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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!

LVCA Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, March 26 from 11 am to 1, the Lyon Village Women's Club is once again sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a bake sale, games, and a very special appearance by the Easter Bunny! The Egg Hunt is free and all Lyon Village children are invited. Bring your cameras and have a good time! For more information, you can call Meg MacKenzie at 703-524-4482.

LVCA Dues Update

If you can't recall whether or not you've paid 2004-05 LVCA dues, please contact Carl Mattick at 703-525-0819 or [emcmattick@cmattick.com](mailto:cmattick@cmattick.com). Dues can be mailed or delivered to the LVCA Treasurer, Carl Mattick at 1428 N. Fillmore St. Dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. Thanks!

Recycling Sight

Thanks to those of you who donated 23 pairs of eyeglasses that went to developing countries. You have given the gift of vision that for many will truly affect their lives. Start saving travel size toiletries for an upcoming drive.

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

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

Neighborhood Conservation will present its third project, entailing curb, gutter, sidewalk and lighting on Cleveland St. between Lee Highway and Key Blvd for neighborhood approval. The other two recent projects which have received LVCA approval are the 13th Street project and the Hudson Street project. See article below.

We also have Lonn Henrichsen, member of the Arlington County Cable Television and Information Technology Advisory Commission (CTITAC) and Lyon Village resident, to discuss the prospects for competition among cable television providers and describe an exciting new project that will bring wide-band fiber-optic Internet connectivity directly to individual Lyon Village residences and adjacent businesses over the next year. The history and composition of the CTITAC will also be briefly covered. This is an exciting development for our community. Questions on cable television and Internet connectivity will be welcomed.

Captain Kevin Reardon, our District 2 Commander, Arlington County Police Department will be at the General Meeting to introduce himself to the neighborhood and answer questions. Captain Reardon has taken the position previously held by Mary Gavin. He is looking forward to working with the LV neighborhood.

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.

Neighborhood Conservation Needs You to Vote!

At the LVCA March meeting, NC will ask the Association members to vote for its third LV project. Homeowners on North Cleveland Street between Lee Highway and Key Blvd. are seeking support for a curb, gutter, sidewalk, and lighting project. The LVCA will then need to prioritize NC projects: N. Hudson Street between 13th Street and Key Blvd., 13th Street North between North Johnson Street and Kirkwood Road and, if approved, North Cleveland Street between Lee Highway and Key Blvd.

The LVCA is also updating our 27-year old Neighborhood Conservation Plan. It is through this plan that we, as a neighborhood, let the county know what our vision of the neighborhood is. The plan may include sections on parks, traffic, curbs, gutter, sidewalk, parking, community likes and concerns, Clarendon development and zoning. While this is not a legal document, the County Board respects NC plans because they do reflect the wishes of their constituents. Not only will this update help us to see where we are and where we are headed, it will also aid us in getting more projects funded. NC needs several volunteers to help with this process.

The first NC organizational meeting will be on March 15th at 2603 Key Blvd. Adam Denton, county staff person from the NCAC department, will be there to answer questions and to get us started. For further information or to volunteer call Puddy Blunden at 703-243-8636 or e-mail at robertblunden@mac.com.

Lyon Village Directory

The new Lyon Village Directory has been distributed. If you did not get a copy, please send an e-mail to Bob Park at rparkfam2003@netscape.net or call him at 703-528-4398. Thanks Bob for all your help!

Dirty War

What would happen if a dirty bomb exploded in downtown DC and how would you react if you were there? *Dirty War*, a BBC film aired on TV in late February focused on this possibility in London. It depicted the panic that likely would ensue (think 9/11 in NYC but with germs.) The WETA showing was followed by a roundtable discussion including members of Arlington's first responder community discussing "how safe do you feel." Join your LV Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) as it discusses this film at its March 16 meeting at the Community House from 7:30 to 8:30.

The April CERT training class still has a few openings. Go to www.arlingtonva.us/cc/joinCERT/index.htm for info.

Residential Permit Parking

Arlington County is looking for input on ways to improve the Residential Permit Parking Program. County staff would like to hear from the public prior to bringing proposed changes to the County Board.

A Citizen Forum will take place on March 12 from 1-5pm at George Mason U, 3301 Fairfax Dr, Room 225. Four Community Meetings will take place from 7-9pm at various locations on March 14, 15, 17 and 21. **The March 21 meeting takes place at the LVCA Community House.** The locations for the other three meetings can be found online at www.parkarlington.com along with draft County recommendations. You can also submit comments by emailing park@arlingtonva.us by April 5th.

Worth What You Pay?

It's been noticed that some neighbors don't pick up the free newspapers we've all started getting. Those neglected newspapers have begun to invade our neighborhood like cockroaches. We can't stop them coming, but we can stop their spread by picking them up and dropping them in the trash (before or after reading).

Dream House

On Sunday, April 3rd at 9:30 AM the HGTV show DREAMBUILDERS will feature the Trillium House by local architect Jon Hensley at www.JonHensleyArchitects.com.

Dogs Best Friend

We hear a lot about Eagle Scout awards and less about the Girl Scout equivalent, the Golden Award Project. LV Girl Scout, Leila, of Troop 1036, is working toward this award. She offers LV Senior Citizens' canine pets a **free walking service**. Wouldn't you like to have someone walk your dog for you during these cold winter months? Call Leila at 7/ 527-5368.

Arlington Farmers' Market

Enjoy fresh produce, freshly baked breads, cheeses, and many other delights at the Arlington Farmers' Market, open every Saturday from 9am until noon at the intersection of Courthouse Road and N 14th Street. Call (703) 228-6417 with any questions.

Community Comments on the Clarendon Sector Plan

The communities of Lyon Village, Lyon Park, Clarendon-Courthouse and Ashton Heights plan to submit a joint letter to the County expressing serious concerns over the draft Clarendon Sector Plan. Community comments are to be submitted Monday, 3/7. The individual civic associations will also submit comments to the County regarding specific issues in their neighborhoods.

Lyon Village residents have expressed concerns over the greatly increased density and height allowed under the proposed sector plan. In addition, there is little clarity as to how positive elements in the plan will be carried out or enforced.

At our last General meeting on 2/14, Jennifer Smith, the Sector Plan Coordinator for the county's Planning Division provided us with an overview of the plan. We appreciate Jennifer's coming to meet with us. The meeting allowed for an important airing of the concerns of LV residents regarding the impact of the proposed plan on our neighborhood. The County Board would like to make final approval of the plan before the summer.

Interesting Developments In Local Lawsuit

Some interesting case law been discovered that parallels the suit filed to stop the illegal construction of a 10-story tower at the site of the First Baptist Church at the Highland/Hartford intersection. It seems that a small city here in Virginia planned to build a ten-story building, dedicated to housing the elderly and handicapped on land zoned partly residential and partly commercial. The maximum zoning on the site allowed for a building of about 5-stories. The building site was bounded by commercial buildings to the north and residential to the south. It was also immediately adjacent to a single-family home whose owners sued to stop the building.

In defending the suit, the city argued that there was a great need for housing for the elderly and handicapped and that this need had to be met. The Supreme Court of Virginia held, however, that the city had illegally approved the building. The Court stated that approval of such a building must be taken within the framework of the zoning and that such approval cannot be granted if it is not consistent with good zoning practice.

Your Lyon Village neighbors are continuing with their suit concerning the FBCC site, with a trial date set for June. For information or to make a contribution to this effort 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.

Of County Interest

ArtFest 2005 from April 1st through 8th

At Fort C.F. Smith, 2411 N. 24th St. in Arlington. The Arlington Artist Alliance will present a full week of Art Activities at Fort C.F. Smith. In conjunction with a multi-media art show and sale in the historic Hendry House, there will be ongoing free events, workshops, demonstrations, performances, exhibitions and opportunities to sign up for a workshop with some of Arlington's most prominent artists and teachers!

Free Events include: **Opening Reception:** Meet the artists and enjoy some refreshments on April 1, 6-8pm. **The Muskrat Ramblers Band:** Come and hear some rousing Dixieland music at the Hendry House, April 2, 12-2pm. **Star Dust Dance Band:** Golden Oldies played on the front porch of the Hendry House! April 3, 12-2pm. And **Harpist Charlotte Roe** performs in the Hendry House on April 3rd, 2-3pm. And there is much more.

The Arlington Artists Alliance, including our LV neighbors, Laura Lemley, Linda Maldonado and Meg Makenzie, is proud to sponsor this annual celebration the arts. For more information and to register, call 703-532-4450 or, better yet, visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

Village Market

Buffet/China Cabinet, Ethan Allen, dark cherry, very good condition, 52" wide x 80" high x 20" deep. \$1500. Call Ed, 7/248-8371.

Dog Sitter. Martin (age 16) 7/465-5434. Please leave clear message.

Command Communication Telephone Line Sharing Device allows fax, modem, or other telephone devices to use one phone line. All parts and manual, book size. \$10. Call Marolyn 7/522-9074.

Household Help: Single man would like to exchange help around the house, (cooking, cleaning, painting, etc.) for rent. Can help a senior citizen or other person who has a spare room in their house. LV references. Call 703-528-3731.

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