

The Lyon Village

BULLETIN

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Lyon Village Citizens Association (LVCA)
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Fall Calendar

Sep 12: LVCA general meeting, 8pm
Sep 24: Clarendon Day
Oct 15: Superstar Family Fun day @ Key School
Oct 15: LV Spaghetti Dinner, 5pm and 7pm

Shade Canopy Update

We are grateful for the recent donations from the **Beaman/Rados, Palmer/Ko, Wichard-Edds/Edds, Westwater/Brodsky, Klancnik, McHale, W&J Miler, B. Smith, D&S Gibson, Lawrence, Verdery, O'Donald/Rotter, Nordlinger and Torrey families**. In addition, we are particularly thankful to the generous folks at **Pete's New Haven APizza**, who rounded up the \$180 we earned from our fundraising night to a whopping \$300! Please stop by their shop at Clarendon Blvd & Garfield to sample their delicious eats and drinks, pickup curbside carryout or order delivery on their Segway (check out their family-friendly, daily happy hour and subscribe online for their monthly specials) and thank them for their generosity to our neighborhood! To date, we have raised over \$8,000 of our \$12,000 goal.

Also, in its second month in our neighborhood, **South Block Smoothie** (3011 11th St., N, www.southblocksmoothie.com) will open its doors and wallets to support the shade canopy. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 11!** Make sure to say you're with "LVCA." And a huge thanks to owner Amir Mostafavi for his generosity.

Emergency and Related Contacts

POWER OUTAGES: Dominion Virginia Power 1-866-DOM-HELP

NATURAL GAS EMERGENCIES: Washington Gas 703-750-1400 or 800-752-7520. If you smell gas, leave and call 911.

TREES DOWN: 703-228-6525

WATER, SEWER, STORM SEWER: 703-228-6555 (emergency hotline)

TRAFFIC SIGNAL OUTAGES: 703-228-6511

STORM CLEAN-UP AND SERVICES:

- Water, sewer, storm sewer problems: 703-228-6570 (Weekdays, 8am-5pm)
- Brush pick-up, bulky items pick-up, or report missed trash pick-up: 703-228-6570
- Sidewalks, potholes: 703-228-6570 (Weekdays, 8am-5pm)
- Trash and recycling: 703-228-6570 (Weekdays, 8am-5pm)

September 12 General Meeting, 8pm

LV Community House

We will receive a crime update from **Capt. Andy Penn, 2nd Police District**, followed by a presentation from **Matt Hussman, the new director of Clarendon Alliance**, which represents the 70 restaurants and 60 businesses in Clarendon. Matt will discuss plans for Clarendon Day and upcoming restaurant and retail openings and trends in Courthouse and Clarendon, plus solicit feedback about how the Clarendon Alliance should move forward in the future.

Spaghetti Dinner Coming Oct. 15th!

Save October 15th for a night of family fun and community camaraderie: a meal of delicious spaghetti (meat sauce or vegetarian), salad, bread, and baked goods; the thrill of the raffle; and the fantastic silent auction prizes. Seatings at 5pm and 7pm, tickets sold at the door.

Bring your checkbook for the Silent Auction and Raffle:

Prizes include fantastic vacation houses, cocktail party catering by White House chef Francis O'Dea, dinners at Clarendon-area restaurants, artwork by local artists, passes and gift certificates to local businesses and services, bottles of wine, gourmet gift baskets, and much, much more. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door. See the LV website for auction updates. Silent auction prizes should be paid for by check at the conclusion of the dinner.

Volunteers needed: *Dinner:* Please contact Melanie Cummings at 571-228-1785 or Rose Holliday at rose_holliday@hotmail.com or 703-522-8336. *Auction:* Please contact Andrea Briere at abriere@nas.edu or Loria Porcaro at loriap@att.net, 703-516-4416.

2011/2012 LVCA Dues

The Lyon Village Citizens Association is one of the most active civic groups in Arlington — mitigating the impact of new real estate projects and maintaining a dialogue with police and county staff about crime, traffic and other issues. As you can see from the **development map and updates on the following pages**, we are very busy on your behalf.

To connect neighbors, we sponsor annual LV traditions such as our 4th of July Parade and Picnic, Easter Egg Hunt, and December Holiday Dinner. We also keep you informed through our print *Bulletin*, website, listserv, and neighborhood directory.

We use volunteers whenever possible, but must rely on dues for some events and administrative costs such as printing, website hosting, and listserv. If we all contribute, it's just **\$7 per individual or \$10 per household** for fiscal year 2011-2012. Please take a moment and enclose a check payable to Lyon Village Citizens Assn. in the attached envelope. **Mail to Treasurer Carl Mattick at 1428 N. Fillmore St. Or you can pay online at www.lyonvillage.org.** Please contact Carl with any questions (703-525-0819 or cmattick@verizon.net). Thank you!

Inside:

Development and Traffic Updates



A lot happened over the summer. Get updates on 17 major projects in and around the neighborhood.

Development and Traffic Updates

1. Lyon Pointe: LVCA convened a meeting with neighbors and the developer to mitigate construction noise and damage. This by-right, eight-unit condo building at Danville and Lee is expected to be completed next year.

2. Bergmann's Cleaners: LVCA and N. Highlands Civic Assn. met with the developer. We understand that the County Planning Commission will not support the land use plan and zoning changes needed to build a proposed supermarket and 11-story apartment building. The developer is revising his plans.

3. Court at LV: The developer is building 13 townhomes by-right at Veitch and Lee. Prior to demolition, LVCA convened a meeting with neighbors and the developer to mitigate construction noise and damage. These luxury townhouses are expected to list for more than \$800/900k each when completed in 18 months.

4. Listrani's Site: LVCA and neighbors met informally with the property owner to discuss revised plans for an office building with retail and a day-care. The site at Wilson and North Adams is zoned R-C and covered by an existing approved site plan. The owner is proposing changes in the shape, footprint, and design of the building and is still finalizing his plans.

5. Kitty O'Shea's Site/ 2401 Wilson: LVCA and neighbors have been working with the developer for two years on a proposed boutique hotel project to ensure that the building height, truck deliveries and other aspects do not adversely impact LV. The developer has proposed changes in the land use plan and zoning for the site, and is also seeking permission to build a hotel under the requested zoning category. After concerns were expressed to the county, the developer is now considering a rental apartment building.

6. Boccato Gelato/2710 Wilson: This fall, Boccato will begin interior construction to expand into the neighboring Mercado market and transform into a coffee lounge/bakery/gelato place. Expected opening is spring 2012.

7. Walgreen's/Advanced Towing: At the request of neighbors, LVCA has complained to the Walgreen's regional manager about parking lot trash that blows into LV and other upkeep problems. In addition, LVCA has complained to the president of Advanced Towing about tow-truck drivers who park in LV and drive aggressively through the neighborhood. Neighbor complaints about both have decreased.

8. Fillmore/Franklin Intersection: LVCA and neighbors are exploring potential solutions for this hazardous intersection, including the placement of 4-way stop signs and crosswalks.

9. Faccia Luna and Walgreen's Blocks: A developer is proposing to build a pair of office buildings on the BB&T/Tombstone block (Washington Blvd & Highland) and obtain greater height and density by transferring density from the Faccia Luna block and Walgreen's store next to LV (thus preserving the size of the current buildings and limiting density next to LV). We have not seen final plans. LVCA reps will attend a September meeting to learn more.

10. Highland St.: At the request of neighbors, LVCA is working with county staff to finalize the placement of crosswalks and curbs along North Highland adjacent to and across from the Views project (Clarendon Baptist Church) to enhance pedestrian safety and slow traffic.

11. Views Project: The street and sidewalk improvements along 13th Street between Hartford and Highland are almost complete. The Child Development Center is scheduled to reopen on Sept. 6. The residential tower is scheduled to be completed by Nov. 30 and the church by Dec. 31.

12. Dog Park: The county hopes to begin construction soon. About half the park (Hartford and 13th) will be dedicated to dogs and the rest will be landscaped and available for people. The County Board has formally named the park in memory of former board member and LVCA president Jim Hunter.

13. Trader Joe's: We understand that the grocery store has obtained most county permits and has begun interior construction, with a planned fall opening. LVCA is working with TJs to incorporate historic photos of Clarendon in the interior.

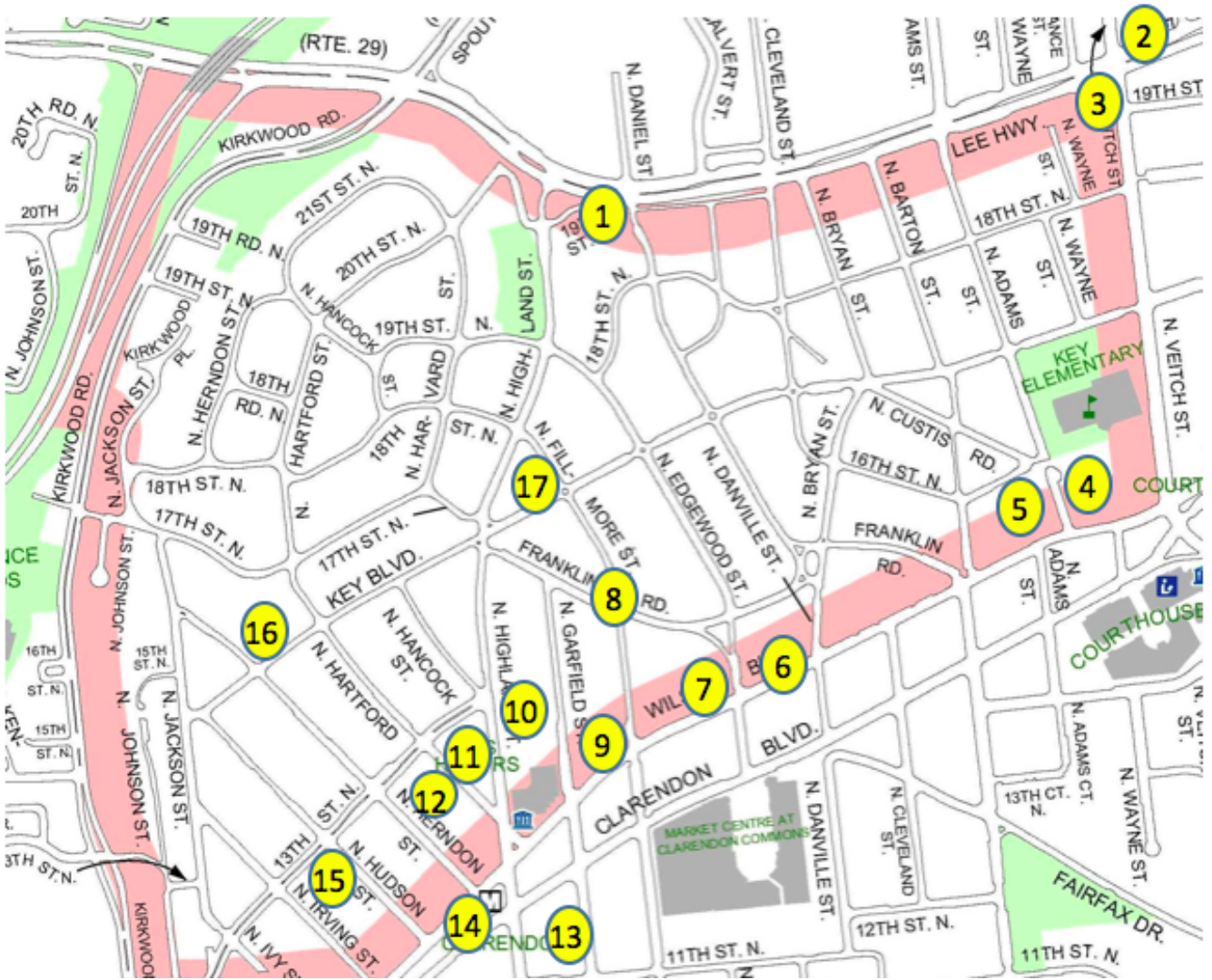
14. Clarendon Metro Park: The renovation of the plaza by the Clarendon Metro entrance will start in early 2012. The county will add more benches, bike racks (including covered bike racks), and paved space for community activities, including the farmer's market. It will include standardized newspaper boxes to eliminate the current jumble of boxes. The renovation will focus on the eastern end of the park.

15. ZOM Site: We understand that construction on the 150-unit apartment building may begin by the end of the year. The site has been cleared and is now overgrown, which we have discussed with county staff. LVCA plans to host a meeting with the developer and neighbors when construction is about to begin.

16. Key Blvd./Herndon Intersection: LVCA and neighbors are exploring potential 4-way stop signs. There have been several accidents here in recent years and three school bus stops are close by.

17. Key Blvd./Fillmore Intersection: In response to many requests to improve visibility and safety, LVCA has worked with a volunteer to trim the tall tree in this traffic circle.

If you have any questions about these items, please contact H.K. Park, LVCA President (hkpark100@hotmail.com).



Thanks to all: July 4th was a rip-roaring success!

The parade was a blast, led by fearless leaders **John Carten** (this may be his 20th year?) and a highly patriotic Uncle Sam (**Bill Brydges**), marked by the stunning homemade banner we enjoy every year from **Laura and Norm Lemley**. The new parade route shone brightly with the sparkling fire engines and police vehicles, vintage and modern cars. Special thanks to drivers **Col. Ed and James Brant, Tom Harrison**, and **Don Hodgen**, among others. Special thanks to the Fire Station Four and the District 2 Police Team.

Thanks to the amazing decorators, including **Lena & Howard Smith, Adrienne Wichard-Edds, the Antonipillai family, Sarah Wright, Kristen Crank, Barbara Smith, Don Gay, Greg Brozak, Sandra Moglica, Peter Glassman** and **Jim Lantelme**.

After superb shoppers **Don Gay** and a 9-month pregnant **Heather Buck** schlepped across Arlington in search of deals, we were able to feed the hungry masses with aplomb at the picnic — thanks to the quick math and order-taking of **Rose Holliday, Caroline Holt, Melanie Cummings, Trish Trapanese, the Rados clan, Lori Wright** and the food-fulfillment prowess of **Luke & Erin Holliday, Ian & Megan Huber, Kate Laman, Nick Rados** and **Lena Smith**.

We made \$155 for the cake walk (with more than 12 rounds of delicious homemade creations thanks to the organizational prowess of **Sheri Grant and Maureen Tracy** and their team of ready-for-the-Food Network cake bakers including **Kim Beg, Ali & Lili Grant, Lisa Garnett, Mildred Patterson, Lisa Anbinder, Rebecca Morrison, Trish Trapanese, Heather Buck, Lori Wright, Melanie Cummings, Nancy Grady, Michelle Villado, Tania Bollman, Leah Chang** and **Lisa Rados**).

We heard rave reviews about the games that included all star rounds of Simon Says, egg races, water balloon tosses (courtesy of the quick-tying skills of the **Miller family**); among others, thanks to **Claire and Shaina Brown & Lara Mason**, plus the fantastic face-painting courtesy of pinch-hitter **Anna Lantelme**.

We sold 100s of hot dogs (thanks to **Chris Hamm's** industrial grill and the quick-wrapping expertise of **Sarah Wright, Craig Cummings** and **Barbara Smith**, and amazing grill work by **Chris Hamm** and **Ron Reel**), drinks, and home-baked goodies (including painstakingly detailed American flag cookies and artfully wrapped cookies & brownies courtesy of **Bill & Sandi Stoppel, Ann MacPhail, Barbara Smith** and **Sandra Moglica**).

We received \$250 in checks for the canopy, plus many, many donations thanks to the direct solicitations of the Food Sales staff and **Verdery family**. We had some special last-minute food and drink sales courtesy of **Evan Holt, the Glassman family** and **Melanie Cummings**.

Then we left the park more spotless than we found it thanks to **Loria & Michael Porcaro, Jane Miller & family, Ann MacPhail, Don Gay, Miles Mason** and **Jay Brodsky**.

All of our hard work amounted to a great time for all, and ... drum roll, please... nearly \$1,500 in profits to go to the sandbox shade structure!

And a special thank-you to our organizer and driving force behind the day, **Caroline Holt**, and her newly elected co-chair and Board member, **Barbara Smith**.

Order Your Free Tree by October 7

The Arlington County Neighborhood Tree Distribution is coming October 15-16, 8am to 5pm. The county moved the giveaway to the fall to increase the survivability of the young trees, which often don't make it through our summer droughts. There will be a wider selection of trees available to provide more diversity, but fewer of each species, so order early at www.tinyurl.com/TreeDistribution. Deadline is Oct. 7.

Nine types of canopy trees available: American Sycamore, Black Oak, Black Gum, Cherrybark Oak, Pin Oak, Red Maple, River Birch, Poplar, and Virginia Pine;. Plus eight smaller understory trees: American Hazelnut, Arrowwood Viburnum, Eastern Redbud, Serviceberry, Staghorn Sumac, Sweetbay Magnolia, Winterberry Holly, and American Witch Hazel. For help and additional information, contact our neighborhood tree liaison, Rich Fortwengler, LVtrees@yahoo.com.

Workshops: Fall Lawn Care

These free public workshops are sponsored by the Arlington Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension. Fall is a great time to rejuvenate your lawn! Learn how to help your lawn recover from the long, hot summer while protecting the environment.

Two dates, two locations: **Saturday, September 10, 1:00 - 3:00pm**, Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street; and **Monday, September 12, 7:00 - 9:00pm**, Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. To register, call 703-228-6414, or contact Kimberly Haun, Virginia Cooperative Extension, 703-228-6426, khaun@arlingtonva.us.

Landscaping, Lawn Tips

Clean streams, lakes and rivers are vital to healthy communities. You may have heard that overuse of lawn fertilizers is considered a source of pollution in local streams, the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay. Excess fertilizer results in excess nutrients, which are washed by rain into local waterways and on to the Chesapeake Bay where they harm fish, crab and oyster habitat as well as pollute local waterways. Some tips: **Mow high and let it lie!** Set your mower to at least three inches high, and leave the grass clippings on the lawn. The grass clippings contain nutrients to feed your lawn.

Get a soil test to learn the best type and amount of fertilizer for your yard. Virginia Cooperative Extension (703-228-6400) offers very affordable soil tests.

Hold off on fertilizer until fall to avoid creating weak roots. Excessive fertilizer won't help your lawn; it will weaken it and send runoff into the Bay where crabs and oysters are already at risk.

Use compost to fertilize your lawn. You can spread it on the grass and rake it into the grass. You can also mulch your leaves with your lawnmower for free fertilizer!

Apply the fertilizer right. Use only the amount of fertilizer you really need. Too much fertilizer will actually weaken your lawn. Keep fertilizer off paved surfaces and don't apply it before it rains. Otherwise, you'll just be sending the fertilizer—and your money—down the drain. More at www.arlingtonva.us/des.

Continued Learning

The Arlington Learning in Retirement Institute (ALRI) will hold its Fall Course Preview on **Saturday, September 10, 9:00am – 1pm** at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Contact 703-228-2144 or www.ArlingtonLRI.org.

Village Market

Photographer available. Birthday parties, family gatherings, pet photos, sporting events. ryanuckertphotography.com. Call 703-350-8458. References available.

House cleaning available. Wonderful, trustworthy, and dependable woman with many years of experience in LV. Call Lizeth, 703-439-0630.

Afterschool babysitter wanted. Seeking Swanson 8th grader for one or more days a week to watch our four kids on the Key School playground, 3:30pm - 5pm. \$10/hour. Contact danarigoni@gmail.com.

Cartoonist mentor wanted. Seeking skilled, experienced LV teenager to mentor our budding five-year-old artist. About one hour a week. \$8/hour. Contact danarigoni@gmail.com.

Nanny available. Our nanny of 7 years is looking for a full-time position with a good family. Loving, energetic, creative, and very trustworthy. She is legal and drives. Speaks English and Spanish. Call Lori, 703-405-2620.

Nanny available. Patricia Sanchez has been the most loving caregiver to our daughter. Reliable, trustworthy, and takes initiative. Call Jeanne Sundstrom Wood, 703-906-1020.

Babysitter needed. For girl (7) and boy (9) on Wednesday afternoons, from 1:45pm - 6:30pm. Must be legal, have driver's license, and transportation. Call 703-465-0142.

Piano teacher wanted. For in-home instruction for our daughters (11, 5). Weekends preferable. Contact Nancy@McHayes.net.

Bicycle rack for sale. New Thule, rear-mount rack can hold up to 3 bikes. \$100. Call 703-229-3305.

Nanny available. 30+ years childcare experience seeks FT position. Available immediately. Sterling credentials, attentive and nurturing with excellent work ethic. Legal resident, but does not drive. Call Ranjanie, 703-243-5766.

Quincy Pharmacy. Specialized independent pharmacy offers clinical counseling, drug interaction information, homeopathy, 100% pure skin and cosmetic products, organic baby care, generic and brand prescriptions. 927 North Quincy Street, 703-243-4054.

Babysitter/nanny available. Highly experienced, loving, engaging, careful, trustworthy, full time. Has worked for several LV families over the years, great references. She does not drive, but that doesn't stop her from walking your child(ren) in and around LV, nearby parks and Clarendon. Call Shamala, 703-243-5766.

Experienced nanny available. Looking for weekend work, day or evening. Bilingual, owns a car, and is a legal citizen. LV references. Contact Nancy Gaito, 703-524-3659, gaitogang@msn.com

Pet care. Going out of town or need help during the day? Call Ben, 703-732-0990. Can feed and walk your pets during all hours of the day. LV references available.

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.