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Calendar

LVCA General Meeting, April 17

Pat Miller Memorial Service, April 11

Long-time Lyon Village resident Pat Miller died on March 28 at Powhatan Nursing Home in Falls Church. She was 98. Pat was an active volunteer in the neighborhood for countless years, most notably as a member of the Lyon Village Women's Club. During her tenure, the Club paid off the mortgage on the Community House, through numerous fundraisers and rental fees. She served as a member of the board of the Community House and delivered the LVCA newsletter for over a decade. A veteran of the Foreign Service, she always referred to the neighborhood as "The Village." It was dear to her heart. A memorial service will be held at 1:00pm on April 11 at Charles Wesley Methodist Church in McLean.

ECARE, April 15

The Environmental Collection and Recycling Event (ECARE) is coming up on Saturday, April 15, from 8:30am - 3pm, at the west parking lot of Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The county will be accepting household hazardous waste, scrap metal, and obsolescent electronics. Several non-profits will also be participating, including Bikes for the World, which will be accepting bicycles, bike parts, wrenches, and portable sewing machines.

For those Lyon Village residents unable to come who have items they wish to recycle or dispose of environmentally, Keith Oberg (keithoberg@gmail.com) is willing to accept and deliver two small items qualifying for free County disposal, in exchange for donating a bike and \$10, or \$10 alone, to Bikes for the World.

He would also provide a receipt good for tax purposes to the donor for the value of bike (or other items accepted by Bikes for the World) and financial donation.

Clarendon UMC Events, April 16 and 23

Clarendon UMC (606 N. Irving, Arlington) will hold three worship services, an egg hunt, and breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 16. There will be a sunrise service at 6:30am, a Contemporary service at 8:30am, followed by a breakfast buffet, an egg hunt on the lawn at 10am, and a traditional service at 11am. All are welcome.

The following Sunday evening on April 23 at 7:00 pm, Clarendon will hold its annual Easter Portion (Part II and III) of Handel's Messiah as a sing-a-long. This includes the Hallelujah Chorus. A reception follows in Corry Fellowship Hall. The church is handicapped accessible and nursery care is provided. There is no admission charge for the performance; however, a \$20 donation is suggested. For more information, contact the church at 703-527-8574 or LV Resident Jane Dixon.

General Meeting, April 17, 8pm Community House

James Lander, a member of the Arlington County School Board, will be our guest at the meeting to address a range of school issues. This is a great opportunity for at least one parent to attend and learn more first-hand about upcoming school decisions that will affect Lyon Village. Below are some of the issues under consideration now.

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is proposing a number of changes that will impact LV families, including eliminating the Team (meaning Arlington Science Focus will simply be a neighborhood school without a lottery), and changing Key School from a neighborhood school into a countywide lottery school (meaning those LV families in the Key/ASF boundary would no longer be guaranteed admission to Key, and ASF would be the only neighborhood school for those families). The immediate result of these changes will likely be increased enrollment at ASF due to the kids in the neighborhood zone who do not win the Key lottery, and likely a boundary change down the road to address these additional students. Given that boundary changes are likely, this would seem to be a good opportunity to lobby to bring all of LV together into one neighborhood school zone (almost all of LV is within the ASF one-mile walkzone). These changes would take place in the Fall of 2018.

In addition to these proposals, APS is also making recommendations on where to put an additional 1,300 high school seats. One of the high school proposals would be a new 1,300 seat-facility at the Ed Center (APS office building next to the Planetarium), which would greatly increase the size of Washington-Lee (and likely make participation in sports, music and theater, among others, much more challenging).

APS staff is scheduled to make a recommendation on the elementary school issues April 19 and the School Board will vote on them in June. The School Board is also expected to make a decision on the high schools in June as well. Just a reminder also that next fall APS will tackle boundary changes for the new middle school at the Stratford site (currently home to HB) set to open in 2019.

APS is seeking input at <https://www.apsva.us/transfer-policy-revisions/>. Please share your suggestions and your concerns there or share your perspectives directly with the school board at school.board@apsva.us. That site also has a FAQ section which may answer some of your questions. A power point description of the current proposal is listed on the APS website at <http://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/FINAL-Presentation-for-March-30-for-web.pdf>.

2017 - 2018 Lyon Village Officers

At the May meeting we will be electing the Lyon Village Citizen Association Officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. There are a variety of roles so please indicate what your interests are.

March Meeting Recap

At the March meeting we had a very interesting presentation by Walk Arlington which included Bike Arlington and Capital Bikeshare. In addition Captain Kamran Afzal and the District 2 Police Team gave us an update on police activity in and around Lyon Village. During that presentation we surprised Captain Afzal with a Resolution of Appreciation, which recognized his many contributions while leading the District Two Team since June of 2014. Taking over for Captain Afzal will be Captain Wayne Vincent. Captain Vincent has been with the Arlington Police for over 20 years serving in a variety of roles including patrol, investigations and special operations.

Village Market

No listings this month...a first!!!

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.

Thefts from Parked Cars Continue

Two people were arrested recently after an alert neighbor spotted them entering unlocked parked cars. These incidents have taken place in Lyon Village and in many other parts of the county this year. Here are some simple tips to help reduce the thefts:

1. No matter if you park on a public street, in a driveway or garage take all valuables out of your vehicle. This includes keys, key fobs, purses, cash, credit cards and electronics. Don't forget the valet key that comes with some vehicles.
2. Lock your doors and pull on the door handle to verify it's locked. If a thief can get into a vehicle, he/she can also have access to a garage door opener and can gain access to your home. Always ensure the door between your garage and home is locked.
3. Call police if you see people looking into vehicles. The telltale sign that this has occurred in your neighborhood are open doors with the interior dome lights on. If you don't see the perpetrator(s) but suspect some vehicles have been entered, call the non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. If you see a suspect in your vehicle, DO NOT APPROACH THEM and call 911 immediately.

Operation Fire Safe

Through October 7, crews from Arlington County Fire Department, Fire Station 4 (Clarendon), will be out every Saturday in neighborhoods conducting a door-to-door survey of home smoke alarms. This initiative, Operation Fire Safe, is entirely voluntary. However, we hope that you will join us in our effort to try and safeguard your families and community.

The targeted initiative attempts to reduce the number of civilian fire fatalities and injuries by ensuring all residents in Arlington County have working smoke alarms. Fire Department personnel will offer free smoke alarm inspections, smoke alarm installations, home fire safety checks and general fire safety education.

Please contact any station officer at Clarendon Fire Station 4, (703) 228-0104, with any questions or concerns.

Stay Informed

There are a number of ways to stay informed about what is going on in Lyon Village and Arlington.

If you do not receive periodic email updates from us, you are missing out. Our *Lyon Village ListServ* sends timely information 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! This update typically comes out once a week on Fridays.

Another source is *Next Door Lyon Village*, which is used by neighbors and others (Arlington County Police) to highlight events and information in and around the neighborhood. Go to Nextdoor@nextdoor.com to sign up.

Finally, get daily emails each afternoon from *Arlington Now* about important events, news or information about Arlington. Go to [Arlington Now.com](http://ArlingtonNow.com) to sign up.

Street Sweeping Starts April 10

Street sweeping removes accumulated debris and pollutants such as sand, salt, metals, petroleum products and bacteria before they wash into streams, the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Arlington's 59 civic associations have been grouped into 11 street sweeping zones. Tips for residents:

- Please try to move your cars from the street when your neighborhood is scheduled to be swept. This ensures that the street sweepers can be more effective.
- If you see a hanging tree limb by a curb and are able to safely remove it, please do so. This helps the sweepers clean the curb.

View the [street sweeping schedule](#) to see when LVCA will be swept.

Save Iota

From ARLNow:

A campaign to save the IOTA Club and Cafe is gaining support, but organizers said there's still much uncertainty about the redevelopment plan for IOTA's building.

Organizers of the "Save IOTA" campaign - local residents and IOTA regulars Harry Blackwood and Melissa Mannon - said the lack of public, detailed plans from the developer is making them nervous.

Already, the pair launched a Facebook page for their efforts and have circulated paper petitions at the venue, in addition to an online petition.

A community meeting to discuss the redevelopment of a group of buildings on the 2800 block of Clarendon and Wilson Blvds. by Regency Centers has been rescheduled from March 29 to May 10.

2016 – 2017 Dues Payments

Dues for the September 2016–August 2017 fiscal year are due. 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.