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Spring Calendar

April 9: LV General Meeting, 8pm

New Rental Rates for Community House

In the past year, the community house has undertaken large-scale capital improvements, primarily a new HVAC system and a repaired and newly paved parking lot. As a result of the depletion of funds and in order to fund additional projects in the coming year (such as a renovated kitchen), rentals are raised to the following rates for **LV residents only**:

- Monday through Thursday: \$25/hr.
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday:
 - Full day from 9:30am–11pm: \$500
 - From 9:30am–4pm or from 4:30–11pm: \$250 per each time block (there are no hourly rentals on the weekends)
 - Weekend birthday parties for children 10 years and younger: \$150 for 4 hours, which includes set-up and clean-up time; parties, including clean-up, must be done by 4pm as not to overlap with evening rentals at 4:30pm.
 - For birthday parties longer than 4 hrs or parties for children 11 years or older: the same rate as for a half-day time block: \$250.
- Memorial services (for LV residents only, not extended family): no fee.

Rental rates for non-LV residents are being restructured. Look for new rates for non-residents in the next *LV Bulletin* and on the website.

All rentals require a refundable security deposit equal to the rental fee. The security deposit covers damage and/or violation of rental contract hours, noise code, etc. To book a rental, contact Kathleen Pons Haines at lvchrent@gmail.com. Expect a response within 2–3 days.

The Community House is a wonderful resource. Please consider joining the Board or contributing time for special projects. To volunteer, contact Mary Ann Lilly at malilly@aol.com.

Coming Soon: Washington Gas Work

Washington Gas will be working in Lyon Village for few weeks sometime between May-August. It will be replacing natural gas main and service lines. NPL, the contractor, will be sending notices to the property owners affected, if they have not already. The company says it will minimize disruptions to the neighborhood. Please contact 703-750-4968 (Washington Gas) or 571-921-0204 (NPL) with questions or for more information.

April 9 General Meeting, 8pm

LV Community House

8pm: Rep. Jim Moran. The congressman's press secretary will introduce herself and collect any federal issues you have for him.

8:15pm: Development update: LVCA executive committee members will provide an update on commercial development and multi-family unit construction on the perimeter of LV.

8:30pm: School Capacity Update: Alison Denton, Facilities Planner for Arlington Public Schools, will discuss proposed solutions for school population growth, including new construction, additions to existing schools, boundary changes, and relocatables. This is an essential meeting for all LV parents who are concerned about the effect these changes on their children and the neighborhood.

Fundraising Complete for Playground Shade Canopy!

Whew! While folks have been hibernating this winter, Caroline Holt has continued to pursue both private and public funding sources for the shade structure over the sandbox. After the county turned down our grant request for various reasons, our delightful Hartford Street neighbor and local hero, Andy Barr, donated \$8,000 to more than cover our project and maintenance costs. Thanks to his incredible generosity and 53 LV families who donated \$8,800 (their names will be on a plaque commemorating the donation), we hope to have shade by summer!

Caroline and members of county staff have secured a final proposal, and are in the final stages of meeting with the vendor on installation specifics. The vendor has ordered the Polygon Sundial and will be coming to LV for a final site visit soon to discuss the installation. The site visit will help indicate how much lead time (at least 4-6 weeks), installation time, physical installation space and heavy machinery will be required. The county hopes to limit the impact on park-goers as much as possible, particularly during peak times of day and year, but there likely will be some restriction on park use during the installation period. Details to come in future *Bulletins* and/or listserv entries, and will be posted at the park entrance.

Welcome To Our New Residents!

Thanks to a joint effort by members Ruth Boyer O'Dea and Caroline Holt of the LV Executive Committee, we will be delivering welcome packets in April to all new homeowners. The packet will contain an overview of our community and community association, our neighborhood directory, recent bulletins, FAQs and how to get involved with the Lyon Village Citizens Association and its volunteer-powered activities. Ruth and Caroline will automatically create these packets for houses recorded through public sale. If you bought your home via private sale (i.e., not available on public record) and/or you have bought in the past few years and would like to receive one, please email Ruth at ruthboyer515@gmail.com. Please note that if you have a tenant or your home is under construction, we will deliver the packets to the mailbox or stoop. P.S. Interested in receiving updates for a neighborhood of interest to you? Sign up to receive daily email updates from Ruth at www.ruthboyerodea.com!

Executive Committee Election

The Lyon Village Citizens Association is considering nominations for Officers of the Association for the 2012–2013 year. Officers serve from September 1 to August 31. If you would like to be considered for a position, please email your information to **John Carten** at GJCarten@verizon.net. Elections will be held at the **May 14, 2012** meeting. The current officers are listed on the Lyon Village web site. Contact John if you are interested in becoming an officer or volunteering in other ways to help the neighborhood.

Reminder:

LVCA Dues for 2011-12...

Please make your annual LVCA dues payment if you haven't done so yet. Dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. This supports the *Bulletin* (printing costs have recently increased), the directory, website, listserv and LVCA-sponsored events throughout the year and keeps you an active member of the LVCA. You can pay your dues online at www.lyonvillage.org, or mail or deliver your payments to: **Carl Mattick**, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Dues envelopes were distributed in September for your convenience. Call 703-525-0819 or email cmattick@verizon.net to confirm if you are current.

Coming Events

April 2-8. Clarendon United Methodist in Lyon Village (606 N. Irving) will have a variety of Holy Week events. Included are: Prayer Walk, Monday through Wednesday 6-9 pm. Maundy Thursday service at 7pm. Good Friday service at 7pm. Family Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, 10am; family activities with moon bounce, egg hunt and cake walk. Easter Day with services at 6:30, 8:30, and 11am Also, Sunday, at 7pm, Handel's Messiah (Parts 2 & 3), Sing-along with director J. Reilly Lewis, orchestra and soloists. Childcare provided for all services and events. For more information: 703-527-8574 or www.morefaith.org.

April 14. Clarendon Presbyterian in Lyon Village (1305 N. Jackson St.) invites you to come get your hands dirty with us. Saturday, April 14, 9am til noon, we will construct and plant a community garden "plot against hunger" in the church yard. We're building a pair of large raised beds to grow fresh produce for the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which feeds the hungry.

April 19-21. Western Pennsylvania's River's Edge Antiques will offer an eclectic mix of antiques and collectibles at the LV Community House. Thurs., April 19 "Sneak Preview" 6pm-9pm (\$5 fee to benefit DC's Ready, Willing & Working). Fri., April 20, 9am-7pm. Sat., April 21, 9am-5pm. Delivery available for the D.C. Metro area. For more information: 814-395-5267.

April 21. Library Bike Tour. Join the Arlington Public Library staff and community for the "Tour des Bibliothèques," a tour of seven Arlington libraries. The tour will start at Central Library, 9:45am. For safety purposes, registration is required. To register, email raltemus@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-5993. The total route covers some 30 miles and takes between three and four hours, but there will be several options for riding shorter portions.

May 1. Applications due for Rock Spring Garden Club of Arlington County's 2012 Garden of the Year Award. Gardens can be nominated by a homeowner, neighbor, friend or relative. Applications are now available, <http://rockspringgardenclub.com/>. Judging in mid-May.

Andy Barr Honored

Andy Barr, a long-time LV resident, was recently inducted into the Army's Chemical Corps Hall of Fame. After graduating from Washington-Lee High School in 1946, Andy served as a chemical officer in the Korean War. He received two Silver Stars and one Bronze Star for his gallantry on the battlefield against North Korean and Chinese forces. Upon his return to Arlington, Andy started a successful real estate business and became an active philanthropist. Congratulations, Andy!

Village Market

Pet portraits. Custom painted and hand-drawn pet portraits by Lyon Village resident Stephen Roberson. Visit www.robersonpetportraits.com to see samples and to get more information.

Dura-Craft "San Franciscan" Victorian dollhouse kit. Unopened box, great for Mom and Dad to put together and paint for children. \$150. Contact Helen Abrahamsen, habsen80@gmail.com.

Backyard playground wanted. Are you looking to get rid of your playground? I would be interested and can pick up. Please call Chuck, 571-228-8488.

Discount offer for first-timers. LV's Sally Carson writes: Our neighborhood Clarendon Barber and Hair Stylist, 1407 N. Garfield Street, offers an \$8 discount off your first visit. Stop in any day and pick up a special business card in order to get your discount. Or give the card to a friend. The offer lasts as long as there are cards.

Help wanted. I just moved to the area and was hoping to find someone to mow my very small lawn as I don't have a lawn mower; preferably a student looking for some extra money. Contact arielschlam@gmail.com.

Pet care. Going out of town or need help during the day? Call Ben, 703-732-0990. Can feed and walk your pets during all hours of the day. LV 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 3rd week of the month.

Tree Canopy Fund Grants Available

The Arlington Tree Canopy Fund is accepting applications from civic associations and community groups for grants to plant trees to restore and increase our tree cover. In order for Lyon Village to apply for a grant, we need to form a group, identify planting locations, and determine the right species to plant in each location. We will need to form our group in April and prepare our application for submission in early June. Trees will be planted by an experienced contractor in October/November. If you have a space in your yard for an eventual large canopy tree, or if you just want to assist in the effort, contact LV Tree Steward Rich Fortwengler at LVTrees@yahoo.com. For more information: <http://arlingtonenvironment.ipage.com/community-action/tree-canopy/>

Stay Up to Date!

Sign up for our e-mail updates. Currently, about 800 of approximately 2,500 LV residents receive periodic e-mails about crime, street closures, the occasional lost pet, and other time-sensitive info. You can sign up for the e-mail listserv at www.lyonvillage.org.

Bulletin Wants News!

Have an announcement you'd like to share with your neighbors: a graduation, engagement, award, obituary, or other milestone? Let us know and we'll pass on the news.