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Calendar

Sept. 9 LVCA Meeting
Oct. 14 LVCA Candidates Night

Clarendon UMC, Sept. 12

Clarendon UMC, begins its year of the Faith Food and Fellowship series on September 12; with 12:00 worship, 12:30 meal (\$5) and program at 1:00 – 1:40. - *All Aboard: Riding the Rails*, John Carten, LV resident and former executive of Amtrak for 39 years, will provide a brief overview of Amtrak's route structure with an emphasis on some of the most scenic routes to travel on. We also welcome Sean Gilliam, the "Memphis Chef" who will be cooking our down-home meals this year. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jane Dixon (jdixon580jd@gmail.com).

Lyon Village Women's Club, Sept. 22

The Lyon Village Woman's Club will host its first planning meeting for 2019-2020 on Sunday, September 22 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Kim Heckler, 1918 N. Harvard Street. New members are always welcome! Please RSVP to pgagnon@alum.mit.edu. We have an exciting year planned and look forward to seeing everyone.

Arlington Kids' Stuff Sale, Sept. 28

The Arlington Kids' Stuff sale will be held Saturday, September 28, 8:00am – 12noon, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. This premier consignment sale is held twice a year—in the spring and fall. Over 100 consignors participate in each sale. It offers a wide selection of seasonal kids' clothes and shoes, toys, books, movies, small equipment, strollers, bicycles, and lots more! For 30 years, this consignment sale has been trusted by customers as a well-organized, reliable source of all kid-related items.

All unsold items from the sale are donated to charities that specifically serve the needs of children and families. The group works with a variety of local, national and international charities which, in turn, give our donated items to needy children and families. The goal is to donate to charities that provide the items to those in need free-of-charge. Check out the website for more information: www.kidsstuffsale.com. This sale started in Lyon Village 30 years ago!

LVCA Meeting, September 9, 8pm Community House

Police update. The police will provide an update and respond to questions about recent activity around Lyon Village and Clarendon, including recent car break-ins (see below).

Aging in place. An important topic for residents of Lyon Village is to consider whether they plan to continue to live in Lyon Village for their senior years. Many people like our location and convenience, so they want to remain in their houses. We are pleased to have Andrew Moore, a builder who has worked on many home renovations in the neighborhood, and Bob Brown, a Lyon Village resident and architect who has designed many renovations with aging in place in mind, discuss this important topic. There are a variety of ways to achieve this goal and Andrew and Bob will talk about ways to do it and issues you need to consider.

The October 14 meeting will be the annual candidates night. The meeting will feature the County Board candidates. Plan to attend and bring your questions.

Rent the Lyon Village Community House for your next event!

Did you know that the Lyon Village Community House is available to rent for children's birthday parties, meetings, classes, receptions, and other events? The venue offers a stage, kitchen, bathrooms, wireless internet access, and parking, and Lyon Village residents enjoy special rates. Please visit <http://lyonvillage.org/the-lyon-village-community-house/> for more information. We look forward to connecting with you soon.

Combatting Car Break-Ins

Over the summer, there have been some more car break-ins in Lyon Village. It is a crime of opportunity. The thieves are typically out late at night looking for cars with unlocked doors and visible valuables. When you exit your car, be sure to always lock it and don't leave any valuables inside. Try to leave your car parked in a lighted area and be attentive to any suspicious activity. If you see or hear something, call the police immediately, either on the non-emergency number 703-558-2222 or 911 for emergencies.

Lyon Village Dues

Annual dues are due next month....watch for the payment envelope in the October *Bulletin*. The dues support LVCA activities, such as the Holiday Party, Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Dues are for the September 2019–August 2020 fiscal year. Dues are \$7 for individuals or \$10 per household.

Report Potholes

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/>

Village Market

For Sale. Love seat, 65" wide x 38" high x 35" deep, \$20. Work or kitchen table: 42" wide x 30" deep x 30" high, \$15. Both are in good condition. We can move it for you if necessary. Please text response or questions to John @ 202-437-8257.

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.

Real Estate Corner – Four Deadly Selling Sins

As kids head back to school, leaves change and we feel the first chill in the air - the fall real estate market begins. We tend to see an increase in inventory/listings as summer draws to an end. Things to consider - and sins to avoid - if you're thinking about selling this fall.

Preparation. Getting your home ready by improving its curb appeal, addressing honey-do lists, making necessary repairs, and cleaning up are paramount in preparing for market. Just as important: your most valuable asset is square footage and it shouldn't be covered with stuff. You're going to be moving so take advantage of the opportunity to get ready for your move. Depersonalize. Declutter. Deep clean. Consider washing the windows and letting the light in, it makes a difference.

Seller fatigue. After completing all the preparation to list a home, it's natural to begin tiring of the process before the marketing even begins. Patience is needed. It took time to get the house ready for sale, and it will take time to sell it - regardless of media hype about how quickly everything is selling in Arlington. It's easy for seller fatigue to set in... to become impatient with showings and the need to keep things clean and tidy. But it's important for buyers to see the property in its best light.

Access. Most buyers begin their search online, before even talking to a real estate agent to help them in their search. Buyers also say they don't want to bother their agent, even if they have one, so will visit open houses and then call their agent about making an offer. This underscores the value of conducting open houses. And allowing showings for a second, or even third, look could mean the difference between receiving an offer and no offer materializing. Buyers sometimes need to spend time in a space to see themselves living in it.

Professionals. Finally, speak to a professional real estate agent about the value of your home, timing of your sale, the current market conditions, and pricing of properties in the neighborhood. An agent can also provide guidance on preparing your home and property for sale, repairs and/or renovations to consider, and staging (and what that entails) - as well as recommendations on trusted contractors to use.

Presented by Ruth Boyer O'Dea of TTR Sotheby's International Realty and Billy Buck of Buck & Associates, Inc. Billy and Ruth can also be reached at lyonvillagerealestate@gmail.com

LVCA Vacancy Filled

The LVCA is pleased to announce that we filled a vacancy on the executive committee. Bob Braddock has agreed to serve as 3rd Vice President. Welcome and thanks to all the officers.

Stay Informed

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

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.