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Calendar

Feb. 21: LVCA Meeting, 8pm

Blood Drive, Feb. 27

The Annual Troop 111 Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, February 27 from 8:00am to 2:00pm at St. Agnes. The need for blood is critical, as we are in a national blood crisis. The pandemic has decreased the number of drives and donations, and hospitals across the country have reached dangerously low blood supplies, the lowest level in 20 years. We would appreciate your support. If you haven't been eligible in the past, you may be now; eligibility restrictions due to various travel/military experiences have eased. Please sign up through the link: <https://bit.ly/BoyScoutTroop0227> and Login/Create an account. You can also call 1(866) 256-6372 and use Sponsor Code 7810. Please contact Mike Podratsky at mtpodratsky@gmail.com with any questions or issues signing up.

Memorial Plaque for Carlos Stern

This past year we lost a special member of our community: Carlos Stern. He and his wife lived in Lyon Village for many years. Carlos was very passionate about always trying to make the community safer and more environmentally responsible. He wanted to make it as safe as possible for walkers, bikers, and the whole community. It was not unusual for him to pick up trash on the ground as he walked through Lyon Village. He served on the Lyon Village Neighborhood Conservation Committee and was instrumental in securing county approval for our most recent Neighborhood Conservation Project, which was to put curb and gutter and add a sidewalk for pedestrians on 13th Street between Johnson Street and Kirkwood Road. In recognition of his tireless efforts on this, the county placed a memorial plaque in the sidewalk at the top of the hill recognizing Carlos' hard work.



February Membership Meeting: Monday, Feb. 21, 8:00pm via Zoom Police Update and Fire Prevention

Police Update – The meeting will begin with an update by Captain Scott Linder and his staff from the Arlington Police Community Policing Team. This will include news on recent police activity in Lyon Village and Clarendon. As always, there will be an opportunity for Captain Linder to answer questions that folks have.

Fire Prevention – Captain Shawn Pendo from Fire Station 4 will discuss fire prevention in the home and community. Not only does Station 4 provide fire protection to Lyon Village, it also has a Medic Unit and Heavy Rescue Unit for handling all types of emergencies in the community. Many people are not aware that over the years there have been a number of serious fires in Lyon Village, a couple causing serious injuries and fatalities. We want to do our best to make sure that this does not happen again in the future.

Just like other recent meetings, this will be a virtual meeting. You can use the following Zoom link to join the meeting: Meeting ID: 893 3457 4343 Passcode: 627316 Please plan to join the meeting by 7:55pm so we can start on time.

Thank-You for Community House Donations

The annual Spaghetti Dinner and fundraiser was not held for the second year in a row due to concerns about the continuing Covid pandemic. However, like the previous year, numerous and very generous donations were received in the dinner's place. The Lyon Village Community House (LVCH) Board continues to be very appreciative of the support demonstrated by Lyon Village residents and extends a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who donated last October, November and December. As a reminder, LVCH is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations are tax-deductible. Receipts were provided to all donors. If you did not receive one or need another copy, please contact the LVCH Treasurer at lvchtreasurer@gmail.com.

While rental activity did resume in late summer of last year, it did not reach pre-pandemic levels. Then it dipped over the winter months as people were understandably cautious about gathering during the Omicron surge. The contributions help pay for the regular monthly utility expenses and weather the slow times. The board continues to make safety and aesthetic upgrades to the LVCH, which looks much improved. Those who have seen it would agree the completed projects have gone a long way to refreshing the space. The Community House remains open and available for rentals for when you feel comfortable to safely gather again. For rental information, please contact lvchrent@gmail.com.

As a reminder, the LVCH and the Lyon Village Citizens' Association (LVCA) are two different entities. The sole purpose of the LVCH is to operate and maintain the Community House itself, which is funded exclusively through rentals, the annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser, and donations. Your LVCA dues do not go toward maintaining the Community House.

Wanted: Web Master for the Lyon Village Web site

The Lyon Village Citizens' Association is seeking a volunteer to manage our website. The website has recently been greatly streamlined and is hosted on a simple content management system. No coding expertise required. Just a willingness to help us share timely LV-relevant news items with your neighbors. If interested, please contact John Carten (GJCarten@verizon.net) or Adam Kernan-Schloss (adam@ksaplus.com).

Village Market

No listings 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.

Reminder: Recycle Food Scraps

Just a further reminder that Arlington County has begun expanding residential organics collection services to include food scraps collected in the green organics cart, along with yard trimmings. This new service has the potential to divert up to 20% of the residential waste stream from incineration to composting, among many other environmental benefits. Arlington will be the first jurisdiction in Virginia to provide food scraps collection to all residential customers.

How to compost food scraps: Food scraps collection will be part of the standard curbside service for all residential customers. Participation in the food scraps collection program is accomplished in 3 easy steps.

- 1 - Place food scraps in your county-provided collection caddy (or your own container) lined with a compostable bag. A list of acceptable materials has been provided to residents. A good rule of thumb is: "If it grows, it goes."
- 2 - Place food scraps contained in compostable bags, paper bags or loose in the green organics cart along with yard trimmings.
- 3 - Place the green organics cart at the curb every week on your collection day by 6:00am. Crews will pick up the food scraps with regular curbside collection.

Key County Contact Numbers

Police/Fire/Rescue Emergency: 911
Police Non-emergency: 703-558-2222
Animal Control: 703-931-9241
Street Light Outages: 703-228-5000 (provide exact location and pole number)
DES Water, Sewer, Streets Emergencies (24hrs): 703-228-6555
24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline: 703-237-0881
Emergency Behavioral Health: 703-228-5160

Latest Lyon Village News

For the latest Lyon Village news and events, please check out the Lyon Village website: LyonVillage.org.

The website has been significantly streamlined. Check it out.

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Lyon Village Citizens' Association

An historic Arlington neighborhood founded in 1923

Latest News

Our [blog](#) has the latest news affecting the neighborhood. Also, consider signing up for our listserv, which periodically sends emails about current and upcoming events.

Meanwhile, the county has many other useful news sources including: [Arlington Alert Signup](#), [Arlington Now](#), [Arlington Patch](#), [Clarendon Patch](#), and [WaPo: Arlington](#).

Key Blvd. Water Main Replacement Project Update

Work has started up again on the Key Blvd water main project, with one small delay. The work between Jackson and Hartford is done, but the contractor needs to install a bypass system east of Hartford. That work has been postponed until the weather warms up. Meanwhile, the contractor is connecting the new water mains to the existing system between Jackson and Hartford and on Herndon between Key and Jackson.

The contractor will set up as much of the new service as possible before the switch, so there is usually very little disruption in service for the service transfer. It can be as little as 10 minutes, and not more than an hour unless something goes wrong.

Once this work is done, all water work west of Hartford St. will be complete and future shutdowns for tie-ins for work east of Hartford Street will not affect the area west of Hartford Street. If you have questions or concerns about the project, you can call the county at 703-228-7527 or 703-228-7722.

Motor Vehicle Safety Tips

With more people out walking during Covid be sure to:

- Always drive more slowly in the neighborhood residential areas.
- Be alert for pedestrians coming from all directions.
- Be sure to slow down at all intersections even when it is not controlled by a signal or signs.
- When approaching bicycles, make a point to slow down.
- Be especially alert in the morning and afternoon when students are going to/coming from school.
- In the early morning and later afternoon, make a point to drive more slowly when the sun is in your eyes.

Pedestrian Safety Tips

- Look both ways before stepping off a curb.
- Don't look at your cell phone while walking.
- Cross streets in designated crosswalks.
- If there's no sidewalk, always walk facing oncoming traffic.
- If walking at night, wear light-colored clothing or reflective tape so you're more visible to other travelers.
- Be aware that drivers may be blinded by sunlight or by the headlights of oncoming traffic. Never assume that a driver sees you!
- When walking with children, always grasp their hands firmly to ensure they don't break away and dart into traffic.
- If you're not sure you have enough time to get across the street before the light changes, wait for a "fresh" green light or walk signal, as it will give you the most time to cross.

Please submit items for the MARCH *Bulletin* by Feb. 25 to adam@ksaplus.com.