

LVII *Living*



Late Summer 2018
A Time to Celebrate Life at LVII

Welcome to the Greatest Community in NOVA!

Ladies and gentlemen. Children of all ages.
Please join me for a tour of the greatest community in Northern Virginia!
With pools, trails, social gatherings, tennis courts, tot lots, and book clubs,
is it any wonder we have now won three prestigious awards?

— Board “Prez” and LVII Ringmaster, Raj Kasaraneni



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What a Remarkable and Pivotal Half Year!



Loudoun Valley II has certainly had a banner year in 2018. We have won awards (pages 12-15). We have new boards (pages 22-23 and 26-27) and committees (pages 24-25) up and running. And, despite the heat and the rain, our residents have managed to enjoy the very best LVII has to offer.

I want to thank the new board members who have stepped up to support our community and the residents who live here. They have been hard at work already, as evidenced by two innovations I am delighted to announce.

A MAGAZINE WORTHY OF LVII

We are all so proud to put this copy of *LVII Living* in your hands today. The board, staff, and publisher have been working together to upgrade this magazine to better reflect you, your families, and our award-winning community. As you flip through, you will see that the new design is bolder, more elegant, and more visual. Reimagined and redesigned, our new magazine will better serve the mission of celebrating our neighborhood and informing our residents.

Over the next few issues, we will continue to expand *LVII Living*. We intend to add more features on residents and more stories about living in this wonderful place.

We are especially excited about including you and your families in future issues. So look for our LVII logo scattered throughout the magazine to spot ways you can contribute ideas, art, and stories. This is as much your magazine as it is ours.

AND A WHOLE NEW WEBSITE, TOO!

Another achievement of the past few months is our new website, which you can find at LV2HOA.com. Much like the magazine, the site has been completely re-engineered with you in mind. It is not only visually stunning, but it will make it far easier for you to find the information you need about living in LVII. As always, we are interested in your feedback and suggestions.

2018 has certainly been a year of achievement for all of us. We couldn't have done it without you! So thank you and let's continue to make 2018 our best year yet!

Rippy

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Landscape Tips



Late summer is the perfect time to tend to your lawn and garden. Check out our tips for repairing summer damage and preparing for a dynamite spring!

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LVII Awards



Did you know you live in an award-winning community? We have won at the local, regional, and national levels. We are so proud to call LVII home.

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LVII LIFE

Spring Fest. St. Paddy's Day. Cinco de Mayo. Relive all the memories we share as a neighborhood.

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FUTURE FUN

Check out our ideas for some fun-filled summertime day trips as well as neighborhood events and activities.

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NEIGHBORHOOD MAP

Discover the amenities map and recreational opportunities available throughout the neighborhood.

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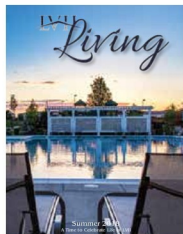
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Viperfish Hat Trick



A huge shout-out to our incredible swimmers and amazing coaches! Viperfish swam to new levels of greatness, racking up three consecutive victories.

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Summer 2018

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

LVII got a huge upgrade with new websites for LVII, the Bucks, and the Ridges. And we are on Facebook, too!

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LVII BOARD

Meet our all-volunteer board members and catch up on the latest board meeting. We certainly got a lot accomplished!

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THE BUSINESS OF LVII

It's been a busy season at LVII. Learn all about our committees and the work they do to make LVII even better.

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THE BUCKS & THE RIDGES

The condo associations are moving fast to organize and move forward. Meet our new board members.

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First Responders



LVII *Life*





St. Paddy's Day



Viperfish

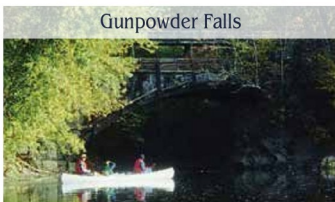


Half Marathon

LVII residents (back row, left to right) Meghna, Sarath, Kiran, Pavan, and Ashok and (front row, left to right) Yug, Saanvi, and Yash ran the Loudoun Half Marathon.



Please submit your favorite LVII pictures from this past summer to:
editor@LV2HOA.com



Gunpowder Falls

Gunpowder Falls is one of Maryland's largest parks, covering over 18,000 acres of land. It boasts a beautiful river which has 2 waterfalls. Gunpowder features more than 120 miles of multi-use trails, protected wildlands, historic sites, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, a swimming beach and a marina.

7200 Graces Quarters Rd, Middle River, MD 21220



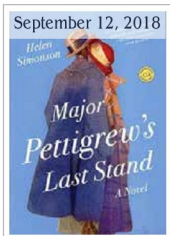
Colonial Beach

Colonial Beach is a hidden gem on the shores of the Potomac. There is a cute beach town with great food, unique shops, and fun activities for all ages. The beach is the second-largest beachfront in the state. Its waters are always calm and usually a comfortable temperature, and the town is rarely crowded.

315 Douglas Ave, Colonial Beach, VA 22443

>> The Community Book Club

If you enjoy reading and discussing books with your neighbors, consider joining us. The community book club meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Main Clubhouse. For more information regarding the book club, please contact Nancy Carter at nancy.a.carter@gmail.com.



Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

By Helen Simonson

Suggested by Nasia Hussain

According to Amazon, Edgcombe St. Mary is "a small village in the English countryside filled with a cast of characters both hilariously original and as familiar as the members of your own family. Wry, courtly, opinionated, and completely endearing, Major Ernest Pettigrew is one of the most indelible characters in contemporary fiction. He leads a quiet life valuing honor, duty, decorum—and a properly brewed cup of tea. But then his brother's death sparks an unexpected friendship with Mrs. Jasmina Ali, the Pakistani shopkeeper from the village. Can their relationship survive the risks one takes when pursuing happiness in the face of culture and tradition?"

Oct: Enemy Women | Nov: A Gentleman in Moscow | Dec: The Japanese Lover

Summer by the Water

One of the best ways to bring the family out to celebrate nature is by enjoying one of our many regional parks. These parks offer picnic areas, trails, beautiful views, and educational opportunities.

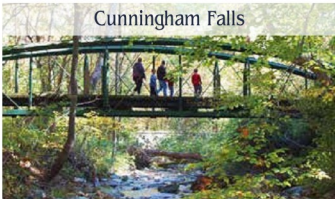
Great Falls Park



The Great Falls are easily one of the most remarkable sites in all of Virginia. One of the most popular parks in Virginia, Great Falls offers amazing views and lots of greenspace to hold events or just a nice family picnic. It also has some of the best hiking for all skill levels, so all lifestyles are welcome.

9200 Old Dominion Dr, McLean, VA 22102

Cunningham Falls



This park is home to the Cunningham Falls, the largest cascading waterfall in Maryland. There are two parts to Cunningham Falls: The William Houck area that contains the falls, the lake, and campgrounds, and then there is the Manor Area which has more camping areas as well as the historic Catoclin Iron Furnace.

14039 Catoclin Hollow Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788



Do you have a favorite fall day trip?

Please submit your recommendation to editor@LV2HOA.com



>> Fall Carnival

Save the date for LVII's upcoming Fall Carnival. We will be gathering behind the Main Clubhouse for good food and loads of fun family activities. You won't want to miss out so mark your calendars now and join us on September 15! And don't forget to bring your cameras so you can share your snapshots with LVII Living!



Tending to a *Late-Summer* Landscape

Summer is winding down. With fall fast approaching, we are all looking forward to cheering on our student athletes and dressing our kids up for Halloween. But, this is also the perfect time to walk around your property and assess and repair the damage done by summer sun, insects, and foot traffic. With a little attention, your lawn can look beautiful through the autumn months. Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you prepare for the harvest season.

Look for signs of distress. Brown or bare patches in your lawn, premature leaf drops, or “leggy” flowering plants are all indicators that your landscape may need more water, less sun, or a boost from a fertilizer. If you see signs of late-summer pests, like cinch bugs, mole crickets, or ants, you may want to take action before the population gets out of control.

Continue to water. Even though the days are getting shorter, you want to continue to water your landscape, especially grassy areas, evergreens, and new trees and shrubs. The best time to water is in the early morning. A good rule of thumb is to put down 1 inch every week.

Aerate, dethatch and seed your lawn. Aeration loosens the heavy clay soils common to the Northern Virginia area, increasing airflow to plant roots and stimulating growth. Dethatching removes the accumulated dead grass, allowing air and sunlight to penetrate deeper into the grass. Both practices lead to a healthier and more attractive lawn. You can put down grass seed to repair bare spots any time from late August to early October. Just remember to water regularly!

Perform routine maintenance. A well-manicured landscape greatly enhances the curb appeal and livability of a home. Late summer is a great time to cut back any perennials, trim bushes, edge planting beds, and tidy up mulch or gravel. Look for damaged or dead limbs in your trees, as summertime thunderstorms can take a toll. Also, trim any bushes that are encroaching on their neighbors or getting too close to your home.

Lastly, enjoy your late-summer garden! It will be a winter wonderland before you know it!





Your Award-Winning Community

GREEN LIVING | CHARITABLE GIVING | RENTALS

LVII Captures Prestigious National Green Award!

The management team at Loudoun Valley II learned this past spring that the LVII community won first place in a national competition sponsored by the Community Associations Institute (CAI). The CAI Lives Green award recognizes communities that are committed to sustainability.

The LVII HOA was honored at an event on Earth Day. The organizers cited our association's recycling program (especially at events), commitment to moving toward a paperless office, and usage of LED lighting and programmable thermostats as well as

our efforts to preserve natural areas and to use low-moisture landscaping. "The small actions communities take today to foster a green environment can yield sustainable results for the future of not only an individual neighborhood but neighborhoods around the globe," according to the association. "That's why day-in and day-out, communities worldwide do their small part to go beyond going green. They all live it."







>> Charitable

LVII was named the Charitable Community of the Year by the Washington Chapter of the Community Associations Institute.

"Our residents have a sincere desire to improve the quality of life for those in the Loudoun community and beyond," said Raj Kasaraneni, president of the HOA board.

Your Award-Winning HOA Management Team

You only need to walk into the Main Clubhouse and see the staff in action to know that there is something very special about the LVII Management Team. The two awards the community won this year are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and expertise these women put into their jobs each and every day. If you have not yet visited the staff, they would love to meet you.

Rippy Gill



Rippy has set out to rewrite the definition of HOA service and has built an amazing, responsive, and empathetic team. Her idea of exceptional customer service sets the bar for everyone who interacts with LVII residents.

Best of Loudoun



Loudoun Valley II was recognized for the first time in the annual Best of Loudoun competition sponsored and organized by the Loudoun Times Mirror. Between December 1, 2017, and January 7, 2018, the newspaper's readers and website visitors voted for their favorite restaurants, businesses, and service professionals in more than 200 categories. Loudoun Valley II was voted Best of Loudoun for its rentals program, a tribute to the management team's professional service and quality product. Thanks to all who voted!

Community of the Year

The Washington chapter of the CAI cited community outreach events, including food drives to benefit Loudoun Hunger Relief and the Reston Interfaith Food Pantry, a holiday toy collection, a book drive to supplement school resources, and the annual Alex's Lemonade Stand to raise awareness of childhood cancer.

The community also supports students and the arts in Loudoun County. LVII has provided free display space for a student art show and an opportunity for student musicians to perform in a neighborhood clubhouse. We also host an event for parents to meet staff before the start of the school year (see page 9).

Imara Allen



Our newest superstar, Imara, is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, where she majored in journalism with a concentration in PR. She helps out with our Facebook pages in between her administrative tasks.

Dan Avendano



As the new Design Standards/Covenants Advisor, Dan will help us protect property values and maintain our enviable way of life here at LVII. He brings 20+ years experience to the job! Welcome, Dan!

Darlene Spencer



Darlene is a long-time resident of Northern Virginia with a business background in both property management and customer service. Darlene's personal interests include fine arts, gardening, traveling, and genealogy.

Congratulations, Viperfish!



Standing O for a *Viperfish* Hat Trick!

GREAT SWIMMERS | OUTSTANDING COACHES | AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

The LVII swim team deserves a serious round of congratulations for winning three meets in a row in July. It's a great achievement for the team and a milestone for our community. Great job, everyone!

The Viperfish team has more than 120 children representing 100 LVII families. This is the highest enrollment since the team began

in 2011. We have a great team of enthusiastic swimmers led by experienced coaches.

Families—both new and returning—have observed how much fun it is to be part of supporting the Viperfish.

Thank you to all who came out to support the team!

The Loudoun Valley II Viperfish Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting swimming recreation for LVII residents. We are a developmental and competitive team striving to provide all team members with safe and quality swim training that challenges their abilities. We seek to promote the recognition of swimming as a lifelong activity, which can contribute significantly to the physical and emotional growth and development of swim team members through healthy exercise and competition with other ODSL teams.



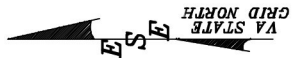
Your Neighborhood

Amenities

MULTI-USE TRAILS | 3 POOLS | TENNIS COURTS

- Playground
- Pool
- Lounge
- Gym/Fitness Studio
- Gym Only
- Fitness Studio Only
- Tennis Courts
- Basketball Courts
- Paved Trail
- Wood Chip Trail
- Regional Bike Trail





Technology Updates

LVII WEBSITE | CONDO SUBDOMAINS | FACEBOOK PAGES

LV2HOA.com

We launched a new website for Loudoun Valley II, which prominently features sub-domains for both the Buckinghams and the Ridges. Board members and the HOA management team all had tremendous input in creating a site that reflects the community and puts critical information in your hands within just a few clicks.

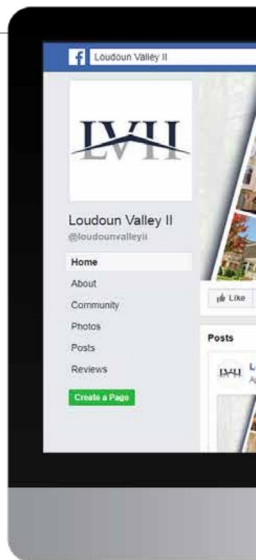
The LVII website is now the very best way to get the most out of living at LVII!

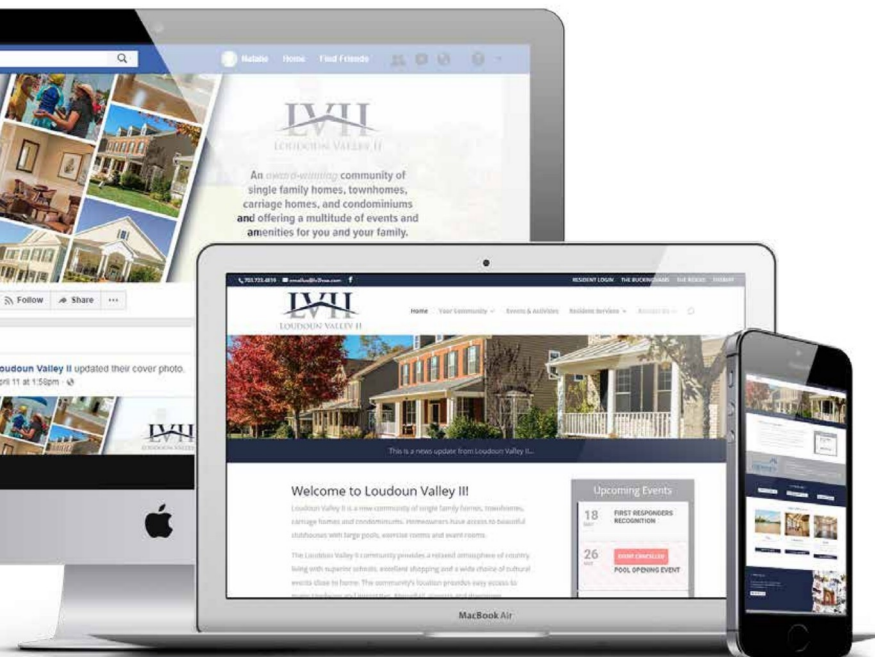
All sites are mobile-friendly and easy-to-use. Numerous Quick Links make the most requested information easy to find. An alert on the Home Page notifies residents of time-sensitive information, such as last-minute schedule changes or weather-related issues.

The design has been updated to contemporary standards and to share the beauty of our community. Master calendars highlight our events and activities across the entire community. Special-use calendars allow you to drill down on fitness classes or social gatherings. You can even access this and past editions of *LVII Living*.

LVII and the Buckinghams are Now on Facebook!

Loudoun Valley II and The Buckinghams are now on Facebook. Follow us for news and updates about the community and events.







Meet Your Board



September Board Meeting

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Main Clubhouse

Residents are welcome



Open Space Committee

Second Tuesday of each month

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: 43032 Foxtrail Woods Terrace

October 9 | November 13 | December 11

**Note dates/times/location are subject to change*

Raj Kasaraneni



Raj and his wife moved to LVII a few years ago. In his free time, Raj enjoys playing volleyball, tennis, golf, and badminton as well as cycling and going to the movies. For the past year, he has served on the board. "I look forward to serving on the board," he says. "I am attuned to board member's duties. I assure you all that I am here to volunteer my time and energy for all our betterment."

The LVII HOA Board



Highlights from the July Meeting

Residents turned out for the LVII board's July meeting. The board had an aggressive agenda in front of them but managed to tackle most of it and in a short time.

Steve Larkin of Toll Land Development presented on recent and ongoing improvements throughout LVII. Then we were privileged to hear from Dave Wilderman and Oscar Gonzalez about the role that HLS plays in keeping our community beautiful. They also clarified what their responsibilities are under their contract with the LVII HOA.

The board was delighted to stand up an Open Space Committee to evaluate the impact of proposals on our community's balance of development and green space. All meetings will be held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Fair Ridge Clubhouse (43032 Foxtrail Woods Terrace).

Keep an eye out for more information coming soon to your mailbox about new and pending policy decisions.

Stephen Hoffman



Stephen joined the board this year because, he says, "I want to maintain the LVII lifestyle by encouraging full and open input into all board actions and to effectively enforce the community's covenants and policies." Steve has 40 years experience in environmental consulting. He worked at the EPA for 25 years. He enjoys collecting maps and participates in the Izaak Walton League.

Kiran Jala



Kiran, his wife, and two children have lived in Loudoun Valley II for 4 years. He is active in organizing social gatherings for the families in the neighboring townhomes. He has volunteered for many events at RLC School. Kiran enjoys swimming, cycling, and running. He participates in many local runs and recently completed a half marathon along with several LVII residents.

Preserve Our Ecosystem



It is important to leave Resource Conservation Areas as undisturbed as possible. By leaving tree sections, stumps, and brush piles where they are, we leave important food and shelter options for native Virginia plants and animals. The Resource Conservation Areas have been established to protect many native species. If we remove wood from these areas, we do the local fauna and flora a disservice.

For more information on the importance of Resource Conservation Areas, read the literature provided by Loudoun County.

» Open Space Community



In July, the LVII board established the Open Space Committee with Aaron Heidel leading the team. He will be joined by Paul Dykeman, Carlos Font, Amar Pashya, and Marie Potter. Thank you to all of you for your willingness to support the neighborhood.

» Keep Our Roads Safe



Parking is governed by the HOA and the local Sheriff's department, which will ticket and, in some cases, tow a vehicle.

Remember to contact the Sheriff's office if you witness any criminal behavior or infractions of the law, including speeding. You can reach the Sheriff's office at 703.777.1021 or through their website.

The Business of LVII

Sailing Through Architectural Reviews

This past fall, the HOA Board of Directors passed into homeowners' control. Following the elections for the Board, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) was reconstituted with Mark Grimley serving as chair.

The ARC serves in compliance with the *Declaration of Protective Easements, Conditions, Restrictions and Reserved Easements*, which every homeowner should possess, as well as the ARC guidelines on the HOA website.

When homeowners apply for approval to build structures, such as a deck, patio, firepit, or raised vegetable garden, they must refer to these documents. The ARC will approve applications



that meet the guidelines, and the HOA staff is available to explain the application process. Any time an owner decides to change the exterior of an LVII home, your application must conform to HOA guidelines.

Signatures on the application are required from the owners (not renters) of lots that are immediately adjacent

to and in the rear of the applicant's property, assuming that such properties exist. These signatures merely indicate notification of the application's existence.

Should an application meet all ARC and County guidelines, it will be approved as a matter of right. In these circumstances any objections by another homeowner are irrelevant.

When Do Owners Get Into Trouble?

Scenario 1

The owner begins a project before getting the appropriate County approval, where required, and the approval of the HOA. Starting to build prematurely can result in a needless expenditure of funds.

Scenario 2

The owner applies for permission to erect a raised vegetable bed that does not conform to the guidelines. For example, a garden bed cannot protrude beyond the side plane of your home.



If you have questions about how things are done at LVII, let us know. We may publish the answers in an upcoming issue.



Congratulations to The Bucks Board Treasurer, Michelle Trexier, on her recent nuptials!

» The Bucks & The Ridges

This year has also seen the superb launch of the hard-working Buckingham Condominium Board who wasted no time in launching activities for both social and proactive measures for their condo association.

Meanwhile, The Ridges Condominiums are selling rapidly. A new board meets regularly to address issues unique to their residents.



Bucks Board Meeting
Time: 2nd Monday every month
5:30pm - 7:30pm
Residents are welcome

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Deadline: October 19, 2018

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or email ads@lv2hoa.com

Condo Communities

>> Meet Your Bucks Board

Francisco Abril



PRESIDENT

Francisco serves as VP of Corporate Relations on the Prospanica DC Board of Directors. He is currently a retirement education manager at OneAmerica. Francisco was born in Bogota, Colombia. He has been married for 11 years to a wonderful Colombian woman and has 2 adorable children.

Arushi Tontsch



VICE PRESIDENT

Arushi owns Diplomatic Accommodations Worldwide, a concierge service that caters to diplomats and dignitaries here in the US. Arushi studied at Michigan State and U of MD. She has been married to Armin for 5 years. In her rare free moments, she practices yoga and enjoys amateur photography.

Michelle Texier



TREASURER

Originally from Washington State, Michelle obtained a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Western Washington University. She is an HR associate/FSO for a small private government staffing firm in DC. In her free time, Michelle enjoys fostering animals for a local rescue.

Cisco Badiola



SECRETARY

Cisco has lived in LVII since 2013. As the Deputy Director of Operations for Marine Corps Installations Command, he oversees law enforcement and security, fire and emergency services, and emergency management. He holds an MBA, an MS in Finance, and an MS in Natural Resource Strategy.

>> The Ridges Keep Growing

The Ridges condos will have a total of 396 units spread out over 22 buildings. We are currently about halfway through construction. There are a variety of floorplans to choose from, ranging from the high \$200s to upper \$300s. The Ridges board members are Todd Morgan, Steve Larkin, and George Chahalis. They have unique responsibilities as The Ridges are the only units with reserved parking spaces and trash corrals.





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