



The Lyon Village

Bulletin

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Spaghetti Dinner 2004 Saturday, March 13th 5:30 and 7 PM seatings

Mark your calendars! This is the annual Lyon Village Community House fundraiser and community get together! Call Tom Harrison to volunteer baked goods, or to help with set up, clean up, or food and beverage serving: **703-528-5740**.

When the snow falls —

Please help the snow plow driver by parking in your driveway or, if you must park in the street, by not parking opposite another car. This speeds the plowing effort and allows the operator to plow to the curb.

Also, please remember to shovel your sidewalk, and if you can, help an elderly neighbor by shoveling a path to their front door and checking on their needs.

For unplowed or icy streets, call the County snow # at **703-228-6485**

♫ Spring is just around the corner...

On Sunday, May 2 at 8 AM, the Arlington County Running Club will conduct a scenic 26-mile Arlington marathon. The race will start, Olympic-style, with 600 meters on the W-L track.

During the day the running club will host the American Cancer Society's 18-hour Relay for Life and hold a track meet for youth, open, senior, and Special Olympic athletes.

Runners may also attend the health and fitness expo W-L High School on Friday, April 30, 4-8 pm, and Saturday, May 1, 10 am-6 pm.

The marathon will benefit the Arlington County Civic Federation's 9/11 Scholarship Fund, Arlington Public Schools music & athletics programs, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Special Olympic Virginia, and Washington-Lee High School graduation.

To register, help, or for more information call 703-218-2726, or send an email to racedirector@att.net.

February 9 Meeting: "Arlington Arts" 8 pm in the Lyon Village Community House

For our main topic we have again invited Susan Nichols and Vivian Kallen, both members of the Arlington Arts Commission (Susan also lives in Lyon Village) to present the Commission's power point program on "Arlington Arts: Just Around the Corner." (They were unable to join us at the January meeting because of an equipment problem.)

They will describe the arts scene in Arlington, which includes more than 300 artists and 50 arts-related organizations, from nationally recognized theater to dance, artist studios, and music groups, including the Arlington Symphony.

Clarendon Baptist Church Files Preliminary Plans

The Clarendon Baptist Church filed a preliminary submission with the County's Zoning Administrator on January 30, just as this newsletter was going to print. From the documents we were able to obtain from the Zoning Administrator's office, they are asking for a rezoning of the R-5 single family residential portion of their site to the C-3 commercial zoning district. The main church is already zoned C-3, but the rest of the block, including the church school portion, which includes the daycare center, is zoned R-5. They are expected to file their final submission by February 13.

We expect that once the plans are formally filed, they will be reviewed in a public process by the Site Plan Review Committee, which is a committee of the County's Planning Commission. After review, the plans will be reviewed by the Planning Commission, which will make a recommendation to the County Board. The County Board will make the final decision.

The materials we obtained did not include any drawings or building elevations, but indicated that the church desired to replace the existing church building with a new church and an affordable housing building. While we do not know for certain, we expect the plans will be similar to those described in the January *Lyon Village Bulletin*. As we understand the proposal, the rezoning would be inconsistent with County planning documents and set a precedent for expanding the Clarendon commercial area into the surrounding neighborhoods. The building would also exceed the height limit in the Clarendon Sector Plan.

Bulletin Deliverers Needed!

Each issue of the *Lyon Village Bulletin* that is left in your front door reaches you through the help of a neighbor volunteer. We have 23 delivery routes and generally a volunteer for each route. We all appreciate the efforts of these people as well as the work of Mark Weinress, who coordinates the distribution process.

Currently, we need new volunteers for the three following delivery areas:

Route 1 – which includes 46 homes on Johnson St. and the nearby blocks on Jackson and Hudson Streets.

Route 2 – which includes 39 homes on blocks bounded by Hudson, Key, Hartford and 13th Streets.

Route 17 – This route includes the 36 homes bounded by Highland, Key Blvd, Harvard and 20th.

If you would like to volunteer (and you don't need to live in the same delivery area), please contact Mark at markweinress@msn.com

Wanted: Newsletter Feature Writer on Clarendon Retail

We are looking for a volunteer writer. We would like to begin a new feature for our *Lyon Village Bulletin*, a short monthly column highlighting a small Clarendon retail business, such as a new family-owned restaurant, gift store, or repair shop. We would like to identify the proprietor, the nature of the business, and any special services or products offered.

If interested, please call Marolyn Hatch at 703-522-9074.

Winter Wonderland...Enough is Enough!

Play it safe in winter: winter storms can be deceptive killers because of deaths indirectly related to the storm. § Automobile or other transportation accidents are the leading causes of death during winter storms.

§ Exhaustion and heart attacks are often caused by overexertion during snow shoveling.

§ Many older Americans literally freeze to death in their own homes after being exposed to dangerously cold indoor temperatures, or are asphyxiated because of improper use of fuels such as charcoal briquettes that produce carbon monoxide.

§ House fires occur more frequently in the winter because of the lack of proper safety precautions when using alternate heating sources (unattended fires, disposal of ashes too soon, improperly placed space heaters, etc.)

§ Pets can suffer the same hypothermia that we do. While pet coats are good ideas, dogs lose most of their heat through their paws, ears, and mouth. Be sure not to let them out in the yard for more than a few minutes. § And don't forget to remind your nanny's that a motionless child in a stroller chills quickly. Hats, gloves, and blankets are essential.

W-L PTA requests donations for Class of '04 post-graduation event

The W-L PTA is once again asking for donations to help fund the 14th annual post-graduation, substance-free, all-night graduation party. The event includes a 3-hour cruise on the Potomac for seniors after graduation and an after cruise breakfast for seniors and guests served by parents.

Donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to the "W-L 2004 Graduation Boat Party" and send to: W-L High School 2004 Graduation Boat Party Committee, 1300 N. Quincy St., Arlington, VA 22201.

For more information, call Rebecca Guenther (703-536-8736) or Augusta Molnar (703-276-1426).

Likely Consideration at March Meeting of Request to Support County Funding for Curbs and Sidewalks on Hudson St.

Lyon Village homeowners on the block of N. Hudson St. between 13th St. and Key Blvd. have recently circulated a petition to request County funding for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks on their block of Hudson St. Because the funding would come from County neighborhood conservation funds, their request requires the support of the civic association, and the association must prioritize the request relative to any other neighborhood requests. If approved by the civic association at the March meeting, we understand that the project will likely be funded in the current funding cycle. The placement of the sidewalk at the Key Blvd. end of Hudson is expected to have a traffic calming effect by more clearly defining the street and separating pedestrians from traffic.

This is likely to be the only Lyon Village project proposed for this cycle. (This process applies only for streets that do not have curbs, gutters and sidewalks, and is in lieu of homeowner assessments for the cost of such improvements; replacement of existing curbs, gutters, and sidewalks is through other public funding and does not require a petition or civic association approval.)

In conjunction with this effort we are beginning to work with County staff on designs for a narrowed 13th St. The 1990 addendum to the Clarendon Sector Plan calls for 13th St. to be narrowed by removing the median and creating green space along the edge. Funding for the first block of this project, the block between Herndon and Hudson Streets, was obtained as part of the site plan approval process for the Hudson residential building, now under construction along the south side of this block of 13th St.

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Training

The County will be offering two free CERT training classes beginning Tuesday, February 10, and Thursday, February 19. These classes train you to respond to a major disaster event. Learn to help your family, your community or your co-workers. For more information and to enroll go to www.co.arlington.va.us/ccc/classes/htm

Lyon Village Women's Club

The Lyon Village Women's Club (LVWC) will hold its first 2004 meeting on Thursday, February 19th, 7 pm at Kim Heckler's house at 1918 N Harvard St. Both members and interested women are encouraged to come. Bring your ideas for what you would like to do this year. Please RSVP at LVWC@comcast.net, or call Claire Brown 703-465-8393. For more information visit their website: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/lvwc/home.html>

Village Market

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