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Lyon Village Citizens' Association (LVCA)
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Winter Calendar

February: No LV General Meeting
February 7: Movie Night, 6pm
March 4: Mardi Gras Parade, 8pm
March 10: LV General Meeting, 7pm

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.

March 4, Mardi Gras Parade

Join the fun at the 16th Annual Clarendon – Courthouse Mardi Gras Parade, starting at 8pm. The parade runs along Wilson Blvd. from Barton St. to Highland St. Be prepared for street closures and parties!

More March Events

March is filled with opportunities for imbibing at Clarendon restaurants and bars. Arlington Police have informed us of two bar crawls – March 8 and March 15; and don't forget St. Patrick's Day on March 17. The police will be out in force monitoring the events.

Photo Inventory

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. Mail or deliver your payments to Don Gay at 1803 N. Highland St. or go to lyonvillage.org to pay via PayPal.

On to 2,000...

We now have over 1,000 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 Meeting in February.

The March 10 General Meeting will begin at 7:00 instead of our usual 8:00.

From 7:00 until 8:00, the 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.

At 8:00, there will be an update Arlington Public Schools' (APS) capacity planning, and the possible impact on the Lyon Village community. APS is beginning the next stage in the capacity planning process to address the space needs due to increasing enrollment. This stage will develop plans for dealing with capacity issues at the elementary, middle and high school levels, and solutions may include building new schools, additions, moving programs, boundary changes, increasing class size and repurposing existing sites, among many ideas. This is a fast moving process and APS staff hope to give a recommendation to the School Board in May of this year.

Lyon Village Community Clubs

In January, we asked neighbors to suggest clubs they'd like to start or join. Here's what we've heard to date:

Stephen Roberson, a former aviator and aviation artist, would enjoy sharing all things aviation related with the youth of Lyon Village. Some ideas: scale model building competitions, aviation art classes, historical talks, and guest speakers. He is thinking this would be a once-a-month weekend activity for an hour or two, ideally held at the Community House. Contact him at saroberson@gmail.com.

Martha Moore is willing to help someone revitalize the LV Gardening Club that was fairly active for a few years, but only exchanged a few emails last year. "In the past, we have gotten together to see each other's gardens — no garden tour! — and to exchange plants and information. We also had coffees/mimosas and a Yahoo Group." Contact her at martha.moore@verizon.net.

Martha also writes that Orvis in Clarendon has a section on fishing, which has organized fly fishing groups. Contact 703-465-0004.

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!

Susan Charlton (suz.charlton@gmail.com) writes: Girl Scout troop 3662 (with LV residents Zarah K, Alexa I, Jenny G and Rose S) will be selling cookies at the Lyon Village Giant on March 9 (afternoon). We also expect to have a booth at the Courthouse Metro during evening rush hour on March 20.

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

Snow Shovelers Available

Several teenage boys and one 10-year old in LV are available to hire for snow shoveling:

Karl Miller
571-435-7954
kmiller@appent.com

Matthew Hopper and Jason Hopper,
mtinghopper@gmail.com and jtinghopper@gmail.com
703-816-8873

Zane (10.5 years old)
Call 703-989-1963 or email Pam London
pambressen@gmail.com

Know any other 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.

Book Talk by Lyon Village Author

LV's Eswar Prasad will talk about his new book, *The Dollar Trap: How the U.S. Dollar Tightened Its Grip on Global Finance*, at Arlington Public Library (Central) on Wednesday, April 9, at 7pm. The book uncovers some fascinating paradoxes in global finance and counters the view that the dollar's days as the dominant global currency are numbered. For more details about the book, visit <http://thedollartrap.com/>

Arlington Girls Softball Association Registration

Registration is open for the spring softball season. Girls ages Kindergarten and up are eligible to play - no experience necessary. Practice begins on March 15 and games will start on March 29. Find out more and register online at agsafastpitch.sportssignup.com.

If you are interested in sponsoring a team (for only \$390), please email Nancy Greenwood at marketing@agsafastpitch.com.

Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together, a local non-profit organization funded by Arlington County, faith communities, and businesses here in Northern Virginia, provides free home repair services to low-income homeowners focusing on assisting seniors, persons with disabilities and vulnerable families with children. The majority of the repair work is completed by community volunteers who donate their time and talents.

Each April, the group works on 40 homes in Arlington and Fairfax Counties, mobilizing 1,200 volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please go to <http://rebuildingtogether-aff.org/volunteer-2/individual-volunteer-application/>.

If you would like to apply for assistance, please go to <http://rebuildingtogether-aff.org/apply/>.

Village Market

Found. Juicy Couture bracelet near the corner of Hartford St. and 18th St. To claim, please call 703-247-5434 with a description of the bracelet.

Found. A pair of prescription eye glasses near Garfield and Franklin with white and black pattern. Found on 1/12/14. Owner can contact Andy Grass at 703-861- 4347.

Free. Lyon Village resident has small collection of specimen seashells (cowries, spondylus, cones, etc.) free to any student or beginning collector. Comes with a paperback guide to "Seashells of the World." Contact Janet Weber at janweb@verizon.net.

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.

Pet Owner Etiquette

Please remember your legal (and neighborly) duties as a dog owner:

- a) When outside, always keep your dog under your control on a leash (Arlington Code 2-5(A)) (except at designated dog park).
- b) Always clean up after your pet (even if walking at night, down back alleys), and place bag in your own receptacle (Arl. Code 2-5(B)).
- c) Do not let your dog bark for more than a minute or two inside or out (if the sound crosses your property lines) (Arl. Code 15-7). If it does, it is your responsibility to correct this behavior. Please train your dog.
- d) Please refrain from walking your dog past homes with dogs who bark at you – the neighbors of the barking dog will appreciate it.

The American Kennel Club is a great resource on how to be a responsible dog owner <http://www.akc.org/>

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.