



The Lyon Village

Bulletin

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Main Meeting Topic: House Additions

There still seems to be a dumpster on every block, as neighbor after neighbor, with a few developers thrown in, either adds on to or renovates a house.

For those contemplating adding on or just interested in how it works, we have invited a panel of experts — Lyon Village architect David Ricks, of David W. Ricks Architects, who has done design work on several houses in Lyon Village and surrounding neighborhoods, and two Lyon Village homeowners, Gerry Laporte and John and Nancy Bryan, who have recently gone through (and survived) the process.

We have asked Dave to describe the differences between the design/build approach and the more traditional approach of hiring an architect and then putting the plans out for bid. We have also asked him to describe the types of additions homeowners are pursuing, the degree to which they are combining them house remodeling, and what you can expect to pay.

We have asked Gerry, John, and Nancy to explain why they decided to add on rather than move, describe the improvements they made, surprises encountered in the process, and any disappointments, and indicate whether they would do it again.

Dues Reminder!

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

General Meeting May 12th 8 p.m. at the Community House

Topics include:

- **House additions — presentation by David Ricks, architect and Lyon Village resident, and Gerry Laporte and John and Nancy Bryan, Lyon Village residents who have recently completed additions (see further information to the left)**
- **Discussion and vote on Lyon Village position on how the park area at 13th and Hartford Sts. in Clarendon (the "dog park") should be developed (see further information below)**

Clarendon Park (a.k.a. the Dog Park)

Last summer we asked for volunteers to serve on an ad hoc committee to make recommendations to help us formulate a Lyon Village position on how the County park land at 13th and Hartford Sts., currently used as an informal dog park, might be developed. We deemed it particularly important that we examine possible uses at that time, given that the Sector Plan review was about to begin. The committee met this past fall and winter and developed recommendations for a park that would include space for a dog exercise area and space for a passive park for people. Late in our April meeting, members Nancy Pilchen and Marc Messing reported out the committee findings. However, attendance at that point in the evening was too small for a meaningful discussion and vote. Other members of the Committee included Nancy Gaito, John Luehrs, Ann Smith, and Steve Leckar..

As drafted by Nancy Pilchen and other members, the committee's report is as follows:

There have been many hundreds of successful dog parks developed across the country, but with few of this small size and setting. Obviously because Arlington County is so urban with little undeveloped land, it is not surprising that our space is so small. Yet, there is clearly a large dog-owning population within the greater Clarendon community and so the need for the facility is understood. These factors create both opportunities and present challenges. Because of its size and location, it is our view that the park be developed primarily for the residents of this area. Our overall position is that ultimately the dog exercise portion of the park may look and operate differently from other larger, better-buffered dog parks in the County.

The committee recommends that the park be developed with a balance between areas for off-leash dogs (its present use) and passive green space that would act as a buffer between the off-leash space and the surrounding buildings. Certain design concepts should be utilized to maximize its appeal to everyone, park visitors, neighbors, and dog-lovers alike. We would like to see it landscaped as a demonstration park using native Chesapeake Bay friendly plant species as well as other materials (both plant and man-made) to help to minimize noise and make it more attractive.

We believe that certain management concepts and educational programs might be successfully utilized in a park of this design and location. These might include specific operating times with lockable gates, limitations on

executive committee volunteers needed

Rummage Sale

The Community United Methodist Church at 1701 N. Bryant St. is holding its annual rummage sale on Saturday, May 10th from 9 am to 2 pm.

Clarendon Farmer's Market

The Clarendon Farmer's Market and Local Artist Music Series will begin on Wednesday, May 23 and will run from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. A variety of fresh produce



and home made items will be sold at a number of booths, and live music will be provided by local musicians from 4:30 - 6:30. The Clarendon Farmer's Market and Local Artist Music Series is located at the Clarendon Metro Park adjacent to the Clarendon Metro entrance.

Want to serve on the Executive Committee, or the Development Committee?

If you would like to be considered to serve on the Lyon Village Executive Committee, please call Mary Renkey at 703-522-3952, who will pass your name on to the nominating committee. We plan to hold elections in June.

To be added to the email list for the Development Committee, please contact Jo-Anne Basile at jbasile@ctia.org

Neighborhood Day

On Saturday, May 10th, Arlington will observe its 7th Annual Neighborhood Day. One of the major highlights is the parade, which will begin at 2 p.m. The parade will travel down Wilson Boulevard from the Clarendon Metro Station to North Wayne Street in the Courthouse area.

As a special feature of this year's Neighborhood Day, the County will offer free trees for use in neighborhood activities and will also give out free tree saplings along the parade route. If you are interested in reserving trees for neighborhood tree-planting activities, call Jamie Bartalon in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources at (703)228-7747.

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complete an educational program highlighting the limitations of this particular site and code of conduct agreements. We suggest that those responsible for the governance of this park look at alternative revenue sources such as user fees to help create and maintain it. Our final recommendation is that there be an accountable Board of Governors that includes Lyon Village representation.

If you have any questions, concerns or other ideas, feel free to send them to Nancy Pilchen at NancyBBP@aol.com. They will be forwarded to the other members of the committee as well.

Clarendon Developments

The Executive Committee received a presentation on April 7 from the developer BF Saul for its plans for the Hard Times and Clarendon Center blocks in the center of Clarendon. As reported earlier, BF Saul has consolidated the all of the Hard Times block (the building that houses Hard Times is not owned by BF Saul but has been included in the site plan application pursuant to an agreement with the owner of the building); it has consolidated all of the Clarendon Center block except for the Clarendon Grill/Leadership Institute building at 11th and Highland. The commercial building on the Hard Times block would be 6 stories, and the residential buildings on the Clarendon Center site, 9 and 10 stories.

Among the problems identified to date: the buildings are too big, the mix of residential uses (65% residential, 35% retail and commercial) does not meet the County Board's goal of primarily commercial for the two blocks (which we would interpret to mean 75%), the placement of the loading docks and garage entrance on Wilson Blvd. near the corner of Highland (interference with pedestrians so close to Metro, trucks would block Wilson and even Highland), etc.

Village Market

Wanted: Part-time typist (4-6 hours/week) for architectural company located at Virginia Square (directly across from Metro). Knowledge of MS Word, Excel, and WordPerfect necessary. Flexible hours and salary. Please call Ramesh at (703) 243-7755.

For Sale: Cable-Nelson upright piano, \$600. Light cherry finish. Excellent condition. Call (703) 527-3469.

Garage/Moving Sale: Saturday, May 17. 9 am to 3 pm. At 2702 Lee Highway (corner of Lee and Danville.) Items include Domain sofa; single iron bed; IKEA wall unit; 2 small desks; Victorian style dollhouse; Petrov upright piano; more. Rain date Sunday, May 18 12 noon to 4 pm. Call Vicky Hartung for details (703) 525-9010.

Yard sale: dining room and outdoor furniture, bookcases, toys, boy's sports equipment and clothes, household items. The Kramers, 1725 N. Danville St., Saturday May 17 9:00 - 4:00 (rain date: Sunday noon - 4:00).

House for Rent: On quiet street in west Lyon Village within easy walk to metro. Spacious 3BR/3.5B with master suite/walk-in closet, large family room, eat-in kitchen, two studies and music room; finished basement; enclosed backyard with deck and patio. Nonsmokers only. Dog OK, but no cats. Available beginning of July for 1+ years. Call (703)525-2381.