



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Holiday Party Coming Up December 14th

Please mark your calendars for the Lyon Village annual Holiday Party at the Community House on Sunday, Dec 14 from 4pm to 7pm. This event for family and friends welcomes Santa to Lyon Village. This is always a fun time! To volunteer to help out, please contact Janice Gallant at janice.gallant@verizon.net.

Lyon Village 2008-09 Dues

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 mail or deliver your LVCA dues payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Contact Carl at 703-525-0819 or email CarlMattick@verizon.net with any questions. You can now pay your LVCA dues online using PayPal or credit card. Access \$10 or \$7 payment links from our homepage at www.lyonvillage.org.

New LV Directory Coming Soon!

Please send your updated address, phone and email information in for inclusion in the Lyon Village Directory. This handy directory lists the residents of Lyon Village and is a great resource for keeping in touch with your neighbors. Children's names are included (but not their individual phone numbers). Send your info now, before the Directory goes to print. Info can be sent to martha.moore@verizon.net or to carolineholt@smith.alumnae.net.

Community House Cleanup

Volunteers are needed to help rake leaves at the community house in November, December and January. Any amount of time you could devote to this task would be appreciated. Call Angela Manning 703-527-7729 to sign up or admanning7729@comcast.net.

Our Thanks to JL Tree Service

JL Tree Service, INC. (703-525-1778) ground a large stump at the Lyon Village Community House and filled the hole with top soil at no cost in appreciation for their loyal customers in the Village. Thanks JL Tree Service for your contribution to our community.

Kirkwood Rd Project Meeting

On Tuesday Dec 2 at 7:30pm, there will be a meeting at the Community House presented by Carla Picard of Dominion Power to discuss the high transmission cable undergrounding on Kirkwood Rd. There will be a short presentation, followed by a Q & A. Further questions can be directed to Carla Picard, Manager, Electric Transmission Project Communications at 804-771-3455 or carla.y.picard@dom.com.

Holiday Bazaar

Washington-Lee High School will host its annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10am to 4 pm at the new school. The event will feature vendors with jewelry, holiday gifts, collectibles and hand-made items, along with ethnic foods. Holiday entertainment will be provided. The address is: 1301 N. Stafford Street, Arlington. The event is free, and the community is invited. For info or to be a vendor, please email: w_l_holiday_bazaar@live.com, or call Renee Gorsky at 703.516.7007.

Lyon Village General Meeting Monday, Nov 10th at 8pm at the Community House

This month's General Meeting will begin the meeting with an update from the Arlington County Police on police activity in and around Lyon Village and Clarendon. There continue to be numerous car break-ins and this topic will be addressed. Following the update, the Police will be available to answer any questions that you might have.

For our next topic, the Lyon Village Community House Board of Governors will present their slate of nominees for the coming year. LVCA members attending the meeting will be asked to vote on this slate. If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact Maryann Lilly, 703-527-5089. See the article below on the Spaghetti Dinner to read about the Community House Board's biggest fundraiser of the year. The Lyon Village Community House is owned by the neighborhood and is self-supporting through your donations and rental income.

Finally, we will receive an update on Emergency Preparedness. Power failures, winter storms, and the flu are events that individually and as neighbors we need to prepare for. Join us at the November meeting to learn how to get emergency alerts, review how to prepare for the unexpected, how to build a neighborhood support system and what the county health department is most concerned about. Marolyn Hatch, a former member of the LVCA Executive Committee, who has been formally trained by the County, will give us an update on emergency preparedness.

Lyon Village Executive Committee for 2008-2009

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Our slate of officers was elected to the Executive Committee this past spring to serve for the 2008-09 term ending in August 2009. These dedicated people have volunteered their time to help our neighborhood. We currently do not have a neighborhood President, so it would help if you direct any queries to the officer title that best fits your request. Most important, please consider attending the Executive Committee meetings that take place the first Monday of each month at 8pm, at the Community House. All are welcome to attend; and we're still seeking a President for the current term.

*Although Shelley holds the title for the Bulletin, all Bulletin inquiries should actually be directed to Mark Weinress who continues as Editor of the Bulletin.

A Terrific Spaghetti Dinner

This year's Spaghetti Dinner at the Lyon Village Community House to benefit the Community House was certainly one of the best ever. The food was great, and getting to see and meet Lyon Village neighbors was terrific. For those who didn't have Dick Pon's famous meat sauce (prepared by his daughter) there was a wonderful vegetable sauce created by a White House Chef! We all missed Dick at this year's event and fond memories of him were expressed at the dinner. It was a great event and there are many to thank for their contributions to making it happen.

Our thanks to: Kathleen Pons Haines for making the family recipe sauce; Francis O'Dea & Ruth Boyer for the vegetarian sauces and pasta cooking; John Carten for handling the busy, hot kitchen, again!; Karen Webster, Angela Manning, Darcy Gruttadaro, & Mark Cummings for the salad, dressing, bread & wine, respectively.

We also thank all the LV bakers for providing treats, and Heidi Morrison for managing it; Fran Gedney who worked all day & night tirelessly; Musicians: Steve Natrella, Gerry Edwards, & Ron Gluck; Girl Scouts Troops 6253 & 6813 and their leaders: Jane Miller and Susan Pascoello; Mary Ann Lilly, Jack Royer, Jay Mitchell, Andrea Briere, and Sharon Synder.

Thanks to our Neighborhood Supporters & Donators of Auction Items: Java Shack for great coffee; Ingrid Wooten for certificates to Sette Bello; Restaurant 3 for \$100 gift certificate; Babyshere.com for 100 custom announcements; Solarus Salon & Spa for gift card; Agnes Davis, Pat Newman, & Diane Fletcher of American Realty Group for generous vacations; Mark Arnold & Fran Gedney for premium wines; Mary Ann & Scott Lilly for Day Sail on the Chesapeake; Holliday for weekend at Bay View Point; and Scott Hall for creating the website.

And finally, thank you to the LVCH Board and All Volunteers – thanks for answering our call for help: Mark Arnold, Ray Taylor; Gary, Mindy, Ian and Megan Huber; Erin, Luke, and Rick Holliday; Allison, Andrew and Tom Loranger; Katarina, Sasha and Rich Visek; Jackie Pippins; Michelle Brydges; Don Dixon; Pat Miller; Janice and Ryan Gallant; Amy Licato; Ellie & Tricey Splann; Jack Curry; Chris Soller; Rich Fortwengler, and all who came to eat spaghetti and support the LVCH! Also, thank you to the many that helped deliver flyers throughout the neighborhood. We look forward to more fun next year!

Your Vote Counts

Long lines are to be expected at the polls on Tuesday. Most Arlingtonians vote the first thing in the morning or in the evening right before the polls close. The best time to go to the polls for the shortest wait is early afternoon. All voters who are in line by 7pm are permitted to vote. Learn more: www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/VoterRegistration/ElectionInformation/Election2008Info.aspx.

Washington-Lee High School Holiday Wreaths

Washington-Lee High School's Crew Boosters is holding its annual fall/winter fundraiser. Boosters are selling beautiful holiday wreaths for \$32 that can be sent via UPS or Fed-Ex anywhere in the U.S. You can write out a personal gift card(s) to be sent with your wreath(s). Please go to www.W-LCrewBoosters.org and click on "Holiday Sales Order Form". Orders must be received by Monday, Nov 10th. Dana Probasco, a W-L Varsity crew member is your contact for questions at: 703-527-0285 or Basco5860@aol.com.

Learning in Retirement

While you may have missed the deadline to take courses with *Arlington Learning in Retirement*, you can still join the organization for \$50 a year, tax deductible, and warm up your annual social calendar by joining people 50+ who are interested in ethnic lunches, bridge, books, cinema or one of the special events. Come when you are interested or be a monthly regular. Visit the ALRI website at www.arlingtonlri.org.

Cold Weather is Coming

As cold weather begins, it reminds us that our neighbors are less likely to be out and about. This means we may be less aware of their needs. If you have a neighbor with special needs, let them know that you will be their "buddy." Be there for them should they become ill or have small jobs or errands that they can't do for themselves. That's what neighbors are for and Lyon Village is our neighborhood.

Don't forget to get a flu shot if your doctor approves! And cover your cough; stay home when you feel sick; and wash your hands frequently.

Come Learn at Café Scientifique

What will be the role of Science and Technology in the New Administration? On Wed, Nov 5 from 6-8pm, at the Front Page Restaurant, 4201 Wilson Blvd (near Ballston Metro) this question will be discussed by a panel including: Al Teich, AAAS; Michael Waring, University of Michigan; and Richard Van Atta, Science and Technology Policy Institute; with moderator: Dr. Chris Hill, GMU. The Front Page will offer half-price burgers. The event is free and open to the public. For online registration you can visit: www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com/registrations/forms/event_detail_web2lead.cfm?event_ID=4373.

Café Scientifique flourished first in the U.K. (see www.cafescientifique.org) as a way for the public and scientists to mingle and discuss science issues in an informal setting. At least 35 cafés now exist in the U.S. The Ballston Science and Technology Alliance, a nonprofit organization, is the sponsor of Café Scientifique Arlington. Since 2006, their work has been to make science more accessible by featuring speakers whose expertise span the sciences and who can speak in plain English. Café is generally held the first Tuesday of each month at the Front Page. Next month: Brian Sloboda from NRECA speaking on "Energy Efficiency Programs and Technologies", December 2. Contact Kaye Breen, kbreen@arlingtonva.us or visit www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com/bsta.

News in the Neighborhood

Development News

There are a number of projects planned or under construction in Clarendon. Thanks to our neighbors in Lyon Village for updates on plans that have been approved by the County.

The project at 2201 Pershing at Rt 50 is expected to begin before too long. Given the current financial situation and the credit crunch, it is not easy for the owner to predict exactly when construction loans might be available again on reasonable terms. Full site work will not begin in earnest before mid 2009. Some demolition work may begin sooner than that, possibly in the spring. Fencing is up at Lee Shopping Center section portion of the project. The nearby Duron paint store will probably move in the first quarter of 2009.

The Garfield Park project at the former Sala Thai/CVS site continues to pursue financing after their first lender pulled out of all area projects. They anticipate having all approvals for demolition and excavation within the next 4 to 6 weeks.

Issues with financing are typical throughout the County on numerous construction projects. The uncertain economic climate may delay a number of planned developments.

County Leaf Collection Begins in November

DES informs us that there have been several significant changes to improve Leaf Collection service this year. Following last year's collection, DES performed an analysis of predominate tree types and the amount of tree coverage in neighborhoods throughout the County. This information was used to develop a revised collection schedule. Each Civic Association will receive two vacuum passes this season. Leaf bags will be collected weekly.

Key dates for the 2008-09 leaf season are: Oct 20 - Biodegradable Bags Available at the County Building in Courthouse and other locations; Nov 3 to Jan 16 - Bag Collection; Nov 17 to Dec 31 - Vacuum Collection. This year, a leaf collection listerv is available to notify you of your schedule. Visit www.arlingtonva.us and click on "email subscriptions" to receive this info.

Residents who miss their first vacuum collection are asked to bag their leaves for the next weekly bag collection, or to wait for the second vacuum pass in their neighborhood. The usual vacuum pass before Thanksgiving will not take place this year; DES suggests you plan accordingly to maximize the available on-street parking. Questions about the leaf vacuum schedule can be addressed by the Leaf Collection Hotline at 703.228.6565, or visit www.arlingtonva.us.

Commonwealth Circle Lyon Village House Tour

On Thursday, December 11th from 1-4 pm four beautiful Lyon Village homes, decorated in all their holiday splendor, will open their doors to invited guests of the Commonwealth Circle. Lyon Village residents and friends are cordially invited to attend. The tour will include the homes of Scott and Lisa McElhaney, 3145 North 17th Street and Tim and Linda Wallace, 1830 North Herndon and Mark Weinress and Tom Donegan, 3200 North 19th Street. A gracious afternoon tea will be served in the home of Michael and Lynne Wilson, 1708 North Harvard Street. Tickets will be available from Lynne Pilot for \$25 at 1815 N. Hartford Street (703-525-6868) after November 1st or at the door(s) for \$30 on the 11th. Zone parking will be lifted for this event. This is a fundraiser, sponsored by the non-profit Commonwealth Circle of Northern Virginia, which has raised almost \$135,000 for local charities since 1981. This year's proceeds will be given to Nova ScriptsCentral a collaborative pharmacy providing access to medications for low-income uninsured children and adults throughout Northern Virginia.

Welcome to Two New Local Clarendon Businesses

Spider Kelly's, a new restaurant at 3181 Wilson Blvd was created by Nick Freshman and Nick Langman, lifetime area residents, as a comfortable, appealing bar and dining room that are strongly linked to the neighborhood.

A new clothing store, *MauroFarinelli* has opened at 2839 Wilson Blvd across from the Container Store with a great and high-style selection of men's and women's clothing. These are truly local businesses, not chains. Check them out.

Village Market

Seeking Rental: Gracious, young professional couple (non-smoking, no children or pets) seeks long term home rental in Lyon Village or near vicinity beginning August 2009. Please contact Alison at alifriedberg@hotmail.com or 703-664-0495.

Seeking Time-Life Series of Master Artists Books. Last month an ad for these books on artist's lives, style and time period, with B/W and colored reproductions was advertised for \$25. The seller should contact LJCTayloe@msn.com to discuss selling the books.

Nanny Share: Lyon Village family is searching for a nanny share opportunity for our 20 month old. If you have a little one around the same age and like the idea please email mbworrell@gmail.com.

For Sale: Twenty cardboard boxes for \$20. Size: 18/14/12 inches. Clean, good condition. Used once to store books, etc. while redecorating. Call 703-528-6917.

Yard Work: Energetic worker ready to rake your yard! From \$10.00. If and when the conditions allow, he will also shovel snow from your sidewalk for \$5.00 (driveway extra). Call James at 703/527-4984 to arrange.

Free Swingset: Get a great wooden swing/play set! Contact Shelley at: Sheldon_Snook@dcd.uscourts.gov.

Nanny Available: Experienced LV nanny seeks new family for full-time employment. Spanish-speaking, U.S. citizen, Arlington resident. Call Carmen Chilet: 571-282-9003 or 571-242-1889.

Housekeeper Available to clean your house on a weekly or bi-monthly basis. English speaking. 15 years of excellent service to Lyon Village neighbors. Please call 703.243.3856 for references and to set up an appointment for a free estimate.

Elder Person Assistance: Supremely capable, trustworthy and compassionate woman seeking weekend work assisting elder person as a companion or with meals, light house maintenance and/or errands. Contact Lisa at 703-525-9292.

Fabulous Nanny: Energetic, creative, loving, trustworthy and reliable nanny available weekends. Legal, Spanish/English speaking, with her own transportation. Enthusiastic Lyon Village references available. Contact Gladys at 571-216-8375.

Pet Care. For pet care during the week or on weekends call Ben, Abby and Katherine at 703-528-3731 or 202-906-3890. We can help with walking and feeding weekdays during the day or evening and weekends too.