



# The Lyon Village

## Bulletin

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### **Holiday Reminders**

#### **Lyon Village Holiday House Tour December 5**

Lyon Village Women's Club will sponsor the 2004 Lyon Village Holiday Tour on Sunday, December 5 from 4-7 pm. Tickets in advance will be available for \$15. Tickets will be available at the LV Community House the day of the tour with refreshments from 3:30-6 pm for \$20. This will be a fun opportunity to visit your neighbor's homes and get decorating ideas! Contact Meg MacKenzie 703 524 4482.

#### **December Holiday Party**

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 still needed. Please call Eric Ritland (703) 875-8195 to volunteer an hour or so of your time to make this a festive event.

**Thanks** go to Tom Harrison and his LV Community House raking crew of Fran Gedney, Mark Arnold, Joe Gaito, Marolyn and John Hatch. Wet job made all most light by many hands and community spirit. And special thanks to the County leaf crew who made a second pass to remove the huge piles from the street parking areas.

#### **Returning to Clarendon**

We are about to gain another retail furniture shop in our Clarendon shopping district. Ethan Allan is taking over the former Domicile Home space adjacent to the Cheesecake Factory. Domicile Home, a small southern based furnishings store chain unfortunately went bankrupt and was forced to close their locations. This development has given Ethan Allan the opportunity to return to Clarendon after an absence of many years, continuing our strong presence as a home furnishings retail center for Arlington. The new store is projected to open in January.

**LVCA Executive Meeting: December 6 at 8 pm**  
**Holiday Party: December 18 from 4 to 6 PM**  
**The Holiday Party will replace the General Meeting this month.**  
**Hope to see you there!!**

At our last General Meeting on Monday, November 8, we were pleased to have Libby Garvey, Arlington School Board Chair with us to discuss the upcoming boundary changes for some of our elementary schools. There was a lively discussion on this and other school issues. We thank Libby for joining us.

We also held a vote for improvements to Franklin Street through the NCAC. The neighborhood voted in favor of the proposed improvements. We appreciate the hard work provided by Puddy Blunden on these projects.

In addition, we voted to approve the slate for the new Community House Board, which is chaired by Mary Anne Lilly. These hardworking people take care of our Community House. We want to thank them for all their work for us.

### **County Updates**

**Your comments on these issues are welcome and encouraged at [lvec2004@msn.com](mailto:lvec2004@msn.com), we'd love to hear from you!**

#### ***The First Baptist Church of Clarendon***

Many neighbors are concerned and alarmed over the County Board's rezoning and approval of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon's plan to build a ten-story building across from neighborhood homes. In doing this, the Board ignored the opposition of the three closest neighborhoods and also ignored explicit provisions in the zoning regulations that would have limited the height of the building to 55 feet (5 stories).

Unfortunately, the opposition to the construction of this building has been portrayed as an opposition to affordable housing. Nothing could be farther from the truth. All three neighborhoods that opposed this project are in favor of affordable housing for this site. The opposition is to the zoning change which sets a dangerous precedent for our neighborhoods by allowing an over-sized building on the site. We have consistently requested that a building containing affordable housing, and that meets the current zoning regulations, be considered for this site.

The implications of this decision appear to be far-reaching, in that it signals a willingness by the Board not only to push unprecedented height and density into the neighborhoods, but to utterly ignore neighborhood concerns in doing so. There are some rumors that this rezoning is the county's way of pushing more density into neighborhoods around the metro. This could mean that unless we organize now, we may expect this type of development to occur around the neighborhood edge and even perhaps, into our neighborhood. Bear in mind that a part of the FBCC rezoning involved an R-5 to C-R (residential to commercial) rezoning. A number of your neighbors are taking a stand to challenge this action because they think it is illegal. In addition, we hope to involve other neighborhoods in this action. The services of the law firm Blankingship & Keith have been acquired. The firm, located in Fairfax, and has a strong land use practice. Together, we can tell the county that this is not how we want our neighborhoods to be developed and that we think the County Board should spend more time listening to neighborhood concerns and honoring the zoning regulations as they are written. If you would like to contribute to this effort so that it will not be just a few neighbors carrying on the fight on behalf of the whole neighborhood, please contact Mary Renkey at (703)522-3952 or [mrenkey@bellatlantic.net](mailto:mrenkey@bellatlantic.net). Your concerned neighbors will deeply appreciate it.

The LVCA is on record as opposing the zoning changes necessary for the construction of this oversized structure on the proposed site. The LVCA will not be party to any legal action that may take place. However, your contribution to this fight is encouraged.

## ***New Business Neighbors***

You'll find unique gifts for the holidays at **Cosmo\*Tots** (2720 Wilson Blvd.) Find distinctive clothing for girls 0-8 and boys 0-4 as well as accessories, shoes, outerwear, diaper bags, and the latest strollers. Local Arlington residents and owners Juliet d'Epegnier, Efen Flores, and Anissa Sunday also offers kids programs—puppet shows and singing. Santa and Rudolph will welcome children at the store at 11 am, December 4. For more info call 703-812-TOTS or visit [www.cosmo-tots.com](http://www.cosmo-tots.com).

**CD Cellar** ( 2614 Wilson Blvd.) sells, buys and trades new, used and imported CDs, DVDs, and video games. It has the look and feel of an alternative rock shop but stocks an impressive array of musical genres. Owner Dave Giese heads up a knowledgeable staff that can find that special CD (be it Sinatra, alternative rock, oldies, classical or some other style) or can take those CDs gathering dust on your shelf off your hands for cash or trade. It's worth a visit to browse around the thousands of CDs. Hours are 10-10 Mon-Sat, 11-7 Sun. Phone 7/248-0635.

### **Prep for the Holidays**

In the spirit of the season, your CERT team offers the following gift list. Small Grundig **crank radio** w/light, Model FR 200 from LLBean at \$39. One minute cranking of indoor exercise for 1 hour of listening: AM, FM and shortwave. Cool colors and carrying case. **Swiss Army knives** with a variety of blades, tools, and related costs. (Replace the one that security took from you!) Car **first aid kit** (Costco) under \$25. And **board games** to build thinking skills and have fun with the whole family.

### **Keeping Watch over Lyon Village**

Two of our neighbors' houses in the 2800 blocks of Franklin Rd. and Key Blvd. were robbed recently. A dog door was used for access to one. Police advise us to call 7/558-2222 any time that we are apprehensive or see suspicious activity.

And perhaps it is time to consider asking the County about Neighborhood Watch for your area. NW helps neighbors look out for each other as well as alerting police about safety concerns. Check the County web site for more information.

## ***The Gold Standard - Arlington In the News***

There was a very interesting article in USA Today on November 9th, discussing our Roslyn-Ballston Corridor. Following is excerpted information from the article:

The gold standard for residential development near transit stations is Arlington County, Va., across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., urban planners say. In the 1970s, Arlington decided to concentrate development along its 3-mile subway route to maintain the character of suburban neighborhoods. That was novel and controversial at the time.

But the results are impressive: 35,000 residents living in 18,000 houses and apartments, 75,000 jobs, 1,900 hotel rooms and 17 million square feet of office and retail space within walking distance of subway stations. The half-mile-wide corridor contains just 7.6% of Arlington's land but generates a third of its tax revenue, keeping residents' property tax bills lower than anywhere else in the region.

"In Arlington, three-fourths of people walk to the train," Dittmar says. "In Fairfax, two-thirds drive. The difference is just dramatic."

Pedestrian-friendly spaces are critical, planners say. Arlington learned from early mistakes that buildings had to open onto sidewalks and invite walking. If a goal is to cut car trips - only a fourth of all trips are work trips - give residents fewer reasons to drive by mixing shopping, housing and entertainment, planners say. It will lead to fewer cars per household.

Offer housing choices - apartments, condos, townhouses and single-family homes. Single uses such as office buildings make for dead after-hours downtowns. Mixing uses creates 24-hour villages and more transit ridership.

Barely a decade ago, Arlington's Clarendon neighborhood was economically stagnant with aging housing and limited retail stock. Today, it's one of metro Washington's hippest areas. Bars and restaurants hum late into the night. Commuters rushing home pack upscale groceries for gourmet dinner dishes. *USA Today 11/9/04*

## **Village Market**

**Sports Items.** Bud-Light Sit-a-Top Inflatable Kayak (\$125, paid \$225), Datrek A.D.S. Sportstrek Self-Standing Lightweight Golf Bag (\$65, paid \$129). Both items new in original cartons. Call Paul 7/525-6964.

**XCounty skis and poles:** Rossingnol, Horizon AR, 193 cm (\$25) ; Fischer, Crown, 215 cm, needs one binding replaced (\$15). 7/522-9074.

**Large Fish Tank** including sturdy stand, top, light, filter, heater, everything you need! \$125 OBO. Call 703-243-7724.

**Treadmill:** Like new Trimline Model 1100. Great gift idea! Perfect when it's too cold to exercise outside. \$250 OBO. Call Greg/Jean 7/243.1812

**Wood Burners Tools/Equipment:** Hard hat with face shield & hearing protection (\$25); Craftsman sledge hammer & maul (\$15/ea.) Eight assorted wedges, including grenade (\$25); Steel 2 gallon fuel tanks (\$4/ea.); Other garden tools included. All for \$75. Call 7/522-2110.

**Found:** *Switchboard* brand skateboard on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Call 7/528-5763. Women's ring, white metal, stone, next to NTB. Call 7/522-9074

**Experienced babysitter** wanted, occasional evenings, for four-year-old. Call Parrys, 7/528-5763.

**Sewing Machine** wanted; older model with instructions and in good condition. Call 7/527-4533

**Housecleaning:** Paula Cabrera, who has done excellent work for several Lyon Village residents, is looking for additional housecleaning jobs in the local community. Call Paula: 301-562-8063.

**Rental:** Long time LV resident seeks reasonably priced apartment or home. Call 7/527-7729.

*HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR!*