



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Arlington Kids Stuff Sale (formerly the Lyon Village Kids Stuff Sale) is scheduled for Saturday March 13 from 8am to noon. Kids Stuff Sale features used, seasonally appropriate kids clothes, toys and gear, plus maternity clothes, books, videos, kids furniture and more. From birth on up, there are fun clothes kids will need this spring and summer... and the books and toys to keep everyone busy! The Kids Stuff Sale is a community minded group, sharing its proceeds with and unsold goods with Arlington Food Assistance, AHC Inc., Art for Humanity, and others. More information is available through the Charities link on the website. The sale is held at St Andrew's Episcopal Church at 4000 Lorcom Lane, at the corner of Military Road and Lorcom Lane. Plenty of parking; free admission. For more information, go to www.kidsstuffsale.com.

Make a Difference in the Community. Volunteer for the March 13th Stream Cleanup! Wash away winter and waste with the big stream cleanup on Saturday, March 13. Get reacquainted with Arlington's parks and join neighbors who also care about the County's environment. You'll be making an amazing difference in the quality of our community and the health of our wildlife! Join volunteers, ages 6 and older, working at any of six locations around Arlington on March 13 from 9am until noon: Bon Air Park, Bluemont Park, Glencarlyn Park (on the 1st Street side), Arlington Mill Community Center, Barcroft Park and Shirlington. Wear heavy-duty clothes and protective gloves if possible. Call 703-525-0168 or visit www.arlingtonva.us/PRCR for more information. You can also adopt a stream (or street) and commit to cleaning up on a regular basis! Find out how at www.arlingtonva.us/volunteer.

Annual Tree Giveway Program In the midst of budget cuts and snow, Arlington County just announced that free trees will again be distributed to Arlington County residents through their civic, community or condo association around this year's Neighborhood Day celebration. Look for more details in next month's Bulletin and on the ListServ. We are also looking for a Lyon Village Point Person on this effort. To participate, please email Rich Fortwengler at RFortwengler@verizon.net.

March Meeting, Monday, March 8, 8:00pm

Protecting Our Children: The meeting will begin with a presentation by Lt. Brett Butler from the Special Victims Unit of the Arlington Police Dept. Lt. Butler will provide recommendations to parents about how to keep our kids safe. This will include cyber safety as well as keeping our kids safe around the neighborhood, to/from school, etc.

The Lyon Village Green House: The second part of the meeting will feature the Lyon Village Green House. Due to the snow last month we had to postpone this fascinating presentation from the February meeting to the March meeting. Josh Fitzhugh and Naina Mistry will discuss the recent green renovation of their 1925 Spanish bungalow in Lyon Village. The original house, purchased in 2003, was a 1-story, 1,300-square-foot home with leaky windows, poor insulation, and a cramped kitchen. In 2008, Josh and Naina enlisted the help of a green architect, Marta Layseca of EnviroHome Design, and a green builder, SAI Contractors, to transform the house into a 2,600-foot eco-friendly, energy-efficient home -- while retaining the character of the original house. Completed in the summer of 2009, the house was awarded several green certifications, including LEED, Energy Star, and the Arlington County Green Home Choice; and is a finalist for a Contractor of the Year Award: Green Remodeling from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). Green features of the house include: Spray-foam Insulation, SIS breathing (creates thermal break on outside walls), Recycled simulated Spanish tile roof, Aquatherm plumbing pipe, Aqus grey water flush system, Hot water recovery system, Radiant floor heat, Super efficiency boiler, Whole-house ventilation system, high efficiency/Low-E windows, Sealed air ducts, On-demand water heaters, Rough-in for future solar hot water heating system, Solatubes (provide natural light), Low VOC paint, Low-flow toilets, and Refurbished existing hardwood floors and doors.

Interested In Preventing More Crime In LV?

The County is proposing to close its \$65 million gap by raising the tax rate 6.7 cents and reducing services, including Community Policing. Community policing is a successful program that enables the police to form a relationship with Lyon Village and assist crime prevention efforts and address quality of life matters. Through this key program Lyon Village maintains close contact with the District 2 Police Team that focus on preventing crime in and around Lyon Village and Clarendon.

We need volunteers from Lyon Village to come and speak for 2-3 minutes at the County Budget Public Hearings in the County Board Room located on the 3rd floor at 2200 Clarendon Blvd. (evenings of March 23rd and March 24th). A strong turnout by the neighborhood will demonstrate to the County Board our concern about this proposed reduction in police services. Please contact John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net if you are interested in coming out to speak at the hearing. See the guideline below for speaking.

1. Each public hearing begins at 7:00 p.m. If necessary, the hearing may be recessed at 11:00 p.m. to the following evening at 7:00 p.m. to hear those who have signed up to speak but have not yet been heard. However, the County Board may decide to continue the hearing later than 11:00 p.m., and may recess the hearing to such time and place as the Board decides at the time of recess.
2. An advanced sign-up procedure will be used for all hearings. Individuals may use a web form, or call 703-228-3130 or TTY 703-228-4611, or visit the County Board Office (or such other sites as may be available and advertised) for assistance in signing-up to speak. The advanced sign-up will begin no later than five (5) business days before each hearing, and will cut-off at 5 p.m. the day before each hearing.
3. Individuals may sign-up to speak for two minutes or three minutes. Those who wish to present longer statements for the record may do so by submitting them in writing to the Clerk. All two-minute speakers will be called first, in numerical order; followed by three-minute speakers, in numerical order. Lists of names will be posted on the County website in advance of the hearings. Speakers may cancel reservations by calling the County Board Office by 5 p.m. the day before the scheduled hearing.
4. Individuals may also sign-up to speak the evening of the hearing beginning at 6:00 p.m. All speaker slips must be submitted to the Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on the night of the hearings.

Many Thanks to all the people in the neighborhood who went the extra mile last month shoveling the walks and drives of their neighbors who were not able to. Shoveling proved to be a great cure for "cabin fever."

Lyon Village Directory Revisions

A revised version of the Directory has been uploaded to our website along with a list of the revisions made since the 2009 version of the Directory was printed. Please note the phone number changes below:
Washington, Tem 202 290-7942
Stottlemyer, Neil & Vicki 703 528-5757

There will be a **Long-term Lane Closure** on Arlington Blvd, from March 1 until July, when the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will permanently close the left travel lane of westbound Arlington Boulevard from Courthouse Road to 10th Street for a utility relocation project.

Additional temporary lane closures are anticipated to occur throughout the project as needed. The VDOT utility work is the first step in a longer term project to address the dangerous intersection at Arlington Boulevard and Courthouse Road. VDOT has determined that it is necessary to permanently close the left lane of westbound Arlington Blvd. in order to:

- Ensure safety of traveling motorists
- Ensure safety of workers on site
- Significantly decrease the time-span of the project (without a permanent lane closure the project could last nearly twice as long)
- Reduce the overall project costs

Expect traffic delays and detours in the area during this time. Commuters are strongly encouraged to consider alternate routes or take transit. For more information on available transit options, visit www.commuterpage.com.

Green Living Expo Saturday, March 20, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, near Ballston Metro. The expo will feature green suppliers, products from local and national businesses, exhibits and seminars from government agencies and nonprofits, and a free Going Green Guide. The Expo will provide an important venue to showcase new technology and products available that can help soften our carbon footprints in Arlington. The Green Living Expo is family-friendly and free and open to the general public. More information: 703-228-6427 or office@arlingtonenvironment.org.

LV Lights Up for Safety In response to recent violent crime that has occurred at night, LVCA submitted to the County a comprehensive list of about 90 problem streetlights that need repair. The County has been very responsive and has already commenced work. In addition, volunteers have almost completed distributing 900 free fluorescent light bulbs to every home so that every resident can keep their porchlight on a night. Please encourage your neighbors to use them since we all benefit from brighter streets and sidewalks. You can buy more at major hardware stores for about \$2 each.

The next meeting of the **Clarendon Live Entertainment Neighborhood Advisory Group** meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., at the 2100 Clarendon Blvd. (the County building); 1st floor, in the Cherry and Dogwood rooms. Note: Metro accessible, but there is also free parking in the garage after 5:00. The conversation will focus on the development of new guidelines/standard conditions/an application process for live entertainment in Clarendon. The idea is to develop a standard process that allows for the continued success of bars and restaurants in Clarendon while addressing the needs and concerns of nearby residents.

The **Arlington Artists Alliance** is sponsoring a week-long celebration of art at Ft. Smith Park. The Arlington Artists Alliance's Spring Show is at Fort C.F. Smith Tap the artist in you at the Arlington Artists Alliance's week-long ArtFest 2010, March 19-26, at Fort C.F. Smith Park, Arlington, VA. For more information about the show contact Beth Hudgins at eghugins@gmail.com or (703)532-4450.

Want to Green your property? The NoVa Conservation District Can Help. Stormwater runoff is a major source of pollution in the Potomac and Chesapeake Watersheds, but by employing Low Impact Development (LID) practices, homeowners can safely hold and utilize stormwater on their property and prevent runoff before it starts. The Conservation District has created two new manuals to show you how you can implement LID on your own property. The Residential Low Impact Landscaping Workbook and Rain Garden Design and Construction: A Northern Virginia Homeowner's Guide are both available in the Publications section of the Conservation District's website:
<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/>
Aileen Winquist, Arlington County Environmental Services, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Suite 705
Arlington, VA 22201, Phone: 703-228-3610, www.arlingtonva.us/des

Lyon Village ListServ: If you haven't joined the Lyon Village ListServ, you should consider doing it today. You can sign up for free at www.lyonvillage.org. The ListServ provides the latest information on important Lyon Village events, crime and critical late breaking information. Please take advantage of this important neighborhood resource.

New: Lyon Village Listserv Marketplace Listings: The Lyon Village listserv is available for Marketplace ad listings. All dues-paying member of the LVCA, can now post free advertising notices on the listserv for nannies, housecleaning, garage sales, and other local services and items. These notices will appear along with important listserv updates as they are sent out to our email community. Advertising notices will not be sent on their own; they will appear only with other neighborhood information. It is therefore not possible to predict precisely when an ad will appear. This new resource is completely separate from the putting items on the Village Bulletin Village Market section.

Dues are Due: If you are not sure if you are up to date on your dues, you can contact the Lyon Village Treasurer, Carl Mattick. 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. Call 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.

Rent the Community House For Your Function Our new contact for Lyon Village Community House rentals is Kathleen Pons Haines at kaphaines@hotmail.com or call 703.525.5525 (before 8pm only). We offer our thanks to Kathleen for taking on this duty and our special thanks to Sharon Snyder for her many years of hard work handling rentals at the Community House. The following information is required for rental reservations:
Full name, phone number(s), email, and address. Whether contactor is a Lyon Village resident or nonresident. Event type (wedding, party, meeting etc).
Event date, time, and time needed for set-up/clean-up.

Village Market

Helper: LV University graduate who recently moved back to the area after volunteering for six months as a tutor and mentor at an inner-city middle school in Miami looking for part-time work as a sitter, tutor or lawn worker. Grew up in Lyon Village. Please call Neil at 703-927-4761 if interested or email NDStanga@gmail.com.

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 703-732-0990.

Informal Bridge Club: A retired neighborhood resident is interested in having occasional bridge games during the week. Players at all levels are encouraged to reply. Please contact George Ruppert at 703.243.0931.

Send Your Bulletin Items to markweiness@msn.com by **April 22, 2010**.