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4th of July Is Approaching

Uncle Sam says "Lyon Village Needs YOU!" Please mark your calendars for our annual parade and picnic to celebrate July 4th! We are already working on getting permits, making sure the County keeps on target to have the Pavilion roof completed in time, and securing food and beverages, but need YOU to start signing up for volunteer positions to make it as successful as last year! If you will be gone on July 4th or will not have childcare at the event, we have other jobs in the week(s) leading up to July 4th that you can help with. Please contact Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com to help out. Do you have an antique vehicle that you would like to put in the parade and could you help with organizing the parade, please contact John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net

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. Elections will be held at the June 14 meeting. The current officers are listed on the Lyon Village web site. You don't have to be an officer to help, there are many other ways to serve the neighborhood too.

LV Saturday Night Out

On Saturday, May 22, Lyon Village is sponsoring an evening out for food, dancing and fun at Blobs Park, a Bavarian Dance Hall in Maryland. Squeezebox, a band from Ohio featuring nationally known singer and musician Mollie Busta and her band will be playing at Blobs that night. Plan to come for dinner at 7pm or dancing and fun at 8pm. We have reserved a Lyon Village table that night. To join the group please email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. Check it out at www.BlobsPark.net. Little know fact: the first Oktoberfest in the US was held at Blobs Park in 1947.

Family Movie Night

Join us for another Family Movie Night (G or PG fun) at the Lyon Village Community House! Sunday, May 23rd at 5pm (note this is NOT Memorial Day weekend). Enjoy 15 minutes of chatting with neighbors before previews and featured movie will start at approximately 5:15. Bring your own seating, popcorn/snacks and give yourself a little extra time at the end for cleanup! Questions: contact Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com with questions or to suggest a flick!

Trim Overhanging Branches from the Sidewalk

Spring has spurred a lot of growth in trees and shrubs, many overhanging sidewalks. Please trim your trees and bushes so that they do not obstruct pedestrians on sidewalks and create a safety hazard.

May Exhibits by the Arlington Artists Alliance

"Kaleidoscope," a fine arts exhibit at the Arlington Arts Gallery, showcases the members of Arlington Artists Alliance as well as new work by gallery regulars, May 1-31, 2010. The public is invited to the opening reception on May 8, 5 pm – 8 pm. All works will be available for sale throughout the month. The Arlington Arts Gallery is located at 5179 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22205 regular hours are 10am – 7pm, Monday through Saturday.

LVCA Meeting, Monday, May 10, 8:00pm at the Lyon Village Community House

Police Update

The meeting will begin with representative of the Second District Community Policing Team providing an update on recent Police incidents in Lyon Village and Clarendon.

Residential Real Estate Trends

LV resident real estate agents Ruth Boyer and Ingrid Wooten will have a panel discussion on recent residential real estate trends. We will learn about how houses are selling now in Lyon Village and the County and what buyers are looking for in a house. They will also discuss what home improvements make the most sense when looking at the future value of your home. Bring your questions, the program will include a question and answer session as well.

Call the Police Immediately!

We are the extended eyes and ears of the Police. If you feel threatened call 911 right away. If you observe suspicious activity or individuals, call 703-558-2222, the non-emergency number, right away. We have recently received a number of reports about suspicious individuals, several days after an incident has taken place. Late reporting makes it very hard for the Police to follow-up on any such incidents. Commit the above numbers to memory and put them in your cell phone.

Violent Crime Declines

Violent crime in Arlington declined 8.3 percent in 2009, the Arlington County Police Department announced today. Crime statistics show that there were fewer homicides, forcible rapes, robberies and aggravated assaults.

The County's overall crime rate dropped 3.7 percent, despite an increase in property crimes. The crime rate—the number of index crimes per 100,000 people—was 2,413 in 2009, down from 2,507 in 2008. Arlington's crime rate remains historically low despite the economic downturn.

"This is very good news for our community," said Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fisetto. "In these tough economic times, to see a drop in the overall crime rate, and a significant drop in the violent crime rate, is more evidence that Arlington is a safe place to live - and getting safer."

"Our officers have accomplished a great deal in the past year combating crime in Arlington and receive notable support from the community," said Police Chief M. Douglas Scott. "We continue to enjoy a close working relationship with the community to increase awareness and the practice of good crime prevention strategies."

In 2009, there were 319 burglaries, an 18% decrease from the year before. There were also 4,140 larcenies in 2009, a 0.5% decrease. The low amount of the decrease can be attributed to a spike in larcenies from motor vehicles parts and pick pocketing. There were also 297 vehicles stolen in 2009. Vehicle theft in Arlington County has not been that low since the early 1960's.

LV Lights Up for Safety

The County and Dominion Power have repaired about 85 percent of the 70 broken streetlights we cataloged in LV. There have been a number of car break-ins and thefts since December, but no assaults.

Now that more people are out on warm nights and the foliage has returned, please take a moment to trim tree branches that are covering streetlights and creating dark areas near your home. If you have any questions -- or if you need to borrow a long tree trimmer -- please contact H.K. Park (hkpark100@hotmail.com)

2010 US Census Please be aware that US Census workers will be making their rounds in Lyon Village sometime in the near future. Each worker can be identified by the ID card that they are required to wear. If any suspicious individuals are spotted going door to door without proper identification, then immediately call the Police non-emergency number at 703-558-2222.

It's a Steal, is a deal: all artwork \$75.00 and under. The Arlington Artists Alliance will hold its first art sale at bargain prices May 21-22, 2010, at the Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington, VA. This is an opportunity to purchase original paintings, drawings, mixed media works, and 3-d items such as ceramics for \$75.00 or less. As a bonus opportunity, purchasers may buy affordable frames for unframed works right on site and take home artwork that is ready to display. Enjoy refreshments as you choose the perfect piece for your home, office, or gift-giving. There will also be prints, cards, and other small gift items for sale. Hours: Friday, May 21, 5 - 8pm; Saturday, May 22, 10 am -5 pm.

Dog Days of August Art Camp will be the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th week of August (August 9-13 16-20 23-27 Aug 30- Sept 3) in Lyon Village. Camps are for children age 6 to 15 for a 9 to 5 day. Camper spaces are limited. Preference is given to full day campers Camp Fee: \$96 per day \$400 per week Fees include all art materials. \$25 deposit required. (non-refundable) All art materials are included in tuition Call or email 703 528 1660 lauralemley@comcast.net

Permit Parking Criteria

Below is a reference to the County's website on zoned parking. People often ask what they must do to get zone parking on individual blocks. Some are also interested in evening zoned parking who are experiencing problems with evening parking spilling over from Clarendon. This may only get worse once the County vacates the DHS building at the end of August thus probably losing the future availability of parking in that garage, particularly free parking. The County website is:

<http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/doi/traffic/parking/EnvironmentalServicesRppfaq.aspx#1>

Some highlights on Permit Parking Criteria: What criteria must be met to obtain permit parking on my street?

The permit parking program is backed by Section 14.2-98 of the County Code which details the criteria for a block to be designated or zoned for permit parking. These criteria are:

- (a) 60% of the residents of a block (numbered block, e.g. 1400 block) must sign a petition in favor of having permit parking restrictions instituted .
 - (b) at least 75% of the total spaces per block are occupied.
 - (c) at least 25% of the available on-street parking on the block are occupied by out-of-area vehicles such as commuters, shoppers, students, etc, who do not live within the residential area.
- For multi-family residences, there are an additional six criteria.

Lyon Village Basketball and Tennis Courts

As part of the PRCR's court maintenance, the basketball and tennis courts at Lyon Village Park will be repaired to current standards. In addition, accessibility will be addressed as well as drainage and landscaping. Consultants are currently preparing construction documents for the project.

The improvements will include replacement of the courts with new colored top coats and lines and court layouts according to current sport standards, new basketball backstop, hoops and tennis nets, new black vinyl coated chain link fence around the tennis courts, replacement of the field lighting with state-of-the-art dark sky lighting, provision of accessible seating areas and walkways to improve circulation, improved drainage and supplemental landscaping.

Through August of 2010, Census Bureau temporary field staff will be working in the neighborhoods collecting information from those who have not returned their census questionnaire. Attached are the letter and poster containing sample pictures of employee identification cards, and explanation of how to verify legitimate census employees.

Spring Plant Sale, Saturday, May 15 (Saturday), 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV), in cooperation with Virginia Cooperative Extension, will be one of the vendors at the annual Spring Garden Day at Green Spring Gardens Park. Visit Booth 13 for a wide selection of perennials, annuals, native plants and herbs, all grown by Master Gardeners. New this year are container collections for an instant garden on your patio or doorstep. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions and help with plant selection. Proceeds support MGNV's horticultural education projects. Location: 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA.

Village Market

Pet Care: Going out of town? For pet care during the day or evening, during the week or on weekends call Lydia or Katherine at 703-528-3731 or cell 202-437-8257.

Summer Work for student- ISO mature high schooler or college student to supervise one to two Lyon Village 12 year olds at pool and manage other summer activities. Flexible schedule and flexible weeks. Call Wendy at 703.243.3856.

Babysitter: Thirteen-year-old Lyon Village boy, experienced and great with kids, available to babysit children of preschool through elementary school ages. References available. Contact Jackson Freeman at (703) 465-5252 (home), or by e-mail, mr.yankee1@gmail.com

Free Computer Printer. Have an older computer with a parallel port? An HP DeskJet 682C printer is available for free. Printer comes with Windows 95 and 3.1x software on 3.5" diskettes, power module, and a parallel interface cable. Printer also comes with some accessories. The printer will work with Windows XP. Needs color ink cartridge. Call 703-525-2177 if you're interested.

Housecleaner: Wonderful cleaning lady with many years of experience in and around the Lyon Village area. Experienced, Honest, and Dependable. Call Ana at 703-998-3326
References contact: stokes.jms@gmail.com

Beloved LV nanny seeking a new family: Sandra Suarez is sending another generation off to school and so is looking for a full-time, part-time, or nanny-share position. A former pre-school teacher, Sandra has more than 5 years LV experience with 5 children and excellent references: Andrea Briere (703.402.2232) and Catherine Dubois (202.904.6676) or contact Sandra directly at 571.501.3384

Wonderful Part-Time Nanny Available: Kind, fun, responsible and loving nanny available late summer two days a week, preferably Wednesdays and Thursdays. Glowing references available. Please call Rebecca at 703 862 0759 for more information.

Excellent, Loving Nanny is available to help another family in Lyon Village. She has over 20 years of experience and is mother to two successful grown children of her own. She is calm, confident, highly responsible and has expert childcare skills. She also drives, is a great cook and does light housework. We have worked with this wonderful nanny full time for six years. please call Joan Rohlfing at 703-966-1236.

FOR SALE: Black and Decker cordless electric mulching mower, 5 HP, 24 volt, with grass catcher. Charger included. \$50 or best offer, 20 ft. aluminum extension ladder, highest standing level is 14ft. 2 in., \$25; Werner 5 ft. wooden step ladder, \$10; outdoor extension cord, don't know length but it is VERY long, 50 ft. possibly. \$20.

FREE: Red Sears Companion gas mower, 15" across front (not counting wheels) Was running great when we stopped using it about 8 yrs. ago. Needs a tune up and oil change. Great little mower. Easy to use. Sorry, no grass catcher. call: 703-243-5091