



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Calendar

Oct. 14      LVCA Meeting  
Nov. 2      Spaghetti Dinner

### Save the Date: Annual Spaghetti Dinner on November 2!

The Lyon Village Community House Board will hold the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle on Saturday, November 2. The menu includes spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, and garlic bread. Wines and baked goods will also be available.

Please look for information on volunteer opportunities and dinner times in the coming weeks. This event is a great way to socialize with other Lyon Village residents and volunteer with your neighbors, all in support of the historical Lyon Village Community House. We look forward to seeing you at this fun and festive neighborhood event!

### Oct. 2: National Coffee with a Cop Day

The Arlington County Police Department is hosting four events with our Community Outreach Teams to celebrate. Community members are invited to join police at these informal events to ask questions, voice concerns, get to know their neighbors, interact with the Community Outreach Teams and meet officers from other sections of the department. The closest event to LV is the Starbucks at Spout Run, 10-11am.

### Lyon Village Women's Club Updates

**October & November Business Meetings.** The October meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 16 at the home of Sylvia Prosak, 3122 N. 18th Street from 7-9pm. Our November business meeting will take place on Sunday, November 3 at the home of Catherine Funkhouser, 1915 N. Harvard Street, at 7pm. New members are always welcome!

**Autumn Social.** This is the perfect opportunity to connect with new and longtime neighbors of Lyon Village and to explore the wide array of community-building and social activities of the club, whether learning to play Mahjong, participating in quarterly Book Club and In-Town Socials or delivering Welcome Baskets to new neighbors, partnering with Arlington Neighborhood Village and supporting our signature events. The Autumn Social will be held at the home of Leslie Berk on Sunday, October 20, 7-9pm at 3174 Key Blvd.

**Very Merry Market.** Kick off December with a visit to the Lyon Village Community House on Sunday, December 1 from 3-7pm. Explore the wares of local vendors selling decorative items, Christmas wreaths, jewelry, art, culinary delights and so much more! This year's event will also feature wine tasting for those seeking to toast to the season with friends and neighbors!

## LVCA Meeting, October 14, 8pm, Community House – Candidates

The October meeting will feature all the County Board candidates running for the two open seats. The candidates are Christian Dorsey (incumbent Democrat), Katie Cristol (incumbent Democrat), Audrey Clement (independent) and Arron O'Dell (independent). In addition to opening and closing remarks by the candidates, you can ask them about the issues that are important to you.

## Recap from September Meeting

**Police Report:** Thanks to Sgt. Tom Rakowski and Officer Kristen Oesterling of the Arlington County Police Department who reviewed recent incidents in and around Lyon Village. Car break-ins are a continuing problem. There was also a car stolen from a driveway recently. These are crimes of opportunity. The bad guys are typically out late at night looking for cars with unlocked doors and visible valuables. When you exit your car, be sure to always lock it and don't leave any valuables inside. Try to leave your car parked in a lighted area and be attentive to any suspicious activity outside that you may see or hear. If you see something, call the police immediately on the non-emergency number 703-558-2222 or 911 for emergencies.

**Aging in Place:** Thanks to LV resident Bob Braddock of Red House Architects and Andrew Moore of Arlington Designer Homes who shared insights about changes that should be made to your home if you intend to continue to live in Lyon Village well into your senior years. Information from their presentations is located on the LV website, [LyonVillage.org](http://LyonVillage.org).

## New School Year, New Schools, New Interim Superintendent!

The school year began on September 3. Please watch out for the school buses--as a reminder it is illegal to pass a school bus when its STOP arm is extended. The school buses are equipped with cameras to detect violators. Also, Key Elementary no longer has a crossing guard at the corner of Key Blvd. and North Veitch Street. The plan is to have staff and parent volunteers pick up this task, but in the meantime, please watch out for the kids as they make their way to and from school.

Lyon Village is now zoned for the new Dorothy Hamm Middle School. This school, located on Vacation Lane, is housed in the original Stratford building. Modification of the building, delayed by the heavy spring rains, continues through the fall. Learn more at <https://dorothyhamm.apsva.us/>. An open house will be held Friday, October 4 at 3pm.

The H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program and the Shriver Program (formerly the Stratford program) have moved to the "The Heights" building on Wilson Blvd. in Rosslyn. An open house for The Heights will be held Saturday, October 26, at 10am.

Finally, the school board has named Cintia Johnson as the Interim Superintendent, while the board searches to permanently fill this role. Ms. Johnson has been an educator for more than 30 years--most of the time spent in Arlington as a teacher, principal, and administrator. Immediately prior to taking on this role, Ms. Johnson served as the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services. Her goals for the 2019-2020 school year include increasing achievement for all school groups, supporting student well-being and mental health, and ensuring that all students know they have an advocate in APS.

## Village Market

**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.**

### Clarendon Circle Update

The project at Wilson and Washington Blvd. is nearly done. Most corners of the intersection have been completed. One of the last major construction items is the milling and paving of the intersection, which is expected in October. Due to the size and complexity of the intersection, the county foresees having to perform some of this work at night.

The milling and paving will take approximately four days, potentially Monday through Thursday, with milling during the day and paving at night. Detours will be needed during this operation. The county will share the paving schedule and detour plan once they are fully developed.

### Real Estate Corner – Halloween Edition

Do I need to tell buyers about the ghosts in my home? What about the ghoulish death during Halloween years ago?

Unlike other states, Virginia is a 'caveat emptor', or buyer beware, state. The disclosure form sellers are required to provide is less a disclosure than a disclaimer. Homeowners cannot lie or intentionally conceal defects, but don't have to point out flaws or defects to potential buyers. So no covering up gaping holes in the walls from said Halloween event with a cute goblin poster, or hiding that leak on the lower level. If asked, sellers must tell the truth about that hole or leak.

It shouldn't come as a surprise that buyers want to do inspections in Virginia. With little information from sellers, buyers conduct inspections to become informed about the property.

There are some exceptions where disclosures are required: zoning violations that haven't been addressed; proximity to mining operations; septic systems not in compliance with local jurisdiction; military base proximity and noise zone; and defective drywall. There are also required federal disclosures: for example, with regard to lead-based paint. The Virginia contract also asks Sellers to note the existence of an oil tank on the property.

Enjoy Halloween, knowing that your ghost friends aren't something you have to disclose unless asked.

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### Trash Day Tips

We have received complaints from neighbors about trash bins.

One writes: "Be kind 2.0: Our trash day is Wednesday, right? On Monday, the bins begin to appear. On Tuesday morning and throughout the day, more bins. After Wednesday, bins continue to litter the landscape through Thursday and Friday. Folks, please, can we work together with our neighbors and improve on this? Our neighborhood is too beautiful to have trash bins on the curbs five days out of the week!"

Another reminds us that the County Code governs these protocols and violators are subject to a \$300 fine. So, some friendly reminders:

Trash Day in Lyon Village is every Wednesday, except if Wednesday is Christmas or New Years Day, then it's Thursday. After a heavy snow, trash collection may be delayed -- check status on the county website.

Trash collection starts at 6am, so most LV residents put their bins on the curb the previous evening. Put bins out with the handle on the street side to make it easier for the trash collectors to grab & go. Bins should be brought back in promptly after trash is collected.

- You can put out furniture for regular trash collection if it is small enough to fit into the back of the trash truck.
- Metal items should be recycled (blue bin or take to e-E-CARE Day held twice each year).
- Put glass into the black bin or take it to one of the county glass collection bins. (This is new)
- Put plastic bags, bubble wrap, wire hangers, shredded paper, greasy pizza boxes, etc. into the black bin.

Call the county at 703-228-6570 or use their online forms to solve many problems, for example...

- If your trash was not picked up, call the county before 5pm on Trash Day and they will come get it.
- If you are physically unable to move your trash bins, you can ask the county to get them.
- If the trash collectors smash your bin, call the county for a free repair or replacement.
- The county website has a long list of trash items with advice on how to dispose of them.

For many county trash-related services, see [lyonvillage.org](http://lyonvillage.org) for direct links.

### Lyon Village Dues are Due!!

It's that time of year again. Enclosed with this *Bulletin* are the annual Lyon Village dues envelopes. The dues support LVCA activities, such as Holiday parties, Spaghetti Dinner, 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](http://lyonvillage.org) to pay via PayPal.