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Winter Calendar

Dec 11: LV Holiday party, 430-630pm
Jan 9: LV General Meeting, 8pm

Crime and Safety Update

During the first three quarters of 2011, crime in the LV area decreased compared to the same period in 2010. LVCA requested and received auxiliary county police officers who patrol Clarendon and surrounding neighborhoods on weekends. In addition to the dedicated Arlington police patrols, **Metro Transit police** who used to remain at the Clarendon metro stop are also routinely in the Clarendon area during the late evenings. For **Halloween**, Arlington Police deployed about 20 officers to the Clarendon area. LVCA has continued to quickly notify the county of **broken street lights** and many of you are keeping your porch lights on at night to illuminate the sidewalks. In addition, following the briefing by the county parking manager at our general meeting last year, numerous LV blocks have obtained **extended hours for permit parking** on streets within one or two blocks of Wilson Boulevard's commercial activity. LVCA has also encouraged Clarendon businesses to notify their customers about the cheap parking garages nearby. These efforts have deterred many people from parking in LV and leaving empty beer bottles on our lawns before visiting the bars and has also reduced drunken vandalism and street noise in LV after the bars close.

Meanwhile, the trial of Roger Clark who has been charged with the robbery and death of Carl Diener in 2009 on 13th Street has been set for January 9. Mr. Diener was attacked at about 2:45am in December 2009. **Addison Snidle**, a young resident of Lyon Village, worked diligently to raise funds from the community to install a backboard at the LV tennis courts in memory of Carl. The backboard was finished this fall. **Dr. Steven Glasser** worked with the county to install a bench in the Lyon Village Park with a plaque on it dedicated to Carl. Carl is greatly missed by many people. He loved to play tennis with his many friends on the LV courts.

Finally, LVCA is seeking to have a streetlight installed on 18th Street between Herndon and Jackson. Neighbors there have experienced several car break-ins and traffic hazards along this very dark block.

Send any questions to H.K. Park, LVCA President.

Eat Locally

We have heard from many restaurants in Clarendon and Courthouse that they are experiencing lower sales due to increased competition from the new establishments. Some, like Mexicali Blues, have sought permits for live music (indoors only) to attract more customers. LVCA sought input from the neighbors closest to Mexicali before agreeing to the permit. If you have a favorite restaurant, please continue to give them your business and bring your friends, particularly during slow periods like lunch or weekdays.

Annual Holiday Party, December 11, LV Community House

This year's Lyon Village Holiday Party will be December 11 at the Community House from 4:30-6:30pm. In addition to a visit from Santa, we typically enjoy tons of merriment and some generous food donations from local businesses in Clarendon and Courthouse. Please come and meet your neighbors. The cost is included in your \$10 LV membership dues. If you are not current, please see the back of this Bulletin for payment instructions.

We are still looking for several volunteers for before, during, and after the party. Can you donate sugar cookies for decorating at the fete? Purchase cookie icing and decorating materials? Help setup at 3:30? Buy party supplies at Michael's? Pick up food at 3:30? Volunteer to supervise the crafts or cookie decorating? Play Santa (we have the suit!)? Clean up from about 6:15 until it's done? It takes a Village :) **Please contact Caroline Holt** at walsh2holt@gmail.com to volunteer or with any questions.

January 9 General Meeting, 8pm LV Community House



We will briefly discuss making the three brick LV neighborhood signs on Highland, Kirkwood and 13th streets more legible. The county, which owns the signs, is prepared to trace the letters with durable paint. After a brief discussion, we will vote on whether to proceed. LV residents who are current on their dues are eligible to vote. See the "before" and proposed "after" photos above.

About All That Wildlife in LV

Do the wild rabbits and occasional fox in LV pose a threat to children or pets? At our last General Meeting, we learned that there are no documented cases of someone getting rabies from a wild rabbit. According to county wildlife officials, the rabbit population ebbs and flows every 18 months and varies by neighborhood.

Although foxes are one of the four major carriers of rabies (along with bats, raccoons, and skunks), they are rarely rabid. The red fox you may occasionally see will not attack children or pets. When confronted, foxes prefer to flee rather than fight. However, small house cats or kittens, domesticated rabbits, and guinea pigs might be vulnerable to foxes if left outside and unprotected, especially at night.

Your garden is most vulnerable. Foxes like to eat grapes, raspberries, and other fruits. Rabbits prefer flowers and vegetables in the spring and summer and the bark of fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs in the fall and winter.

One Last Silent Auction Item

The item below would make a wonderful holiday gift to help someone meet a New Year's resolution! It will go to the first caller willing to pay the minimum bid. Contact Loria Porcaro at 571-213-2751.

Washington Sports Clubs: 30-day Pass to Clarendon location. Value: \$49.
Minimum bid: \$20.

Are Your Lights Legal?

Moving, flashing, or intensity-changing Christmas lighting may be illegal in Arlington. Concerned? Contact Debbie Albert (Dalbert@arlingtonva.us) who's leading a county staff review of the Arlington ordinance.

Clarendon Market Common Events, Dec. 10

10am-3pm. Join MIX 107.3 for a live broadcast with John Martin. The US Marines will be onsite collecting unwrapped toys and cash donations for Toys for Tots.

4-7pm. See Santa arrive by Arlington County firetruck, and enjoy visits and free photos with Santa, live entertainment, children's activities and much more!

Space for Start-Ups

LV neighbor **David Bain** is working with the county on a project to locate a Silicon Valley-style tech start-up incubator in Clarendon. The project seeks to lower the cost of start-up office space combined with mentoring and marketing benefits to around \$500 / month. The likely space will have workstation clusters, enormous conference room, bike parking, showers, lab space, kitchenette, and foosball table. Spots will be made available to qualified tech and social entrepreneurial ventures on a first-come, first-served basis. There is an interest form and survey at www.ArlingtonIncubator.org.

Sign Up Today!

Arlington Winter Classes are now available online. There is something for everyone with a diverse mix of fitness, arts and crafts, sports, theatre, dance, photography and much more. Classes are offered for adults, adults 55+, children, and teens as well as adapted programs for individuals with disabilities. Online, fax and mail registration begins Tuesday, December 13 at 8am. Details at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/documents/file84090.pdf> or call 703-228-4747.

Registration for Arlington Little League's Spring 2012 season is now open. Participation is open to children ages 4-12 (as of April 30, 2012). The league also has a Challengers' Division for disabled athletes. Registration is open until March 1, 2012, but discounted rates apply to all registrations received by December 15, 2011. <http://www.arlingtonlittleleague.org/register/>.

Applications now being accepted for the 2012 Class of Tree Stewards. New volunteer training will be held on Wednesday evenings, starting Feb. 8 through April 2012, with some Saturday mornings. Details: www.TreeStewards.org or call 703-527-2349.

Reminder: LVCA Dues for 2011-12...

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, or mail or deliver your payments to: **Carl Mattick**, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Dues envelopes were distributed in September for your convenience. Call 703-525-0819 or email cmattick@verizon.net to confirm if you are current.

Village Market

Host Family Needed. The Arlington-Aachen Sister Cities Program urgently needs a host family for a full-year exchange student from winter break to the end of the school year. The student, Simon, is a junior at Washington-Lee. Please contact Jennifer Wright at 703-270-9065 or jennifer_wright314@mac.com.

Excellent, Reliable, Housecleaner Available. Mondays and Wednesdays. More than 20 years working for multiple LV families. Contact Marty at 703-524-7209 or maher320@yahoo.com for more information and references.

After-School Babysitter Needed. For two boys, 5 & 7, 4-6pm, school days except Wednesday, beginning immediately. No car needed. Must be work-authorized in U.S. Please contact Seema at 202-841-6906 or seema.lnanda@yahoo.com.

Elder Care/Housekeeper Wanted. For long-time LV resident with Parkinson's disease. Part-time or more with very flexible hours. Perfect for local babysitter who wants to supplement her income. Mornings and late afternoons. Please call Doina for more information, 571-332-6631.

Mother's Helper Needed. To help stay-at-home mom with three kids, light cooking and light housework. Please call 703-362-0801.

Snowboard For Sale. BlueMoon Brewery Limited Edition Snowboard. Length = 154.5 CM., Nose/Tail width = 29.5 cm., Waist width = 25.5 cm., without bindings. A promotional item, only 10 were produced. New, never used, in its original plastic packaging. Great holiday gift. Retail \$200, will sell for \$100 OBO. Contact 703-525-6964 or Forty104@aol.com.

Concept II Rowing Machine for Sale. Same model used at the Gym. Great condition. Call Rich, 703-270-8686.

For Sale. Thomas the Tank Engine Wooden Railroad Table and Train Set. Over 40 engines and cars along with track, bridges and buildings. Includes wooden Thomas storage box. Good condition. Call Rich, 703-270-8686.

Excellent Ironer Available. Thursdays after 1:30pm. Also experienced in child care and most household chores. U.S. citizen, driver's license, speaks English. Call Blanca at 703-731-6556. For references call Sally at 703-527-1337.

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.