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Calendar

April 9, LVCA Meeting
April 15, Yard Tour
April 17, Street Sweeping
April 28, Drug Takeback Day

LVCA Elections in May

The Lyon Village Citizens Association will hold its annual election of officers in May. If you are interested in serving on the Lyon Village Executive Committee, please contact John Carten @GJCarten@verizon.net. It is a great way to learn about the neighborhood and get involved.

Yard Tour, April 15

Nat Ames, Master Gardener Intern and LV neighbor, is planning a Yard Tour on Sunday, April 15, 1 – 3pm, to share a number of ideas that will improve and beautify your properties. Location: 2600 18th Street (one block north of the intersection of Lee Highway & Cleveland St. Cell: 703-338-9030.

Street Sweeping, April 17

Street sweeping will occur here on April 17 from approximately 7:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please try to move your car to a driveway, garage or non-sweeping street on your civic association's scheduled street sweeping day. Details: <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/residential/street-sweeping/>

DEA National Drug Takeback Day, April 28

Saturday, April 28, is National Drug Takeback Day. If you have any out-of-date prescription medications around your house, you can bring them to Langston Brown Community Center (2121 N. Culpepper Street), Gunston Community Center (2700 S. Lang Street) or Fire Station #9 (1900 S. Walter Reed Drive) for proper, safe disposal. The hours at each location are 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Water Main Replacement

Just a reminder that the county's Department of Environmental Services will begin a water main replacement on North 18th Street from Cleveland to Danville Street in the very near future.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact the county construction managers for this project: Miguel A. Diaz (703-228-7821, mdiaz@arlingtonva.us) and Roosevelt Thompson III (703-228-3695, rthompson@arlingtonva.us). For after-hours water emergencies, please contact the Arlington County Water Control Center at 703-228-6555.

General Meeting, April 9, 8pm, Community House

The April meeting will feature three topics.

Police Traffic Enforcement and Pedestrian Safety. Captain Wayne Vincent, the Commander of the District 2 Policing Team, and other officers will discuss the ongoing traffic enforcement and pedestrian safety programs that are deployed in and around Lyon Village and Clarendon. With a densely populated community, these programs are key to ensuring the safety of all who use our street and sidewalks. This will be a good opportunity to ask questions about these ongoing efforts in the neighborhood.

BikeArlington, WalkArlington and Capital Bikeshare. Henry Dunbar, Director of Active Transportation for Arlington County Commuter Services, will give a presentation on the three programs. He will also address the updating of the Bicycle Element of the Arlington Master Transportation Plan, the rapidly changing nature of personal and shared mobility, as well as brief us on special events that are scheduled this spring. Arlington is a great place to bike. Thanks to its compact size and extensive network of trails, bike lanes, bike-friendly streets and programs like BikeArlington, Arlington County is recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Silver Level Bicycle Friendly Community.

Home Security Cameras. Brad Winkleman will share how he installed security cameras around his house.

Looking Ahead: The May meeting will feature the annual update on Lyon Village real estate.

Elementary School Boundary Process Continues

Arlington Public Schools (APS) continues the first phase of its elementary school boundary process by examining extensions of walk zones and considering the move of "elementary options schools" (including Key School) to another location to more strategically serve students. Following meetings with the community, APS has posted updated maps for each elementary showing probable (more likely) expansions of walk zones and potential (less likely) expansions of walk zones. A walk zone is the area in which APS does not provide bus service. (<https://www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/walk-zone-resources/>) APS hopes to extend the walk zones to those "low-hanging fruit" planning units that are entirely within the one-mile area surrounding the school and present no major safety concerns (or issues that could be addressed by the addition of a crossing guard, or other mitigation).

Key dates. On April 12, APS staff will post its draft recommendations for extending walk zones and seek community input via an online questionnaire and staff office hours by April 30. (Full schedule is posted: <https://www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/>.) A community meeting will be held on May 1, 7 pm, at Yorktown High School, which will be live-streamed with simultaneous interpretation. On May 17, the Superintendent will present his recommendation to the School Board on Phase 1 and the School Board will vote on June 21. The June 21 vote will be on moving "options schools" in general, but will not specify which schools will be located at specific sites. This decision will be considered in Phase 2 of the process in Fall 2018.

Village Market

Sale. Lawn and garden tools no longer used by senior owners. Power lawn mower, leaf blower, and trimmer, spreader, shovels, rakes, hoes, tall extension ladder, many treasures for the do-it-yourselfer. Please call Judy Strack at 703-541-8501.

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 Potholes

With the cold winter causing havoc on our roads, be sure to report any potholes that you see in the neighborhood to the county. You can call 703-228-6570 or go online to

<https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem>

Package Delivery

Precautions

Packages were stolen off a front porch in Lyon Village last month. This is a reminder to everyone to be smart about your package delivery. Criminals look for unattended packages on doorsteps. Don't give them the opportunity. Track your package. Require a signature. If you are going to be away, have it held at the mail facility, have a trusted friend accept the package for you, or make use of in-store pick up.

Report Suspicious Activity

Residents are the best ones to identify suspicious activity in the neighborhood. Take note of general features such as gender, race, height, weight, their clothing, distinguishing characteristics such as facial hair, jewelry, scars or tattoos, last known location and direction of travel. Note suspicious vehicles and their make, model, color body style and direction of travel. If you see something or someone that is suspicious call the non-emergency police phone number, 703-558-2222. If it is a true emergency, always call 911.

2017 – 2018 Dues

Payments

Dues for the September 2017–August 2018 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.

LVCA on Facebook

Tony Abreu has created a Facebook page for LVCA and will be updating it periodically. [You can find the page here](#), or search Facebook for "Lyon Village Citizens Association."

We also encourage you to sign up for [NextDoor](#), which is a website and mobile app for neighborhoods. There are nearly 700 neighbors already using it, as well as the ACPD and county.

Superintendent Proposes FY19 Arlington Public Schools Budget

The Superintendent has proposed a \$636.7 million budget. In FY19, the APS enrollment is projected to be 28,027 students—1,631 graduating 12th graders are projected to be replaced by 2,287 new kindergartners. While APS enrollment has increased 43.5% over the past 10 years, the APS cost per pupil in FY19, proposed to be \$19,235/pupil, will be \$303 less than 10 years ago and \$105 lower than the current school year, according to APS.

The County Manager directed no tax increases and as a result, the Superintendent forecasted a \$25.9 million deficit for FY19, due to growing enrollment, start-up costs associated with two new schools, compensation adjustments for all employees, and debt service for construction projects. The Superintendent proposed bridging this shortfall in multiple ways, including using the Apple Buy Back program for some student equipment; increasing aquatics fees; reducing foreign language instruction; and increasing class size by one at grades 4-5; by 0.75 at the middle school level, and by 0.5 at the high school level. Details: <https://www.apsva.us/budget-finance/>

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.