



# The Lyon Village

## Bulletin

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### PREPAREDNESS: REVIEW, REVISE AND RESTOCK

Whether you are an Isabel *survivor* or *angel* take a moment to count your blessings. No electricity grew old fast, but we had water and mild temperatures. Food spoiled, but local stores were open. Trees fell, but people didn't. Some blocks were dark, but neighbors shared resources. In hurricane terms, ours was tedious, but it could have been a lot worse.

Now while your memories are fresh and your patience fresher, bring the family together to talk about what went well and what didn't. Review your family's preparedness plan. Did your safe room flood? Had you enough canned food? Did you pack your freezer and add ice? Did you fill a hamper with ice and daily needs? Were medications handy? Did you have games and cards to pass the time? Was your gas tank full? Did you spell each other in caring for the kids?

Revise your plans and restock your larder. The best time to prepare is when the angst of an event is fresh in your minds.

If you haven't kept up with the LV Bulletin advice, visit [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov) and learn what to do. Libraries and schools have public computers if you lack one.

**ARLINGTON ALERTS:** go to [www.co.arlington.va.us](http://www.co.arlington.va.us) and click on *e-preparedness* to sign up to receive emergency alerts via the County's ROAM system. You can receive everything from road closing to emergency alerts via your computer and/or by text messaging.

### POWER OUTAGES & ISABEL

Several streets in Lyon Village experienced lengthy storm-related power outages: parts of Danville, Edgewood, and Fillmore were out for 5 days, parts of Herndon, 18th, Hartford, and Hancock for 7 days, and parts of Herndon, 19th and 21st Sts. for 9 days. Many thanks to neighbors with power who ran power cords to neighbors without.

### October Meeting: Candidates Night Community House, October 13, 8 pm

Join us for our October meeting on the Columbus Day holiday, Monday night, October 13, 8 pm, to meet the candidates. All 12 candidates are expected to attend, tentatively in the following order: candidates for the State Senate, State House of Delegates, County School Board, County Commissioner of Revenue, and the two County Board seats.

This is a good time to ask the candidates about issues — State taxes, the recent power outages, development in Clarendon, traffic calming, our schools. Each of the candidates will answer audience questions.

### Clarendon Developments

**New Market Common stores.** While it may not seem possible, the new stores under construction at Fillmore and Wilson Blvd. and along Clarendon Blvd. opposite Market Common I are scheduled to open next month, along with the parking structure. For the most part, the buildings have already been turned over to the tenants for final interior build-out and exterior finishing.

The largest tenant in the new project is the Cheesecake Factory, which will have its main entrance at the corner of Clarendon Blvd. and Fillmore. In other locations it has proved to be very popular, with long lines of customers waiting to enter, especially on weekends. This may challenge the already difficult parking situation in Clarendon. If you drive to Clarendon, remember that the underground garage in the DHS Building is available, free of charge, evenings after 5:30 and all day Saturday and Sunday. (See article elsewhere in this issue on how to apply for zoned parking or extended zone hours on your street.)

**Baptist Church redevelopment.** Nothing new to report. Apparently no decisions have been made by the congregation.

**Hartford office and condo buildings.** We understand that the furniture store Atmosphere has signed a lease for ground floor space in the Hartford office building, at the corner of Wilson and Herndon. We understand that several restaurants are looking at other retail spaces in the building. We continue to work with County staff to secure a replacement sidewalk next to the park area along Hartford (it was dug up for utility work relating to the condo building, and never replaced). We are also working to have the new 12th St. between the two buildings properly marked so that it functions as a 2-way public street and not a contractor parking lot. The idea is that Clarendon commercial area traffic should be able to use that street and not have to come back to 13th St.

**BamBam Autos.** We understand that the owner of the old house at the corner of Hartford and 13th that currently houses the used car dealer has recently died and that the County is trying to purchase the property to complete the park consolidation.

**Clarendon Day is October 18.** This is an all-day annual event in Clarendon with music, food, things for the kids to do. *Streets in central Clarendon will be closed to traffic all day; if you normally drive through Clarendon, you should plan to take a different route that day.*

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH (NW) AND YOU

The County is reviewing the NW concept to focus more on broader community service. Neighbors helping neighbors is part of NW and what we do daily in LV.

At its November meeting, LVCA will explore how we can build on NW to further strengthen our community. LVA invites you to share your ideas. For example, would your block help identify potential hazards, neighbors with special needs, or special neighborhood resources? Would you be a Block Contact?

What could LV do to prevent the type of problems it had during Isabel? Share your ideas at the November meeting.

### CERT ON ALERT

Of the 100 County trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members, LV is fortunate in having 16 as safety resources. During Isabel the LV CERT was activated by the County to distribute ice, mark downed power lines, and aid in communication. Hard hats off to our CERT team and to others who lent a hand when it was needed!

### ♪Potomac Harmony Chorus Concert♪

LV's own Lois Reingruber, singer with the Sweet Adelines, International 2002 Blue Ridge Regional Winners, invites you to attend the annual show, *American Jukebox*, 3 PM, Oct. 18 at TJ Community Center, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. For tickets call 703-764-3896. Adults \$15; Seniors and Kids \$12

**Delta Gamma Fraternity Art Auction** fund raiser, October 11, 7-10 PM LV Community House. Tickets: \$10.

**Wanted:** Legal, energetic, friendly, English speaking sitter for 19 mo. and 3-year-old boys. Tues and Thurs 12:30 to 5:30 PM. Call 703-243-

### Lyon Village Dues

Lyon Village Citizens Association dues for 2003-04 are now due. Dues are \$10 for a household, or \$7 for an individual. Checks should be made payable to "LVCA" and sent to:

LVCA Treasurer Carl Mattick  
1428 N. Fillmore St.  
Arlington, VA 22201

or dropped in Carl's mail slot.

**Clarendon Sector Plan process.** The process continues underway. Among other things the task force is seeking to identify possible additional open space in Clarendon, particular in areas that border the surrounding residential neighborhoods. One site area being considered is the area where 13th St. joins Washington Blvd. opposite St. Charles Church. The site might include the commercial property next to the Bromptons as well as land currently part of the 13th St. right-of-way. 13th St. would be narrowed and moved slightly and the Washington Blvd. elbow eliminated.

**Lower cost daytime parking in Clarendon.** The parking garage in the Hartford office building is now open and available on a monthly, daily, and even hourly basis. Monthly passes are \$70, and the garage is very convenient to the daycare center in the Baptist Church. For more information email Dave Morrison at [dave@metroparkinc.com](mailto:dave@metroparkinc.com) (703-433-0585)

## HOW TO GET ZONED PARKING ON YOUR STREET

Frustrated because you and your guests can't park in front of your house because of commuters or Clarendon bar customers? You may want to apply for zone permit parking on your block, or extension of existing zoned parking hours. Here are the County's requirements:

1. Investigation is done block by block, i.e. 1400 block, etc.
2. The criteria used are (a) at least 75% of the available street parking on the block should be occupied, (b) at least 25% of the available on-street parking on the block should be occupied by out-of-area vehicles such as commuters, shoppers, students, etc. who have left the residential area, and (c) once these criteria are met, 60% of the residents of that numbered block must sign a petition in favor of having permit parking restrictions instituted.

Further information can be found on the County web site @ [www.co.arlington.va.us/dpw/traffic/parking/rppfaq.htm](http://www.co.arlington.va.us/dpw/traffic/parking/rppfaq.htm)

### SIDEWALK SAFETY NOTES

A wet spring and warm weather have given us a verdant Village. This has also resulted in some dangerous conditions, especially for night walkers. Please look for problems and trim shrubs and branches intruding on walkways. Also note sidewalk upheavals and mark these hazards with bright spray paint.

### THE CANINE CORNER

Dogs are an asset to the Village. The police note that dog walking discourages criminal activity and builds a sense of community. Most dog owners are responsible for their pets, but a few hired walkers and new folks may not know the rules. Be sure that your dog is law abiding: leash the dog and clean up after it. Note that not everyone likes to be nuzzled, appreciates your pet's barking, or likes your pooch exploring their property even when leashed. Good pets are great neighbors.

### Village Market

**For Sale:** Rossingnol Sport STS 74" skis, Marker Sensomatic M40 bindings and poles. \$150. Call 703-527-4533.

**For Sale:** Working Kenmore dryer, \$50 OBO. DR table and side table: Danish style teak veneer, \$50 OBO. **Free** 6X8 aluminum shed. 703- 243-1234

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