club President Dick Bradie and Club members reflect on the meaning of Pearl Harbor Day

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- My World: Travels with Jerry Moser (1:00)

“Christmas Time on the River Seine”

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--from the Staff at Channel 18 and the Communications Department

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### December 11-13, 2015

**Friday**

Prime Rib or Blackened Red Snapper

**Saturday**

Prime Rib or Filet w/Lobster Tail

**Sunday**

Country Fried Chicken & Gravy or Beef Stir Fry

### December 16-20, 2015

**Wednesday**

Shrimp Scampi

**Thursday**

Jambalaya or Jack Daniels Ribs

**Friday**

Prime Rib or Chef’s Choice Special

**Saturday**

Prime Rib or Chef’s Choice Special

**Sunday**

Fish & Chips

### December 23-27, 2015

**Wednesday**

Beef Stir Fry or Pepperoni Flatbread

**Thursday**

Closed Christmas Eve

**Friday**

Closed Merry Christmas!

**Saturday**

Prime Rib or Seafood Norfolk

**Sunday**

Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo

### December 30, 2015

**Wednesday**

Chef’s Choice Special

Lunch: Sat & Sun, 11 AM-4 PM

Dinner: Wed, Thurs & Sun 5-9 PM. Fri & Sat, 5-10 PM

Brunch: Sunday 10 AM-1 PM

Menus: LOWA.Org/Clubhouse

- The entire menu is not available during lunch hours on Saturday or Sunday
- We do not serve dinner/chef specialties for lunch.

- To make reservations, call the Clubhouse at 972-2221.

### Meeting Facility Key:

- CC  Community Center
- CC-CR Community Center Classroom
- CH  Clubhouse
- CHGH  Clubhouse Great Hall
- CH-PR  Clubhouse President’s Room
- CR  Craft Room in Community Center
- EQ  Equestrian Center
- LLCH  Lower Level Clubhouse
- M-CR  Maintenance Conference Room
- RR  Reading Room
- Holcomb Building
- ULH Upper Level Holcomb
- WC  Woods Center

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Friday, December 11
9 AM-12 PM FY2016 Budget Presentations (CC).
7 PM Christmas Concert (LOWC). Info: chinatrip@brvgs.k12.va.us.
11 AM-3 PM LOW Lioness Holiday House Tour begins at LOWC, fee. Tickets: Michelle 972-1964.
2 PM Lions Tree of Love Dedication (Wilderness Center). Info: Peter 972-7117.
3:30 PM-6:30 PM Peter 972-7117.

Saturday, December 12
8 AM-12 PM Blue Ridge Holiday Bazaar fundraiser at O.C. High School Field House. Info: 972-9060.

Tuesday, December 15
2 PM dwellingLive Intro Class (CC). Info: MWitham@LOWA.org.
5 PM Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Gordon Bldg). Info: orangecountyva.gov.

Wednesday, December 16
11:30 AM SARWC Christmas Luncheon (CH), fee. Info: Toni 972-0965.
1 PM LOWA Board Meeting (CC-CCR). Info: 972-2214.

Thursday, December 17
12 PM Cause 4 Paws Luncheon (Rapidan River Rest.), fee. Info: Mary Kay 540-412-5764.

Monday, December 21

Thursday, December 24
12 Noon LOWA Offices close
12 noon Trash Compactor closes.

Friday, December 25
Merry Christmas!
LOWA Offices Closed.
Trash compactor Closed.

Saturday, December 26
LOWA Member Services Closed.

Thursday, December 31
12 noon Trash Compactor closes.

Friday, January 1
Happy New Year!
LOWA Offices Closed.
Trash compactor Closed.

Saturday, January 2
10 AM LOWA Board Meeting (CC-CR). Info: 972-2214.

Calendar of Events

SPORTS & EXERCISE (subject to change)

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LOWA Maintenance Response to Winter Storms
Snow Removal Policies and Procedures by Jessie Graves, Director of Facilities, LOWA

The LOWA Maintenance Department wants all members to understand the procedures the crews use in order to respond to winter storms in an efficient and effective manner. We have already stockpiled salt and readied trucks and equipment. The snow plowing priority list may be of interest to members.

LOWA’s Program of Work:
The objective of the snow and ice removal effort is to provide reasonably clear road conditions before, during, and after a winter storm. Above all, motorists should drive responsibly, and understand that LOWA personnel are working around-the-clock to improve road conditions. The Maintenance Department uses four trucks at night and six trucks during the day shift. The Director of Facilities places staff on a “12 on 12 off” schedule even before the storm arrives and becomes severe. These shifts are 7 AM-7 PM (day crew) and 7 PM-7 AM (night crew). The shift changeover takes about an hour for refueling, equipment checks and briefing the new crew on the status of the previous shift’s work. This takes place at the Maintenance Department. During this change-over time, there is no need to call and report that trucks are not on the road. The Maintenance Department requests that residents stay off the roads during a weather emergency and please refrain from “joy riding” in four-wheel drive vehicles.

The snow removal crew follows an established set of priorities for plowing, saltting and sanding. They are as follows:
1. Entrance and exit at main gate.
2. Fire and Rescue entrances.
3. Lakeview Parkway, rear entrance and Equestrian Center.
4. Secondary (feeder) roads, with emphasis on hills, curves, and intersections. During periods of heavy accumulations of snow, these roads may be kept plowed to a one lane width.
5. Except for an emergency, all other roads, cul-de-sacs, and dead-ends will be plowed when the accumulation of snow terminates. Removal will then be done systematically, section by section, until all roads are open.
6. Mailbox stations and trash compactor site.
7. Parking lots. (Parking lots for Association offices and facilities will be cleared prior to opening for business.)

All streets will be cleared at least one plow width during the storm. Cul-de-sacs will be plowed in and out, but no cleaning until the storm is over. Dead-end streets are not plowed during the hours of darkness unless an emergency exists. This is due to the hazard of backing the plows down the road with multiple driveways at the end; leaving the driver with no place to push the snow.

Once the storm is over, the efforts shift to widening the plowed roads, mail stations, intersections, cul-de-sacs, dead-ends, and Clubhouse entrance.

During last season’s storms, temperatures were well below freezing. At these temperatures, salt does not melt the snow. Except in a few places, our department chose not to use salt on the roads due to temperature impact. Also, we wanted to use salt only when absolutely necessary to protect the environment within LOW. The less salt applied, the less damaging runoff into the lakes.

Member Responsibilities:
Consider waiting to shovel your driveway until the storm is over. There is no way to plow the roads without pushing the snow and ice into members’ driveways. When shoveling your driveway, push the snow at the street edge to the right side of your driveway when facing the street. This will insure minimal throwback from the plow onto the driveway. During the previous year’s snowfall, removal efforts were hindered by a group of four-wheelers out on the roads within LOW. Please stay off the roads except for emergencies. Also, please remember not to park your vehicles on the side of the road. Do not park close to the edge of the road. Parking behind the culvert pipe in your driveway is a good rule of thumb.

LOWA is not responsible for reporting or repairing power, telephone, cable, or water/sewer outages. Members will need to contact the appropriate utility company for help with these issues. Below are emergency contact numbers for utility companies serving LOW.

Rappahannock Electric Cooperative: 800-552-3904
Verizon: 800-837-4966
Comcast: 800-934-6489
Rapidan Service Authority (water & sewer): 540-972-2133

Finally, please be polite to our Road Crews. Under severe winter conditions, they do a tremendous job.

Lake of the Woods Holiday House Tour by Diane Ogranovitch, LOW Lioness Club

The Holiday House Tour sponsored by the LOW Lioness Club will be held on Saturday, December 12, from 11 AM-3 PM. The tour starts at the LOW Church at 11 AM where tour maps and programs will be distributed. Tickets can be purchased at the LOW Church on the day of the event for $12. Proceeds from this event go to support the Lioness Benevolence Fund. For more information, please call Michelle at 972-1964.
Members’ Holiday Party
held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 6

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Decorating the Clubhouse for Christmas
by Daniel Greene, President, LOW Garden Club

Decorating the Clubhouse for Christmas is a major undertaking requiring 11 chairpersons, 60 helpers and a maintenance crew with equipment to assist in placing wreaths. Each hallway and room, along with the front outside windows, door, portico and the outside deck, had its own crew supported by two subcommittees doing wreath/ribbon shaping. All of these minions were being provided liquid refreshments throughout the day and a scrumptious lunch provided by the fine support staff (special thank you to Susan) from the Clubhouse. Many thanks to each of the chairpersons: Bren Anderson, Betty Scheuermann, Jan Davis, Joyce Haring, Jan Moore, Sonni Beranek, Kay Gray, Carolyn Graham, Gaylen Smoak, Ellen Beard and Pat Cope.

How does this job happen? Over 30 large containers holding all the materials we use must be brought out of storage and delivered to the first floor. Afterwards they must be returned to storage until it is time to take down the decorations, then back upstairs and finally, after we are done, returned to storage. Thank you, Maintenance! Your timely help and assistance makes all of this possible. I wish all of you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your beautifully decorated Clubhouse.

Photos by Lisa Naghshineh

Virginia’s Governor requested that each county in the Commonwealth submit an ornament to be used on the Christmas tree at the Governor’s mansion this year. Orange County requested the Orange Arts Center to conduct a competition to select an ornament to represent our county. The selected ornament was submitted by Lake of the Woods artist Gaylen Smoak. She attributes her inspiration for the design to the rich Civil War history of Virginia and Orange County. Ms. Smoak writes, “The blue and gray washi papers used to create this ornament represent the Civil War history that is integral to Orange County, Virginia; the red thread and bead, (the) gold embossing and bead (are) the cost and sacrifice of it.”

The Christkindlmarkt was held December 5 in the Community Center. Over 400 people browsed and purchased treasures from the 42 vendors that participated in this year’s Christmas Market. Hope to see you next year, same place!

Photo provided

The LOW Community
Lake Currents
December 11, 2015

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New Members Come Meet the Pro
by Rea Hargraves, PGA and Woods Center Manager

Coming events:
December 12  MGA Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 AM Clubhouse
18  New Property Owners Meet and Greet, 6-7 PM
24  Pro Shop and Fareways Café, 8:30 AM to 2 PM
25  Christmas Holiday, Closed

Helping new property owners: the Pro Shop will be hosting a Meet and Greet in the Pro Shop on December 18 from 6-7 PM. We will have wine and cheese, prizes, and hold a raffle. Come in, meet the golf professional and learn more about golf at Lake of the Woods. Please RSVP to the Pro Shop at 972-2230 by December 16.

For those with sweeps on the books, you have until December 31 to spend them. Please stop by the Pro Shop and redeem your sweeps!

December 14-15 Holiday Special! Ladies will receive a 10% discount on purchases on Monday, December 14 and gentlemen will receive the same discount on Tuesday, December 15. Then the Golf Pro will complimentary wrap your purchases those two days.

This is the time to finish your shopping! We are now taking 2016 Handicap Fees in the Pro Shop; the cost is $32.

On Saturday, November 28 we held the 5th Annual Turkey Trot at Lake of the Woods Golf Club. The weather was in the mid-50s, perfect for walking. We had 122 people participate in the 2015 Turkey Trot! The group donated 365 pounds of food and had a donation of $50 to the Wilderness Food Pantry. It was a great walk for a great cause! Thank you!

On behalf of the staff of the Pro Shop and Fareways Café, we want to wish all owners and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I’ll see you on the course.
**Notices**

December 13, Blue Ridge Chorale. The Chorale will sing at the State Theatre (305 South Main St, Culpeper) at 3 PM. Tickets at the door or culpepertheatre.org. Info: 540-223-5462.

Chess Club. We are looking to start a chess club. Are you interested in playing? Call Matthew, 659-3414.

**Monday Night Bridge.**

Newcomers always welcome. Woods Center at 6:45 PM. Info: Jack or Kathleen, 972-4187.


**Project EXCEL.** Looking for a way to help the children in your community? The Orange County Office on Youth is looking for volunteers to tutor elementary school students who are as much as a year behind in math or reading. As little as an hour per week could make a big difference! Info: Amy Biscoe, projectexcel.uv@gmail.com or 540-645-8118.

**Lost or Found Pets in LOW**

Lost: in LOW Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, aids and eyeglasses in LOW Noel, 972-0018 to donate items. Newcomers always welcome. 659-3414.

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**Lake Youth**

Looking for a Babysitter? The Lake Youth Foundation has a list of students who have taken their Super Sitter class with lessons in fire, first aid and CPR, practical handling babies with confidence, and learned fun activities for children. Info: Diane: 972-8634, or email LYP at info@lakeyouth.org.

**LOW Lions/Lioness Wildlife Food Pantry.** Located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20, first and third Thurs. from 9 AM to noon, second and last Wed. from 4 PM-6 PM; last Sat. from 9 AM to noon. Clients may come to the pantry two times each month. Mail contributions to Lions Wilderness Food Pantry, P.O. Box 605, Locust Grove, VA 22508. Info: Betty, 972-1872.

**Lowe Medical Equipment**

Durable Medical Equipment is available for temporary loan to those with needs. Equipment can generally be picked up and returned 9 AM-Noon on Saturday mornings at the “Lions Building” near LOW Trash Compactor. Lions also gratefully receive donations of used equipment, in clean and good condition, that can be readily used by others. In case of immediate needs, please contact Noel 972-0018 or Dave 972-2125.

**Lyme Disease Support Group:**

7 PM. Meeting every other week at 106 Mt. Pleasant Drive. RSVP/Info: Terry 570-228-7415.

**Orange County Free Clinic:**

Offers primary medical care and prescription assistance to the uninsured in OC. Medical care available Mon., Wed. and Fri. by apt. and on Tues. evenings (walk-in). 13296-A James Madison Hwy, Orange. Volunteers needed. Info: Dorren Brown, 672-0793.

**Vereaters Anonymous:**

Meets every Mon. 10:30 AM in Community Center Computer Rm. Info: Cecelia, 301-776-7212.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:**

Fourth Tuesday every other month in the lower level Clubhouse, from 1 PM-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, at least 17 years of age, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The next blood drive will be in January 26, 2016. Info: Lall, 540-241-9426.

**Seeking Counseling?**

The LOW Church offers free counseling by appointment. We care. Info: Church, 972-9060.

**The Woods Cares:**

An AARP program, will run errands and do small repairs, light yard work for shut-ins and caregivers. Free service. Call Jeanette, 972-0726, or Ed, 724-523-5255.

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Give the Gift of LOWLINC this Holiday Season
by Carolyn Rourke, LOWLINC Communications Committee

The perfect gift for your senior loved one this holiday season could be a membership in LOWLINC, the new service organization set to launch in early 2016. Standing for Lake of the Woods...Living Independently in Our Community, LOWLINC serves LOW residents who want to remain in their homes as long as they can, independently, safely and comfortably.

LOWLINC members can take advantage of a wide range of benefits, provided by their volunteer neighbors in the Lake of the Woods community. With one phone call or email members can request an array of services, including the following:

Transportation. Volunteers whose driving records have been checked with the DMV will drive members to and from errands, meetings, appointments and shopping.

Friendly Visitor Services. LOWLINC members who so desire can sign up for check-in phone calls and visits for chatting, reading and playing games.

Home Services and Maintenance. Volunteers will perform light home maintenance chores such as changing light bulbs, organizing and filing, handyman-type repairs, light gardening, short-term pet care, and waiting for deliveries.

Convenience Services and Errands. LOWLINC members can request mail pickup, trash runs to the compactor, prescription/ dry cleaning/laundry drop off and pickup, free notarization and other miscellaneous errands.

Computer Technology and Assistance. Computer-savvy volunteers will help members set up computers and software, Internet, and email. Other services could include online shopping and online reservations.

Referrals to Vetted Service Providers. LOWLINC will act as a clearinghouse for recommended businesses and non-profit service providers who have undergone an application and vetting process, including follow-up to confirm that work has been completed satisfactorily.

Social Activities. Members will be offered fun opportunities to get together with their neighbors and friends at LOW community events, book discussions, meals out, etc.

LOWLINC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to enabling Lake of the Woods residents to continue living fully and independently in their homes for as long as possible. While serving the Lake of the Woods community, we are not affiliated with Lake of the Woods Association and our operations have no impact on LOWA’s assessment or fees. Members pay an annual fee to support the requirements of the volunteer organization, including insurance, printing, legal filings and a part-time scheduling coordinator. LOWLINC’s fees are $400 for an individual and $500 for a household.

A membership in LOWLINC could be the perfect gift this holiday season! For more information on LOWLINC membership or how you can support LOWLINC with an end-of-the-year contribution, please visit our website at http://lowlinc.org/ or contact LOWLINC President Jeff Flynn at 540-273-5078.

AARP Celebrates 2015 with Potluck Luncheon
by Charlotte Baker, Publicity, AARP Chapter 5239

It’s almost here! On Monday, December 21, AARP Chapter 5239 will celebrate a successful 2015, install next year’s officers, get a report on the year-end charitable donations, and enjoy a terrific potluck luncheon. It has been a busy, productive, and worthwhile year, with members enjoying excursions, collecting food for the food pantry, enjoying interesting programs, and working together to have a successful chicken BBQ fundraiser.

Of course, the food is always a real treat. Unless you’ve already decided to bring your family’s secret casserole, please bring a main or side dish if your name is A–N; salad if your name is O–S; and dessert for the T–Z group. The festivities begin at 11:30 AM at the Community Center. Please bring your food and help with set-up after 11 AM. Questions? Call Ann Wood, 972-3326.

Judson Gardner returns from an outing with Activities Director Ashley Gore

“I am very happy with my decision to move to Dogwood Village. I have met a lot of nice people and am extremely pleased with the care and services offered.”

– Judson Gardner

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October at the LOW Clubhouse, where many friends gathered to wish her well and honor her strength and spirit.

Three Cheers for Gloria Brandt! Gloria started playing golf at the age of 14. She grew up with three brothers and learned the game by watching and playing with "the Boys."

Gloria joined the LOW Ladies Golf Association in 1984, and has been a member for 31 years. After starting as a 9-hole golfer, she moved on to play in the 18-hole division. Currently playing again as a 9-hole, Gloria won LOW Net in the A Flight Division in the 2015 LGA Spring Tournament.

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At the December 15 Supervisor meeting there will be a Public Hearing to consider the continuation of an ordinance that designates LOW roads as highways for the purpose of traffic enforcement. The current ordinance was implemented as a pilot program to determine its effectiveness. At the November Supervisor meeting the LOWA Board presented their resolution requesting permanent continuation of this designation. The Public Hearing is to receive citizen comments on this continuation, leading to a decision by the Supervisors.

Congratulations to LOW resident Gaylen Smoak whose design for a Christmas tree ornament was selected as Orange County’s submission for the Christmas tree at the Virginia Executive Mansion. The design is presented in this Lake Currents on page 11.

Orange County support for at-risk children is covered by several programs. The Department of Social Services provides the Child Protective Services (CPS), and the Orange County Office on Youth funds a number of programs such as foster care, residential care and special education. These programs have a budget for the current fiscal year of $1.9 million, part of which is funded by the state. Of growing concern is the increase in substance abuse by parents which leads to their children becoming the responsibility of CPS. At the recent Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) Annual Conference, Dr. William Hazel, Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources, stated that substance abuse is the leading cause of foster care in the Commonwealth. If a drug raid is planned at a location where children may be present, CPS will accompany law enforcement to see to the welfare of any children whose parents or guardians are being incarcerated.

Dr. Hazel also related some other information on illegal drug use in Virginia. Given the crackdown on prescription drug abuse, many addicts are switching to heroin. At today’s prices a day’s heroin fix costs about as much as a six-pack as opposed to $50 for illegal prescription opiates. He emphasized that law enforcement is only part of the solution for controlling substance abuse and cannot do it alone. He emphasized that education leading to cultural shifts and treatments have to be a large part of the solution.

The Supervisors recently received the financial report for the July 2014–June 2015 fiscal year. Total revenues were up 4.4 percent from the previous year due to the tax increase in January 2014 and increased sales and meals tax revenue. Charges for ambulance services and traffic fines also contributed to the increased revenues. Expenditures also increased from last year, mostly for the schools, law enforcement, the regional jail, and capital items. Revenues were close to budgeted amounts but expenditures were significantly below the budget. This will positively impact the General Fund to help fund big capital items coming up soon. More details on the financial report can be found by going to the October 13th agenda on the Orange County website.

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