



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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LVEC Nominating Committee

The Lyon Village Citizens Association is considering nominations for the Officers of the Association for the 2010 – 2011 year. Officers serve from September 1 to August 31. If you would like to be considered for a position please email your information to John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. Elections will be held at the May 10, 2010 meeting. The current officers are listed on the Lyon Village web site. Consider joining the Lyon Village Executive Committee and contributing more to your neighborhood.

Family Movie Night

By popular demand, our next installment of LV Family movie night will be Sunday, April 25th! (Unfortunately, the grown-up movie night only brought out 3 people so that pilot wasn't quite as successful!) The yet TBD flick will be G or very light PG. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, well-contained beverages and snacks/dinner. Questions? Contact Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com.

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 completed distributing 900 free fluorescent light bulbs to every home so that every resident can keep their porchlight on all night (average cost is 70 cents/month on your utility bill). 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.

Community Arts Festival

Bowen McCauley Dance, in concert with many local groups, is presenting a family friendly community arts festival on April 17, 2010 from 2-5 p.m at Kenmore Middle School (200 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington VA). \$15 for adults and \$5 for students.

Library Book Sale

From Thursday April 22 to Sunday April 25, come to the Friends of the Arlington Public Library Book Sale at the Arlington Central Library Parking Garage at 1015 N Quincy St.

Opening night begins at 5:30pm, runs until 9pm, and is for Friends members only. Membership available for purchase at the door. Thousands of books, videos, CDs, records, posters and magazines for sale. Friday & Saturday, 10am to 6pm, Sunday noon to 6pm (half price).

Investment Education Course

The Arlington office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will be offering a free 5 session course on investing. This course is ideal for those who are new to investing or want to gain information on stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and tax-deferred investments. The class will be taught by Certified Financial Planners who agree not to sell their individual services. Pre-registration is required. Classes will be held on consecutive Wed evenings at the Arlington Central Library 2nd floor meeting room, 1015 N Quincy Street, from 6:30-8:30pm.

April 28, Session 1: Investing Basics

May 5, Session 2: Investing in Stocks

May 12, Session 3: Investing in Bonds

May 19, Session 4: Investing in Mutual Funds

May 26, Session 5: Tax-Deferred Investments

To register, please contact Jennifer Abel at 703-228-6417 or jabel@vt.edu. This free course is supported through a grant from the Investment Company Institute Education Foundation.

LVCA Meeting, Monday, April 12, 8:00pm at the Lyon Village Community House

Update on Dominion Power Undergrounding Project in Clarendon

Many of you have noticed the trenching project going on in Clarendon along Hartford, Highland and Wilson Blvd to underground Dominion Power utility lines. The project has made the area very difficult to navigate either on foot or in a car. We have asked Arlington County Staff to give us an update on when the project will be completed and assurances that the street will be immediately returned to a good state of repair.

New Ways to Secure Your Property

There have been home security advancements since many of us bought our homes. The main part of the meeting will feature a panel of Lyon Village residents and Lt. Heather Hurlock from the Arlington County Police Department sharing their knowledge on this important subject. Some things they'll cover are: the pros and cons of security systems, new lock technologies, lighting, and video systems. This should be a great way to get practical advice without a sales pitch. Lt. Hurlock is available to do individual home inspections where she looks for ways to improve the security of County homes.

NCAC Projects

Also at our April 12 meeting, we will be considering a proposed project for Lyon Village under the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee process. To enhance night time safety on our streets, the proposal is to fund street lights throughout Lyon Village on current telephone poles without lights and to install street lights on streets that currently do not have any. NCAC projects are funded out of the capital budget, supported by bonds.

Free Trees! Deadline April 28th

It is said that the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, but that the second best time is NOW! This has never been truer since Lyon Village has lost so many of our wonderful large canopy trees due to infill and the recent snow and wind storms. We need to continually plant the new trees that will eventually provide cooling shade, clean the air, reduce noise, shelter birds, and absorb storm water runoff for years to come.

To encourage renewal of the tree canopy, Arlington County is this year offering a variety of tree whips for residents FREE OF CHARGE. The tree whips are approximately three to five feet in height and are potted in two-gallon containers. The deadline for requesting trees, one per household, is April 28. To reserve a tree or discuss selecting the right tree for your yard, please contact our neighborhood tree coordinator Rich Fortwengler at LVtrees@yahoo.com or 703 243 6426.

There are a variety of large shade trees are being offered: American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*), Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*), River Birch (*Betula nigra*). A smaller tree, the Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) can be planted closer to overhead wires.

The trees we plant now are a wonderful legacy of our time as stewards of Lyon Village, so contact Rich Fortwengler at LVtrees@yahoo.com or 703 243 6426 by April 28th to reserve your tree. Trees will be delivered in early May.

The Story of the Wood Seeing the Trees and the Forest!

Learn all about wood and the woods at a free public program on Sunday, April 11 at 2pm at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. Follow the progress of wood from tree to furniture and bowls. See a sawmill in action and learn about urban forestry, tree planting, wood lore and other wood uses. Get insights into how our forests and the wood that comes from them tie in with global issues like energy and climate change. Learn how to identify and care for trees. Join us for this engaging, hands-on program suitable for adults and children age 10 and older.

For, directions and other info, call 703/528-5406. Potomac Overlook Regional Park is located at the end of Marcey Rd, off of Military Rd, in N Arlington.

Political Issue Signs on Residential Property

There was confusion last week about whether political issue signs on residential property related to *The Views* project are allowed under the County's sign ordinance. A County staff person sent letters to several residents asking that they remove their signs. Subsequently a more senior County staff person was contacted and staff agreed that the signs on private property may remain in place.

We have asked County staff for clarification about what restrictions, if any, apply to political signs on private property. Please be aware that there are significant restrictions that apply to political signs placed on public property. You should also note that in most cases, the planting strip between the sidewalk and curb is public property.

Anyone would like a yard sign can contact Peter or Lisa Glassman at (703)527-1964.

Events at Clarendon Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday, April 14th at 7pm, come watch and discuss *The Power of Forgiveness*, a documentary exploring the spiritual, psychological and physical effects of forgiveness. From Northern Ireland to Ground Zero to the Amish countryside, featuring Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, Buddhist master Thich Nhat Hanh, best selling authors Thomas Moore and Marianne Williamson, the Reverend James Forbes and others, the film explores how forgiveness can transform your life.

On Saturday, May 1st at 11am, please join us for a free *Learning Through the Law Seminar* on GLBT civil rights issues. The seminar will cover marriage law updates and contractual relationships (including civil unions and domestic partnerships) that can help protect you and your partner in areas such as inheritance, medical rights and reproductive rights.

Events are at Clarendon Presbyterian Church, 1305 N Jackson St. Please RSVP to Molly DeMaret-Tahu at mdemaret@comcast.net.

Help out AFAC

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) has a number of upcoming events:

With the Feinsteins challenge opportunity; there are three ways you can help AFAC to qualify for funds. First, just make a financial donation and mark your gift 'Feinstein'. Secondly, hold a food drive for AFAC. Every pound of food collected for Feinsteins Food Drives will count as \$1 for the challenge. And lastly, support the Feinsteins Virtual Food Drive. This is an easy way to give - indoor work and no heavy lifting! - and every dollar you donate this way also qualifies for the challenge.

Shred for Bread, April 10th, 10am-1pm. This year's Shred for Bread event will be held on Saturday, April 10th. This event will allow you to bring your paper that needs to be shredded to Little Falls Presbyterian Church (6025 Little Falls Road, Arlington 22207) and be shredded by our friends at ProShred in exchange for your monetary or food donation to AFAC. Stop by between 10am and 1pm.

Whole Foods Market is hosting a film festival about our food supply and the visionary people who are making it better, one bite at a time. Come to Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse on Tues, April 13th, to view "No Impact Man" and Tues, April 20th, to view "Fresh" at 7:30pm. Cost is \$5, benefitting AFAC. Two to three volunteers are needed to represent AFAC, collect donations and bring them to AFAC after the event. Please contact volunteer4afac@afac.org if available to help.

For more info and events, go to: www.afacinfo.org.

Understanding the Mysteries of a Teenagers Brain

On Thursday, April 15th at H.B. Woodlawn Theater, Dr. Stixrud, a highly respected neuropsychologist, will explain new research on the teenager's brain in a way that makes sense for parents of teenagers in his discussion: "Understanding the Mysteries of the Teenager's Brain". Dr. Stixrud helps parents understand such issues as:

- why sleep patterns change for teenagers
- why teens know the right answer but sometimes respond impulsively, and badly
- why boys and girls mature differently right now
- why alcohol and drugs hold so much risk for a teen's developing brain
- what risks teens face that parents don't even think about.

The presentation takes place from 7 to 9pm at H.B. Woodlawn Theater, 4100 Vacation Lane. Simultaneous Spanish translation available. Sponsored by: The PTA Family Network and Arlington's R.E.A.D.Y. Coalition. Contact Kate McCauley kmccauley@arlingtonva.us with any questions.

Thank You's for Another Great Village Event

Thanks to all who attended the Lyon Village Easter Egg Hunt and those who volunteered. There are many people to thank. Thanks to Jackie Pippins for organizing and to Julie Stokes who annually donates the plastic eggs. Thanks to Patrice Kelly, Meg MacKenzie, Sarah Wright, Peggy Wolf, Lauren Ashley and the Ashley children for stuffing the eggs. Thanks to Duncan family and the Miller family for making signs and baking goodies. Thanks to the set-up crew and egg hiders: Rose Holliday, Carson Herrington, Anne Browne, Erin Holliday, Megan Huber, Ian Huber, Luke Holliday, Madison Gallant, Andrew Lorranger, Danielle and Seb Sigwalt and Jacque Sibanda. Thanks to the bake sale and beverage attendants: Karl Miller and Madison Gallant. Thanks to Adria Brown for helping with the games. A very special thanks goes to Dale Roberts and our local coffee shop, The Java Shack, for their generous donation each year of coffee and all the coffee accessories. Thanks to the Easter Bunny for showing up and making everyone smile. Thanks to all the bakers who contributed goodies. Thanks to all the neighbors who lent a hand or a smile.

Film and More at Arlington Central Library

There are a number of exciting events coming up at the Arlington Central Library at 1015 N Quincy Street.

Thursday, April 15, 6:30pm. The Cross Cultural Cinema series presents "Storm", co-written and directed by Hans-Christian Schmid. In this German legal thriller, Hannah Maynard, prosecutor at the Hague, is leading a trial against a former commander of the Yugoslavian National Army who is accused of the deportation and killing of dozens of Bosnian-Muslim civilians. When a key witness commits suicide, it looks like the case will unravel, but Hannah refuses to give in.

Saturday, April 17, 2pm. A work-in-progress screening of "A Community of Gardeners," produced by local filmmaker Cintia Cabib. The documentary explores the vital role of seven community gardens in Washington, D.C., not only as sources of fresh, nutritious food, but as outdoor classrooms, places of healing, centers of social interaction, and oases of beauty and calm in inner-city neighborhoods. The screening will be followed by a Q-and-A with Cabib.

Monday, April 19, 7pm. A community discussion of the Arlington Reads 2010 featured title, "The Memory of Old Jack," a classic novel that sees truth and integrity in the land through the eyes of an aging farmer in 1952 rural Kentucky. Moderator: Professor Patrick J. Deneen, Georgetown University.

Thursday, April 29, 7 pm. Novella Carpenter read from and discusses her novel "Farm City: The Education of An Urban Farmer". The author has restaged the American agrarian dream in an abandoned Oakland, California lot, raising fruits, vegetables, bees and even pigs and goats. The critically acclaimed "Farm City" has been featured on best book lists from Oprah to the New York Times.

Saturday, May 1, 9:30am. Tour des Bibliothèque Bike Tour of the Libraries begins at Arlington Central Library, Quincy Street Side. Tour des Bibliothèque is a bicycle tour of six of the county's seven branches. Meet at Central Library on the Quincy Street side near the front doors. The total circular route will cover some 30 miles and take between three and four hours, but there will be several options for riding shorter portions. The bicycle tour will not be held in the event of bad weather. For more information, please contact lkrist@arlingtonva.us.

Tuesday, May 4, 7pm. In a rare public appearance, literary legend, essayist, poet and Kentucky farmer Wendell Berry visits Arlington Public Library to discuss his life's work and vision of people honoring and reconnecting with the soil. It was Berry who declared "eating is an agricultural act," inspiring today's movement toward safer, healthier, locally produced meals and sustainable living. Berry's classic novel "The Memory of Old Jack" is this year's Arlington Reads featured title.

Village Market

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.

Found: Digital camera in front yard on Edgewood St, early morning, Sunday March 21. Please call 703-243-3514.

Lyon Village Residents are welcomed to send in their notices of garage sales, nanny searches, and more to the Village Market by the end of the 3rd week of the month.