



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Bromptons Volunteer Needed!

We are in serious need of a Bulletin delivery person for the Bromptons at Clarendon. Delivery can not take place without a person to deliver each route. The delivery task takes about 30 minutes and is a big contribution to the Lyon Village Community. Please contact Bill Wooten at 703.527.0378 or email: 1Bill2@comcast.net.

Arlington Home Show & Expo

From 10am to 4pm, Saturday April 21, CPRO and the Arlington County's Department of Community Planning, Housing, and Development have formed a partnership to bring the first annual *Arlington Home Show & Expo* to the Walter Reed Community Center. Free to the public, there will be exhibitors, demonstrations, and classes to present answers about the processes and procedures for home ownership, preservation, and improvement. Areas such as home construction and remodeling, fence and deck construction, plumbing and HVAC topics, green buildings, landscaping, lawn, horticulture subjects, pest and mold control, security systems, home warranties and insurance, home inspections, real estate sales, financing, title and settlement issues will be presented. More info: www.arlingtonhomeshowandexpo.com.

Spring Plant Sale!!

Order forms are now available for the annual Washington-Lee Plant Sale, and they have even more to offer this year! Order forms can be found on the PTA page of the W-L website or contact Meg MacKenzie at mrmackenzie@comcast.net or 7/524-4482. Deadline for ordering is April 23rd. Please help out by spreading the word to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. These plants are grown at a local northern VA nursery and are of the highest quality!

Volunteer for the Army

The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Arlington is seeking volunteers/members to assist with projects benefiting local residents and in particular, its annual Christmas stocking project for underprivileged children in Arlington. The Auxiliary purchases items to fill over 1200 stockings each year. The group meets at 7 p.m., the first Tuesday of the month at Salvation Army headquarters (except July and August), 518 S. Glebe Rd. (S. 6th & Glebe). Annual dues, \$10. The Auxiliary is intergenerational. For information, call Major Janice Fitzgerald or Indra Corea at 703-979-3380.

General Meeting at the Community House Monday April 9 at 8pm

Bring some wine, cheese & crackers or other beverage and/or snack and come on down to the Lyon Village Community House to meet your neighbors and discuss our neighborhood. There will be no formal meeting, just a chance to meet and greet folks in neighborhood. It should be a lot of fun; and if you have nothing to bring, just come along and enjoy the fun! Hope to see you there.

Executive Committee Meeting - Monday April 2 at 8pm

At the LVCA Executive Committee meeting this month, we will be selecting the Nominating Committee to choose officers for the Lyon Village 2006-07 year, which begins in September. The Elections will be held at the General Meeting on May 14, at the Community House. All are welcome to attend the Executive Committee meetings on the first Monday of the month at the Community Center.

Lyon Village Playground Park Update

There will be a meeting between our Lyon Village park representative and Lisa Grandle of Arlington County Parks and Recreation in mid-April to discuss the Playground Park adjacent to the Community House. The County is proposing that the water feature be open from 9:30am to 8:00pm, beginning on Memorial Day. Last year it was felt by some in the neighborhood that full-day use of the water feature might not be best. Keeping the feature running all day has encouraged people to spend the entire day at the park leading to an over-utilization of the facilities. It has been suggested that water feature be turned-off in the late morning through lunch time for an hour and a half. This will be discussed at the meeting. Water features are planned for other parks which will likely lessen the use of our park. Other matters, including cleanliness of the park will also be discussed. Anything you feel should be discussed at the upcoming meeting can be sent to maw123@gmail.com.

Lyon Village 13th Street Park Planning

On April 17th, the Arlington Parks Department is holding a public meeting to review design concepts for development of the 13th St Park (between Hartford and Herndon). The meeting will be at 7pm at the NRECA Building in Ballston in room CC1. As a result of the Clarendon Sector Plan it has been determined that the park should be developed with a dog park element up to fifty percent of the park area, and the balance developed as passive recreation area. This differs slightly, but significantly, from Lyon Village's recommendation that the area around the dog park be developed as passive green space and as a buffer against the dogs' barking.

The Parks Department has developed three preliminary concept designs (internally) and the purpose of this meeting is to hear public responses. Among the most important features of the park which are to be considered, are the size of the dog park (which must be a minimum of 10,000 square feet and may be a maximum of approximately 20,000 sf), and the nature of the surrounding green space/passive recreation area. Secondary considerations regard the design particulars of both the dog park and the surrounding space. The development budget for this project has not yet been determined.

Imaginatively designed, in a manner that successfully buffers the noise of the dogs and provides an enjoyable passive recreation/green space, this could be a showpiece for Arlington. If the design is poorly planned, the dogs will be a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors and the park a limited success, at best. This park is also a great opportunity to showcase the possibilities of urban park design using indigenous, native species. Please attend this important meeting to have your views heard.

Get The Latest Lyon Village News! We Need Emails!

Lyon Village is working on to get our information out to residents in the quickest most efficient way possible. In order to do this, we are aiming for 100% community participation in the Lyon Village email contact list. Your email will not be made public and only information deemed of true importance will be sent out to our neighbors. Please go to www.LyonVillage.org and sign up for our neighborhood e-mail alerts. This way you will be informed of important events, upcoming County Board decisions, park renovations, meeting changes, and other information that might not make the Bulletin. In addition, remember to always check the website at www.LyonVillage.org for the latest updates and news. If desired, you can request removal from the email list at any time.

Spring Yard Waste Collection & Recycling

Spring Yard Waste Collection and Recycling began on March 19 and continues through April 27. Collection is one business day after your regular trash day.

Materials recycled include leaves, pine needles, shrub trimmings, acorns, ivy and vines, lawn thatching, twigs, small branches, flower and vegetable bed debris. Do not include grass clippings.

To recycle properly, remove stones, dirt, litter, sod and other debris. Place yard waste in County provided biodegradable bags or your own paper 30-gallon trash cans. Close bags by folding top down. Weight limit is 50 pounds per bag or can. Please do not use plastic bags or County trash carts.

Free biodegradable bags are available at Courthouse Plaza, Information and Referral Desk, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, 703.228.3000, Mon – Fri 8am to 5pm; Lee Recreation Center, 5722 N. Lee Hwy, 703.228.0550, Mon – Fri 9:30am to 10pm; Sat to 1pm; and other locations. To learn how to recycle grass clippings go to: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdGrasscy.aspx>.

E-CARE Collection & Recycling

E-CARE Environmental Collection and Recycling Event on Saturday, April 21 from 8:30am to 3:00pm (rain or shine) at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd, located one block east of Glebe Rd and one block south of Rt 50. Bring your household hazardous waste, bicycles, shoes, books and computers. Compost bins will be available for sale for \$10 on a first come first serve basis. For more information call 703.228.6570 or go to www.arlingtonva.us/des.

Arlington ArtFest 2007

The Arlington Artists Alliance invites the community to enjoy a week of art, April 13-20 at Fort Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St., Arlington. In conjunction with an ongoing art show and sale (35 Arlington artists) in the historic Hendry House, there will be free entertainment, demos, and workshops. Friday, April 13: Opening Reception, 6-8pm. Saturday, April 14, 10am-5pm: Stardust Dance Band, 2-4pm; Pop-up Cards workshop 10am; Art & Writing discussion 10 am. Sunday, April 15, 12pm-5 pm: Celtic & Sephardic Concert, 2-4 pm; Painting Architecture demo, 12pm. Tuesday, April 17, 9am-1pm: Acrylic Painting Demo, 9am. Wednesday, April 18, 9:30am-5:30pm; Plein Air Paint-Out, 10am; Creating Stamps Workshop, 1:30pm. Thursday, April 19, 12pm-4 pm & Friday, April 20, 10am-12pm: Art Show. More info: www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org or tghbhudgins@msn.com.

Community Listing of Important Phone Numbers

Emergencies: 911
Animal welfare (dogs off leash, etc): 703-931-9241
Child Protective Services: 703-228-1500
Hazards: 703-558-2222
Incidents: 703-228-4300
Park Rangers: 703-228-6525
Parking Violations: 703-558-2222
Police Department: 703-228-4040
Police Information: 703-228-4252
Police Non-Emergency: 703-558-2222
Public Health: 703-228-4992
Public Nuisance (noise, littering, traffic hazards): 703-228-3232
Sex Crimes/Youth Offenses: 703-228-4138

This List Would Make a Great Posting on Your Fridge.

Development News in Clarendon

CVS will be taking the empty space on Wilson at the corner of Hudson formally occupied by several stores (in the Public Shoe block). The space has been empty for over a year. A bank earlier was in line to take the space at the corner, but backed out. Local architect Charles Moore is designing the space for CVS, and his design for the space reportedly will retain its historic character.

Faison has sold its site along the east side of Irving between Washington Blvd. and 13th Street to the Miami developer ZOM. No word on ZOM's plans, but ZOM reportedly paid a high price for the Faison property, which is approved for a high rise residential building.

Marvelous Market is looking for three locations for new stores in the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor, with one in Clarendon. We understand that an individual investor has obtained a franchise from the company to operate in the Corridor. We are unaware of any site selections.

BF Saul is rumored to be preparing to start construction on the south block (Clarendon Center block) of its property in about 6 months (the block bounded by Highland, Clarendon Blvd., Garfield, and 11th Street). The County Board last year approved a high rise residential and office building on the site; the building on the block that houses Clarendon Grill is historic and will be incorporated into the site. Work will not begin on the north block part of the property, the block that includes Hard Times, until the south block is completed and tenants on the north block can be relocated.

Mama Kwon's, at the corner of Garfield and Clarendon Blvd, formerly a Greek restaurant, is being renovated and will reopen under a new name in June. It will be operated by Greg Cahill, owner of Whitlow's, but will be more upscale, with white tablecloth and more informal dining areas.

The Joule high rise residential building on Wilson at Kansas Street is being sold to the Korman Group and will open as a high-end residential hotel. It was built as a condo building and most units were sold; however, structural problems, now fixed, delayed completion, resulting in the change in use.

The word on the street is that condo prices in the Clarendon high rises are holding up reasonably well, thanks in part to the decision of developers of several other projects underway in the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor to shift from condo (for sale) to rental.

The preceding information is from normally reliable sources but has not necessarily been publicly announced/confirmed.

Letter to the Editor on the County's Zoning Decision

First of all, Thank You, to each and every one of you for your overwhelming demonstration of support in challenging the County on the *Clarendon Views* project and the attached major zoning change!! Not only do we feel that the entire community is behind this effort, but we collected enough money to move forward with the case.

After a great deal of work, we filed a complaint on March 26. Our complaint describes the many illegalities and other shortcomings in the County's approval of the changes to our zoning ordinances and its approval of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon high-rise project. It sets forth claims for illegal spot zoning and contract zoning, violations of due process and the sector plan, violations of applicable and controlling zoning laws, and illegalities in the zoning ordinances that were used to justify the County's actions. We appreciate the opportunity to allow the Courts to once again judge whether the County complied with its legal obligations in approving the Church's plan and providing funding to build the Church's high-rise tower.

Of course, our fight for justice has only just begun. While it is truly amazing that we were able to collect an impressive sum of money in such a short amount of time, we will need much more to make our voices heard. We are urging all Lyon Village residents to spread the word that the residents seeking to hold the County accountable to follow the law in zoning matters need their help. The Board's action of Feb 24th not only authorizes the ten-story First Baptist Church project, but would allow the County Board to build twelve story buildings anywhere in the County - into and within all neighborhoods in Arlington. This is a county-wide issue and needs a county-wide base of support. We need your help to once again obtain the help of the Courts to require the County Board to follow the law.

If you would like to make a contribution, make your check payable to Blankingship & Keith and deliver to Mary Renkey at 1423 N. Highland St. Thank you for your support!

Letter from: *Mary Renkey*

Please Send Letters to the Editor to maw123@gmail.com.

Village Market

Reliable Babysitter Needed Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 22 - June 28 from 3pm - 6pm for two Lyon Village children (4.5 yr. old boy and a 2.5 yr. old girl). Please contact Carson at (703) 465-0142 or carsonherington@yahoo.com.

Terrific, full-time nanny available! Virginia Guzman is an English-speaking U.S. citizen with a driver's license. Excellent references and ties to the neighborhood. Call 703-943-6497.

Boating Stuff Wanted: Lyon Village couple seeking surplus boating stuff to furnish empty old boat. Boathook, PFD, small outboard, jiffy-john, old charts, horn, etc. Contact arlingtondiver@verizon.net or call 703-243-8582.

Looking for Rental Home in Lyon Village, at least 3br. Available May or June. Critical need to be in larger home due to son's health needs. Please contact Kirk or Danielle Leach at 703-888-0777.

Wanted: Room/House to Share. 50 something, single lady with 19 year-old cat seeks room or home to share Lyon Village area. Please call Karen Webster @ 703-243-8782.