



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Holiday Party Sunday, Dec 10

Please join us at the Lyon Village Community House for the annual Holiday Party from 4 to 7pm. This event for family and friends welcomes Santa to the Village. This is always a fun time! Donations for Toys for Tots will be collected. If you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped toy for donation to this terrific organization. We are looking for volunteers and ideas for publicity, setup, baking treats, serving punch or clean up. The party is Potluck (folks can bring cookies or a dish to share), please let us know how you'd like to help and/or what you would like to bring. Please contact Andrea Abriere at abriere@nas.edu to volunteer.

Lyon Village Dues

Please mail or deliver LVCA 2006-2007 dues payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St., 22201. Call 703-525-0819 or email cmattick@cmattick.com with any questions. \$7 Individual, \$10 Household.

Ready. Rake. Recycle.

On Monday, Nov 6th, the County's fleet of leaf vacuum trucks will hit the streets! New this year, you can sign up to receive free schedule updates by e-mail at www.arlingtonva.us/recycle. Other ways to check the schedule: Bookmark the leaf schedule page for updates—<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdLeafCollectionsched.aspx>; Call the Leaf Collection Information Line for updates at 703.228.6565; Look for new, larger, bright yellow Leaf Collection signs in your neighborhood. If you prefer to bag your leaves, you may pickup free Arlington recycles biodegradable leaf bags at eight locations around Arlington from Oct 23 – Dec 22. Bags will be collected one business day after your regular trash and recycling collection day. Check Bag pickup locations at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdLeafCollection.aspx#bag>.

Buy Holiday Greens

Washington-Lee *Crew Boosters* are selling beautiful poinsettias, wreaths and pine roping again this holiday season. The fundraiser provides a great way to decorate homes and businesses. Rowers from Washington-Lee and H.B. Woodlawn High Schools will deliver items to your door in early December. For delivery on Sat, Dec. 2, order no later than Mon, Nov. 20. For delivery Sat, Dec. 9, order by Mon, Nov. 27. See www.w-lcrew.org or contact carol.quensburg@verizon.net. We depend on and appreciate your help!

Volunteer Tutors Needed

Do you like working with children to help them succeed in school. Become a Book Buddy for a first or second grader at Hoffman-Boston Elementary! Work 1 to 1 with an at-risk student 2 mornings a week before school. Training, all lessons, materials, and on-going support provided by reading specialist. A very enjoyable and effective program in its sixth year. Call Marty Maher at 703-524-7209.

General Meeting Monday Nov 13 at 8pm

There has been a great deal of concern raised in our neighborhood over the past few years about the removal of older homes for new construction. Many folks feel some of the new homes are not in character with the neighborhood. At our General Meeting this month we will have a presentation and question & answer period with Michael Leventhal, the Historic Preservation Coordinator for the County, to discuss the options available for neighborhoods wishing to protect their historic fabric. We are interested in seeing the level of interest the neighborhood might have in enacting some sort of covenants or review before major changes could be made to homes within Lyon Village.

Lyon Village was added to the U.S. Department of Interior's National Register of Historic Places in 2002. The designation places the neighborhood on the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation and recognizes that the resources in the area contribute to a fuller understanding of America's history. Listing on the Register also entitles property owners to apply for federal and state tax credits for renovations and reinvestment and bestows an honor and recognition upon a neighborhood that often helps increase property values. This designation does not provide any protection for structures within the neighborhood from major change or demolition. Please come out on Monday and let us know your thoughts on the issue.

Executive Committee Meeting—First Monday of the month at 8pm at the Community House—All Are Welcome to Attend

1700AM Arlington Emergency Radio Station Launches

In an emergency, where do you turn for information? How do you get emergency information if you lose electricity? Does the local news give you enough information about your community? Arlingtonians can now tune 24/7 into 1700AM Arlington, a new emergency radio station with the capability of providing up-to-the-minute information during an incident or emergency. At an official launch event on Monday, October 16, the new station began broadcasting.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has been working on this project for more than two years, securing the necessary Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses, finding a site for the antenna, obtaining the equipment and building the infrastructure. With a single antenna and transmitter, 1700AM Arlington produces a signal capable of being received anywhere in the County.

During power outages, 1700AM Arlington runs on a generator. Residents can tune in via a battery-powered radio or one that operates by power generated through hand-winding. Remember to pre-set your vehicle radio to 1700AM Arlington. The station equipment is located in two redundant secure locations in secure County facilities.

Arlington's Office of Emergency Management reminds everyone who lives and works in Arlington to also sign up for Arlington Alert, a free service that sends emergency text messages to mobile devices and e-mail accounts. Be sure to sign up today at www.arlingtonalert.com.

Conserve Electricity and Save \$\$

You may have noticed as travel Lyon Village and elsewhere in Arlington that you often see street lights burning during bright daylight hours. This represents a total waste of energy, additional pollution at generating stations, and ultimately, a direct cost to the County. Fortunately, Dominion Virginia Power is set up to fix the problem, usually within just a few days. You should call them toll-free at 1-888-667-3000, and with a few simple prompts you will reach an operator who will ask you for the street address nearest to the pole light. If you get a chance, you can also note the identification numbers marked on the pole. It doesn't take much effort, you will have helped the environment and have saved money that in the end, we all wind-up paying.

Neighborhood Park Survey Questions

The newly renovated Lyon Village Park has sparked lots of interest. There have been both very positive and negative opinions on the changes to this County Park at Highland St. We'd like to know what you think. Please let us know your thoughts and drop the info in the mailbox of Nancy Gaito, 1718 N Highland St.

1. *Does the new park have a negative impact on you that the "old park" did not have? Circle one: YES or NO*
2. *If yes, are there specific problems attributable to the water feature. Please circle any of the following that apply: INCREASED NOISE LEVEL and/or INCREASED PARKING CONGESTION and/or HEALTH/SANITATION CONCERNS*
3. *What are your general impressions of the new park?* _____
4. *Any suggestions for remedies?* _____

Any specifics you can provide will be helpful. Thank you!

County Transportation Survey

Help improve Arlington County's transportation system and services. The County is trying to make it easier to get around Arlington County and the region. This is your chance to provide input through an easy online survey. Go to the following Internet address by Nov 19 to share your opinion: www.CommuterPage.com/survey or request a telephone survey at 1-800-807-8981. There is also information on the new [Commuter Page blog: http://commuter.typepad.com/commuterpageblog/2006/10/arlingtonians_a.html](http://commuter.typepad.com/commuterpageblog/2006/10/arlingtonians_a.html).

Great Indian Food

Tandoori Nights is a recent addition to Market Commons at Clarendon. This sophisticated North Indian restaurant and lounge serves excellent food. The setting is tastefully colorful with friendly, professional service and invites soft conversations over low jazz. Tandoori Nights also caters an extensive menu and provides unobtrusive service. An LV neighbor recently used their services to cater an event for 100 people with great success. Try this neighborhood dining experience for a casual-chic evening. Web site: TandooriNights.com.

The Arlington Artists Alliance Winter Show

The *Arlington Artists Alliance* announces its annual winter show and sale Fri, Dec 1 to Sun, Dec 3, at Ft. C.F. Smith Park. Over 35 Arlington artists will be represented including painters, potters and woodworkers. The historic Hendry House, dressed for the holidays, will be filled with art for purchase. All events are free and open to the public. Friday evening, Dec 1, 6pm-8pm enjoy a "Meet the Artists" reception with light refreshments. The Show continues on Saturday from 10am-5pm with the Star Dust Dance Band at 2pm. On Sunday, Dec 3, hours are 12pm-4pm. See a demonstration on making holiday cards and giftwrap from 1pm-2pm. The park is located at 2411 N. 24th St. For information see www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org or contact Beth Hudgins at tghbhudgins@msn.com or 703.532.4450. The Arlington Artists Alliance, with 100 members, is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting art and artists in Arlington County. Alliance membership is open to artists who live or maintain studios in Arlington.

Support for Lyon Village Neighbors Protecting Our Interests

As many of you know, our neighbors in Lyon Village recently won their court case in the Supreme Court of Virginia against the County Board and the First Baptist Church of Clarendon. The decision is a powerful one in which the highest court in Virginia unanimously held that the County cannot do whatever it wants in zoning matters. It is a decision that will benefit Lyon Village and other Arlington neighborhoods for many years to come whenever we need to make sure that the County follows the zoning and land use laws.

Regrettably, the County has apologized neither to the neighbors nor to the community for breaking the law. Although the Supreme Court unanimously held that the County acted "arbitrarily" (defined in American Heritage Dictionary as "based on whim or impulse, not on reason or law" and "using or based on absolute or dictatorial powers"), County officials have indicated that they may nonetheless try to pursue the project. Among other things, County staff is currently considering new zoning regulations that could permit developers to construct buildings of ten or more stories with unlimited density right up against single family homes in our neighborhood and other neighborhoods in Clarendon. While we believe that this type of overdevelopment would be unreasonable and illegal as a matter of land-use law, we need the support of everyone if we are going to continue to protect Lyon Village and other Arlington neighborhoods from encroachment by high-rise/high-density buildings.

Originally, the LVCA decided not to take a position in the lawsuit, which was viewed as a private one between the neighbors, the Church and the County. The LVCA did separately concur with the position of the neighbors who were fighting this fight for the neighborhood. Now however, because the benefit of the unanimous decision by the Supreme Court in favor of the neighbors suit will help our neighborhood and all of Arlington's neighborhoods, the Lyon Village Executive Committee has recently voted to help support the neighbors who have given so freely of their own time and financial resources for the past two years. In doing so, we note that the County not only spent our own tax dollars arguing positions against our LV neighbors (that were unanimously rejected by the Supreme Court), but also raised arguments designed simply to try to exhaust the neighbors' resources. Apparently, they even spent our tax dollars paying for some of the Church's legal expenses!

For all of these reasons, we are also asking every household in Lyon Village to consider contributing to this cause and we hope that you will be generous in your support. At the next General Meeting, it is planned to offer a vote to the community on using some Community Funds to make a donation to this cause as well.

Please make checks payable to *Blankingship and Keith* (the law firm handling the neighbors' suit) and deliver to Mary Renkey at 1423 North Highland St. You may call 703.522.3952 for further information.

Village Market

Elegant & Classic Dining Rm Set: Lightly used. Includes table, 6 chairs, china cabinet and buffet. Honey-colored solid wood with fold-up pad for table to cover all configurations. The buffet top folds for everyday, but opens to double its size for serving meals or for parties, very handy. The 4 side chairs are covered in a light salmon-colored silk. The 2 end armchairs are covered in a coordinating tapestry fabric. All chairs are cane-backed and quite comfortable (one has a small worn spot). The set cost \$3500 new and is an outstanding value for the asking price of \$995. Call 703-522-1230.

Like-New Toshiba DVD Player: Original cost \$225, will sell for \$50. Call (703) 527-3315.

Pella Window with Slim-Shades – brand new in original packing – ordered in error. Model 3335-2, Size 33 H x 66 W double hung with screens, aluminum clad. Can also be arranged vertically, size 66 H x 33 W. Original cost \$965 before tax. Best offer - Carlos Stern (703) 522 2110.

Chandelier – 8 candelabra lamps (plus spares) – in perfect condition – victim of just completed remodeling. Email photos available. Best offer – Carlos Stern (703) 522 2110.

Surplus Shrubs: Camellia, katsura, smoke bush, persimmon, hollies, juniper, styrax, viburnums and zenobia. Several quite large, \$5 each. Call Chris Earl at 703-465-1501.

Kids' Bikes: *Cycle Design - Tag-A-Long* bicycle trailer, like new \$70; *Giant* 20-inch kid's bike \$50; *Saris* receiver hitch rack: BAT #999R, 3 bike, with 2" hitch, brand new, \$60. Call Chris Earl at 703-465-1501.

Tools: *Makita* 2708 contractor's saw with sturdy stand, \$40; *Smith & Hawken* reel lawnmower, \$20. Call Chris Earl at 703-465-1501.

Plan Ahead for Summer '07: Enjoy your vacation in a Lyon Village family's custom-built beach home in the Town of Duck. Located in the private ocean front community of Schooner Ridge, amenities include indoor/outdoor pools, tennis courts, modern gym & clubhouse. All the great shops and restaurants of the Town of Duck are just an easy stroll down the street. Go to www.Twiddy.com and view property #B-415 (Shellter). Please let Myra Probasco know at Basco5860@aol.com if you book a week as a result of this ad and 5% of your week's rental income will be donated to the legal fund supporting our LV neighbors' successful ruling against the FBCC rezoning in the VA Supreme Court.

Gutter Cleaning: Call Seamus Hyland, 571-330-4169. Generally \$50-100 per house depending on size and roof pitch.

Babysitter Wanted: For two toddler-aged boys in Lyon Village. Our beloved babysitter recently left for college, and we're hoping to find someone in the neighborhood who is available after school/on weekend evenings, usually about once a week. We're happy to provide transportation when needed. Please call Adrienne at 703-465-0116.