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Spring Calendar

April 11 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 still needed for set-up, clean-up, and most importantly baked good donations. Please contact [LVCA board member Don Gay](mailto:dgay@fairwaymc.com) 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.)

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.

Construction Problems

A lot of new homes are being built in the neighborhood. If you spot unsafe or otherwise inappropriate actions by contractors in the neighborhood, please email these to GJCarten@verizon.net. Date, time, location, truck name, license tag, and pictures are all helpful in documenting improper activity by contractors. Should you spot any unsafe conditions and need an immediate response, call the county's non-emergency phone at 703-558-2222.

Bulletin Is Looking for News Items!

Have an announcement you'd like to share with your neighbors: a graduation, engagement, award, obituary, or other milestone? Let us know and we'll pass on the news.

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.

LVCA Meeting: Street Parking Monday, April 11, 8pm, Community House

Last week, several neighbors along Danville and other LV streets noticed county staff measuring the street widths. County staff is considering limiting parking to just one side of the street because the street is too "narrow" for trash trucks and fire trucks to operate with ease. Please join our meeting with county staff to learn:

- the justification for this new policy--whether your street may be next and how the county will select which side
- the frequency of garbage truck and fire truck problems
- how this policy comports with policies that encourage fewer driveways and garages and more on-street parking
- whether any accommodation will be made for handicapped, elderly, and parents with infants who need close access to cars
- whether the "problem" is caused primarily by construction, commuter, and other non-resident vehicles that might be regulated in some other way
- possible unintended consequences of any such restrictions, such as making it easier for cars to cut through the neighborhood and travel at higher speeds.

Please attend the meeting if you care about this issue; poor turnout will demonstrate tacit acceptance. This affects not just LV but every Arlington neighborhood. County staff is also trying to force one-side parking on N. Edgewood Street in Lyon Park, which we are also monitoring. Contact LVCA President H.K. Park if you have questions (hkpark100@hotmail.com).

Support a Shade Canopy for LV Park



At the March 14 General Meeting, LV community members voted in favor of privately fundraising for a shade canopy over the LV Park sandbox. We hope to install the canopy before summer.

We are targeting \$100 donations by about 120 households, but no donation is too small or too large! Please make checks payable to Lyon Village Citizens Association (write "sandbox canopy" in the memo line) and send or deliver to LVCA board member Caroline Holt (3175 17th St. North, Arlington, VA 22201). If you have questions, or would like to help in the fundraising efforts, please contact Caroline at walsh2holt@gmail.com. We will also be posting signs at the park to solicit donations from non-resident users of the park. If you have concerns about erecting a shade canopy at the LV Park, please contact our Parks Manager, Lyndell Core at LCore@arlingtonva.us.

Time to Recycle Yard Waste

The 2011 Spring Yard Waste collection season is here. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/des for detailed Spring Yard Waste collection information and guidelines. Bag Collection: March 21 through April 29. To recycle your yard waste, place yard waste in biodegradable bags only. Do not use plastic bags! Yard waste bags will be collected on the next business day after your regular trash collection day.

Development Update

2401 Wilson Blvd. (Kitty O'Shea's site)

LVCA talks with the developer resulted in an agreement to keep the hotel within the zoning footprint and limit the height to 75 feet maximum, tapering to 57 feet maximum on the LV side of the property. Four new single-family detached homes would be built on the R-zoned portion of the property along 16th Street. Developer is currently seeking county approval.

Trader Joe's at Clarendon Center

Trader Joe's has signed a lease for space in the Clarendon Center building fronting on Highland Street with an auto entrance on Garfield Street. TJ's plans to open this summer. The store is seeking ideas to make the interior reflect the neighborhood (see below).

Whitlow's Rooftop

Neighbors and LVCA are working to mitigate potential noise. Whitlow's has agreed that it will have no live bands outside, plus any audio will be turned down at 10pm. The owner has built a Plexiglas and bamboo noise barrier.

Bergmann's Cleaner site

The developer plans a grocery store and a residential tower on the site. The property and its zoning is under review by the county's Long Range Planning Committee. A third meeting is scheduled for April 14th. LVCA is participating in this review.

3000 Washington Blvd.

The developer has proposed a 10-story office building with ground floor retail for the full block at Washington Blvd., Highland Street, and 11th Street. Bonus density is proposed by transferring development rights from properties on Wilson Blvd. bordering Lyon Village. Initial meetings with the developer are scheduled for early April.

Help Dress Up Trader Joe's

Trader Joe's plans to open in early summer. The company tries to "localize" the interior decoration of its stores to reflect the neighborhood with fun images and themes. TJs has agreed to work with LV and surrounding neighborhoods to collect ideas. The Centerville store has a mural of the old plantation that used to be there, while the Foggy Bottom site shows George Washington surfing on the beach. We need a volunteer to work with LVCA board member Ruth Boyer to develop and collect themes and images that might end up in the mural. Please contact Ruth at rboyer@mrisc.com if you are interested.

Library Books Needed

LV resident Nadine Young asks that we help her son's high school friend, Dylan Warburg, collect books for Ballou High School's library in Southeast DC. Dylan was appalled when he read recently that Ballou doesn't have enough books to fill seven library shelves. Contact Dylan at jacobson_joy@yahoo.com if you have fiction and non-fiction, hardcover and paperback, classics and contemporary books to donate.

Obituary: Del Funk

Del Funk, 91, a neighbor at 1604 North Edgewood, passed away on March 17. She had lived there since she and her husband built the house in 1952. She was vibrant, walking through the neighborhood and participating in a bowling league until last year. Over the years, she also sold many Lyon Villagers their homes.

Please Keep Sidewalks Clear

Some residents have asked that we remind you to be courteous and keep sidewalks clear of branches and debris for those who have visual problems. A few individuals walk regularly through the neighborhood using a seeing-eye-dog or a white cane, in addition to children who try to remain on sidewalks. Also, county code requires that we remove our trashcans from the street 24 hours after pickup.

Village Market

Boat slip for rent. 40-foot slip one hour from Lyon Village in Flag Harbor Yacht Haven. On the Chesapeake near Solomon's Island, perfect for sail or power. Pool and marine service on-site. Call 703-243-6426 or email fortwengler@verizon.net.

Experienced babysitter/child minder available part-time. Day, overnight, evenings, and weekends! Lyon Village resident. References available. Call 703-801-5770.

Masonry work. A true craftsman and highly skilled brick and stone mason with excellent Lyon Village references is looking for additional jobs in Lyon Village. For reference, call Greg Knott, 703-243-1812; for estimate, call Santos Fuentes, 571-501-2621.

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.

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.

Community House Improvements

The LV Community House Board has been working with designer/contractor Karen Webster-Wright to undertake a number of improvements to the exterior: a restoration of the cupola has been completed; new shutters are on order; and new back and front doors (including new locks) are on the way. The repaving of the parking lot will be addressed once the county has completed its renovation of the tennis and basketball courts.

For the interior, the Board and Ms. Webster-Wright are also in the planning stages of a kitchen refurbishment, which will include a new kitchen floor. New ceiling panels are being hung in the storage rooms next to the fireplace, and, as a recent safety addition, carbon monoxide detectors also have been installed.

Tree Give-a-Way Moves to Fall

Arlington's annual Tree Give-a-Way, which provides free trees for residents to plant on their property each spring, has been moved to the fall. Planting in the fall gives the delicate young trees a better chance to get established before having to endure the harsh heat and dry conditions of summer.

Lyon Village residents' participation has grown every year, with 36 trees planted last year to help restore our precious tree canopy. Stay tuned for an announcement in the fall and plan to participate. Contact Rich Fortwengler with any questions at LVTrees@yahoo.com.

2011 Garden of the Year Award

Rock Spring Garden Club is launching its 2011 Garden of the Year competition to all homes in the county. Last year, over 40 homeowners submitted their gardens for judging by a certified panel of experts from the Capital Area's Landscape Design Council. Applications must be submitted no later than May 31st. Judging will take place the last two weeks of June. For more information and to download the application, go to the Rock Spring Garden Club site: www.rockspringgardenclub.org

The winner will be announced at the Rock Spring Garden Club's September meeting. If your application is accepted you will receive a sign to put in your front yard that reads: "Nominated Garden, Rock Spring Garden Club, Garden of the Year Award."

Stay Up to Date!

Sign up for our e-mail updates. Currently, about 710 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.