



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Interested in Crime Solving?

Captain Reardon of the Arlington Police reminds us that Crime Solvers is a community-based program that works to solve crimes by combining the efforts of the business and civic communities, law enforcement (ACPD) and news media. The key to the program is tipster anonymity. Citizens are encouraged to call a toll-free hotline, and tips that lead to prosecution are rewarded up to \$1000. Rewarding tipsters works, but not everyone can afford to put up a reward. That's why Crime Solvers is also reaching out to the businesses. Some qualifications for being on the board are the following: Attend Crime Solvers meetings; Promote Crime Solvers; Be able to keep confidential information confidential; Interest in fund raising for the group. For information contact Mr. Gregg Kurasz, interim President at 703-534-5220 or email Kurasz@erols.com.

Women's Club Sep 16

Lyon Village Women's Club will have a short meeting at 7:30pm Thursday, Sept. 16 at Meg MacKenzie's, 1800 N Wayne St. If interested please come to find out who we are and what our Fall line-up of events will be! Questions 703 524 4482.

Senior Emergency Preparedness

September is National Preparedness Month. The Office of Emergency Management and volunteers from Citizen Corps will present programs on preparedness at senior centers in September and October. Check with local senior center for dates or call OSAP at 703-228-4744. Further information can be obtained at the **Senior Information Fair on Sat., Oct. 29**, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road. Many agencies will be on hand to provide information to seniors. Provided will be free: ID cards, emergency 911 cell phones, smoke detectors and more. Contact the Arlington Agency on Aging, 703-228-1700.

Please remember the Survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

General Meeting Monday Sep 19 at 8pm At the Community House

Executive Committee Meeting Mon Sep 12 at 8pm
Please note that meetings are delayed one week
due to the Labor Day Holiday
All are Encouraged to Attend!

It's September and we're resuming our usual monthly meeting schedule with one exception. For September only, our General Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month, Sep 19, instead of the usual second Monday of the month. Presenting at the September Meeting will be the Faison development team updating us on their planned project for 1200 North Irving St at Washington Blvd with frontage on 13th Street. This 10-story project was formerly to include a Harris Teeter; the project's retail component has been reduced and the supermarket eliminated. See related article below. We will also be providing additional Clarendon construction updates. Hope to see you there!

At our Executive Committee meeting we will be discussing upcoming fall and winter events, a block party proposal by a retail business on Wilson Blvd and other issues. All LV residents are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

Neighborhood News

**Please let us know your thoughts on the issues at
lvec2005@msn.com**

September is National Preparedness Month - Are you Ready?

You can't predict the next emergency. We have certainly seen that in the aftermath of Katrina. You can take simple, low cost steps to be ready for the next emergency. Now is the best time to prepare.

Be Informed. In an emergency you will need to assess your situation and determine whether to stay or go. If you aren't in immediate danger, it is best to stay where you are until you get more information. You also need Arlington specific information. Sign up for *Arlington Alert* and read more about preparedness at www.Arlingtonva.us.

Make Plans. Sit down with your household to write down how you will contact each other and where you will re-unite when it is safe to move. The most common reason people leave a safe place is to check on family. If you know family members are safe, you will stay safe where you are and know you will re-unite.

Assemble Supplies. Get the basics you need to stay where you are or get to a safe place - water and nonperishable food, a battery powered flashlight and radio, extra batteries, and a first aid kit.

This fall, the National Capital Region will sponsor a media campaign and preparedness presentations in partnership with Arlington to motivate and inform residents to get prepared. Do the basics now. For further information, Contact Jackie@civfed.org or call the Office of Emergency Management at 703 228-7188. We will be scheduling a presentation on Preparedness at an upcoming LVCA General Meeting.

Pedestrian Improvements at Highland and Wilson

The long awaited pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Wilson and Highland will start this month. The focus of the 5-7 week project is the elimination of the right hand slip lane and island on the NE corner. The total re-engineering of that corner will significantly enlarge the plaza in front of the DHS building. Also included in this project will be the construction of new pedestrian nubs and accessible ramps near the Metro escalator, as well as widening the sidewalk on the north side of Wilson in front of the Hartford Building to make room for a new bus shelter. Traffic may be periodically impacted on westbound Wilson Blvd and both ways on Highland St; at no time will these streets be entirely closed. For information see <http://www.walkarlington.com/home.html>.

I66 Survey

As part of her dissertation, a doctoral candidate in George Mason University's School of Public Policy is conducting a survey to assess public opinion about the effects of transportation policies on quality of life. The focus is on obtaining opinions about the social and economic effects of implementing Ramp Metering, HOV Lanes and HOT Lanes on Interstate 66 in Northern Virginia. The survey can be found at <http://wps.stargazer.org/wps/portal/S-G-812>. All responses are anonymous. For further information contact KatheJ@cox.net.

July 4th Success

Though it now seems long ago, the LV July 4th picnic was one of our best; we had lots of new faces and families joining in the fun. Our thanks go to Rick Iglialis, our new Volunteer Coordinator. Thanks also to Carolyn and Scott Hall. Make it a point to attend the next fun LV event.

Is Your Sump Pumping?

With the terrible news of flooding down south, many of us are thinking of what we can do to prepare for bad weather. One item recommended by a fellow neighbor that might help is a "SumpWatcher." At a cost of \$39.95, the device works like an electronic "virtual" float replacing the mechanical float switch on your sump pump. It tests the pump motor every day and warns you if there is a problem. For further information see https://secure1.microbyte.net/virtual/washerwatcher/sump_watcher.htm. Please remember to give to the charity of your choice to help those in need in the aftermath of Katrina.

Good Neighbors

When cleaning up in preparation for the fall/winter season don't forget about your neighbors. Trash should not be placed in front of your home too many days before your collection day. Yard waste is an exception due to the few collections, but still should be kept as neat as possible. In addition, remember that your neighbors may spend more time looking at your front yard than you do depending on work/home schedules. Try to keep your yard tidy for the benefit of the neighborhood. The community appreciates it.

Lyon Village Artist at NSO Show House

In exciting local news, Lyon Villager Meg Mackenzie, who works tirelessly for our neighborhood, has gotten space at the upcoming National Symphony Orchestra Show House in Oct to hang her paintings. She is working on a landscape theme. Her watercolors were most recently seen in the brochure for last winter's LV Holiday House Tour. The Show House will open to the public Oct 2 - 31, at *Hidden Brook Manor*, a French neoclassical home in McLean. Info at <http://www.kennedycenter.org/nso/support/auxiliary/showhouse/>

Developments at Washington & Irving

At our August Executive Committee meeting, Faison presented a revised proposal for their building to be constructed at 1200 N Irving with primary frontage on Washington Blvd. This is the project previously known as the "Harris-Teeter Project." This new proposal was subsequently presented to the Clarendon Alliance and to the Bromptons.

The revised project differs radically from previous iterations. First, the retail component has been greatly reduced eliminating the possibility of Harris Teeter locating in the building. The developer has also made changes to some fundamentals of the project that have been at issue with both our neighborhood and the Planning Commission. These changes include revised massing and tapering that comes into greater compliance with the current Sector Plan and the zoning ordinance, and controversial bonuses that have been eliminated along with exclusion requests. In addition, a level of parking has been eliminated and the building density has been reduced by approximately 50,000 square feet.

The proposed revisions have done much to bring the project into line with what the community and county have been requesting. The main structure remains a ten-story condominium tower with retail below and several levels of underground parking spanning the area beneath the extended 12th Street. The building height tapers down to 12th Street as required. The separate structure facing 13th Street has been increased from 4 to 5 floors and been changed from townhouses to a condominium building with multiple 13th Street entries. The increased height on 13th Street was a preference of the community over a request for additional height toward the back of the main structure facing toward the neighborhood.

The projected timeline is as follows: Project Presentation at the LVCA General Meeting on September 19; Sight Plan Review Commission on September 19; Transportation Commission on September 29; Planning Commission on October 3 or 5; Housing Commission on October 6; County Board on Saturday, October 15.

Sala Thai Moving To Navy League

The Navy League, a seven-story, 220,000-square-foot building on Wilson Blvd in Courthouse, is expected to be completed early this fall. The filled ground-floor space will contain four restaurants. Sala Thai is relocating its restaurant from Washington Boulevard. Five Guys burgers and fries and Robeks, a smoothie and juice bar, have signed letters of intent for the space. The new Fire Creek restaurant will be offering hickory fire-cooked cuisine in a casual dining atmosphere.

Village Market

Seamstress Available: No job too small. Holes patched. Buttons fixed. Hemlines raised or lowered. There's almost always a way to make it work! Call Cheryl 703.525.1274

Large Oval Coffee Table, brass top with teak stand, for sale, excellent condition. \$55; solid wood plant stand, \$50; antique wood child's potty chair (over 100 years old), \$35; large nautical table lamp with clock, \$55; wrought iron glass patio table and 4 chairs great for a patio, excellent condition, \$100. Call Jo Ann, 703-524-0138.

Natural Wicker Chaise for sale with custom cushions. Good condition, \$150 Call 703 524 4482.

Antique French Table for sale, \$2300. Beautiful mid-19th-c dining table. This table is solid Rosewood with a pedestal base and a self-storing leaf. There is a partial label in French under the tabletop. The table diameter is 46-1/2 inches and extends to 58-1/2 inches with leaf. This table also makes a wonderful hall or center table. Please contact markweinress@msn.com or 703.516.0956.

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