



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Spaghetti Dinner Success

Another annual spaghetti dinner was enjoyed by all thanks to many hands and our Chief Organizer Tom Harrison. The kitchen crews deserve our special thanks working as they do each year in a relatively small space that gets quite hot. And who could resist the abundant dessert table. Many thanks to those whose labor went into this event and to you who attended.

This dinner raised funds to support our Community House. American Realty again provided some attractive get-aways for the silent auction and realtor Ingrid Wooten had a drawing for some dinners out. This type of old-fashioned neighborly event is what makes Lyon Village so special. We encourage you to participate in LV events and share in the fun.

## Not in the LV Directory?

Lyon Village **adults** who did not make it into the new directory, are encouraged to give your neighbors a chance to pencil in your name! Please send your name(s), address and telephone number to:

lvbulletin04\_3@msn.com  
We will publish the information in our next newsletter. Your neighborhood friends will then be able to add you to their copy of one of Lyon Village's best communication tools! Sorry to the neighborhood kids, we don't have space for all of your numbers, but we bet you've already made arrangements! Thanks go to Nancy Hart for this idea.

## Time for Learning

Take advantage of free seminars at the Arlington Central Library. All seminars are taught by professionals in the respective fields. The seminars will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N Quincy Street. Call 703-228-6417 for more information or to register.

April 12 Creative Ways to be a Savvy Consumer.

April 21 Financial Management for Women Part I.

April 27 Financial Management for Women Part II.

## General Meeting Monday April 11 at 8pm At the Community House

### Executive Committee Meeting Monday April 4 at 8pm

#### LVCA Members are Encouraged to Attend the Meetings

We have an important & interesting Agenda for this month's General Meeting. Marc Messing will be presenting on Backyard and Community Wildlife Habitats. This is becoming a much bigger issue as our green space diminishes with larger homes on smaller lots and denser development. There are things we can do to help the situation.

In addition we will have a presentation and question & answer period on the major Zoning Ordinance changes proposed by the County. These changes affect all of us living in Lyon Village. Come hear what these changes mean and how they will effect you. See related article below.

At the Executive Meeting this month we will be selecting the nominating committee for the LV Executive Committee Elections to be held at the General Meeting in May. Mark your calendar. Those interested in the process or in serving on the EC should contact Mark Weinress at markweinress@msn.com.

## Neighborhood News

Please let us know your thoughts on the issues at  
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### Important Change in the Zoning Ordinance — How Will It Affect Lyon Village? How will it Affect Your Property?

The County Board is scheduled to vote on a significant change to the Zoning Ordinance that will reduce the allowable footprint size for a house and the allowable overall lot coverage. We are fortunate to have three Lyon Village residents who are working closely with the County to determine the impact of the proposed changes on all single family, detached homes in Arlington.

*Come to the April 11th General Meeting to learn:*

- What are the proposed new rules?
- What can you build or add now?
- How will that change under the new rules?

We will have overall data for the County, data for Lyon Village, and data for every property in Lyon Village that you can review to determine how your property will be affected. We expect to take a vote confirming the LV stance on this issue at the General Meeting. Thank you to Martha Moore, Jackie Snelling and Bill Gearhart for their work on this issue.

### Funding for Improvements to Lyon Village Park

On March 23, the Arlington Park Recreation Commission approved funding for the Kinderswing in the Lyon Village Park for an application submitted last summer. The Planning and Design unit of the Department of Parks and Recreation will be putting the project out to bid in the next couple of months and hope to start the work in the park by August. We would like to thank Mary Renkey, who has been the liaison to the Parks Committee, for her work on this neighborhood improvement. Ceci Philps also deserves our thanks!

### Harris Teeter on Washington Blvd

Faison has presented to the county a revised proposal for their project at Washington Blvd and Irving Street. The plan now includes a 12th St located behind 4 new townhomes facing onto 13th St. The new block of 12th St does not align with 12th St in the Hartford or Hudson blocks. Loading for the potential supermarket and 10-story residential tower would be on the new block of 12th St. Faison will be presenting their proposal at an upcoming LVCA General Meeting.

### **Proposed Redevelopment at the Riley House Site**

Developer Chip Cross has a proposal for a new development consisting of 3 homes for the site of the current Riley house on Johnson St off Jackson. These homes would be adjacent to Mr. Cross's *Lyon Crest* development of 5 homes visible above Kirkwood Rd (currently under construction). Neighbors near the proposed development have expressed concerns regarding drainage of the site and the potential for flooding, particularly for the homes on Kirkwood Rd, downhill from the site. There is also the loss of trees and green space. The county has created a URD for the site to improve the placement of the new homes (while allowing the homes to be packed more tightly together). A number of neighbors feel that given the by-right nature of the project, the URD has provided a solution to what may be an inevitable and unfortunate loss of one of the significant older homes in Lyon Village. The proposal will be heard at the April 25 County Planning Meeting and at the May 7 County Board Meeting. These are your opportunities to be heard. Please contact [markweinress@msn.com](mailto:markweinress@msn.com) for further information or concerns. In addition, Mr. Cross has invited concerned LVCA'ers to visit his office on the site for more details.

### **Seven Signs of Terrorism Video**

Following is the link to a seven-minute video detailing the *Seven Signs of Terrorism*. It was originally developed for use in training Michigan State Police and is now being distributed to community groups in Michigan. It's worth a few minutes of your time to take a look. Thanks to Margaret French of the Alexandria CERT for sharing this with us. [www.wzzm13.com/news/news\\_article.aspx?storyid=35456](http://www.wzzm13.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=35456)

### **Red Cross Disaster Leadership Training: 55 and Older**

The American Red Cross Washington Metropolitan Area Consortium (WMAC) is looking for volunteers aged 55 and older interested in disaster-response leadership roles during medium and large responses in the DC metro area. For more information and a schedule of meetings, visit <http://arcwmac.org> or contact Sally Cooney, recruitment coordinator, at [scooney@arlingtonredcross.org](mailto:scooney@arlingtonredcross.org) or 703-527-3010 x753.

### **News From Our March General Meeting**

The March General Meeting included a number of items of importance to the LVCA community. Our association approved the Cleveland Street NCAC project. Homeowners on North Cleveland Street between Lee Highway and Key Blvd. were seeking support for a curb, gutter, sidewalk, and lighting project. In addition, the association prioritized the three outstanding NCAC projects for LV. Our first priority will be the Hudson Street project, followed by the 13th Street project and then the Cleveland Street project. The Civic Association also voted to formalize a process of prioritizing NCAC projects that has been in use for a number of years.

Lonn Henrickson provided a presentation on the evolution of the Cable TV and Information Technology Advisory Committee, including new initiatives coming soon that will speed-up internet response time. This is an exciting development for Arlington County and we thank Lonn for the information.

Finally, Captain Reardon gave a very good overview of the police role and how it relates to Lyon Village. Captain Reardon has offered to address any policing issues LVCA'ers need help with. Please submit any issues to [markweinress@msn.com](mailto:markweinress@msn.com). We hope to see you at April's General Meeting!

### **Legal Case Update: First Baptist Church Of Arlington**

Preparations continue for the trial to prevent the FBCC from building an illegal 10-story apartment tower on the site of their current church building. This tower is to include affordable housing units (fully supported by the LVCA) and luxury dwelling units. The county is providing funds for this project, which includes a new chapel to replace the existing church. The LVCA is on record as opposing the illegal height of the proposed tower and your neighbors are dedicated to preventing its construction through legal action. A second lawsuit, not involving our neighborhood, has been filed regarding the separation-of-church-and-state; county funding of this project including a new worship space raises serious issues. The suit initiated by our neighborhood residents in opposing the height of the tower needs your support. To make a contribution or learn more about the issue, please contact **Mary Renkey at [mrenkey@verizon.net](mailto:mrenkey@verizon.net) or 703.522.3952**. The LVCA is not party to this suit, but strongly supports the prevention of the construction of an apartment tower in Lyon Village where the zoning does not allow such a structure. Such construction could have dire consequences for future development in Lyon Village due to the precedent that would be set.

## ***Village Market***