



The Lyon Village

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, April 19 from 10:30 am to noon, the Lyon Village Women's Club is once again sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

There will a bake sale to raise money for the Lyon Village Playground and a very special appearance by the Easter Bunny!

The Egg Hunt is free and all Lyon Village children are invited. Bring your cameras and have a good time! For more information you can call Jane Miller at (703)522-3644.



Lyon Village Needs Your Help

A nominating committee is being formed to propose a new slate of officers for 2003-04. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mary Renkey at (703) 522-3952, who will pass your name on to the committee. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and to stay informed about neighborhood issues.



W-L PTA Plant Sale Fundraiser

Support Washington Lee, your neighborhood high school, by ordering beautiful, locally grown annuals and herbs. To have order forms and plants delivered to your home, call Barbara Kahan at (703)243-2509 or www.washlee.arlington.k12.va.us and click on 'PTA', then select 'Plant Sale'. The order deadline is April 23rd. Plants arrive on May 3rd, in time for Mother's Day gifts.

General Meeting April 14th 8 p.m. at the Community House

Topics include:

Police Capt. Mary Gavin and Jackie Snelling — preparedness and crime update, about 10 minutes

Neighborhood conservation process. We have invited Chris Nixon, the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program Coordinator, Inta Malis, Vice-Chair for NC, and our NC rep. Puddy Blunden to talk about the County's neighborhood conservation program, including how you

Clarendon Park (13th and Hartford St. a.k.a. the Dog Park)
Presentation of ideas by our Ad Hoc Committee

Annual Lyon Village Community House Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, May 3. Mark your Calendars!

Come and enjoy a neighborly gathering of friends, Spaghetti and fine music. Seatings at 5:30 and 7:00, tickets are available from members of Community House board, or at the door. Buy your tickets in advance to assure a seat. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup and everything in-between. Call Chairman Tom Harrison at 703-528-5740 to reserve your opportunity to help before he calls you! Bake sale contributions and workers are needed, please call Linda Maldonado at 703-528-5740. This is your one opportunity this year to help support the Community House while enjoying a great time. This is the only LVCH fund raiser of the year. Our Lyon Village dues do not support the community house.

Clarendon Developments

B.F. Saul proposals. B.F. Saul in February submitted site plans for two blocks in central Clarendon, the Hard Times block (also occupied by Red Hot & Blue and Little Viet Garden) and the Clarendon Center block (SunTrust formerly was at the corner). Both block are opposite the Metro entrance.

Although we have not yet seen a formal presentation of their plan (one is scheduled for our Executive Committee meeting on April 7 (at 8 pm at the Community House), we understand that they are proposing a 6-story office building with ground floor retail on the Hard Times block and a mostly residential project on the Clarendon Center block. The County Board on Dec. 7, 2002, in a non-binding resolution, indicated that both blocks should be primarily commercial/office.

On the Hard Times block, the 2-story Underwood Building, in which Hard Times is located, would remain, but all other buildings on the block would be torn down. The new commercial building would be 75 feet tall (the same height as the DHS building); we do not know the density, building setbacks (including sidewalk width), or parking ratios. We understand that the loading dock would be on Wilson Blvd.

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Welcome Baskets

Do you know someone new to Lyon Village? Please call Brad or Ann James at (703) 524 4549. They will welcome the new neighbors on behalf of Lyon Village. You don't have to know their names, just identify the address.



Pedals for Progress

Pedals for Progress, a charity managed locally by Lyon Village resident Keith Oberg, will accept public donations of no-longer-wanted bicycles at Arlington County's Environmental Extravaganza, to be held Saturday, May 3, from 9am - 3pm, in the parking lot of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 South Old Glebe Road. Bicycles received are donated overseas, for job creation, health, and education purposes. PFP suggests a \$10/bike financial contribution to defray a share of shipping and handling expenses, providing a signed, dated, receipt good for tax purposes. For further info on the bike collection, call (703)525-0931.

As part of the May 3 event, Arlington County will accept household hazardous waste (chemicals, paint, etc.) from county residents, a private company will accept computers (small fee charged for monitors) and other electronics for recycling, and Eyecare International will accept old eyeglasses for the poor in El Salvador.

Since 1995, Arlington residents have donated nearly 2,000 bicycles to Pedals for Progress, or three percent of Pedals for Progress's 62,000+ total shipments to date. Check out the January issue of Readers Digest for a brief mention (p. 26) of Pedals for Progress.

Dues for 2002-2003

If you have not yet paid your 2002-2003 Lyon Village dues, please send a check payable to "LVCA" to Lyon Village Treasurer Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St., Arlington, VA 22201 Dues are \$7 per individual, and \$10 for a household of two.

On the Clarendon Center block, the residential would be in two buildings, of 10 or 11 stories, with some ground floor retail. The Clarendon Center building would be torn down. We understand that BF Saul is asking for full 6.0 FAR density, including 25% bonus density for affordable housing. Their site consolidation apparently does not include the building that houses the Clarendon Grill. As indicated above, the primarily residential use is contrary to the County Board's stated policy for this block, of primarily office.

Hartford and Hudson projects. These are the two major projects underway on our side of Clarendon next to the Baptist Church and along 13th St. The Hartford office and residential (condo) buildings are nearing completion. We understand that the residential building has long been sold out, but the office building still lacks a tenant. The curb, sidewalk, and street repaving around the site is scheduled to be completed by mid-April, but that target date appears likely to be missed. We continue to monitor the construction on both this block and the "Hudson" block to the west (the hole in the ground). We continue to be in contact with County staff several times a week to report problems — fences down, stop signs missing, sinking street patches, lack of street lighting, blocked streets, etc. John Carten in particular continues to monitor things.

Rowdy patrons at Mr. Days. The County police indicate that there have been three aggravated assaults related to Mr. Days' patrons since last fall, including a fight several weeks ago that started in the bar and continued in the street and resulted in a stabbing. Police indicate that the number of patron incidents at Mr. Days far exceed those at the other Clarendon bars, and that they have been unsuccessful in resolving the situation with Mr. Days' management. To keep things under control, on Saturday nights the police are now posting 2 of the 4-6 officers on duty in our Second District at 11th and Highland Sts. We have joined with the Clarendon-Courthouse and Lyon Park civic associations in a letter to the County Board requesting immediate review of the live entertainment use permits of both Mr. Days and the Clarendon Grill to address the Mr. Days' problem and the failure of both bars to effectively fulfill obligations in their permits to cleanup patron trash (generally along Fillmore,

Village Market

For Sale: English boxwood. Slow growing, compact, height from 18 inches and up priced from \$30 depending on overall size, dug and balled. Call (703) 527-8061.

For Sale: Gently used Purple iMac with keyboard and mouse. 333MHZ, 96MB RAM. Mac OS 8.6. Perfect for email, word processing and internet. \$375. Come try if you like. Call Ann at (703)243-0413.

Wanted: We are looking for a full-time, live-out nanny for our two children (4 and 2 years old). Must be legal, speak English, and have drivers' license. Victoria (202)326-2321.

Wanted: Lyon Village couple seeking an experienced, part-time nanny to care for 5 month old baby boy 1-2 days per week, while Mom works from home. Also looking for a mature, teenage girl for occasional babysitting on weekends. Call Chris at (703)527-8726

For Sale: Desk and Chair Set Price: \$200 Very solid desk and chair set, Art Deco-ish in style (but not price!). Desk has six roomy side drawers and one letter drawer. Sheet of glass protects the top desk surface. It's a comfortable writing desk or computer station. Very good condition. Also for sale, Swiss Flambe Cart Price: \$500 Two burner, propane flambe cart with electronic ignition and brass burner heads. Stainless steel burner grates, cooking surface and liqueur rack. Walnut finish with large drop leaf and utensil drawer. Steel frame with large locking casters. Includes two - 5lb. propane tanks. Beautiful fitted marble carving/serving top covers burners when not in use. Spring Gourmet brand, made in Switzerland. Excellent condition. Contact (703)358-9672 (bdogden@comcast.net)

Housecleaning: My excellent housekeeper needs more days. Call Gloria (703)897-1524) between 5-8pm weekdays, anytime weekends. Call Barbara for reference (703)841-0324).

Lyon Village CERT team formed

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training began in March for 15 Lyon Villagers. This 6 week program will give the village a small, trained group of neighbors who provide initial response to a disaster of most makings. Not a substitute for the normal 911 emergency teams, CERT provides cover for the fire and police departments in extreme conditions when these departments may be overwhelmed. Additional courses are being planned for the county because of great interest. For more information go to:

www.arlington.va.co.us/cc/c/classes/htm

Dog Owner Request:

Please Keep Your Dog on a Leash!

With dog walking fun again now that the days are warmer, several dog owners have asked that we remind dog owners to keep their dogs on leashes when walking them — to protect their own dogs. The concern: your friendly dog, not on a leash, sees another dog, on a leash, and runs to greet it. However, the other dog hates other dogs or feels a need to protect its master, and goes after your dog — the result is a costly trip to the vet.

And of course, other adults and children out for a walk may not appreciate the unsolicited friendliness of your dog either.

Clarendon Sector Plan Meetings

As reported in earlier issues of the Bulletin, the County has formed a task force to review the Clarendon Sector Plan; we are a member of that task force. The group held a visions workshop at our Community House on March 27, that about 20 Lyon Village residents attended (along with about 60 other people representing other neighborhoods, Clarendon businesses and property owners, and County staff.

The next meetings of the task force are on April 10 and 24, at times and places to be announced, with a charrette set for May 3-8. Meetings are open to the public.

For more information on times and places, call our Lyon Village reps Bill Gearhart (703-522-2276) and Mary Renkey (703-522-3952).

Preparedness: Are YOU Ready?

By Marolyn Hatch

[Editor's note: Marolyn is a long-time Lyon Village resident, former FEMA employee, and part of the Lyon Village CERT training team.]

Whenever Homeland Security raises their code to Orange, there is a lot of conversation at water coolers, checkout lanes, and the metro. People talk about the preparations being made by the schools and our work places. Arlington has established a program for sheltering in place for school children. Many workplaces have increased interest in evacuation drills and stocking food and water.

But what about you? What about your home child care provider? There is an unusual complacency about being prepared within our own homes. A recent *Washington Post* article showed a family sheltering in its well windowed kitchen preparing meals in a chimney that lets air in and heat out. Nice afternoon exercise, but hardly practical for all but the garden variety of disasters.

The *Lyon Village Bulletin* has run 2 columns about what your government expects of you during these risky times. Whether natural or war-related, a disaster overwhelms the normal response system. For such events, local governments rely heavily on citizens taking responsibility for themselves, their families, and their immediate community. If you have missed these columns, please go to [a comprehensive site for disaster information](#). Arlington public libraries have free computer access if you need it. Or call Marolyn Hatch (522-9074) for a copy of the *Bulletin*.

In brief, you need a 3-day supply of the following items. Per person per day: 1 gallon of water; at least 1500 calories of dry or canned food; bowls; utensils; medicines; full change of clothes; and a portable radio/batteries; first aid kit and manual; baby products; hygiene items; small and large plastic bags; a large bucket; chlorine bleach; flash light; wrench; whistle; knife, manual can opener; cell phone; and plastic and duct tape should windows break. Go to the above website for expanded lists Your ideal safe room should be interior and windowless.

Put the items into totes in case you are asked to evacuate. Note that NO pets are allowed in a shelter. Make plans to leave them behind with their own food and water. Even the most spoiled has a natural ability to fend for itself. Access to a fenced yard is safer than running loose.

Always listen to the radio for advice. Avoid jamming roadways. Sometimes the best and only plan is to shelter in place.

Being prepared is being sure that you and your family have the resources and a plan to make the best of a situation whether its another 3-day snow storm, a tornado, truck chemical spill, the flu, or a fanatic's actions. Are you ready?

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Free Parking in Clarendon

Remember when visiting Clarendon, to eat in the restaurants (or even to go downtown), you can park for free evenings (after 5:30 pm) and all day on Saturdays and Sundays in the DHS building parking garage. Enter on Highland St. opposite the Baptist Church. It's safe and convenient, and sure beats searching for a parking space, feeding a meter, or risking being towed. You can exit to the street via the building lobby at the corner of Garfield and Wilson.