



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## LVCA Dues Reminder

LVCA dues are now due for 2004-2005. If you haven't paid since Sept. 1, please make out a check payable to LVCA for \$7 (individual) or \$10 (household) and send to Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Call (703)525-0819 for payment information. Our Fiscal Year runs from Sept. 1 through August 31

## LV House Tour

LV Women's Club 2004 Holiday Home Tour is Sunday, December 5, 4-7 pm. Only 300 tickets available. Reserve yours in advance for \$15. Tickets also at the LV Community House Dec. 5 from 3:30-6 pm for \$20. LVWC seeks volunteer greeters. For information call Meg at 703-524-4482.

## Learn Topiary

LV Women's Club will host a topiary workshop Monday, 11/22, 12-2 pm at the LV Community House. Cost will be \$25. Contact Meg MacKenzie 703-524-4482.

## December Holiday Party

### Save the date December 21

Mark your calendar and join your neighbors at the Holiday Party December 18, 4-6 pm, at the Community House. Bring family and friends to welcome Santa to the Village. There will be entertainment, cookie decorating (and eating!) and holiday punch. A few elves are needed for publicity, setup, baking treats, serving punch or clean up. Please call Eric Ritland (703) 875-8195 to volunteer an hour or so of your time to make this a festive event.

## Annual LVCH Raking & Clean-up

November 20 from 9:30. Call Tom Harrison for information 7/528-3740 of just show up with your rake and enjoy a fall morning in service to your community.

## Chili Dinner Off

The November 13th. Chili dinner has been cancelled due to an apparent lack of community interest. Please let us know at [lvec2004@msn.com](mailto:lvec2004@msn.com) if you'd like to see this event rescheduled. Thanks!

## Vision for Our Neighborhood

Volunteer to help on our Neighborhood Conservation plan update. The NC plan includes sections on land use and zoning, capital improvements, traffic and transportation, parks, and beautification. Our last plan was done in 1978 and is in need of an update; to do this we are looking for volunteers. Please call Puddy Blunden at 703-243-8636 or email [lvec2004@msn.com](mailto:lvec2004@msn.com).

**LVCA Executive Meeting: November 1 at 8 pm**

**General Meeting: November 8 at 8 PM**

**School Boundary Changes:** We are setting up a panel to discuss the boundary and enrollment adjustments for North Arlington elementary schools including Ashlawn, Barrett, Glebe, Jamestown, Key, Long Branch, McKinley, Nottingham, Taylor, Tuckahoe, and Science Focus (see related article below). This will be your chance to ask questions, make comments, and discuss the issue.

**VOTE Required at LVCA meeting:** The Neighborhood Conservation petition for south-side sidewalk, curb, gutter, utility strip (south side only), corner nubs and gateway paving on 13th Street North from North Johnson Street to Kirkwood Road was passed by 13th street residents. NCAC now requires LVCA approval of the project. We will be asking for approval at the November Civic Association meeting. In addition, we will vote on requested street lights for Franklin Road nearby the Java Shack. Come and hear from Puddy Blunden on additional projects that are being planned for our neighborhood including, Hudson, Calvert and Cleveland street improvements.

## County Updates

Your comments on these issues are welcome at [lvec2004@msn.com](mailto:lvec2004@msn.com)

**The First Baptist Church of Clarendon (FBCC)** high-rise including affordable housing was approved by the County Board on Oct. 23. The approved application includes the proposal for a ten story building of 118 units with a two-story sanctuary at the base. The Board voted to change the General Land Use Plan designation from semi-public to medium density mixed-use, along with rezoning the C-3 portion of the site and almost half the R-5 (residential) portion to C-R. In approving this project, the Board ignored the objections of Lyon Village, Lyon Park, and Clarendon-Courthouse, all actively opposed to the project. All three neighborhoods support affordable housing for the FBCC site within existing zoning laws.

There are questions on the financial viability of this project. The FBCC, with no development experience, has created a for-profit corporation to be the developer of the building and to be responsible for the project's success. By its own admission the FBCC fiscal track record is weak. A great deal of County money will be used to help fund this project.

The next steps will be critical as we continue our efforts to keep this ill-advised project from moving beyond the concept stage. A significant part of the concern is the potential precedent this project creates around the edges of our neighborhood on 13<sup>th</sup> and Veitch Streets, Kirkwood Rd, Wilson Blvd and Lee Highway. The Board seems to be ignoring zoning laws as written; and folks in the area are planning the next course of action. For more information, please contact Mary Renkey at [mrenkey@verizon.net](mailto:mrenkey@verizon.net).

**Thurgood Marshall Parking:** At its September 18, 2004, meeting, the County Board directed the County Manager to evaluate expanding the use of the Thurgood Marshall Building's parking lot and to report back to the County Board at its December 11, 2004 meeting. The County Manager directed staff to establish a small working group including: 1 representative of the Transportation Commission (serves as the Chairperson); 2 representatives from the Lyon Village Citizens Association (Carl Mattick & John Luehrs); 1 representative from the Clarendon Courthouse Civic Association; 2 business representatives appointed by the Clarendon Alliance; 2 representatives appointed by the School Board and other County staff as needed.

LVCA strongly objects to the use of the two residential lots for parking as this portion is not zoned for such use. Also, this would do little to relieve the local street congestion as cars are parked several blocks into LV. With sufficient public parking available, it would seem unnecessary to expose surrounding homes to the raucous behavior of bar patrons in the early hours of morning, especially on work days.

### Interstate 66 Proposal

Come to the open house Wednesday, November 3, 2004 to see proposals for improving/widening I66. Many Arlingtonians oppose a wider I66 roadway; this is your opportunity to see what is being planned. Come to Washington-Lee High School, 1300 N. Quincy Street at 7-8:30 pm. See article at right.

### Don't throw them away!!

Old glasses, cell phones and airplane toiletry kits will be collected at your LV home if you call Martin at 7/465-5434. The Lyon's Club of Virginia and the community project of my school will redirect these useful items to benefit homeless and Third World projects.

### The Flu Season and other Calamities!

Our cheery officials have moved from worrying us about a flu pandemic to telling us we'll be just fine with a little hand washing, eating our veggies, and not getting too close to each other. I guess CDC folks haven't ridden our metro.

So what can you do to prepare for flu season? Check out the contents of your emergency food and medical supplies. Chicken soup gets the professional nod as do bananas, rice, teas, bread (keep a loaf in your freezer), juices, and applesauce. Non-aspirin pain relievers may be appropriate, and you may want to order an extra supply of prescription drugs in case you don't feel like going to the drugstore.

Don't forget that pet fur collects germs so keep your pets clean and out of the sick room.

And remember, there is nothing admirable about going to work or school when you are contagious.

### Fireplaces

It's chimney cleaning season. Burning under-aged wood with a high moisture content increases the amount of creosote that will line your stack. Creosote can cause chimney fires that in turn can cause house fires. Don't let this happen. Have a professional check your chimney and enjoy the pleasure of a safe fire.

### Bulletin Submissions

To help your Bulletin editor, please keep the following in mind.

- ◆ Deadlines are necessary. This is a volunteer job with many hands getting the Bulletin to you.
- ◆ We are not an advertising venue. General public announcements are accepted when space permits.
- ◆ Make your entry short and well edited. Only you know what you want to say.
- ◆ Remember this is a two-page newsletter and there are many contributors.
- ◆ Keep your sense of humor in submitting and reading.

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### Updates Continued:

**Interstate 66.** The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Federal Highway Administration are conducting a feasibility study on how best to ease congestion on I-66 westbound for the 6.5 miles from the Rosslyn tunnel to the Dulles Airport Access Road and to move traffic during emergencies. At Governor Mark Warner's request, a community-based planning process will be used to consider a realistic, affordable, and effective transportation solution that stays within the existing right of way of I-66 westbound. The study will begin with four initial concepts: (1) A "No Build" option; (2) Transit options; (3) HOV/HOT Lane options; and (4) Roadway widening options. For more information go to [www.idea66.com](http://www.idea66.com) and click on the *Click Here for Upcoming Events* box on the right.

Also see [www.acstnet.org](http://www.acstnet.org) and click on *I66 Proposal background* to read I-66 history. Read the white paper *Alternatives to Widening* to understand ACST's perspective on this issue. There are also links to additional information and a running history of ACST actions such as press releases and testimony. Finally come to the open house Wednesday, November 3, 2004, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Washington-Lee High School, 1300 N. Quincy Street.

**School Boundaries.** In July, the Arlington County School Board directed the Public School (APS) Superintendent to develop, with community input, recommendations on boundary and enrollment adjustments for North Arlington elementary schools including Ashlawn, Barrett, Glebe, Jamestown, Key, Long Branch, McKinley, Nottingham, Taylor, Tuckahoe, and Science Focus. Also a Committee consisting of the principal, a teacher, and two parents from each school and APS staff will develop their recommendations. The Superintendent should present his review and recommendations to the School Board by the second Board meeting in December. Any boundary or enrollment adjustments will be made prior to September 2005.

Currently, part of Lyon Village is assigned to the elementary schools of Key/Science Focus while part is assigned to Taylor. However, students assigned to the team schools of Key, Science Focus, Taylor, and Jamestown can apply for a priority intra-team transfer to any of the other schools in the team. Some APS proposed recommendations would affect Lyon Village and have drawn concerns.

Since current data does not state that any of LV team schools are over capacity, individual Committee members expressed the sentiment that the Committee not consider boundary changes until the data show that there is a real need and that all options short of boundary changes should be considered first. For more information go to [www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/northboundary.html](http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/northboundary.html).

**Arlington Parks Bond** will be on the ballot this November. Arlington voters have the opportunity to approve a \$75 million referendum to develop and enhance Arlington's park and recreation facilities. A large portion of these funds would go to the new North Tract are expected to open by summer 2007. Information at [www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtract/ParksRecreationForumsNorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtract/ParksRecreationForumsNorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx) or by emailing County Planner Erik Beach at [ebeach@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ebeach@arlingtonva.us). More information on the park bond is at: [www.pvvc.org/voteyes.html](http://www.pvvc.org/voteyes.html).

## Village Market

**Pet sitting** in your home: cute, house-trained, and extremely friendly 9-month-old Cockapoo looking for overnight play dates. Mom travels and would like to place the dog in a private home rather than a kennel. She is very friendly to other dogs regardless of their size and cats.

**Willie, the Dachshund**, also looking for a companion in his home while Dad is away. Visit 3 times a day for a little mutual TLC. Call George at 703-243-0931.

**Nanny-share or babysitter** for infant, 2 or 3 weekdays per week. References required. Please contact Andrea at 703-812-9703

**Baby sitter:** Martin Monnard (16). Available every evening but Fridays for children 2 and older. Speaks English and French. Call 7/465-5434. LV references: Pilchens 703-524-8765

**Nanny share:** Available 2 days a week. Call Linda for details. 7/527-7184

**Part-time help** available for cooking, child and elderly care, errands, laundry. Monday-Friday, 7 am-2 pm. Contact Luciane Berrouet: 301-587-4189. LV refs: David and Jo Lynn Ricks, 703-276-7842.

**Household Items:** Twin size mattress (\$30), floor lamp (\$25), table lamp(\$10), white eyelet canopy for full size bed (\$30, paid \$120), and a linen and comforter set for full-size bed (girl's colors, \$30). Everything is either brand new or in excellent condition. Please call 703-243-3631.