



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Calendar

May 10. LVCA meeting, 8pm

### Construction on Washington Boulevard & 13th St. Improvements Starting in Early May

Construction for streetscape improvements and utility undergrounding along Washington Blvd. and 13th Street is scheduled to begin in early May. Initial activities will include installing protection for trees and catch basins and mobilizing equipment.

This project will convert Washington Boulevard between Clarendon Circle and North Kirkwood Road into a four-lane road by removing the reversible lane and eliminating the "pork chop" at the 13th Street intersection. 13th Street North will be realigned to create a conventional "T" intersection at Washington Boulevard.

Drivers travelling through the project area should expect a new traffic pattern starting in May. There will be two active construction areas for the project's first phase – one on Washington Boulevard and one on 13th Street North. Alternate routes will include Wilson Boulevard and 10th Street North.

Work hours will be 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday. Detour signage will direct vehicles and pedestrians around construction zones. The contractor will use an area at the intersection of Washington Boulevard and North Johnson Street, where three buildings were demolished, as a staging area.

### Police Host 2nd Annual Fill the Cruiser Food Drive to Support AFAC

The Community Resources Section will be collecting items at drive-thru donation stations on Tuesday, May 18 from 6-8pm at three locations:

- Giant Food – 2901 S. Glebe Road
- Safeway – 3713 Lee Highway
- Westover Baptist Church – 1125 Patrick Henry Drive

Upon arrival, donors should stay in their car until they reach the unloading areas, where officers will be on hand to remove donations from their vehicle. A separate area will be available for those arriving by bike or foot. If you cannot attend the Fill the Cruiser events, visit AFAC's website to find a donation drop-off site near you (<https://afac.org/food-drive-box-locations-january-2021>).

Suggested Items for donation. AFAC accepts most unopened, unexpired, and unprepared foods, including perishable items. AFAC is most in need of the following low-sodium, low-fat and low-sugar items: Canned tomatoes, canned tuna, canned soups, canned vegetables, peanut butter (in plastic jars), and low-sugar cereal.

## LVCA Meeting, Monday, May 10 8:00pm via Zoom

### Candidates Night

The meeting will feature a candidates night for the upcoming June primary for County Board and School Board.

The two Democrats' County Board candidates are: Takis Karantonis (incumbent) and Chanda Choun. There is one open seat. A Democratic primary will take place on June 8 at the usual voting locations.

The Democrats' School Board candidates are: Mary Kadera and Miranda Turner. There is one open seat. A caucus vote will decide which candidate the Arlington Democratic party will support. The caucus will be conducted using the online balloting platform, Democracy Live. The secure, Internet-based balloting option will enable voters to cast ballots securely from their computers. Online voting will take place from May 17-23.

The LVCA meeting format will include opening remarks by each candidate, followed by a question and answer period. Each session will close with final remarks by each candidate. Be sure to tune in and bring your questions to ask the candidates.

There is no information about Republican candidates so far. There is also an Independent County Board candidate, Audrey Clement. LVCA expects to hold a Candidates Night for the General Election candidates.

Just like other recent meetings, this will be a virtual meeting. You can use the following Zoom link to join the meeting: Meeting ID: 869 0173 6377  
Passcode: 957328. Please plan to join the meeting by 7:55pm so we can start on time.

## April Meeting Recap

### Key Boulevard Water Main Replacement Project

Regan Carver of county staff briefed us on this major neighborhood project to construct a new water main along Key Boulevard from Jackson Street to Danville Street T

his new line will replace an existing and aging water main that was built in 1927. The proposed water main will improve fire flow capacity and support future demand in the neighborhood.

The project is scheduled to begin in early May and last until the Fall. The county has decided to start the project on the west end at Herndon and Jackson Streets and then work east to Danville Street.

The contractor will limit noise-generating work to the hours of 9am to 4pm. No weekend work is anticipated. Other tasks may be addressed during the hours immediately before and after that window.

There will be water service disruptions to customers throughout the project when water service is transferred to the old main to the new, and when the new main is connected to the water system. Service transfer disruptions should not last more than two hours. Disruptions due to main connections should not last more than eight hours. Advance notice will be given to residents prior to any planned water shut-offs.

### Proposed Change for the RA8-18 Zoning District

The second part of the meeting focused on a proposal, backed by county staff, that would allow building heights to increase by 60 feet above what is normally allowed for properties zoned RA8-18. This would be allowed for buildings that are comprised of 100% affordable housing and zoned RA8-18. The County Board approved this proposal at its April meeting.

## Village Market

**Wanted.** If you'd like to sell or donate a used or new stereo cassette deck, please contact Arnie Auerhan at [arnoldauerhan@comcast.net](mailto:arnoldauerhan@comcast.net).

**Nanny available.** Our long-time nanny has hours available full time or part time. She has been with our family for 16 years. Needless to say, she is excellent! Call/text Linda at 202 251-9882 for more information.

**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.**

## Important Recycling Reminders

Follow these tips to make sure you're recycling properly:

- Place recyclables loose in the blue recycling cart (no plastic bags) OR your own personal container, paper bags or in cardboard boxes. Acceptable items for curbside recycling: paper and cardboard, plastic bottles, jugs and containers, metal cans and aluminum foil and trays. Make sure items are empty before placing them in the cart.
- Rinse recyclables that contain a thick residue like peanut butter or spaghetti sauce, or wipe with a paper towel.
- Keep food-contaminated paper such as napkins and paper towels out of the blue carts. Same goes for pizza boxes soaked in grease. Dry, relatively grease-free pizza boxes are acceptable.
- Look for products that come packaged in easily recyclable materials like aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles (for soda, water, juice, milk, detergent, shampoo, etc.), and cartons (milk, juice, soups, etc.).

### Recyclable, but not in the blue cart

- GLASS should be taken to recycling drop-off sites (<https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/recycling-drop-centers>).
- PLASTIC BAGS (any type). Collect plastic bags together to be left in grocery store recycling bins or at similar locations. Find local bag drop-off sites by visiting [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org).
- ELECTRONICS (any type). Mon.-Thurs., 8am – noon, by appointment only — call 703-228-5000 during weekday business hours; Saturdays, 9am-3pm without appointment beginning May 1. Attend an E-CARE collection drop-off event, offered by the county spring and fall.
- LITHIUM ION BATTERIES. Even the small batteries in greeting cards present a fire hazard to recycling staff and facilities. Learn more at <https://recycling.arlingtonva.us/2017/01/battery-recycling-guide>. Battery collection boxes are located at designated fire stations throughout the county. Visit: <https://www.recycle.arlingtonva.us> for more information.

## Latest Lyon Village News

For the latest Lyon Village and Arlington County news and events, please check out the Lyon Village website: [LyonVillage.org](http://LyonVillage.org). It is updated daily by our webmaster, Tom Piwowar.

## Report Potholes, Downed Signs

Be sure to report any potholes that you see in the neighborhood to the County. You can call 703-228-6570 or go online to <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/reportproblem/>

## Arlington County's Tree Canopy Fund

When choosing where to settle in Arlington, people likely consider proximity to employment, transportation, entertainment, and schools, but does anyone factor in the tree canopy in the neighborhood? If you haven't given it much thought, please consider the following. As trees grow larger, they deliver many benefits beyond aesthetics. The shade they deliver will help lower the temperature of one's home during warmer months, the leaves will remove excess carbon dioxide and add more oxygen to the atmosphere, and they will slow the evaporation of water from the lawn, diminishing the storm water that flows into the ocean. The tree canopy is vital to protecting our air, water, and open spaces.

The purpose of the Tree Canopy Fund is to arrest the decrease in tree cover in Arlington County in recent decades and assist in increasing canopy over time. Groups eligible to receive TCF grants include civic and homeowner associations, community nonprofit organizations, civic service clubs, church or school-related groups, and ad hoc neighborhood groups.

**We strongly encourage Individuals not affiliated with a group to recruit at least one or two other neighbors to apply together. If there are any individual applicants not affiliated with any neighborhood group, they'll be grouped together for the purposes of management.**

**The application deadline for the fall planting is June 25.**

Please visit the website for more information (<https://www.ecoactionarlington.org/community-programs/trees>). If you have additional questions, please reach out to Nat Ames ([nwames2016@gmail.com](mailto:nwames2016@gmail.com)), a Lyon Village resident and Master Gardener who is willing to help you move your gardening project to the next level.

## Drainage Guidance

With spring landscaping and construction projects underway, it's a good time for a reminder about how to reduce residential water flow onto neighbors' properties. Many, many homes in LV have water issues and this drainage guidance from the county may be helpful. For example:

- Roof and surface drainage collected by a system or pipe should be discharged approximately 10 feet from the edge of the property to allow some natural spreading of the water.
- Property owners shouldn't build systems or structures that result in standing water on a neighbor's property.
- New sump pumps that are installed must connect to the storm sewer or be released at least 10 feet from the edge of the property.
- The fill around existing structures should be properly compacted and graded to slope away from the house.

Detailed guidance about these and other issues is available at the county's website:

<https://water.arlingtonva.us/sewer/property-drainage/>.

Stormwater advice here:

<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/stormwater-watersheds/stormwater-at-home/>