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Calendar

LVCA Meeting, May 13

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Meet the Director of the Clarendon Alliance. For the first part of our program, we have invited Elizabeth Crocker, the new Executive Director of the Clarendon Alliance. She is seeking input from Lyon Village neighbors about what you like about Clarendon and about the types of events, such as pop-up markets, that will bring you up to Clarendon. Elizabeth is an Arlington native and knows Arlington well. The Clarendon Alliance is a non-profit, public-private partnership with Arlington County and partly funded by the county. Three Lyon Village residents serve on its 15-member volunteer board: Bill Gearhart, representing Lyon Village; and Tom Moriarity and Bill Trahan, appointed by the Arlington County Board. Unlike similar organizations in Ballston and Rosslyn, the Clarendon Alliance is not a BID (business improvement district) funded by a local business taxing district.

Visit by Arlington Board Member Eric Gutshall. In part two, Eric will be address several issues of interest to the neighborhood including: 1) what to expect if you happen to live next door to a tear down and rebuild property, 2) discussion of the study now underway on the Arlington permit parking program, and 3) the recently approved 2019 Arlington County budget. He will also be available for a question-and-answer session about other County issues.

Nominations Sought for the LVCA Executive Committee

We are looking for people interested in serving on the Lyon Village Citizens Association Executive Committee. Help us make a difference for the neighborhood. We have a couple of officer positions opening up this year and we are interested in welcoming some new people to serve as we address events and issues in 2019 and 2020. It is a one-year term starting in September. We will be electing officers for the 2019-2020 year at the May 13 meeting.

If you're interested, please email gcarten@verizon.net and/or tony.abreu@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the needs of the community and how LVCA helps meet those needs.

Lyon Village Community House Seeks Volunteers

The Lyon Village Community House Board is an all-volunteer board that oversees the maintenance and operation of the Lyon Village Community House, a neighborhood community space located at 1920 N. Highland Street since 1949. Each November, the Board hosts the Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner, an annual fundraiser for the community house attended by nearly 200 residents of Lyon Village. We are seeking occasional or regular volunteers for various activities.

Do you have 30 minutes once a month to assist with community house rental activities?

OR, do you have 60 minutes once a month from September through May to attend a board meeting?

OR, would you like to coordinate the 2019 Spaghetti Dinner raffle, a beloved tradition at the annual Spaghetti Dinner?

OR, are you the parent or guardian of a technically savvy student who needs community service hours and could assist with developing an online video tour of the community house for potential renters?

Please reach out to Lindsay Stoudt at Lindsay.s@gmail.com to learn more about flexible opportunities to volunteer with the Community House. Whether on a one-time, ad-hoc, or regular basis, we would love to have you!

Bike to Work Day, May 17

Keep your car parked, hop on a bike, and celebrate bicycling as a fun, healthy, and sustainable way to get around on Bike to Work Day! Meet up with your neighbors, coworkers, and first-timers at one of the 115 regional pit stops to jump-start your Friday with some fun.

Bike to Work Day is a FREE event and open to all area commuters, whether you're new to riding or ride every day. Arlington will host 10 pit stops around the county (morning and afternoon) to make it easy for you to join the fun no matter which route you ride. Register at the pit stop most convenient to you and receive the infamous Bike to Work Day t-shirt. To find out more, please go to <http://www.bikearlington.com/bike-to-work-day/>. Share your photos on Twitter and Instagram with #BTWD2019.

Free & Fun 55+ Fitness Day, May 17

Celebrate National Fitness Month with a day full of free activities to get your heart pumping! People 55 and older are invited to join us from 9am-12:30pm at Walter Reed Community & Senior Center for activities and demonstrations such as basketball, dance fusion, stretching, pickleball, wellness and more. Bonus: re-energize from your workout with free snacks.

Lyon Village Easter Egg Hunt - a Big Success!

On April 6, Lyon Village Park was filled to the brim with over 100 neighborhood children, Easter baskets in hand, eagerly awaiting the egg hunt, egg relay races and a visit from the Easter bunny. In all, over 250 of our neighbors attended the event—a fabulous way to celebrate our park in all its springtime glory.

The event also featured a bake sale with pastries and sweets prepared by members of the Lyon Village Women's Club, coffee donated by Peet's Coffee, and door prizes donated by Kinderhaus Toys and Barnes & Noble of Clarendon. Our very own Matt McPhail emceed the event and his son, Gabe, thrilled children as the Easter Bunny. It was a beautiful and memorable event for children, parents, and grandparents alike.

Thanks to Jane Wishneff for her outstanding leadership, all members of the Lyon Village Women's Club who came out to help, and our generous co-sponsors, the Lyon Village Citizens Association and National Capital Bank.

Village Market

Nothing this month. ☹

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 – Know Your Value

For this inaugural post, we are providing a recap of the Annual Real Estate Update given at the April LVCA General Meeting. This Real Estate Corner post will become a monthly feature in the *Bulletin*, and Lyon Village residents can send us questions to the email provided below.

Neighbors gathered for a lively discussion over wine and cheese, to talk about the current real estate market and its impact on Lyon Village. A primary focus of the meeting was Knowing Your Value. In society, we stress the importance of knowing our own personal value, but equally important is understanding the value of our greatest asset - the home in which we live. The secret market for homes and lots in the neighborhood, when homes are sold off-market without broad exposure, can hurt a seller.

We are currently in a strong sellers' market, with historically low inventory, so it's in the best interest of all sellers/owners to understand the value of what they own. Selling silently can be the path some choose, but homeowner should ensure they are getting market value for their home if they do so. The tax assessment isn't the market value! The market value is what a buyer will pay.

Of paramount importance is talking to someone to ensure you know your value! There are many professional agents in the neighborhood who can assist those considering a sale or who are approached by someone with an unsolicited offer to sell. Friends and neighbors can be engaged in a discussion about the possible paths available. As Billy noted in the meeting, it's even worth sticking a 'for sale by owner' in your yard to ensure you are getting the maximum exposure (and maximum amount) for your property.

Our friends and neighbors shouldn't settle for anything less than what they're worth!

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.

4th of July 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. In order to better plan for and staff this event this year we have formed an organizing committee.

To participate on this committee, please email Tony Abreu at Tony.Abreu@gmail.com or John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. We plan to have an onsite planning meeting later in May.

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. Call 703-228-6570 or go online to <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/>

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.