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Winter Calendar

January: No LV General Meeting
February: No LV General Meeting
February 7: Movie Night
March 10: LV General Meeting

Holiday Party Thank You

Thank you for another fantastic holiday party! Santa and the many shopping, setup, crafts, alcohol monitoring and cleanup elves in addition to your fabulous potluck dishes made this year another huge success, in spite of the terrible weather!

Special thank you to Papa Johns for feeding the masses. Make sure to thank them next time you order! Happy New Year!

Feb. 7: Movie Night

Save the date! Join us for our next community event on Friday, February 7 at 6pm. We will watch a family-friendly movie (think The Lorax, not Sesame Street) at the Community House. Check the listserv in early February for more details.

BYO snacks, drinks (kid and grown-up variety both fine), and low lawn chairs. Barring any tech issues (and there's typically at least one), movie should start at 6:15pm. No admission charge, but consider a donation to the Community House kitchen renovation project.

Photo Inventory of LV Houses

Since a number of the original Lyon Village homes are disappearing through tear-downs and remodeling, the LVCA Executive Committee is seeking to start a photo inventory of houses in the neighborhood.

If you have a digital camera and would like to participate in this effort, please email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net

2013-14 Dues Payments

Dues for the September 2013 – August 2014 fiscal year are now due: \$7 for individuals or \$10 per household. Make checks payable to Lyon Village Citizens' Association and mail or deliver to Don Gay, 1803 N. Highland St. Or go to lyonvillage.org to pay via PayPal.

Help Us Reach 1,000... Only 1 to Go!!!

We now have 999 subscribers to our LISTSERV, up from about 500 four years ago. If you do not receive periodic email updates from us, you are missing out. We send timely info about crime, power outages, street closures, the occasional lost pet, and more. Sign up on our website, www.lyonvillage.org, or encourage new neighbors and reluctant technophobes to sign up!

General Meetings

There will be no General Meetings in January or February.

The March 10 General Meeting will feature a discussion of the real estate market in Lyon Village (presented by Lyon Village residents and real estate agents Ruth Boyer O'Dea, Ingrid Wooten, and John Plank), a discussion of Reverse Mortgages, and presentations from Arlington County on Aging in Place and the Long-Term Care Residences Commission.

Parking Near Clarendon Metro for Commuting

LV residents are parking near Metro and leaving their cars for the day as they commute to work. Some residents are even loaning Flex Passes to commuters from outside LV (and Arlington) so they can do the same. Be aware that many of the LV streets near the Metro have parking limited to one side of the street, so the additional parked cars makes it difficult for the homeowners to find a place to park. Consider walking to or having someone drop you at Metro instead. Please be courteous to your Lyon Village neighbors.

Development Update

2401 Wilson – Hotel (Wilson Tavern / NOVA Mixed Martial Arts): The project had its final Site Plan Review Committee hearing on November 18 and hopes to go before the Planning Commission and County Board in March. If everything goes well, the construction could begin in July or August 2014.

2311 Wilson – Office Building (Listrani's/Thai at Corner): The developer expects to complete permit drawings in the spring and hopes to start construction in the fall of 2014.

Verde Pointe (Bergmann's Cleaners Site): Demolition is expected to begin any day. If you would like to be added to the community email distribution for this project, please contact Travis Westmoreland of McCaffery Interests at twestmoreland@McCafferyInterests.com. More details can be found on the LV Web site at lyonvillage.org.

ZOM (behind O'Sullivan's Irish Pub): Construction continues at Washington Blvd. and N. Irving St. for a mixed-use high rise with 187 residential units and 17,000 square feet of ground floor retail. The first part of the residential building is scheduled to be complete by May 2014, with full completion of the project in late summer 2014.

10th St. Flats (Jay's Saloon): Although in Lyon Park, the LVCA is following this project since it is nearby at 3132 10th Street N. The site had its first Unified Commercial/Mixed Use Development (UCMUD) review committee meeting on December 12. The applicant proposes a five-story building containing 126 residential units, eight live/work units, and 3,660 square feet of retail gross floor area. More information can be found here http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/planning/applications/site_plan/CPHDPlanningApplicationsSPRCSchedule.aspx

Courthouse Square: The Courthouse Square Planning & Urban Design Study Working Group, on which LVCA is represented, had its first meeting on December 18 and is charged with planning the redevelopment of the parking lot at 15th St. and Courthouse Rd. This land is county-owned and will be used to house a new county office building. More information can be found here <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/file88040.pdf>

Lyon Village Community Clubs

If you have a club in Lyon Village (hiking, biking, sewing, fishing, etc.) and would like to invite others to join or if you would like to start a new club, please contact Adam Kernan-Schloss at adam@ksaplus.com to post in an upcoming *Bulletin*.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Girl Scout cookie sales are underway! If your child's girl scout troop plans to sell cookies at a local Lyon Village venue (grocery store, metro, etc.), let us know by Jan. 18 at adam@ksaplus.com and we will advertise the locations and dates in a listserv message.

Snow Shovelers Wanted

Know any kids who want to shovel walkways if we get more snow? Email name and contact info to the *Bulletin* editor (adam@ksaplus.com) and we'll publish the list on the listserv and in the next newsletter as a community service. Let us know by Jan. 18.

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees are collected curbside for residential homes with trash and recycling service. Trees will be collected from January 6-17, 2014 on your regular trash day. After January 17, holiday trees will not be recycled, but will be collected as trash on your regular trash collection day.

Residents are reminded to place the tree on the curb no later than 6am on your regular trash collection day and to remove all decorations, nails, stands, and plastic bags. After the trees are collected, they will be ground into wood mulch for garden use.

Residents who do not have curbside recycling service, such as those living in townhouses, apartments, or condominiums, may also bring their Christmas trees to the Solid Waste Bureau during the Christmas tree collection season. Please call 703-228-6570 to schedule an appointment Monday - Friday, 8am-3pm.

Key Elementary School Parking and Traffic Flow

The LVCA met with county staff and the principal of Key Elementary School on December 5 to finalize an approach to alleviate the safety concerns during drop-off and pick-up times at the school. The county decided to 1) keep the Do Not Enter from 16th St. and Custis St. to Adams St. (a second Do Not Enter sign has been installed), 2) remove some parking spots near the dead end of Adams St. to make it easier for cars to turn around, and 3) change the hours and time limits for parking on both the east side of Adams St. and the south side of Key Blvd. Both sections will now allow only 15-minute parking during drop-off and pick-up times and two-hour parking other times until 4pm. Key School and LVCA were in agreement with the changes proposed by the county. The work should be complete by the end of January.

Tour Bus Parking at Key Elementary

Since many of you have asked about this, LVCA has learned that the school, with encouragement from the county, allows tour buses from local hotels to park at the school on weekends. They are supposed to have a sign on the dashboard and only park in the front parking lot, not in the parking lot along Adams St. If you see them parked in the parking lot along Adams or if they do not have the sign on the dashboard, call the police.

Arlington County Speaker Series

On Thursday, January 23, Shyam Kannan, WMATA Director of Planning, will speak on the future of Metro. The presentation is free and will be held at George Mason University (Founders Hall), 3351 Fairfax Drive, from 6-8pm. For more details, go to:

Village Market

For rent. Professional female looking for one female roommate to share renovated, furnished bungalow house in Lyon Villiage. Short walk to Clarendon Metro, \$1,975/month available Jan/Feb 2014. Non-smoker please. Contact kdiener39@gmail.com

For sale. Upright Wurlitzer Piano w/bench in excellent exterior condition but needs tuning. \$350. Call 703-525-1450.

Pet care. Going out of town or need a mid-day dog walk? For pet care, call Ben at 703-732-0990. We can feed and walk your pets during all hours of the day.

Furniture repair and caning. Jerry Warden does excellent furniture refinishing, repair and chair caning. Call 703-497-2923. LV reference, contact Lucy Kernan-Schloss, kfamily@comcast.net.

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.

Needed: Neighborhood Conservation Representative

One of the county's key improvement programs for neighborhoods is the Neighborhood Conservation program (NC). The county allocates funding for new sidewalks (not replacing sidewalks, but installing sidewalks where they currently don't exist), street lighting, curbs, traffic calming and park enhancements.

Our current NC representative, Don Gay, has taken a new position as the Treasurer of the Lyon Village Citizens Association. So, we need someone with an interest in seeing these kind of improvements made to Lyon Village to take over as the NC representative. If you are interested in working on this important program, please contact Loria Porcaro at Loriap@att.net. If you have questions about the program, you can contact Don Gay at don.gay@prodigy.net.

Learn More about Arlington-Aachen Sister City Program

This is the 20th anniversary of the high school exchange program with the Arlington Sister City of Aachen, Germany.

This year's program is from July 1-19. The application deadline is February 20.

Live with a German family with a student your age, where you will experience everyday German life in a way that few tourists ever get to see. Scholarships available. *Knowledge of German is not required.* Make new friends, try incredible food, and see Maastricht in the Netherlands, the nearby countryside, Belgium, historic cities Cologne and Bonn, and the sites in Aachen. Have fun with a ropes course, bowling, and welcome and farewell dinners. Spend three to four days in Berlin. Applicants must be 16-18 and demonstrate leadership, maturity, and an interest in foreign cultures and history.

Learn more about the July 2014 trip at an information meeting, Wednesday, January 22, 7:30pm at the Central Library.

Interested in being a chaperone? Contact margiebell@juno.com