



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village 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 use the enclosed envelope to mail or deliver your 2006-2007 LVCA dues payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Call 703-525-0819 or email cmattick@cmattick.com with any questions.

Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13th. The first seating for this delicious dinner is at 5:00 and the second is at 7:00. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children from ages two to ten. Tickets will be on sale at the door or may be purchased ahead of time from Maryann Lilly (527-5089) and Angela Manning (527-7729). 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. Renovations of the main hall are planned this year and plans to upgrade the kitchen are expected in 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!

Roza's Carpets And Kilims Oriental Rug Show & Sale

It's time again for the Oriental Rug Sale at the LV Community House. Roza invites you to come and see her new selection of handmade carpets. Also, old & new kilims, camelbags, horseblankets, donkey bags, & kilim baby cradles, along with a variety of Flemish tapestry wall hangings & pillow cases. The show dates take place over four days in Nov; Friday 11/2 & 11/9 from 10am-7pm, and Saturday 11/3 & 11/10 from 10am-5pm. Visit the show at the Lyon Village Community House at 1920 N. Highland Street, at the intersection with Lee Hwy in Arlington. Phone on sales days only (703)528-9403. Em: rozascarpetsandkilims@yahoo.com for further info.

Deliverer Needed-LV Bulletin!

There is an available delivery route in the Eastern part of Lyon Village, and it's a short one. If you would like to join our great team of delivery people who we all appreciate so much, please contact Bill Wooten at 1Bill2@comcast.net. This is a great way to give back to our neighborhood.

Medical Reserve Corps

The County's Public Health office is looking for volunteers to serve with the Medical Reserve Corps. Medical and operational staff are trained to respond to emergencies or epidemics. They also may provide support for such events as marathons and the County Fair. For more information contact: MRC Coordinator, Bill Pritchard at 703-228-4986 or bpritchard@arlingtonva.us.

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Candidates Night at the General Meeting

Monday, Oct 8 at the Community House at 8pm

With elections coming up in November, this is an important opportunity to discuss the issues with the candidates.

For our panel discussions, we will have the five County Board candidates running for two open positions (Mary H. Hynes (D) J. Walter Tejada (D), Michael T. McMenamin (R), Joseph J. Warren (R), and Joshua F. Ruebner (G) on the County Board. We will also have the candidates for County Clerk (Paul F. Ferguson (D) and Mark D. Kelly (R)).

It promises to be a lively and informative evening. Come on out with your questions for the candidates. This is the one time of the year that you can openly question the folks running for elected office in our County. And, it's your chance to raise issues you'd like to see discussed on the County Board.

Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday Nov 6, 8pm at the Community House—All Are Welcome to Attend

13th and Herndon Streets Park

On Sep 25, County staff held a meeting to discuss the preliminary Park Master Plan for the 13th and Herndon Streets Park (now commonly known as the "dog park"). A number of representatives from Lyon Village attended. The project is being fast-tracked right now to go before the County Board in November.

The park design is lovely and a great improvement over the current situation. The parks folks have done a lot of work. However, concern has been expressed over how large the dog-run is in comparison with the rest of the park. Earlier in the process of planning the park, it was agreed that the area was to be divided roughly in half; with half the area fenced for canine use and the other half for use by people to enjoy the green-space. In the current plan, many see the problem as one of gross versus net.

The 50% for the canine park was taken out of the total land area. The dog run area was then laid out on the diagonal. Once necessary walkways and landscape buffering were included, the area for quiet enjoyment of the park wound up being less than some expected. Placing the kidney-shaped canine area on the diagonal resulted in an assembly of oddly-shaped corner pieces, with the largest one serving as the main people area for the park. This space, located at 13th and Herndon Streets is quite small in comparison with the dog run area.

One possible solution might be to make the fenced canine area more rectangular and move it closer to, and parallel with 13th Street. In this way, a larger and more useable non-canine area could be created parallel to the Hartford Condominium running through from Hartford to Herndon Street. It might also be possible to split the park the other way, with the two sections running north to south, and of roughly equal size. It would be great to have a bit more green space, especially for folks from the office buildings and condos of Clarendon. With park space at a premium in our urban neighborhood, it is important that both dog-owners and others can enjoy this spot to the fullest.

An earlier report noted that the park exceeds the ambient noise levels of the community, and that even the most ambitious design mechanisms would do little to reduce these levels. This raises zoning issues regarding the introduction of non-conforming uses into a residential community. The uses for this park are decided, but there should probably be a caveat of some sort noting that the non-standard use of this space will not set precedent elsewhere in the County.

Happily, there are seven Canine Park locations listed on the County website, not including the 13th St park, which takes some of the pressure off this park in its dual role of serving both the dog-owners and others in the neighborhood.

You can view the proposed master plan and comment on it by going to www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/scripts/projects/13thHerndon/ParksRecreationProjects13thHerndonOverview.aspx and clicking on "Preliminary Park Master Plan." Whatever your thoughts, let your voice be heard.

Volunteers Needed for Tutoring

Hoffman-Boston Elementary School, at 1415 S. Queen Street (near Columbia Pike and Washington Blvd), needs adult volunteers for one-to-one tutoring of First and Second grade struggling readers in the Book Buddies Program. Two mornings a week 8:15-9:15 during the school year. Ongoing support with training, lesson plans and all materials provided. Call Marty Maher, Book Buddies Coordinator, at 703-524-7209 or email martha_maher@apsva.edu for more information.

Learn about Arlington's Biggest and Oldest Resident...Champion Trees

Join a County Board Member and Arlington County park staff to learn about Arlington's Champion Tree program and how to help identify our Champion Trees on Tues, Oct 23, at Arlington Central Library. Tree Stewards, from the Virginia Cooperative Extension, will be on hand to provide additional tree-related information. Call 703-228-6535 to register. This program is free, but space is limited. To talk to the County's resident expert on Champion Trees, call Greg Zell, 703-228-6535 or write to gzell@arlingtonva.us.

Financial Information

The Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Arlington County Department of Libraries are presenting a series of financial seminars this month: October 10, Tales from the IRA: A regular guys trip to early retirement; October 17, Investing in real estate; October 24, Maximizing tax deductions and reducing tax liability; October 30, Converting wealth into income in retirement. For info go to www.offices.ext.vt.edu/arlington or contact Jennifer Abel, jabel@vt.edu.

Home Maintenance Workshop

Sponsored by Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development and the Arlington Adult Education Program. This workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct 27, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S Walter Reed Dr, Arlington. Mini "How To" workshops and referrals on other upcoming home improvement classes. This workshop will be free of charge and provide the following sessions to help residents maintain their homes in the areas of Plumbing, Electric, and Heating/Air Conditioning. These classes will be conducted in the Labs by staff from the Arlington Career Center. For further info, contact Jorge Laura at jlaura@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-3827.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Celebración de la herencia hispana. Sat, Oct 13, with live performances, dancing and fun snacks presented by the Arlington Dept of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources. PRCR is pleased celebrate Hispanic culture during *National Hispanic Heritage Month* at Thomas Jefferson Gymnasium, 3501 S. 2nd St, Arlington. For more info (703)228-4727.

Flu Season Approaches

National Preparedness Month reminds all of us that summer is over and the flu season and end of the hurricane season are with us. Arlington County urges citizens to get the seasonal flu shot and to remember to cover a cough (sleeve or shoulder, not your hand); wash hands frequently; and stay home when you feel badly. Keeping your kids home when they are sick is very important as schools can become incubators for viruses when you use them to sit for sick kids. Also check the retirement dates on your emergency water and food supplies. CDC now encourages us to have 2 weeks of supplies on hand.

Arlington Preschool Fair

Meet representatives from Arlington County and get curricula, registration info & tuition info. Child Safety info also provided by the Arlington County Fire and Police Depts on Wed Oct 17, 10am to 12pm. Hosted by St Thomas More Cathedral School at 105 N Thomas St, Arlington. Tel 703.528.x24 for info.

Art Show

On October 13, the Arlington Artists Alliance will sponsor its first "Barcroft Art Fest" show and sale, 11am-6pm, at the Barcroft Community Center, 800 South Buchanan Street, featuring paintings in oil, water media, and pastels, as well as ceramics and pottery by members. Free and open to the public.

Volunteer!

The Arlington County Volunteer Office invites you to take a look at our current Volunteer opportunities, Board opportunities, and Donation needs, and consider making a contribution to your local community. For further info go to www.arlingtonva.us/volunteer or contact the Arlington County Volunteer Office at volunteer@arlingtonva.us or (703) 228-1760.

Senior Fun & Getaways

Great 2007-08 overnight trips for seniors from the Office of Senior Adult Programs in Arlington:
Oct. 15-21, Branson, MO.
Dec. 23-26, Mohonk Mountain House, Hudson Valley, NY.
Mar. 26-28, Greenbrier Resort.
Apr. 10-15, Nashville, TN.
Apr. 28-May 1, Ohio Amish County.
For info on trips call: 703-228-4748. For general info about ongoing Senior activities contact: Jennifer Collins, Office of Senior Adult Programs, 703-228-4745.

Planning for More Lanes in I-66

The planning for I-66 continues. To help ease outbound traffic, very long entrance and exit lanes are to be added from Spout Run to the Beltway going West. This does not quite add a third lane to I-66 in Arlington, but it will be close. There will be no changes to the inbound lanes (going East). There have been assurances that almost all the work will take place within the existing right-of-way. The first change will be extending the Fairfax Drive on-ramp to Sycamore St. The design for this is basically completed. The next improvements will take place at the Washington Blvd on-ramp, which will be extended to the Dulles exit; and then at the Spout Run on-ramp which will be extended to Glebe Road. The original agreement when I-66 was built in Arlington County was that it would not be eligible for widening in the future. Currently, the state does have the right to widen the highway. There has been discussion that because I-66 is an escape route for the Federal Government from Washington, these changes are considered necessary for national security.

Time to Plant Trees

It's tree planting season. From October until the ground freezes is the prime time for planting trees in our area. We've all seen the Lyon Village tree canopy shrink over the past of years. Our tree losses have increased for two main reasons. First, the trees are aging; our neighborhood was established long enough ago that many trees are reaching the end of their natural lifespan. Second, many of our homes are growing or being replaced, and trees are often the loser in this process. Happily, lots of new trees have been planted. If you have some open area in your front or backyard, you might want to think about adding to the Lyon Village tree canopy.

As we were told by Arlington Tree Steward Elizabeth Rives, at our General Meeting last spring, there are some great canopy trees you can plant. These include the new elms, oaks and maples. While smaller ornamental trees don't contribute to the canopy, they do clean our air and beautify our neighborhood.

What trees should you avoid? Due to disease susceptibility, you should not plant Pin oaks, European white birches, Purple leaf plums, American Flowering Dogwoods, Leyland cypress, or Hemlocks. Other trees to avoid include Silver maples, Bradford pears (unfortunately the wind resistant ones aren't that attractive), and White pines. For various reasons, none of these trees will thrive in our climate zone.

Native species are often your best choice. Next month we'll suggest some good trees to plant. For information, you can also contact Elizabeth Rives at erives@sifma.org.

More Dining Options for Clarendon

Clarendon continues to please palettes with new and diverse restaurants. Those who feared the big chains, can relax with the opening of Me Jana at the corner of Adams and Clarendon Blvd. With Ghassan Jarroui, formerly chef of Penn Quarter's Zaytinya as the culinary lead co-owner, this restaurant offers mezze (small plates) and dinners with a Lebanese flavor. Don't miss this attractive dining experience. And those of you who have shoe-horned into Ray's The Steaks will be happy to know that it will move in next door to Me Jana in a couple of weeks. Clarendon is the place to be!

Village Market

Trains: Train table and lots of Brio/Thomas style trains, track and accessories. All you'll need! Table is 48"W x 33"L x 16"H with two large rolling storage bins underneath. Approximately 20 trains (2 battery powered), 75 pieces of track, and lots of accessories. \$150. Call 703-465-8393.

Paris Apartment for rent over Christmas holidays and in 2008 - \$900 a week for a 3-room apartment in the 7th Arrondissement on the Left Bank (max 4 persons). Lyon Village references! Contact Lee at alnesq@yahoo.com.

Santiago, Chile Apt: New 2 BR 2 BA condo on 16th floor of a lux. high-rise building for rent, \$1,100 per week. Downtown, near metro. Fully furnished, doorman. Don't forget, when it's winter here, it's summer in Chile. Practice your Spanish; drink great wines! Owned by a Lyon Village resident. Contact Hugo at 202-903-8555 or silvahugo1@yahoo.com.

Pet Sitting/Walking: Need pet feeding/walking? Call LV high school students, Abby or Katherine at 703-528-3731 or 202-437-8257. References available on request.

Searching for Apartment: GMU student who works part time in DC; tidy, very responsible, warm and friendly seeks a basement apartment or similar in Lyon Village or close by. Price on the lowish end. If you know of a lead, please call Leanna McEanearney at 703-524-6334. Thank you!

Seeking Housekeeper, would like recommendations from anyone who has had a good experience with an existing housekeeper. Suggestions are greatly appreciated at shirlee-tan@hotmail.com or 703-525-0255.

Landscape Design and yard maintenance available for Fall cleanup and plantings. Specializing in our smaller Lyon Village properties. Contact Erika at 703-282-5172.