



# The Lyon Village

## Bulletin

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### Lyon Village Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

Come celebrate the Fourth of July with your neighbors. The annual parade starts at 11:45 am at the corner of Key and Highland Streets. Please start lining up on 17th Street at 11:15am with bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers, etc. We will have a police escort and fire trucks and antique cars in the parade. At the park there will be soft drinks, hot dogs, watermelon and baked goods. It is a time for the whole family to have fun together with games for the kids and families.

We can always use more volunteers for the bake sale, games, set-up, serving and clean-up. Please call Mileva Hartman at 703-841-9287 to volunteer. If you have questions about the parade or an antique car or convertible to put in the parade please call John Carten at 703-528-3731. Donations for the bake sale (brownies, cookies and cupcakes, etc.) can be dropped off that morning in the park. Come join the fun!

### Preventing the Spread of West Nile Virus

This spring we have received plenty of rainfall. This is great for helping plants grow, but it is also perfect conditions for mosquitoes to breed. Mosquitoes may carry potentially dangerous viruses, such as West Nile Virus.

How can the infection be prevented? It can be prevented by controlling the mosquito population and protecting against mosquito bites.

**Below are some tips on helping to prevent the spread of the West Nile Virus.**

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### General Meeting, June 9th 8 p.m. at the Community House

#### Topics include:

- (1) Report of the Nominating Committee on a slate of officers for 2003-04 (assuming the committee is ready)
- (2) Vivien Kallen, presenting a brief power point program overview of Arts in Arlington
- (3) The Clarendon Sector Plan process —what it is, why it is important to the future of Lyon Village, why it is in your interest to actively participate (see additional information below).

### Clarendon Sector Plan Discussion at June 9 Meeting

As we have reported earlier, the County has undertaken a review of the Clarendon Sector Plan, which covers the Clarendon business area. This would be the second update of a plan initially approved in 1984. Among the matters being examined are building forms and uses, heights, density, historic preservation, affordable housing, transportation, streetscape, and open space. We have invited County staff and a representative of the consultant hired by the County staff to explain the process and the "charrette" that will be underway during the period June 7-12.

How this whole process unfolds may greatly affect us, with respect to what borders us, our real estate values, and the integrity and livability of our neighborhood. Among issues being discussed that potentially affect us are the narrowing of some Clarendon streets to create wider sidewalks and safer street crossings, but will it result in more traffic coming in to Lyon Village to avoid gridlock in Clarendon? Whether and how the older, low-rise buildings along the north side of Wilson are retained and preserved — buildings that house many of the restaurants that have become the essence of Clarendon, and which also serve as a good transition Lyon Village homes behind. Where should open space for Clarendon be added — should it be in the commercial area, or should it be allowed to encroach into the Village —and if so, who loses their houses? Should affordable "granny flats" and other housing be allowed in special zones within the single-family neighborhoods that border the commercial area, or would this threaten the current edge between the single family and commercial areas and invite real estate speculators to carve single family homes in multi-family apartments, changing the character of both the housing and street?

At the charrette the consultants will present alternate designs for street cross-sections, including building forms and heights; possible solutions traffic problem areas, such as the Wilson-Clarendon-Washington Blvds. Intersection; possible new locations for open space and how they might be developed.

You are encouraged to attend the charrette. The schedule is as follows:

**Charrette kick-off:** Saturday, June 7, 10 am to 2 pm, Key Elementary School;

**Mid-course pin-up:** Monday, June 9, 7:30, 7th floor of DHS Building, 3033 Wilson Blvd.

**Closing session, final presentation:** Thursday, June 12, George Mason Univ., 3401 Fairfax Dr.

Next scheduled bulletin is September, but there may be a July issue. To keep up will LV issues in the summer, join the email list.

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## 2003 Spaghetti Dinner, A Terrific Gathering !

Note from Tom Harrison:

A good time was had by all!  
Thanks to all of the members of the community who came out to partake of the food and company of their neighbors.

I would particularly like to thank the many people who volunteered. Once again the salad was contributed by our own Ingrid Wooten assisted by the Salad Ladies; Nancy Gaito, Karen Webster, Abby Telfer and daughter Katie. The crowd was treated to the tunes of our great Musicians, Jerry Edwards and Ron Gluck.

Our Silent auction was a huge success bringing in more than \$1,200. from Captiva Island get-aways donated by neighbors Agnes and David Davis and Ruth Carter. Thanks to Creath Guillot Kathy and Rick Lash and Patricia Newman for contributing design consultation, Tennis Party and Swim Party, And thanks to Jay Mitchell, Lisa Nardini and Mary Freeman for running up the Bake Sale with contributions from so many of our loyal neighbors.

Other volunteers who made it all possible were Doug and Lynn Ross, Fran Gedney, Bill Gearhart, Sharon Snyder, Paul Johnson Alex, Elizabeth and George Seff, Darcy Gruttadaro, Mary Ann Lilly, Jack Royer, Ray Taylor, Jay Mitchell, Li and Ray King, Jay and Marolyn Hatch, John Carten and Linda Maldonado, Michelle Harrison and Jane Miller to name a few.

In all more than \$2,500 was raised to support your Neighborhood Meeting place.  
We had a terrific time.  
Many thanks!  
Tom Harrison

(Editor's note: Tom Harrison did the sauce this year per detailed instructions from the master cook, Dick Pons.)

## Clarendon Developments

Not a lot new since last month.

**Hartford Building.** Still no lease on the office building, although reportedly the developer is close to leasing part of the ground floor retail. The condo residential building has long been fully sold out, and the first owners reportedly will begin moving in as soon as the street paving is completed. The paving was to be done by the end of May, but the weather and other possible factors have delayed this. As part of the paving process, parts of Hartford St. between 13th St. and Highland will also be repaved.

**BF Saul project on the Hard Times and Clarendon Center blocks.** This project again went before the Site Plan Review Committee on May 27 and the committee unanimously expressed support for not looking at the project again until the developer has addressed use questions — the current proposal calls for a project that is 65% residential and only 35% commercial, and the County Board last December in a resolution indicated that those two blocks, given their proximity to the Metro, should both be predominately commercial — which probably means 75% or more.

**Gold's Gym site.** The developer has proposed several design changes, including some changes in the building façade and the moving of the front entrance to the office space from Clarendon Blvd. to Fillmore St. The developer seeks to do this administratively, but the Clarendon-Courthouse neighborhood has argued that these changes are in the nature of site plan amendments and need to go through a public review process. Gold's Gym has now closed, and the building will be torn down shortly.

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### West Nile Virus (continued from page 1)

- ◆ Turn over or remove containers in your yard where rainwater collects, such as potted plant trays, boats, buckets and toys.
- ◆ Clean out birdbaths and wading pools once a week.
- ◆ Clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.
- ◆ Eliminate standing water on tarps and flat roofs.
- ◆ Do not leave garbage can lids upside down or allow water to collect in your garbage can.

To protect yourself and family you should:

- ◆ Wear long, loose and light-colored clothing.
- ◆ Use insect repellent products with no more than 35 percent DEET for adults and less than 10 percent for children.

This information and much more can be found at: <http://www.co.arlington.va.us/westnile/links.htm>

## Village Market

Pet Care: Going away this summer? For experienced pet care, call Lydia at 703-528-3731. (experienced 15 year old with LV references)

LV family needs live-out nanny 3 days a week to take care of their 16-month-old girl. Experience with infants and great English a must. Please call 202-424-7818 and leave a message if you can recommend someone.

Housekeeping/babysitting available: Our excellent, long-time housekeeper and babysitter is available beginning in July for part-time employment. She is reliable, responsible, mature, and great with kids. Please call Diana at 703-525-2381.

For Sale: Dagger Bayou 2, recreational 2 seat kayak. Great shape - like new \$450.00 Portage Pal T-1000 Canoe/Kayak Trailer. Will carry canoes or kayaks up to 19' long. Never used, still in box. Originally \$429.00; Will sell for \$250.00. Call Jeff at 703-522-3848.