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Rid Your Yard of Invasive Vines

At last month's General meeting we had a terrific presentation from Caroline Haynes, President of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists (ARMN) on our Alien Invaders: the ecological problems and threats posed to the mature trees in our neighborhood caused by invasive vines and invasive plants. We have in Lyon Village, a neighbor who is a volunteer and member of the County's RIP (Remove Invasive Plants) program. Carlos Stern has managed a number of clean-up projects in the area, including area parks. If you have trees you want to save from invasive vines, contact Carlos Stern who has generously offered to help remove these offenders at email carlosstern@verizon.net or (703)522 2110.

At the Library

All of the following events are at the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, at 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington.

Author Event: *In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic* by David Wessel of the *Wall Street Journal*, Wed, Dec 2, 7pm. *The Boston Globe* says David Wessel's new book which tells the story of the recent global finance upheaval, "masterfully weaves together economics, politics, history, and high finance, infusing the story with personalities and anecdotes." Wessel is economics editor for the *Journal* and writes the Capital column, a weekly look at the economy and forces shaping living standards around the world.

Author Event: *Breathing the Fire* by CBS News correspondent Kimberly Dozier, Tues, Dec 8, 7pm. The Friends of the Arlington Public Library present CBS News correspondent Kimberly Dozier, discussing her book. In 2006, Ms. Dozier was almost killed by car bomb in Baghdad that took the lives of her cameraman, soundman, a U.S. Army captain and his translator. She recovered after multiple surgeries and is currently assigned to the network's Washington bureau. Books will be available for sale and signing at the conclusion of this event.

Come to *Teen Gaming*, on Fri, Dec. 18, 3pm. Teens are invited to rock out with Rock Band.

Keep Your Bicycle Secure

A Lyon Village neighbor recently had her bicycle stolen from her (unlocked) garage and according to police there have been a number of bike thefts in our area. In addition to keeping your garage locked, the police strongly recommend that bikes be locked with a U-lock due to larcenies of bikes using just chains and/or cables.

You can greatly increase the chance of getting a stolen bike back if it has been registered (go to www.arlington.va, and click on "Bike Registration"). This site also has photos of recovered bikes. Finally, if you see an abandoned bike, call 703-228-4057. The police have found this to be a good source for recovering stolen bicycles in Arlington.

On Sunday December 6th Come to the **Lyon Village Annual Holiday Party!**

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No December General Meeting

The next General Meeting will take place Monday, January 11th. The Executive Committee will hold its usual meeting on Monday, December 7th at 8pm at the Community House. All are welcomed to attend.

Join the Party!

'Tis the season for giving smiles to friends, and receiving well wishes and good tidings from neighbors. Come join us for the annual family holiday party at the Community House on Sunday, December 6 from 4:30 to 6:30pm (note time change). Please bring a salad or dessert to share along with canned goods for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. There will be beverages and entrees courtesy of the Citizen's Association and area Clarendon restaurants. This is always a great event, so don't miss it!

Volunteers Needed!

Help your neighborhood makes the Holiday Party a great success! We need lots of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, decorations, manning the crafts table, etc. This is a great way to become more connected with the neighborhood and make friends with fellow villagers. Please email Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com if you can help out in the week before or on the day of the event.

See You There!

News from the November General Meeting

At our November General Meeting we had some very interesting and informative presentations. If you missed it, you missed an interesting and entertaining evening. Plan to attend our next General Meeting on the second Monday in January.

After news from the Arlington Police, Dominion VA Power gave us an update on the Kirkwood Road/Lee Highway project. This is the high tension line undergrounding project that has been wreaking such havoc on Kirkwood Rd. The Power Company indicated that the project has been slowed by the many obstacles unanticipated in the original engineering plans. This included some very recent utility line breaks on November 24th near 19th Street. Their hope is to now have the Kirkwood Rd portion of the project completed by the end of December. There was a strong request from the Lyon Village neighborhood that Dominion Power not only repair the damage they've done to Kirkwood Rd, but that they repave the entire road between Lee Hwy and Washington Blvd to help compensate for the aggravation suffered by the neighbors in the many, many months the project has been delayed. We were told this concept would be taken into consideration.

We also heard a very interesting presentation from Caroline Haynes, President of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists (ARMN) on some of the common invasive plant species found in many yards and parks in Arlington neighborhoods and what to do about them. Included, was a power-point presentation illustrating the great variety of invasive species, along with information on how to manage the threat to the environment of our yards and parks. More information about ARMN along with publications of interest can be found at <http://armn.org/>.

The Sun Shines on Lyon Village

If you have been considering the possibility of adding a photovoltaic system (solar panels) to your home, the time has come. A new \$15 million Virginia program coupled with an existing Federal program that provides a 15% rebate makes installation of a solar power systems dramatically more economical than ever before.

Additional savings may be available with grouping residential projects together. Several Lyon Village residents have approached Gro-Solar and were able to receive a moderate discount as the contractor could operate more efficiently with several projects in the same area.

If you are interested in reaping the sun and the spiritual and financial rewards that come with it, please contact Peter VanderPoel at peter@pvanderpoel.com for info.

Subscribe to the Lyon Village E-Newsletter

Lyon Village 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. Haven't signed up yet? Take a couple minutes right now to get connected. To subscribe, go to the Lyon Village website at www.lyonvillage.org, look at the left hand panel and click on "Subscribe to the E-Newsletter." It's that simple! This list will not be sold or provided to other sources and it's easy to unsubscribe. You will now be kept up-to-date on the important news of your neighborhood!

Holiday Musical Fun for Tots!!

Three weeks of fun-filled classes with holiday music, dancing, bells, balls and mixed instruments. Cost is \$48.00 for three weeks. Special, \$32 for first time students for Lyon Village residents. Come play with us and join the fun on Thursdays 9:15, 10:15, 11:15am, 6:15pm, and Fridays 9:15, 10:15, 11:15am. Contact: Ms Katherine, to register: littlepeepsmusic.com.

Question, tel: 703-405-5965.

Women's Business Network Group

Renee Fisher, former Lyon Village resident, will be hosting an introductory evening for the potential startup of a Northern Virginia chapter of *On Purpose Now* at her home in Maywood on Thursday evening, 1/21. Ginny Robertson, the founder will lead the evening. She will explain what *On Purpose* does and will answer questions. If there is interest, they will go forward. If you would like to be placed on the invite list, contact Renee at rfisher@mceneaney.com.

On Purpose Now is a very successful women's networking group that has been operating for ten years in the Baltimore area. The group is for women who run their own businesses or are independent contractors within a larger company, or who are considering starting a business, or who are in job transition.

Children's Christmas Nativity Musical

On Sunday, Dec 13 at 9:30am at Clarendon United Methodist Church (606 N. Irving, Arlington) will be present RADIO J-O-Y for the entire family. Performed by the children's choir, this delightful Christmas musical is the retelling of the Nativity story in a new way! Free. For more info, call (703) 527-8574.

They will also host a Christmas Walk nightly from Sun, Dec 13 to Thurs, Dec 17, 6-9pm. Experience the magic and splendor of Christmas with an indoor self-guided prayer walk as you follow the story of the birth of Jesus. All ages. Free. For info check the web site www.morefaith.org.

**Have a Happy
and Healthy
Holiday Season!**

Public Forum on Arlington County Budget Shortfall

Arlington Acting County Manager Barbara Donnellan and senior management invite the public to a forum on Tuesday, Dec 8th, from 7-9pm, to discuss strategies for cutting the FY 2011 budget. Arlington County and Arlington Public Schools together face an estimated \$100 million budget gap for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010.

The County Manager will be making budget and service cut recommendations to the County Board and is seeking the public's involvement in determining the principles that will guide those decisions. The forum takes place at Washington-Lee High School Cafeteria, 1301 N. Stafford St, Arlington. The school is located three blocks from the Ballston Metro station. Parking is available behind the Education Center at the I-66 parking deck (enter from 15th St). For those who cannot attend in person, the County plans a live webcast of the forum. Check www.arlingtonva.us for updates.

Shopping Safety Tips from the Arlington Police

Now that the Holiday shopping season is in full-swing, the Arlington County Police Department is reminding residents to keep their guard up during while shopping and running errands. Robberies and thefts often increase around harder economic times. It is important to be vigilant and protect yourself and your property. Many recent increases are due to people leaving their wallets, purses, and valuables unattended. The police advise to stay aware of your belongings.

Don't tempt a thief by leaving your purse or wallet unattended. Never leave them in a shopping cart, sitting on the floor in dressing room, or within reach of the public at restaurants.

When seated, keep your purse or briefcases on your lap or between your feet.

When your purse is open, be careful to not have your wallet or phone within view. Thieves can easily grab items from an open purse when you are preoccupied.

Do not leave your wallet, cell phone, or laptop sitting on a tabletop in a restaurant, food court, or store.

While shopping be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts. Do not feel embarrassed to leave an uncomfortable situation.

Walk with purpose and project an assertive image. Criminals will be discouraged if you do not appear vulnerable or easily intimidated.

Learn to carry your purse or wallet safely. Your purse should be closed, held in front of your body, with your arm across it. Wallets should be carried in your front pants pocket or in an interior jacket pocket.

Be careful and alert when using a cash machine. Never let someone see how much money you have in your wallet, or where you keep your money.

Carry only those credit cards that you intend to use. Avoid carrying a large amount of cash.

Report anything or anyone suspicious that you observe. Police urge residents to call 911 immediately if they witness criminal activity. A vehicle description or license plate number could help officers quickly catch the perpetrators.

Threat from Emerald Ash Borer

The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Todd P. Haymore, has announced survey results that indicate infestations of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) appear to be confined to Northern Virginia. Only 14 of more than 3,000 traps were positive for EAB. All of these were located in Arlington and Fairfax Counties, areas already known to have EAB.

The larvae kill ash trees by feeding on the inner bark and disrupting the tree's ability to transport water. Since 2002, EAB has spread to 13 states and killed millions of ash trees. The first discovery of EAB in Virginia occurred in Fairfax County in 2003. At that time, an eradication project was undertaken and subsequent surveys suggested that the eradication had been successful. However, in July of 2008, EAB was again discovered in the Northern Virginia counties of Arlington and Fairfax. At that time, VDACS and the USDA established a quarantine to regulate the movement of articles capable of transporting EAB. At present, the quarantine covers the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax City, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William. Additional information about the EAB is available at www.emeraldashborer.info. Survey information is at www.vdacs.virginia.gov/plant&pest/survey.shtml.

News from the Arlington Food Assistance Center

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) has released their latest client count, and the numbers of families requiring assistance continue to rise. As of Nov 21, there were 1,524 families in the County receiving AFAC assistance, including 1,702 children. This represents a 37% rise in numbers over one year ago, and a 144% rise over the same date two years ago. Clearly, many Arlington families are struggling to meet their needs for nourishment.

Thanks to volunteers and donations

, all of the families that came to AFAC Thanksgiving week for food, received a turkey and some extras. One thing AFAC is thankful for is their strong contingent of volunteers. Over 400 volunteers come to AFAC each month, some as often as once a week, to help out. And they always need more.

Currently, AFAC has many volunteer opportunities:

They need help sorting food coming in from the holiday food drives. Volunteers are needed on Monday or Tuesday afternoons and several weekday mornings during the month of December. Contact volunteer4afac@aol.com to sign up.

Good with a needle and thread? They have hampers that hold and transport huge loads of food donations every day. Some could use a good repair. Please contact Puwen at afacpuwen@aol.com to help with heavy duty stitching and mending.

Especially during the holiday season, it is important to think of those in need of your help.

Village Market

Housecleaner: Wonderful cleaning lady with 28 years of experience with Lyon Village family is looking for a cleaning job in Lyon Village. Great references. Please contact current employer: margitsinger@msn.com.

Handyman Services: Longtime Lyon Village resident Doug Crouch does residential repair and remodeling services, specializing in old houses. Call 703-624-4661 or dcrouch01@comcast.net.

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 or 703-732-0990. They've been taking care of Lyon Village pets for years and have satisfied the needs of many village neighbors.