

RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT (RRPD)

The eight-acre parking lot at Langley High School has insufficient space to accommodate all students who wish to park on campus. Consequently, many students park in nearby neighborhoods, such as the Oaks, increasing traffic, blocking access and detracting from the residential nature of these areas.

Prior to 1995, it was not uncommon to have forty to sixty student vehicles parked along both sides of Ridge Drive at the front entrance. This situation caused severe traffic congestion at the start and end of each school day with double-parked vehicles, people standing in the street visiting, distracted folks running into the street from between parked vehicles and vehicles making unsafe U-turns. In addition, considerable trash was often left behind and random acts of vandalism were committed.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors made it easier to establish residential permit parking districts in areas near county high schools where off-campus parking was a problem. There was strong agreement between the LOHA Board, Fairfax County Police Department and senior administration officials at Langley High School that a RRPD would improve conditions in the Oaks.

All LO residents were notified of the Homeowners Association's intention to petition for a RPPD. The hand-carried petition was signed by the required percentage of residents of Sandy Knoll Court, Sunny Hill Court, Weathford Court and the related sections of Ridge Drive. When the Board of Supervisors met to consider the application it was unanimously approved.

Since 1995, the RPPD has been expanded a few times in response to student parkers moving deeper into the Oaks. Each expansion required a block-by-block petition, a corresponding traffic count and Board of Supervisors' approval. It now also includes Baymeadow Court and Tina Lane, as well as the sections of Ridge Drive north to Briar Hill Court and east to Ursline Court.

During restricted hours (8 am to 3:30 pm on school days), a residential parking permit is required to park *on the street within the zone* (except for delivery or service vehicles). Violators can and will be ticketed under the FCPD parking enforcement program.

Because most of the LO residents living in the approximately one hundred and forty homes located within the residential permit parking zone leave their vehicles in their garage or driveway, they do not need a permit. However, if anyone living in the RPPD wishes to park, or have a guest park, on the street in front of their home, special permits are available from the County.

For information on permits and requirements please visit the Fairfax County website and click on:

Department Transportation - Residential Traffic and Parking - Residential Permit Parking Districts

www.fairfaxcounty.gov

Some students continue to park in the unregulated sections of Langley Oaks today. Some young drivers occasionally leave their vehicles partially blocking the travel lanes, on the wrong side of

the street or in front of fire hydrants. Whenever a resident notices such behavior, s/he should note the address and the license plate number and immediately call the FCPD School Resource Officer, MPO Dave Poach, at LHS (703-287-2894) or the FCPD non-emergency number (703-691-2131).

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