



# The Lyon Village

## Bulletin

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### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, March 13th, 5 of 7 PM could be your last chance to savor the original Dick Pons' spaghetti sauce! After 25 years, Dick is considering passing the sauce ladle to his sous chef, Tom Harrison.

Since Dick Pons started the annual Spaghetti Dinner in 1980, approximately 200 of your neighbors have gathered at the community house each year for the neighborhood's longest running social event—and most famous spaghetti sauce!

When Dick started the spaghetti dinner, it was primarily “a way to meet others in the village.” In 1986, the \$1 admission fee was raised, and a second seating and bake sale were added to fund improvements for the aging community house. Over the years, these have included a new heating system, new lighting, and the most appreciated new lavatories. In recent years, a silent auction has included items from a chocolate torte to a week on Captiva Island thanks to Agnes Davis of American Realty Group.

Tom Harrison, who took over as chairperson from Jesse Upperco in 1987, says the dinner wouldn't happen without the “terrific and reliable volunteers.” LV neighbors provide great live music, wonderful side dishes, as well as set-up and clean-up. Tom encourages you to help out as it is still “a terrific way to meet the best of Lyon Village.” **To volunteer or buy tickets, call Tom at 703.528.5740.**

Dick Pons' vision has given our neighborhood a sense of true community, ensuring that we are not a typical cordial suburb, but an interconnected village. Volunteer, invite a new neighbor, or contribute something for the silent auction or bake sale. It all benefits our community house.

As resident historian Ditty Boaz says, “Come to the Spaghetti Dinner—Even standing in line is fun!”

### Meeting March 8, 8 p.m. at the Community House

#### Topics: (1) Vote on Hudson St. Conservation Project (2) Real Estate and House Renovation in Lyon Village

We have two topics for our March meeting. First, as explained below, we need to vote to support the curb and sidewalk project for Hudson St. and to make it our priority project for the current County funding cycle.

Second, we have asked realtor Ingrid Wooten, builders Brian Normile and Tim Wallace, and interior designer Mark Weinress, all Lyon Village residents, to speak on house improvements and renovations in Lyon Village — what today's buyers are looking for, what is big in renovations, and ways to improve your house short of a major addition or renovation.

### Meeting Topics:

#### (1) County Funding for Curbs and Sidewalks on Hudson St.

The first matter on our agenda concerns the request of Hudson Street homeowners for funding for curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. 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 us, their proposal will then be reviewed and hopefully approved for funding by the County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee in the current funding cycle. This is the only Lyon Village project proposed for this funding cycle.

#### (2) Real Estate and House Renovations and Modernizations

We have invited Ingrid Wooten, Brian Normile, Tim Wallace, and Mark Weinress to talk about home sales and home renovations and improvements in Lyon Village. Ingrid is a frequent lister and selling agent of houses in Lyon Village, and hears buyers' likes and dislikes. Brian and Tim are both builders and have their own firms. Brian recently renovated and sold a house on North Herndon St. and then moved into a house he substantially rebuilt on North Hartford St. Tim has built upscale additions on houses throughout the Village and much of the County. He currently has a project underway in the 1800 block of North Herndon St. Mark is an interior designer, and his clients include several Lyon Village owners.

We have asked Ingrid to focus on what buyers are looking for in Lyon Village houses and what they will pay most for. We have asked Brian and Tim to focus on the types of spaces they are building for their buyers and clients — the size and purposes of the spaces, and the finishing details, from flooring to baths, to kitchen cabinets, appliances, and countertops, and even the new “slate” roof materials.

Mark will take a somewhat different approach and offer ideas on how you can modernize, for yourself or for resale, without undertaking a major addition or renovation, such as with new paint colors, fabrics, new lamps (or just new lamp shades), renovating elements of a kitchen, or changing the function of a room.

### Trash Talk

While spring cleanup is upon us, remember that old air conditioners, tires, and motors are unsightly. The County may pick up some major trash, but they have limits on the type and bundling and there is a small fee. Call 703.228.6570 for information.

#### What Gets Recycled?

**YES:** Glass bottles and jars, all types of metal food and beverage cans, and plastic bottles and jugs with narrow necks only (milk jugs, soda bottles, laundry detergent bottles, etc.). Containers must be rinsed clean, with all caps and lids removed. Place material loose in recycling bin (no plastic bags or paper).

**NO:** Plastic bags, cookware, drinking glasses, light bulbs, mirrors, window glass, other metal items, aluminum foil, pie pans, plastic containers other than #1 and #2 bottles and jugs (yogurt cups, clam-shell/deli containers, margarine tubs, etc.), styrofoam, containers that held toxic or hazardous materials.

#### **Marathon Cancellation Notice**

The Arlington Marathon scheduled for May 2 has been cancelled for this year. The County supports the concept, but the sponsors did not have time to complete all permit requests and address some concerns. Entry fees will be refunded. Call 703-218-2726.

#### **Neighborhood Day**

The annual parade from Clarendon Metro to Courthouse will be May 8 at 2 PM. If you have a special interest that you would like to share with your neighbors or represent a group such as scouting you may qualify for a parade spot. Start now to be part of this neighborhood event. Call Todd Dubois (Arlington County) at 703.228.3969 for more information.

#### **Your "Old Home"**

LVCA has been approached by Home and Garden Television, which is looking for renovated homes "with a history" to feature on a new HGTV series currently titled *Generation Renovation*. HGT learned of the Village through the County website. If you would like more information about sharing your experience with updating and preserving, please contact Karla Freivalds at [www.highnoonproductions.com](http://www.highnoonproductions.com) or call 303-.712.-3199.

### Baptist Church Files Plans

Since the February *Bulletin* was printed, the Baptist Church has formally submitted a request to the County for a partial rezoning of their site and has submitted plans for an 8 story apartment building over a new 2-story high church. The existing church (but not the church school building) would be demolished, but the steeple/entrance way would be retained. The apartment building would be about 104 feet tall.

The church cannot build the proposed building under the current zoning for the site and the current County land use plan. As reported earlier in the *Bulletin*, the proposed rezoning and additional height could set a precedent for other rezonings along the neighborhood edge and expansion of the commercial district into the neighborhood. Neighbors in Lyon Village close to the site who have reviewed preliminary plans have expressed strong objection. The plans must go through the public County "site plan review" process; no dates have been scheduled. We will have a copy of the plans at the March meeting.

#### **Other Matters:**

**Leasing activity in the Hartford office building.** We understand that Georgetown University has leased the second floor of the new Hartford office building at Highland and Wilson. In addition, build-out has begun in the 7800 square foot retail space fronting on Wilson for Vesta Home, a retailer of traditional and contemporary furniture and accessories.

**Dogs in Lyon Village: Leashes and cleanup.** Now that it is again nice to take a walk, we have received several requests from Lyon Village residents to remind dog owners of County rules that require that dogs be on leashes and that pet owners clean up after their pets. They have recounted recent incidents in which they and their leashed pets were confronted by loose dogs, intimidating their pets and making them difficult to control. Loose dogs should be reported to the police or animal warden, and the dog owner is subject to a \$25 fine. Residents on popular walking routes have complained about dog owners who fail to clean up after their pets. Please be considerate of fellow pet owners and your neighbors.

#### **Lead Levels in County Water.**

The County website states that there are no lead service lines distributing water in Arlington. The County's website states that lead levels are regularly tested and remain below "the actionable level."

### Village Market

**Pet walking/feeding:** Weekdays or weekends: Call Abby and Lydia, middle and high school students. Experienced, with Lyon Village references. Call 703-528-3731

**Free:** Legacy 747 bench press; Health Rider exerciser; pumpkin-color and oak dresser/bookcase unit for child's room; Brookstone small pool table. Call Fran-703 527-4584.

**Part-time Housekeeper/babysitter:** Reliable, responsible, mature, and great with kids. Call Filomena-703-525-7519. For references call Barbara-703-525-3382.

**Housekeeping:** Wonderful, English speaking housekeeper in search of extra cleaning jobs on a regularly scheduled basis. Lyon Village family will provide references. Contact Flor at 703-241-2168.

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