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Calendar

April 12: LVCA Meeting Online

Arlington School Board Adopts Name for New Elementary School at Key Site

On March 11, the school board adopted the name "Innovation Elementary School" for the new neighborhood school that will be located at the current Key School site starting in September 2021. The attendance boundaries for Innovation Elementary include the eastern half of Lyon Village. The full school naming presentation is available here:

([https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/files/BY72D2019BF6/\\$file/F-1%20Proposed%20Name%20for%20the%20New%20Elementary%20School%20-%20Key%20Site%20Presentation.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vsba/arlington/Board.nsf/files/BY72D2019BF6/$file/F-1%20Proposed%20Name%20for%20the%20New%20Elementary%20School%20-%20Key%20Site%20Presentation.pdf)). It includes other options considered and survey results. In Fall 2021, the Key Immersion program (currently at the Key site) will move to the school building that current houses Arlington Traditional Elementary School, just west of Ballston.

Construction on Washington Boulevard & 13th Street Improvements Starting in April

Construction for streetscape improvements and utility undergrounding along Washington Boulevard and 13th Street North is tentatively scheduled to begin on April 15. Initial activities will include installing protection for trees and catch basins and mobilizing equipment.

This project will convert Washington Boulevard between Clarendon Circle and North Kirkwood Road into a four-lane road by removing the reversible lane and eliminating the "pork chop" at the 13th Street intersection. 13th Street North will be realigned to create a conventional "T" intersection at Washington Boulevard.

What to expect during construction:

- Work hours will be 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, during activities that require a temporary lane closure.
- Detour signage will direct vehicles and pedestrians around construction zones.
- The contractor will use an area at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and North Johnson Street, where three buildings were demolished, as a staging area.

Lyon Village Citizens Association Meeting, Monday, April 12, 8pm Via Zoom

Key Boulevard Water Main Replacement Project

County staff will brief us on a big neighborhood project--a new water main along Key Boulevard from North Jackson St. to North Danville St., replacing the aging water main that was built in 1927. The proposed water main will improve fire flow capacity and support demand in the neighborhood.

The project is part of the Capital Improvement Plan to replace the old unlined cast iron pipes, which are subjected to internal and external corrosion that reduces the fire flow capacity. In the past few years, the main has had an excessive number of breaks, which prompted the replacement.

The project is expected to begin in April 2021 and be completed by Fall 2022. The contractor will limit noise-generating work to the hours of 9am to 4pm. Other quieter tasks may be addressed during the hours immediately before and after that window. No weekend work is anticipated. Water service will be disrupted to customers throughout the project--both when water service is transferred from the old main to the new (disruptions up to two hours) and when the new main is connected to the water system (disruptions up to eight hours). Advance notice will be given to residents before any planned shut-offs.

Taller Buildings on the Way?

The second part of the meeting will focus on a proposal that would allow building heights to increase by 60 feet above what is normally allowed. This would be for buildings that are comprised of 100% affordable housing for properties that are zoned RA8-18. The board could also grant increased building height for projects with a lower percentage of low- or moderate-income housing upon finding that the project demonstrates a strong commitment to meeting the goals and policies of the Affordable Housing Master Plan. Lyon Village has at least four parcels that are zoned RA8-18. The county board will have a hearing on April 17 to consider this change. At our meeting, county staff will give an overview of the proposed change, which they support.

Just like other recent meetings, this will be virtual. You can use the following Zoom link to join the meeting: Meeting ID: 895 3193 682 Passcode: 155910 Please plan to join the meeting by 7:55pm so we can start on time.

March LVCA Meeting Recap

Police Update. Captain Scott Linder and the Arlington County Community Policing Team briefed us on police activity in and around Lyon Village and Clarendon over the past two months. They indicated that two cars were stolen recently in Lyon Village; in both cases, thieves used spare keys left in the car. They stressed the importance of always locking your car and never leaving valuables (especially keys!!) in the car, which can attract thieves.

Clarendon Sector Plan Update. The county's Brett Wallace reviewed current efforts to update the Clarendon Sector Plan, last approved in 2006. Changes to the plan may have a significant impact on traffic, parking, trash, and safety in LV. The plan provides detailed policy guidance for land use and density, transportation, historic preservation, building forms, public spaces, and urban design. This guidance has shaped the physical development of Clarendon over the past 14 years, including private development projects and major public investments like the Clarendon Circle transportation improvements. However, some sector plan recommendations have yet to be realized, including redevelopment of key sites south of Washington Boulevard, reconfiguration or relocation of Fire Station 4, and a new public park to meet the needs of a growing community. Details on the old plan here: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2014/03/Clarendon-SectorPlan06.pdf>

Village Market

Nanny available. Our long-time nanny has hours available full-time or part-time. She has been with our family for 16 years. She is excellent! Call/text Linda at 202 251-9882 for more information.

For sale. Harvest Pear, Louisville Stoneware Pottery by John B. Taylor. The set includes 12 full-size dinner plates, cereal bowls, soup bowls, berry bowls, lovely serving pieces, and other pieces as well. Call Angela Manning at 703-407-6281.

Glass recycling. Save your glass from the trash, and have it picked up at home! \$5 per pickup. Hassle-free! Run by a local teenager. All glass collected is either reused or recycled. Contact oakley.winters@gmail.com for more information.

Wanted. If you'd like to sell or donate a used or new stereo cassette desk, please contact Arnie Auerhan at arnoldauerhan@comcast.net.

Stock club seeking partners. Long-standing, buy & hold stock club is seeking 2-3 new members. Partnership meets once a month via Zoom; previously met in Northern Virginia including two meetings per year in Lyon Village. If interested, please send a brief introductory email and your questions to Chris M. at the.mayor.of.oceanaire@gmail.com.

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.

Gardening Assistance

Editor's Note: This month we are pleased to have an article by long-time LV resident Nat Ames about gardening. Nat is a Master Gardener and presented at one of our Lyon Village meetings. If you have additional questions, please reach out to him at nwames2016@gmail.com. He is willing to help you move your gardening project to the next level.

How about those crocuses, daffodils, and snowdrops? Looks like spring has finally arrived! Spring brings the chance to be outside engaging in favorite activities. For those of us with yards, decks, and patios, we are anxious to get back into our gardens and tidy up our growing spaces. To help you maximize your efforts and address your questions, Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV) provides a "one-stop" for a full range of gardening ideas, products, programs, and other resources. Visit their website (mgmv.org) to learn about the following topics:

- **Demonstration Gardens.** MGNV volunteers maintain six demonstration gardens in Arlington and Alexandria. Open to the public, they are wonderful places to observe your favorite flowering plants. There is also an organic vegetable garden at Potomac Overlook Regional Park in North Arlington.
- **Tried and True Plant List.** Find detailed descriptions of around 100 native perennials to beautify your yard.
- **Public Education.** If you're not sure how to get started gardening or if you desire to take your yard in a different direction, there is a plethora of online learning opportunities.
- **Help Desk.** If you have a specific question about why a plant is doing poorly or how to prepare soil, simply email your questions to mgarlalex@gmail.com. A trained volunteer will make every effort to answer your question within 24 – 48 hours.

Audubon at Home

If you are a homeowner interested in tackling a gardening project or making your yard more environmentally inviting to bees, butterflies, and beneficial insects, check out the Wildlife Sanctuary Program offered through the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia (www.audubonva.org). At no cost to the homeowner, an Audubon at Home Ambassador will visit your property to inspect the issue or project at hand and make science-based suggestions. A full description of the program and a form to request a visit is on the website.

Food Pantry in Lyon Village Is Closing

Many thanks to LV's David Knepper who recently closed the makeshift food pantry he has been operating out of a neighbor's garage on N. Cleveland Street for about a year.

Mr. Knepper saw that many people at that time were losing their jobs and having trouble affording food to put on the table. Mr. Knepper filled his garage with beans, rice, canned vegetables, peanut butter, tuna, oats and other non-perishables. He put out signs written in English, Spanish, and Arabic. The word spread fast and people came immediately to get food. Over that past year, he has gone through about 950 pounds of rice and hundreds of cans of vegetables.

Despite its start as an individual initiative, the food garage became a community effort. Dozens of people dropped off food for donation, including a core group of 15 or 16 who did so regularly. He's closing now because he thinks the need has been met. The effort has been very successful and a great example of how generous many people in Arlington are. We want to give a special thanks to Mr. Knepper for seeing this community need and being there to meet it in a very personal way.

Lyon Village Dues Are Due

It's that time of year again. The dues support LVCA activities, such as Holiday parties and 4th of July picnic. Dues for the September 2019–August 2020 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 to pay via PayPal.

Latest Lyon Village News

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.

Report Potholes, Downed Signs

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/>

Please submit items for the MAY *Bulletin* by April 25 to adam@ksaplus.com.