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Calendar

March 9 **LVCA Meeting**
March 28 **Easter Egg Hunt**

The next monthly Lyon Village Citizens Association meeting will be Monday, March 9.

Sports Equipment Collection Drive

As part of a school project, Sally Bedell an 8th-grade student at The Potomac School and Lyon Village resident, is partnering with Leveling the Playing Field (LPF) on a sports equipment collection drive through February 28. There will be a box on the porch at 3142 18th Street North. LPF collects donated sports equipment and redistributes it to low-income kids throughout the area. All donations benefit needy schools, after-school programs, and athletic leagues looking to engage their students in the physical and mental benefits of youth sports participation. All gently used equipment is accepted. Thank you.

LVWC Business Meeting, Feb. 12

The February meeting of the Lyon Village Women's Club will take place on Wednesday, February 12, at the home of Patricia Gagnon, 3156 21st Street, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. New members are always welcome! RSVP to pgagnon@alum.mit.edu most appreciated.

Easter Egg Hunt, March 28

The Lyon Village Women's Club and the Lyon Village Citizens' Association are co-hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28 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!

Aging in Place, April 16

Are you thinking about staying in your own Lyon Village home as you age? Or, would you like to volunteer to help people in our community who have made this choice? Come to a coffee, sponsored by the Lyon Village Women's Club, on Thursday, April 16, at 10:00am in the Lyon Village Community House to hear a representative from the nonprofit [Arlington Neighborhood Village](#) talk about how they help Arlington's older residents continue living in their own homes. They provide access to many programs and social activities along with support services such as transportation, household tasks, errands, and tech assistance provided by volunteers, all of which are screened and trained. If you can come, e-mail marjorie.mccarthy38@gmail.com. Let me know if you need a ride.

LVCA Holiday Party: Thanks

A good time was had by all at the Lyon Village Holiday Party in December. The younger folks spent time working on holiday artwork to take home. We had some very enthusiastic volunteers who ensured that all ages had a good time. Many thanks to all those who helped with set-up, food and drinks, crafts and clean-up. Below is a picture of some of the folks at the party.



Composting for the Neighborhood

Want to join a group of LV households that are organizing to compost virtually all their kitchen waste—including food scraps, meat bones, and other items that are typically not suitable for backyard composting? The Compost Crew is offering very reasonable group rates: \$16-\$25 a month, depending on the number of sign-ups. You get a bin with compostable liners, weekly pickup, and two free bags of compost during the year.

Some of us (myself included) already have signed up, but we'd love to have others join us. Contact shelby.schwartz@gmail.com if you're interested.

Census: Make Sure You're Counted

April 1, 2020 is Census Day. It is imperative that everyone be counted at the right place, at the right time, and only once. 2020 being an election year adds some confusion to the process. Where people vote is determined by their permanent address, but where people get counted is dependent on where they are physically present on Census Day, April 1. This can be confusing for traditionally under counted individuals such as renters, students living in dorms, or children living between two homes.

This is the first time, the Census is being offered online. The census has traditionally been a paper form sent to your house. In Spring of 2020, households can expect an invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau to either fill out the form online, over the phone, or by requesting a paper form.

There are many good reasons to ensure that Census participation is as complete as possible. The results impact Congressional representation and federal funding for education, healthcare, infrastructure, and other areas. The Census information is kept confidential and it cannot be shared with other government agencies or any other entity or person. More at <https://2020census.gov/>.

LVCA Website Adds Features

For the latest Lyon Village and Arlington County news and events, please check out the Lyon Village website: LyonVillage.org. It is updated daily by our webmaster, Tom Piwowar. For example, a new section about water problems was recently added to the LyonVillage.org link list (near the bottom of the page). The county provides a surprising amount of practical information to assist citizens on flooding issues, including wet basements. Definitely worth checking out before spending money on contractors.

Village Market

High-school math/physics tutor. Lyon Village resident and Thomas Jefferson High senior Aidan Witeck is looking to tutor students in high school math and physics courses. He has self-published a Precalculus textbook (www.aidanwiteck.com/textbook) and recently interned for a physics professor at Harvard University. The subjects he can tutor in are: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Precalculus, Calculus, Multivariable Calculus, and AP Physics C. \$40/hour. If you are interested, email aidan302@verizon.net.

Exercycle. LifeCORE recumbent exercycle (Model LC-1050RB) in good condition. Free to a nearby home, but would require two people capable of moving the 122-pound machine. Call Lyon Village resident at 703-525-6862.

Available. Yard work, rake leaves, shovel snow etc. Call Peter at 703-314-8666. Responsible adult who lives in Lyon Village.

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.

DES Investigating High Water Bills

In response to feedback from neighbors who recently received noticeably high water bills, the Department of Environmental Services (DES) will be performing data analysis of customer consumption trends along with weather data for 2019. Based on its review to date, there is no evidence high bills are a result of a systemic issue.

- More than 5,000 residential accounts registered more than a 50% increase in consumption from the previous year
- Almost 2,500 residential accounts more than doubled consumption from the previous year

DES encourages residents who have concerns about their bill to call the DES Customer Contact Center at 703-228-5000 or email DESContactCenter@arlingtonva.us. Customer service reps are available Monday-Friday, 7am-7pm.

Reminder: Contractor Hours

There is a lot of residential construction going on in Lyon Village. Please note that loud construction work cannot begin before 7:00am on weekdays and not before 10:00am on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. If you hear or see a contractor doing loud work before 10:00am on weekends and holidays, call the non-emergency police number at 703-558-2222 and they will send an officer out to put a stop to it.

Report Potholes, Downed Signs

Be sure to report any potholes or downed street signs that you see in the neighborhood to the county. You can call 703-228-6570 or go online to <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/>

Lyon Village Dues Are Due!!

Dues for the September 2019–August 2020 fiscal year are due. The dues support LVCA activities, such as Holiday parties, the Spaghetti Dinner, and 4th of July picnic. 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 to pay via PayPal.

Stay Safe: The 9PM Routine

Theft from unlocked vehicles and stolen cars continues to be a problem in Arlington. Burglaries and thefts are often crimes of opportunity, with thieves taking advantage of unsecured doors and windows to steal items left unattended or out in plain view—in your home or in your car. In July 2019, the Arlington County Police Department joined police departments throughout the country in a public safety campaign aimed at promoting crime prevention strategies to reduce and prevent thefts from vehicles and homes.

The campaign, known as the 9PM Routine, encourages residents to conduct security checks in their homes and vehicles each evening to ensure their property is secure. Set a reminder and at 9pm each evening, ensure the following tasks have been completed:

- Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates, sheds have been locked
- Exterior lights, security cameras, alarm systems have been activated
- Valuables from vehicles (including keys), yards, patios have been brought inside

By participating in this routine, residents can help reduce the opportunity for residential burglaries from your home and from your vehicles. By routinely following these procedures you and your family will be less vulnerable. If you witness suspicious activity, call the police non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. If it is a crime in progress, call 911 as quickly as possible.

County's Vision Zero Action Plan for Transportation

The Vision Zero Action Plan includes strategies to make travel safer for everyone: walking, driving, biking, scootering, or taking public transit.

The nationally recognized Vision Zero Network defines Vision Zero as, “a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.” The county adopted Vision Zero in the fall. Background at

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/county-boardadopts-vision-zero-traffic-safety-strategy/>