



The Lyon Village

Bulletin

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New LV Board Elected in June

The Village owes its appreciation to the volunteers who have agreed to serve and were elected as members of the Citizens' Association. These Volunteers serve our community; your concerns and comments are important to this process. Plan to get involved in the community process: attend community meetings, volunteer for committees, and be active in the LVCA. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and keep up on Lyon Village and Clarendon news!

It takes a community to maintain a Village.

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Feel free to contact your board members. Contact info can be found in the Lyon Village Directory or at www.lyonvillage.org.

The LVCA Exec. Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month, 8 PM at the Community House. All Association members are welcome, but only Committee members may vote.

Reminder: LV Association Dues are due: \$5 per individual; \$8 per family. Make checks payable to LVCA and send to Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore Street, Arlington, 22201

Volunteer Opportunity

Monthly distribution (Sept-June) of LV Bulletin. Excellent community service activity to bring civic and local information to LV community. Please call Bob Park, 703-528-4398 for info.

Message from the President

Monthly Meeting Monday, Sept. 20th, 8pm at the Community House

The Harris Teeter Supermarket/ Washington Irving Condominium development team will be joining us to share their plans and hear our remarks. This is your chance to give input on this project. In addition, we hope to have our County Emergency Preparedness Officer share his experiences supporting the Florida recovery from Hurricane Charlie.

The September LVCA Executive Meeting will be held on Monday the 13th due to the Labor Day holiday.

This is your Association in support of your neighborhood. Add your Voice to the Meetings. See you there!

Local Development News

George Mason University's Arlington Campus plans to build an office/retail/parking structure at 3434 North Washington Blvd, next to the Giant. SRA International Inc. has signed a lease for 191,000 square feet in the building that is to be completed by July 2006.

Harris Teeter is proposing to build a supermarket and mixed-use condo/retail/office project to be called the *Washington Irving* between the Red Top Cab building and Sam's Deli at the corner of Washington and Irving. Most of it would be down Irving to 13th Street. The building, 100' tall at Washington and terracing down to 3 stories at 13th St., is within the existing height and density restrictions. Zoning permits a 10 storey building.

The project plan would save the Washington Blvd facades, except the Midas Muffler building. Entry would be on Washington Blvd with the underground parking garage and loading entries off Irving Street and possibly Washington Blvd.

This plan would give Lyon Village and the growing local population service from a premium supermarket within walking distance. It would, however, increase traffic in an area that is currently difficult to navigate and would preclude the planned extension of 12th Street through to Washington Blvd. This project is in its very planning early stages at this point.

Clarendon Baptist Church: The most recent meeting of the county appointed citizens group on the proposed Clarendon Baptist Church project took place on 8/31. This project proposes a high-rise tower to replace the current church at Highland and Hartford streets. The project will include luxury condominiums, affordable housing and a new sanctuary for the church. This project exceeds the height and density for a site adjacent to a residential neighborhood and if approved will set a precedent for other similarly zoned property around our neighborhood edge. Lyon Village, along with other nearby civic associations, is in favor of the affordable housing but opposed to the current height and density of the proposed tower. Our goal is to bring the height and density to within the county zoning regulations. If you would like more information on this issue, contact Mary Renkey at mrenkey@verizon.net.

Mixed Use Proposal for 2515 & 2525 Lee Highway: BCN Enterprises proposed a project for the 2500 block of Lee Hwy at the site of the 7-11 convenience store. The site is currently rundown and partially vacant. The project plan includes 24 condo units, 4 live-work units, and 3750 sq. ft of commercial space in a three/four story structure with garage parking. The site is to be developed under a new county ordinance that provides flexible, creative solutions for the revitalization of existing shopping areas while promoting commercial developments that encourage local and small business.

Prep Time

New school schedules, Homeland alerts, hurricane season...all remind us to review our emergency plans. Here's a quick checklist:

- Get updated school guidance.
- Check your first aid kit and knowledge.
- Check family phone tree.
- Practice fire evacuation plans.
- Fill up gas when half empty.
- Make a shelter-in-place plan.
- Make pet plans.
- Renew your 3 day water/food supplies (great time for a neighborhood picnic to eat the "leftovers.")
- And relax knowing you are prepared.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

CERT training prepares people to respond to a major disaster that may delay our first responders. It includes triage, treatment of victims, fire suppression, utility cut off, light search and rescue, team management, and a terrorism module. 205 county residents have completed the 8 session, 6 week course. No charge to county residents, but about \$25 of supplies are needed. Sept/Oct classes available. Contact: www.arlingtonva.us, Emergency Preparedness, then link to CERT.

Local Talent in Ft Smith Art Show

LV artists Linda Maldonado and Laura Lemley invite you to an art show and sale at Ft. Smith, featuring paintings and ceramics created by members of the Arlington Artists Alliance and inspired by this historic Arlington site. Saturday, Sept 18 from 11 to 5 Sunday, Sept 19 from 12 to 4. Directions: From Spout Run, take Lorcom Lane, turn North (right) on Fillmore St. Take first right onto 24th St. Go almost to the end; note a sign for Ft. C.F. Smith Park on left, continue straight to parking lot on left. Art work is on display at the Hendry House; just follow the path.

Swing for TACTS

Friday, Sept. 17th, The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS) will host its 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Pleasant Valley Golfers Club in Chantilly. Proceeds go to TACTS, which operates Arlington's ONLY shelters for women and families who are abused or homeless.

Trimmers Alert

Please take the shears to those tree branches and shrubs that are a real danger to dog walkers at night. Keep our sidewalks accessible and safe.

Let Us Hear From You

Let us know how you would like the Association to react to the above proposals by emailing brief comments to lvec2004@msn.com. Be sure to identify the project. Due to expected volume, answers are not likely, but your opinions will be circulated to the entire Executive Committee.

Welcome to a New Clarendon Business

Clarendon's newest restaurant is the smart-looking Delhi Club on the corner of N. Highland and Clarendon Blvd.. The Delhi Club is co-owned by Rajan Negpal, whose three other businesses in the area include Hot Shutz, British Goodies, and Il Radicchio; and Balraj Bhasin, who owns The Bombay Curry Company, a successful Indian restaurant in Alexandria. Rajan and Balraj hope to make the Delhi Club a popular Clarendon eatery by offering excellent Northern and Southern Indian cuisine at "neighborhood" prices, in a simple, yet stylish atmosphere. Delhi Club is open daily for dinner and lunch M-F. Tandoori, curries, kabobs, biryani are offered (ground lamb is a specialty); the lunch menu includes salads and wraps. 113 N. Highland Ave., 7/243-6522. www.info@delhiclub.com

And let us not forget to patronize the many fine ethnic restaurants that made Clarendon a metro destination before it became "famous." They are what distinguishes our area from Pentagon City or Bethesda. As a radio ad says of another reality: "Ignore them and they will go away." See you there!

Foster Caretakers Sought

The Animal Welfare League seeks volunteers to participate in its pilot foster program for kittens and puppies. They stay with foster care providers until they are old enough to return to the county shelter to be adopted. The league provides veterinary care and supplies. You provide the heart! And don't worry about becoming too attached. There are restrictions on when and how many fur balls you can consider making permanent family members. The shelter also welcomes volunteer pet walkers. Great way to combine losing those pounds and having a little cuddle time with an abandoned animal. Interested? Call 7-3-931 9241.

Apologies for the lateness of this month's Bulletin. The Labor Day Holiday and our transitioning of Board members caused delays. We hope to be back on schedule for October.

If someone whom you know in the Village has mentioned that they aren't getting the Bulletin, encourage them to call Bob Park (703-528-4398) or better yet, to volunteer to distribute in their neighborhood. It's a great way to get out and meet people.

Village Market

Walnut veneer antique dresser 46" (H) x 38" (W) x 21": \$150/OBO or best offer. 2 small top drawers and 3 big drawers. A "Cargo-style" student desk: \$50/OBO. 50" (W) x 32" (H) x 32". Three drawers. Delivery optional @ \$20. Call Jessica at 7/525-7417. Proceeds will be donated to the renovation of the historic Langley Hill Friends Meetinghouse in McLean.

Brand new comfy chair hammock and stand. Great for large porch or outdoors. 6' footprint. \$75 Easy assembly. Marolyn: 7/522-9074

Excellent, reliable LV house cleaner. For contact and reference call Jackie at 7/243-0905.

8'x10' patterned rug with black background. Good bedroom/study rug. Excellent shape, dry cleaned. \$25. Call Marolyn 7/522-9074. Local delivery available.

Sign on now with the *Bulletin* to provide pet care, baby sitting, or yard work in the fall and winter months. This is another good school project opportunity and could earn money for your favorite charity. Use the email address below to run your ads. Give your first name, phone number, and your "specialty." Many of your neighbors rely on our community for this kind of support.