



The Lyon Village Bulletin

DECEMBER 2014

Lyon Village Citizens' Association (LVCA)
Arlington, VA

www.lyonvillage.org

Adam Kernan-Schloss, Editor
adam@ksaplus.com

Winter Calendar

Dec. 14, LV Holiday Party, 5-7pm

No General Meetings in January or February

We will not hold LV General Meetings in January or February unless something urgent comes up. If something urgent does require a meeting, we will include information in *Bulletins* (time permitting) and listserv messages.

Our next scheduled General Meeting will be on Monday, March 9 at 8pm.

Underground Utility Work at 2401 Wilson Blvd.

Underground utility work at 2401 Wilson Blvd. (site of the Hyatt Place hotel project) began on Dec. 1 and should last eight weeks, depending on the weather. During the next couple of weeks, the existing building (Wilson Tavern, NOVA MMA) will be demolished. The developer has created a Web site at www.2401wilson.com. It also installed a Web-based camera on the roof of the Navy League building. It takes a still photo every 30 minutes and will document the progress of construction. To view the site, visit <http://www.workzonecam.com/projects/2401wilson>

Demolition at 2311 Wilson Blvd.

Carr Properties will be demolishing the two existing two-story buildings with addresses 2311-2319 Wilson Blvd (from Thai at Corner to Listrani's) beginning the week of Dec. 8. Demo should last approximately one week, followed by another two weeks of sorting the debris, hauling it away, and clearing the site. This will make way for the construction of the office building – the construction start date is still undetermined.

Christmas Tree Collection

From January 5-16, Christmas trees will be collected curbside for residential homes at the same time as trash and recycling service. 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. The trees are later ground into wood mulch for garden use.

After Jan. 18, trees will not be recycled, but will be collected as trash on your regular trash collection day.

No LVCA General Mtg. in December

The Holiday Party takes the place of our December General Meeting. Please plan to attend the Holiday Party and meet and mingle with your neighbors.

Holiday Party, Dec. 14, 5-7pm

LV Community House

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 14, from 5-7pm! We are asking neighbors to bring potluck food again this year (appetizers, main dishes, desserts), and the LV Citizens Association will cover paper goods and drinks (kids' drinks and over 21 variety). Just make sure your dues are current, or feel free to pay them at the door!

We need assistance with shopping, crafts, music (do you have musical talent or can you build a playlist?), setup, and cleanup. To volunteer, please sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044DA9AC23A75-holiday2.

In case of inclement weather, we will post information on the LV Web site (lyonvillage.org) and send a listserv message by 3pm to inform everyone if the party will go on or not. Please note, there is no rain date for this event.

Being Safe in Lyon Village

As reported in prior *Bulletins* and LV listserv messages, there have been several burglaries, attempted burglaries, and thefts from vehicles in Lyon Village since September. Suspicious activity continues to occur, with cars and people being seen in the neighborhood who do not seem to be here for a purpose. Do not let your guard down – especially this time of year.

Arlington County Police advise us to keep our doors and windows closed and locked and to set home alarms when we are at home and away from home.

Have a neighbor check on your house if you go out of town and be sure to stop your newspaper and mail delivery. There have been recent incidents in the county of people breaking into and living in homes while people have been on vacation.

We have had recent reports of packages being stolen from front porches of LV homes. Consider having packages delivered to your office or having a signature required for delivery.

Be careful while shopping. Do not walk home alone from shopping – while advertising your purchases with your shopping bags. Do not leave purchases in your vehicle – not even in the trunk. Some LV neighbors had several hundred dollars worth of electronic games and gaming consoles stolen from the trunk of their car last year.

We have had recent reports of intoxicated people who, while thinking they are somewhere else, knock on doors and windows of LV homes in the wee hours of the morning frightening residents. If this happens, call 911.

The police ask that if you see anything suspicious, call the police non-emergency number at 703-558-2222 or call 911. If you call 911 and are placed on hold, do not hang up, as most calls are answered within a matter of seconds. If you do hang up, this requires the police dispatcher to track down the "hang up" to make sure everyone is okay, preventing them from being able to address other calls. Also, be aware that the dispatchers do not have to hang up the call with you in order to dispatch someone – they can dispatch while they have you on the line. Additionally, they may keep you on the line in order to get up-to-the-minute status on the situation to help the officers.

Lastly, if you would like to be included on e-mails from our District 2 Police Captain, Capt. Afzal, please e-mail him directly at Kafzal@arlingtonva.us

Arlington County Crime Reports can be found at <http://news.arlingtonva.us/police/crimereports>

The Arlington County Crime Map can be found at <http://spotcrime.com/va/arlington>

Leaf Collection Underway

Bag leaf collection, which occurs weekly the day after trash day, is underway and continues through January 8. Bags are available at multiple locations in the county; check online (<http://recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential/yard-waste/leaf-collection/>). Always use biodegradable paper bags - no plastic! Meanwhile, vacuum collection started November 10. Trucks will sweep Lyon Village twice. Signs will be posted 3-7 days before each pass. The second pass is scheduled for December 6, 8, 9, and 10.

Share Your Car-Free Diet Story

Arlington County's Car-Free Diet, in collaboration with the Coalition for Smarter Growth, wants to hear your car-free or car-lite story!

The coalition recently launched a new feature series on its website, "Walkable Living Stories." The series profiles first-hand accounts that demonstrate our changing transportation needs and help illustrate the many different ways that we go about our everyday lives.

Please go to www.carfreediet.com/stories and tell us how you complete a regular task or errand –like grocery shopping, visiting the doctor, dropping your child off at daycare, or commuting to a job – without using a personal car.

Two Scam Alerts

A mailing soliciting funds is being sent from an organization calling itself the Virginia Council for Corporations. This is a scam - there is no such council. Do not send money to the address provided on the mailing. Please see the explanation and guidance from the Virginia SCC regarding the scam at <https://www.scc.virginia.gov/clk/files/corprec3.pdf>

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Commissioner of Revenue's Business Tax Division by telephone at 703-228-3060 or via email to business@arlingtonva.us

Meanwhile, please be aware of scammers posing as Dominion employees. Scammers have approached some customers demanding immediate payment or their power will be disconnected. Dominion does not contact customers by phone, email, text or in person asking for confidential information and/or threaten disconnection in exchange for immediate payment in cash, pre-paid cards, or through PayPal.

Community Budget Forum

County Manager Barbara Donnellan and Schools Superintendent Pat Murphy invite the public to a joint forum on strategies for balancing their Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 budgets. They will present their proposed budgets to their respective boards in February 2015. The Community Budget Forum is Wed., Dec. 10, at 6:30pm, in the Washington-Lee High School cafeteria.

2014 – 2015 Dues Payments

The deadline for dues payment for the September 2014–August 2015 fiscal year has been extended to January 1. Dues are \$7 for individuals or \$10 per household. Mail or deliver your payments to Don Gay at 1803 N. Highland St. (make checks payable to "LVCA") or go to lyonvillage.org to pay via PayPal.

Village Market

Babysitter wanted. LV family seeks after-school babysitter for two kids (10 and 12 years old). Duties include picking children up from school (in our car), taking to after-school activities, and supervising homework. Hours are flexible, but would look like 2:30pm-6pm, from 3-5 days a week (your choice). You must genuinely enjoy kids, be organized, have good references and a clean driving record. This would be perfect for someone looking for PT income, or a college or grad student. If interested, please respond to nannyfinder100@yahoo.com.

Babysitter available. Neighborhood babysitter available for nights and weekends. Wonderful, fun, and full of imagination! Call 703-231-8587 or email shariclayman@yahoo.com

Cleaning lady. LV resident Marie Cavanaugh writes: "I would highly recommend Jessica for efficient cleaning of your home! She is seeking new clients." Please call Marie at 703-623-4866 or email cavapax@gmail.com.

Snow shovelers available. Matthew and Jason Hopper are available for snow shoveling jobs. Call or text Matthew at 571-366-0298, or Jason at 571-228-5176. Or email mtinghopper@gmail.com or jtinghopper@gmail.com.

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.

Report Noise Complaints

To report noise complaints, call the non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. You can remain anonymous, but you will be asked to provide your block address so the police can try to zero in on the source of the noise.

Winter Clothing Drive

Clarendon United Methodist Church (606 N. Irving) is coordinating a winter clothing drive for 280 coats for children in one of the top 10 poorest areas of the US - Appalachia Kentucky. These are for elementary age children sizes 5-14 who are without coats, hats, gloves and scarves. The collection will take place through December 12. You can drop off coats at the church or call Jane Dixon (703-395-1573), a Lyon Village neighbor who will pick them up and deliver. Gently used OK.

Consider Becoming a TreeSteward

TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria are volunteers who take the lead within their communities to enhance a sustainable urban forest through volunteer activities and public education programs. Our volunteer activities include:

- planting, pruning, mulching and watering of street, park and school trees
- staffing informational booths at farmers' markets and local festivals, in conjunction with Virginia Cooperative Extension
- leading neighborhood Tree Walks and speaking at community gatherings
- advocating for trees wherever and whenever needed

Each year, TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria conduct training to further its mission and membership. Applications and more information can be found online at www.TreeStewards.org

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.