



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Spring Calendar

May 5	Special Police Meeting @ Key School
May 9	General meeting
May 15	Family Day @ Clarendon Market Common

## Development Update

**Lyon Pointe.** A developer plans to build an eight-unit, four-story condominium at Lee Highway and Danville St. The construction start is contingent on financing and final permitting and is expected to last about nine months. The developer has met with LVCA and neighbors to address effects of construction on the surrounding residents.

**Listrani's block.** A developer has met with LVCA on a proposal for an office building on the site of Listrani's Pizza on Wilson Blvd. The proposal is still embryonic. The developer does not have financing and has not submitted plans to the county for review.

**Bergmann's Cleaners site.** A developer plans retail (possible grocery store) and a residential tower on the site of Bergmann's cleaners and three unoccupied houses at the corner of Lee Highway and Veitch Street. The property and its zoning is under review by the county's Long Range Planning Committee. A third meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-May. LVCA is participating in this review.

## Funding the New Sandbox Canopy

We're on a roll! Thanks to the generous donations of the Boyer/O'Dea, LeBlanc/McCabe, E&A Smith, Lash, Ory/Adams, Carpenter, Getner, Rosensweig/Kimmel, Holt, Park, Sullivan, Cummings, Horton, Kaminska/Prasad, Hamm, Reigh, Vale, Bedell and Braddock families, we have raised \$2000 of our \$12,000 goal. Because rain forced us to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt, we missed a prime opportunity to solicit donations.

If you have a check you have been meaning to drop off, please feel free to send a check payable to "LVCA" with "sandbox canopy" in the memo line via mail to **Caroline Holt at 3175 17th St. North, Arlington 22201**. Again, donations are purely optional. We thank you for your generous contributions of any size (know any businesses that want to help?) and consideration.

## Does Lyon Village Have Talent?

Do you or your child sing, dance, play an instrument, tell great jokes, perform magic tricks, or have other hidden talents? Put them on display for an evening of family entertainment at the Community House.

If you are interested in participating in a talent show in May/June, please contact Andrea Briere at [abriere@nas.edu](mailto:abriere@nas.edu).

If there is enough interest for a show, acts of 1.5 to 2 minutes will be auditioned for inclusion. Ages 5 and up. All funds raised by admission and concessions will be put toward the Community House's new kitchen.

## May 9 General Meeting, 8 PM LV Community House

We will have three agenda items:

- 1. Election of new LVCA officers.** Officers serve one-year terms, September through August. We are pleased to report that we have a full slate of officers willing to serve for the coming year. The slate will be announced at the meeting.
- 2. Development Update.** We will provide more information to supplement the items to the left.
- 3. BYOB mixer** with LVCA officers and your fellow neighbors.

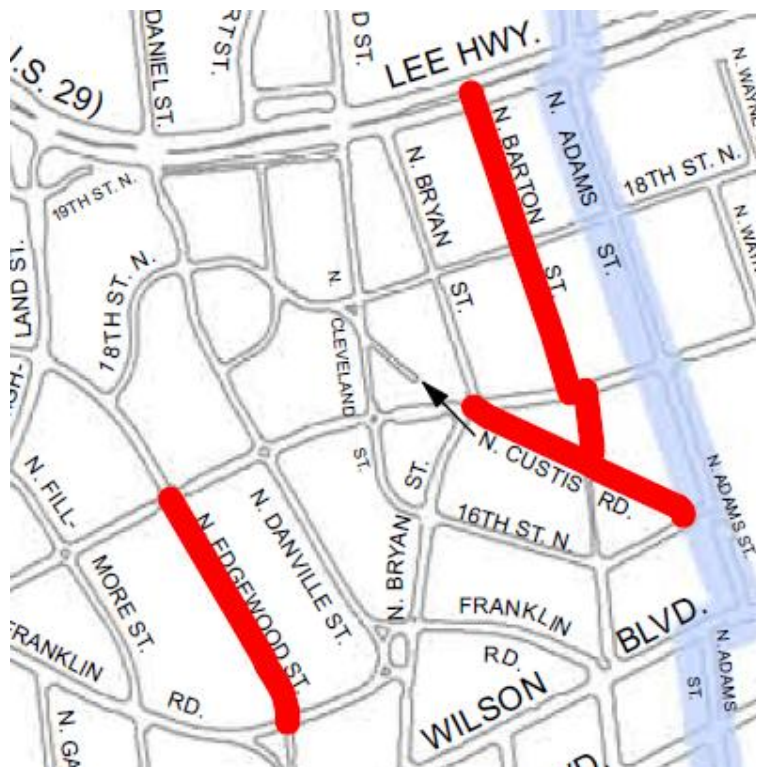
## Special Police Briefing May 5, 7pm, Key School

The police will provide a special briefing to all neighborhoods in the 2nd district. We will meet in the Key Elementary School cafeteria.

- The Police will review of the first quarter crime statistics and trends.
- The Office of Emergency Management will provide information on how to stay informed and create a personal plan for emergencies.
- The Police will discuss bicycle safety and security, and personnel will be on hand to register your bicycle.

## Road Resurfacing

Sometime between May and September, the county will be resurfacing several LV streets. As shown on the map, portions of Edgewood, Custis and Barton will be affected. The county will notify residents prior to starting work on those blocks. Residents will need to remove cars from the block for a brief period to allow paving equipment to operate. If you have questions, please contact Alex Portillo, 703-228-7844, in the county's Water/Sewer/Street Bureau.



## Update on LV Park Courts

The County Parks Department expects its contractor to complete asphalt work on the tennis courts shortly, followed by painting and court striping. Both the tennis and basketball courts (which will also receive color coating and/or striping) will be closed for this work. The anticipated date for the opening of the courts is Memorial Day weekend. We also understand that the installation of tennis backboard in honor of Carl Diener will not begin until the courts are completed and the county has signed off on all close-out items with its contractors.

## 13th and N. Herndon Streets Park

The county is moving ahead on the proposed improvements to the 13th and N. Herndon Streets Park. The park will include canine and non-canine uses. The proposed name for the park is the James Hunter Park, named after the late former Lyon Village resident, former LVCA President and County Board member who lived a block from the park and was a champion of preserving land in Arlington for park use. The County Board is scheduled to vote on the proposed park name this month and then the park plans will be put out to bid, with construction likely beginning in the fall.

## Plant Clinics Offer Free Gardening Advice

If you wonder how to grow great tomatoes, which tree is best for your home landscape, or what strange insect you have found, Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia can help you find the answers at weekly Plant Clinics held in the following locations:

Arlington County Farmer's Market, intersection of N. 14th Street and Courthouse Road, Saturdays, 8 to 11 am, April 16 through the last Saturday in September.

Arlington Central Library Plant Clinic, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Thursdays, 6:45 to 8:45 pm, May 8 through October 6, 2010.

Extension Master Gardener Help Desk (703-228-6414), staffed 9 am through noon, Monday through Friday, year round.

Home gardeners are also welcome to visit the Virginia Cooperative Extension office in person at 3308 S. Stafford St., Arlington, VA, 9 am through noon, and our website at [www.ext.vt.edu](http://www.ext.vt.edu).

Please bring fresh samples of problem plants, weeds or insects with you to ensure the accurate identification of any diseases or pests. MGNV recommends that gardeners bring these samples in plastic bags or other clear containers. All clinics and help desk are free of charge.

## 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 Bulletin (printing costs have recently increased), the directory, website, listserv 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](http://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](mailto:cmattick@verizon.net) to confirm if you are current.

## Stay Up to Date!

Sign up for our e-mail updates. Currently, about 725 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](http://www.lyonvillage.org).

## 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.

## Village Market

**Multi-family yard sale.** 18th and Barton St. Saturday, May 21 (rain date May 22), 9:30am - 12:30pm.

**Nanny available.** Creative, kind, energetic, warm, funny, trustworthy, dependable, punctual, and helpful. Could start end of June. U.S. citizen and speaks both Spanish and English. She has worked for several families. Enthusiastic references available at [shadrickwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:shadrickwilson@hotmail.com).

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

## Parking on Narrow Streets

At our April 11th General Meeting, about 50 LV residents heard two county transportation staffers explain the county's initiative to force residents to park on just one side of "narrow" streets. Representatives from other neighborhood civic associations also attended.

The staffers explained that they will measure a particular street whenever they receive an anonymous complaint from a driver or trash removal contractor. Thus far they have not acted on Fire Department complaints.

The staffers notified us that they assessed parts of North 18<sup>th</sup> and North 20th Streets in response to anonymous complaints, but decided that the streets do not merit parking changes. However, they indicated that they are now reviewing streets near the the apartment parking lot by the Community House.

At our meeting, the county staff pledged to provide adequate notice to residents and LVCA before considering parking changes to particular streets. Please contact LVCA President H.K. Park if you have questions. ([hkpark100@hotmail.com](mailto:hkpark100@hotmail.com)).

## Put the Brakes on Stolen Bikes

In 2010, 390 bikes using cables or chains as locks were stolen throughout Arlington County. To prevent your bike from being stolen:

**Use a U-Lock.** Properly secured this offers the best protection against theft. Secure the frame of your bike to a solid object, preferably one weighing more than the bike. And if you have a releasable wheel, it too should be secured with the frame.

**Always lock your bike.** No matter what its value.

**Register your bike with the Police Department.** Bike registration is easy and free and you can do it online at [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us). Go to Online Services and click on Register your Bike. You must use the serial number engraved on your bicycle, not from a receipt. You will receive an ACPD decal in the mail within seven days to place on your bicycle which, when visible, is a definite deterrent.

**At home, be sure your bike is secured inside the house or locked in your garage or storage area.** Bikes have been stolen out of unlocked garages in Lyon Village. Spring is a time of year when more people are out on their bikes so be sure that yours is always properly secured.

**If your bike is stolen:** File a police report on line immediately. Go to [www.arlingtonva.us/police](http://www.arlingtonva.us/police) and click on Report a Crime. Include brand, model, color and serial number. Please remember -- an abandoned bike may be a stolen bike.

**Abandoned bikes:** Call 703-228-4057. Report it immediately. Leave your phone number and a description and location of the bicycle. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Lt. Heather Hurlock at the number above.

Send your Bulletin items to [adam@ksaplus.com](mailto:adam@ksaplus.com) by **May 24, 2011.**