



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Citizens' Association (LVCA)  
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## Calendar

Dec. 9-13, Leaf Pick-Up  
Dec. 10, LV Holiday Party  
Jan. 3-17, Christmas Tree Pick-up

### Holiday Party, Sunday, December 10

Mark your calendars for the Lyon Village Holiday Party on Sunday, December 10, beginning at 4:00pm. We ask Lyon Village neighbors to bring appetizers, finger foods, and/or desserts. The Community House will provide non-alcoholic beverages, wine and even a hot chocolate bar (both children's and adult versions). Santa and his elves will visit from 4:00-5:00pm. And we will also offer cookie decorating and holiday crafts.

**We need plenty of volunteers to make the party a success. To volunteer, please see <http://signup.com/go/mbNTGCg> or email [lvchevents@gmail.com](mailto:lvchevents@gmail.com).**

This year we will also have two opportunities to donate: we are again joining the Arlington County Police District 2 Team in its **Fill the Cruiser Toy Drive**. The Toy Drive helps make a brighter holiday season for children in Arlington. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit a child in need to the party. The toys are donated to children ages 1-17. We will also serve as a collection spot for **Lucky Dog Animal Rescue**. Its biggest needs are dog/cat food (dry and canned), collars (especially martingale collars), leashes, flea/tick preventatives, towels, treats, bowls, and slip leads.

### Apply for a Free Tree by Dec. 15

Concerned about the declining tree canopy in Arlington? Residents can make application to receive a tree for delivery in the spring of 2018. The application deadline is December 15.

In 2009, the Tree Canopy Fund was launched after Arlington County Board approved it in 2007 with the goals to reverse the decline of the tree canopy throughout the county and to restore it again over time. Administered by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) and the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission (UFC), the fund provides grants to individuals and community groups to plant and maintain trees on private property.

For more information on the program requirements and instructions to apply, please visit the website:  
<https://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/community-programs/trees/>

## LVCA General Meetings

The next Lyon Village Citizens Association General Meeting will be on March 12, 2018. We normally do not have meetings in December, January or February unless there is a need for a special meeting.

## Thank-You to All Who Contributed to the Spaghetti Dinner

The Board of the Community House thanks all the volunteers who helped with this year's Spaghetti Dinner... Theo, Lucy, Erica and Bob Braddock; Michelle Brydges; Cheryl Colbert; Mark Cummings; Dan Dixon; Lars and Lorenz Florio; Ali, Lili, and Sheri Grant; Nancy Green; Jenna and Rose Holliday; Gary and Emily Huber and Mindy Rudell; Alexa, Vanessa, and Likza Iglesias; Kim and Ronan Lapie; Avery and Kathryn Love; James Mason; Jane and Katie Miller; Alexa, Gaby, and Sandra Moglica; Heidi Morrison; Susan Nelson; Francis O'Dea; Kathleen Pons-Haines; Rick Schweigert; Lucy Scott; Nancy Squires; Diana Vasquez O'Dea; and Sasha, Amelia, and Michael Weissmuller.

**Thanks to those who donated goods the night of...** The Squires Group and the Law Offices of Sher, Cummings, and Ellis for the wine; Realtors Billy Buck, Ricardo Iglesias, Ruth Boyer O'Dea, and Sheri Grant for gift cards for the raffle; the Italian Store, Grant Averett and Katie Miller for the wonderful gift baskets; and all the bakers who generously donated desserts for the bake sale.

**And a particular thank-you to Lynne Ross, Lynne Pilot, Amy Licato, Anne Licato, and Grace Cummings,** who organized and delivered meals to our elderly neighbors the night of the dinner.

Finally, a thank-you to anyone else we've neglected to mention who pitched in before, during and after the dinner. Many thanks to all who came, donated, and worked to make the night a success. See you at next year's dinner!

## Picking Up Leaves, Christmas Trees

The second and final pass of the County Leaf collection trucks will be on December 9 through 13 in Lyon Village. If you miss this or want to supplement it, you can use the leaf collection bags that are available for free at the County Office Building lobby at 2100 Clarendon Blvd and other locations. Christmas trees will be collected in Lyon Village on Wednesdays, January 3 through January 17. Place them on the curb.

## Funding to Reduce Stormwater

The StormwaterWise Landscapes Program provides funding for projects that will reduce stormwater runoff from homeowners' property. [Stormwater](#) carries pollutants such as oil, bacteria, dirt, and lawn chemicals to our local streams. Installing practices on your property that collect or slow stormwater — allowing it to soak into the ground — keeps pollutants out of [streams](#).

Arlington residents can participate in the program through a lottery system; a total of 40 residential applicants and 10 HOAs/businesses will be selected for the 2018 program year (applications for calendar 2018 will be accepted in March 2018). County staff will conduct stormwater assessments of each program participant's property. Participants will receive a written report containing a list of site-specific recommendations.

Details on the website, [environment.arlington.us/waterwise](http://environment.arlington.us/waterwise).

## Village Market

**Leaf-rakers.** 2 experienced neighborhood leaf-rakers in 8th and 4th grade. We have had a lot of practice in raking leaves, and enjoy it! Weekends only, please. Email [leafittouslv@gmail.com](mailto:leafittouslv@gmail.com).

**For sale.** Light tan microfiber sofa. 39" deep (front edge of arm to back of sofa) x 30" high (at the back) x 86" long (arm edge to arm edge). Very comfortable. Includes 4 smaller pillows. \$50. If necessary, delivery can be arranged. Please email [GJCarten@verizon.net](mailto:GJCarten@verizon.net).

**Found.** On Nov. 19 at the LV Park, an orange and blue skateboard with purple wheels. Penny is stamped across the front. Also, an old, white, Spalding, beat-up basketball. If they are your's, contact Karen Webster, 703-243-8582.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month.**

### Protecting Your Home

In the last month there has been at least one burglary in Lyon Village. Here are tips for protecting your home while away.

- Inform a trusted neighbor with the details of your trip, including departure and arrival times, itinerary and emergency contacts.
- Make your home look lived in, not empty.
- Lock all windows and doors, including those in the garage and basement.
- Remove garage door openers from parked vehicles.
- If possible, set interior lights on a timer. Use motion sensor lighting on the exterior of your home.
- Ask someone you trust to retrieve your mail and newspapers. Refrain from having deliveries made in your absence.
- In case of an emergency, leave a key with someone you trust.
- Store valuables in a safe deposit box.
- Document serial numbers of valuables. Whenever possible, take photographs of jewelry.
- Refrain from posting your travel plans on social media – you can always post pictures upon your return.

### Protecting Your Holiday Packages

- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred.
- Require a signature for packages.
- Have someone you trust accept the package.
- Consider utilizing in-store pickup (such as Amazon at Whole Foods), hold packages at a mail facility for pickup or ship to a location where it can be received by someone such as at work rather than being left unattended at home.

### 2017 – 2018 Dues Payments

Dues for the September 2017–August 2018 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](http://lyonvillage.org) to pay via PayPal.

### LVCA on Facebook

Tony Abreu has created a Facebook page for LVCA and will be updating it periodically. [You can find the page here](#), or search Facebook for "Lyon Village Citizens Association."

We also encourage you to sign up for [NextDoor](#), which is a website and mobile app for neighborhoods. There are nearly 700 neighbors already using it, as well as the ACPD and county.

### Stay Informed

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](http://www.lyonvillage.org), or encourage new neighbors and reluctant technophobes to sign up! This update typically comes out once a week on Fridays.

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](mailto: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.