



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Donations Welcomed

In recent years, the Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser, coming in October has auctioned donated items to help raise funds for the Community House. If you have items of interest you would like to donate, please call Sharon Snyder at 703-525-2188.

Arlington Home & Garden Tour

Please come out for the Arlington Home & Garden Tour Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of AGLA (Arlington Gay & Lesbian Alliance). This promises to be an exciting event and a chance to see inside some great Arlington homes. The event takes place on Saturday, September 30 from 11am - 5pm

There will be eleven beautiful homes in three great Arlington neighborhoods: Lyon Village, Cherrydale and Arlington Ridge.

Two of the homes on the tour are owned by Interior Designers, one by a Landscaper, two homes are Arlington HALRB winners (Historic Affairs & Landmark Review Board) and two have been published in home design magazines (including one in the August 2006 issue of Better Homes & Gardens). This is an event not to be missed.

Tickets: Before 9/25: \$25, or on Sept. 30: \$30. You can purchase your tickets online at www.agla.org/online.phtml

(Please type H&G Tour on the payment purpose line). If you prefer to pay by check or cash, please send e-mail to Teri@agla.org. Start your tour and purchase "Day of Tour" tickets along with complete home listings and maps right here in Lyon Village at 3200 19th Street, North.

Bargain Compost Bins

Presto Compost Bins will be available for just \$10 from Arlington County at the Arlington E-Care event at Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 125 S Old Glebe Rd. The bins are offered as part of a Recycling Event on a first come first served basis. For more information, call the Solid Waste Bureau at 703.228.6570.

General Meeting Monday, September 11th at 8pm at the Community House

The Arlington County Police will be providing a presentation on crime related topics, to be determined.

Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, September 4 at 8pm at the Community House—All Are Welcome to Attend

Attention! Lyon Village Families and Friends! SPAGHETTI DINNER is Coming in October:

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 14th. The annual fund raiser for the Community House is offering the delicious spaghetti dinners at 5:00 and 7:00 on the 14th

Tickets cost \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children two and older. Tickets will be on sale at the door or may be purchased ahead of time from Sharon Snyder (525-2188); Melanie Cummings (841-9671); Fran Gedney (527-4584), or Nancy Gaito (524-3659)

Baked goods for the dessert table are welcome and can be dropped off at the community house at 4:30.

The spaghetti dinner provides a fun opportunity to enjoy a tasty meal with neighbors. It also plays an important part in our ability to maintain the Community House. Funds recently raised have been used to completely remodel the bathrooms with renovations of the main hall and the kitchen planned for the future. A large part of these costs- as well as the monthly maintenance expenses- are covered by rentals of the House. The dinner, however, contributes a significant sum to the budget- so come and have fun!

The Wild New Neighbors

As was mentioned in the July/August LV Bulletin, there are more of nature's creatures moving into our neighborhood. In addition to squirrels, raccoons, deer and other fairly benign creatures, we now can add to the list foxes and coyotes. People ask, are these animals dangerous? The answer can be "yes," to some degree. Keep in mind though, these animals want to be left alone even more than we do.

When asked about the situation, the County suggestion is to learn to live with it. Any threat is very minor, and the animals are moving in and acclimating mainly due to the heavy development in Fairfax and Loudon. It's a trend that is occurring all over the nation. Animals are learning to urbanize and city/suburb areas have proved to be a very successful habitat for coyotes and foxes in particular. Subsequently, they've lost a lot of their fear. Some foxes can even become friendly and somewhat tame. People should not be fooled though. These are wild animals. Leave them alone and all should be fine. Do consider keeping small pets indoors at night for their safety. If you're on the lookout, dawn and dusk seem to be the best time for spotting animals on the move.

Dues Are Due

With the start of our fiscal year, we ask that Lyon Village Citizens Association Members make their annual contribution to the neighborhood. Dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. This keeps you an active voting member of the neighborhood. Please mail or deliver your 2005-2006 LVCA dues payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Call 703-525-0819 or email cmattick@cmattick.com with any questions.

Women's Club Meeting

The Lyon Village Women's Club will have a Fall organizational meeting Thursday Sept 21, 7:30 pm at Meg MacKenzie's home, 1800 N. Wayne St. All are invited. To RSVP or questions 703-524-4482.

Beautify Your Yard for Healthy Streams!

The Rain Garden seminar will take place Saturday, Sept 16, rain or shine from 9am - noon. Registration and refreshments begin at 8:30 am at The Atrium at Meadowlark Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, VA (<http://www.nvrpa.org/meadowlark.html>).

Learn how to properly locate, design, construct and maintain a small-scale rain garden, an attractive landscaped area that is designed to resolve drainage or flooding problems by capturing rain water and allowing it to soak into the ground. Participants will also have an opportunity to get their hands dirty in constructing and planting a demonstration rain garden on Meadowlark Garden's property.

Cost is \$10, payable at the door and registration is required. Contact Sally Ormsby at sally.ormsby@cox.net to register. For questions about the seminar contact Laura Grape, Senior Environmental Planner at lgape@novaregion.org.

Montessori School

Full Circle Montessori School, located in the heart of Ballston, is accepting applications for children 3 1/2 to 5 years of age for the fall 2006 and fall 2007 school year. Full Circle's mission is to foster a Montessori learning community that supports the development of the whole child. See www.fullcirclemontessori.com and/or call 703.243.8282 to obtain information on our application and enrollment process.

Arlington County E-Care

On Saturday, September 30 from 8:30 to 3pm the Arlington County Environmental-Collection and Recycling Event will take place. The location is the Thomas Jefferson Middle School at 125 S Old Glebe Rd in the West parking lot. The school is one block East of Glebe Rd and one block South of Route 50.

Items that can be brought for recycling include household hazardous materials, smoke detectors, and computers and electronics (for a small fee).

For more information see www.arlingtonva.us/recycle (type "bulk metal" in search field or call 703.228.6570).

Salvage Day Success

The Lyon Village Neighborhood Salvage Day in July was a big success. On that day, we had 41 families come through the home that stood at 1839 N Herndon Street, and they were able to salvage many items before the house was removed the following week. There will be two new brick colonials constructed on the lot. The family that has purchased one of the new homes actually was able to salvage the house numbers off the old house for reuse on their new home (their address number will be the same). They currently live in Lyon Village on N Highland and are very excited to be staying in the neighborhood while acquiring a home that meets their current needs.

It was a very busy day and many interesting items were acquired for free by Lyon Villagers. The only hitch was that all claimed items had to be removed from the premises by 5pm with no exceptions! Some folks arrived with work crews in order to remove larger items like the entire front portico for reuse at another home. Other items saved included all the original hinged exterior shutters, the fireplace mantles, built-in bookcases, a built-in china cabinet and even a built-in ironing board. Other popular finds were chair rail and base moldings that were a perfect match for some other older LV homes, stair treads, oak flooring, interior and exterior doors, hardware, plants from the garden, flagstones and lighting fixtures.

We owe many thanks to Brian Normile of BCN Enterprises for the opportunity to save so many beautiful items. This is also a good opportunity to remind folks that if you encounter any construction related problems due to new homes being built nearby, please contact Lyon Village President Mark Weinress prior to contacting the County. We're trying to tabulate issues encountered and to work with builders in our neighborhood to create the smoothest possible process as we encounter the sometimes difficult change and growth.

Thanks go out to all those who made this event a success and to Martha Moore and Mark Weinress for organizing the event. We hope to repeat the success of this Salvage Day in the future if other homes in the neighborhood sold for redevelopment.

The Arts at Overlee!

The Arlington Artists Alliance presents its fall 2006 show on September 29 and 30, 2006. The Arts at Overlee will feature over twenty-five oil, water media and pastel artists, potters and woodworkers offering artwork suitable for home, office, and gifts, in a variety of styles and prices to fit all budgets.

Attend the "meet the artists" reception Friday evening, September 29, from 7 pm to 10 pm; light refreshments served. The show and sale continue on Saturday, September 30, 12 noon until 5 pm.

The Arts at Overlee will be held at the Overlee Clubhouse, 6030 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22205.

The Arlington Artists Alliance is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting art and artists in Arlington County. Art is an intrinsic part of the community and enriches the lives of those working and living in Arlington. The Arlington Artists Alliance seeks to integrate the community at large and the community of artists at all levels.

Arlington Real-Estate

We've all been hearing about the weak real-estate market and wondering how weak is it? Arlington County is still considered a seller's market, which is good if you're marketing your home, not so good if you're looking to buy. However, if you are looking for a new home, inventories are high so there is a lot to choose from, and there is more room for price negotiation and even incentives.

One factor that is helping the Arlington market is job growth. In the first two months of the second quarter of this year, 1,563 jobs were added to the payrolls of county businesses. This helps to keep up demand for housing, if the new workers can afford to buy in Arlington. Affordability continues to be a big issue here.

The average price of a home in Arlington in the second quarter of this year was \$592,700. The forecast is for prices to continue upward. In the quarter there were 1,732 homes on the market and 806 sold. A total of 67 new homes were completed, bringing the total of new homes for the year to 90. The average number of days for a home was on the market was about 32.

In zip code 22201, encompassing most of our area, the average price for a home was \$613,600 with 161 homes sold. *Info courtesy Long & Foster.*