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Fall Calendar

Sept. 10: LV General Meeting, 8pm

Sept. 22, Clarendon Day

Sept. 29, Neighborhood Yard Sale, 9-12

Sept. 29, Kids Stuff Sale, 8-12

Oct. 8, LV General Meeting, 8pm

Oct. 28, Halloween Parade/Potluck, 5pm

Nov. 3, Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Halloween Parade and Potluck

Fall is coming! Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual LV Halloween Parade and Potluck, Sunday, Oct. 28, 5pm! Children of all ages may dress in costume, and meet at the pavilion. Our blink-and-you-might-miss-it parade around the park will end with a potluck under the pavilion.

We had such positive feedback on last year's small gathering where neighborhood children could connect and families can meet; we ask you to please refrain from publicizing it outside of Lyon Village.

To ensure we have plenty of food and drink, we have divided up by street numbers or letters. Numbered streets: Please bring beverages (of the child or grown-up variety but no glass please). A-D streets: Please bring a main dish to share. E-G streets: Please bring a side dish to share. H-J streets: Please bring desserts or snack foods. And the LVCA will supply the paper goods. Please indicate if your food contains any potential allergens.

Nov. 3: Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

Save the date! The annual Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction is less than two months away – November 3, 2012! The Dinner and Auction is the primary fundraiser for the upkeep of the Lyon Village Community House (LVCH), and the LVCH Board is counting on you to make this year's event a huge success! The money raised will support the much-needed refurbishing of the kitchen.

If you would like to volunteer for the Spaghetti Dinner – shopping, prepping, decorating, clean-up – please contact Melanie Cummings at 571-228-1785 or sign-up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4CA8AA2AAB9-spaghetti1.

The Auction Committee would love your help, too. Do you own a business in Lyon Village that's willing to donate to the Silent Auction? Do you have a connection to a Lyon Village business and are you willing to solicit a donation? If so, please contact Loria Porcaro at loriap@att.net or 703-516-4416.

If you are interested in purchasing dinner tickets in advance, please contact Mary Ann Lilly at 703-527-5089.

September 10 General Meeting, 8pm LV Community House

Speakers from the Arlington police department will give us an update on crime in Arlington and around the Village in particular. As always, they will be happy to answer your questions. We will also give a roundup of the many developments surrounding the community. There is a lot going on! The Oct. 8 meeting will feature Candidates Night.

Neighborhood Yard Sale, Sept. 29

By popular demand, we are reviving the neighborhood yard sale! On Saturday, September 29 from 9am-12pm, homes across Lyon Village will be setting out their treasures.



The LVCA will advertise for you and has arranged a special pickup of any items that don't sell right from your driveway to save you a trip to Goodwill. The rest is up to you! We will advertise on Craigslist, Mothers of North Arlington, and the *Washington Post* on behalf of the neighborhood. (We will publish the Craigslist posting the week of the yard sale, should you wish to post it in your own favorite listservs as well.)

If you would like to participate, please contact Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com or 703-522-6343 with the street address to be listed in the Craigslist posting by September 20th. There is no central yard sale location. Your home is your storefront!

Anyone registered for the yard sale will have automatic direct pickup of leftover items on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 1-3pm by the National Children's Center. Anyone who has items that have not sold on yard sale day may bag them up and deposit them in front of your garage or visible place with a sign marked "NCC." All items must be bagged or boxed and clearly marked for NCC or they will not be picked up. If you have participated in the yard sale, but prefer not to donate your leftover items, contact Caroline Holt in advance; plus, NCC will not stop unless they see items marked "NCC." Please see a list here for any items NCC will and will not take (e.g., car seats, mattresses, couches): http://www.nccpickup.org/web/pageDetail.aspx?pgID=Items_List

Don't forget to stock up on labels, permanent markers, change and lots of \$1s and \$5s now. And don't be surprised if "early birds" start snooping around about 7:30 or 8! Happy de-cluttering!

Kids Stuff Sale, Sept. 29

8am – 12noon, St. Andrew's Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. The consignment sale has items from over 100 families, clothing, books, videos, toys, and equipment. The sale started in 1989 at the Lyon Village Community House with about 17 LV families. Leftovers are donated to charitable organizations. It's a great way to pick up some good inexpensive items for family and friends. Details at www.kidsstuffsale.com.

July 4th Thank-You's

A huge and heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for making July 4th a success! July 4th was hot, hot, hot!! In spite of many neighbors still being without power, the neighborhood pulled together for another incredibly successful event. The parade was a blast, led by fearless leaders John Carten and Uncle Sam (Lee Crank), the vintage cars, kids on bikes, scooters, and strollers were a delight to watch (and view again thanks to Channel 4!).

The park was gorgeous with decorations courtesy of a some amazing decorators including Lena & Howard Singer, the Edds family, Jamie Walker, Claire Brown, Sarah Wright, Kristen Crank, Lara Johnson Mason, Jim Lantelme, Don Gay, Greg (& nephew Glenn) Brozak. The pavilion was packed with all of the perishable and non-perishable necessities courtesy of the Omberg Family (who did this prior to leaving for vacation and losing power!), Allison Horton and Liza Lowe. The drinks were ice cold courtesy of the coolers of ice from the Avstrieis, Brozaks, Gays, MacPhails, Hoopengardners, Mahers, Smiths, Masons, Hollidays and Walkers. Don Gay provided the loaner truck and driving that schlepped tables, decorations and industrial grills into position.

Sarah Wright, Ana Lantelme, Adam Kernan-Schloss, Rebecca Mann and Ana Chaicu expertly cut 500+ pieces of watermelon and wrapped 550+ hot dogs! Caroline Holt enabled our four lines of food sales to run efficiently and feed the hungry masses with aplomb (thanks to Adam & Lucy Kernan-Schloss, Marty Maher, Lena Smith, Beth Singer, Michelle Villado, Jackie Java, Brandy Quinn and Ian Huber). And the agility, kid-power and quick order- filling of Evan Holt, Isabella Villado, Lena Smith, Leah Young and friend Zoey, Jonathan Green, Nathan Brozak, Lilly Armstrong, Sam Young, Cheryl Colbert, kept the thirsty and hungry crowds well fed.

Kids were beautifully face painted thanks to the creativity of Leslie Shanklin (and daughters) and Lois Chadbourne. We made \$175 for the cake walk and we had more than 12 rounds of delicious homemade creations thanks to Sheri Grant and Maureen Treacy and their team of ready-for-the-Food Network cake bakers including Suzan Charlton, Rebecca Mann, Merrill Hoopengardner, Holly Swaine-Moore, Carol Barney, Lois Chadbourne, Heather Buck, Mildred Patterson, Isabel Spitalney, Mindy Rudell and Judee Blohm. We heard rave reviews about the egg races (thanks to the hard-boiling work of the Lowe Family who were without power!!) and water balloon tosses (courtesy of the quick tying skills of Shaina and Joel Brown).

We enjoyed fantastic face painting courtesy of pinch hitter Ana Lantelme. We sold 100s of hot dogs (thanks to the amazing grill & grill work of Jim Balick and Nick Tsiopanas), drinks and homebaked goodies (courtesy of Allison Horton, Marty Maher, Brandy Quinn, Lynn Kataria, Barbara Smith and Lucy Kernan-Schloss). Then left the park more spotless than we found it thanks to Loria & Michael Porcaro, Tara Antonipillai, Irene & Steve Bartell, Peter Glassman, Rose Holliday, Mindy Rudell, Cass Bernstein, Ann MacPhail, Jim Lantelme and the irreplaceable Don Gay. Thanks to the teamwork of this 90+ person crew, Caroline Holt was able to effortlessly manage the day and fill minimal holes where they popped up!

The winner for Volunteer of the Year goes to Lena Smith, for the 2nd year in a row! This elementary school dynamo worked decorations, food running and food sales, amounting to at least five hours of volunteer work. Amazing job, Lena! When asked what she liked best about the day, she said, "The chaos (behind the food sales area). It's just so fun!" Caroline Holt is delighted to have identified her succession strategy!

We made more than \$750 in profit, and several people have asked where that money is going. Do you have a recommendation? If so, please send it to Caroline Holt (walsh2holt@gmail.com) and we will discuss it at our next Executive Committee meeting.

Village Market

Free piano. Acrosonic upright piano suitable for new music student to use for lessons and practice. Please call 703-243-5038.

Baby-sitting and pet-sitting available. 14-year-old girl, Lyon Village resident. Took the SafeSitter course. Fluent in Spanish. Call 571-502-5093 or 703-527-7752. Or e-mail kiersta22@yahoo.com.

Tutor available. Contact Kate Reynolds. 1st grade teacher in Fairfax County with a Masters in Education and a specialty in early elementary reading and math. lyonvillagetutor@gmail.com

Pet care available. Going out of town or need a mid-day dog walk? Call Ben at 703-732-0990. 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.

Noisy Work Hours

Please be aware that the county limits the hours during which noisy work can be performed, from 7am-9pm weekdays and 10am-9pm weekends and holidays. These hours apply to all work that makes noise, not just major construction projects. Noisy work includes lawn work, home repairs, etc., whether it's being done by a contractor or the homeowner. It is each homeowner's responsibility to ensure that workers in your employ understand and adhere to these hours.

On weekdays, you may contact the Code Enforcement Office at 703-228-3232 to report a violation. On weekends and holidays, you may call the Police Non-Emergency number, 703-558-2222, and an officer will be dispatched to the site.

Development Roundup

The developer of the townhouses at Lee Highway and Veitch St. reports that August was an exciting month for Evergreene Homes at The Court at Lyon Village. The first six-unit building has settled, and new neighbors are moving in. There are only three homes remaining. Construction of the last building has begun, with completion anticipated by the end of the year. Its townhomes were recently nominated for a prestigious GALA (Greater American Living Award) for Design and Architecture, sponsored by the Maryland and Northern Virginia Builder Industry Associations. Winners will be announced in late September.

Reporting Power Outages

As the power outage in early July showed, the power grid in Lyon Village is difficult to understand. We learned that the neighborhood is powered in sections and that homes on the same street may be in different sections. It is imperative that everyone who is experiencing a power outage contacts Dominion Power. Don't assume that just because your neighbor called that is sufficient; he/she may be in a different section, plus more calls tell Dominion that it's a widespread problem and not an isolated incident involving a single home. The number is 1-866-366-4357.

Stay Up to Date!

Sign up for our e-mail updates. Currently, about 800 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.