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Winter-Spring Calendar

March 8	Mardi Gras Parade on Wilson
March 14	LV General Meeting
April 16	LV Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Lyon Village Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 16, at 9:30am. This year we will have three separate hunts by age group: 1-3, 4-6, and 7-10. Each group will start at different times, approximately 15 minutes apart. Baked goods and coffee will be sold. Please don't miss this long-standing LV tradition.

Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, and most importantly baked good donations. Please contact Don Gay at dgay@fairwaymc.com or 703-283-0784. (If you belong to a group that would like to raise money by selling coffee and baked goods, please let Don know.)

Mardi Gras Parade Street Closures

Arlington County Police will close Wilson Blvd. in the Courthouse and Clarendon neighborhoods on Tuesday March 8, 2011, for the Clarendon Alliance Mardi Gras Parade.

Wilson Blvd. from Veitch St. to Barton St. will be closed from 6:45pm to 9:30pm. Wilson Blvd. from Barton St. to Irving St. will be closed from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Adams St and Wayne St., between Clarendon Blvd. and Wilson Blvd., will be closed from 6:45pm to 8:00pm. In addition, street parking in the area will be restricted. Motorists should look for temporary "No Parking" signs. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed or towed.

LVCA Nominating Committee

At the May meeting, the Lyon Village Citizens Association will be electing officers for the coming year. Officers serve one-year terms, September through August. If you are interested in serving as an officer of the association or volunteering your time to serve with other neighbors on special projects, please email the Nominating Committee Chairman, John Carten, at GJCarten@verizon.net. A list of the current officers is on the Lyon Village web site.

Don't Forget:

LVCA Dues for 2010-11...

Please make your annual LVCA dues payment if you haven't done so yet. Dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. This supports the newsletter, directory, web site, and LVCA-sponsored events throughout the year and keeps you an active 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. Dues envelopes were distributed in October for your convenience. Call 703-525-0819 or email cmattick@verizon.net with any questions.

Stay Up to Date!

Sign up for our e-mail updates. Currently, fewer than 700 of approximately 2,500 LV residents receive periodic e-mails about crime, street closures, the occasional lost pet, and other time-sensitive info. You can sign up for the e-mail listserv at www.lyonvillage.org.

January LVCA Meeting Monday, March 14, 8pm, Community House



The Future of Arlington County

We will discuss the threats and trends that will impact Clarendon, Courthouse, and Arlington in the next 10 years.

Terry Holzheimer, the county's Director of Economic Development, will provide the county staff's perspective on:

- Whether the arrival of Crumbs and Trader Joe's signals a shift in Clarendon's retail growth from bars to higher value and more diverse retail
- Competition with Tysons for businesses once Metro is extended
- The economic impact of defense and defense contractor relocations from Crystal City
- Population, traffic, home value and demographic changes

A Shade Canopy at LV Park?

Do you find the sun oppressive in the spring/summer/fall while sitting in or around the sandbox at the LV Park? Do you wish there were more places to find shade besides the (now complete!) pavilion roof? Then we need your support (with your votes and dollars) to help us fundraise for a shade canopy for the sandbox area at the Lyon Village Park.

For financial reasons, the county cannot afford it, so the LVCA Executive Committee has agreed to try to raise the necessary funds — about \$8,000, including installation. The county has generously agreed to provide up to 12 hours per year of maintenance and wintertime storage for the canopy, but any significant repairs or maintenance would be an ongoing cost for our community.

We are looking for your thoughts and feedback at the March 14th Lyon Village General Meeting. We will provide further details about short- and longer-term cost implications, plus vote on whether to proceed.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com or Lyndell Core, Manager of Parks & Recreation for the LV Park at LCore@arlingtonva.us.

Nominate a Stretch of Missing Sidewalk for Funding

Whether you are briskly walking to the Metro, or strolling through our bucolic neighborhood, our sidewalks are the bridges that connect neighbors within our community. You may have noticed that some of our sidewalks end abruptly, or don't exist at all, making it difficult for pedestrians, strollers, and dogs to pass. All is not lost! Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation Program could help!

The program brings citizens together to help plan their communities. One of the funded initiatives of the NCP is a "Missing Links" program. If you have a stretch of missing sidewalk (up to three properties) in front of your house, on your street, or that you have noticed in the neighborhood, please contact Shelly Snook, our Neighborhood Conservation rep at mcsnooks@aol.com. We would like to solicit as many potential projects as we can, and then can request funding for one project per year to make our neighborhood more walkable. Funding requires that at least 60% of the effected homes are amenable to the improvements. Sidewalks are installed on county, not personal, property.

Monitoring Construction

Recently we have received a number of complaints from neighbors about the impact some of the construction practices have had on nearby properties, streets, and sidewalks. For example, we have had to work closely with county staff and the Views Project contractor to keep construction trucks off LV streets north of 13th Street. Contractors are required to be careful about how their projects impact the neighborhood. If you spot unsafe or otherwise inappropriate actions by contractors, please email GJCarten@verizon.net. Date, time, location, truck name, license tag, and pictures are all helpful in documenting improper activity. Should you spot any unsafe conditions and need an immediate response, call the county's non-emergency phone number at 703-558-2222.

Trader Joe's Update

The developer is finalizing the lease with Trader Joe's, with expected opening this summer. The rest of the Clarendon Center retail spaces have been fully leased. The apartments above are 80% rented.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

Pedestrian Responsibilities:

Although the pedestrian clearly has the right-of-way, one should not throw caution to the wind by not accepting any responsibility for your own safety. The pedestrian must look both ways before attempting to cross a street and all crossings should be made in crosswalks. Crossing a street in the middle of a block where there is no designated crosswalk is not recommended.

The pedestrian has a responsibility to be considerate of the driver who has complied with the law and yielded the right-of-way. Cross the street as expeditiously as possible.

Drivers' Responsibilities: Yield to pedestrians ... **It's the law!**

Safety Tips

Look both ways before stepping off a curb.

If walking where there is no sidewalk, always walk facing oncoming traffic.

If walking at night, wear light-colored clothing or attach reflective tape to clothing so you are more visible to drivers.

Be aware that drivers may be blinded by sunlight or the headlights of oncoming traffic. Never assume that a driver sees you!

When walking with children, always grasp their hands firmly to ensure they don't break away and dart into traffic.

Village Market

Weight set wanted. High school freshman looking for a used weight set. Call 703-525-0765.

Nanny wanted. We are seeking a FT nanny to take care of our two-month-old baby in our home starting in March. Please call 917-690-4866 or email lillyliu@yahoo.com if interested or know of anyone you'd recommend.

For sale. Beautiful Wurlitzer upright piano in mint condition and regularly tuned and maintained. Brown antique finish. \$1,000 or best offer. 703-243-3631.

Donations wanted. LV resident Nancy Gaito will be walking 39 miles in two days as part of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer April 29-30. She needs to raise \$1,800. You can contribute at <http://info.avonfoundation.org/goto/nancysavonwalk>, at her house (1718 N. Highland St.), or call her (703-524-3659) and she'll pick it up. A donation of \$45 or more will entitle you to a bottle of red wine from the Italian Store or something from the kitchen of the Gaitos (stuffed shells, chili, meatballs or another treat)!

LV nanny seeking a new family. Sandra Suarez is looking for a full-time position, live-in or out, beginning in March. She is happy to do laundry and cook in addition to providing childcare. A former pre-school teacher, Sandra has more than six years LV experience with five children and excellent references: Andrea Briere (703-402-2232) and Catherine Dubois (202-904-6676) or contact Sandra directly at 571-501-3384.

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

Memberships available. Army Navy Country Club has new trial membership program available six months through summer. Youth camp, golf, tennis, swimming, fitness. Call LV neighbor Jerry Kesten for information (703-966-2804).

Pet care. Going out of town? For pet care, call Ben or Katherine at 703-732-0990 or 703-309-7698. We can feed and walk your pets during all hours of the day.

Babysitter available. If you are in need of babysitting services, party planning, basic help, etc. please contact me at 786-525-3131 or email me at valerievilloldo@yahoo.com. I am great with kids, very creative, fully bilingual in English and Spanish.

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.

Lent Prayer Classes

Clarendon United Methodist Church, with Mt. Olivet UMC, will present three evenings of prayer study during Lent. March 15, 7-9pm, Lectio Devina (praying the Scriptures), and March 29, 7-9 pm, Centering Prayer — both at Clarendon UMC (606 N. Irving) led by Betsy Caudill. March 22, 7-9pm, Prayer that Bears Fruit in our Lives, led by Dr. Roberta Bondi at Mt. Olivet UMC (1500 N. Glebe Road). For more information, contact 703-527-8574 or www.morefaith.org.

Lecture: Navigating Middle School

"Let's Talk: Navigating the Social Side of Middle School" will be held Wednesday, March 23, 7:00pm, at the Williamsburg Middle School library. Please RSVP because the lecture will happen only if 50 people register. Please register at:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=0AkD1y2Qqu2JFdEhiOW9aX0FpbXhUdFBuRUhROVJPCfE&hl=en&authkey=CJOlhJUB#gid=0>

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