Seeking Candidates for Board of Directors
Deadline is April 30
by Tim Grant, Chair, Nominating Committee

The LOWA community is fortunate to have a wealth of talent and skills among its members. Perhaps you are already serving on one of our committees and giving us the benefit of your experience. Have you given any thought to serving on our Board of Directors? Committee service is not the only prerequisite for candidacy; you may have invaluable experience in other organizations in LOW or outside LOW in similar capacities. As a Director, you will find that your time is well-spent and you will enjoy the satisfaction of addressing and solving the issues and challenges that exist in a community as large and diverse as Lake of the Woods.

We have two 3-year terms and one 1-year term to fill this year, so we are seeking four candidates to compete for these three vacancies.

If you are considering service on our Board, you will need to submit your application by 4 PM on April 30. You will need to use the official LOWA Board Application Form, which can be downloaded from our website, LOWA.org, or pick up a hard copy at the Members Services area in the lower level of the Holcomb Building. Your application should then be submitted in hard copy to LOWA at the attention of the Chair, Nominating Committee.

If you are interested in seeking a seat on the Board by the petition method, you will need to use the standard LOWA petition form available at the Holcomb Building or on the Association Website, with the attached signatures of 250 or more eligible members. The deadline to submit your petition for candidacy is 4 PM on May 15, and should be addressed to the Nominating Committee.

Applications will be reviewed by the Nominating Committee in May; the slate of candidates will be submitted to the Board by May 30, and presented to the community at the Board’s June 6 meeting.

Whether you submit by application or petition, all approved nominees will be given the same rights and privileges during the election process.

Assessment FY 2015-2016 is Due May 1
by Larry Cole, Director of Finance, LOWA

By now, all members should have received their Assessment billing for the upcoming Association year. Included in the package was a cover letter with instructions regarding the options available for paying the assessment and other amenity charges you may encounter for the upcoming year. Other forms were also included that most members will need as they apply for the various amenity options, such as guest passes, Direct Payment Plan Authorization Form, etc. If you need forms that were not included in the package, they can be printed from the LOWA website, LOWA.org/administration/forms.aspx.

If you expect to take advantage of one of the Board authorized payment plans, quarterly or semi-annual, please make the election in the space provided on your billing statement, sign in the appropriate space and return with your initial payment. If you own a property with tenants, please remember that Tenant Fees are due by May 1, in full.

Please remember that all guest passes for the current year expire and must be renewed by May 1. This is necessary for your guests to continue to have access through the member lane via their bar codes. Remember that if you have household members who access the community with the following cards: Annotated, Blood Relative, or Co-Habit cards, a new application needs to be completed each year, as these bar codes will be deactivated each year by May 1. This is necessary to update the Administrative files in the Holcomb Building.

If you have misplaced your membership card, you can visit member services to obtain a replacement for a $5 charge.
President’s Letter
by Mike Rugless

Last week at the Clubhouse LOW held our quarterly event to welcome Newcomers, hosting 25 new member families. It was a glorious evening with the sun setting brilliantly across our placid lake, boats periodically cruising past, and a happy crowd enjoying a chance to meet new neighbors and learn more about their new home. Following the greeting and getting acquainted, most of the folks ventured to the dining rooms for a casual dinner, selecting from among the abundant menu choices crafted by our Clubhouse Manager Joey Welsh. Every table was filled to capacity and the conversations among the laughter and smiles were informative and enthusiastic. One could definitely feel the anticipation of spring in the air, bringing thoughts of heavy coats and gloves being put back in the closet until next winter.

It is such a pleasure to gather with friends to meet new members and share with them all that we have to offer here at Lake of the Woods; informing them of the opportunities that lie ahead in so many areas. In our community in Northern Virginia, prior to relocating to Lake of the Woods a decade or so ago, Brenda and I knew very few families in our development. Soon after moving here, we met and became friends with so many in the community. What is the difference? To begin with, being a gated community creates a certain commonality. Having a thriving abundance of activities, amenities, clubs, and committees in which to participate, combined with the rural nature of the area around us, gives us a true sense of belonging. Each of us is a part of the LOW family. We see each other frequently, share numerous common interests, and are there to help each other in time of need or to gather together in times of celebration. We can share time together in our homes or neighborhoods, or among the wide variety of activities that you see advertised or promoted here in Lake Currents. The fact that we can rely on each other is a very strong bond that makes LOW a unique community; one that affords the privacy one desires, yet becomes the arms to reach out and help in times of need.

Whether you are walking your dog, jogging or strolling for exercise, picking up your mail, or just being out and about; take the opportunity to meet a neighbor, make a new acquaintance, or offer a hand when needed. The next person you meet could be the one to help you with a question or project, and could be the beginning of a lifelong friendship.

Easter Brunch at the Clubhouse was a spectacular treat and a sellout. Planning ahead, next up is the Mother’s Day Brunch, so make your reservations now for that special treat for Mom. Also, Louise Fletcher, a Lake of the Woods resident and a 30 year veteran of the stage, is starring this weekend and next in the LOW Players’ presentation of Driving Miss Daisy; our Community Center has once again been transformed into Broadway. Limited seating is available, so hurry before it is sold out. You’ll surely be entertained, extraordinaire!

Covenant Enforcement Statistics
by Matilde Barone, Inspector Environmental Control

During the months of February and March 2015, 39 new issues were resolved. Summonses were issued for six violations which were referred to our Legal and Compliance Committee for resolution. The most common violations were unsightly lots. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the ECC office at 972-2211.
7 PM CALL TO ORDER
1. DISCUSSION OF DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS AMENDMENTS BY REFERENDUM
2. MEMBER COMMENTS ON REFERENDUM
3. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS REFERENDUM ON FEES INCLUDING TENANT FEE
4. CONSIDERATION OF SETTING THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP TO CONCLUDE THE REFERENDUM
5. ADJOURNMENT

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2015, 6 PM, Clubhouse

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

Present
Mike Rugless, President
Jim Hutchison, Vice President
JoAnn Zwickl, Treasurer
Louisa Rucker, Secretary
Olive Kelly
Nigel Goodwin
Larry Morlan
Others
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager
Linda Brooks, Recorder (from 7 PM)

Call to Order: With a quorum present, President Rugless called the meeting to order at 6 PM in the Clubhouse.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Zwickl, passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session at 6:01 PM for the purpose of discussing pending and probable litigation, and to review attorney-client privileged and confidential communication from legal counsel.

Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to exit Executive Session at 6:58 PM

2. OPEN SESSION
Motion by Goodwin, passed unanimously, to enter into Open Session at 7:05 PM, and to confirm that the Board met earlier today in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and probable litigation and review attorney-client privileged and confidential communication from legal counsel; and the Board also met on March 31, 2015 for the purpose of discussing pending and probable litigation.

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

2.2 Confirmation of Quorum and Proper Meeting Notice
Secretary Rucker confirmed that a quorum is present and proper notice was made to all members of record.

2.3 Approval of Agenda
Motion by Morlan, passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda.

See April 8 Minutes on p. 6

General Manager’s Column
Thanking Two Departing Staffers
by Phil Rodenberg, LOWA

This week LOWA says happy trails to two talented employees who have made a significant impact on Association operations. Assistant General Manager Rob Martin departs to become the GM for Sully Station II, an 1,800 home community in Fairfax County. We wish Rob the very best in taking that community’s top job. Rob’s main job since arriving at LOWA in 2009 has been to oversee the operations of golf, equestrian, clubhouse, community activities, communications, and more recently, information technology. Rob helped steer those operation centers through the lean economic years of 2009-2010 to better times today. Rob also is responsible for overseeing several significant replacement and enhancement projects, including the golf irrigation system, the golf cart barn, Fitness Center equipment replacement, and the clubhouse Member Lounge expansion. Rob helped usher in a use of Constant Contact emails blasts, which is a standard communication tool today. He was responsible for the terrific fireworks shows on Fourth of July weekends. Rob is my right hand man and a smart and savvy advisor.

Also departing is Roads Foreman Cris Hardwick, who will become the Roads/Streets Supervisor for the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia. Arriving at LOWA in 2010, Cris has led the eight employees on the Roads Crew. Cris improved the overall roads operations and increased both productivity and efficiency. He managed our paving contracts and chip and tar projects and oversaw the work on everything from ditch reconstruction to leaf and snow removal. I enjoyed ride-alongs with Cris during snow removal to get his perspective on our operations and the unique aspects of our streets. Cris had a big hand in helping us improve our trucks and equipment to better meet the requirements to maintain our 41 miles of roadways. I know Cris would want to remind drivers to take care to obey flaggers in LOWA constructions zones. We have had recent instances of drivers ignoring the flaggers and driving through a work zone undeterred.

I join the Board of Directors and staff in saying a big thank you to Rob and Cris. It is always a challenge to replace good people, but we know we will find qualified people who want to join the staff in being good stewards of our community.
LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Special Board of Directors Meeting on
Bylaw Amendments
March 30, 2015, 9 AM, Woods Center

Note: These minutes are approved.

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

Others
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager

OPEN SESSION. With a quorum present, President Rugless called the
meeting to order at 9:07 AM in the Woods Center.

1. Review of LOWA Bylaws
The Board of Directors continued their thorough review of the Association
Bylaws, with the goal of forwarding the resulting document to the Rules
Committee and legal counsel for review, and for publication in the Lake
Currents for member comment. Acceptance of the completely vetted
document is expected to take place at a June, 2015 board meeting.

During the review process, the following motions were made:
Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to incorporate changes proposed
by LOWA legal counsel in Sections II and IV of the current Bylaws revision draft.

Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, that the proxy ballot language
be concurrently sent to the Rules Committee and published in the Lake
Currents for member comments. (Note: The Rules Committee has been
vitally involved in the development of the upcoming referendum proxy ballot,
and there is an urgency to get information out to the community before the
referendum voting period begins.)

Member Comments:
One member spoke about updating the Nominating Committee Charter.
Another suggested sending the revised Bylaws document concurrently to
Rules, legal counsel and the Lake Currents for comments.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Rugless
adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.

Louisa Rucker, LOWA Secretary

LAKE OF THE WOODS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Special Board of Directors Meeting on
Section 16 Declaration of Restrictions
March 31, 2015, 7 PM, Clubhouse

Note: These minutes are approved.

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

Others
Phil Rodenberg, General Manager

Call to Order. With a quorum present, President Rugless called the
meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the lower level of the Clubhouse.

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session
at 7:05 PM for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and potential
litigation with 13 members from Section 16 representing 10 lots, and one
buyer-in-contract as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Stanton, Mr.
and Mrs. Krug, Breckenridge, Keith, Themak, Snelson/Light, Buongiovanni,
Poor and France (contract to buy).

Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to exit Executive Session at 7:58 PM.

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3. DISCUSSION. Pending Litigation and Potential Resolution of Litigation
General Manager Phil Rodenberg reported on three topics and requested
member input:
(1) Correspondence with Comcast requesting cable TV and Internet
service to Section 16;

(2) The current Veterans Memorial Dam Inundation Zone call list was
circulated and some Section 16 members provided updated phone numbers.

(3) The upcoming Dam Safety Tabletop Exercise on April 28, to which
Section 16 members were invited to be observers.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS. Concern was expressed about the lack of
Comcast service in Section 16. Another member questioned the concerns of
Section 16 owners and lamented the lack of communication about those concerns.

5. ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, President Rugless
adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Louisa Rucker, LOWA Secretary
Whose Responsibility Is It?
by Gil Churchill, Chair, Maintenance & Ecology Committee

It’s your roadside ditch and driveway culvert that we are talking about. The culvert is the responsibility of the homeowner. If your home was not there, there would be no driveway culvert. It is the homeowner who must provide the culvert, maintain it, and replace it when necessary. Routine cleaning of the ditch and culvert can extend the time before replacement is necessary.

The roadside ditch, which is part of the 10 foot right of way, is Association property. That’s why LOWA vacuums up the leaves in the roadside ditches and has a program of reshaping and vegetating ditch lines as needed. LOWA also pays a contractor to perform ditch restoration on two miles of ditch line each year. This is an effort to improve those areas that are a part of the watershed contributing to both of our lakes. The more we filter the water with good vegetation and reduce the transfer of sediment to the lakes, the more we improve the quality of our lake water. By working together in this endeavor, we can be more successful than either the homeowners or LOWA could be on their own.

LOWA encourages landowners to do routine cleaning of the ditches in front of their homes. That cleaning will help keep the culverts open and delay the need to reshape our ditches due to erosion or sediment buildup over time. By routine cleaning, we mean picking up the sticks, raking the debris, and giving the basketballs back to the neighbor’s children. Getting a shovel and performing any real degree of digging is unnecessary.

Problems can occur when homeowners dig in the ditches. First of all, Miss Utility must mark any ditch or area where digging is to take place within the right of way. Some utilities may be closer to the surface than you might expect. Secondly, in an effort to improve a situation, you may distort the grade of the ditch and make the situation worse.

If you desire to make any improvements within the right of way, such as retaining walls, driveway culvert ends, rocks, etc.; you must contact the Erosion and Sediment Inspector.

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The bottom of the ditch needs to be at the same level as the bottom of the culvert. By working together, the homeowner and LOWA can improve the drainage, prevent erosion, and delay the need for more expensive work in the future.

Do not put your yard leaves in the ditch. LOWA does not have the capability to clean up the ditches, plus everyone’s yard leaves. There is no regulation that says you must clean up leaves from your property, but it is against our regulations to blow or rake leaves into the ditch.

Through cooperation, and working together, homeowners and LOWA can improve our stormwater drainage, improve the quality of our lakes, and help reduce everyone’s maintenance costs over the long run.

Summer Begins May 6 at the Clubhouse
by Joey Welsh, Clubhouse Manager

We had a wonderful Easter Brunch with over 450 people joining us on that special day. It is always heartening to see friends and family enjoying each other’s company over a blessed meal.

The official opening day for the deck is Wednesday, May 6. We’re looking forward to many beautiful evenings this summer for you to enjoy drinks and dinner outside. Please remember that weather is a factor for the deck and there are some days where we have to make a call whether to open it or not. There’s a lot that goes into planning for the deck to be open including, set-up, break down and staffing. We appreciate your patience when dealing with the weather on the deck.

Our summer menu will also be available starting May 6. We always look forward to our summer menu with great fresh choices and fun summer food. This year we have added a Tempura Shrimp Sandwich that is sure to be a hit along with a couple of new Flatbread Pizzas. Steamed Shrimp is back and we have a new Jambalaya too.

The Summer Concert Series on Clubhouse Point starts on Friday, May 29 with the first of five live music concerts. Stay tuned for more details.

Happy spring everyone and welcome to the Clubhouse!

May 6 is a big day!
We’re looking forward to many beautiful evenings this summer for you to enjoy drinks and dinner outside with great fresh choices and fun food on our summer menu.

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Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 Special Board of Directors meeting; the March 16, 2015 Special Board of Directors meeting; the March 18, 2015 Regular Board of Directors meeting; the March 23, 2015 Special Board of Directors meeting; the March 30, 2015 Special Board of Directors meeting; and the March 31, 2015 Special Board of Directors meeting.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Report from Orange County District 5 Supervisor:

Supervisor Lee Frame reported that last week’s public hearing on the budget was very sparsely attended. The supervisors did, however, decide to allocate another $100k to the schools for medical costs and a 2% raise for teachers. On Tuesday, the Board will be voting on the budget. A public hearing will be held to consider tax-exempt status for the Lion’s Food Pantry. Mr. Frame had an opportunity to meet with Sen. Tim Kaine this afternoon to discuss EPA issues, the need for increased Broadband availability and expanded career and technical education training in the county, and maintaining financial support for county long-term care facilities.

3.2 Report from Orange County Sheriff’s Office: No report available.

3.3 Report from Allied Barton Security:

Chief Scott Walker reported that in March staff responded to 241 calls for service and issued 29 traffic summonses. Of note were 31 reports of suspicious activity, 11 vandalism reports, 27 animal complaints, 19 medical responses, 18 alarm activations and eight motor vehicle accidents.

Staff is still working on solving the breaking and entering incident on Mt. Pleasant. A second B & E has since occurred on Fairways Drive resulting in a loss of $3100 worth of property and this is also being investigated. The incident of vandalism at Holly Park (turf damage) has been solved, as has the theft of property at the Fitness Center.

The CapSure system continues to work well in the testing period with enhanced capabilities being tested prior to introduction and general use. In-service training of staff is also ongoing.

3.4 Report from LOW Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.

Member Lee Frame reported that in March there were 28 calls for service to the Fire Department, for a total of 127 year-to-date. Fifty-five of those were inside LOW and 72 were for outside LOW. The Rescue Squad had 117 calls in March compared to 106 in February, which accounts for about 22 percent of calls throughout the county.

3.5 Report from Orange County School Board

Representative Jim Hopkins reported that on March 23 the School Board hosted a Community Forum to allow residents to address their concerns on what was viewed as inappropriate (political) content in the Black History Program hosted by Orange County Schools on March 12. School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Tanner has addressed the complaints in an open letter to the Orange County Community in which she outlines the steps being taken to see this does not happen again. Her letter can be viewed on the school website at ocschools.org.

3.6 Reports of Officers

President’s Report: No report at this time.

Vice President’s Report: Vice President Jim Hutchison thanked the General Manager, Administrative Assistant and Board Recorder for assisting with the extra workload associated with several additional Board meetings scheduled last month.

A. Committee Changes:

Motion by Hutchison, passed unanimously, to approve the following Committee changes as per the memo dated April 8, 2015: (D-15-32)

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Treasurer’s Report: No report at this time.

Secretary’s Report: No report at this time.

B. Executive Session Actions: No cases were reviewed this week.

C. Committee Liaison Reports:

Director Morlan reported that the Golf Committee is working on a revised fee schedule and business plan, and preparing a list of recommendations to improve programs and traffic at the Golf course, which will be presented at the next Board meeting. He also reported that the Safety & Security Committee is discussing reducing road accident risk by moving the RV/Boat Storage lot gate further away from Lakeview Parkway, and possibly moving the mailbox near the main Security gate to another location.

3.7 Report of the General Manager, Phil Rodenberg

A. February Financials

In February we collected $122,991 in current lot assessments for a total of 97% of FY2014-15 lot assessments billed. The delinquency rate is now down to 2.2% from 3.5% in January, which is 1.1% lower than this time last year. The Preliminary Unaudited Budget Summary shows a favorable variance of $95,032 as of February 28. February was a low activity month due to the weather, but there are no major concerns at this time.

B. Lakes Management Report

About 50 fish habitat structures will be installed in targeted areas of the main lake this month in an effort to expand shelter for young fish and improve the overall health and balance of our fishery.

C. FY2014-15 Road Fees

As requested by the Board, Mr. Rodenberg provided a summary of actions taken by the Board over the past year relative to road fee income and the transfer of balances to specific accounts. The new Construction Fee Income account is currently projected to have an estimated balance of $275,812 by April 30, 2015.

D. Other Business

On March 19 the Director of Facilities and AGM held an open meeting attended by Director Hutchison and members of the Soccer League, Swim Team, and Pools, M & E and Planning Committees to discuss parking at the Community Center. It was agreed that there are no major parking issues at present, but options for additional events at the complex during soccer and swim seasons were discussed and will be presented to the Board on April 15. The GM and Director of Facilities continue to meet with consulting

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engineer Larry Welford to review potential designs to relieve congestion at the front gate entrance and the possible option of installing a new third gate. Discussions are being coordinated with VDOT contract monitor Donald Gore.

The Roundhouse building and Mt. Pleasant storage buildings are scheduled for demolition later this month. The 9.9 Maintenance area closing hours will be extended from 5 PM to 7 PM, effective May 15 when the tub grinding is complete. Early boat registration in March resulted in 978 boats being registered. Members were reminded to get their boat stickers mounted by May 1.

AGM Rob Martin has accepted a position with First Service Residential as General Manager of Sully Station II in Fairfax County.

3.8 Committee Reports
Board of Examiners Report
Chair Pat Rowland reported that the Committee spent this past fall and winter revising the Boat Operators Safety Manual and Boat Operators Certification Test to coordinate references with the updated and reorganized Section X (Use of the Lakes) of the LOWA Regulations. Hard copy of the new manual and test was available in February of this year, but the online version is still in the process of being downloaded to the new LOWA website. More detailed information will be forwarded to the Board as soon as the site is up and running.

Planning Committee Report
Chair Tom Sheridan reported that the Planning Committee could use some alternate members. He reviewed the individual and team responsibilities assigned to Committee members and the Committee’s involvement in presentations for Town Hall meetings and Board meetings. Major workloads include a yearly update of the Five-Year Capital Plan, regular member surveys and the Land Use Study update. He explained in detail the Five-Year Capital Investment Process and types of capital improvements, replacements and upgrades needed. Current activities of the Committee are focused on the Five-Year Plan, updating the Land Use Study, formulating a member survey that focuses on Community & Youth Activities and the Pool/Fitness Building area, and establishing guidelines for rating capital projects.

4. Member Comments on Business Agenda
One member offered a suggestion to improve the wording in Section A.3 of the proposed amendments to Regulation III Regarding Registered Tenants (Item 5.1 on Agenda).

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5.1 Consideration of Sending to the Rules Committee and to the LOWA Attorney the Proposed Amendments to Regulation III, Regarding Registered Tenants
Motion by Kelly, passed unanimously, that the Board suspend Regulation 6.1 Consideration of Amending Regulation I.G., Regarding Proper Decorum of Tenants (Policy Resolution 2015-3)
Motion by Rucker, passed unanimously, to add clarifying language to the first sentence of paragraph A.3 to include “access to and use of amenities”.
Motion by Goodwin, passed unanimously, to add “prorated by the month” after “tenant fees” in the first sentence of paragraph A.4.
Vote on the original motion as amended passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS
6.1 Consideration of Amending Regulation I.G., Regarding Proper Decorum of Tenants (Policy Resolution 2015-3)
Motion by Kelly, passed unanimously, that the Board suspend Regulation I.K., Procedures for New and Amended LOWA Regulations, and adopt the amendments to Regulation I, subparagraph G., by striking through the second sentence and replacing it with “Members are responsible for the conduct of themselves, their families, guests and tenants, as well as guests who visit and use some alternate members.”

See April 8 Minutes on p. 18

Using “P-Free” Fertilizers
by Gil Churchill, Chair, Maintenance & Ecology Committee

“P-Free” is a term that refers to phosphorus-free fertilizer. The key nutrients that affect the water quality in our lakes are phosphorus and nitrogen. Too much of either will concentrate in stormwater runoff, get into our lakes, deplete dissolved oxygen levels, and help create algae blooms. Many states, including Virginia, have passed legislation to regulate and prohibit use of fertilizer containing phosphorous, but it can still be found in stores. LOWA has taken an even stronger measure and completely prohibited the application of fertilizer containing phosphorous unless a soils test determines that it is necessary. A permit must be granted from the Office of the General Manager.

This is the season to start working on our lawns. Homeowners should start with a soils test. The test will result in recommendations for phosphorous, potassium, and lime. It is unlikely that your lawn will need any phosphorous. Free soils test at the LOWA Department, ship the samples to the Virginia Tech Laboratory to determine the phosphorous content. If the soils test does not recommend phosphorous, please seek out fertilizer that is “P-Free”.

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Living Life at the Lake
Spring Two Person Team
May 2 & 3, 2015

This event is open to everyone! Golfers will pick a partner of the same gender and sign-up in the Pro Shop. Shotgun start both days at 9 am.

Format: One “Best Ball” of the Two Golfer Team
Three separate events: Men, Senior Men, and Ladies. Events will be pre-flighted using their April monthly handicap as of April 15.

You can Sign-up in the Pro Shop from April 17 to April 29

JOIN THE FARM TEAM!
Are you interested in learning to play golf in a fun, non-competitive environment?

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We meet at the LOW golf course from 4:30–6:30PM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from May 6 through September 30.

YOU get informal lessons and mentoring on the golf course. Cost is LGA or MGA dues for the season and 9-hole greens fees when we go out on the course.

For more info, contact Nancy or Stuart King at 972-0984

2015 Pony Camp
Come join the fun here at the LOW Pony camp!
The dates are as follows:

Beginner Camps 8:30-12: (6yrs & up)
1) June 22 – 26  2) June 29 – July 3  3) July 6 – 10

Mini Advanced Beg. Camp
July 13 – 17  9 am – 11:30 am
(Open to campers who are taking lessons on a weekly basis - MUST be able to trot & canter)

Camp will fill up fast - please sign up early!!!!
You may pick up an application at the Equestrian Center, Holcomb or download app.
www.lowa.org

Call for more information: 972-2238

Mother’s Day Brunch
SUNDAY, MAY 10TH
10:00 - 2:00PM

Grand Belgian-Waffle Station
Generous Omelet Station
Seafood Salad
Pear Walnut Salad
Fresh Fruit
Breakfast Souffle
Bacon and Sausage
Country Biscuits and Gravy
Cooked to perfection Top Round Carved to Order
Vegetable Medley
Home Style Potatoes
Herb Roasted Pork Loin with a Mushroom-Glaze
Smoked Salmon Display
Tuscan-Chicken Penne
Pasta Primavera Alfredo
Fruit Danish, Scones, Croissants
Mothers Day Grand Dessert Display

$26.00 per person
(Tax and gratuity not included)
$10.95 kids under 10 years

Reservations Only! Call Clubhouse 972-2221
Limited Seating - No Cancellations after May 3rd
Program Schedule

Channel 18 is available to Comcast Cable subscribers. Watch for new Amenity Infomercials at the end of most programming.

- Icon indicates videos available to be viewed at LOWA.org, after logging in.

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11:30 AM CIA Virginia Battlefields
Chapter Luncheon (CH), fее. Info: Carla 972-9436.
8 PM LOW Players present “Driving Miss Daisy” (CC). Tickets: LOWPlayers.org.

Saturday, April 18
6:30 AM LOW Anglers Tournament (CH Dock). Info: lowangler.webs.com/
5 PM-7 PM Ham & Turkey Dinner, Lignum Rutland Club, Lignum Road, $13. Info: Bob 972-9971.
8 PM LOW Players present “Driving Miss Daisy” (CC). Tickets: LOWPlayers.org.

Sunday, April 19
2 PM LOW Players present “Driving Miss Daisy” (CC). Tickets: LOWPlayers.org.

Monday, April 20
10 AM AARP Meeting (CH).

Wednesday, April 22
11:30 AM Republican Women’s Club Luncheon (CH), fее. Reserve: Toni 972-0295.
2 PM LOWCC. Info: Carla 972-3436.

Thursday, April 23
8 PM LOW Players present “Driving Miss Daisy” (CC). Tickets: LOWPlayers.org.

Friday, April 24
8 PM LOW Players present “Driving Miss Daisy” (CC). Tickets: LOWPlayers.org.

Saturday, April 25
10 AM-3 PM Spring Kids Festival in Downtown Orange. Free. Info: orangecountyva.gov.
8 PM LOW Players present “Driving Miss Daisy” (CC). Tickets: LOWPlayers.org.

Tuesday, April 28
5 PM Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting (Gordon Bldg.). Info: orangecountyva.gov.

Saturday, May 2
10 AM LOWB Meeting (CC). Info: 972-2214.
5 PM-7 PM Ham and Chicken Dinner (Hopewell UM Church, Lignum), $12. Info: Bob 972-9971.

Sunday, May 3
12 PM-4 PM LOW Realtors’ Open House (CH). Info: 972-8117.

Calendar of Events

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Japanese Cherry Blossoms at LOW
by Donna Price, Fitness Committee and Joy Poole, LOW Garden Club

The cherry blossoms at Ramsay Beach are coming into full bloom this week and there are three more trees located at Spotswood Park. The six trees at LOW are comparable to those at the Tidal Basin in Washington; same trees, same micro-climate. Planted initially as mere seven foot starters in 2009, they are full-sized adults today. A Japanese Cherry Blossom tree remains in full bloom for two weeks a year and healthy ones are expected to live 50 years or longer.

The purchase was funded by the LOW Garden Club. The trees were then planted by Rod Ahlfield, foreman of the Association’s Grounds Department. Ramsay Beach is situated along a published walking path, a program of the Fitness Committee. That map segment is easily located on the Association’s website at LOWA.org/Amenities/WalkingPaths. The trail segment name is “Stratford Circle/Harrison Circle”, which covers nearly three miles of well-mapped walking paths. This week is an ideal time to try out the walking path to this park and enjoy the beauty of these lovely trees.

Celebrating the Japanese cherry blossoms at Ramsay Beach are (left to right): Sonni Beranek, past Garden Club President; Joy Poole, LOW Garden Club President; Skip Poole; Joyce Haring, past Garden Club President; Sylvia Zelinsky, Community Operations Manager; Jake Dudley, Nick Dudley, Bob Haring, Fitness Committee Chair; Dan Greene, Fitness Committee; Jim Hutchison, LOWA Board Vice President; Steve Verry and Donna Price, Fitness Committee; and Rod Ahlfield, Grounds Foreman, LOWA.

Photo by Melanie Parmelee

LGA Golf Season is Underway
by Karen Woods, Publicity, Ladies Golf Association

March 27 saw an outstanding Spring Luncheon at the LOW Clubhouse, organized by Louise Hoh and her committee. The afternoon was filled with activity including a 50/50 raffle, a very well supported silent auction, and a delicious luncheon. Special entertainment was provided by Kathy Edwards and her chorus of singers and dancers, with a variation of “My Favorite Things.” This was followed by a Golf-Wear Fashion Show organized by our Pro Shop’s Kathy Walters. The super outfits were modeled by LGA members, including Lori Barnes, Sharon Carmical, Nancy King, Phyllis Sakole and Loretta Yurkus. LGA President Jeannie Woodward conducted the business meeting and announced the theme of our 2015 Member-Guest Tournament, “The Birds and The Bees… and a thing called GOLF.” Kathy Smith is the chair of this tournament, which will be held June 2-3. Now is the time to invite your guest golfer.

The April 7 Opening Day Scramble was an enjoyable event. The sky was a bit cloudy, but nothing could dampen the good spirits. Fingers are crossed for a season of golf-friendly weather. The winning team of this Fun Scramble was Denise Reese, Lori Barnes, Susie Wright, and Karen Woods. The team score was 79.

Arranging the foursomes for our 9-hole and 18-hole players takes quite a bit of work. Our 9-Hole Tournament Chair Ellen Bearden, along with 18-Hole Tournament Chairs Betty Gosnell and Julia Hooper, do a great job and appreciate the cooperation of members in helping to make things run smoothly. Please remember to sign up for Tuesday golf no later than noon on the Monday prior to play. If you need to cancel, please call in or remove your name from the sign-up sheet.

If you didn’t receive your copy of the LGA Booklet at the luncheon, you will find it in a basket near the lockbox in the Woods Center women’s lounge. Our thanks to Robert McMillan of RDM Painting for sponsoring the printing costs of this year’s booklet. Also, special thanks to Pat Shrader for her diligent work on updating the look and content of this useful resource. Please check your name and other information for accuracy. If you find errors, please notify her at pshrader@hotmail.com. If your email address has changed, please notify Julia Hooper at jr.hooper@comcast.net.

Photo by Karen Woods

(Left to right) Susie Wright, Gladys Southern, Kathy George and Pat Shrader.
Help LOW Boy Scouts
by Chris Browning, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 197

Did you know the scouts and their leaders perform over 500 hours of volunteer service to our community each year? We perform many honor guard and flag ceremonies, most recently at the Wilderness Battlefield. The troop is devoted to giving selfless service to its community.

The money earned from our fundraising activities is used to help fund the scout’s numerous activities, including recognition and rank awards. It supplements the initial $250 cost of summer camp by having the troop pay the first $100. Additional fees for summer camp are incurred by the scouts taking merit badge classes, which require the purchase of materials needed for the particular badge.

Over the last two months, the troop has grown and does not have the funding needed to assist these new scouts with their summer camp fee supplement. We are seeking help from former scouts and all who appreciate the values and goals of scouting, to find ways to raise some immediate funds. We need suggestions for possible Eagle Scout projects that will be meaningful to the scouts while being beneficial to the community. Many of you have participated in scouting events and projects in the past or have had your children involved. We are asking that you please pass on your knowledge and do what you can to assist your community’s scout troop at this time of transition.

We are interested in hearing from you regarding your assistance, as well as past involvement(s) in scouting. Scoutmaster Tom Browne can be reached by calling 703-906-3752 or emailing him at Thomas.Browne@marriott.com. Assistant Scoutmaster Chris Browning can be contacted by calling 540-316-1456 or email cbj745sqa@gmail.com. Supporting these scouts supports our community.

The LOW Boy Scout Troop #197 has recently increased its membership. This is great news to the troop and to the community. The addition of eight new scouts will allow for a more robust presence here in the Lake. Due to this recent increase, the troop could use your help.

First, a little bit about the Troop. We went into the year with 12 active scouts. Of these, five are Life Scouts, which means that they will all be looking for Eagle Scout projects this year. The remaining scouts are of mixed ranks from Tenderfoot to Star. The troop holds its meetings on Sundays from 4 PM-6 PM, in the LOW Church’s log cabin. We work on merit badges, scout skills and plan future activities, which include meetings, programs, campouts, community service projects, and fundraising.

Boy Scout Troop #197

The Alice C. Tyler Village of Childhelp Easter Party on March 28 was a lively event. Roxie the Clown was busy entertaining the children with her wonderful balloon creations. Don Roth, costumed as Donald Duck, delighted everyone. The children loved having their faces painted by Nancy Horch. Our party planners were Maureen Francis, Linda Noggle, and Robbie Royle; members of the LOW Auxiliary and the Northern Virginia Chapter. We appreciate their time and devotion to creating the fun for the children of the Village.

The Day of Hope Luncheon was held on April 1 at the Fawn Lake Clubhouse. After a brief business meeting, our hostess Nancy Horch, opened the luncheon by lighting five candles to represent the five children that die every day as a result of abuse or neglect in the USA. Reverend David Humphries at 972-1179 or janjinla@aol.com

Childhelp Plans for Busy Season
by Karen Woods, Childhelp Volunteer

The Childhelp Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 17 at Lees Hill Golf Course. Don Roth, event organizer, reported that plans are going well and that 100 golfers are signed up to participate in this national fund-raising event.

Our May meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at 10 AM at the LOW Church. If you are interested in the LOW Auxiliary, or if you would like to join, please contact Jill Humphries at 972-1179 or janjinla@aol.com

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LOW Lioness Golf Tournament
Don’t Miss the May 4 Deadline
by Carol Greene, LOW Lioness Club

Attention all golfers! You don’t want to miss this fun, co-ed tournament scheduled for May 16 at the LOW Golf Course. Check-in is 8 AM with a shotgun start at 9 AM. Come early and enjoy the light refreshments which will be available and visit with your fellow golfers. This is a Captain’s Choice, Four Person Scramble. Get your teams together soon; the deadline available and visit with your fellow golfers. This is a Captain’s Choice, Four gun start at 9 AM. Come early and enjoy the light refreshments which will be scheduled for May 16 at the LOW Golf Course. Check-in is 8 AM with a shot.

Registration forms are available at the LOW Pro Shop or by calling Maureen Otero at 972-0077. The cost is $60 per person, which covers green and cart fees, lunch, and provides for many great prizes. Completed registration forms and checks (made out to LOW Lioness Club) should be mailed to Arlene DeSimone at 302 Birdie Road, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

All proceeds from this exciting event will support the Lioness Benevolence Fund which helps many local groups, such as the Wilderness Food Pantry, LOW Fire and Rescue, LOW youth activities and scholarships, Childhelp East, Orange County Schools and much more.

Spend a fun-filled day of golf, friends, food, and prizes. Support a club which does so much good for so many in our area.

Community for All Ages Update: Introducing LOWLINC
by Mary-Jane Atwater, Jeff Flynn and Joe Sakole, Working Group

During the cold winter months, the Community for All Ages working group has been busy planning the next steps in response to the community survey we conducted last fall. The survey was designed to answer the question; “How can we, as a community, best support seniors and those with physical and cognitive challenges to remain independent at LOW for as long as possible?” Here’s a quick update on our activities.

Additional Research. We’ve researched services currently available both inside and outside LOW. We’ve met with representatives of The LOW Church and Woods Cares to share the results of the survey (see the December 12 issue of Lake Currents for a summary) and explore collaboration. We plan meetings with other volunteer and paid service providers as well. We also are working with Aging Together, a nonprofit that builds collaborations to support older persons, their families and their caregivers in five local counties of Orange, Rappahannock, Madison, Fauquier and Culpeper. In addition, we’ve researched services available through Orange County. We anticipate using the results of our research to raise awareness in our community about services available and to serve as a source for referrals.

LOWLINC: It’s official! We’ve formed an organization which is now officially registered with the State of Virginia. Our name suggests our mission; to enable seniors and those with special challenges to “Live Independently in our Community” through linkages, collaborations, interconnections and support services. We’re building a board and applying for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. We expect to have a website soon. We’re modeling LOWLINC after other “aging in community organizations” and have sought guidance from other “villages” about their formation, cost for membership, volunteers, finances and operations. We anticipate there will be a cost for membership, which would be completely optional. As we have noted in the past, our efforts and LOWLINC are independent of the Lake of the Woods Association and have no impact on your annual assessment or fees.

Planning for Services. The survey we conducted last fall indicated that a list of vetted service providers was one of the top-rated needs. We are exploring how other “aging in community” organizations have created and vetted their lists of preferred service providers, and we anticipate rolling out a plan for providing additional services that were highlighted as needed (e.g., transportation, home and yard maintenance, computer support.) We remain grateful to the more than 200 LOW residents of all ages who indicated in their survey responses that they are interested in volunteering, and we are exploring the creation of a “community of volunteers” through LOWLINC. This group will support seniors and others with special needs at LOW. Please watch for further updates in Lake Currents.

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**NOTICES**

**April 21 and 28, Story Time**
Tuesdays at the Wilderness Library: 10:15 AM, Toddler Time, 15-20 minutes of stories, fingerplays, nursery rhymes, and music for children ages 18 months-3 yrs old with a caregiver. 11 AM, Preschool Storytime, 30-45 minutes of stories, action rhymes, music, and crafts for children 3-5 yrs old with a caregiver. All programs are drop-in. Information: 854-5310.

**April 25-26, Annual Plant and Book Sale at James Madison Museum**
From 10 AM-4 PM on Saturday; and 12 PM-4 PM on Sunday. Browse for shrubs, herbs, vegetables and flowers from VA gardeners and greenhouses. Buy a treat to eat while you shop. Located at 129 Caroline St, Orange.

**Bible Study Groups**
Forming at two Culpeper County Churches. Study will focus on the first half of Mark’s Gospel in the New Testament. The groups will be led by Stan Mufford, pastor of Hopewell and Richardsville United Methodist Churches. Each of the weekly sessions will be offered twice. The first group to meet will be at Hopewell United Methodist Church in Lignum at 6 PM on Wednesday, April 22. The second group will hold morning meetings at Richardsville United Methodist Church beginning at 10 AM on Thursday, April 23. Please call Rev. Mufford with any questions or to let him know that you’ll be there, 540-399-1843.

**May 1-24, The Art of Recovery Exhibit**
Show opens Friday, May 1 from 5 PM-9 PM, at Ponschow Studio and Gallery, 712 Caroline St, F’burg. The exhibit features original artwork of adults with mental illness. The show is organized by members of Kenmore Club, a psychosocial rehabilitation program operated by RACS. Info: Helen Conley, 540-373-7737, or visit racsb.state.va.us.

**May 2, Mayfest Celebration**
Sponsored by RACS and RAAI. Come for a day of family fun with live entertainment, plant sales, raffle prizes, and food. Located at 750 Kings Highway, Fredericksburg. For more information visit celebratemayfest.com.

**May 3, 5 Wonderful concert by the Blue Ridge Chorale at 3 PM in the State Theatre, 305 South Main St, Culpeper. Tickets at the door or purchase in advance at culpepertheatre.org.** To learn more about the Blue Ridge Chorale, visit our website, brc.org.

**June 25, AARP Baseball Game**—Washington Nationals vs. Atlanta Braves. Bus pickup at Lower Level Clubhouse parking lot at 1:45 PM. $70 per person. Call Nick 972-0350 or John 540-241-9426.

Anyone interested in playing Mexican Train (dominoes)? If so, please call Mary Lou, 369-0123.

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**Reassessment of Orange County Real Estate.** LOW program owners can expect to see representatives from Wampler-Eanes conducting assessments lasting through October 2015. For more information, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenues office at 672-4441.

**Volunteer Tutors Needed!** The Office on Youth is looking for volunteers to tutor children from grades K-5 at Locust Grove Primary and Locust Grove Elementary Schools. A Project EXCEL volunteer typically tutors once a week for an hour. If you have the time and love helping a child learn or need more information, contact Leigh Ann Cabbaginge at leighanncabbage@yahoo.com or avines@orange countyva.gov.

**Lost or Found Pets.** A Facebook page has been set up for posting lost or found pets in LOW. facebook.com/LOWlostfoundpets.

**Hearing Aids/Eyeglasses**
Recycled: Place unused hearing aids and eyeglasses in LOW Lions boxes at Wells Fargo Bank, Wilderness Pharmacy, LOW Hair Studio, LOW Security, and Dr. Stephen Lord in Orange.

**The Lions Club** is seeking wheelchairs and attached equipment for wheelchairs. Info: Noel, 972-0018 to donate items.

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**Fundraisers**
May 16, LOW Lioness Golf Tournament at the LOW Golf Course, 8 AM Check-in and 9 AM Shotgun Start. Men and women 4 person scramble. There will be a 50/50 raffle, great raffle prizes, and lunch will be provided. Get a team together or we will pair you up. Registration and fees must be returned by May 4. $60/person (includes: green/cart fees/lunch/prizes). All monies raised will be used to support local charities. Information: Maureen Otero at 972-0077.

**Good Time Cruisers Car Show**—FREE Fun! Held on the second Saturday of the month through October. 5 PM til sundown at the Locust Grove Town Center, Routes 20 and 611. Bring the kids; bring your special car for display and awards. Prize drawings and classic car music. Proceeds go to LOW F&R Squad, LG Food Pantry, and local charities. Information: goodtime-cruisers.webs.com.

**May 2, The LOW Church and Women’s Guild is accepting donations for the Silent Auction for Beauty for Ashes. Like-new items such as home décor and furnishings, jewelry, artwork, holiday décor, small appliances, and men’s and children’s items. Items accepted until April 30. Contact Nancy 972-9593, or Donna 972-3555.

May 15, Chicken Dinner by the Brandy Station Vol. Fire Dept from 5-7 PM at the BFVFD Charter Hall. Adults $10, Children 6-10, $6 and children under 5 free. Menu includes: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, pudding, roles, desserts and beverages. Carry out available.

**Cause 4 Paws**—We are still in need of volunteers, cat food, and monetary donations. Proceeds benefit feline rescue. Donations are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c) (3) charity. Info: Mary Kay, 540-412-5764 or Casey, 540-841-0661.

**LOW Lioness Book Sale - Used Books** will be sold on the last Saturday of each month from 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at the Ferris Bldg. Proceeds go to the Benevolence Fund. Book donations are accepted at our book sales and on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 AM-11 AM. Note: Closed in January. Info: Ann, 972-4338 or Sherri, 412-9854.

**Bargains, Bargains, Bargains!** The Lions/Valena Bldg. will be open for sales and drop offs on Saturdays each month from 9 AM to Noon. For large item pick-ups, call John at 972-1187; for Valena Bldg. info: Dan, 972-4531; for buying/selling furniture, call Norm, 540-205-5529 or Stan, 412-9854.

**Cars for Homes.** Donate your car, boat, RV, trailer. Proceeds will go to Orange County Habitat for Humanity. Call 877-277-4344, and they will pick up. All donations are tax-deductible. 

**LOW Directory**—On sale for $10 at Member Services area in the lower level Holcomb Bldg. Sales benefit F&R. For directory changes or additions, please email LOWDirectory@comcast.net.

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**Human Services**

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Every Tues. at 7 PM, LOW Church, Founders Room. Info: Diane, 540-539-7121. **Al-Anonics Anonymous:** Meetings are held at LOW Church, 7 PM, every Mon. (Rm 505), Wed. (Cabins), and Fri. (Rm 505). Info: LOW Church 972-9060.

**Alzheimer & Dementia Support Group.** 3rd Wed. at 10 AM, Room 210/211. Info: LOW Church 972-9060.

**Alzheimer’s Support Group:** 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center. FREE. Learn tools needed in each stage of the disease to support both care partners and those diagnosed. Open to all. Meets 3rd Tuesday. By Alzheimer’s Association’s Caregiver Support Groups. Call to confirm group is meeting. Info: Kathy Walker, 825-3100, ext. 341, 825-9513, or email rwmiracle@rcsba.org.

**Healing Hearts Grief Support Group.** Tues., 7 PM, LOW Church Library. Weekly support group for anyone grieving the death of someone close. Please call Lynn 972-7714, before attending.

**Looking for a Baby Sitter?**
The Lake Youth Foundation has a list of students who have taken their Super Sitter class with lessons in first aid and CPR, practiced handling babies with confidence, and learned fun activities for children. Info: Sylvia 972-9680 or email LYF at info@lakeyJouth.org.

**LOW Lions/Lioness Wilderness Food Pantry** located behind LG Town Center, Rt. 20, 1st and 3rd 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. Info: Betty 972-1872.

**LOW Lions Medical Equipment**—Durable Medical Equipment is available for temporary loan to those with needs. Lions also gratefully receive donations of used equipment, in clean and good condition, that can be readily used by others. Contact Noel, 972-0018; Dave, 972-2125; or George, 840-2740. Please leave message and we will return your call.

**Lyme 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.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meets every Monday 10:30 AM in Community Center Computer Rm. Info: Eliise, 540-841-4980.

**Red Cross Blood Drive**
4th Tues, every other month. LL Clubhouse from 1 PM-7 PM. To give blood, you must be generally healthy, 17 years of age or more, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The next blood drive will be May 26. Info: Lalli 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 Jeanne 972-0726, or Ed 724-523-5255.

**Thinkin’ About Quittin’.** Free, individualized stop smoking program. Culpeper Regional Hospital, 829-4119.

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**Deadline for submissions to the May 1 issue of Lake Currents is Monday, April 20.**

**Deadline for submissions to the May 15 issue of Lake Currents is Monday, May 4.**
There are times when special wines, those which really grab my attention, need to be discussed. Here are some of those wines and, hopefully, you might try them.

**Chateau de Nages, Joseph Torres (JT), Rouge, Costieres de Nimes, France, Vintage 2012** - This dry, red wine is made only in great vintages and is named in the memory of the winery owner’s father, Joseph. Very intense aromas of blackberry and smooth oak, and it’s a 93 point wine! What a creamy mouthful of blackberry, pepper, spice, wild herbs, and a touch of leather. I have always enjoyed this wine and this vintage continues the tradition of an outstanding product. Even though summer is coming, there is no reason you shouldn’t try this wine with grilled foods, heavy cheeses, spicier Mexican cuisine, or just sitting and enjoying it. Price: About $20 a bottle, and worth every penny.

**Harvester, Cabernet Sauvignon, Paso Robles, Central Coast, California, Non-Vintaged** - This was a great find, one that comes from the currently bargain wine making areas of California. There are loads of very ripe red and dark fruit aromas. It is very rich in flavors of berries and very elegant in style; up-front aromas of ripe red fruit, followed by rich berry flavors. Even though the tannins were firm, producing great structure, it was still nicely soft. Try this one with any tomato-based Italian dishes and especially with grilled meats and medium to heavy cheeses. Price: About $17 a bottle.

**Simi, Chardonnay, Russian River Valley, California, Vintage 2012** – What a great place the Russian River Valley of California has become. Not only great Chardonnays are made there, but also great Pinot Noirs, rivaling those of the Willamette Valley of Oregon! This dry, white wine has a very inviting “nose” of citrus, green apple, and a hint of nectarine. Citrus and smooth oak flavors are very apparent in this “keeper”, with nice subtle minerality. I was very surprised at the length and finish of this one. What a great wine to pair with shellfish, lighter cheeses, ham, and roast chicken. Price: About $18 a bottle.

**Hugues, Beaujolais, Picpoul de Pinet, Languedoc-Roussillon, South Central France, Vintage 2013** – Another great vintage from this producer of great, easy-drinking, dry, white wines! Languedoc-Roussillon is the “new” wine area of France, to where all the great French winemakers are gravitating since the discovery of great “terroir”. Kick back and enjoy this beauty on any occasion. It is very light-bodied, with crisp citrus and white fruit flavors. You might want to consider this wine as the “house white”, since it will not offend anyone, especially served with light cheeses, white fish dishes, roast chicken, or with nothing at all! Price: About $7.50 a bottle.

Wine Talk
by Joe Svadvar, Sommelier

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**LOW Realtors’ Open House**
Sunday, May 3, Noon to 4 PM
by Brenda Rogers, Open House Coordinator

Share the best kept secret on the East Coast! Pick up the Lake of the Woods tri-fold at the Woods Center, Clubhouse, or Holcomb Building and mail it to friends and relatives. The LOW Realtors’ Open House will feature homes in every price range. Show them why you “Love Where You Live!”

The fantastic Clubhouse Brunch (a great bargain) begins at 10 AM Sunday. Diners will receive the map and list of houses on tour for a sneak preview.

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**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!**
by John Trach, Member, AARP Chapter 5239

Spring is finally here and the Washington Nationals are looking forward to another exciting baseball season. With the acquisition of pitcher Max Scherzer in the off season, the Nationals look like they have the best pitching staff in the major league. Join us on Thursday, June 25, for a baseball game at the Nationals Park where they will be playing against the Atlanta Braves. Bus pickup will be at 1:45 PM at the Clubhouse lower level parking lot. Tickets are $70 per person, which includes the bus and ticket to the ballgame. Make checks payable to AARP Chapter 5239.

For more information, call Nick Duy at 972-0350 or John Trach at 972-4883.

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**Don’t Miss the Next 25 Cent Book Sale**
by Nancy Horch, Treasurer, Friends of the Wilderness Library

The Friends of the Wilderness Library are sponsoring the second 25 Cent Book Sale at the Wilderness Branch Library on April 22-25. Come and browse in the lobby and the meeting room. Every item is 25 cents!

Be sure to keep May 8 and May 9 open for our regular Bi-Annual Book Sale at the library. Prices are more than 25 cents, but are still a very good value. Many of the books are only a few years old and will cost much less than in the bookstores.

We look forward to seeing you at both events!

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MGA Hosts Wounded Warrior Tournament
by Terry Thompson, Men’s Golf Association

The Lake of the Woods Men’s Golf Association announces its Third Annual Wounded Warrior Tournament on Saturday, May 9, at 8:30 AM at the Lake of the Woods Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit the Quantico chapter of the Wounded Warriors. We ask that you open your hearts for this worthy cause while enjoying a game of golf. The tournament will be played in a scramble format and will include lunch at Fareways and prizes. Sign-up sheets are located in the Pro Shop. Questions should be referred to Rea Hargraves at 972-2230 or Terry Thompson at 972-7349.

Cats: Feral or Stray?
by Darlene Agsten, Vice President, Cause 4 Paws

Is every outside cat a feral cat? What does feral mean? A feral cat is one who is born in the wild and has little or no human contact. In our subdivision living, we don’t often see a true feral cat. What we do see, however, are stray cats. Cats become strays because people move and leave them or they have escaped from their home and are lost. Whatever the reason, most of the strays we see are fearful. While they are surviving in their new environment, they don’t know who to trust. They don’t know where their “person” is or how to get food. Some people have cats that they let in and out. Maybe there are new neighbors in your area with a cat. There are many reasons you may see a cat outside that you haven’t seen before.

If you see a stray cat in your area, please offer it some food and take a picture of it. If you have access to Facebook, please post the picture. Lake of the Woods has several Facebook pages, including one for lost pets. Facebook has been a valuable tool in reuniting pets with owners. If you aren’t on Facebook, Cause 4 Paws or several of the vets in the area will post the picture for you.

If you must get a new home for your cat, please call Cause 4 Paws and we will try to help. You can also take it to the Orange County Shelter (a no-kill facility). Please do not just abandon the cat and expect it to find food and a new home on its own. This cruel action will cause fear and suffering for the animal. Cause 4 Paws has a Facebook page or you may call us at 972-8951 or 412-5764.

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Broadway Star Performs for Stage Alive!
by Karen Kovarik, Subscription Chairman

Susan Egan, the original Belle in Beauty and the Beast, stars on Thursday, April 30, in the concluding program of the 45th season of Stage Alive! Susan is an accomplished actress and vocalist. Those delegates who saw Susan in Nashville rated her as their number one choice and she was described by the New York Post as “svelte, sexy and sensational.” Susan Egan is also the bonus concert for new subscribers for our 46th season.

Lavender colored brochures proclaiming the 46th season of Stage Alive! are like cherry blossoms, a sure sign of spring. Brochures are located in the Holcomb Building and the Wilderness Branch Library.

The second half of the season begins in February with a return engagement of The Diamonds and “Bandstand Boogie!” The Presidio Brass appears in March. Brass, piano and percussion instruments combine with fresh, original arrangements to promise a captivating evening. In April, Stage Alive! concludes the season with The Young Irelanders, eight sensational performers who perform traditional Irish music in song and dance.

Stage Alive!, the Community Concert Association, again offers all six performances for $50 (single adult admission) if you take advantage of the Early Bird Special which ends June 1. New subscribers should subscribe by April 30 to enjoy the Susan Egan concert that night. This is a bonus concert for new and returning subscribers. Tickets may be purchased that night. No bonus tickets will be mailed, but a subscriber list will be on hand for admittance.

All performances begin at 7:30 PM in the Culpeper County High School. Ample free parking is available and the school is handicapped accessible. You may preview the performers online at stagealive.org. Finally, you may subscribe online using a credit card. This option is not available for those who subscribe at the high school.

Our 46th season is talent rich. If you are a current subscriber, invite your friends and neighbors to join us. The renovated auditorium has comfortable space for all and we would like to see every seat filled. For more information, please call 972-7866.
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Nick Freitas, Candidate for Delegate Coming to LOW
by Brenda Rogers, Program Chair, Republican Women’s Club

The Republican Women (SARWC) will welcome Nick Freitas at their luncheon meeting on Wednesday, April 22, at the LOW Clubhouse. The meeting begins at 11:30 AM. Both men and women are invited to meet this new candidate, take reservations today to hear this very interesting speaker. Call Toni at 972-0295 or mail your check for $22 to SARWC, P.O. Box 803, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

Nick Freitas has been married to Tina, his high school sweetheart, for 15 years. They have three children. Immediately following high school, Nick joined the Army and served with the 82nd Airborne Division and 25th Light Infantry Division as an infantryman. After September 11, Nick volunteered for U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and eventually served two tours in Iraq as a Special Forces Weapons SGT and Special Forces Intelligence SGT. Even during that time, Nick actively worked on behalf of conservative principles and the Republican Party by writing and advocating for Republican candidates.

After being honorably discharged in 2009, Nick moved his family to Virginia, where he began working as an instructor and program manager. Within three years, Nick rose to become Director of Operations for a service disabled veteran owned company providing direct support to our service men and women conducting counter insurgency and counter IED operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. During that same time, Nick moved his family to Culpeper and immediately became involved with the local Republican Unit. To learn more, visit the website at nickfreitas.com.

Nick was elected Culpeper County Republican Committee Chairman in 2014. Nick says, “I am first and foremost a Christian. My dedication to conservative principles is rooted in this world view. Principles of individual liberty, personal responsibility, respect for God, and limited, constitutional government are not merely convenient political concepts, but essentials which are fundamental to our liberty, prosperity and security.”

Tea Party, Independents, Libertarians, all Republicans and other open-minded voters are cordially invited to meet Nick Freitas. Be informed; make your reservation today.

Living History Events at Historic Ellwood Manor

Press Release

May 2, Saturday - Battle of the Wilderness Anniversary: The anniversary commemoration will include living history re-enactors giving presentations on a myriad of activities that took place at Ellwood during the Battle of the Wilderness. For the first time we welcome Patrick Dunigan portraying Federal General Gouverneur K. Warren, who had his headquarters at Ellwood. Medical re-enactor John Pelletier, the Civil War “Ladies Victorian” Group, the 23rd United States Colored Troops, and a program on the life of a Confederate soldier by Mike Pierce round out the presentations. A Heritage Program tent will be set up to answer questions and assist visitors with ancestral connections with the Battle of the Wilderness or Ellwood, and will include presentations by new Heritage Program members.

May 10, Sunday - Mother’s Day Tribute: Please join us in hearing dramatic letter readings from Civil War soldiers to their wives, mothers, and grandmothers at 11 AM, and 2 PM. Light refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Ellwood Manor is currently open weekends, 10 AM-5 PM, and located at 36380 Constitution Highway, Locust Grove. Please visit our website at FoWB.org, for more information. Admission is free and donations are always welcome.

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The Civil War Study Group, Inc. (CWSGI) is hosting its fifth annual Battle of the Wilderness Memorial Golf Tournament at Lake of the Woods Golf Course on Friday, May 22. Shotgun start is at 1 PM.

Jack Phend, tournament coordinator, said funds from player registrations and tournament sponsorships will be used to support CWSGI’s ongoing projects that bring attention to the May 1864 Battle of the Wilderness that was fought in and around Lake of the Woods.

The tournament format will be Two-Person Scramble Match Play, with each foursome consisting of two Confederate team members and two Union team members. The team that wins a hole gets one point. At the end, the total points from all teams determine which side wins the tournament.

Prizes and gifts will be given away in drawings following the tournament and a raffle for donated items will be held. A replica of Gen. Stonewall Jackson’s sword will be awarded for a hole-in-one on a designated green.

Player fees are $50 per person, with $25 of that amount being a tax-deductible donation to CWSGI, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

Green fees and carts are included.

To register to play, download a form at civilwarsudygroup.org or contact Jack Phend at 412-9952. You can email him at jackphend@gmail.com.

CWSGI is also seeking corporate sponsorships of $100 and $250, as well as donations of items for the drawings and raffles. For details, contact Jack.

Funds from previous tournaments have been used to install a Civil War-artifacts display cabinet in the Clubhouse, three interpretive panels about the Battle of the Wilderness, and a memorial honoring soldiers who died and are buried on the battlefield.
Orange County Supervisor’s Letter
by Lee Frame, District 5 Supervisor

There were only two speakers at the public hearing for next year’s budget, capital improvement program (CIP) and tax rates. The level of interest may be lower when the advertised tax rates don’t change. By the time this article is published, the supervisors will have voted on the budget, CIP, and tax rates.

There may be some minor changes in the budget, but I expect that the tax rates will remain the same. By law, the tax rates cannot be raised above the advertised rates without another public hearing. So, unless there were some improvements on your home that raised its assessed value, your real estate tax bill should be the same as last year. Even though the tax rate on personal property remains the same, your car tax should go down slightly, as the value of your vehicle depreciates from last year.

Three years ago, the Board of Supervisors supported a School Board plan to increase teacher compensation to make it competitive with surrounding school districts. This plan envisioned reaching competitive levels in five years. The school system is now in the third year of that plan. Last year, the county initiated a study to examine the competitiveness of county employee compensation. Adequate compensation is necessary to maintain good staffing. If compensation levels fall below that of the region, then Orange County will have difficulty in hiring new, capable staff to fill vacancies and will experience increased employee turnover. Turnover costs, such as advertising, time spent in the recruitment process, overtime to cover position vacancies, and the training of new employees can be significant. The training for public safety employees is particularly expensive where mandated training and certifications can be costly. The impact on the quality of services can also be temporarily impacted, as inexperienced people replace experienced ones. The compensation study identified several positions that required adjustment and the proposed 2015/2016 budget reflects those adjustments.

For the current fiscal year, the supervisors significantly increased the funding for capital improvement projects. I recently had the opportunity to see the results of some of that investment. Three new ambulances have been delivered to the county and I had a chance to inspect one. The new ambulances are smaller than the previous generation and have many more advanced features. I was impressed with the new equipment and technology.

The E-911 Center recently received notification of two grant awards totaling $21,794 for two projects. One project updates the call accounting software in the E-911 Center and the other is to implement Text-to-911. The grant funds will be available July 1, 2015, to start these projects. Also, Orange County was the first locality to be awarded grant funding for a Text-to-911 project, paving the way for other localities to work toward the same capability. Our E-911 director has been very effective in getting grants to enhance the Center’s capability.

If you have questions about county government or want to let me know your feelings on specific issues, you can contact me at leeframe@orangecountyva.gov.

Lee Frame

School Board Community Forum
by Jim Hopkins, Board Member, Orange County

On the evening of March 23, the school board hosted a community forum at Orange County High School to permit the public to address their concerns related to a Black History Program that took place on March 12. According to the Orange County Review, over 250 people attended the forum and 30 people addressed the school board. This was the largest audience at a school board meeting in the last eight years and I would like to thank all those who attended. The audience and speakers are to be commended for the manner in which they addressed their concerns. The fact that the public forum was needed is regrettable; however, the demeanor of the citizens attending was commendable.

The school board will address citizens’ concerns; but will not rush to judgment. The board needs to study all options before making any decisions. If a major policy change is proposed, a public hearing should be held before the school board votes.

The “I Can’t Breathe” tee-shirt represents a political cause. The school system was put in a precarious position when the students organizing the Black History Program decided to wear the tee-shirts as part of the program. Even if the tee-shirts were the students’ idea, that does not excuse the adults in charge for having a lapse in judgment. The decision was further complicated because students have the right to freedom of speech and they had been granted permission to wear the tee-shirt in school.

Freedom of speech advocates will say the students have a right to wear the tee-shirt and they are correct. The students cannot use the school system to organize a county-wide performance to advance their political cause. I do not believe our employees intentionally organized a student protest, but in reality, that is exactly what they permitted. Students have a right to protest, but the school system should not be providing them with a megaphone.

The school employees knew a month in advance that the students planning the Black History Program were going to wear the tee-shirts. There was plenty of time to resolve this issue with the students before the performance. The employees in charge should have informed the students that the school system cannot appear to support a political cause. Therefore, leave the tee-shirts at home or the performance will be canceled. When working with high school students, it is advisable to give them a choice when possible. “Leave the tee-shirts at home or the performance will be canceled” is a good example. The school system is not telling the students what to do.

The students are being asked to make an informed decision. If a major policy change is proposed, a public hearing should be held before the school board votes. If a major policy change is proposed, a public hearing should be held before the school board votes.

It is a privilege to represent Lake of the Woods on the Orange County School Board. If I can be of assistance, please contact me at jhopkins@ocas-va.org.

Jim Hopkins

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Saturday, April 18 (7:30 PM) “Zaza” (Paramount, 1923) Silent movie with live orchestra.

Gloria Swanson stars as a French music hall entertainer in the first of her eight collaborations with director Allan Dwan. Swanson was Paramount’s most consistently bankable star for most of the 1920s, having skyrocketed to popularity via a series of sexual innuendo-laden films directed by Cecil B. DeMille. “Zaza” is prototypical Swanson, resplendent in one eye-popping costume after another, the center of attention in every frame she occupies.

H.B. Warner, Mary Thurman and Ferdinand Gottschalk are among the supporting players. Jeff Rapis will provide live musical accompaniment.

Thursday, April 23 (7:30 PM) “sex, lies, and videotape” (Miramax, 1989, *R-rated*)

It’s a matter of conjecture to pinpoint the beginnings of the American independent film movement, but “sex, lies, and videotape” has as good a claim as you’re likely to find. First time director-writer Steven Soderbergh’s mesmerizing tale of sexual frustration and release was a surprising sensation, winning the Palm d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival and the Audience Award at Sundance, as well as earning a Best Oscar nomination for original screenplay. Its influence on American cinema—then emerging from a rather tepid 1980s—was outsized, and it was named to the National Film Registry in 2006. Andie MacDowell and James Spader star in the edgy drama.

Friday, April 24 (7:30 PM) “Notorious” (RKO, 1946)

Alfred Hitchcock—renowned for his meticulous pre-planning and storyboarding practices—once claimed that the most boring part of filmmaking was actually shooting the film. Perhaps more than any other director, he understood the grammar of film, the multitude of ways in which visual imagery and their juxtaposition via editing impacts the viewer experience (another great Hitchcock quote: “If it’s a good movie, the sound could go off and the audience would still have a perfectly clear idea of what was going on”). “Notorious,” an exquisitely plotted tale of intrigue and romance, is a case in point. And the cast, Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains, isn’t too shabby either. Ben Hecht’s script was nominated for Best Original Screenplay. It was added to the National Film Registry in 2006. Andie MacDowell and James Spader star in the edgy drama.

Thursday, April 30 (7:30 PM) “All That Heaven Allows” (Universal, 1955)

Widow Jane Wyman falls in love with a younger man (Rock Hudson) in a suburban New England town, resulting in an avalanche of public and private shame. From this deceptively simple May-December set-up, director Douglas Sirk weaves a rich, beautifully composed and stinging critique of middle class 1950s America. Critically dismissed when it was released, “All That Heaven Allows” is now recognized as one of the finest melodramas in cinema history, and Sirk as that genre’s finest practitioner. The film was named to the National Film Registry in 1995. And next month we’ll present two films inspired by “All That Heaven Allows”: Rainer Werner Fassbinder’s “All: Fear Eats the Soul” on May 14 and Todd Haynes’ “Far From Heaven” on May 21.

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