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Help at the Community House

Sign up for a one-time job raking leaves at the Lyon Village Community House. Also needed on a one-time basis is someone with an edger to edge the property. Call Angela Manning at 703-527-7729 or email her at admanning7729@comcast.net.

Yellow Recycling Bins

Arlington replaced its yellow recycling bins with larger blue bins and a more convenient, all-in-one container program. County officials invited residents to use the yellow bins however they choose.

If you no longer have a use for your yellow bin, please contact Jim Egenrieder (JimEgenrieder@gmail.com) of the Trees-in-Schools project (and STEM Education Specialist for Arlington Public Schools) to pick up your bin. Or you can simply drop it inside the white fence at his home at 1615 N Cleveland St. in Lyon Village. Arlington school students will use the bins to grow trees in their classrooms beginning in late winter.

Chamber Music

On Sat, Nov 14, the IBIS Chamber Music Society opens its season with Duparc's *L'Invitation au Voyage*. This season they invite their audience to a series of unique free concerts performed by world class musicians from the Kennedy Center, National Symphony and Boston Pops Orchestras. Next performance is at Clarendon United Methodist Church (606 North Irving St). The concert is free (donation welcome), suitable for older kids, and will be followed by a meet and greet reception. For info: www.ibischambermusic.org or call 703.527.3960.

Holiday Bazaar

On Saturday 12/5 from 10am to 4pm, come to the Holiday Bazaar at Washington Lee HS. Free Admission! Over 70 local artisans will be showing quality handcrafted items such as jewelry, ceramics, glassware, photography, artwork, collectibles and clothing. Take home baked goods. Holiday greens and poinsettias available. Enjoy multi-ethnic food while shopping. Performances by The Madrigals and other school groups. 1301 North Stafford Street. Free parking and easy access from the I-66 parking garage off Stafford.

LVCA General Meeting at the Community House Monday November 9 at 8pm

Police Update – Officers from District 2 will provide an update on Police recent activity and issues in Lyon Village and Clarendon.

Dominion Virginia Power Underground Project – Carla Picard of Dominion Virginia Power will provide an update and projected schedule on the ongoing undergrounding project on Kirkwood Road and Lee Highway.

Master Gardner Presentation - Caroline Haynes, President of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists (ARMN) will be presenting on some of the common invasive plant species found in many yards and parks in Arlington neighborhoods and what to do about them. See article below.

**Lyon Village Executive Committee Meeting
Monday, Nov 2 at 8pm at the Community House
All Are Invited to Attend**

Alien Invaders in Your Own Backyard

Caroline Haynes, President of the the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists (ARMN) will be giving a presentation at our November 9 General meeting on some of the common invasive plant species found in many yards and parks in Arlington neighborhoods. She will highlight the damage these plants do to our local environment and what you can do in your own yard to combat the ill effects. She will also focus on native plant alternatives and the enormous difference native plants can have on restoring the natural balance in our ecosystem.

ARMN is a chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalist program, which is statewide corps of volunteers providing education, outreach and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within Virginia. The process for becoming a certified master naturalist typically takes 6-12 months. Volunteers are required to provide a minimum of 40 hours of service annually to become certified.

ARMN launched the program in the fall of 2008 and has already graduated 48 volunteers and 25 new trainees are taking the class this fall. ARMN volunteers are engaged in a wide range of volunteer service from environmental education, to water quality monitoring, to re-establishing bluebird and monarch butterfly habitats, to native plant restoration, to creating rain gardens to invasive pulls. More information about ARMN can be found at <http://armn.org/>.

Annual Lyon Village Holiday Party!

'Tis the season for giving smiles to friends, and receiving well wishes and good tidings from neighbors. Come join us for the annual family holiday party at the Community House on Sunday, December 6 from 3-5pm. Please bring a salad or dessert to share along with canned goods for the Arlington Food Assistance Center. There will be beverages and entrees courtesy of the Community Association and Clarendon restaurants. This is always a great event, don't miss it!

Just like our July 4th festivities, we need lots of volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, decorations, manning the crafts table, etc. Please email Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com if you can provide assistance the week before or the day of the event.

2401 Wilson Hotel Project: 5-0 Vote Not to Advertise

Back at September's Lyon Village General Meeting, the major topic of discussion was a proposal to the County by Schupp Company to make zoning and GLUP (General Land Use) changes to allow for the construction of a high-rise hotel at 2401 Wilson Blvd. These properties are bounded by Wilson Blvd, N Adams St, and N 16th St; with the 16th St side containing several single-family Lyon Village homes. The requested zoning and GLUP change would have allowed construction of a structure of up to 12 to 16 stories on the site, which currently contains two-story commercial and residential structures. Our association had voted to oppose the request, and on October 24, the County Board voted 5-0 to refuse to advertise a change to the GLUP for the properties.

This rejection by the County Board to advertise the proposed changes means the current proposal for a hotel at the site cannot move forward. Neal Robinson, Rob Winters, and HK Park did a great job representing Lyon Village at the meeting.

It is likely that this is not the end of this issue, and the property owner has the option of suing the County for not allowing the advertisement. In her vote against the advertisement, Chairman Barbara Favola, mentioned that the change was a large change for the single-family homes. This is true, and these types of challenges will continue to be a problem for our neighborhood, particularly since the County Board approved change in zoning a couple of years ago to allow the construction of a 12-story building, to begin shortly, in our neighborhood at the site of the First Baptist Church of Clarendon at the intersection Highland and Hartford

A Change in County Government Could Lead to Better Representation

Would Arlington's neighborhoods be better served by having district representation like Fairfax, Montgomery and DC? A group of concerned citizens has taken the first step to bring a district voting proposal to referendum. Currently, all of our County Board members are at-large, meaning there is no elected neighborhood or district representation. Without district representation, the expense of an at large race, requiring campaigning across the entire county means incumbents rarely face serious challenge. This can lead to representation that is less responsive to the individual needs of Arlington's neighborhoods.

This could be changed. As reported in the Arlington Sun Times, the county's fire union, aided by the police union, will use Election Day as a kickoff for a drive to fundamentally change the county's government structure for the first time in nearly 80 years. Paperwork has been filed with the Circuit Court to conduct a petition drive that could force onto the ballot a referendum changing Arlington from a "county manager" government to a "county board" government.

This change would have two major effects. First, members of the reconstituted Board of Supervisors (as they would be known) would have more direct control over day-to-day operations of government, leaving less to the discretion of a county administrator (the new title for a county manager). Second, all but one of the new supervisors would be elected in districts, rather than at-large. County Board members would continue to select the chairman from among their ranks.

In order for the referendum to get on the ballot, 10 percent of the approximately 130,000 registered Arlington voters must sign petition forms within nine months. There has been criticism of the current county manager government style, saying elected officials should be more accountable for decision-making, rather than an unelected manager.

November Leaf Collection

Arlington's Department of Environmental Services (DES) will begin leaf collection next month. Residents have three options to recycle leaves this fall: 1. Rake leaves to the curb for vacuum collection; 2. Place leaves in biodegradable bags, or; 3. Compost leaves and yard waste at home.

Key dates for the 2009-10 leaf season are: Oct 12, Leaf Season brochures distributed on refuse carts; Oct 19, Biodegradable bags available; Nov 2 - Jan. 15, Bag collection; Nov. 13 - Dec 24, Vacuum collection.

Each civic association will receive two vacuum passes and weekly bag collection service. Residents may also receive the latest schedule information by subscribing to a listserv message at www.arlingtonva.us/des. If you have questions about when your neighborhood will receive a vacuum pass, call 703-228-6565 or visit the website above.

When vacuum collection begins in Lyon Village, every home in the area will receive a vacuum pass. It is imperative that leaves are at the curb when the vacuum trucks arrive, as late rake outs delay the collection schedule. In an effort to provide the best possible service, the County will not be able to go back to collect late rake outs. Residents who miss the first vacuum collection should bag their leaves for the next weekly bag collection or wait for the second vacuum pass. Residents should coordinate with their lawn service to ensure that they meet the posted schedule or rake leaves into biodegradable bags for collection (no plastic bags).

If you are not scheduled to receive vacuum collection until after Thanksgiving and you expect holiday visitors, we encourage you to plan accordingly and use the bag collection program. Also time your raking efforts to maximize on-street parking availability.

Success at October Spaghetti Dinner

Thanks to all who joined together to make this year's Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner, benefiting our Community House, such a success. A wonderful meal was had by all and, of course this event remains terrific way to strengthen ties with your Lyon Village neighbors.

Thank you to all bid solicitors, bidders, and donors who made the silent auction at this year's event such a success. In particular, the Community House Board would like to thank Agnes Davis and the American Realty Group, Lee Negroni and Hugo Silva at Key Realty and Investments, the Holliday family, Ben and Caroline Holt, Jon Williams and Brian Robison at Restaurant 3, Stephen Fedorchak and Kristin Gibbs at Liberty Tavern, Ingrid Wooten of Long & Foster, Earl's Sandwiches, Best Cellars, Mark Arnold and Fran Gedney, Meg MacKenzie, Linda Maldonado and Tom Harrison, Jennifer Marsino at Shoefly, Pacers, Thea Schloss and Sokol Kokoshi at Kokoshi Photography, Lululemon, and Lynne Ross. Please patronize the businesses that support Lyon Village to show them our thanks. Special thanks Andrea Briere.

Lyon Village Directory Updates

Below are changes to the PRINTED version of the Lyon Village Directory. These changes have already been made to the online version of the Directory on the www.lyonvillage.org website. **Corrections:** Lyons, Sidney & Josephine, email should be: josid@verizon.net (not verizon.com). Alphabetical listing for Peter and Lisa Glassman should be Glassman, Peter & Lisa. Lisa's preferred email is: lbglassman@gmail.com. **Addition:** Buck, William Jr. (Billy) & Heather, 1600 N Garfield St, 703.312.1144, buckheather@gmail.com. **Replacement:** Listing for Marshall, Frank & Christine Werner replaced by Maginnis, Erik & Christine, 2601 18th St N, 703.312.5207.

Village Market

Exercise Equipment for Sale: Rarely used and in excellent condition. Includes Diamondback 1100R recumbent stationery bike, \$425; Soloflex Rockit for leg and abs exercise, weight straps included, \$275; or \$625 for both. Call 703-525-3920 with your caller ID visible, or e-mail cnb@spamcop.net.

Part Time Nanny Available in Mornings for Nanny Share. We highly recommend our fantastic nanny who has been with us full-time for two years. As our kids are now in full time school at Key Elementary, she is looking to pick up some additional hours in the Lyon Village areas from morning to 3:30 Monday - Friday. If you are looking for a responsible, caring, fun nanny you will love ours. We do. Contact 703-741-0166 or lauraturner@gmail.com.

Pilates Mat Class at the Lyon Village Community House on Thursdays 1pm-1:50pm. Perfect for Beginners! Men and women welcome. Bring your mat and work to build core strength and long lean muscles. \$20/class. Contact Lyon Village resident, Jean Morrison certified instructor at pilatesjam@gmail.com or 202/549.0999.

Nanny Available: Truly wonderful nanny looking for new position in LV or nearby. Virginia Guzman (sister of Gloria Guzman) is available for full-time position with a single family or a nanny share with two. Fluent and literate in both English and Spanish, legal citizen, licensed driver with reliable transportation. Contact 703.943.6497 for Virginia or call 703.568.0446 for reference from Jessica.

Furnishings 4 Sale: Arts and Craft Side Board, 2 Sofas, Table, Chairs, Oriental Rugs & more. Call cell 703.528.1660 or 508.287.3413, em lauralemley@comcast.net.

Lyon Village Boot Camp: Come join your neighbors on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:30am for Boot Camp! Meetings are currently outside on the basketball court, but will be moving into the Lyon Village Community House as it gets colder. Please contact Anne Barrazotto at zotto10@aol.com or 703-298-1065. Drop-in price is \$15, or 5 sessions for \$65. Personal Training sessions are also available for \$50/hr.

Pet Care. Going out of town? For pet care during the day or evening, during the week or on weekends call Ben or Katherine at 703-528-3731 or cell 202-437-8257. We can feed and walk your pets all hours of the day.

Children's Art Classes: Artist/teacher Laura Lemley will be offering workshops and art camp for children age 6-15 in her Lyon Village home whenever schools are out, including snow days. Please call for further information and references. Art Workshops: Nov 3, 11, 27; Winter Break Art Camp: Dec 28-31. Email for info and references. lauralemley@comcast.net.

Send Your Bulletin Items to markweinress@msn.com by **November 23, 2009**.