

# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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#### Calendar

July 4, Parade and Picnic

# Arlington Public Schools Tackles Capital Improvements, Elementary School Boundaries, and School Naming Policy

By June 21, the School Board will adopt a new Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2019-2028. The plan addresses APS's capital needs for school infrastructure and how APS will pay for those facilities over the next 10 years. The proposed CIP addresses issues such as the new high school at the Career Center site, the possible expansion of the middle schools, the new Reed Elementary School, and updates to athletic fields. The APS Engage webpage has additional information, including a new podcast, which gives background on the funding process and how the APS CIP fits in with the larger county government's CIP. https://www.apsva.us/engage/cip fy19-28/

On June 7, the APS staff presented a proposal to the School Board on changing the elementary school boundaries in light of the opening of the new Fleet and Reed Elementary Schools and the opening of Drew Model as a full neighborhood school. In Lyon Village, the boundaries for Arlington Science Focus and Taylor may change as a result. APS staff took comments from the board, will refine its plan, and present draft recommendations on boundary changes to the School Board in Fall 2018. There will be an opportunity for community engagement in the Summer and Fall, although the schedule has not yet been released. The first set of changes will go into effect in September 2019.

https://www.apsva.us/elementary-school-boundary-change/

On June 7, the School Board adopted a new School Naming Policy. The policy includes criteria for naming new schools, such as the new middle school on the Strafford site, as well as a process for reviewing names of existing schools if the board receives an objection. Having received such objections to Washington-Lee High School, the board also began the process of selecting a committee to rename the school, starting in the Fall 2018. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.apsva.us/engage/school-facility-naming-policy/">https://www.apsva.us/engage/school-facility-naming-policy/</a>

# July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Picnic A Great Tradition Continues!

Come be a part of the fun on Wednesday, July 4, for our annual parade and picnic. The parade will begin promptly at 11:00am at the corner of Key Blvd. and Highland Streets. Line up on 17th Street, just off of Highland Street starting at 10:30am. Included in the parade will be antique cars, and police and fire vehicles. If you would like to drive your antique car in the parade, please email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. The parade will travel east on Key Blvd. to Edgewood St., where it will turn left to continue along Edgewood Street to the Lyon Village Park.

Following the parade, we will gather in the park for a picnic. However this year, we are asking folks to bring their own picnic lunches and beverages. Due to fewer volunteers in recent years, we are modifying the format this year to make it less labor intensive. This does not mean, however, that we will have any less fun; it just requires folks to plan ahead and bring along a bag or basket of goodies to share with their group. As usual, the antique cars and fire trucks will remain after the parade so everyone can get a closer look. To volunteer to help with the picnic, activities or clean-up, please email Tony Abreu at Tony.Abreu@gmail.com.

## **LVCA Officers Elected**

At the May meeting, the following Lyon Village Citizens Association Officers were elected for the year September 2018 to August 2019: Exec. Vice President – John Carten; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President- Andy Rude; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President-Rick Schweigert; Recording Secretary-Beth Ferrill; Bulletin Editor-Adam Kernan-Schloss; Corresponding Secretary-Jason Harrier; Treasurer-Don Gay; Asst. Treasurer-Bill Gearhart,; Volunteer Coordinator-Tony Abreu; Historian-Martha Moore; Clerk-Leslie Berk; At Large-John Armstrong; At Large-Miles Mason; At Large-Derek Huetinck.

# Arlington Police Department Restructures

The Arlington County Police Department has experienced a significant reduction in workforce due to normal attrition, retirements and officers seeking other opportunities. While the department's strategic goals and commitment to providing professional law enforcement services have not changed, it is recognize that the allocation of resources must adapt to meet current staffing challenges.

In an effort to maximize available resources and continue providing high-quality law enforcement services to Arlington County, the department completed a strategic restructuring in May to prioritize core services and ensure the services provided are effective and efficient. The Community Policing Teams have been reduced from three districts to two, North and South. Captain Wayne Vincent will continue to lead this effort, but the total number of officers assigned has been reduced. The prioritization of core service focuses on responding to calls for service, investigating crimes against people and serious property crimes, and continuing to engage and build community partnerships.

The phone number to call for service remains the same: 911 for true emergencies and 703-558-2222 for non-emergency calls.

## Village Market

**Wanted.** Neighborhood student who can be available when needed for occasional household chores by the hour.email bj4us I @verizon.net if interested.

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.

# County Launches Designated Weekend Pick-Up and Drop-Off Zones for Clarendon

Clarendon's nightlife scene continues to grow, and with it, the need for safer travel there and back. The county, working with rideshare companies Lyft and Uber plus Red Top Cab, is making sure patrons have dependable, designated weekend pick-up and drop-off locations. The initiative also aims to curb illegal practices, such as double parking and stopping in travel lanes, bus stops, bike lanes and crosswalks, to load and unload passengers. The designated drop-off and pick-up zones in Clarendon will be enforced Thursday through Sunday nights from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The zone areas are:

- Wilson Boulevard and Clarendon Boulevard between North Highland Street and North Irving Street; enforced Friday – Sunday
- North Highland Street between Wilson Boulevard and 11th Street North; enforced Friday – Sunday
- North Fillmore Street between Wilson Boulevard and Clarendon Boulevard; enforced Thursday – Sunday

Motorists should be on the lookout for "No Parking Except 5 Minute Passenger Pick-Up and Drop-Off" signs. The Arlington County Police Department will strictly enforce the new regulations, however; a three-week warning period is planned to help raise public awareness about the changes and encourage compliance through the issuance of verbal and written warnings for observed infractions. The warning period will also give drivers and riders an opportunity to become familiar with the newly designated zones. Violators will be issued citations at the completion of the warning period.

### Merit School of Clarendon

The new office building at the corner of Wilson Blvd. and Adams Street is close to completion. The Merit School of Clarendon will be located on the first floor and is offering infant through school age care. The daycare is expected to open in August 2018. Tuition costs have not yet been released, but additional information can be found at the link below. To be notified about an upcoming open house, please complete the form at this link.

http://www.meritschools.com/location/merit-school-of-clarendon/

## LV Kid Writes 3rd Book!

Spencer Park and his friend Alden Humphrey have published "District of Hamilton," a "by kids, for kids" book about the Washington-area sites (including Arlington) related to Alexander Hamilton, his wife Eliza, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and other Founding Fathers. The book was published prior to the opening of the musical at the Kennedy Center. It's now available on Amazon.com.

## **Street Sealing Program**

As part of the county's preventative maintenance program, Arlington County will begin the street sealing season around mid-July and end in mid-October 2018, weather permitting. A notice will be distributed to each residential or business address to notify them their streets has been selected for sealing. A door hanger and the notice which will be distributed along with "No Parking Signs" 48 hours prior to the start of operation. There will be inconveniences such as traffic detours, no parking on the streets, noise, and dust. The county will try to reduce the number of these disruptions and appreciates residents' understanding during this time. A detailed area map showing the proposed work locations can be accessed via the Internet at:

https://transportation.arlingtonva.us/streets/street-maintenance/

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please call 703-228-7844 or e-mail <a href="mailto:Aporti@arlingtonva.us">Aporti@arlingtonva.us</a>. You can also contact the control center at 703-228-6555.

# Improve Lyon Village: Call the County and Ask

Litter? Car parked on sidewalk or blocking your driveway? Drivers running stop signs? Too much noise from a Clarendon bar? Street sign down? County authorities are more likely to respond to non-emergency issues when they are made aware of them. Information on how to report a non-emergency problem to the county and to make a service request can be found at the following link on the County's website: <a href="https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/">https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/</a>

This service is for non-emergency requests and is monitored during weekdays. For true emergencies, always call 911. For traffic signal outages, noise, recurrent traffic violation issues, suspicious situations, etc., call the police non-emergency number: 703-558-2222

Other reporting methods include: Water or sewer emergencies: call: 703-228-6555 Report financial fraud, waste and abuse online or call: 866-565-9206.

# **Church Concerts in June**

Clarendon UMC will host the 36 year tradition of Washington Summer Sings each Tuesday in June. Scores are available and a light desert reception will follow each concert. Upcoming:

- June 19, 7:30 pm David Lang conducts Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass
- June 26, 7:30 pm Thomas Beveridge conducts the Faure Requiem and Cantique de Jean Racine