



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Directory E-Mails Needed!

Work has begun on a new *Lyon Village Directory* to be released later this year. We are now collecting information updates. For the new Directory, we will be publishing email information, for those who would like that included. For many, email has superseded the phone as a preferred communication tool. Don't worry, phone numbers will be in there too, along with addresses. We want to include all our neighbors who have moved to Lyon Village since the last Directory was published. If you're not sure you're in, send us your info. In addition, please send any new or revised information to markweinress@msn.com.

Playground Park Meeting

On April 11th, Nancy Gaito, our LV park representative met with County Park staff to discuss neighborhood concerns regarding the park. Emails sent by members of the neighborhood were included in the discussion. Addressing concerns regarding the fencing, the County noted that all the fencing will be replaced and new gates installed at the existing entries beginning this month. The county agreed to delay the opening hour on the water feature to 9am. The feature will be shut off at 8pm. A neighborhood proposal to have a break during the day was not accepted. However, signage will go up on rules regarding use of the water feature.

Volunteers For Independence Day

The annual Lyon Village 4th of July Parade will start at 11am on Wednesday July 4th. The parade will be followed by our annual picnic. Mark your calendars now! We are in need of volunteers for the following areas: set-up, baked goods, shopping, food prep, servers, kids games, parade coordination and clean-up. If you are able to help please e-mail to janice.gallant@verizon.net to volunteer.

A Greener Entryway

Do you leave your front porch light on all night for security? Replace your 75-watt standard bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb using just 18 watts for the same amount of light, and save energy and money. The standard bulb will use about 329 kwh of electricity in a year versus the new bulb using only 79 kwh, for a savings of about \$16/year at current Dominion rates of 6.5 cents/kwh. And, the new bulb won't need replacing for 6-8 years.

General Meeting on Monday, May 14 8pm at the Lyon Village Community House

Trees in our Neighborhoods. Arlington has suffered a huge decline in its tree canopy over the last 30 years, and old-growth trees continue to die at staggering rates. Our communities across Arlington must make a concerted effort to begin replacing this beautiful canopy as soon as possible. It is important to plant trees in your yard, particularly trees such as oaks, maples and elms that fill-in the tree canopy. Ornamental trees, like Japanese Maples aren't much help for this.

At Monday's meeting, Elizabeth Rives, the Tree Steward for Arlington-Alexandria will present *Right Tree, Right Place, Right Now*. The program, accompanied by a Power Point presentation, discusses why planting trees is important, the why's and how's of tree selection, and many other considerations and issues regarding our trees. Please come out for this important information.

Election of Lyon Village Officers for the 2007-08 term. The nominees are in, come to Monday's General meeting for our annual elections.

See www.LyonVillage.org for the latest info.

County Files Response in Suit Over Zoning Changes

The plaintiffs in the suit regarding the major zoning changes enacted by the County to allow a 10-story high-rise to be built on the edge of Lyon Village, recently received Responses to the complaint that was filed a few weeks ago. Many individuals in our neighborhood are contributors to the fund to proceed with this legal action, as is the Lyon Village Citizens Association. As most know, the controversy is over a 10-story building proposed for the site of the First Baptist Church at Clarendon, at the intersection of Highland and Hartford Streets. The site is not zoned for this height, and to push the project through, the County Board, with the exception of Paul Ferguson voted to change Arlington zoning law to allow for rapid rezoning of single-family residences to high-rise development.

As expected, in their separate Responses to the complaint, the County and the FBCC are trying to deny a court hearing by asking that the case be dismissed largely on the basis that the plaintiffs, as mere citizens, are not entitled to second-guess the motives and actions of the County Board. The view at the County Board appears to be that the Courts should not be permitted to second-guess the County. In the previous suit filed over the rezoning of this site, the Virginia Supreme Court made it very clear that the Courts do have that right, and ruled that the County could not capriciously do as it pleased with zoning law.

Two items in the County's response deserve special mention. First, it may be remembered that our community worked to alert other neighborhoods that the proposed zoning changes were not limited to Lyon Village and Clarendon, but could be used countywide to rezone residential property to C-R and build to 125 feet. The County asserted that the zoning changes would apply only to the Church property, and perhaps a few other properties in Clarendon. This helped to dissuade other neighborhoods from becoming involved. In the County's recent response however, they now admit that the C-R amendments are to be "applied Countywide and thus to any and all properties zoned C-R at that time or in the future." It should be of great concern to Arlington's neighborhoods that a formal notice issued by the County misled the community about the scope of a measure being proposed, based on County's own current statements.

Second, our neighborhood took issue with the County Board's unprecedented and undue haste in its action on the zoning changes. Haste that appeared to be a ploy to keep citizens from being fully apprised of the scope and consequences of the enormous changes being proposed. In its recent Response, the County simply dismisses the *Arlington Way*, justifying its haste by claiming that the traditional way of doing things in Arlington can be ignored because it is nothing more than "merely a nebulous feeling or expression" and that there is no need for things like "planning commission work sessions, meetings of advisory bodies such as Site Plan Review Committee, or citizen task force meetings."

Needless to say, the attorneys moving forward in this suit against the County have a lot to do. Contributions are needed to help protect Lyon Village and Arlington from the recently approved zoning changes. Please make checks payable to Blankingship and Keith and deliver to Mary Renkey at 1423 N. Highland Street. The incredible support provided by the community is very much appreciated. Your continued support is needed.

New Clarendon Restaurants

The *Liberty Tavern*, located at 3195 Wilson Blvd., has recently opened in the neighborhood. Two Lyon Village families renovated the historic Mason's building at the corner of Irving and Wilson Boulevard and have opened a new restaurant and bar in the two-story space serving modern American cuisine. The Liberty Tavern is currently open for dinner and bar service Monday through Saturday, and will be opening for weekend brunch, carry-out and lunch very soon. For more info: www.thelibertytavern.com.

Michael Landrum will be relocating his *Ray's the Steaks* to the Navy League Building in Clarendon, while his current space will transform into *A Place at the Table*, a Memphis-style family restaurant dedicated to supporting communities in need. The new Clarendon location will also have a bakery next door, appropriately named *Rise*.

Local Artists and Art in Arlington

Since 2000, the Arlington Artists Alliance has been bringing Arlington artists together and bringing their work to the community. Founded by working artists, the Alliance organizes exhibit space for Arlington's visual artists, maintaining revolving exhibits of members' work in a variety of public and commercial locations—Cassatt's Kiwi Café, Cosi at Courthouse, Scoops Beaugard, the Arlington County Board offices, Arlington Judicial Chambers, Arlington Free Clinic, Arlington Food Assistance Center, and more.

Any artist living in or maintaining a studio in Arlington and working in two-dimensional drawing, painting, multi-media, or print-making or three-dimensional ceramics, woodturning, or glass is welcome to join. All levels of experience are welcome—student, hobbyist, emerging artist, or professional. Each exhibit venue has a curator who screens all work for quality.

In addition to its revolving exhibits, the Arlington Artist Alliance sponsors several large shows each year and the annual Spring ArtFest—a week-long schedule of workshops and demos design to engage the community in making art as well as viewing it.

The Alliance sponsors a number of community service projects—mural painting, art projects with Argus House residents, the Scholastic Art Awards Program for high school students (a national competition), and a High School Artists Mentoring Program which has provided at-risk students with one-on-one experience with an Alliance member who is an established, practicing artist—as well as participating in community events such as Clarendon Day, Neighborhood Day, and the Arlington County Fair.

The Alliance also operates the Arlington Artists Academy which offers art instruction to adults, youth, and children and summer art camps for youth and children.

For more information about the Arlington Artists Alliance, visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

Foster Care?

Interested in Foster Care? Have questions? Have you previously thought about it, but weren't sure how to take the next step? Please join the Arlington Country Foster/Adoptive Program at an informational meeting on Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at 3033 Wilson, Blvd, Arlington. Find out what it takes to be a foster parent, the process and how you can help a child in need. Contact Gerson Paniagua at (703) 228-1550 for further information.

Arlington Police Reports By E-Mail

The Arlington County Police Department now distributes a weekly summary of significant crime reports by e-mail. The reports, already available on the Department's website, are now being distributed by e-mail to make it easier for Arlington residents to keep informed about criminal activity. Citizens can subscribe to the free service on the Arlington County website at, www.arlingtonva.us/subscribe. On the Subscriptions page, check the box next to Police Crime Reports, enter your email address, and click on the Subscribe button. To view the crime reports online go to www.arlingtonva.us/police. Also available, is a service through Lyon Village that will email all the daily Police Report emails to your address, including the weekly Crime Reports. To sign up for this, please email: markweinress@msn.com.

Protect Your Laptop

The Arlington County Department of Technology uses a software program to locate lost or stolen computers. The product used by the county is called Computrace®. The following is a link to the product: <https://www.lojackforlaptops.com/select-a-product-lojack-for-laptops.asp>.

Village Market

GE Refrigerator For Sale: Fully operational, clean, with all shelving and an installable ice-maker (model: GTS19QBMWW). 16-5/8 x 33-1/8 x 29-1/2. \$300. In Lyon Village. Call 703-528-5024.

Pet Care: Need someone to feed and exercise your pets while you are out of town, call Lydia, Abby or Katherine at 703-528-3731 or 202-437-8257. LV students with references available.

Club Membership for sale. Arlington Forest Club swimming pool. Call 703-351-5828.

Neighborhood Nanny seeks new family in September. Wonderful, experienced, full-time nanny seeks new charges in September when her current charges start school. Has been with LV family for 2 yrs. Excellent references: 703-812-0283.

ISO Afternoon Childcare: Two afternoons a week (3-6:15 pm) for two Lyon Village girls (7 & 4). Involves picking girls up from nearby bus stop/daycare. Must be a safe driver. Please contact Rich and Heidi at rvisek@msn.com or at 703-875-0324.

Antique Dining Table for sale. Duncan Phyfe-style 2-pedestal mahogany table; 44" x 68" & extends to 86"; excellent condition. Call Pat at 703/516-4722 or email ntparobins@aol.com.

Paris, France, 3-Room Apartment, 7th Arr. available for rent. Cozy, fully furnished in the best neighborhood in Paris, 1-block from the Rodin Museum and walking distance to everything else! \$900 per week (plus cleaning & laundry fee of 120 euros) for 1-2 people, \$1,100 per week for 3-4. Lyon Village residents have stayed there and loved it. Call Lee at 202-349-8032 or email alnesq@yahoo.com.

Seeking Babysitter: Looking for a mature, reliable high-school student to be a regular weekend babysitter for our 1 year old son and do the laundry for our little boy. Please call Megan at 703-243-2167 or meganhope@mac.com.

Seeking Reliable Nanny for two Lyon Village infants. Two terrific babies, two blocks from the metro. We are seeking a wonderful nanny who is legal to work. June 1 start date. Please contact Alison at alifriedberg@hotmail.com or 703-664-0495 with any leads.

Honda 2003 Odyssey for sale, \$16,355. Good condition, 47K mileage, blue ext/gray int, new tires, brakes, keyless entry, well-