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Calendar

October 27: Square Dance
October 28: 100th Anniversary Program
October 28: LV Trees Walking Tour
October 30: LVCA Candidates Night
November 10: Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Food Drive

Boy Scouts local Troop 111 and their family members will be in our neighborhood visiting homes in support of the annual Scouting for Food (SFF) campaign on Saturday, October 28th, and Saturday, November 4th. The food drive supports the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). AFAC is a local organization that provides food assistance to thousands of Arlington residents who cannot afford enough food to meet their basic needs.

Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner

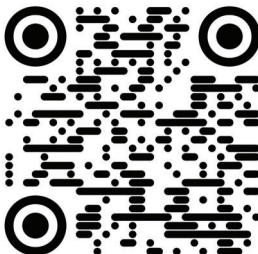
Please join us and our Lyon Village neighbors for a special Lyon Village tradition. Our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will be held this year on Friday, November 10. Our dinner menu includes homemade spaghetti sauce—meat sauce or vegetarian marinara—salad, garlic bread, and homemade desserts provided by our neighbors. Also, please consider volunteering your time at the event as this only works with the help of the community. If you are interested in knowing more about the volunteer opportunities, Email: lvchevents@gmail.com or text Melanie Cummings at 571-228-1785.

Lyon Village Neighborhood Dues

It's that time of year again... enclosed with this *Bulletin* are the annual Lyon Village dues envelopes. The dues support LVCA activities, such as Holiday parties, the Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July parade and picnic and other community events. Dues for the September 2023-August 2024 fiscal year are due. Dues are \$7 for individuals or \$10 per household. Please 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.

Stay Up-to-Date

Please visit LyonVillage.org or scan this QR code with your phone camera to sign up for our listserv. Simply enter your email address on the LyonVillage.org site to receive email updates for our events.



October LVCA Membership Meeting Monday, Oct 30 @ 8pm via Zoom

This month's LVCA meeting will be dedicated to our annual *Candidates Night*. We will feature the four County Board candidates: Audrey R. Clement (I), Maureen Coffey (D), Susan Cunningham (D), and Juan Carlos Fierro (I). The candidates will make opening statements, followed by a question-and answer session, and each will conclude with a closing statement. Please bring your questions for the candidates. Like other recent meetings, this will be virtual; you can use the following Zoom link to join the meeting. *Please plan to join the meeting by 7:55pm, so we can start on time.*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89469065139?pwd=dUFzM2lCNGdIOVNORlFLYlF3UVRIcz09>

Meeting ID: 894 6906 5139 Passcode: 083154

Also, the Long Range Planning Commission will be taking up its initial review of the Clarendon Presbyterian Church proposal to replace it with a 90+ unit apartment building of approximately six stories. The date for review is not yet set, but we suspect will be at the end of October or early November. Please subscribe to our listserv and check our website for updates.

Lyon Village Celebrates 100th Birthday

100th Anniversary Weekend

Frank Lyon purchased the real estate where Lyon Village is located and started developing homes here in 1923. In celebration of this big milestone, we are having the following events the weekend of October 27 and 28.

Friday, October 27: Square Dance

Through the years, dancing was an important Lyon Village social activity. To celebrate this historic social pastime, on Friday night we will have a square dance at the Community House. Joining us will be square dance callers Nelson Wakeman and Tom Hughes. They are long time square dance callers in the Shenandoah Valley. Get out your calicos and gingham and come out and join the fun. No prior square dancing experience is required, all you need to know is your right foot from your left. The dancing will include adults and kids over the age of seven. There will also be alternate activities for younger kids. The cost is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child with a family maximum of \$15 for the evening. The dance will start at 7:00pm. To volunteer to help with refreshments or working with the kids, please email GJCarten@verizon.net.

Saturday, October 28: Special Program

At 7:30pm on Saturday evening, we will have a celebration at the Community House. Long time Arlington resident, local writer and author Charlie Clarke will be with us to share some of his experiences growing up in Arlington and spending time in Lyon Village. We will also have a special game show visiting us that evening and a 100th anniversary celebration with special refreshments. To volunteer to help with refreshments or setup and cleanup, please email GJCarten@verizon.net.

Short History of Lyon Village

We are also compiling a pamphlet on the history of Lyon Village that will be distributed that weekend. Lyon Village has been a very active neighborhood through the years, and this pamphlet captures many of the issues, people, and events that have been important in our history.

Village Market

Scouting: Is your middle school or high school daughter interested in the adventures of Boy Scouts? In 2019, Boy Scouts opened their programming to girls. Virginia's oldest unit—Troop 104 in Arlington—is actively recruiting girls to join its existing 35 girls. Visit the link below to learn how girls can: Go on monthly outdoor adventures, develop leadership skills, do community service, meet new friends, and earn the Eagle rank. Visit: TroopG104.com

Lyon Village residents are invited to send their notices of garage sales, caretaker searches, and more to the Village Market by the end of the 3rd week of the month.

100 Trees to Celebrate 100 Years

We have challenged ourselves to plant 100 trees to celebrate our 100 years as a Civic Association. Here are ways you can join us to meet the challenge of growing our canopy and green space together...

Contribute to our 100-year anniversary tree mosaic. When you plant a tree, we'd like your help documenting our campaign by creating a 100-year anniversary tree mosaic. When you plant a tree, please send GJCarten@verizon.net a picture that we can use to document your addition for our total count and to include in a mosaic of all the trees we have planted.

LVCA Walking tour of our trees: Are you interested in a fall walking tour guided by an Arlington Tree Steward? Our tentative date is **Saturday, October 28**, the same day as our LVCA 100 Year celebration. Please send GJCarten@verizon.net an email if you're interested in helping plan a walking tour, or in joining the walk.

Free Trees Available

Eco-Action: These are free professionally planted trees through Eco-Action, funded through fees to developers who remove trees. There are both Fall and Spring order and planting schedules. If you are interested in a free, professionally planted canopy tree this Spring, send an email to JTS@mtnZephyr.com with your name, email, and street address up now for Free Canopy Trees in Spring. The spring planting list will be out soon, and we already know that it will include the white oak species that is throughout LVCA and in need of replacement from loss due to age and the recent storms.

- Our Fall-planted trees are coming this month. Those who ordered trees through our group application should all have received a notice that our application was accepted, and that they will be soon receive stakes to mark their previously identified planting spot. Our trees will be coming in in the next few weeks!!

County provided free Trees for Private Property: This is an annual program that has both Spring and Fall pick up times. You order, and then pick up and plant the trees when they are available. The application period is generally in September. In addition to canopy trees, this tree selection **now** includes popular understory trees and flowering trees such as Crepe Myrtle and Dogwood. These are first come, first served based on availability.

- **Let's start planning our requests now for fall application.** If you'd like to make a request for this annual program, reach out to John Carten who will send you the link.

Street Trees and trees for public spaces: This is an annual program. Ordering is always open, but County planting follows a spring and fall schedule. Generally, orders for spring planting are by the end of September and for fall by the end of June. The County provides and plants the trees for public spaces including "street trees" for right of way between curb and sidewalk and trees for other public spaces such as parks and medians. The County website provides a link where residents can request street trees for both fall and spring planting periods.

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Topics/Report-Problem>

In loving memory of long-time Lyon Village resident

Susan Keeny Nelson

Susan Keeny Nelson of 1609 N. Fillmore St. passed away August 5th of lung cancer at Arlington Hospital (as she still called it). Susan was 82. She has been buried near Philadelphia, PA. Susan lived in Lyon Village since 1974, and was looking forward to marking her 50th anniversary here next March. She is survived by her husband, Warren.

LVCA Neighbors Seek Contributions to Fight High Density Rezoning Within Lyon Village

A group of our Lyon Village neighbors adjacent to the Clarendon Presbyterian Church are seeking contributions from their neighbors in Lyon Village to fight a proposed land use change and rezoning being proposed for the church site that would allow a six-story residential building on the church site within Lyon Village. If approved, the land use change and rezoning on the church site would likely set a precedent for granting similar requests in Lyon Village and other single-family neighborhoods in Arlington. The precedent would be for *any* site of about a half-acre or more—not specific to church sites.

The neighbors have hired an attorney to guide them in opposing the land use and zoning changes and, while they have raised some part of the needed funds, they are seeking added contributions both from neighbors in the rest of Lyon Village and in other parts of Arlington for whom the land use and zoning changes here would serve as a precedent.

If you can help support the neighbors opposing the land use and zoning changes, please contact Celina Penovi on N. Jackson St. at 202-560-4185.

National Pedestrian Safety Month

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month, and the Arlington County Police are teaming up with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to share critical information about pedestrian safety.

Drivers are reminded to:

- Follow the speed limit and always remain alert, especially around school zones and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Remember that holding a hand-held communication device while driving is illegal in Virginia.
- Be extra cautious when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime or bad weather.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrian.

Pedestrians are reminded to:

- Look before crossing the street and, whenever possible, cross at marked crosswalks.
- Remain alert at all times; do not be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes off the road.
- Remain visible at all times, especially after dark.

Emergency Behavioral Health: 703-228-5160

Police Non-emergency 703-558-2222

Animal Control: 703-931-9241

Street Light Outages: 703-228-5000 (provide exact location and pole number)

DES Water, Sewer, Streets Emergencies (24hrs): 703-228-6555

24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 703-237-0881