



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Citizens' Association (LVCA)
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Calendar

May 23: LVCA Meeting, 8pm
July 4: Parade and Picnic, 11am

Everyone must resubscribe to the online listserv

Sorry. We inadvertently lost the email addresses for the LVCA listserv when we converted the website. So, we need folks to resubscribe--or subscribe for the first time--by going to the Lyon Village website (lyonvillage.org) and using the easy sign-up form (just your email). It's a great way to stay up to date on all Lyon Village-related news and events.

As always, we won't sell your information, but use it only for official LVCA email messages, including online delivery of the *Bulletin* newsletter. Thank you.

July 4 Parade and Picnic

A great tradition continues! It is once again time to start planning for the annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Monday, July 4, will be our parade and picnic. The parade will begin at 11am at the corner of Key Blvd. and Highland Street. Included in the parade will be antique cars, and police and fire vehicles. If you would like to drive your car in the parade, please email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. **We also need helpers for the picnic and games.** Please contact John if you can help with these needs at the above email.

Lyon Village Easter Egg Hunt Returned!

On Saturday morning, April 2, over 150 Lyon Village children, parents, grandparents and friends descended upon the Lyon Village Park for the joyful return of the Lyon Village Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Lyon Village Women's Club. After a two-year hiatus, children were once again able to enjoy egg hunts around the park, compete in an egg toss, enjoy refreshments, take chances on door prizes and even have a photograph taken with the Easter Bunny!

The Lyon Village Women's Club would like to express appreciation to special guest Lucas MacPhail, along with Anne MacPhail and our amazing local businesses that sponsored door prizes: Barnes & Noble, Barston's Child Play, Kinderhaus Toys, Lemoncello Boutique, and Three Whistles. Their generosity was savored by children and parents alike.

Neighbors interested in learning more about the Lyon Village Women's Club, as we aim to restart more initiatives, are welcome to inquire at lvwc22201@gmail.com.

May LVCA Meeting: Monday, May 23 8pm via Zoom, Two Topics

County Missing Middle Study. At the end of April, the county suddenly released its Missing Middle Housing proposal, which would essentially do away with current zoning in all R-5, R-6, R-10, and R-20 residential zoning districts. (Lyon Village is mostly R-6, with some R-5. The number refers to the minimum lot size, e.g., R-6 means minimum lot size of 6,000 square feet.) As we read the proposal, it would permit the construction of duplexes, triplexes, and larger buildings, up to 8 units, on virtually all, if not all, lots in single-family residential zoning districts in the county (including Country Club Hills). That is substantially all non-commercial property in the county.

The larger the lot, the more housing units could be squeezed in. Under this proposal, an empty single-family-zoned lot, such as one created by tearing down a house, would allow the lot owner or a developer to build two or more living units. The size of the structure would be subject to existing rules for single-family homes in terms of setbacks and height, coupled with reduced on-site parking requirements. The plan could turn streets into a hodgepodge of buildings, encourage much larger houses, exacerbate water runoff problems, threaten trees, and increase noise, parking, and street access problems.

The county refused to meet with us about this proposal, saying they plan to do only online engagement. We then invited Peter Rousselot, a former Lyon Village resident, LVCA officer, and member of Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future, which has been critical of similar proposals, to be our guest speaker at the May meeting. Peter will give us an overview of the proposal and then respond to questions from the audience. Details about the proposal:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Housing/Housing-Arlington/Tools/Missing-Middle>

Election of Officers. At the May meeting, we also will elect officers of the Lyon Village Executive Committee, the governing board of the Lyon Village Citizens' Association. The new term begins on September 1. If you would like to consider being an officer, please contact John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net.

Just like other recent meetings, this will be a virtual meeting. You can use the following Zoom link to join the meeting: Meeting ID: 859 1781 7754 Passcode: 479 438 Please plan to join the meeting by 7:55 pm so we can start on time.

April Meeting Recap: Court House West and Langston Blvd. Plan

At the April meeting, Jim Lantelme (a long-time resident of Lyon Village, former LVCA president, and current chair of the county's Long Range Planning Committee) discussed two upcoming major development projects that could have a major impact on Lyon Village.

Court House West Project: The county is considering what height and density to put on the block bounded by Wilson Blvd., Danville Street, Clarendon Blvd. and Cleveland Street. This includes height options of up to 180 feet, which would be an 18-story residential building. The current Court House Plan envisions commercial buildings of only one to four stories.

Langston Blvd. Plan: A revision will likely be released this spring. The initial version, of released last spring, generated a lot of Lyon Village opposition, centered on a proposal to convert single-family zoning into multi-family housing between Langston Blvd. and N. 18th Street. The original plan would have provided incentives to demolish the houses in those two blocks, including homes on the national register of historic places. Jim mainly responded to questions and described how LV residents can participate in the county planning process going forward. He doubts this proposal will be in the final plan, but stay tuned.

Village Market

Available. Starting varsity softball player offers hitting, fielding, catcher training (softball or baseball). Instruction offered by 7-year "A"-level travel player, now starting catcher at The Potomac School. Contact Billcook09@yahoo.com

Mother's helper. Fully vaccinated 12-year-old on 18th Street is available. Call/text Kirsten Mallonee at 646-765-0976.

Wanted. Family seeks reading, writing and/or math tutor to help rising 4th grader strengthen these skills over the summer months a few times per week (Mon-Fri). Flexible schedule of about 4-8 hours per week most likely. Please contact Kat at kat31400@yahoo.com.

Wanted. LV-based, co-op preschool is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Commitment is about 5 hours a month in person (Clarendon). We are looking for someone with Quickbooks experience; familiarity with childcare or small business accounting is preferred but not necessary. If interested, please contact kacy.reams@gmail.com.

LV teen for hire. A Boy Scout is available to do light gardening (weeding, raking), dog walking, pet feeding or other tasks for \$10/hour. Please text Kai Park at 703-967-0257.

Available. Need lawn-mowing this summer? Contact Liam Edds at liamedds7@gmail.com.

Sofa for sale. Large grey sofa for sale. Excellent condition. 97 inches wide by 44 inches deep. \$75. Men's brand new leather, steel toe boots, Size 11D, never worn, \$20. Call or text inquiries to 202-437-8257.

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.

Camp Heat 2022

Each summer the Arlington County Fire Department sponsors a free youth camp for Arlington teens that focuses on generating interest in a career in the fire and rescue service. The camp is open to young women and men, ages 15 – 18. The dates of the camp are June 20 – 24 and the application process will open in April and stay open until early-mid May. The camp is free. For further information: ACFDCampHeat@Arlingtonva.us.

Summer Safety Patrol Camp

Safety Patrol Camp is for rising Arlington 4th or 5th grade students who would like to be Safety Patrols for the upcoming school year. Four week-long sessions are being held from June - August. Application details: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Police-Department/ACSTEP>

Wanted: Webmaster 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. Should take about an hour, or less, a month. If interested, please contact John Carten (GJCarten@verizon.net) or Adam Kernan-Schloss (adam@ksaplus.com).

Community House Board Seeks Social Media Handler

We need someone to set up and maintain the House's website and social media accounts. It's not a lot of work—we just need someone with the know-how! Call 703-399-2130 if interested or email lvchsecretary@gmail.com

The 9PM Routine

We need to continue to be vigilant. A best practice is to set a reminder and by 9pm each evening, ensure the following tasks have been completed:

- Lock vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates, sheds
- Activate exterior lights, security cameras, alarm systems
- Bring valuables from vehicles (including keys), yards, patios inside

By participating, residents can help reduce the opportunity for residential burglaries from your home and vehicles. If you witness suspicious activity, call the police non-emergency number at 703-558-2222. If it is a crime in progress, call 911. If you are a victim, be sure to report it to police promptly.

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

Please submit items for the JUNE *Bulletin* by May 25 to adam@ksaplus.com.