



# 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, covers the cost of our newsletter and phone directory, and helps defray the costs of several annual neighborhood events. 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 [cmattick@cmattick.com](mailto:cmattick@cmattick.com) or [cmattick@verizon.net](mailto:cmattick@verizon.net) with any questions. Please note updated email address.

#### Solar Home Tour

##### Geothermal & Solar Workshop

On Sat, Oct 3 & Sun, Oct 4, from 11am-5pm you can check out homes, including some in Arlington, featuring solar panels and other solar elements. Visit the Solar Home Tour web site for a list of sites, the tour booklet and schedule, [www.solartour.org](http://www.solartour.org). There will be a Residential Geothermal and Solar Systems workshop on Tues, Oct 13, 7pm-9pm, focusing on teaching the fundamentals of residential solar and geothermal systems, including the different types of systems and the costs, benefits, and constraints of each. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Register online for Activity #750000-02 [www.arlingtonva.us/des](http://www.arlingtonva.us/des) or email [hreinecke-wilt@arlingtonva.us](mailto:hreinecke-wilt@arlingtonva.us).

#### Clarendon Writers' Circle Group

Clarendon Presbyterian Church, 1305 N. Jackson St., is hosting the newly created Clarendon Writers' Circle. Whether you write fact or fiction for fun or for profit, all are welcome to this supportive circle of writers who share their work with one another and offer supportive commentary. The two hour meetings are the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7pm in the church's library. For more details, contact David Ensign at [revdocdee@gmail.com](mailto:revdocdee@gmail.com) or Ted Billings at [ted.billings@gmail.com](mailto:ted.billings@gmail.com).

#### New Neighborhood Restaurant Offer

The Afghan Kabob House has opened next to the Courthouse post office at 2045 Wilson Blvd. Owner Akbar Madany invites Lyon Village residents to come in and show your copy of the LV Bulletin during September and October for a free sample platter of their savory and dishes. Bring your laptop, the wifi password is "givememorekabob".

#### Arlington Public Library Book Sale

Arlington Rereads book sale, sponsored by Friends of Arlington Public Library. Thousands of books, videos, CDs, records, posters and magazines for sale. The sale takes place Fri Oct 23 to Sun Oct 25 at the Arlington Central Library Parking Garage. For more details, visit [arlingtonlibraryfriends.org](http://arlingtonlibraryfriends.org).

## General Meeting Monday October 12 at 8pm At the Community House

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### Candidates Night

Our October meeting will feature our annual candidates' night meeting. This year we will have candidates from the following races: County Board, School Board and State Delegate. This is an opportunity to hear the candidates' positions on key issues in the election and to be able to ask them questions about these issues.

#### Important Items from the September Meeting

The major item of discussion at our September General Meeting was the proposal by Schupp Company, the owners of the properties at 2401 Wilson Blvd to advertise a change to the GLUP (General Land Use Plan) and Zoning for their properties. The owner these properties bounded by Wilson Blvd, N Adams St, and N 16th St had 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. The Association voted to oppose the request.

This item is scheduled to come before the Planning Commission and County Board in October. Check the Lyon Village web site for updates and be sure that you are signed up for the Lyon Village ListServ (see above) so that you will receive the latest updates on it during the month. There will be opportunities to come out and speak at the Planning Commission and County Board meetings on this issue.

Also at last month's meeting we heard from the police about recent incidents in Clarendon and Lyon Village. Important information was shared including, if you see suspicious activity or hear a loud party late at night, call the police non-emergency number at 703.558.2222. Also, always lock your car and don't leave valuables in plain sight in your car such as GPS devices, laptops or cell phones.

#### Executive Committee Meeting - First Monday Each Month All Are Welcomed

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 5 at 8pm at the Community House. At this meeting the Parks and Recreation Staff will attend and show us some proposed upgrades to the Lyon Village Park.

## Saturday October 17th Spaghetti Dinner Benefit And Silent Auction

The 2009 Lyon Village Annual Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction is Saturday Oct 17th with two seatings: at 5pm and 7pm. Enjoy a full spaghetti dinner with traditional meat or special chef-prepared vegetarian sauce. Enjoy your friends and neighbors, while helping raise funds to support our LV Community House. This is one of the year's most fun events!

#### Help Make This a Great Event

Make a request for a donation from your favorite shop/restaurant. Please contact Andrea Briere at [abriere@nas.edu](mailto:abriere@nas.edu) to let her know where you can make the request. Or, you donate an item: tickets (such as Nationals or Shakespeare Theater), a weekend at your get-away, dinner at a local restaurant, or services (nail salon, lawn service). Your donations are greatly appreciated!

#### Volunteers Make It Happen

Volunteer to set-up, serve, sell tickets. It's easy, fun, and a marvelous way to get to know your neighbors! Contact: Melanie Cummings at [melcumings@verizon.net](mailto:melcumings@verizon.net), or Rose Holliday at [Rose.Holliday@hotmail.com](mailto:Rose.Holliday@hotmail.com) and 703.522.8336. We also have a need for bakers; please contact Heidi Morrison at [rvisek@msn.com](mailto:rvisek@msn.com) or 703.875.0324.

#### Items To Be Auctioned

Don't forget your checkbook: this year's silent auction features four Captiva Island get-aways; vacations in Bethany beach, Deep Creek Lake, Bay View Point; wine tasting for 20 at Best Cellars; dinner at Restaurant 3; swag from Shoefly; fine wines; fine art; and other gems. Please go to [www.lyonvillage.org](http://www.lyonvillage.org) for a detailed list of auction items. Thank you to American Reality Group and all our donors!"

### Events at Arlington Central Library

All events take place at Arlington Central Library at 1015 North Quincy Street. For further information and additional programs, see: [www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Libraries/LibrariesEvents.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Libraries/LibrariesEvents.aspx).

Lecture: Free Will vs. Scientific Determinism, Mon Oct 5 3pm. Are human beings free to choose or are they casually determined by forces beyond their control, such as heredity and environment (scientific determinism)? Irmgard Scherer, associate professor emeritus at Loyola University in Maryland, will discuss the views of Immanuel Kant and other philosophers on whether human beings have genuine freedom of choice.

Hispanic Heritage Month Film - Meet the Screenwriter: "Machuca" [2004], Mon Oct 5 6:30pm, Roberto Brodsky will introduce and answer questions about "Machuca" which examines the events of the 1973 military coup in Chile through the eyes of two young boys in private school. The bourgeois Gonzalo Infante and Pedro Machuca from the slums become great friends while the repressive military regime of Pinochet takes hold.

Hispanic Heritage Month Author Event: Poet Luis Alberto Ambroggio, Sat Oct 10 3pm. Argentine poet Luis Alberto Ambroggio will read from his new book, "Difficult Beauty," and with his editor, Yvette Neisser Moreno, the two will discuss the connection between bilingualism and identity.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Bolivia and its Folklore, Sun Oct 11 3:30pm. The dance group Alma Boliviana performs in "Bolivia and its Folklore"/"Folclore Boliviano." An educational and entertaining program looking at Bolivia's people, history, customs and dances. Fun for the whole family

Author Event: "Lost and Found: A Memoir of Mothers" by Kate Saint Vincent Vogl, Thu Oct 15 7pm. Vogl, a fiction writer and writing teacher in Minnesota, reflects on finding her birth mother after her adoptive mother died of cancer.

Author Event: "Record Makers and Breakers" by John Broven, Thu Oct 22 7pm, "Record Makers and Breakers: Voices of the Independent Rock 'n' Roll Pioneers" is a remarkable, almost-encyclopedic look at the creative and sometimes shadowy men (and a few women) who built the independent record labels that captured the foundations of rock 'n' roll. Far more than a reference book, John Broven's "Record Makers" is important popular history. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Author Event: Edgar Allan Poe Comes Alive!, Wed Oct 28 7pm. Celebrate 200 years of Poe as the master of macabre returns for a Halloween Week performance of his classic poems and short stories including "The Raven," "Annabel Lee," "The Tell-Tale Heart" and "Spirits of the Dead." Mr. Poe will also engage the audience with some humorous repartee. Not recommended for children under 7. Starring Scott Craig Jones of the Traveling Jones Theater.

## News on the Clarendon Views Project

The first Baptist Church at Clarendon (FBCC), located at the intersection of N Highland and Hartford across from metro has advertised that it is closing in October for what is being described as "major renovations." Apparently, the Views at Clarendon, a 10-story, high-rise, luxury apartment project planned for the church site is about to begin construction after many years of delays and litigation (including a lawsuit supported by the LVCA to block the project).

The Lyon Village Community met numerous times with the FBCC from the inception of this project. At that time, the church was facing severe debt and was attempting to find a solution that would improve its finances. The concept of a luxury apartment tower to include affordable housing and a new sanctuary for the church was conceived for the site. County money and affordable housing dollars would make the project possible. The Lyon Village neighborhood worked hard to find a solution to the problems the project faced, including the fact that the proposal violated the zoning for the site.

Regardless of the zoning violations, in 2005 the County Board adopted the site plan for the project. Following what was seen as an illegal approval by the county, a group of Lyon Village neighbors sued with the argument that the County had violated its own zoning rules. In October 2006, the Virginia Supreme Court ruled unanimously with the Lyon Village neighbors and blocked the project. The County Board then found a way to move the FBCC project forward by simply removing the rules that it had violated earlier.

To do this, in 2007 the County enacted zoning changes making it possible for the Views at Clarendon project to be built legally. These extensive zoning changes allow all property designated "medium-density" on the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) to be eligible for higher-density C-R (Commercial-Residential) zoning; permit rezoning single-family R-5 property to C-R; remove the mandatory lower height and taper for buildings next to low-density residential (instead the Board gave itself the discretion to allow heights up to 125 feet next to single family homes); and allow the Board to waive requirements that commercial buildings opposite low-density residential be similar in form and materials to the residential. These changes are now a permanent part of County zoning law, posing a continuing threat to residential neighborhoods in Arlington.

The County Board bases its vehement support for the Views at Clarendon on the affordable housing units that are to be provided alongside the luxury apartment dwellings. This reasoning has provided the case for millions of taxpayer dollars to be earmarked for a project that many perceive as poorly planned and to be based on sketchy financing. In fact, due to ongoing financial problems, the developers have returned to the County again and again for millions in additional funding before work has even begun. In addition, due to the fact that the County will be effectively providing the Baptist Church a new sanctuary as part of the project, and that the tenants of the affordable housing will have to share a lobby space with the church facility, legal experts have seen the project as a potential violation of laws separating church and state.

Lyon Village spent many years trying to work with the developers of this project in an attempt to come up with an affordable housing solution that would not require zoning changes threatening to the neighborhood, and to find a more cost effective means of providing affordable housing in the proposed location. The neighborhood was always in favor of affordable housing for the site.

## Fun Classes at the Lyon Village Community House

There are a number of fun classes available for adults and children at our community house. More information is available at [www.lyonvillage.org](http://www.lyonvillage.org).

**Music Together** for Tots (newborns to 4.5 years old) Tues nights and Thurs and Friday mornings. Contact Katherine Satterfield (703) 405-5965.

**Vinyasa Flow Yoga** on Wed mornings, 10-11:15. Drop-in with your yoga mat and towel for \$15/class. Contact Yvette Carlucci, registered instructor, (703) 790-5113.

**Fontana Tango Dance** class on Wed evenings. Contact Pablo Fontana (301)254-8585.

**Watercolor Painting** every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 10am-2pm. Also offered, watercolor & other water media for children. Contact Laura Lemley (703) 528-1660.

The LV Community has a kitchen, bathroom facilities, and a stage. It is available to LV residents or LV sponsored people for classes, meetings, and retreats. Please contact Sharon Snyder for more info: (703) 528-4904. To volunteer for the Community House Board, please contact Mary Ann Lilly at (703) 527-5089.

## Village Market

**Need Nanny:** Looking for responsible, enthusiastic and caring P/T nanny or to participate in a nanny share in the Clarendon metro area. Starting January 4, 2010 for 20 hours a week - ideally Monday through Thursday afternoons, 12pm to 5pm, days and hours are somewhat flexible. We have an infant son (born 6/2009). Contact [susanmsinger@gmail.com](mailto:susanmsinger@gmail.com).

**House for Sale:** Lyon Village location off Kirkwood Rd at 3200 N 19<sup>th</sup> St. Contact [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com) for information.

**Outdoor Sporting Goods for Sale:** New Bass Pro Shops Bob Timberlake 24" Wheeled North-South Hinged Trunk Luggage, weatherproof, zippered removable top half, leather grips and strapping with brass zippers, 24"L x 14-1/2"W x 16"H, 16.8lbs., tan/chestnut, #38-612-514-36, cost \$289, sell for \$200; New RedHead Epic Binoculars, limited edition, 10x32mm, fov=367', 8.2' close focus, BAK-4 roof prisms, fog-free, waterproof, non-slip rubber coated, attached lens covers, neck strap and carrying case. 4.7"H, 1.4lbs, Realtree Hardwoods Green, #38-885-390-03, cost \$189, sell for \$140. Call 703-525-6964 or em [Forty104@aol.com](mailto:Forty104@aol.com).

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