



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## New Lyon Village Web Page

Our new Lyon Village web page is now on line. Check out Lyon Village events and current and back issues of the Lyon Village Bulletin at [www.lyonvillage.org](http://www.lyonvillage.org) Many thanks to web master Jo-Anne Fouad for putting the new site together.

## Good Food and Good Friends Make a Successful Fund Raiser

March 13 brought together over 200 LV neighbors and friends to help raise money for our Community House. As with other LV celebrations, family and kids—lots of them—showed up to enjoy the Pons “family recipe” spaghetti sauce, great salad, and garlic bread plus homemade baked goods.

This event couldn't have happened without Tom Harrison's upbeat leadership and a host of chefs, servers, “bus persons” and donors. Many thanks to all.

The silent auction this year again offered us weary-of-winter Virginians several enticing beach opportunities donated by American Realty LV neighbors Agnes and Dave Davis, Kathy Lash, Janet Russell, and Patricia Newman.

## Super Senior Taxi Program

Red, Blue, and Yellow Top cabs offer discount cab coupons to people 75 years and older. These \$20 books can be purchased for \$10 (ten books per year.) Contact the Area Agency on Aging 703-228-1700 for an application and instructions.

## LV Women's Club Events

*April 16*, Coffee Social 9:30-11:00am.

*April 27*, Tea/Tour at the National Cathedral, 1:30 pm, spaces limited.

*May 21*, Coffee Social, 9:30-11:00am.

*June 13*, Potluck Dinner, time and place TBA. RSVP 703-465-8393.

*Fall/Winter 2004 LV House Tour* volunteers needed. For more information, please visit the LVWC website: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/lvwc/home.html>

## April 12 Meeting, 8 pm, Community House

**(1) Allocation of developer funds for narrowing of 13th St. and gateway treatments. 8pm.** We have been asked by County staff to approve how \$150,000 in developer-contributed funds for narrowing of 13th St. and related gateway treatments should be allocated. See further discussion below.

**(2) Proposed land use plan change, re-zoning, and site plan for the Clarendon Baptist Church. 8:20 pm.** We have invited representatives of the Clarendon Baptist Church and their co-developer Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing to present their plan, and will discuss it afterwards. See further discussion below.

## More on Meeting Topics

### Developer Funds for Narrowing 13th St.

When the Hudson residential building was approved, the developer agreed to contribute \$150,000 towards narrowing 13th St. and traffic calming measures in Lyon Village that would help mitigate the impact of the development.

The site plan condition was drafted broadly, giving Lyon Village considerable discretion on how the funds would be used. Our intent at the time (and likely our current desire) was that the funds be used to narrow 13th St. in the block opposite the new building, and to add “gateway” treatments at the corners of 13th and Herndon and 13th and Hudson. When the site plan condition was approved, it was not known when or even whether the building would be built, whether the needs would remain the same, or what the costs would be. For example, it now appears that the gateway at 13th and Hudson may be built with other funds. County staff is asking that we indicate our current position.

The narrowing of 13th St. is called for in the 1990 addendum to the Clarendon Sector Plan. Under the plan under discussion, the median will be removed and road re-graded and narrowed. The curb on the Lyon Village side will be moved away from the houses, allowing for a nice planting strip, sidewalk, trees, and buffer; the curb on the south (Clarendon) side would remain in the same place.

### Clarendon Baptist Church Proposal

As explained in earlier issues of the Bulletin, the church has filed a request with the County to change the land use and zoning on its site, and wants to tear down the church sanctuary and replace it with a 10-story building — a 2-story church at ground level, and an 8 story building above. The church school building, which houses the daycare center, would remain. An attached flyer put together by nearby Lyon Village neighbors shows a sketch of the building as proposed by the church. The church and its partner, the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, will present their plans and answer questions at the April 12 meeting.

As the flyer prepared by the neighbors explains, the proposal would place a very tall building next to the neighborhood. It would be nearly twice the maximum 55 foot height called for in the Clarendon Sector Plan for this part of the church site. With regard to zoning, most of the church property is currently zoned R-5, which is a low density residential district similar to most of Lyon Village; the church is asking that this portion be rezoned to C-3 or C-R commercial, which would allow much more height and density on the entire site. The re-zoning alone would allow the church to build 7 stories along 13th St. by right. Most importantly, the re-zoning would represent the first expansion of the commercial district into what is regarded as the neighborhood, and the first “crossing of the line” since the original sector plan was adopted in 1984. This is important because building heights in the commercial area are based on the distance from low density residential zoning. It would also set a precedent for other intrusions into Lyon Village and encourage land speculation along our Metro corridor edge

### Tornado Day in Arlington

The VA Department of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service joined forces in March to promote tornado preparedness. County Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) designed some clever exercises to practice site assessment, search and rescue, and triage.

A tornado shares many traits with other unexpected, violent events so this exercise and related school events were worthwhile.

Tornadoes struck VA over 30 times last year, usually between 3-9 PM. A tornado watch is just that: weather conditions suggest an opportunity. A tornado **warning** means one has been sighted and you should "go down and stay low" immediately. If you can't get to a basement, a bathtub is a good last resort. Know how to be prepared.

The *Post* recently noted that a Federal survey indicates that 20-30% of US households have an emergency supply kit and only 15% have a communication plan to contact loved ones during a crisis.

Arlington has a number of assets to help us get through weather and other incidents, but **you** are the first responder. Help in any grave situation can be minutes or hours off. Know how to protect and aid yourself and your family. Learn and practice first aid, CPR, home evacuation, and sheltering in place. Remember Hurricane Isabel?

And while independence is the American way, check with neighbors with needs. Make plans when you don't need them and they are "on the shelf" when you do.

#### Arlington Alert: Free

In an emergency the County wants to send you Arlington-specific information via text messaging to pagers, cell phones, or email. This service is also in Spanish should your child care provider need it. On 9/11 several nannies were at the LV park and unaware of danger. Change that by signing up at [www.arlingtonalert.com](http://www.arlingtonalert.com)

#### Project Watershed Watch

Help protect our water resources by volunteering for stream cleanup or just picking up litter from the curb. Call Elenor Hodges: 703-228-6427

### Update on Hudson Residential Building, Possible Site Expansion

Clark Realty, the developer of the Hudson residential building on 13th St. between Herndon and Hudson Sts., has told us they will open a rental office in May and hope to have the first tenants in the low rise part of the project by late June. The curbs and gutters are currently being constructed, and they expect to have most of the area around the perimeter of the site (sidewalks, light fixtures, etc.) completed in June. They expect to complete the high rise building this fall.

We understand that Clark is trying to buy the frontage properties along Wilson Blvd. that adjoin its site as well as the Nam Viet property on Hudson St. If it acquires all or part of those properties, Clark would like to build another 8-9 story building. Clark said that it would likely propose to retain the front 25 feet of the buildings fronting on Wilson (which might be retained or reconstructed), and that the new high-rise building behind might bridge the alley. Clark is about to begin construction of the last part of its currently approved plan, its "finger" building along the south side of new 12th St. next to Nam Viet. Clark indicated it would like to resolve matters relating to further site acquisition within the next 30-60 days. Any new building would have to go through extensive County review, including before the County's Historic Affairs & Landmarks Review Board. Clark is coming to our Executive Committee meeting on April 5.

#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, April 10--11 am to 1, the LV Women's Club is sponsoring its Annual Easter Egg Hunt; bake sale, and special appearance by the Easter Bunny!

All LV children are invited. Bring your cameras and have a good time! For more information, call Meg MacKenzie at 703-524-4482.

#### Village Market

**Armstrong 104 Flute:** Gently used; pads in good condition. Nice sound. Perfect for beginning student. \$300. Call Ann: 703-243-0413.

**Part-time housekeeper:** reliable, responsible, 15-year reference. Excellent English; legal. Call Filomena 703-525-7519 or Barbara at 703-525-3382.

**2001 Gateway Select 950 PC,** AMD Athlon 950 MHz; 128 MB 133 MHz SDRAM added; recordable/rewrite CDRW; Microsoft ME, Deluxe MS Office 2000; **17 inch color monitor; Epson color Ink Jet 880 printer;** all software and brochures. \$200-OBO. Call 703-248-9226.

Oak finish **entertainment center** (can hold 31" or slightly bigger TV, spacious video/audio tapes/discs storage, excellent condition, originally \$600+) Now \$130-OBO. Ikea light-oak finish **bookcase, dresser and youth (1-14) bed set;** excellent condition \$250-OBO. Call 703-243-3631.

**Wanted: Full-time, legal and loving nanny** with good English skills to care for two infant girls beginning in May. Call Lisa at 703-525-9292.

**Hand-knotted Turkish Carpets:** for sale, Community House, April 23-24.

**Fish Tank** (12"x 48"x18") tank stand, cover with light, filter, heater, automatic feeder for vacation times; 4 beautiful fish! \$125. Call 703-243-7724.

**Donate a bike and get a tax deduction.** For her senior project at H-B Woodlawn, Ellie Gaito is collecting bikes for "Pedals for Progress" for distribution to people in need in underdeveloped countries. She will pick up the bike at your house. A \$10 donation is requested to help with shipping and distribution. If you an extra bike, please call Ellie at 703-524-3659.

#### Village Welcome

to Mark Greim's *Edge Yoga*, a new yoga studio at 2440 Wilson Boulevard. *Edge* welcomes beginners as well as advanced students and focuses on developing flexibility, grace, and strength. Daily lunch time and evening classes are available; drop-ins welcome; Saturday afternoon workshops on special topics. Learn more at [www.edgeyoga.com](http://www.edgeyoga.com) or call 703-243-8866.

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