



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Bulletin Summer Break

Every summer the Lyon Village Bulletin takes July and August off. The next Bulletin will appear in September 2009. Please plan to submit information for the September Bulletin by 9/21. Have a great Summer!

Green Home and Garden Tour

On Sunday, June 7, 1pm – 5pm, you can see homes with solar elements, green roofs, recycled materials, and energy efficient technologies at the 7th Annual Arlington Green Home and Garden Tour. In this tour, you can visit homes and condominiums with solar elements, green roofs, recycled materials, and energy efficient technologies. Talk to homeowners about the environmentally friendly solutions that they've selected for their home or garden! Some homes will feature gardens full of native plants, rain gardens, rain barrels and cisterns, permeable pavement, wildlife habitat, and other environmentally friendly features. Go to www.arlingtonenvironment.org/gardentour09.pdf to view the tour itinerary.

The Green Grass of Home?

Some consider a grass lawn to be nature's concrete. Learn about no-mow landscaping on Saturday, July 11, 9:30am -12:30pm. Kirsten Buhls, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent with the Arlington office of Virginia Cooperative Extension, will lead a workshop on alternatives to traditional yards. She will discuss the environmental impacts of maintaining a grass lawn and talk about alternatives, including planting native ground covers, using yards for food production, xeriscaping, and more. The workshop will include hands-on composting demonstrations and other techniques to help you transform your yard into a space that doesn't rely on chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or frequent watering. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S Stafford Street. Arlington.

June General Membership Meeting, Monday, June 8, 8:00pm LVCA Community House

Police Update: The meeting will begin with an update by the Arlington County Police on recent police activity in and around Lyon Village and Clarendon. Officers from the Community Policing Section of District 2 will provide the briefing. As we have learned from earlier updates, the fastest growing segment of criminal activity in Arlington has been theft of personal items from often unlocked cars. Be sure to never leave electronic items such as laptops, cell phone and GPS navigators, etc in the open in your car and always lock your car.

Kirkwood Road Construction Update: Representatives of Dominion Virginia Power will be on hand to brief us on the progress of their project to underground new power transmission lines along Kirkwood Road and then eastbound on Lee Highway. A representative of the County will also be there to talk about the repaving of Kirkwood Road and the standard that Dominion Power will be held to.

Election of Officers: The meeting will conclude with the election of Lyon Village Citizen Association Officers for the 2009-2010 year. The LVCA nominating committee will present a proposed slate of officers for the Association to consider

We apologize for the late notice on cancellation of the May General Meeting. Our speaker was unable to attend at the last minute. We will take up the discussion of Historic Designation in the fall.

Next General Meeting Monday, September 14th – Have a Great Summer

**Lyon Village Executive Committee Meeting on Monday, June 1 at 8pm
at the Community House. All are invited to attend.**

Lyon Village Independence Day Parade & Picnic! Mark your calendars AND lend a hand!

The annual Lyon Village Independence Day Parade will start promptly at 11am from the corner of Highland and 17th Streets. Line up for the parade begins at 10:30am on 17th Street; and don't forget to decorate your bikes, scooters and wagons for the parade. Please contact John Carten at 202-437-8257, if you would like to help with the parade or drive your antique or convertible car in the parade.

Our annual picnic will follow immediately afterwards the parade. In the past few years, our parade and picnic goes numbers are increasing, yet our volunteers are dwindling, so please do your part. We risk not having a parade and picnic if we cannot adequately staff the event. Let us know how you can help with the parade, picnic and/or the vintage cars and convertibles show. We are in need of volunteers for the following areas: set-up, decorations, baked goods, shopping, food prep, servers, kids' games, cars, parade coordination and clean-up.

This year, we are offering a fundraiser opportunity! If your team, club or non-profit would like to run the food service (hot dogs, watermelon, baked goods and drinks), you can keep all of the profits. We have all of the data on what to buy, how to price it, etc. If you are able to help out, or would like to discuss your team/club fundraiser, please contact LV Executive Committee member Caroline Holt at 703-522-6343 or walsh2holt@gmail.com.

This event is a fun, family-friendly way to become more connected with your community and enjoy Independence Day in the Park!

Lyon Village Seeks Neighborhood Conservation Projects

Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation Program (NC) is a unique tool that provides funding for a variety of capital improvement projects. Improvements can include installation of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetlights, park improvements, neighborhood art, and beautification. Projects are based on written plans submitted to the County for review and acceptance. Each community in Arlington that participates in the NC program has a Neighborhood Conservation Representative who serves as a liaison with county staff in the development of projects. If you have an improvement project in mind that you would like to be considered for NC funding, please contact Shelly Snook, Lyon Village's NC Representative, at (703) 243-1302. For more information about the NC program, go to www.co.arlington.va.us/Departments/CPHD/ons/CPHDonsConservation.aspx.

Enjoy the Fireflies

The Potomac region's remarkable variety of fireflies is almost unique in the U.S. They appear in early June and last until mid-July or even August, depending on conditions. Fireflies like moist earth, meadows and lawns, and running water. The first flashes appear at dusk, but different varieties, including unusual blue-tinged gliders, will appear until early morning. Types will generally differ in flash pattern and color, time of night, and altitude. To help maintain the dwindling numbers of these beneficials, please try to keep nighttime lighting as minimal as possible, focused downward, and/or on a motion sensor, if possible. In addition, please try to mow lawns at least an hour before dusk.

To celebrate this regional phenomenon, Arlington County is seeking a few helpers for its Firefly Festival at Fort CF Smith on July 12 from 7-930 PM. This is a new family event, for all ages, with live music, games, and activities. Spots are open for a variety of things, bug catching and ID, running a bug bingo game, helping at craft stations, and a table on nocturnal creature's owls/bats. This is a great chance for everyone to have doing informal public education on our fireflies and their fellow native creatures. The project's organizers would also be happy to hear any suggestions for additions to the program as well. Those interested should contact Rachel Tolman at Rtolman@arlingtonva.us.

Money Talk: A Financial Course for Women

Women have unique financial needs. Most will at some time be on their own financially. Some will never marry, some will see their marriages end in divorce, and others will outlive their spouses/partners. This course will provide you with information that you need to take charge of your financial future. The course includes five classes: July 8 Financial Basics; July 15 Investing Basics; July 22 Investing for Retirement; July 29 Insurance Basics; August 5 Planning for Future Life Events. All classes will be held 7:00-8:45pm at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy Street. Cost is \$20, includes textbook. To register: jabel@vt.edu or (703) 228-6417. This is a program of Virginia Cooperative Extension and Arlington Public Libraries.

In June at the Library...

Washington Opera Presents "Madame Butterfly," Tue Jun 23, 3:30pm. The Washington National Opera retells the story of "Madame Butterfly" and provides a craft activity. Registration is required for this program.

Magician Michael Chamberlin on Tue Jun 23, 7pm. Magician Michael Chamberlin presents "Seeing is Believing," a startling and hilarious show that proves magic can be created by all of us. Tickets are required and will be distributed free beginning the day before the program.

Author Event: Cartoonist Richard Thompson on Mon Jun 29, 7pm. Hear from the man behind the syndicated daily comic strip "Cul de Sac," whose unique style and humor have graced the Washington Post ("Richard's Poor Almanac"), National Geographic, The Atlantic and the New Yorker - Arlington's own Richard Thompson.

All events are at the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Va. See the complete Arlington Public Library calendar of events at www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Libraries/LibrariesEvents.aspx.

Green-It Workshop

Composting Essentials: Come to this workshop on Sunday, June 7, 1-5pm, to learn how to transform leaves, grass, and weeds into compost-the prized Gardener's Gold. This session includes a hands-on compost demonstration featuring several types of compost bins. Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N Marcey Rd, Arlington. Call 703-228-4797 or email seoconnell@arlingtonva.us to reserve a free seat now.

Get Caught Reading

Summer Reading Program registration begins June 6, 9am, at all Arlington Public Library locations except Plaza Branch Library. *Get Caught Reading* is the Arlington Public Library's summer reading program for young people. For details on registration and events taking place throughout the County see: www.arlingtonva.us/library.

Check Your Listing in the Lyon Village Directory Before it Goes to Print

Many in the neighborhood took the urgings of last month's Lyon Village Bulletin to check to see if their listing was correct in the new 2009 *Lyon Village Directory*. Check it at www.lyonvillage.org. Many listings were not completely correct and updates are currently taking place. In addition, it is still possible to add your email if you would like it listed.

The deadline for submitting changes has been extended until the end of June. The Directory will be printed over the summer and will be distributed with the August/September Bulletin in late August.

To view your listing, go to the Lyon Village website at www.lyonvillage.org and scroll down to the link for the *Lyon Village Directory* on the right side of the web page. Click on the blue colored link.

Viewing access is limited by a password. There is a hint on the website. If you are unable to figure out the password from the hint, please contact maw123@gmail.com and the password will be sent to your email address.

Please review your listing and send additions and changes to directory@lyonvillage.org as soon as possible. The online version will be updated and printed for distribution based on corrections received by the end of June. This means that if you want your correct information in the published version, it must be fixed now or wait several years!

Some have expressed concern about information being available via the Lyon Village website. Please note that most of the information in the Directory is easily found on the internet in a variety of sources, such as whitepages.com and the Arlington County website.

In addition, it is easy to mitigate concerns about making your email address public. The solution is to simply create an address that you are comfortable with using more publicly. Many folks maintain multiple addresses for varying degrees of privacy. This is particularly useful for people who don't want excess mail at their work email address. Remember that the directory offers important contact information for neighbors, especially in an emergency. If you prefer not to be listed, your listing will be completely removed.

The Directory is a great neighborhood resource and yet another benefit of living in Lyon Village. Please take a couple of minutes to make sure your listing is correct. Consider it part of your service to our great community.

Summer Biking - 12 Rules of the Road

1. Obey all applicable traffic regulations, signs signals and markings.
2. Observe all local ordinances pertaining to bicycles.
3. Keep right. Ride with traffic, not against it. Ride single file.
4. Watch out for drain grates, soft shoulders and other road hazards.
5. Watch out for car doors opening or for cars pulling into traffic.
6. Don't carry passengers or packages that interfere with your vision or control.
7. Never hitch a ride on a truck or other vehicle.
8. Be careful at intersections and when making turns.
9. Use hand signals to indicate turning or stopping.
10. Protect yourself at night with reflectors and lights.
11. Ride a safe bike. Have it inspected to insure good condition.
12. Ride your bike defensively. Watch out for the other guy.

Village Market

Pet Care. Going out of town? For pet care during the day or evening, during the week or on weekends call Ben, Abby and Katherine at 703-528-3731 or cell 202-437-8257. We can feed and walk your pets all hours of the day.

Victorian Rocker: For Sale. Lovely deep red antique mohair upholstery with dark mahogany frame. A real antique in good condition for its age. \$200. Contact Mark at maw123@gmail.com or 703.516.0956 if interested.

Free Children's Ride-On Toys: Seeking a good home for two rechargeable "ride on" toys. One is a Yamaha three-wheel motorcycle the other is a Peg Perego two-seat jeep. Both are in good condition, although the jeep appears to need some repair work. First come/first serve. Contact Rick at beckner_robinson@mac.com.

Lyon Village Computer: Having computer trouble? Please contact Lyon Village Computer, your neighborhood computer expert. Night and weekend hours are not only available but preferred and in-home service is \$30/hr. Call 571-232-5231 or visit LyonVillageComputer.com for more information. Technician is A+ certified and has been a Lyon Village Resident for 16 years.

Handwriting Camp: Improve and refine your child's handwriting this summer. Sign up for a handwriting camp organized by two local, experienced school Occupational Therapists who want to see local children succeed and have fun. The Camp is appropriate for rising kindergarten to rising third graders and will have a 2:1 adult to child ratio. Camp will be held in the family home of Sandi Stoppel, OT, located at 3113 Key Boulevard. Please contact Sandi at 703-875-0396 or Christine Cridland at 703-329-1052 with any questions. Week 1 is July 6-10 from 9:30am to 11am, or from 11:30am to 1pm. Week 2 is July 13-17 from 9:30am to 11am, or from 11:30am to 1pm.

Tutoring: I am available for tutoring in your home or mine for all elementary grades. I have a Masters degree in Learning Disabilities and Counseling. Please call Susan at 703-522-9864 for more information.

Yoga Classes at the LV Community House: Wednesday morning yoga! Yoga classes are being offered at the Lyon Village Community House, from 10am to 11:15am. Classes are taught in the Vinyasa Flow style, an all-level practice with a flowing style that links movement with breath. Benefits include stretching, strengthening and core body workout. Classes are taught by Yvette Carlucci, a Registered Yoga Teacher who has been practicing for 15+ years. First class is free! After the initial class, \$15 for Drop-in. Bring a yoga mat, towel, and wear comfortable clothing.

Wonderful Housekeeper: of 16 years seeking additional cleaning work in the neighborhood. Please call Beverly Katz for references and contact information (703) 963-4934.