



The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Lyon Village Citizens' Association (LVCA)
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Calendar

AFAC Food Drive, June 24-26

July 4 Parade, 11am

Nominations Sought for the LVCA Executive Committee

We are looking for people interested in serving on the Lyon Village Citizens Association Executive Committee. Help us make a difference for the neighborhood. We have a couple of officer positions opening up this year and we are interested in welcoming some new people to serve as we address events and issues in 2020 and 2021. It is a one-year term starting in September. We will be electing officers for the 2020-2021 year at the next meeting that we are able to hold in-person. If you're interested, please email gjcarten@verizon.net. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the needs of the community and how LVCA helps meet those needs.

Travel Safely

With physical distancing in practice, everyone needs to be extra careful while navigating the neighborhood.

- Drivers need to slow down as people are often forced to walk or jog in the street to maintain safe distances. When a pedestrian steps into the road so two can pass each other at a safe distance, please don't honk your horn at them.
- There are more bikes than ever out at all times of the day, many being ridden by children.
- Pedestrians need to be more watchful for traffic, especially when forced to walk in the street.

Bulletin Delivery Person Needed

LVCA is seeking a volunteer to deliver the *Lyon Village Bulletin* in the western section of the neighborhood. The route covers about 35 houses and is bordered by Key Blvd. on the south, 17th Street on the east, and North Jackson on the west. The volunteer will be responsible for delivering the *Bulletin* door-to-door to the houses within the route. The *Bulletin* is published January through December, with the exception of July and August. This is a great public service opportunity for a young person or great exercise for any adult. To volunteer, please contact Bob Braddock at BobBraddock@gmail.com.

Next LVCA Meeting – Stay Tuned

Due to Covid-19, we have had to cancel our recent in-person membership meetings. We will let you know when we can hold the next in-person meeting, consistent with Arlington County guidelines.

Lyon Village Fourth of July Parade

A great 50-year tradition continues this year! This year, however, due to Covid-19 we will only be able to have a parade. The good news is the parade will be much longer than usual. It will begin promptly at 11:00am Saturday at the corner of Key Blvd. and N. Jackson Street. Included will be antique cars, and police and fire vehicles.

We are encouraging people to patriotically decorate the front of their houses and pick a location along the parade route to watch the parade with your family. We prefer for safety reasons that people pick a location to watch the parade while socially distancing but not actually march in the parade.

The parade will travel east on Key Blvd. to Wayne Street, where it will turn left, then turn left on 18th Street, then right on Edgewood Street, crossing Highland Street and continuing on 19th Street past the park up the hill, then left on Harvard Street and right on 17th Street. The parade will end at 17th Street and N. Jackson Street. Please see the parade route map at LyonVillage.org.

Following the parade, we encourage folks to enjoy a good patriotic lunch at home or with friends. This does not mean that we will have any less fun this year, it just requires folks to gather in smaller family/friends units with your own picnic.

We are putting out a special call for all antique car owners to sign up in advance and join the parade! please email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net. As a special treat this year, we are honoring Col. Ed Brant, who has had one or two of his antique cars in the parade every year for as many years as we can remember. He was an Air Force pilot who flew B24s during WWII. He and his wife Gin moved to Lyon Village in 1963. Col. Brant is now 99 years old and moving a little slower, but he hopes to join us for the parade in one of his antique cars. When you see him in the parade be sure to give him an early birthday greeting. He will turn 100 in early October.

Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) Food Drive, June 24-26

The Lyon Village Women's Club and the Lyon Village Citizen's Association are supporting a food drive so we can together help feed our Arlington neighbors in need. As the primary food bank and pantry in Arlington, AFAC serves over 2,300 local families every week.

Since many of us are now walking a lot, we thought it would be fun to have various drop-off locations throughout the neighborhood. You can drop off items starting on Wednesday, June 24th through Friday, June 26th. The food will be delivered on Saturday, June 27th.

The boxes will be located on the porches/yards of the following homes: • 1801 N. Herndon Street • 3174 N. 20th Street • 1512 N Hancock Street. If you prefer to donate money, please make your check out to AFAC, put it in an envelope and leave it in the mailbox at one of the drop-off locations.

The foods needed most are: • Canned Tuna • Canned Soup • Canned Vegetables • Peanut Butter • Cooking Oil • Cereal. Low sodium and low sugar choices are preferred and no glass, please. Thanks in advance for your help with this special need.

Village Market

Available. Payton Turner, a rising junior at Washington-Liberty and Lyon Village resident, is available to provide services including yard work/lawn mowing, babysitting, dog sitting/walking and weekly glass pickup/recycling (a new service based on demand and support sustainability initiatives). Call or text him at 202-538-3610.

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.

Covid-19 and the Real Estate Market

One question we have frequently received in recent months since COVID-19 has hit is, how has the pandemic affected the real estate market? I think that the perception is that the sale and purchase of homes came to a halt, much like retail has. Although it has raised numerous unique and novel issues for the real estate industry, our market remains steady.

In March the CDC deemed real estate an essential business. With the health concerns, many home sellers were reluctant to list their homes due to risk of exposure and worry over the lack of buyers. While this affected the overall supply of homes on the market, demand stayed relatively the same. With record low interest rates, and less competition shopping for homes, the real-estate industry had to respond with a shift in our practices and higher reliance on technology.

Many home sales have taken place “virtually” over recent months. We have encouraged buyers to narrow their property search with technology to reduce the number of in-person showings. Buyers have taken to exploring homes through photos, live video tours, and 3D tours. We have adopted more Live Open Houses where agents use social media to do a tour and potential buyers can ask questions in real time and get yet another view of a property. Concurrently we have taken extra steps to ensure the health of our home buyers and seller through:

- Asking buyers for a pre-qualification letter to limit in-person showings only to qualified and serious buyers.
- Reassuring sellers about the precautions that will be taken when showing their property and adhering to any specific requirements from the CDC and as requested by sellers when showing the property.
- Requiring property showings by appointment, in lieu of open houses, to reduce the number of persons in a property at any given time.
- For owner or tenant-occupied properties, requesting that the seller or tenant open all cabinets, closets, window coverings, and to turn on lights before leaving the property.
- For vacant properties, arriving early to open the front door, open all cabinets, closet, window coverings, and to turn on lights.
- Wearing PPE when on showings and providing homes with disinfectant supplies

Although overall sales for the year are down, the median price for Arlington continues to rise. Right now, all indicators are showing that the Arlington market is heating up. With 50 homes Coming Soon, 277 Active, and 313 Under Contract, we anticipate a strong summer market!

Presented by Billy Buck of Buck & Associates, and Ruth Boyer O’Dea of TTR Sotheby’s International Realty. Billy and Ruth can also be reached at lyonvillagerealestate@gmail.com.

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/>

Lyon Village Directory

Please let us know if you need a copy of the Lyon Village Directory that was published last summer. Email John Carten at GJCarten@verizon.net.

Latest Lyon Village News

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

Happy Summer

The *Bulletin* will not publish in July and August, back in September.