



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Neighborhood Surveys Due from All LV Residents

This month, with your Bulletin, you should receive the *LYON VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE SURVEY*. It is extremely important to complete this survey in a timely manner and return it. The knowledge gained from the NCAC survey is to be included in the information to be provided to the County regarding the wants and needs of the Lyon Village neighborhood.

It is critical that we gain responses from all, or at least the majority of Lyon Village households for the survey to be valid. Please do your civic duty and take the few minutes required to complete the simple survey and return it. This information will act as a guideline for funding and the completion of neighborhood projects for the next decade or more. Traffic calming, sidewalk, lighting and neighborhood gateway improvements all result from the information provided by this survey.

Please do your best to return your survey by the end of the month. Thank you! For further information please contact markweinress@msn.com. We owe a great thanks to Puddy Blunden, our NCAC Representative for all her work on this survey and NCAC projects over the years. There will be a separate survey on zoning issues this fall. If you wish to help on the issues surrounding the zoning survey, please contact markweinress@msn.com.

School Superintendent Chat

A chat by the Arlington Superintendent of Schools will take place in Lyon Village on Wednesday, August 9th. This is your chance to be heard. Please email Mary Renkey at mrenkey@verizon.net or call 703.522.3952, if interested in attending.

Man's Best Friends

Several Lyon Village residents have asked that we remind owners that their dogs need to be on leashes when outside an enclosed area. Some neighbors have expressed concern about the difficulty in controlling their own leashed dog when a loose dog approaches. They have also noted that loose dogs, no matter how friendly, can scare small children and many adults. Also, please keep in mind that our neighborhood coyotes can pose a threat to our furry friends. Cats and small dogs can disappear in encounters with the wildlife out there!

Fourth of July Celebration!

Come celebrate the 4th of July with your neighbors. The annual parade will begin promptly at 11:00am at the corner of Key Blvd and Highland Street. Please start lining up for the parade on 17th Street at 10:30am with bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers, etc. Dress your family and vehicles for the occasion. We will have a police escort, fire trucks and antique cars in the parade. At the park there will be soft drinks, water, hot dogs, watermelon and baked goods. It's a time to have fun for all!

We can always use more volunteers for the bake sale, ticket sales, games, set up, serving and clean-up. Please call Rick Iglesias at 703-528-2541 to volunteer to help in any of these areas. If you have questions about the parade or have an antique car to enter in the parade, please call John Carten at 703-528-3731. Donations for the bake sale can be dropped off that morning at the park. Come join the fun and see our new play equipment.

**The General Meeting will resume in September.
Have a Great Summer!**

Neighborhood Salvage Day Free Architectural Artifacts

On Saturday, July 8th, Lyon Village will be hosting a Salvage Day at 1839 N Herndon Street. The large brick colonial on this site is to be replaced with two new brick homes. The new homes have already been sold, but you can still get something out of the deal. The entire property at 1839 Herndon will be open for salvage on Saturday, July 8th, from 11am to 5pm. Please do NOT enter the property before this time frame.

Yes, this means you can take whatever you want for free! This includes, plants from the garden, pavers, outdoor light fixtures and more from outside house. Inside the home, any architectural details, fixtures, cabinets and the like that you can safely remove may be taken. All for free!

Please note that these items are not intended for resale. The owner of the home, Brian Normile, has generously offered this opportunity to the residents of the Lyon Village neighborhood, so that items from the property may remain in the neighborhood after the house is gone.

Please do not bring children to this event. With the commotion of materials removal, this will not be a good place for kids. Adults however, should come and find that perfect planting or architectural salvage that will add to the beauty of their Lyon Village home. There will be neighborhood volunteers in the home to help insure that things go smoothly and safely. Please check in with them before removing any property, plantings or other items from the site. Volunteers will include Martha Moore and Mark Weinress.

The hours for salvage will be from 11am to 5pm. PLEASE, do not remove ANYTHING outside these proscribed hours. This home is private property and any removal or entry outside the time period of 11am to 5pm on Saturday, July 8th could be considered illegal trespass and theft. For further information, please contact Mark Weinress at markweinress@msn.com.

Visit www.lyonvillage.org This Summer

The Lyon Village website at www.lyonvillage.org will continue to be updated over the summer so neighbors can get the latest in neighborhood news. Check it out. And, please consider signing up for the Lyon Village email list by sending an email to lvbulletin@hotmail.com. (To receive the emails, you need to list lvbulletin@hotmail.com as an "allowed" or "trusted" on any "junk" or "bulk" email filters.) This is a great and secure way to keep updated on the latest important neighborhood news and events.

Lyon Village Beautification

When the ground is dry, please water the trees near your yard that have been planted by the county within the past several years. Your effort will be a wonderful service to the community. Thanks to Rick Holliday and Stephen Bartell who have volunteered to help with the Community House Landscape. Thanks also to Myra Britton and to Mary Rousselot for joining the LVCH landscape committee. Please consider helping out with landscaping projects in your neighborhood, contact Angela Manning at 703.527.7729 or email at admanning7729@comcast.net. And thank you to Angela for all her work keeping Lyon Village beautiful.

Neighborhood Parking Issues

A number of folks in the neighborhood have been having problems with parking issues on Lyon Village streets. The proper procedure if your driveway is blocked is to call the non-emergency number for the Police Department. That number is 703.558.2222. A Public Service Aide (PSA) will respond; or a police officer if no PSA is available. They will issue a ticket and tow the vehicle if the driveway is completely blocked. For further information or problems, please contact Captain Kevin M. Reardon, Second District Commander, Arlington County Police Department at 703.228.4327.

Another means of dealing with parking issue is to extend the hours of permit parking on your block. The first step in extending the hours of permit parking is for a resident to agree to take on the role of coordinator for the request and to serve as the contact person for the County. The coordinator facilitates the collection of signatures for the petition, a copy of which is available from the County. A minimum of 60% of the households on the block must sign the petition. After receiving the petition, the Arlington County Division of Transportation office will determine whether there is evidence of overspill from the requested hours. At least 75% of the parking spaces must be full of vehicles and 25% of the vehicles must be from outside the neighborhood. If this criteria is met, then the hours can be extended. This process will take approximately three months to complete. For further information, please contact Sarah E. Stott, *Parking Manager, Arlington County Division of Transportation* at 703.228.0592 or E-mail: sscott@arlingtonva.us.

Marshall/Newman Amendment Vote

This November, you will vote on an amendment to change the constitution of Virginia. The Marshall/Newman amendment makes significant changes to the Virginia Bill of Rights that go well beyond Virginia's thirty year old statute that prohibits same sex marriage. Under this proposal, no civil unions, no domestic partnerships and no other legal agreements will be allowed for any unmarried couples in Virginia (gay or straight). This means legal wills can become invalidated, joint property may not be held, hospital visits can be prohibited and living in Arlington may become untenable for some folks due to the legal risks involved. Virginians may not agree on gay marriage, but many will agree that this proposed amendment to our bill of rights simply goes too far. Please contact www.votenova.org for further information. The Bulletin will have further election news this fall as November 7 approaches.

Summer Safety

Remember to protect yourself and your children from summer insect pests and too much sun exposure.

New Lyon Village Playground

Come visit the Lyon Village Park adjacent to the Community House at Highland Street and Lee Highway and see the newly completed children's playground and the new landscaping.

After the Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting Ceremony on June 24th the fun will continue. All the playground equipment has been replaced and a new water feature for children's play has been added. This feature is as good as a neighborhood pool for the kids, and just as fun.

Since the park's reopening in May, it has been filled with happy parents and kids enjoying all the wonderful new features. We owe a great debt of gratitude to those volunteers who made the new playground possible. A special thanks goes to neighborhood resident Mary Renkey for all her hard work. A special thanks also to County Park employees Bernadette Grullon and Lisa Grandle for a park design that meets the many differing desires of neighborhood residents. For any questions regarding the park, please contact Bernadette Grullon at Bgrullon@arlingtonva.us. When visiting the park, please be mindful of the nearby neighbors, especially early in the morning (some like to sleep-in). And remember, the park closes at dusk and parking is limited. Have fun!

Arlington Alert

This Spring's tornado warnings were announced through Arlington Alert and the various NOAA radios. But a large number of people, many women with strollers and young children, weren't plugged into those announcements. In fact, with IPODS in their ears, many weren't aware of any of their surroundings. During the announced warning period, droves of folks leisurely strolled our streets in total ignorance of nature's own warning system. When winds pick up suddenly and a very bright sky turns dark, it is time to take shelter. Just because LV hasn't had any major damage from severe winds since *Isabel*, doesn't mean that we should be casual about them. Far better to have practiced good precaution than to be found in the next county. Stay alert.

Get connected with Arlington Alert. This free cell phone text message and email alert service is available for to all. You will receive information of storm warnings, emergency notifications and major traffic alerts. Registration for this free service is at www.arlingtonalert.com. Arlington Alert is now also available on XM Satellite Radio Channel 214. For those without computers or cell phones, the Arlington Alert information is available at radio stations 1500 AM; 630 AM; 107.7 FM, it is also at cable television station Arlington Virginia Network (AVN) 74. Please take advantage of this information. And, if you have elderly neighbors who might not be connected to this information, please check on them to make sure they have the info. Be safe!

Influenza

The Office of Emergency Management and Public Health recently held a session with an overview of Arlington's plans in the event of an influenza pandemic. While there is no pandemic at present, two of the three criteria for a pandemic influenza have been met: a new strain of influenza has developed and the strain causes severe illness in humans. The third criterion has not been met; this new strain cannot spread easily from person to person. There is very recent evidence however of human to human transmission in Asia. The federal government has asked all local regions to develop plans for both a mass inoculation (providing there is enough vaccine available) and control of the medical resources when a pandemic occurs. These plans will include not only local populations in a neighbor to neighbor setting, but also business applications as it is assumed that 50% of an affected population, including medical and civil responders, will be out of commission in any of the series of waves that influenza occurs in. Thanks to Marolyn Hatch for attending the seminar and providing us with this information.

Village Market

Send Your Village Market Ads in August for publication in our next issue of the Lyon Village Bulletin, in September.