



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Lyon Village Directory

The collection of names and addresses for the upcoming LV Directory continues. We are also including emails this time; please let us know if you'd like your email address published. Info can be sent to [-maw123@gmail.com](mailto:-maw123@gmail.com). Thanks!

## Recycling Hint

These days, with increased concern about our environment many of us think we're doing the right thing, but may not know all the rules. *Did you know that bottle tops and caps can not go in your recycling bin?* Bottle tops have to be thrown away in your trash, not placed in your recycle bin! Too many extraneous items in your recycle bin and the entire bin could be dumped into the trash instead of going to be recycled.

## [www.LyonVillage.org](http://www.LyonVillage.org)

Go to [www.LyonVillage.org](http://www.LyonVillage.org) for community news and resources, as well as the latest edition of the LV Bulletin (it's available online before the print version comes out). Bookmark it so you remember to keep yourself up-to-date!

## Art Show and Sale

Arlington Artists Alliance Annual Small Works Show, December 10 – January 13, 2008, Cassatt's Café, 4536 Lee Highway, Arlington. The show features two-dimensional art 8" X 10" or smaller and suitable for holiday giving. Open to the public during Cassatt's regular business hours.

## Scout Christmas Tree Sale

Boy Scouts from local Troop 162 will hold their annual Christmas Tree sale at the Dominion Hills Recreation Association, located at 5960 Wilson Boulevard. Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, White Pine, and Scotch Pine trees will be available from until December 19th. All trees are \$50. Hours are Monday through Friday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Saturday from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm, and Sunday from 10:00 am to 8:30pm. Fresh pine wreaths and roping will also be available. Hurry in before they're gone!

## Houses Needed!

This coming April, the AGLA (Arlington Gay & Lesbian Alliance) and Crisis Link (the Northern Virginia hotline and suicide prevention program) will be hosting the second annual AGLA Home & Garden Tour.

Homes are needed! If you'd like your home to be considered for the tour, please contact: [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com).

## Lyon Village Holiday Party Sunday, December 9th

### No General Meeting This Month

Help welcome Santa to Lyon Village! Please join us at the Lyon Village Community House for the annual Holiday Party from 4 to 7pm. This is a great event for family and friends and is always a fun time! We will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots, if you would like to participate, please bring an unwrapped toy for donation for this terrific organization. Come join the fun, meet your neighbors, and have the kids visit with Santa!

**The Next General Meeting is Monday, January 7, 2008**

## Police News from Last Month's General Meeting

Every month at our Lyon Village General Meeting, we search for speakers on topics that are of interest to those in the neighborhood. These meetings are fun and informative, and a great way to connect with others in LV.

At our November General Meeting, Arlington Police officers John Rizik and J.J. Horvath provided an overview of the revised organization of the Department. The commanders of the Districts have rotated and Captain Kevin Reardon, who used to be our District Captain has been rotated to a Homeland Security position. We thank Capt. Reardon for all of his hard work and attention to Lyon Village matters during the past several years when he was in charge of the 2nd district. Captain Brian Berke is the new commander of the 2nd District.

At the meeting the officers provided an overview of incidents in and around Lyon Village for the July to September quarter. For the area bounded by Wilson Blvd, Kirkwood Road, Lee Highway and Veitch Street, there were 361 traffic citations. Of those 120 were for speeding, 89 for stop sign violations, 24 for other sign violations and 18 were for license plate violations.

During the same period there were 8 significant traffic accidents and two of those involved personal injury, one was a pedestrian injury in the 2600 block of Lee Highway where the driver was cited for failure to yield the right of way to a pedestrian. There were also 37 major incidents. Five of those were assaults, 9 were stolen bikes, 9 were larceny from a building and 5 were larceny from an auto. The Police will be back at the January meeting to provide another update on activity around Lyon Village.

During the second half of the meeting, Bill Gearhart provided an overview of changes that County staff is proposing to make to the Master Transportation Plan. Bill has been following the County's proposal carefully, as it has the potential to give the appearance of upzoning to many streets in Arlington, including some in our neighborhood. This is a serious issue if we are to protect Lyon Village from encroaching development. We thank Bill for his efforts.

Come out to the next General Meeting on Jan 8, and keep updated on the latest and most useful community topics. Ideas for meeting topics? Please send them to [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com).

## Holiday Season Ideas

### Crafty Gifts

The Ellipse Fine Crafts will hold a meet-the-artist reception on Friday, December 14 from 2 – 7 p.m. at its new location on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ballston Common Mall. Ellipse Fine Crafts has partnered with The Woodmont Weavers and will now be open during Mall hours. Check out their stunning array of one-of-a-kind hand-crafted gifts made by area artists, and also the beautiful hand woven items made by the developmentally disabled Woodmont Weavers. Call 703-812-9420.

### December Divas

From December 12 - 15 a trio of D.C. area divas belt out holiday favorites to get you in the spirit of the season! Eleasha Gamble, Tracy Lynn Olivera and Jan Pesci Townsend belt out refreshingly different holiday classics from *Mame*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Holiday Inn*, and of course, *White Christmas*. Signature Theatre Cabaret Series in the Ark Theatre. Call: 703-820-9771 or go to <http://www.signature-theatre.org>.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**Remember the Neediest this Holiday Season**

## **Neighborhood News**

### **Upscale Dining at Restaurant 3**

Jon Williams' and Greg Cahill's Restaurant 3 offers a new dining option for Clarendon: sophisticated, kid-free atmosphere; carefully crafted, gourmet cuisine; very reasonable prices. Linger over a dinner of Clarendon's best ribeye or succulent sea bass, duck, or short ribs; pop in to see the beautiful 1909 arts-and-crafts bar, have a drink in the fireplace nook, or sample decadent appetizers and desserts. See for yourself what the buzz is about at Sunday brunch. Dress is business casual, reservations are recommended but not required: 703-524-4440. Restaurant 3 is donating food for the Lyon Village Holiday Party on Dec 9 this year!

### **Speeding Taxis on Your Block?**

Traffic is always a concern in the Village. Taxi cab traffic is also a concern since the headquarters of Red Top Cab is located in Clarendon. About 10 years ago LVCA negotiated an agreement with Red Top Cab to encourage their drivers to be extra careful while driving in the neighborhood. Part of the plan includes the reporting of any Red Top Cab violations for follow-up action by Management. If you see any traffic violations committed by Red Top Cabs, write down the cab number, date, time, location and incident and report it to Charlie King, Executive Vice President, Transportation General, Inc. at 703-525-0900.

### **The Fiber Optic Option**

FIOS from Verizon is now available in most or all of the Clarendon area. There are a number of things people should be aware of with this new service. First of all, it works on fiber optic cable that has been installed by Verizon through-out the area in the past several years. It is a new product, and as such, does have a few bugs to work out, especially with the television DVR features.

FIOS TV can be less expensive than other providers, and tends to be more reliable. There is no problem with weak signals as is experienced by some cable TV users. There is also no weather related issues, unless your connection to the fiber optic cable blows down in a storm. Like all cable services, FIOS will continue to offer analogue broadcasts after over-the-airwaves analogue service is discontinued next year. Note that if you do not have cable, and use a traditional antenna, you will have to buy a digital converter box for your TV if it is not so equipped. This will be a particular issue with older televisions; without the converter, you will receive no signal.

FIOS offers very speedy internet service. Some homes are wired for FIOS with a wireless router in the attic or basement. This means that all the computers in your house will be wireless (free modems are provided as needed). Others may have a hardwire connection. Speed will be a bit slower for wireless than for wired connections, but it should not be much slower. Do a speed check before the technician leaves. If you are paying for premium service, such as 30/5, ask the technician to check your speed at the incoming point. The wiring of your house for FIOS takes about a day, and is completed at no charge.

If you use an Apple computer, make sure that the technician sent by Verizon understands this. The FIOS software is different for Apple.

FIOS service is for one location only and not shared by neighbors. This means it will not have the overload problems that occur with DSL. Speed will be reduced when more than one computer at the location uses FIOS, but not by much.

When you switch to FIOS, your phones will also run on the fiber optic cable. You will sign a contract agreeing that Verizon can cut the copper phone cable running to your home. This is a permanent change with a couple major side effects.

One, is that your traditionally wired phones will no longer ring or light up. Any newer phone or cordless phone that plugs into an electrical outlet will work as normal. Older phones, of the traditional desktop type that used to be rented from Bell Telephone, will no longer have a connection to copper wire to allow for the small flow of electricity provided by traditional phone jacks. Fiber optic service does not carry electricity.

Second, if power goes out, phone and Internet is also out. Phone service will work for a few hours on the battery backup provided at the point the service enters your home. The backup is not meant to sustain the computer or to support Internet use.

Verizon will gladly bundle your service (phone, internet, TV, wireless) for a discount. You can't get FIOS TV without getting FIOS phone, so some bundling is likely. Check your bills, the billing system is complicated and Verizon does make errors, generally in their favor.

In an informal survey, it appeared that most users were happy with FIOS and preferred it to their previous providers. It does offer a great TV picture, and best of all, competition in the cable/satellite arena.

## ***Village Market***

**Nanny Available:** My leaving the country, compels me to find a new family for my nanny. She is seeking a P/T job (starting around 3:00 pm). She has cared for my four children for ten years. She is dependable and caring, and can drive children to activities. She is also a great cook and does light housecleaning. Available starting January, 2008. Legal resident. For references, please call (703) 675-8071.

**Great Housekeeping Service:** Our very good, reliable, English speaking housekeeper is available for any size house for regularly scheduled cleanings. Choose once a week, bi-monthly or monthly. Call Maria for a free estimate at 703.992.4818.

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

**Housecleaner Available:** My name is Isidora Campos and I have many years of experience cleaning houses. I currently clean for one Lyon Village household and am looking for a few more. References available. Contact Isidora at 301-277-5323 or 240-535-4223.

**Cello for Sale:** Full size Gafiano cello \$1600 in excellent condition (purchased at FOXES Music Company for \$ 2100). Please call 703.243.3631.