



The Lyon Village

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Lyon Village Women's Club

LVWC is a diverse group of women who get together for social and neighborhood activities, for example, dinner, tennis, cooking classes, LV Easter Egg Hunt. Our website has information about the club as well as events. We'll be having a Fall Harvest Potluck Dinner on October 26th for members and prospective members. If you'd like more information about the LVWC or the dinner, e-mail LVWC@comcast.net or call Claire at (703)465-8393.

Also, check out the Lyon Village Women's Club (LVWC) at our new website:

<http://mywebpages.comcast.net/lvwc/home.html>

Kids Stuff Sale Saturday, October 4

The Lyon Village Kid Stuff Sale is at the Cherrydale Methodist Church, on Lorcom Lane and Nellie Custis Drive in Arlington. The consignment sale is from 8:00 a.m. to noon, to benefit charities. Admission is free. Items from 100 families include children's clothing, equipment, toys, books, and maternity gear. Call (703)528-3731 for more information. (Cherrydale Methodist Church is located at 3701 Lorcom Lane)

The Lyon Village Directory

The Lyon Village neighborhood directory has been recently updated. Many houses have sold since the update was started in October 2002. If you have not been contacted about the Directory, or you know a neighbor who has recently moved in, please get in touch with Ditty Boaz at dittyboaz@aol.com or drop a note at 3113 Key Blvd.

General Meeting, September 15th 8 p.m. at the Community House

Topics include:

Clarendon Sector Plan update: An update from Jennifer Smith, County staff coordinator on the Clarendon Sector Plan Review, of the review process, along with some possible redesigns of the Wilson/Washington Blvd. intersection.

Election of officers for year 2003-2004 (see report of Nominating Committee on next page)

Refreshments and opportunity to meet neighbors.

Clarendon Developments Update

Hartford office and condo buildings. Both buildings are essentially done, and the condo buyers are now moving into the residential building. The office building still lacks a major office tenant. Reportedly, a furniture store is interested in part of the ground floor retail space. We are working with County staff to replace the sidewalk on Hartford next to the dog park (it was torn up for utility work related to the buildings). Public Works staff recently installed 2-hour parking signs along the Hartford Street side of the buildings, pending receipt of an order for parking meters, and the new street lights are now working.

Future of the Clarendon Baptist Church. Our Executive Committee and several interested Lyon Village neighbors met with an architect for the church and the church pastor in early August. The pastor reported that church membership has declined significantly and the church is dipping into its reserves for funding. The 850 seat sanctuary is now too big, and also needs repair — the roof leaks, access is difficult for older, etc. The church has hired a local architect to help explore options.

According to the pastor and architect, the congregation is leaning toward tearing down the church building but retaining the Sunday school building that houses the daycare center. In place of the church they would build either a 7-story by-right office building, with 3 levels of underground parking, or build a 9-story "affordable housing" building under a site plan zoning category, seek height and density bonuses, and sell off \$3-\$5 million in tax credits from the project. Under the office building option, a Baptist services organization would likely be a major tenant, and the building might also house a drug rehab operation, they said. They said that the office building would be a B- or C+ grade building. Under the residential building plan, they would try to save the steeple and front of the existing church building. They would redevelop in conjunction with a developer, and said the congregation will likely vote on the issue in September.

The triangular site is about 39,000 square feet, about 16,000 square feet of which is C-3 (commercial), which includes the church building, and the rest is R-5 (single family residential), including the Sunday school area next to 13th Street. It is unclear whether the office building option is financially feasible. If the residential building approach is pursued and approved, it could set some troubling zoning and sector plan precedents. The sector plan limits the height on the commercial part of the site to 55 feet; they indicated a desire to build a 92 foot tall building. It also appears that the commercial part of the site would be too small to meet the minimum size of the obvious site plan zoning districts.

The hope is that the church will decide to retain the building and augment its income through rentals and other fund raising. Other large churches in the County done this — for example, Westover Baptist, faced with similar problems, now rents substantial space to the Levine School of Music. We expect that there will be further meetings on the issue. The Clarendon Church has the advantage of good Metro access.

Fall Preparedness Reminder from Marolyn Hatch

With the recent New York blackout and our own outage August 26 in the western part of Lyon Village as a reminder, it's time again to reexamine our emergency preparedness checklists. The list should include the following:

- (1) A family plan of what to do and where to meet in an emergency;
- (2) A day's ration of non-perishable food, 1 gallon of water, first aid kit, needed medications, change of clothes, portable radio, cell phone, money, ID, flash light.
- (3) A neighbor who knows what do with your kids and pets should you not be coming home on time.
- (4) An emergency plan that you have discussed and practiced.
- (5) Knowledge of your kids' school emergency plans.
- (6) A card in your wallet that gives the contact number for an adult to be called should you have an accident.

Also, check your current emergency supplies. Replace out-of-date supplies, buy new batteries — *restock before the event.*

Power Outage in Western Part of Lyon Village

Several blocks in the western part of Lyon Village were affected by a 29 hour power outage on August 26 and 27. A transformer in the 1800 block of North Herndon St. blew at 11:30 am, well before the evening thunderstorms that affected thousands in the Washington area. The closest neighbor promptly called it in to Dominion Power.

Two lessons from this incident. First, apparently, multiple calls help Dominion gauge the extent of the outage. When the original caller called the next day to check on the status, he was told that it was low on their priority list because only one house was affected (20 or more were likely out).

Second, make sure that Dominion has your home telephone number in their database so that you can report an outage or check on the status of one. Their system does not always give you the option of speaking to a person. To access their system by telephone you must either punch in your account number (which you may not have handy) or your home phone number. If your number is not in their database, you are cycled out of their system (as happened to this writer, who has lived in Lyon Village for 24 years and has had the same phone number at that time.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee (John Carten, Nancy Gaito, and Martha Moore) has proposed the following slate of officers for 2003-04. The slate will be voted on at the September meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor.

President:	Bill Gearhart
1st Vice President	Pete Marsh
2nd Vice President	Tim Wallace
3rd Vice President	Mark Weinress
Recording Secretary	Marc Messing
Bulletin	Marolyn Hatch
Corresponding Sec.	Jo-Anne Fouad
Treasurer	Carl Mattick
Asst. Treasurer	Mary Renkey
Volunteers	Mileva Hartman
Historian	Warren Nelson
Clerk	Jo-Anne Basille
At-large	John Carten
	John Leuhrs

Village Market

For Sale: White Simmons crib and mattress in excellent condition: \$125; bumper set, comforter and crib skirt in white with blue, green, yellow and red shapes and train: \$20; Graco double-stroller, inline style with folding shade over each seat; backseat reclines fully for infant, undercarriage basket; in good condition but fabric faded: \$40. Call Laura at (703)527-4984.

Wanted: Nanny or nanny-share 2 afternoons a week. Monday and any other weekday, 12-4 p.m. I have a 4 year old son and live in Lyon Village. Please call (703)807-0660.

Available: Our nanny is available for share with one other child. She is free to come to your house Mondays and Fridays, and/or to share with our 18-month-old daughter on Tues, Wed and Thursdays. Native English-speaker, experienced with newborns, CPR-certified, plus a delightful personality and rates that can't be beat. Call Suzan at work for more info: (202)424-7818.

Wanted: LV family needs live-out nanny to take care of infant, beginning September. Experience required. Please call (703)522-2059.

Support: Neighborhood American Stroke Association Marathoner needs your support! Running for great cause & trying to raise funds for a trip to Disneyworld, place of marathon this winter. Call Vedra: (703)597-2437.

Help Wanted: Part-time typist (4-6 hours/week) for architectural company located at Virginia Square. Knowledge of MSWord, Excel, and WordPerfect necessary. Flexible hours, salary. Call Ramesh at (703)243-7755.

For Sale: Graco stroller with under-basket, gently used, great condition, paid \$60 will sell for \$40. Also, like new (used twice for short neighborhood walks) Sit N Stand double stroller. \$250. Call (703)465-2720 to see!

Mowing: Lyon Village lawn service (references upon request). Fast, efficient, and flexible times and schedules. Two friendly and courteous neighborhood teens, David and Aaron. Prices from \$10 to \$40 depending on lawn size and service requested. Call (703)243-2509 or (703)527-0285.

Two responsible professional women would like to continue to live in Lyon Village and seek two bedroom/two bath house to rent. Call (703)276-1314.

Lawn mowing : Experienced 16 year old with excellent Lyon Village references is available for lawn mowing jobs in the neighborhood. Call Neil at (703)243-5038.

For sale: Lawn mower and gas can, used only 2 summers. \$50 or best offer. Call 703-248-6876.

Argentine Tango classes at Lyon Village Community House, taught by Anne-Sophie & Pablo beginning Oct. 1. Wed. nights, 7 pm intermediate class, 8 pm advanced class; practice 9-11 pm. Cost: \$60 for 6 weeks; \$70 if with practice. For more information: <http://www.le-tango.com>