



Bulletin

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SIDEWALK SAFETY

Winter has finally arrived and we hope it will continue to be as manageable as the recent snow-fall. Residents are expected to remove snow and treat ice to prevent injuries. As we are a walking community, please help out those unable to shovel or who are on vacation.

LVCA SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday March 12 the LV spaghetti dinner, traditionally our first harbinger of spring takes place, so mark your calendar and work up an appetite. This annual fund raiser supports our attractive community house, which like many of our homes needs occasional tender and costly care. Please support this fun activity on Saturday, **March 12, with 5 pm and 7 pm seatings; \$7 adults, \$3 kids.** Macaroni and cheese kids' dish available. And when did you last have a homemade dessert? This is a great neighborhood opportunity. Invite those new-comers and catch up with your block. Tickets at the door or call: Tom Harrison 7/528-5740 or Mary Ann Lilly 7/527-5089. Volunteers from set-up to serving as well as bake goods are needed. Call Tom for that too. See you there!

COMMUNITY HOUSE FUN

Our community house renters are another valuable source of revenue for our community house. They also provide local opportunities that can break up the long days of winter.

Check out **Music Together®** which is a music and movement approach to early childhood music development. Singing, playing instruments, dancing and marching helps children build motor coordination, physical awareness, and self-confidence. And music is said to enhance intellectual development. Newborns through 5 with an adult are invited to join this special neighborhood opportunity on Thurs and Friday mornings. Tuition \$185 for 1st child; \$135 for

**Executive Committee Meeting: Monday Feb 7 at 8pm
Open to all LVCA Members**

**Lyon Village General Meeting:
Monday, February 14 at 8pm**

We are fortunate to have Jennifer Smith coming to discuss the new proposed Clarendon Sector Plan at our February General Meeting. This is your chance to be heard before this plan is finalized. Due to scheduling, this meeting will begin promptly at 8pm with Ms Smith's presentation, so please come a bit early if possible.

For background, the draft Clarendon Sector Plan was unveiled on Monday, Dec. 20. The report is currently with the community for review and comment and the County Board would like make final approval of the plan in the Spring. There appear to be provisions that may benefit Lyon Village, such as slightly lowering the heights for buildings on the south side of 13th St. There are also changes that may cause problems such as proposed bonuses for commercial office, up to 5.0 FAR, potentially leading to extreme density and congestion. The LVEC (Lyon Village Executive Committee) will take up the proposed Sector Plan at its monthly meeting on Monday, 2/7/05. Currently, the LVCA has not taken a position on the proposal.

Neighborhood News

Your comments on these issues are strongly encouraged at lvec2004@msn.com. We also appreciate "Letters To the Editor" for potential publication in the Lyon Village Citizens Association Bulletin. Share your opinions.

At our last General meeting on Monday, January 10, we were happy to have Jim Hamre of the Arlington county Staff here to discuss the new ART 62 Bus that will offer service starting in early February Clarendon towards the Ballston and Courthouse Metrorail Stations. This service presents a nice benefit to our community and another way to avoid the use of a car on our increasingly congested streets. Jim also informed us that the county is about to replace many older diesel busses with 200 new clean-burning natural gas busses.

In addition, Jim discussed the design charrette to begin at the end of March for a unique Metro canopy for the Clarendon stop and a new design for Central Park (the new name for the park adjacent to the metro station between Wilson and Clarendon Blvd's).

Jim discussed the issues of Orange Line overcrowding as well. To help alleviate the problems at rush-hour, starting shortly all but three Orange Line rush-hour trains will be 6 cars. Currently, many are 4-car trains. This is in preparation for eventually moving towards 8-car trains once the metro system is upgraded to handle the longer trains. Currently, our base level service is one train every 12 minutes. At rush times the trains run every 6 minutes and at the peak hours they run every 3 minutes.

The approximate date for construction to begin on the Silver Line out to Wiehle Avenue in Reston is 2009. Finally, in important news for our neighborhood, the I66 study on improving the flow of outbound traffic is due from Richmond in about a month. A number of options are being considered, including leaving the situation as is. There is strong

home songbook, CD and music tapes. Call 7/534-7001 or visit www.littlepeepsmusic.com.

And for adults, eight foreign affairs professionals will give their perspectives on international and policy in a spring course, *Tour d'Horizon*, part Arlington's **Learning in Retirement Institute (ALRI)** at the Lyon Village Community Center.

The eight-week course, *International Relations*, is one of the most popular courses of ALRI, a nonprofit, volunteer organization that offers college-level, noncredit courses, lectures, special events and activities to help meet the continuing education and social needs of those over 50 years of age. All ALRI classes are offered during the day. *Tour d'Horizon* meets from 3-4 p.m. Mondays, beginning March 21.

To learn about this and the 29 other ALRI classes this spring, go to the ALRI website, www.ArlingtonLRI.org, or call the ALRI office, (703) 228-2144. ALRI membership is \$55 per year, and each course costs \$45.

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

Nothing like a cold snap to encourage cozy wood fires. But fire isn't innocent. February is fire prevention month because it is the month with the most house fire fatalities. Check your fire extinguishers and alarms. And remind the family that whether it's a cigarette or a votive candle, if its ignored it can be a killer.

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

The county's **Super Senior Taxi** program for residents 75 and older provides half-price coupons for use on Red, Blue, or Yellow Top Cabs. For information call 703-228-1700. Not 75 yet? Consider the Metro's **Zip Car** program. See your metro kiosk managers for details and pick up a car at Whole Foods and other nearby places.

SINGING VALENTINES by award winning quartet from Potomac Harmony Chorus. \$50 valentine includes a serenade of 2 love songs, a one pound box of chocolates, and a card delivered in person to your home, office, or restaurant. 2 love songs only by phone for \$20.00. Available on February 13 and 14 in the D.C. metropolitan area, including the No. Virginia and Maryland sub-

division of Lyon Village where the great majority of lots are smaller than the 6,000 square foot minimum required, some much smaller. When the County adopted zoning districts long after many of our LV homes were built, they established minimum lot sizes. We are mostly R6 (6,000 sq. ft minimum), but also have some R5 (5,000 sq. ft minimum). Two years ago, the County Board adopted some additional rules for buildable lots, one of which was that R5 lots must have 50 feet of frontage and R6 must have 60. Some of our larger lots (those that have the minimum required square footage) do not have the minimum required frontage.

Lot coverage relates to the percent of the lot covered by the house, garage, driveways, and other surface elements considered by the County in measuring coverage. Under the current ordinance, maximum lot coverage in the various residential zoning districts in the County is 56%, few Lyon Village lots approach or exceed this amount. The County Board plans to take up the lot coverage issue at the Feb. 12 meeting.

Clarendon Neighbors File Suit

The Clarendon neighborhood folks, who are battling the illegal zoning change by the County allowing a 10-story tower to be built on the site of the existing First Baptist Church of Clarendon, filed a lawsuit on Monday, November 22nd.

For more information on this litigation or to make a donation, please contact Mary Renkey at 703.522.3952 or mrenkey@bellatlantic.net. The LVCA will not be party to any legal action concerning the FBCC. The funds donated to the lawsuit will be used solely to compensate the outside law firm. Any time or expense any individual, including any of the named plaintiffs, has spent on matters such as research and analysis will be without reimbursement from donated funds. To the extent any donated funds are not necessary to fund the lawsuit, they will be returned to all donors in an amount proportional to the original contribution.

Revised Plan for Harris Teeter at Washington Blvd

Faison is finalizing a new proposed plan for a planned development at the corner of Washington Blvd and Irving St. The mixed-use condo/retail/office project would include a 10-storey tower facing Washington Blvd, tapering to about 4 floors at 13th Street. The new plan accommodates the requirement by the County to include 12th Street in the site. The two-storey supermarket would be located to one side of 12th Street, with frontage on Washington Blvd. The plan is to save the Washington Blvd facades between the existing Red Top Cab Building and Sam's Deli at the corner, with the exception of the Midas Muffler frontage. The existing facades would be moved back from Washington Blvd to accommodate wider sidewalks.

In an improvement to the original plan, the main garage and loading dock entrances are to be located on 12th Street, rather than Irving Street. The size of the proposed Harris Teeter would be about fifty thousand sq. ft. At this point, negotiations to increase the lot size by acquiring the Red Top site are on hold. The plan will be presented to the LVCA in a few weeks prior to being submitted to the County.

Village Market

Short-Term Paris, France, Rental: Lyon Village resident will rent her 1-BR apartment in the heart of Paris (7th Arr.) on a weekly basis to responsible adults, \$900/wk for 2 + cleaning fee. A spacious apartment for less than a hotel. Email Lee at alnesq@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Older traditional mahogany entertainment center. Fits 25" TV, drawers, shelves for stereo equipment \$100 OBO; off-white, very comfortable club chair and ottoman \$100; 2 wicker end tables \$20/piece. Call 7/248-9226.

For Sale: Beautiful, antique French 19th-c dining table. Solid Rosewood with a pedestal base and a self-storing leaf. The table diameter is 46-1/2 inches and extends to 58-1/2 inches with the leaf, \$2300. Email: markweinress@msn.com or see <http://washingtondc.craigslist.org/fur/57326765.html>.

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