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Fall Calendar

Sept 13	LVCA General meeting
Sept 25	Clarendon Day
Oct 11	LVCA General meeting
Oct 16	LV Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser

Lyon Village 2009-10 Dues Now Due

With the start of our fiscal year, we ask that LVCA members please make their annual contribution to the neighborhood. Dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. This keeps you an active voting member of the LVCA. You can pay your dues online at www.lyonvillage.org, or mail or deliver your payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Call 703-525-0819 or email CarlMattick@verizon.net with any questions. We'll distribute envelopes next month, but why procrastinate?

Crime Update

Recent activity: We had a relatively quiet summer, but a few incidents are worth noting. In July, a man followed a woman who was walking home alone after midnight. The woman called police when he approached her door, but they could not locate the suspect. Another family on N. Johnson discovered that a screened window leading to their basement had been cut, but there was no other evidence of forced entry.

The police also observed an increase in stolen bikes in LV. They urge residents to secure garage and shed doors and windows and keep all bicycles out of sight. In addition, keep your cars locked at all times and never leave valuables in the car such as cell phones, laptops or GPS devices.

Please also report all suspicious activity or attempted crime promptly to the police emergency number 911 or non-emergency number (703) 558-2222. Each datapoint can help the police identify a pattern of behavior. You can file a police report online for theft, vandalism, identify theft, or harassing phone calls at this website (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/incident/new/start-report.html>).

Police patrols: We have been working with the police to increase their weekend patrols in the bar area and on LV streets at night. At our request, they began deploying additional police officers in marked police cars to patrol the Clarendon area and surrounding neighborhoods (including Lyon Village) on weekend nights. These officers will provide additional police visibility. In addition, Metro Transit Police assigns officers to the Clarendon Metro station to monitor activity at the station. As time permits, they patrol the Clarendon area on foot and have been present to assist in the handling of several incidents. Please attend our Sept. 13th General Meeting to learn more.

Commercial Update

Both Whitlows on Wilson and Delhi Dhaba on Wilson Blvd. are seeking major expansions of their business footprints to include rooftop dining and drink service areas. The Whitlow's rooftop area, for example, will accommodate up to 286 additional customers. The LVCA is looking into ways we can minimize noise and parking impact on LV.

In addition, the owner of Bergmann's Cleaners on Lee Highway has requested to meet with the LV Citizens Association in late September to discuss a potential new development at that site that would include a land use change, rezoning, and possibly a grocery store and 10-12-story apartment building.

LVCA General Meeting Monday, September 13, 8:00pm Lyon Village Community House

Recent crime update: From the Arlington police (more to the left).

Parking update: The County's parking manager will discuss parking issues related to LV and Clarendon. This will cover Zone 6 permit parking issues and how to protect neighborhood streets from being overparked by cars visiting the commercial establishments in Clarendon.

Clarendon Center restaurant & retail update: The developers will share information about new tenants in the new 2-block building site in Clarendon. They will also touch on other commercial real estate trends in Clarendon and the county as a whole.

Kids Stuff Sale September 25, 2010

The Arlington Kids Stuff Sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 8am to noon, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, at the corner of Military Road.

The sale features used, seasonally appropriate kids' clothes, toys and gear, plus maternity clothes, books, videos, Halloween costumes, kids' furniture and more. From birth on up, we have the warm clothes kids will need this winter... and the books and toys to keep everyone occupied!

Plenty of parking; free admission. Cash and checks accepted; no credit cards. The Kids Stuff Sale is a community-minded group, sharing both profits and unsold goods with Arlington Food Assistance, AHC Inc., Art for Humanity, and others. The sale was started many years ago by a group of LV mothers and has continued through the years in the spring and fall.

For more information, go to www.kidsstuffsale.com.

New Executive Committee Members

The new LVCA Executive Committee members for 2010-2011 are:

President: H.K. Park; Executive VP: Vacant; Second VP: Jim Lantelme; Third VP: Bill Wooten; Recording Secretary: Lorraine Nordlinger; Bulletin Editor: Adam Kernan-Schloss; Webmaster: Michelle Villado; Treasurer: Carl Mattick; Assistant Treasurer: Bill Gearhart; Community Events Coordinators: Caroline Holt and Don Gay; Historian: Martha Moore; Clerk: Ruth Boyer O'Dea; At Large: Pallav Das and Miles Mason; and Immediate Past President: John Carten. Their bios and photos can be found on our website: www.lyonvillage.org.

Thank you to outgoing officers Mark Weinress, Robb Winters, and Greg Willis, who volunteered their time and energy to serve our neighborhood. Martha Moore deserves recognition for compiling the LV directory and her tireless efforts to support LV on a wide range of zoning and policing issues. In addition, we benefited from the steady hand of John Carten who served as Acting President.

LV Streets Update

Traffic safety: On August 3rd, an LV neighbor driving on Key Blvd. was "T-boned" by a car running a stop sign at a cross street. Our neighbor's car flipped over, but amazingly both drivers were unhurt. Please be vigilant about traveling at or below the posted 25 mile per hour limit, fully stop at stop signs, yield to pedestrians, and absolutely do not check PDAs while driving. This is all the more critical as kids are going back to school and there will be more people on the roads post-summer vacation.

Truck watch: An observant LV neighbor notified us of an increase of construction trucks driving through the neighborhood to service the two projects at the Views church site and the tennis courts at the LV Park. Posted signs prohibit these types of trucks on Highland. John Carten contacted the Views developer and the County to prevent further occurrences. Please let us know if you witness future violations.

Coming Up: Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, Oct. 16 is our annual Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner! Mark your calendars to:

- Enjoy an excellent meal (traditional Ponz family meat sauce or Frances' roasted eggplant marinara) prepared by talented chefs
- Share great, neighborly company
- Support our primary fundraiser to maintain/update our LV Community House
- Bid on fabulous Silent Auction items
- Volunteer to help -- email rose_holliday@hotmail.com

Again we will have 2 seatings: 5pm and 7pm.

Please plan to join us for dinner -- and help us behind the scenes: early prep/setting up/serving, and even cleaning is great fun in the company of friends and neighbors!

Streetlights Repaired

With the County's cooperation, we identified and repaired over 70 broken streetlights in LV. Beginning in the fall, we will start periodic surveys of broken lights that need repair. Please use your porch lights to illuminate your home and sidewalks at night. If you need an additional FREE fluorescent bulb, please contact H.K. Park (hkpark100@hotmail.com).

Handling Peddlers (Door-to-Door Solicitors)

Several residents have asked about peddlers in LV. Generally, peddlers are required to obtain a County-issued permit, which involves checking the individual's criminal background and the standing of their business. You can ask to see their permit. People selling newspapers or fresh farm products or people disseminating religious or political material are exempt. Note that we suspect some un-permitted peddlers have actually been casing homes. More info can be found in Ch. 30 of the County Code (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CountyBoard/CountyCode/file74532.pdf>).

July 4th Parade Follow-up

Thanks again to everyone for a great July 4th! A few of you have asked about the non-profit, Moms for Safe Wireless, and how we selected them as our partner. For many years, we staffed our festivities with LV volunteers, but lately most volunteers cannot commit to food prep, grilling, and selling because these duties occur during the festivities. Instead of abandoning the food sales, last year we experimented with a non-profit providing the manpower and supplies and keeping the profits. This year, Moms for Safe Wireless expressed interest. LV supplied decorations, setup, some grill and food prep and cleanup crews, and they did the rest. This year they enjoyed a \$600 profit for their non-profit's operating fund! Should you wish to learn more, Executive Director Christine Hoch invites you to contact her at www.momsforsafewireless.com

Help Build a Tennis Backboard

Under the leadership of LV resident and high school senior Addison Snidle, who is working toward her Girl Scout "Gold Award, we are well on our way to adding a new, high-quality tennis backboard to the soon-to-be-refurbished LV tennis courts. Deep appreciation goes to all the LV residents who have made pledges toward the project. While we have Arlington County and LV Executive Committee approval, the project is solely dependent on private contributions and at this point, more are still needed.

Please consider making a pledge. All funds will be dedicated to the purchase of the backboard and to help support a tennis court/backboard opening ceremony in the fall. Anyone interested in making a pledge can contact Addison's mom, Rebecca, at rkblood@comcast.net For more official information about the project, please visit: www.actatennis.org/2010/07/lyonvillagetennis/.

Help Save the Planetarium

A new group is trying to raise \$400,000 to help keep Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium open. The School Board postponed closing the facility earlier this year after a large public outcry. The funds are needed for a new projector system, interior dome, and new seating. If you want to help, send a tax-deductible contribution to: Save the Planetarium, PO Box 7029 Arlington, VA 22207. Or go to www.saveplanetarium.org or email save.the.planetarium@gmail.com.

Village Market

Free plants and shrubs. Neighbors have many great plants and shrubs that they would love to give away to be replanted elsewhere in Lyon Village. If you are interested, please contact rachel_perri@yahoo.com.

Seeking after-school child care. Looking for mature high school student/college student/or other individual interested in providing afternoon childcare, Monday - Friday, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., may have some flexibility in days needed. Please call 703-522-8182 if interested.

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.

Nanny available. Our terrific nanny of 15 years is available part-time. U.S. citizen, fluent in English/Spanish, has car. Dependable, flexible hours, and loves small children. Call Tomasa, 703-201-6018.

Lost and Found

Jewelry and cards found. A piece of jewelry on North Franklin. Also, a container full of Pokeman cards that was left at the October Spaghetti Dinner. Pls contact LV resident Jane Miller jmiller@appent.com.

Keys found. Ring of 5 keys with a plastic "Code Card" found on Veitch Street near Key Boulevard. Looks like they might be for a motorcycle. Contact Martha at 703-527-3782.

Congratulations to LV's Miss Virginia

Caitlin Uze, a lifetime LV resident, was crowned Miss Virginia 2010 at the Roanoke Civic Center on June 26. She graduated from Swanson Middle School and Washington Lee High School.

Her plans for this year include working in schools across Virginia to promote her platform, "Uniquely You: Building Positive Self Image." She will talk to the young people about embracing their flaws, obesity, bullying, prevention of alcohol and drug abuse, and other issues affecting self image. She is an ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network and is supporting our troops through various veteran and USO events.

The Miss Virginia website (www.missva.com) will contain her blog and pictures, as well as the phone number for her business manager who arranges her appearances. She is thrilled that Don Beyer Volvo is supplying her with the use of a sporty Volvo this year.

She will represent Virginia at the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas, Nevada, which will be televised on ABC on January 15, 2011.