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Email Info Needed!

Work on the new *Lyon Village Directory*, listing the residents of our neighborhood continues. It is important to make sure that your updated information is included. Even if you were in the last Directory, we now need your email information. As email has become a primary means of communication for the LVCA, it is important to make sure yours is included in the Directory. If for some reason you prefer not to have your email and/or phone number listed in the Directory, please let us know. Help contribute to this valuable resource by sending your information to maw123@gmail.com, or mail to Mark Weinress; 3200 19th Street, N; Arlington VA 22201. Thank you!

Problematic Solicitations

Door-to-door solicitors are a constant issue in the community. They are required to have permits and should never be aggressive. If door-to-door solicitors are suspicious, aggressive, or do not have the peddler's permit required by the County, please call the police non-emergency number at 703.558.2222, to make sure the situation is dealt with for the safety of all.

Montessori School for Fall

Full Circle Montessori School is excited to announce that they are expanding and have immediate openings for September 2008, as well as mid-year 2008-2009 phase-in openings for children 2½ to 5 years old. Families may contact Christie Yang, the Full Circle Administrator with any questions. Christie is available Monday through Thursday from 9am - 2:45pm and on Friday from 9am - 12:30pm at (703) 243.8282.

Lyon Village Garden Club

A new neighborhood Garden Club is being formed. Exchange advice and plants with your neighbors. Email Martha Moore, if you have interest at martha.moore@verizon.net. Please note that Martha's email was misspelled in last month's notification, but is correct above.

Park Cleanup Day

On Saturday June 7 from 3pm to 5pm, to honor National Trails Day & Clean the Bay Day, folks will work to clean-up the Custis Bike Trail and Spout Run. Meet in Thrifton Hill Park (Lorcom Lane and Spout Run Parkway) to remove trash and invasives. All are encouraged to bike or walk to the park. For drivers, parking is available in the side parking lot of the Giant grocery store (Lee Hwy & Spout Run Pkwy). Visit the official web page for more information, www.offices.ext.vt.edu/view.cfm?webname=arlington§ion=calendar_a&calid=31083 or phone 703.228.7636.

*For All the Latest News Over the Summer Break...Go to
www.LyonVillage.org.*

LVCA Meetings Will Resume in September—Have a Fun Summer!

General Meeting—Monday June 9th at 8pm At the Community House

At our General Meeting on Monday, June 9th, we will have Bryna Helfer representing the Aquatics Committee of the Sports Commission, a citizens advisory group jointly appointed by the County and School Boards, presenting information on the County's public pools and the plans for Long Bridge Park. The County has three pools; at Wakefield, Yorktown and W-L High Schools. County students benefit from these pools during the school-day. In addition, all residents benefit from shared times when all can use the pools. The County pools provide a great place for learning to swim, getting a workout, holding pool parties, or just having fun.

As Bryna will tell us, our pools will soon be getting even better. As Arlington builds new high schools, it is also planning to build new pools. An additional pool is also targeted for Long Bridge Park (formerly known as "North Tract"). These aquatic centers will have more pool space, a separate temperature-controlled instructional pool, accessible locker rooms and a "wet classroom" for teaching water safety, instruction, and lifeguard classes. This promises to be an interesting and informative presentation. For more information, visit www.arlingtonva.us/prcr.

Also at our June General Meeting, we will be voting on our slate of officers for the Lyon Village Executive Committee for the 2008-09 year which begins in September.

We will also hold a vote to confirm the neighborhood decision in opposition to installing a port-a-potty at the Lyon Village Playground Park. After a year-long process including surveys provided to members of the LVCA, and meetings of a sub-group of interested parties, it has been determined that consensus is opposed to providing restrooms at the Playground Park (located adjacent to the Community House). The LVEC supports this position. The County will be informed of this neighborhood decision.

This will be our final General Meeting of the fiscal year. Our next General meeting will be on Monday, September 8th. Watch for your August/September Bulletin towards the end of the summer break. In addition, be sure to visit www.LyonVillage.org for the latest news all summer, along with the most recent issues of the Lyon Village Bulletin. Have a great summer!

County Board Votes to Advertise Proposal To Allow Rental Apartments in Single Family Homes

In May, the Arlington County Board voted to advertise a proposed revision to the zoning ordinance allowing "Accessory Dwellings" (ADs) on single-family properties. This is a major step in the approval process for this zoning change. The advertised proposal would allow single-family properties in the county to have rental apartments. This represents a significant change in county zoning policy. At the Board Meeting, a majority of speakers spoke in favor of the AD proposal. There is strong opposition to the proposal in many Arlington neighborhoods, but this opposition was not a significant presence at the Board Meeting.

The proposed AD ordinance was discussed and analyzed at our April and May Lyon Village General Meetings. Thank you to all of our neighbors who attended and participated in these discussions. In the end, our neighborhood agreed to support the proposal for ADs in principle, with a number of restrictions not included in the version to be advertised by the County Board. One significant restriction was to limit the option of adding an AD to those over age 55. The Civic Federation is tending toward a similar position.

The AD proposal has both positive and negative repercussions. On the plus side, it would allow homeowners to earn money off their properties, perhaps making it possible for some folks to keep homes that otherwise might be too expensive to maintain due to rising taxes and other circumstances. The proposal could also contribute to the supply of affordable units in the county. Many in our neighborhood feel strongly about these issues. On the negative side, there are fears that allowing the rental units could change neighborhood character; and lead to parking, crowding, and noise issues. In addition, there are concerns that the units might not be properly monitored by the county.

The advertised AD proposal would allow accessory dwellings only within a home, or within an addition to the home, but not in structures that are detached from the main house. This means that rental apartments would not be allowed over garages nor in any accessory building on a property. The maximum size of the units would be 750 square feet, or 50 percent of the floor area of the principal dwelling - whichever is less. It would cap occupancy in an AD rental unit to a maximum of two people.

The proposal would require an annual inspection of the unit, and an inspection when tenants change. While the county government might not have the legal authority to require inspections, any legislation adopted should include a provision that would revoke the permit for the AD if the homeowner fails to cooperate. This is a very important provision; while ADs are currently illegal in Arlington, the county has a very weak track record of dealing with the thousand or more illegal rental units in existence today.

Under the new proposal, anyone applying to create an accessory dwelling unit would need a review by and approval of the Zoning Administrator, and would have to comply with all required permit approvals and inspections. A certificate of occupancy would be required before tenants could move in. Owner occupancy would be required of any home offering an AD.

The County Board will likely vote on this issue over the summer, and currently a majority of Board members appear to be in favor of the proposal. Be sure to write your County Board members with your opinion on the issue and, if possible, attend the Board Meeting to speak your views on the proposal.

Literature Discussion Group

A literature discussion group, focused on downloadable short selections (quick and easy to read!) will meet several times in Lyon Village this summer. Coming sessions may include selections from Herman Hesse's *Demian*, TS Eliot's *The Waste Land*, Camus' *The Stranger*, Virgil's *Aeneid*, poems from Tang Dynasty, and the surrealist lyrics of Bob Dylan's *Desolation Row*. Occasionally the group will read/enact scenes of plays. The group meets often on Sunday afternoons, sometimes with a potluck/optional hike. Parts of special sessions may be on internet radio, tune in! Please contact John Craig john.craig@aya.yale.edu, 703.528.1206 or Peter Costolanski pcostolanski@hotmail.com, 703.623.2709).

Respect For All Project

The Arlington Gay & Lesbian Alliance (AGLA) recently partnered with Metro DC PFLAG and the Arlington Public Schools gay-straight alliances to host a free screening of the new *Respect For All Project* documentary "It's STILL Elementary", which looks at the incredible impact of the 1996 film "It's Elementary-Talking About Gay Issues in School", produced by Academy Award-winner Debra Chasnoff and Helen S. Cohen. The retrospective documentary follows up with some of the students and teachers from the first film, and tells the fascinating history of why that film was made, the response it provoked from the conservative right, and the questions it raises for today's national safe schools movement. Donations are requested to purchase additional LGBT affirming books for our public libraries. Your tax-deductible contribution will help ensure age-appropriate literature that is affirming of all families will have a greater presence in the public library collection. For more information contact Daniel L. Hays at president@agla.org.

Citizen's Police Academy

The 20th session of the Citizen's Police Academy is set to begin August 20, 2008, with graduation scheduled for November 19, 2008. The program will meet every Wednesday from 1830-2130 hours in the 8th floor training room. Anyone interested should complete an application and return it to the Training & Career Development Unit by July 15, 2008. All applications will be reviewed and the applicants will be contacted by phone. Any questions, please feel free to contact Sergeant Michael Quigley at (703) 228-4247 or e-mail ACPDTraining@arlingtonva.us. Additional information can be found on the department website www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/Police/PoliceMain.aspx including the application at www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Police/training/PoliceTrainingCitizensAcademy.aspx

Arts Summer Camp

Keshet Child Development Center located at 758 S. 23rd Street in Crystal City is pleased to announce that we are currently enrolling for our Creative Arts Summer Camp program for children ages 3-5. Camp will be held for 3 weeks in July from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm and will feature a week of Drama with Interact Story Theatre, a week of Art with Abakadoodle and a week of Music with Gymboree. Enroll for one week or all three! For more information please contact our Director at 703-535-5525, email keshetcdc@yahoo.com or check out our website at www.keshetcdc.com.

Remember to Visit

www.LyonVillage.org for the Latest Issue of the LV Bulletin—Even Before Delivery of the Hard Copy!

Neighborhood Information

Upcoming Lyon Village Independence Day Parade & Picnic!

Coming up next month! The annual Lyon Village Independence Day Parade will start at 11am on Friday July 4th, at the corner of Key Blvd and Highland St. Parade participants can start lining up at 10:30am on 17th Street. The parade will be followed by our terrific annual Picnic. Mark your calendars now! Let us know if you can help with the parade and/or the vintage cars and convertibles show. We are in need of volunteers for the following areas: set-up, baked goods, shopping, food prep, servers, kids games, cars, parade coordination and clean-up. If you are able to help please contact LVEC member Janice Gallant at janice.gallant@verizon.net or John Carten at 703-528-3731 or 202-437-8257. This event is a fun way to become more connected with your community!

Spring into Summer!

The Arlington Artists Alliance announces "Spring into Summer!" an art show June 13 and 14, 2008, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington, VA. The show will feature over 30 Arlington artists who work in a wide range of media including oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, glass, and ceramics. Meet the artists at the opening reception Friday evening, June 13, 6-9 pm. Additional hours on Saturday, June 14, 12 noon to 6 pm.

This show is supported in part by Arlington County through the Arlington Commission for the Arts and the Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, and in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

The Arlington Artists Alliance is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting art and artists in Arlington County. Art is an intrinsic part of the community and enriches the lives of those working and living in Arlington. The Arlington Artists Alliance seeks to integrate the community at large and the community of artists at all levels. See www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for further info.

Remaining Funds Available From Zoning Suit

There are remaining funds available in the account from the zoning claims challenging the First Baptist Church and the County over the proposed high-rise for the FBCC site. If you contributed to the second lawsuit, and would like to get a proportional refund of your contribution, please contact Mary Renkey at 703-522-3952, or at mrenkey@verizon.net as soon as possible, and no later than July 1, 2008. Refunds will be allocated based on refund requests received by that date. Thank you to all of those who contributed to this cause.

Question of the Month

Each month we will publish an interesting question to which we are seeking the answer. Readers knowing the correct answer can respond to the Editor at maw123@gmail.com. Please feel free to submit questions for future issues. Now, for this month's question: *If you stand at the corner of Key Blvd and Hartford Streets every night at 10pm, you will hear a bugle playing taps. Our question is; who is playing this tune and where are they standing when playing it?* Let us know if you know the answer!

Bicycle Safety Reminder

Most people don't steal bikes. But a few do. The most important thing that you should know is that most bikes that get stolen weren't locked!

Please remember Sec. 14.2-64 of the Arlington County Code requires that all bicycle riders age 14 and younger wear approved bicycle helmets.

Protect Your Bicycle From Theft

1. Keep a record of your bicycle serial number, which is usually located on the bottom of the frame between the pedals.
2. If your bicycle does not have a serial number, mark your bicycle where your serial number would normally be by engraving your initials or a four-digit number of your choice.
3. Lock your bicycle using a strong, secure lock.
4. Secure the bicycle to a bike rack or any other immovable object.
5. Be certain to secure both wheels.
6. Register your bicycle.
7. If your bicycle has been stolen and you have not filed an *Incident Report*, go to the *Recovered Bicycles* web page at: www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/Police/divisions/operations/sos/PoliceDivisionsOperationsSosBicycle_recovered.aspx.

Village Market

Certified Nurse Midwife looking for a Summer nanny position until new job starts in August. Certified in Neonatal/Infant/Child CPR. Would love to work for a family in Arlington. I am especially interested in caring for infants. Please call if interested. Sierra Casillas: 703-350-9085.

Need help with your computer? Contact Lyon Village Computer, your neighborhood computer expert, for all your computing needs at LyonVillageComputer.com or (571) 215-1718.

House Cleaning Services: Looking for houses to clean every week or every other week. Excellent work and attention to detail. Reliable and trustworthy. Neighborhood reference available. Please call Lizeth (703)439-0630.

Nanny Available Part-Time: Our loving nanny of 5 years is available 1 or 2 days per week as LV family reduces her hours due to changing needs. She is legal, English-speaking, responsible and caring and has worked in LV for many years. Please call Chris at 703-622-9140 for more info and references.

Pet Care: For feeding/walking of your pets call Lydia, Abby or Katherine, all LV students. Experienced with Lyon Village references. Call (h) 703-528-3731 or (cell) 202-437-8257.