



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Lyon Village 2009-10 Dues Are Now Due

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.

Now you can pay your dues online at [www.lyonvillage.org](http://www.lyonvillage.org), or you can mail or deliver your dues payments to: Carl Mattick at 1428 N. Fillmore St. Phone 703-525-0819 or email [CarlMattick@verizon.net](mailto:CarlMattick@verizon.net) with any questions.

## Arlington: Best Places for the Rich & Single

CNN Money.com says follow the money to Arlington VA, where affluent young professionals are abundant. Arlington has a population of 204,568, of which 41.6% are single, with a median family income \$108,815.

According to CNN, "if you think smart is sexy, you'll love Arlington, where scientific geniuses and government types dominate. The city is home to the Pentagon as well as numerous research agencies, such as the National Science Foundation and Office of Naval Research. After hours, let your hair down and go for a pub crawl in the neighborhood of Clarendon: in addition to drinks, you'll find entertainment from live music to amateur stand-up comedy -- a surefire way to meet someone who can make you laugh." And so it goes.

## Local Foods, Local Chefs

Dine at participating Arlington restaurants and enjoy a dinner made with locally grown ingredients, while supporting local vendors and local farmers.

Come to the kickoff of *Local Foods, Local Chefs* on Sept 15, 6-9pm at 2700 Wilson Boulevard to enjoy tastings and get a chance to meet local farmers and learn more about the benefits of local foods. And then on to the dinners!

Each of the following restaurants will feature a dinner made with locally grown ingredients on their designated date: 9/16, Liberty Tavern, 3195 Wilson Blvd; 9/17, Santa Fe Café, 1500 Wilson Blvd; 9/22 Willow Restaurant, 4301 N Fairfax Dr; 9/23 Tallulah Restaurant, 2761 Washington Blvd; 9/29 Eventide Restaurant, 3165 Wilson Blvd; 10/6 Restaurant Vero, 5723 Lee Hwy; 10/13 Restaurant 3, 2950 Clarendon Blvd.

Also offered, a series of films and discussion at Fairlington Community Center at 3308 S Stafford St. All films will begin at 6:30pm: 9/30, *The True Cost of Food*; 10/7, *The Garden*; 10/14, *Fresh*. More info at 703.228.6400 or [www.offices.ext.vt.edu/arlington/news/local\\_foods\\_local\\_chefs\\_arlington.html](http://www.offices.ext.vt.edu/arlington/news/local_foods_local_chefs_arlington.html).

## New Local Flower Business

Petals for the People's flower service is now available in Arlington offering weekly and biweekly subscriptions supplying an ever-changing bundle of mixed flowers. Weekly instructional videos on their website demonstrate how to use the flowers to make three or more arrangements. Flowers can be picked up from St. Charles Church on Fairfax Drive or delivered to a home or business. Info available at [www.petalsforthepeople.com](http://www.petalsforthepeople.com).

## Lyon Village General Meeting Monday September 14 at 8pm at the Community House County Assessing Proposed Zoning Changes Potential for High-Density Development in Lyon Village

At our General Meeting this month, we will begin with an update by the Arlington Police and then proceed to our main topic on the proposed rezoning and development at 2401 Wilson Blvd. This potential change in land-use and zoning presents an urgent issue for Lyon Village and other Clarendon neighborhoods, and its approval would likely have a negative effect on our home values.

The owner of the properties at 2401 Wilson, bounded by Wilson Blvd, N Adams St, and N 16th St has made a request that the County change the land-use plan and zoning for the properties to allow construction of a building of up to 12 to 16 stories.

On the Wilson side, the site is currently occupied by one-story commercial buildings containing Kitty O'Shea's and a martial arts studio. On the 16<sup>th</sup> St side, the site contains several single-family Lyon Village homes.

We have invited the developer's attorney, Nan Walsh, with the law firm of Walsh Colluci, to make a presentation at this month's General Meeting to discuss this important issue. Note that the County's Planning Commission will consider the land owner's request at its October meeting.

Our Executive Committee has communicated its opposition to the changes before a subcommittee of the Planning Commission at two meetings this summer. About twenty Lyon Village home owners attended the second meeting, and generally strong opposition to the proposal was expressed.

Currently, the commercial portion of the site in question is zoned for buildings of up to 45 feet. The Lyon Village portion of the site is zoned single-family, and contains three homes. The property owner seeks to change the land-use plan for the entire site to "medium office-apartment-hotel" and to re-zone the entire site to the C-O-2.5 zoning category. If the changes are granted, we understand that the property owner will submit plans for a hotel for the site. The back of the hotel would face Lyon Village.

This request for a change in zoning and land-use within Lyon Village is very problematic for three reasons:

First, if approved, it would set a precedent for our entire Wilson Blvd frontage between N Adams St and N Fillmore St in Clarendon. All of the single family Lyon Village homes immediately behind the Wilson Blvd commercial properties have the same land-use designation as the targeted site, and generally the same zoning. Approval of this request would set precedent for more rezoning.

Second, the building heights and densities allowed under the proposed land-use plan and zoning changes would suggest that the transition from the commercial area along Wilson to single family in Lyon Village should occur much further into our neighborhood than currently allowed. This could provide the potential for consolidation and re-zoning of much of the area between Wilson Blvd and Key Blvd.

Third, part of the reason the developer is seeking to change the land-use plan and zoning for the portion of the site occupied by Lyon Village homes, is that the commercially zoned portion of his site is too small (19,000 square feet) to meet the minimum size (20,000 square feet) for the new zoning he seeks. Granting this request would create the further troubling precedent of allowing a developer to acquire Lyon Village homes in order to expand a commercially zoned site for re-zoning and other purposes.

It is important that you attend this month's General Meeting and make a show of force against this proposed land-use and zoning change

## Land Use & Zoning

By way of background, the County's *land-use plan* is the document that sets out the policy for all of the land in the County in terms of uses (such as commercial, residential, public) and density (a range from low to high). State law requires that the County have such a plan.

All land in the County is also covered by a *zoning* category, which generally sets out the rights to build on the property (such as site coverage, setbacks, building height).

As a general rule, the County will grant a request for rezoning only if the new zoning is *consistent* with the land-use plan. Thus, in the case of a request for a change in zoning that is inconsistent with the plan, the land-use plan must be changed first.

## Great Historical Find on View at this Month's General Meeting

The neighborhood offers many thanks to Claire Brewster, a Lyon Village resident on 18<sup>th</sup> St, who has provided us with a map showing the original layout of Lyon Village. Her parents (Forrest and Claire Stieg) built their home in 1926, and Claire found the map while going through old papers.

The map depicts the original names for streets alongside the current names. For example, Custis off Danville was Hollywood St, Danville was Holly St, Fillmore was Spruce St, Highland was Virginia Ave, Hartford was Ellerson Ave, Herndon was Wheeler, and Key was Winthrop.

After Lyon Village was first developed, the County standardized street names to the current alpha-numeric system we have today, and the original Lyon Village street names were changed to fit the new system. The map along with a vintage aerial photo showing Lyon Village and the location of the yet to be built Memorial Bridge will be on display at the Sep 14th LVCA General Meeting at the Community House.

## Subscribe to the Lyon Village E-Newsletter

Lyon Village now has an e-mail listserv to supplement our paper Bulletin with time-sensitive alerts about neighborhood events, crime, development issues, utilities, and other important information. In addition to General Notices, you may also sign up to receive alerts for specific groups such as *Children's Activities & Info* and *Marketplace* with special offerings from nearby stores & restaurants, yard sales, and news of items & services for sale or barter in the neighborhood. Let your Lyon Village neighbors know about this great new community asset. To subscribe, go to the Lyon Village website at [www.lyonvillage.org](http://www.lyonvillage.org), look at the left hand panel and click on "join the Lyon Village email list." It's that simple. This list will not be sold or provided to other sources and it is easy to unsubscribe. So get on board today to be up to date on your neighborhood.

### Appraising Your Treasures

On Saturday, Sep 12, from 1 to 3:30pm, Dr. Jerome Ford will informally appraise family treasures, such as china, glass, and small furniture at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S 3rd St in Arlington. There will be a limit of three objects. Suggested donation to benefit the Ball-Sellers House: \$10 per object or \$25 for three items. Those with reservations will be appraised first. To reserve a time, e-mail: [appraisals4bs@gmail.com](mailto:appraisals4bs@gmail.com). In case of rain, the event will take place at Carlin Hall, 5711 S 4th St, behind Glencarlyn Library.

### Arlington Kids Stuff Sale

The Arlington (formerly Lyon Village) Kids Stuff Sale is scheduled for Saturday, Sep 26 from 8am to noon. The sale features used, seasonally appropriate kids clothes, toys and gear, plus maternity clothes, books, videos, kids furniture and more. The Kids Stuff Sale is put together by a community minded group and leftovers go to charity. The sale is held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, at the corner of Military Road and Lorcom. Plenty of parking & free admission. See [www.kidsstuffsale.com](http://www.kidsstuffsale.com) for info.

### Events at the Library

Check out these events at Arlington Central Library at 1015 N Quincy Street:  
9/9 at 7pm: "The Prohibition Hangover" by Garrett Peck. The Arlington author will read from his new book which explores America's tense and often contradictory relationship with alcohol, from the end of Prohibition to the 21st century. Books available for sale and signing.

9/10 at 7pm: "Pentagon 9/11" by Diane Putney and others. Putney, of the history office of the Secretary of Defense, discusses "Pentagon 9/11," a documented history based on over 1300 interviews about the attack. Books will be available for sale and signing.

9/21 at 7pm: "The Dickson Baseball Dictionary"/"The Unwritten Rules of Baseball" by Paul Dickson. The prolific author of 54 books will discuss his recent definitive titles.

9/28 at 7pm: "Heart of the Game" by Sports Illustrated senior writer S.L. Price. In July 2007, longtime minor league baseball standout Mike Coolbaugh was killed by a foul ball shortly after transitioning into his first coaching job. Price examines the lives of Coolbaugh and Tino Sanchez Jr., the man who hit the ball, to create a definitive portrait of professional and personal dedication.

9/29 at 7pm: "Living in More Than One World: How Peter Drucker's Wisdom Can Inspire And Transform Your Life" by Bruce Rosenstein. The local author will read from his new book. Drucker, considered the "Father of Modern Management" stressed individual self development by encouraging the pursuit of a more multidimensional life. Books will be available for sale and signing.

9/30 at 7pm: "Lies My Mother Never Told Me" by Kaylie Jones, daughter of literary legend James Jones. She will discuss her new memoir where she writes about trying to cope with the twin parental legacies of fame and alcoholism. Books will be available for sale and signing.

### Charity Mini-Golf

Join the Arlington Chamber of Commerce for their 4th Annual Picnic & Mini-Golf Tournament on Sept 23 from 3:30 to 7pm. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the Arlington Chamber's Scholarship Fund. The event includes a BBQ Dinner set to terrific tunes provided by A Sound Plan. Player rates range from \$15 to \$150 depending on age. Dinner only \$10. At Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd. Call 703-525-2400 to register or [www.arlingtonchamber.org](http://www.arlingtonchamber.org).

## News from Our Neighborhood Police

### Don't Text and Drive

It is not only dangerous, but is now illegal. The Arlington County Police Department is reminding drivers to pay full attention while behind the wheel. House Bill 1876 went into effect on July. The new law not only prohibits drivers from sending text messages while driving, but reading them too. The new charge is punishable by a fine of \$20.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for additional infractions. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, driver distraction (from any source) contributes to 25 percent of all police-reported crashes. For a more info visit [www.leg1.state.va.us/](http://www.leg1.state.va.us/).

### Not Stopping & Speeding in the Neighborhood

The police have been monitoring the intersection at Highland St and Key Blvd for some time. It seems that about half the people pulled over for violating either the Stop sign or the Do Not Enter sign at Franklin and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets, are people from Lyon Village. Many of the cars being stopped by the police are simply tapping their brakes and going on through the Stop sign, treating it more like a Yield sign. This illegal maneuver is commonly referred to as a "California Roll" in police parlance.

In addition, we are all concerned about speeding cars in Lyon Village, and many traffic calming measures have been taken to alleviate the problem. The fact is that many of the speeders are Lyon Village residents! Be sure to set an example and keep your speed below 20mph on neighborhood streets. Knowing the roads does not make it safer to speed. Your neighbors thank you!

### Arlington Crime Website

We now have a local crime-spotting map on the internet. Take a look at [www.spotcrime.com/va/arlington](http://www.spotcrime.com/va/arlington) to track neighborhood incidents.

### Man Charged in Apple Store Shooting

The Arlington County Police Department Homicide/Robbery Unit has charged a suspect in the shooting that occurred in early July in at the Apple Store in Clarendon. On July 3, a man rang the doorbell at the service entrance to the Apple Store in the 2700 block of Clarendon Blvd. An employee walked to the back of the store to answer the door and was subsequently shot by the suspect. On Aug 14, Byron A. Dean, 21, off no fixed address, was charged with Malicious Wounding, Abduction, Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony, and Possession of a Firearm as a Convicted Felon. Dean had been incarcerated on unrelated charges since July 12. He is being held without bond in the Arlington County Detention Center.

### Fourth of July Thank You!

This year, Lyon Village had another patriotic and fun July 4th parade and picnic; we hope everyone had a blast! We certainly enjoyed the beautiful weather and a record turnout.

A huge "thank you" to our incredible volunteers! In particular, John Carten for his work on coordinating the parade; to John Rohlfing for setting up the cones and detours; to all of our drivers, walkers, wagon-riders, bikers and spectators for their starring roles in the parade; to our police & firefighters who joined us for the events; to "Uncle Sam", Bill Brydges; to The entire Gallant family for publicity and amazing note keeping on past years needs and this year's projections; to Carl Mattick, Warren Nelson and Bill Gearhart for getting the LVCA dues collection details in order; to Rose & Rick Holliday, Alan & Myra Probasco, Mark & Melanie Cummings' and Ruth Milkman for food prep and masterful grilling; to Fielding Winters, Peter Glassman, John & Nicole Armstrong, and Michelle Villado for set-up and decorations; to Sheri Grant for the cake walk; to Margaret Milkman and her friend Melissa for face painting; to the Miller kids for blowing up 150 water balloons; to Sandi & Bill Stoppel, Liza Lowe, Kirsten Crank and Jane Miller for speedy and thorough clean-up. And thank you to anyone else who helped throughout the day. A special "thank you" to Caroline Holt for organizing and bringing back games like the egg & spoon race and water balloon toss! We can't wait for next year!

As some of you know, we outsourced the food service to the nascent Wakefield High School Service Club. With our steady hot dog, beverage, candy, and watermelon sales they made a \$1,060 profit in just over 3 hours! That money will be used to finance upcoming service trips like the one they just returned from serving Habitat for Humanity. If you did not make it on the 4th but would like to donate, here are a few details from Cecilia Quinonez:

*For my senior project at Wakefield, I am creating a Service Club in order to make sure that not only I, but the entire community of Wakefield High School can help serve the greater community of Arlington County. This summer, 16 Wakefield rising seniors and two teachers went on a service trip to Union County, Monroe, North Carolina, where we spent a week working on 3 different houses. It was a wonderful experience, and everyone that went truly enjoyed it and is excited about doing more things like this in the future. Our Service Club plans on completing at least 8 service projects this year and really want to get all of Wakefield involved. Any support would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!*

And we want to thank you Cecilia. Checks can be made payable to Wakefield High School with "Service Club" in the Memo Line and sent to: Wakefield High School Service Club, c/o Lisa Labella, 4901 S Chesterfield Rd, Arlington, VA 22206.

### Lyon Village Park News

Many may have noticed that the pavilion roof at Lyon Village park was removed this summer. That bit of shade was sorely missed. The Department of Parks & Recreation was contacted by the LVEC in June, and informed us that the roof had developed serious leaks. The roof was already scheduled for replacement in fiscal year 2010. However, the current water damage required the park service to pull it down in June, due to concerns about its structural integrity. The county will hire a consultant in September/October to create a new design for the roof, and hope to have the installation completed in November, once the busy park returns to off-season usage.

### Village Market

**Nanny/Babysitter Needed:** Seeking responsible, loving, English-speaking person for 4th grade girl. Must have valid driver's license, car, and references. Must be able to arrive for work at 2pm each day (1pm on Wednesdays), and also walk small, lovable dog prior to picking child up from school. Helping with chores around the house would great! College students would be perfect for this job! Contact [plessard67@live.com](mailto:plessard67@live.com).

**Hickory Wingback Chairs** for sale. Two lovely Hickory Chair wing chairs in terrific condition. The fabric is a lovely peach/pink damask. Paid \$475 for each and will sell the pair for \$500. Please call Debby at 703/801-3949 if interested.

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

**Piano for Sale,** used Knabe mahogany-finish console piano. Excellent condition, beautiful tone. \$1,000. Call Carol at 703-522-2007.

**Part-time Nanny:** Our wonderful nanny is currently working part-time for us and is looking for more work during the week and possibly on weekends. Please call us at 703-887-3269 for more information.

**Housekeeper:** Need help cleaning your house? We have an excellent housekeeper who is in need of more work. Please call Lizeth at 703-439-0630.

Send Your Bulletin Items to [markweinress@msn.com](mailto:markweinress@msn.com) by **September 23, 2009.**