



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Lyon Village Dues

At the start of our fiscal year in September 2007, we asked that Lyon Village Citizens Association Members make their annual contribution to the neighborhood. If you've not yet paid, dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. This keeps you an active voting member of the neighborhood. Please mail or deliver your 2007-2008 LVCA dues payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N Fillmore St. Call 703-525-0819 or email [cmattick@cmattick.com](mailto:cmattick@cmattick.com) with any questions.

## Holiday Party Thanks!

We had a wonderful holiday party this year, thanks to those who donated their time and to the restaurants that kindly donated food. Special thanks to guitarist John Butler who provided our music, Fred Hof who played our Santa, and everyone who cleaned up afterward. All our neighborhood restaurants were approached; the following chose to support our event: Liberty Tavern, Harry's Taproom, Restaurant 3, Lebanese Taverna Market, Clarendon Grill, Mexicali Blues, Cheesecake Factory, Kabob Bazare, Delhi Club, Starbucks, and Java Shack. If you dine at one of these restaurants, please thank the manager for their generosity and community spirit. Very special thanks go to Lyon Villagers Kim Beg and Michelle Villado, and especially to Andrea Briere who made it all happen.

## Helping Out with Flowers

Sage Flowers is a full-service flower shop. Through their flower coop, they can deliver flowers throughout the DC metropolitan area, and nationwide.

Sage Flowers is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Offender Aid and Restoration of Arlington County, which helps formerly incarcerated individuals get back on their feet, get jobs and become productive members of our community.

This Valentine's Day order a gorgeous bouquet of flowers and know that your purchase is supporting a local non-profit to help ex-offenders find employment. Get 5% off purchases of \$35 or more when you call. Just mention CODE Pink. SAGE Flowers: 703-451-3021.

More information about OAR, including information about our Speakers Bureau, can be found at [www.oaronline.org](http://www.oaronline.org).

**The Latest Lyon Village News,  
Updates & the LV Bulletin:**  
[www.LyonVillage.org](http://www.LyonVillage.org).

## Monthly Meeting, Monday, February 11, 8:00pm at the Community House

### Recent Developments in Commercial and Multi-Family Real Estate in Clarendon & the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor

Ken Matzkin, a commercial broker with Buck Realty, and a member of the County's Economic Development office staff have been invited to speak at our February 11 meeting. We have asked them to update us on what is happening at both the commercial and residential level in Clarendon and the R-B Corridor.

Specifically, we have asked them to describe what is happening in retail and office rents and leasing, how much space is available, what kinds of spaces, who is looking for space, and who are some of the new tenants. In particular, we have asked them to indicate whether Walgreen's is still coming to the NTB site, and about the slow progress on the new CVS store at Wilson and Hudson. We have also asked them about new commercial buildings the County has recently approved, and the circumstances, financing and otherwise, that will allow them to forward. For example, what is the status of Marvelous Market to locate one or more stores in the RB corridor and also for Trader Joe's to find a site in Clarendon and the recently approved plans of Fresh Fields to modernize and slightly expand their Clarendon store.

We have also asked them to describe what is happening in the multi-family residential market, including decisions by developers either to postpone construction indefinitely (e.g., the proposed Garfield Park residential project on the Sala Thai site), or to switch from condo to rental prior to construction (e.g., we understand that the former Faison residential project at Washington Blvd, Irving, & 13<sup>th</sup> Streets on our Clarendon edge, will be rental – the new developer is ZOM, a Miami firm).

We have also asked them to describe what is happening with sales in some of the recently completed condo buildings, and about rumors that purchasers are having difficulty getting the financing they anticipated because appraisals are coming in significantly below contract prices, with the result that at least some purchasers are facing the hard choice between walking away from a large non-refundable deposit or purchasing a unit that is appraised significantly below their contract price.

### Informative & Important Reports at the January Meeting

At our January General Meeting we had an informative report by Captain Kevin Berke and two of his officers about recent police activity in the Clarendon/Lyon Village areas. Captain Berke reported that currently, the most common property crime is stealing of valuables from parked cars. He urged us to keep valuables out of our cars, or to at least keep them out of sight when parked.

Lyon Village resident and real estate professional, Ingrid Wooten provided important advice for "staging" your house for personal use or resale. She also informed us on recent Lyon Village residential sales trends. We had a big turnout at the meeting on these interesting topics. Don't miss out on this month's General Meeting!

### Zoning Case Update

The Virginia Supreme Court has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday, February 13th, regarding the petition filed by Lyon Village neighbors seeking to overturn the zoning decision by the County Board that allows for increased high-rise development in single-family residential neighborhoods. The decision on the writ of appeal filed on October 19, 2007, will determine whether the Justices will formally hear the merits of the appeal. The support of neighbors throughout the county has been critical in continuing this court case to protect our neighborhoods. One project the petition would halt is the 10-storey Clarendon Views apartment building approved for 13th and Highland streets in Lyon Village. The LVCA has contributed funds to support this suit. Please contact Mary Renkey at [mrenkey@verizon.net](mailto:mrenkey@verizon.net) should you wish to contribute to this battle.

### Washington & Irving Project Update

There was an open neighborhood meeting in January for folks interested in hearing the latest from ZOM, the current developer of the 10-storey apartment project to be constructed at the intersection of Washington Blvd, Irving & 13th Streets. The project will be constructed as two buildings separated by an extended 12th St. This will be a high-end residential building. In a bit of good news, ZOM is building almost exactly to the plans approved by the County for the previous developer Faison. This design was fully approved by the Lyon Village neighborhood.

## Get to Know Your Neighbors

Lyon Village has always charmed people because it has been seen as a vital "neighborhood." It is an open place to raise families, join neighbors for backyard chats, and support neighbors in need. While this is still true, a recent meeting of the LV CERT team recognized that neighborhoods change. With many two-earner families and children with school and athletic calendars fully booked, there are fewer chances for informal neighborhood interactions.

Neighborhoods however, are about more than feeling social. They are the strength we share in times of need. It is critically important that each of us know the neighbors around us. Who might need our help if they had an emergency? Where could your kids go if they lost their house keys? Who shovels for the elderly and infirm? Who would you turn to if you needed an emergency sitter for kids or pets? Take a look down your street. Do you know the names of your neighbors? If not, why not warm these winter days with a small neighborhood open house or a chili supper. Renew your neighborhood connections and increase our neighborhoods safety and charm. And remember, our neighborhood General Meetings, other meetings, and events are a great way to make neighborly contacts.

### Please Slow Down

Are you in a hurry to get home or to your next appointment; are you late picking up the kids? There have been continuing problems and the police have been contacted because of the increasing incidents of drivers running stop signs at Key Blvd & Danville St, and Key Blvd & Highland St.

It seems that many drivers simply roll through the stop signs at a number of the cross streets with Key, and at additional Lyon Village intersections as well. Speeding on our streets is also a major problem. What is most disappointing, is that many of the offenders are Lyon Village residents, often with children in the back of the vehicle.

Slow down, it's better to be late than to be in an accident, or to injure a pedestrian. Officer Jollie said the police would monitor for the next month with a directive to issue tickets. Should you have questions concerning this, he has offered his phone number, 703.28.150. The County recently completed another survey of Lyon Village intersections that don't have stop signs, and again concluded that additional stop signs are not warranted. Some of our neighbors strongly disagree.

### Clarendon Metro Plaza to be Redesigned

In January, there was the first public meeting on Clarendon Metro Plaza Project to discuss plans for redesigning the park between Clarendon and Wilson Blvds at Metro. Some of the comments raised at the meeting by neighbors in the area included: Existing tree canopy is too low, suggest higher branching trees to open up space; Lighting must play an integral part of the design; A water feature would be a welcomed element; Central Green is not currently utilized appropriately-existing and desired uses depend on more hardscape surfaces; The Farmers market needs as many metered spaces as possible, the county noted that metered spaces are being phased out for parking stations.

For its next steps, the KHA will develop initial concepts with some case studies within the next week and send them to the County for distribution. The schematic design process will be an iterative process upon which the design team, the County and the public representatives will be working together towards a schematic concept plan to take into implementation. The next public meeting is scheduled for late February or early March. See the Arlington County website for further info and meeting dates. This is your plaza, consider getting involved.

### Be Aware!

In January, there were more than half a dozen street robberies in North and South Arlington. This appears to be a serial case. The suspects are described as two black males in their late teens or early 20's. They may be armed. There have been no serious injuries, but property has been taken. The police have made this a top priority, and there are some leads.

### Learning in Retirement

Winter cold getting you down? Join other Arlingtonians who enjoy course offerings and social clubs through Arlington Learning in Retirement. Go to [www.arlingtonlri.org](http://www.arlingtonlri.org) to check out spring offerings including American folk music, global hot spots, Arlington history, Egypt, the Civil War, Health and politics. ARLI is a great way to keep your synapses snapping and to meet new people. Think about it but don't wait long! Course registration begins Feb 7 at 9 am.

### Credit Union Open to All

Arlington Virginia Federal Credit Union wants everyone to know that they now serve the entirety of Arlington County as a community-based credit union. The expansion of their charter allows them to accept as members anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school, volunteers or consistently does business in Arlington County. As a non-profit financial institution, credit union members benefit with lower rates on loans and higher rates on savings. If you would like to find out more about Arlington Virginia Federal Credit Union, please visit our [www.arlingtonvafcu.org](http://www.arlingtonvafcu.org).

### Village Market

**Come Play Bridge:** ISO individuals who would like to play "friendly" bridge one or two times a month, days or evenings. If you are interested email Marolyn Hatch at [M\\_JHatch@msn.com](mailto:M_JHatch@msn.com).

**Housecleaner:** Our Housecleaner of almost 10 years is looking for other homes to work on in Lyon Village. Carlos works with an assistant, and they get a good job done quickly. Please contact [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com) for info.

**Wanted: Part-Time Bookkeeper** for small non-profit. Average four hours weekly. Can do from home or come into office. Must be comfortable with Quickbooks and Microsoft Access. For info, call Keith Oberg @ 703-525-0931.

**Jog Stroller:** Red Baby Jogger II, holds child up to 75 pounds. \$30. Call Laura, 703/527-4984.

**Seeking Experienced Nanny:** Effective immediately, two Lyon Village families seeking an enthusiastic, experienced full-time/Mon-Fri nanny to care for two great boys, ages 9 months and 10 months. Please email [alison.teres@gmail.com](mailto:alison.teres@gmail.com) if interested or if you have any recommendations. Thanks!

**Nanny:** Our excellent, loving nanny Raj is available to help another family in Lyon Village. As a mother of two grown, accomplished children, as well as someone who previously worked in a daycare center, Raj has excellent childcare skills and years of experience. She drives, cooks, and does light house-keeping. Raj has been with us for six years, and is an integral part of our family. Since our son is now in school full time, Raj is with us in the afternoons three days a week, and we want to help her fill out her day by splitting her time with another family. Raj is an American citizen with fluent English. Contact Joan at (703) 966-1236.

**Found:** Infant cream colored sock/booty from the Children's Place, size 3 at the corner of Edgewood and Franklin Streets. Call 703-528-3731 to claim.

**Pet Walking/Feeding/Care** any day of the week: Call Abby or Katherine LV high school students. Experienced, with Lyon Village references. Call 703-528-3731.

**Seeking Housecleaner:** Lyon Village couple seeks house cleaner to work every two weeks. We offer fair wages, plus paid share of Social Security. We have no children or pets. Please call Sally at 703.527.1337.

**Tutor Available** for grades K-12. Specializing in English, Spanish, French and other subjects. Please contact Elle at (703) 861-4820.

**Plants Free To A Good Home:** Foliage houseplants, including spider plants, aloes, peace lilies, cyperus/papyrus, others, Please e-mail [toomanyplants@mac.com](mailto:toomanyplants@mac.com) or call 248-8371 to set up a collection time.