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4th of July Parade and Picnic

Lyon Village Independence Day Parade & Picnic!
Mark your calendars AND lend a hand!

The annual Lyon Village Independence Day Parade will start promptly at noon from the corner of Highland and 17th Streets. Line up for the parade begins at 11:30am on 17th Street; and don't forget to decorate your bikes, scooters and wagons for the parade. This year we will have prizes for your decorating prowess! Please contact John Carten at 202-437-8257, if you would like to help with the parade or drive your antique or convertible car in the parade. The Arlington Police and Fire Departments will be joining us again this year. Our annual picnic and games will follow immediately after the parade. In the past few years, our parade and picnic goes numbers are increasing, yet we have relied upon the same trusty hands, so please do your part. We risk not having a parade and picnic if we cannot adequately staff the event with new and old faces. We are in need of volunteers for the following areas: an Uncle Sam, set-up, decorations, cake baking, shopping, food prep, grillers, servers, kids' games, cake walk, parade coordination, vintage car driving and clean-up. We have jobs that you can do prior to July 4th and throughout the day of so you can help and participate.

After a wildly successful fundraising opportunity last year, we are again offering a fundraiser opportunity! If your team, club or non-profit would like to run the food service (hot dogs, watermelon, baked goods and drinks), you can keep all of the profits. We have all of the data on what to buy, how to price it, etc. If you are able to help out, or would like to discuss your team/club fundraiser, please contact LV Executive Committee member Caroline Holt at 703-522-6343 or walsh2holt@gmail.com.

This event is a fun, family-friendly way to become more connected with your community and enjoy our beautiful park and neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you at 10:15am at 17th and Highland!

Report from the Lyon Village Nature Observer: The Lyon Village nature observer reports this month that a lot of rabbits and chipmunks have been spotted this spring in Lyon Village. He says the dearth of foxes probably account for some of this increase in the rabbit and chipmunk populations. The question that he has been unable to answer is why the fox population has dropped so suddenly this year. Anyone with possible answers to these questions should send them to Gjcarten@verizon.net.

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.

Free neighborhood walk and talk on all things trees - how to enjoy your trees and when to worry - 3pm Sunday, June 13
Tree Stewards Arlington & Alexandria invite you to a free 60 minute easy walk and talk on all things trees. We'll show you examples of tree care in the neighborhood and discuss the following questions: What trees are appropriate for planting near power lines? How can trees help reduce my air conditioning and heating costs? How close to my house or street can I plant my tree? Will tree roots damage my home's foundation? Do I need to mulch, and how much is the right amount? Should I choose a native or non-native tree? How much water do newly planted trees and established mature trees need? Tree Steward volunteers will be available at the event to answer your questions. Contact: TreeStewards_ArlAlex@verizon.net Meet in the parking lot of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington at 3pm Sunday, June 13.

LVCA Meeting, Monday, June 14, 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.

Election of Officers for Sept to August 2011

The Lyon Village Citizens Association will elect new officers at this meeting for the 2010 – 2011 year. Officers serve from September 1 to August 31. The current officers are listed on the Lyon Village web site. Please note that you don't have to be an officer to help, there are many other ways to serve the neighborhood too.

State Delegate Bob Brink

Our State Delegate, Bob Brink, will provide an update on this year's State Legislature meeting in Richmond. He will bring us up to date on on key issues facing Arlington and the State, fiscal and other issues as well. Please come and bring your questions about State government for Bob.

Don't Let Your Guard Down!

With the warm weather here and many people leaving doors and windows open, be careful to keep them locked, particularly at night and when you are away. 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.

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)

Investment Fundamentals Course

The Arlington office of Virginia Cooperative Extension will be offering a free five-session course on investing beginning June 29th. 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 classes will be taught by Certified Financial Planners who are experts on investment topics and who pledge not to sell their specific products or services during the classes. This course is free but pre-registration is required. Classes will be held on consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning June 29th at the Arlington Central Library 2nd floor meeting room, 1015 N Quincy Street, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

June 29, Session 1: Investing Basics
July 6, Session 2: Investing in Stocks
July 13, Session 3: Investing in Bonds
July 20, Session 4: Investing in Mutual Funds
July 27, Session 5: Tax-Deferred Investments

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

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.

Plant Clinics Offer Gardening Advice From Master Gardeners

If you wonder why your azaleas don't bloom, which tree is best for your home landscape, or when you should fertilize your lawn, VCE and Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia can help you find the answers at weekly Plant Clinics held in the following four locations:

* Arlington County Farmer's Market, intersection of N. 14th Street and Courthouse Road, Saturdays, from 8 to 11 am, through last Saturday in September.

* Arlington Central Library Plant Clinic, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Thursdays, from 6:45 to 8:45 pm, through Oct. 7, 2010.

* Old Town Farmers' Market, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Saturdays, from 6:30 to 9:30 am, through last Saturday in September.

* Del Ray Farmers' Market, intersection of Mt. Vernon and East Oxford Avenues, Saturdays, from 8:30 to 11 am, through last Saturday in September.

In addition, the Extension Master Gardener Help Desk (703-228-6414) is staffed from 9 am through noon, Monday through Friday, year round. Home gardeners are also welcome to visit the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in person at 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, VA, during these hours, and our website at www.ext.vt.edu <<http://www.ext.vt.edu>>. The Master Gardeners who staff these clinics and the Help Desk have received at least 60 hours of classroom education and hands-on training in a wide variety of home gardening topics, from pruning and planting to soil preparation and pest control. All clinics and the Helpdesk are free of charge.

If possible, bring fresh samples of problem plants, weeds or insects with you to ensure the accurate identification of any diseases or pests. MGNV recommends that gardeners bring these samples in plastic bags or other clear containers.

Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia is an organization of volunteers trained and certified by Virginia Cooperative Extension to support VCE's work in educating and assisting the public in safe, effective and environmentally sound home gardening methods and practices.

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.

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

Loving LV Nanny/Babysitter available in September for nanny-share or full-time position. Gloria Guzman has over 10+ years of experience, including 4+ years working in LV for our family and others in the neighborhood. Excellent references. Please call Terry Muckleroy at (703-528-4656) or Gloria directly at (202-361-9677).

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

Bungalow For Rent: Our wonderful LV bungalow will be available to rent in August 1. Four bedrooms and two baths. Renovated basement. Two blocks from Metro. Contact Noel Gerson at (301) 320-2920 or gernecke@yahoo.com

Garage Space Needed: Do you have an open garage space that you would like to turn into some monthly cash? Lyon Village family without enough garage space is looking to rent an unused single car space in your detached or connected garage to store a small (compact car sized) trailer. It's not a daily or weekly used trailer and we would of course work with your schedule and terms for access. Call Gregg at 703-516-4781.

Kids Bike: Trek Float 16-inch bike in blue and white. Removable pedals for learning to ride without training wheels. Comes with instructional DVD. \$75. Call 703-465-8393

Weber Q 300 Grill: Used last summer only. Works fine. With cover and propane tank. \$100. Call 703-465-8393

Free Futon. Have an older, but good condition futon available for free. Please contact Rick at beckner_robinson@mac.com if you are interested.

Computer Repair: Having computer trouble? Please contact Lyon Village Computer, your neighborhood computer expert. Night and weekend hours are not only available but preferred and in-home service is a flat \$35/hr. Call (571) 969-LYON (5966) or visit LyonVillageComputer.com for more information. Technician is A+ certified and has been a Lyon Village resident for 17 years. In-neighborhood references available.

For Sale: Antique armoire \$75, maroon wing chair \$40, large futon \$25, large wooden clothes rack \$15, wrought iron tea cart \$25. Call 703-528-3731.

Looking for Babysitter: Would like to find a very responsible high school or college student to occasionally babysit our 11 month old daughter in the evenings. We also have a friendly little dog to keep you company. Please call 571-215-4399.

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 3^d week of the month.