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Correction:

Community House Rental Info

Last month, in a Bulletin article on the Lyon Village Community House an incorrect phone number was printed for requesting Community House rental information. The correct contact number is 703-528-4904. Please call this number for rental info and leave your name & number along with the date, time and purpose of your rental and your call will be returned. Thanks!

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendars! On Saturday, April 4th from 11am to 1, the Lyon Village Women's Club is once again sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a bake sale, games, and a very special appearance by the Easter Bunny! The Egg Hunt is free and all Lyon Village children are invited. Bring your cameras and have a good time! For more information or to volunteer to help, email Jackie Pippins pippinsj@aol.com.

Roza's Carpets & Kilims

Roza's is making their annual visit to the Lyon Village Community House with a fine selection of handmade Turkish & Persian Tebriz, Bidjar, Nain, Turkmen, Shirvan, Oushak carpets, old & new Kilims, camelbags, horseblankets, donkey bags and cradles. Wide variety of Flemish tapestry wall-hangings and pillowcases. Sterling silver Turkish wedding mirrors, and a large variety of pashminas. The sale takes place on Fri & Sat May 8-9 from 10am to 7pm at the LV Community House, 1920 N Highland St at Lee Hwy. Call 703.528.9403 on sales days only, or em rozascarpets@yahoo.com, or call 571.274.8202 after April 16.

Arlington Library Book Sale

Arlington Rereads Book Sale, sponsored by Friends of Arlington Public Library. Opening night is for members only, but membership available for purchase at the door. Thousands of books, videos, CDs, records, posters and magazines for sale. Thu Apr 23, 5:30pm to 9pm; Fri & Sat Apr 24-25, 10am to 6pm; Sun Apr 26, 12pm to 6pm at Arlington Central Library Garage. For more details, visit arlingtonlibraryfriends.org or call 703-228-5990.

Capital Hospice Plant Sale

The Capital Hospice Plant Sale will take place at Halquist Memorial Inpatient Center, 4715 N 15th St, Arlington, on Sat, May 2, 10am - 2pm. Sale items include reasonably priced native plants, perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, bulbs, ground cover, and gardening items. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. Rain date Sunday, May 3. For info call Diane at 703.820.1311.

General Meeting Monday April 13 Report on Historic Designation for Lyon Village Police Update - Water Billing Report

In the first portion of our April General Meeting, Second District Police Officers will provide an update on recent Police activity in and around the Lyon Village and Clarendon area. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after their update. We have found that this is a helpful way to keep the neighborhood informed about police incidents and any recent trends that the police have noticed.

Next, County Staff is planned to attend the meeting to discuss water and sewage bill problems. County Staff will describe a recent spike in water meter reading problems. In March many residents suddenly received unexplained high water and sewage bills.

Our main program for the evening will be Historic Designation. Michael Leventhal, the County's Historic Affairs Coordinator, will provide an overview of the County, State and Federal historic designation programs. Most of Lyon Village has been designated by Virginia as a Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This designation provides no legal means for preventing the destruction of homes that are contributing structures to the historic designation of Lyon Village. Mr. Leventhal will talk to us about the County's program for local historic designation and the range of choices available. This is an important presentation about the options that are available, including enacting means to preserve the homes and character of streets in Lyon Village. The Association has never taken a position on historic designation.

Executive Committee Meeting Monday April 6 - All Are Invited to Attend

Calling Civic Minded & Curious Neighbors!

Be the first to know about local & neighborhood real-estate development, and get the news on County projects impacting Lyon Village directly from County officials, all while enjoying a little wine with civic-minded neighbors at the Lyon Village Executive Committee meeting! If you would like to serve this year (or a future year) on the LVEC, we are looking for both new ideas and new faces! Whether you are new to the neighborhood, been here for years and have a few ideas for change, or were a Committee member who needed some time off, we want to hear from you. Commitment is one year (but we hope you will stay on for at least two) and requires attending the Committee meeting the first Monday of every month from 8-9:30pm, except for summer break, at the Community House. We would particularly love to increase the representation of the eastern side of the neighborhood. Please contact Caroline Holt at walsh2holt@gmail.com or Ruth Boyer O'Dea at rboyer@mris.com to learn more.

We welcome Ruth Boyer O'Dea to the Lyon Village Executive Committee. You've probably seen her real-estate signs around the neighborhood for American Realty Group. Ruth will serve the remainder of Nancy Gaito's term as Clerk of the Lyon Village Executive Committee. Nancy served for many years and will be sorely missed. This makes us even more excited that Ruth brings many years of knowledge of the Courthouse-Clarendon area, as both an agent and long-time Lyon Village resident, along with a thoughtful approach and dynamic personality to the Committee. Welcome!

Arlington Neighborhood Day May 16th

Take a new friend to *Taste of Arlington*, a new twist to Arlington's Neighborhood Day. Lots of neighborhoods and community groups will hold community-building events on Saturday May 16, Neighborhood Day. You'll find block parties, stream clean-ups, tree plantings, neighborhood festivals and yard sales, great ways to connect with people down in your neighborhood. The new twist is to take someone you meet on Neighborhood Day to the *Taste of Arlington*, on Sunday May 17 in Ballston.

Taste of Arlington is an annual event that transforms the Ballston area into a lively street festival, complete with local entertainment, children's activities, special exhibit, and lots of food from Arlington restaurants. Each year, over 40 restaurants participate in this spectacular community event. This year, the event will expand its footprint by providing a deeper flavor of Arlington County, showcasing the County's urban villages such as Ballston, Clarendon, Columbia Pike, Rosslyn, Shirlington, Crystal City and Pentagon City. The event is hosted by the Ballston-Virginia Square Partnership, in partnership with the Clarendon Alliance, Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, Rosslyn Renaissance and the National Science Foundation. For further info see www.arlingtonva.us/portals/Topics/NeighborhoodDayMain.aspx.

Arlington Budget Cuts Local Nature Center

Arlington County's current budget proposal contains several reductions which will likely affect many Lyon Village families:

- 1) Proposed closure of Gulf Branch Nature Center, with demolition of the nature center in fall 2009. GBNC offers more than 450 programs, serving more than 11,000 people with its classes, school field trips and Scout programs. Thousands more visit its exhibits and nature trails each year. With development reducing Arlington's green areas and with the recession cutting into families' budgets, it is a poor time to be scaling back Arlington's nature centers. Long Branch Nature Center is experiencing significant staffing reductions as well, which will likely reduce their program offerings too. To learn more about efforts to keep Gulf Branch open and to voice support via an on-line petition, check out the following websites: www.savegulfbranch.com or www.petitiononline.com/GBNC/.
- 2) Proposed reduction in Cherrydale library's operation from 6 days per week to 3 days, with commensurate reductions in programming. Here again, timing is poor as library resources become all the more valuable during a recession. To learn more and to express your opinions in an on-line petition, please go to the following websites: <http://home.comcast.net/~suza1/library.htm> or www.ipetitions.com/petition/Cherrydale_Library/index.html.
- 3) Suspension of the Neighborhood Day Parade. In prior years, this parade has been held in the spring, running along Wilson Blvd between Courthouse and Clarendon. If you and your family value these programs, please let your voice be heard by contacting the Arlington County Board. Absent strong community response, these changes will be enacted with the Budget at the end of April.

Prepare Your Child for the College Drinking Culture

On Mon, March 30 at 7pm, Arlington Central Library (1015 North Quincy Street) will have a presentation by Susie Bruce, director of the Center for Alcohol & Substance Education at U-VA, who will discuss student resources on and answer questions. U-VA's Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Substance Abuse is charged with minimizing drinking and substance abuse among underage students and tackling abuse among students of legal age. As part of the presentation, parents will be invited to share opinions using anonymous audience response "clickers" (like the ones used on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire)." See the APS Family Network calendar for additional sessions of interest to those guiding teens: <http://familynetwork-arlington.org>.

Mortgage Refinancing Seminar

On April 25, from 10am to 12pm a free, informal seminar will take place at the Lyon Village Community House. The talk, by a Senior Loan Officer from SunTrust will cover the issues of mortgage refinancing. The latest regulations and changes will be discussed; along with financing options available. The seminar is for informational & educational purposes only. Refreshments will be provided by American Realty Group, for questions or directions call 703-276-1200.

Free Film on

Arlington's Smart Growth Journey

Arlington's combination of hip urban villages, towering office buildings and quiet residential neighborhoods make it a great place to live. To find out how it got that way, come to a free public viewing of *Arlington's Smart Growth Journey*, at 7pm Mon, May 11 at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St.

Produced by AVN, the County's cable channel, the documentary traces the history of the past half-century of change and development in our community in a 53-minute documentary filled with the lively recollections of some of the key decision-makers. See how visionaries took risks in the 1960s to transform a bedroom community serving Washington DC into a national model of transit-oriented development. Producer Peter Hill and co-producer Mary Curtius conducted interviews and spent over a year researching and collecting historic photos and film. You can also see Arlington's *Smart Growth Journey* on the County website at www.arlingtonva.us/. For info contact Mary Curtius, media relations manager for Arlington County Government at 703-228-7943 or mcurtius@arlingtonva.us.

Gardening Without Pain Workshop

On Wed, April 8, 10 - 11:30am, a free special workshop geared to the needs of seniors and others with physical limitations. Special adaptive ergonomic tools and moving safely will be demonstrated. Registration and directions call 703.228.6414.

Plant FREE Tree & Help Restore Lyon Village Tree Canopy

Lyon Village is participating in Arlington's annual give-a-way of native trees, provided free to residents to plant on their property. The trees will produce oxygen, reduce carbon dioxide, and eventually help shade and protect our neighborhood. As we know construction, disease, and age continues to shrink our tree canopy, one of our most precious neighborhood resources.

You may place your order for free trees anytime before April 24th with Rich Fortwengler, who is coordinating the tree give-a-way for Lyon Village, and Rich will deliver the trees to you with planting instructions in late April or early May depending on weather and demand.

There are two species available this year: the Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) and the American Filbert, also known as the Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*). The Bur Oak is a very large deciduous shade tree and the Hazelnut is a smaller multi-stemmed shrub with a rounded top and an open, often wide-spreading base. The trees will be delivered as small "whips" in 5-gallon containers, making them easier to transplant with a greater chance for future growth success. Both specimens are ideal selections for starting your own Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

The Bur Oak is known to grow as large as 90 feet, so please be sure you have enough space in your yard for this magnificent, slow-growing (1 foot or so per year), long-lived (200 years) species. That means at least 10 feet from a building, overhead wires, or smaller trees and 20 feet from large trees. The Bur Oak has a lovely rounded shape, is tolerant of a variety of moisture and soil conditions, prefers full sun, and doesn't have serious pest problems. In addition to its notable strength, it is a splendid tree for urban landscapes because it provides acorns for squirrels, has dense shade, and is resistant to air pollution and heat stress. To view pictures of the Bur Oak and learn more about it, go to either of these web sites: www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=72, or www.arboday.org/Trees/TreeGuide/TreeDetail.cfm?ID=17.

The American Filbert, also commonly known as the American Hazelnut, is a multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub that grows 8-10' high and wide – often larger. Because of its size, it is adapted well to naturalizing and other non-formal areas. The shrub tolerates a wide variety of soil conditions and thrives under full sun or in light shade. And, of course, it bears annual, abundant crops of small, sweet-tasting nuts valued by both humans and wildlife only 2-3 years after planting. To view pictures of the American Filbert and learn more about it, go to: www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/DENDROLOGY/SYLLABUS/factsheet.cfm?ID=208 or www.arboday.org/trees/treeguide/TreeDetail.cfm?ID=446.

Please contact Rich Fortwengler now at LVTrees@yahoo.com or 703.243.6426 to place your order. Provide your name, address, phone number, and email address with your tree choice and the quantity you prefer. Trees are limited to one of each type per household but if you have room for more trees, please request more and they will be provided if available. Don't miss out on this great chance to help to replenish our community's declining tree canopy!

Spring Yard Waste Collection and Recycling

The 2009 Spring Yard Waste collection begins Mon, March 16 and ends Fri, April 24. Yard waste will be collected one day after your regular trash day. (If your trash day is Friday, crews will collect yard waste on the following Monday.) Yard waste must be small enough to fit in paper lawn bags or your own 30-gallon trash cans. For large tree trunks, limbs, or shrubs, please request curbside brush collection.

No grass clippings are accepted. Remove any stones, dirt, sod, bricks, concrete, asphalt, ceramic tile or litter from yard waste. Weight limit is 50 pounds per can or bag. Do not use plastic bags or County trash carts because they will be treated as trash.

Any large paper yard waste bags also available at local retail stores may be used. Arlington Residents may pick up county yard waste bags from March 9 - April 17 while supplies last at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd at the front desk, and at other county locations. Free County mulch is available at two sites or you can order home delivery for a small charge.

For info, or to view 2009 Spring Yard Waste Brochure, or for info on recycling grass clippings, go to:

www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSwdSpringyw.aspx.

Clarendon Suffers 2-Dozen Car Break-ins in February

In February there were 24 auto break-ins in the Clarendon area, mostly in around the block of 1200 N Veitch St. As of mid-March, Lyon Village had already suffered a total four auto larcenies for the month. The LV Bulletin has been reporting on this surge in neighborhood auto thefts which continues unabated. Apparently, GPS systems and I-pods started a rise in car break-ins that has become a constant in many parts of the country. Remember; leave nothing visible in the passenger compartment of your car. Anything tempting, an envelope, any sort of bag, or any valuable will tempt a break-in. Even if no valuables are lost, the cost of replacing a broken car window is not trivial. The police continue to work on this problem, but often the best solution is to report on the trends and warn people. These crimes are very difficult to solve.

Village Market

Garage Sale: Buy now! TORO super Blower/Yard Vac w/ear muffs and bag: \$10. 200' electric outdoor cord, Type JS Carol 10/s, FT-2, connect to neighbor's power in emergency: \$100. Craftsman electric trimmer/edger, 1/25 HP: \$5. Scott 3000 drop spreader: \$5. Black/Decker 12", 1500 rpm, utility hedge trimmer: \$5. 2-engine cycle oil: 2 sm. cans for \$1. 5 gal. plastic gas cont. \$1. 2.5 metal gas cont. \$2.50. 6' step ladder: \$5. Light anchor and line: \$5. Kim. Clark sedan car cover for 15-16' car: \$5. A1 Universal Automaxie roof rack: \$5. 4 wrought iron votive candle outdoor stakes: \$4. Call Hatch 703.522.9074.

Pet Care. Going out of town? For pet care during the day or evening, during the week or on weekends call Ben, Abby and Katherine at 703-528-3731 or cell 202-437-8257. We can take care of your pets all hours of the day and on short notice.

Seeking Part-Time Nanny Share for one infant, beginning on or about June 1, 2009 (age: 4 months). If interested, please contact Lauren at 703-801-4950 or lkamnik@gmail.com.

Collection Downsizing: LV collectors downsizing 40+ years of collections and things. Yard Sale 24-25 April at 2724 18th St, N. Pictures oriental carpets, china, books, wooden-handled golf clubs, Lionel train track, tables, chairs, and more.

August LV Art Camp: Artist/teacher Laura Lemley of the Arlington schools/Arlington Artist's Academy classes/art camp, is offering a mini-art camp for children age 6 to 13 in her Lyon Village home/studio. From 9-5, includes art lessons, play/snack breaks, lunch/rest period. Day care is available before/after camp. Fee includes all art supplies. Just 3 spaces week of Aug 17, and 2 spaces week of Aug 24 available. Semi-private and private lessons for adults and children starting in September 2009. Call for details: 703-528-1660.

Exceptional Nanny: Energetic, fun, creative, responsible, and loving nanny available mid-summer for full-time employment. Glowing references available. Please contact Gladys at 571-216-8375.

Housekeeper of 25 years needs more work. Gloria is reliable, trustworthy and a fast worker. For references call Barbara @ 703/841-0324.

Send Your Bulletin Items to markweinress@msn.com by **April 23, 2009.**