



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Calendar

**LVCA Meeting, March 11**

**More events below**

### **Easter Egg Hunt, April 6 – Save the Date**

The Lyon Village Women's Club is cohosting with LVCA an Easter Egg Hunt on April 6th for all neighborhood children ages two through eight. This family event will begin at 10:00am at the Lyon Village Park. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be games for kids of all ages, refreshments and picture-taking opportunities with the Easter Bunny! While there is no charge for this event, you will need to RSVP prior to the event. More information to follow!

### **Community Police Meeting, Jan. 29**

There will be a community meeting with the north Arlington Community Policing Team on Tuesday, January 29 at 7:00pm at the Quincy Street Library Auditorium. The police will discuss recent police activity and crime trends in North Arlington and also be available to answer any questions that citizens have.

### **Lee Highway Planning Kick-Off, Feb. 12**

The community-wide kick-off for the Plan Lee Highway process has been scheduled for February 12, 7-9:45pm, at Washington-Lee High School. All residents, businesses, community groups and stakeholders that live, work and play along Lee Highway are encouraged to participate.

### **4th of July 2019 Committee Seeks Volunteers**

In recent years we have had to scale back our plans for the Lyon Village 4th of July parade and picnic due to fewer volunteers. The number of people attending this event continues strong. In order to better plan for and staff this event this coming summer we would like to form an organizing committee this fall. To participate on this committee, please email Tony Abreu at [Tony.Abreu@gmail.com](mailto:Tony.Abreu@gmail.com).

## Police Update

Recently one LV neighbor experienced an unwanted person at their front door in the middle of the night. Fortunately their camera was able to capture pictures of this person which were sent to the police. Thefts from parked cars are still taking place from time to time in and around Lyon Village and all over the county.

It is a crime of opportunity. People walk down the street and try car doors to see if any are open. Once they get into a car they look for items to steal. Be sure your car is always locked. Park it in a well-lighted area if possible. Never keep valuables (cell phone, laptops, GPS, credit cards, spare keys, etc.) in your car. If you see or hear suspicious activity, call the police non-emergency number immediately, 703-558-2222 or 911 if it is an emergency.

## March Monthly Meeting

The next Lyon Village Citizens Association meeting will be Monday, March 11, topic to be announced in February.

## December Holiday Party – Thanks!

Many thanks to all who helped with and attended the Lyon Village Holiday party last month. Also thanks for bringing all the toys for the "Stuff a Cruiser" event at the party. The Arlington Police send their appreciation for the gifts, which were distributed to kids in the county.

### **Lyon Village Holiday Homes Tour & Market - A Big Success!**

On Sunday, December 2nd, Lyon Village neighbors gathered at the Community House for our first-ever Very Merry Market, enjoying Holiday Cheer, music and vendors selling seasonal specialties. Participants then ventured out on the Holiday Homes Tour, which featured five different homes, reflecting various styles and periods from Lyon Village history. This festive event was a wonderful way to engage our community in celebrating the 95th anniversary of the founding of Lyon Village.

The Lyon Village Women's Club extends its sincere appreciation to the homeowners who so graciously opened their homes to guests on the tour, to the more than 60 neighborhood volunteers who brought this event to fruition, and to the 16 different businesses in and around Clarendon that supported the event either through the donation of door prizes, decorations, or the dedication of their time and talents. A portion of the proceeds from this event will support Arlington Neighborhood Village, a community non-profit that assists Arlington residents "aging in place," and will help the Lyon Village Women's Club to fund future neighborhood events.

The next LVWC Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 7pm-9pm at the home of Kaydee Myers, 3186 18th St. N. New and longtime residents of Lyon Village are invited to socialize with neighbors and sponsor activities promoting a caring, connected neighborhood. For more information about upcoming Lyon Village Women's Club events, see our website at [lyonvillagewomensclub.com](http://lyonvillagewomensclub.com).

## 1122 N. Kirkwood Rd. Development

Eleventh Street Development is firming up plans to build a seven-story apartment building on a 1.7-acre property at 1122 N. Kirkwood Road, near the road's intersection with Washington Blvd. Documents submitted to county planners last month indicate that Eleventh Street is planning to add 255 one- and two-bedroom apartments to the site, complete with two floors of underground parking totaling 190 spaces in all.

The entire area is in line for some big changes, including the American Legion site on Washington Blvd. which is set to become a new affordable housing development, while the YMCA site is also in line for redevelopment. Eleventh Street Development is planning to add apartments to the site, which will displace three businesses on the property: Zolly Foreign Car Specialists, a State Farm insurance office and Slye Digital Media Systems. The site plan process for with the county which start in February. LVCA will have a seat at the Site Plan meetings to voice our concerns about the project.

## When There Is Bad Weather

Please see that your sidewalks get shoveled as soon as possible after the snow. Also be sure to shovel out the fire hydrants near your house. For people who have water draining on their sidewalk, please put out sand or salt to make the surface less slippery.

## Village Market

**Dog-walker and pet-sitter.** High school student looking to walk dogs or pet sit in the Lyon Village area. Call 571-733-7901 and or email [smstratmann@gmail.com](mailto:smstratmann@gmail.com).

**Shoveler needed.** Family living in Clarendon area near Kirkwood and 13<sup>th</sup> St. needs snow shoveling help. Email [jomed.gib@verizon.net](mailto:jomed.gib@verizon.net).

**Shovelers available.** Two hardworking neighborhood boys willing to shovel snow, 15 and 16. Contact James Licato - [jamesjlicato@gmail.com](mailto:jamesjlicato@gmail.com), 571-271-7744. Or Jason Hopper - [jtinghopper@gmail.com](mailto:jtinghopper@gmail.com), 571-228-5176.

**Puppy play dates.** ISO friends for my gentle, very energetic puppy. Our medium Goldendoodle just turned one and she needs to romp every day! She is about 37 pounds and is full of enthusiasm. Looking for like-minded dogs for occasional play dates. Please contact Eileen Smith at [eileenwsmith1@gmail.com](mailto:eileenwsmith1@gmail.com).

**Baby-sitter, dog-walker and pet-sitter.** Very responsible Lyon Village resident and babysitter is looking for additional work as a baby-sitter, dog-walker or pet-sitter. Please call Carolina at 571-329-1661 or [carolina.serm@gmail.com](mailto:carolina.serm@gmail.com). References available.

*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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.*

## It Takes a Village

Recent events have shown us how important it is to keep in touch with the elderly in our community, many of whom would benefit from a daily check on how they are doing. "How can I help without intruding on people's privacy?" Some answers are: Get to know your neighbors. Share what you learn with others. Don't be afraid to take the first step. (You'll probably make a new friend.) Keep your eyes and ears open to those around you. Shovel their walk during a storm or offer to get some things from the grocery store for them.

## Pedestrian Safety Tips

Look both ways before stepping off a curb. Cross a street in a designated crosswalk; (Arlington County Police Department statistics reveal that 73 percent of all pedestrians injured in the County were not in a crosswalk when injured.) If there's no sidewalk, always walk facing oncoming traffic. If walking at night, wear light-colored clothing or reflective tape so you're more visible to drivers. Be aware that drivers may be blinded by sunlight or by the headlights of oncoming traffic. Never assume that a driver sees you!

When walking with children, always grasp their hands firmly to ensure they don't break away and dart into traffic. If you're not sure you have enough time to get across the street before the light changes, wait for a "fresh" green light or walk signal, as it will give you the most time to cross. Be considerate of the driver who has complied with the law and yielded the right-of-way. Cross the street as expeditiously as possible. The "Golden Rule" is most appropriate: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

## Dues Are Due

Dues for the September 2018–August 2019 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](http://lyonvillage.org) to pay via PayPal.

## 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/>

## Arlington Restaurant Initiative

In an effort to increase safety for citizens and to provide restaurant owners and staff with resources to maximize their safety, the Arlington County Police Department has partnered with county agencies to establish the Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI). The goal is to raise the standards of restaurants that serve alcohol, streamline processes within the county government and maintain Arlington County as a safe destination for nightlife and entertainment.

Arlington County evaluated effective practices related to restaurants that serve alcohol with the goal of providing increased access and guidance from county and state officials. The program was first rolled out in many of Clarendon's bars and restaurants.

## Stay Informed

LVCA has a Facebook page, which is updated periodically. You can search Facebook for "Lyon Village Citizens Association."

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](http://www.lyonvillage.org), or encourage new neighbors and reluctant technophobes to sign up! This update typically comes out once a week .

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](mailto: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.