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Fall Calendar

Oct 11	LVCA General Meeting
Oct 16	Mason Mile Family Fun Day
Oct 16	LV Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Oct 23	Clarendon Church Fall Bazaar
Oct 31	Marine Corps Marathon
Nov 8	LVCA General Meeting

Lyon Village 2010-11 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 and supports the newsletter, directory, web site, and LVCA-sponsored events throughout the year. 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. Please use the enclosed envelope and mail your dues today.

Sept. General Meeting Highlights

Parking: The County parking manager provided information about garage and street parking in Clarendon. There are 661 street parking spots and about 2,400 garage spots in six garages. Some residents in LV have obtained extended permit parking hours for their blocks to prevent Clarendon visitors from taking their spots. If you are interested in doing the same, you need the support of 60% of the households on your block. Call County Parking at 703-228-3344 for more information.

Clarendon Center: The developer, Saul Centers, informed us that the following companies and retailers will lease space in its building this fall/winter: **Airline Reporting Corp., BGR Burgers, Pete's New Haven Pizza, Tangy Sweet/Red Velvet, Members Cleaners, Circa Restaurant, and Burapa Thai.** (See the architect's illustrations: <http://www.saulcenters.com/properties-metro/va/clarendon/index.htm>). Also, **Trader Joe's** is seeking to build a new grocery store at Clarendon Center. It is trying to be a walking destination, but recognizes the need for convenient parking and therefore has sought County approval to allocate 72 reserved parking spaces in the basement of the new building. The County likely will seek Lyon Village comments.

Cereal Drive to Benefit AFAC

On October 16th, the day of the Spaghetti Dinner, HB Woodlawn middle school student and LV resident Emily Renkey is holding a cereal drive for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. AFAC provides supplemental groceries to over 1,200 Arlington families every week. Please consider bringing a box of cereal with you to the spaghetti dinner. Even if you are not attending the spaghetti dinner, you can drop cereal off any time on 10/16 at the Community House. If you have any questions, please contact Emily at 703-522-3952 or mrenkey@verizon.net.

Gas Leaks

Several residents have noticed the smell of leaking natural gas on LV streets. If you smell gas, please call this number **immediately**: 703-750-1000. Washington Gas will dispatch someone to locate the source. You must call as soon as you notice the gas (and not the day after) since some leaks occur only during certain hours of the day.

LVCA General Meeting Monday, October 11, 8:00pm Lyon Village Community House

The meeting will feature our annual candidates' night meeting. This year we will have candidates from the following races: U.S. House of Representatives, County Board, and School Board.

This is a good opportunity to hear the candidates' positions on key issues in the election and to ask them questions about issues that concern you.

Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction October 16, 2010

- 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 our LV Community House
- Bid on fabulous Silent Auction items

We will have two seatings: 5pm and 7pm.

Auction items include fantastic vacation houses on Captiva Island, Bethany Beach, and in the Virginia countryside; dinner party for 10 at LVCH by White House chef Francis O'Dea; dinners at Restaurant 3, Me Jana, Faccia Luna, and other local restaurants; Vera Bradley bags; a Meg MacKenzie watercolor of your home; a signed and framed print by Jake McGuire; Music Together class; birthday party rental at LVCH; one-month pass to Washington Sports Club; bottles of wine; and much, much more.

Raffle tickets will be sold at the door, wonderful prizes to be had: Italian dinner baskets; gift certificates for gelato, pizza, and kabobs; and other delights. Don't miss out on the fun!

More information, including a list of auction items, can be found on our website: www.lyonvillage.org. To volunteer, please contact Rose Holliday, 703-283-4403, Rose_Holliday@hotmail.com or Melanie Cummings, 571-228-1785, Melanie.Cummings@Everbank.com.

"Mason Mile" and Superstar Family Fun Day October 16, 2010

The third annual Superstar Family Fun Day and Mason Mile Run/Walk will be held from 9am – 12pm at Key Elementary School. Rain or shine! The Fun Day features outdoor activities for the whole family, music, snacks, plus the "Mason Mile" — a one-mile road run/walk down Key Boulevard that begins at 9:30am. Key Blvd. will be closed to traffic from Veitch to Highland from approximately 9:15am-10:00am. To register and for more information on the race, go to the website at www.masonleachsuperstarfund.webs.com or pick up a registration form at Key School.

The events are held in the memory of Mason Leach, a five-year-old Key School student who passed away from brain cancer in 2007. To help others battling cancer and other illnesses, the event also will host a blood drive for eligible donors. The Children's National Medical Center Blood Mobile will be on site. To set up an appointment for that morning, go to www.cnmcblooddonor.com.

Clarendon United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar October 23, 2010

The church, at 606 N. Irving, will host its annual Fall Bazaar from 9am – 1pm. This year will be bigger and more diverse than ever. Along with household goods for re-sale, the bazaar will include crafts, baked goods, pre-packaged frozen dinners, and a silent auction to include use of a vacation home near Fredericksburg. The money raised will benefit a variety of charities both within and outside Arlington. A light lunch will be available for purchase. If you have questions, please contact Susan Prokop at 703-248-6988 or turkop@att.net.

What's on Your Mind?

Over the years, the LV Citizens Association (LVCA) has advocated for the neighborhood. For example, we have worked with developers and the County to achieve their commercial goals along Wilson Blvd. with minimal impact on LV. We also developed Arlington's first comprehensive neighborhood traffic calming plan.

We are currently prioritizing our agenda for the next 12 months and would **appreciate your input** in two areas:

1) Please tell us your **Top 3 issues or concerns** about our neighborhood (e.g., commercial encroachment into LV, crime, litter, traffic, etc.)

2) Please offer **any suggestions for adults-only or kid-oriented gatherings** at LV Park or the Community House. LVCA currently hosts the December Holiday party and the 4th of July Parade and Picnic, and the Community House board hosts the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction. Past examples include sock hops, talent shows, square dances, movie nights, pot lucks, and ice cream socials with local school bands.

Email or call H.K. Park (hkpark100@hotmail.com or 202-863-7206) with your responses — or if you just want to volunteer — by **October 20th, 2010**. Please be specific about your issues (i.e., litter at Key School playground on weekends).

Bringing the Newsletter to You!

For Lyon Village residents, this newsletter is a great source of information about the neighborhood. For 26 residents, it is an opportunity to serve the community in an old-fashioned way. In an age of high-tech communications (also available to all of us at the Lyon Village website and through the email listserv), these folks hand-deliver the newsletter to your door every month. They deserve recognition and thanks. So the next time you see your neighbors delivering the newsletter, take a moment to thank them. Some have provided this service for almost a quarter of a century, others for a bit more than a year. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Crime Update

Intruder. Our neighbors report that a Hispanic male (5'10") with a shaved head recently tried to climb into an ajar window of a house on Barton St. between 1- 2am. One of the residents was awake and proceeded to chase the intruder, but neither he nor the police could find him. The police advise residents to install curtains and keep accessible windows locked at all times.

Halloween falls on a weekend this year, which means that Clarendon bars will be full and we likely will have more revelers in our neighborhood. This year, please try to be aware of your surroundings and walk in well-lit areas. Please also keep your porch lights on for your benefit and for pedestrians.

Around the County

Home Maintenance Workshop. Saturday, October 16, 10:30am-1pm, Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr. Come get great tips on how to make minor home repairs and your home more energy-efficient. Free. First come, first served. Call 703-228-3765.

Arlington House Special Program - Election of 1860. Saturday, October 16, with entry times at 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm, 8:30pm, and 9pm. Living historians will portray citizens and political campaigners of the period speaking on the issues. Visitors will learn about the issues in 1860, engage in spirited debate, and cast a vote in a mock election. There will be activities for children. Free, but reservations are required. Call 703-235-1530 or go to www.nps.gov/arho.

Artisphere Opening. October 8-11. This art space (1101 Wilson Boulevard) for everyone features four performance venues, a Wi-Fi café, three visual art galleries, and a 4,000-square-foot ballroom that will bring regional, national and international cultural offerings to the area. Many festivities are scheduled, including: Preview Formal Gala, October 8, 8pm; Kickoff Bash by Pinkline Project, October 9, 8pm; Grand Opening, October 10, 10am-11pm; and Open House, October 11, 11am-11pm. Visit www.Artisphere.com for more details.

Village Market

Pet care: Going out of town? For pet care, call Ben or Katherine at 703-528-3731 or 703-732-0990. We can feed and walk your pets during all hours of the day. LV references available.

Furniture for sale: Downsizing two households. Two nice maroon wing chairs, \$40 each or 2 for \$70, one reclines; Kitchen Aid Mixer with numerous attachments, \$175; wooden clothes rack, \$20; wool area rugs and remnant rugs. Call 703-528-3731. Can deliver.

Furniture repair/refinishing. Plus chair caning, rush weaving, free pickup and delivery. 703-864-8187 or email Jeromewarden@verizon.net.

Free trampoline. 14 foot, all parts included, just come and pick it up, call 703-528-0259.

LV nanny seeking a new family: Sandra Suarez is looking for a full-time position. A former pre-school teacher, Sandra has more than six years of LV experience with five children. Excellent references: Andrea Briere (703-402-2232) and Catherine Dubois (202-904-6676). Or contact Sandra directly at 571-501-3384.

Corner cabinet for sale. Contemporary Scandinavian design, teak wood, lighted corner cabinet. Two adjustable glass shelves on top with glass doors and one adjustable wood shelf on bottom with wood doors. 77" high, 45" across front, 27" on each wall side. Pristine condition. \$300 or best offer. Call Mark at 703-465-8393.

Preschool openings. Looking for a fun, enriching, preschool environment for your 4-year-old? Kinhaven School has a spot for you! Our 4's class and Junior Kindergarten class (older 4's and 5-year-olds) meet Monday through Friday from 9:30am-1:00pm. Space is available to start right away for the 2010-11 school year. To learn more, visit www.kinhaven.com or call the office at 703-525-4636.

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

Please Support the LV Tennis Backboard

Addison Snidle, a local Girl Scout from LV, reports that she is halfway to her goal of raising funds for adding a new, high-quality tennis backboard to the soon-to-be-refurbished LV tennis courts. The backboard will be built in memory of Carl Diener. Our plan now has us visiting local businesses to ask for their help in sponsoring an opening ceremony at the LV tennis courts and community center on November 14th. More information at <http://lyonvillagebackboard.eventbrite.com/>

To help Addison reach her goal, please send your (tax-deductible) checks payable to the Arlington Sports Foundation. Write "Backboard" as a memo to: Arlington Sports Foundation, c/o George C. Towner, Jr., Treasurer, 5275 Lee Highway, Suite 102, Arlington, VA 22207-1619.

Contact Addison's mother Rebecca Blood with questions: 703-841-1210.