



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Fall Calendar

Nov 2	Election Day, 6am-7pm
Nov 8	LVCA General Meeting
Nov 14	Tennis Backboard Dedication
Dec 5	LV Holiday Party

## Semi-Annual Streetlight Repair Survey

We are initiating a new effort to identify broken streetlights in LV that need to be replaced. Although you can report a problem directly to the county, we find that it's more effective if LVCA sends one comprehensive group list. For example, in the spring we submitted a list of 70 broken streetlights that the county quickly repaired.

If you have seen a problem light, please send an email to LV volunteer Neal Robinson ([nparobins@aol.com](mailto:nparobins@aol.com)) by November 21. Provide the following information:

*Location:* (describe corner or location in front of 2213 Key Blvd, for example)

*Pole number:* (for example, CO918 or QL 42)

*Problem:* Out, dim, flickering, etc.

*Type of light:* Photos from left to right are Cobra, Carlyle & Colonial.



## Less Airplane Noise in 2011?

LV and other parts of Arlington routinely hear northbound planes taking off from National Airport. At times, the planes seem to be directly overhead because there is no specific flight path for northbound planes. Pilots actually fly closer to our neighborhood to avoid fines for violating the airspace of the White House and Vice President's House.

This may change in 2011. A representative of the Civic Federation has told us that the FAA is finalizing a new requirement for northbound takeoffs to follow GPS "way points" along the river. This should keep northbound planes further away from LV and lessen the noise. However, when the airport is at full capacity, pilots also use the smaller runway that points toward Clarendon, and we will still hear aircraft on that route. LVCA will continue to monitor this development and update you. If you have further questions, please contact H.K. Park ([hkpark100@hotmail.com](mailto:hkpark100@hotmail.com)) or Steve Geiger ([steve.geiger@aecom.com](mailto:steve.geiger@aecom.com)).

## Herndon and 13<sup>th</sup> St. Park Update

Depending when you receive this, you still may have time to vote to name the new park (by Nov. 1). Several names have been proposed. We are encouraging folks to vote to name the park after the late James Hunter, a long-time LV resident, President of the LVCA and County Board member. Vote at the County Parks website.

The park at 13th and Herndon is slated to get a significant facelift next year. The county is planning to create a new park with a canine area and non-canine area as well. It will include picnic tables, open space, a demonstration garden, trees, and solar panels for a water reclamation system. For more details, including detailed diagrams, see the County Parks website.

## LVCA General Meeting Monday, November 8, 8:00pm Lyon Village Community House

**Police update:** The new 2nd district commander, Capt. Andy Penn, will introduce himself and provide an update on the Carl Diener homicide investigation and discuss crime generally.

**Lyon Village Community House election:** The following LV residents are nominated for the Board of Governors of the Community House: Mary Ann Lilly, Warren Nelson, Fran Gedney, Andrea Briere, Ruth Boyer O'Dea, Melanie Cummings, Jack Royer, Rose Holliday, Jay Mitchell and Kathleen Pons Haines. The volunteer board meets monthly to operate and maintain the Community House. Anyone interested in serving on this board may call Chair Mary Ann Lilly at 703-527-5089 for more information.

**New grocery store:** The Trader Joe's VP for Real Estate, Brandt Sharrock, will travel from Boston to present plans for the proposed new grocery store at the Clarendon Center project on Wilson Blvd. We also have invited residents from other neighborhoods.

## Lyon Village Holiday Party December 5, 4:30pm-6:30pm, Community House

**We are looking for several volunteers before, during and after the party.** Will you donate sugar cookies? Purchase cookie icing and decorating materials? Will you pick up food donations (already secured by your co-chairs) from local restaurants at 3:15? Help setup at 3:45? Help during the event with crafts or cookie decorating? Play Santa (we have the suit!)? Clean up from about 5:45 on?

We'll be serving a light dinner. Last year, several people asked about the cost. It's included in your LV membership dues, so please send your checks to Carl Mattick and join us!

This event is always great fun! Please contact Caroline Holt, LVCA co-chair for Community Events, at [walsh2holt@gmail.com](mailto:walsh2holt@gmail.com) to volunteer or with questions.

## Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Updates

A big thank-you to all Lyon Village residents, friends and families for making the 2010 Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser the biggest success ever. The proceeds from this unique community event go toward the maintenance of our beloved neighborhood resource, the Lyon Village Community House. (Complete list of dinner volunteers and auction donors on page 2.)

### Unable to attend this year's Silent Auction? Now is your chance!

The two items below will go to the first callers willing to pay the minimum bids. Contact Andrea Briere at 703-402-2232.

**Orvis: 1-Hour Private Fly Casting Lesson:** Whether you are new to the sport or an experienced fly fisherman, this 1-hour private fly casting lesson will be valuable for learning to or improving your cast. As a novice, this lesson will introduce you to the sport, provide expert instruction on the basics, and set you up for success. The FFF-certified instructor will demystify the basic fly cast with a hands-on clinic on the roof of the store. If you are an experienced fly fisherman, the lesson will be tailored to your ability level. Item value: \$235. *Minimum bid: \$125.*

**Washington Sports Clubs 30-Day Pass:** No matter what your fitness level, all Sports Clubs locations offer options for everyone, including a wide range of group exercise and fitness programs. The Clarendon location also offers babysitting, parking, Pilates Reformer, steam room, and towel service. All clubs are equipped with strength training equipment, cardiovascular machines, and other exercise equipment. Sports clubs' success has been earned by placing member satisfaction above all else: members are satisfied because they get results from their fitness programs. Item value: \$125. *Minimum bid: \$75.*

## Thanks to Spaghetti Dinner Volunteers...

Thanks to the tremendous cadre of volunteers, both new and familiar faces:

**Co-Chairs:** Melanie Cummings, Rose Holliday

**Set-up:** Katie Franz, Erin Holliday, Margaret Atkinson, Gary Huber, Jack Royer, Loria Porcaro

**Cooks/Chefs:** Francis O'Dea, Ruth Boyer O'Dea, Kathleen Haines, John Carten, Karen Webster, Angela Manning

**Auction Committee:** Andrea Briere, Loria Porcaro, Lynne Ross, Melanie Cummings, Michael Porcaro, Ruth Boyer O'Dea

**Wine:** Donated by the Squires Group; selected by Mark Cummings; served by Nancy Squires and Lucy Scott

**Bake Sale:** Heidi Morrison, Rich Visek, Katarina and Sasha Visek

**Service with a Smile:** Karen Webster, Marshall Wright, Chris Soller, Jack Curry, Sheri Grant, Diane Landers

**Host/Hostesses:** Megan Huber, Emily Huber, Jenna Holliday, Alex Franz, Trent Colbert, Kelly Colbert

**Clean-Up:** Rich Fortwengler, Sheila Skipper, Chris Soller, Jack Curry, Sebastian, Danielle and Charlie Sigwalt

**LVCH/LVCA Business Card Design:** Sheri Grant Designs

**Musicians:** Steve Natrella (violin) and Ron Gluck (flute)

**Event Support:** Fran Gedney, Mary Ann Lilly, Jay Mitchell, Kathleen Haines, Andrea Briere

**Listserv/Website Support:** Michael Porcaro and H.K. Park

**Cereal Drive:** Emily and Mary Reinke

**Coffee:** Java Shack and Jane Miller

**And a special thank you to Agnes Davis and American Realty for their generous donation of vacation properties to both the auction and raffle.**

## ...and to our Auction/Raffle Donors

Please support the businesses that support Lyon Village! Donations for this year's silent auction and raffle were courtesy of American Realty Group, Best Cellars, Boccato Gelato, Brooklyn Bagel Bakery, Cheesecake Factory, Chico's, Clarendon Fitness, Clarendon Grill, Corner Bakery Cafe, Cosi, Current Boutique, Delhi Club, Delhi Dhaba, Earls Sandwiches, Edge Yoga, Eleventh St. Lounge, Eventide, Faccia Luna, Fire Works Pizza, Glitterbug Ballerina, Gold's Gym, Goody's Pizza, Hard Times Cafe, Harry's Tap Room, Instyle Barber Shop, Ireland Four Courts, The Italian Store, Jake McGuire Photography, Java Shack, Kabob Bazaar, Key Realty and Investments, Kinder Haus Toys, Kitty O'Sheas, Kiwi Jewelry, LemonTwist / Lemon Chiffon, Liberty Tavern, Lululemon, Lyon Hall, Malena Ladies Boutique, Me Jana, Mexicali Blues, Minh's Vietnamese, Mister Days, Mr. Tire Auto Service Center, Music Together, Northside Social, Orvis, O'Sullivan's, Pacers, Phantacee, Pottery Barn, Public Shoe Store, Red Mango, Restaurant 3, Rira Irish Pub, Saffron Studios, ShoeFly, Sisters 3 Boutique, Solarus Salon, South Moon Under, Spider Kelly's, Starbucks Clarendon, Starbucks Courthouse, Superstar Tickets, Tandoori Nights, Timothy Paul Bedding + Home, Velocity Five, Washington Sports Clubs, and Whitlow's on Wilson.

Many thanks also to the LV neighbors who personally donated: Agnes Davis, Francis O'Dea and Ruth Boyer O'Dea, Ingrid Wooten, Mark Arnold and Fran Gedney, Meg Mackenzie, Kelly Keiderling, Dan Danik, Sarah Danik, Lee Negroni and Hugo Silva, Stephen Fedorchak and Kristin Gibbs, Andrea Briere and Michael Weissmuller, Timothy and Mia Worrell, and Trish Pengra and Richard Fullerton.

## LV's Traffic Island Gardeners

Going for a stroll around LV is always a pleasant experience -- quaint streets, charming houses and joyous little gardens evoke the mood of the time of the year. As you walk down Key Blvd., you can see the arrangements of flowers, plants and grasses adorning the traffic circles.

They are maintained by **volunteers Veronika Jenke, Zita Drillings, Puddy Blunden, George Ruppert, and Chris Earl** who spend a lot of their own time, effort and money. They see it as their civic duty and a creative expression of their love for the neighborhood. We want to thank them and everybody else who helps. Please drive very carefully around the circles since these gardeners are not always visible when gardening. Please also contact them directly (through the LV directory) if you can contribute mulch.

# Village Market

**Seeking part-time nanny, nanny share, or sitter.** We need someone to watch our 8-month-old son part time. We are happy to share a nanny or pay a stay-at-home mom who has some time to babysit two or three days for four to five hours at a time. Please call LV resident Jo-Anne at 703-599-8924 or email [jfouad@verizon.net](mailto:jfouad@verizon.net).

**House cleaning available.** Thursdays and Fridays. Own transportation. Excellent references and over 10 years experience. Please call Lucille at 202-882-7957.

**Evening and weekend babysitting available.** Great with kids and fully bilingual in English and Spanish. Please call 786-525-3131 or email [valerievilloldo@yahoo.com](mailto:valerievilloldo@yahoo.com).

**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 703-732-0990 or 703-528-3731.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.**

## Development Update

**Hotel at 2401 Wilson Blvd:** LVCA has convinced the developer to keep the planned hotel within the zoning footprint, limit the height to 75 feet, tapering to 57 feet on the LV side, and build single-family detached homes as a buffer on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Final County approval is pending.

**Battery shop at 1120 N. Jackson and 1910 house at 1122 N. Jackson:** The owner of these and the Red Top Cab properties wants to use the battery shop to install radios, credit card machines, and meters in taxis. Options for the battery shop and the adjoining house and property are being explored.

**Trader Joe's at Clarendon Center:** Trader Joe's is negotiating for space in the Clarendon Center building fronting on Highland St., with auto entrance on Garfield St. TJ wants 72 of the public parking spaces, but would need modification of its use permit. A company rep will attend the Nov. 8 LVCA general meeting.

**Comcast office and house:** Comcast is maintaining the premises better, but generator noise is still an issue. LVCA President HK Park testified before the county's IT Advisory Commission. We will continue to monitor the situation.

**Whitlow's rooftop:** Affected neighbors and LVCA are working to mitigate potential noise. Whitlow's has said it will have no live bands and will turn down any audio at 10 pm.

**Bergmann's Cleaner site:** There are rumors of a retail and residential tower on the site of the dry cleaners and three unoccupied houses. LVCA has met with the North Highlands Civic Association to discuss guidelines and will meet soon with the developer.

## Carl Diener Tennis Backboard Success

Good news. The funds have been raised and the new tennis backboard will be installed once the courts are done. There will be a dedication and celebration November 14 at the LV Community House, starting at 5pm, with program at 6pm. Live band, food/drinks, speakers, and Gold Award presentation to LV's Addison Snidle, a Girl Scout who led the fundraising. All are invited.

## Stay Up to Date!

**Sign up for our e-mail updates. Currently, 658 of approximately 2,500 LV residents receive periodic e-mails about street closures, the occasional lost pet and other time-sensitive info. You can sign up for the e-mail listserv at [www.lyonvillage.org](http://www.lyonvillage.org).**