The Lyon Village

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Lyon Village Citizens Association (LVCA) Arlington, VA

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Fall Calendar

Nov. 12, LVCA Meeting, 8pm

Dec. 16: LVCA Holiday Party, 5 and 6:45pm

Dec. 16: Holiday Party Volunteers Needed

This year's holiday party is scheduled for Sunday, December 16, at the Lyon Village Community House. As our neighborhood population of children under 12 seems to be exploding, and we need to stay within the fire department capacity limits for the Community House, we are going to have two separate parties this year

Family-Friendly Party from 5-6:15pm. Please join us for a family-friendly party with crafts, cookie decorating and a visit from Santa.

Grownups-Only Party from 6:45-8:15pm. Grownups with children who wish to attend the grown-ups party are welcome to return without children.

We hope you will join us for either (or both)! Please bring an appetizer or dessert and the LV Community Association will provide kid and grownup beverages. NOTE: We will not be supplying dinner or soliciting the very generous local businesses, as they have recently given so generously to the Spaghetti Dinner auction. This will be potluck light appetizers and desserts.

We need lots of volunteers to make these two backto-back events successful. We need wine shoppers, setup, cleanup, crafts supervisors, stage supervisors, elves to help Santa, musicians, and door watchers. Please do your part, and sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044DA9AC23A 75-holiday

Leaf Collection Underway

Bag collection began October 29 and continues through January 11. Collected weekly the day after trash day. Bags are available at multiple locations in the county; check online or on your leaf season cart hanger for locations and times. Always use biodegradable paper bags. No plastic!

Meanwhile, vacuum collection starts Nov. 12. Trucks will sweep Lyon Village twice. Signs will be posted 3-7 days before each pass. Or you can sign up for Arlington Leaf Schedule

at <u>www.arlingtonva.us/subscribe</u> to learn where the trucks are.

November 12 General Meeting, 8pm *LV Community House*

Lyon Village resident Jackie Snelling (Lead for Arlington Civic Federation's Preparedness Initiative) will review emergency preparedness, with a focus on what Arlington has learned from the Derecho and Superstorm Sandy about power outages and what neighbors can do to better prepare and reduce the impact. She'll present materials from Arlington's Office of Emergency Management and national sources such as the Red Cross and FEMA. She and a colleague also will discuss how we can support each other, given that different parts of the neighborhood are served by different power grids.



Development Update

2311 Wilson Blvd (Listrani's pizza site). The County Board has postponed until its December meeting consideration of the site plan for this proposed office building. The LVCA and neighbors raised concerns about the building's overall density, shape and height, especially where it faces the neighborhood. The developer is to work with county planning staff and the LVCA for a better design.

Zom. Pile driving is done and excavation is underway on this retail/residential project at Washington Blvd. and Ivy Street.

Lyon Pointe condos. This project at Lee Highway and Danville Street is virtually complete with just a couple units still for sale.

Lee Highway and Veitch Street townhouses. The final section of townhouses on this site are under construction. A few problems with the contractors working on these last houses have been addressed with the developer and county.

Washington Blvd. and Highland Street. Excavation is complete for this full-block office building, and construction is underway on schedule.

James Hunter Park (aka the dog park). Construction is underway at 13th and Herndon Streets.

Clarendon Metro Plaza. New paving tiles continue to be installed in the reconfigured plaza. Access to the escalators and elevator is being maintained at all times.

Bergmann's Cleaners site. A revised development proposal for the Bergmann's Cleaners site at Lee Highway and Veitch Street includes retail, residences and a separate apartment tower. Although in the North Highlands Civic Association, LVCA and other associations have raised our concerns about the height of the apartment tower.

Reminder: LVCA Dues for 2012-13...

Please make your annual LVCA dues payment if you haven't done so yet (dues year begins September 1). Dues are \$7 Individual, \$10 Household. This supports the *Bulletin*, the directory, website, listserv and LVCAsponsored events. You can pay your dues online at www.lyonvillage.org, or mail or deliver your payments to: Carl Mattick, 1428 N. Fillmore St. Call 703-525-0819 or email <u>cmattick@verizon.net</u> to confirm if you're current. For your convenience, enclosed with this *Bulletin* is a pre-addressed envelope for mailing your dues check.

Spaghetti Dinner Success

The Community House Board hopes a delicious meal and merry evening were enjoyed by all who attended this year's Spaghetti Dinner. Thanks to all those who volunteered time, provided baked goods, or made a donation to the silent auction or raffle. Look for a more formal thank-you in the December *Bulletin*.

Help Deliver the *Bulletin*, Please

We need a volunteer to help deliver the *Bulletin* west of Highland Street. Please contact Bill Wooten at 703-380-2829 or <u>Ibill2@comcast.net</u>.

Stay Safe!

When biking. It's the law: Virginia law requires all bikers to use front white lights and rear red reflectors when biking in the dark. In addition, rear red lights are required at all times on roads with speed limits of 35 mph and up.

When walking. Whether you're walking for health or as part of your commute, don't let the dark and cold force you into hibernation. Just follow a few basic safety rules to keep your jaunt a healthy one. Wear bright or reflective clothing when it's dark or on gloomy days. Look both ways before you cross a street; cross at marked crosswalks. Walk to the right on trails and paths. Assume cyclists and drivers don't see you. Always proceed with caution. Visit *WalkArlington.com/PAL* for more information.

Village Market

Room wanted. A college student is looking for a room to rent for the month of January 2013 while she does an internship at the Smithsonian. If you have any room available, please contact Jane Miller at <u>imiller@appent.com</u> or 703-522-3644.

Baby-sitter wanted. We are looking for someone to babysit our children, ages 3 and 1.5, three Saturday nights a month. Prefer someone 16 or older with babysitting experience. Email <u>Julia.hamm@gmail.com</u> with contact info and hourly rate if interested.

Room wanted. Harvard Law School student is looking for a room to rent, January through August 2013. She wants to be near a Metro station. Contact <u>Heather.Alpino@gmail.com</u> or 757-810-3305. Lyon Village contact is 703-525-0765.

Baby-sitter and pet-sitter available. 15-year-old girl, Lyon Village resident. Available for babysitting and pet-sitting. Is very fluent in Spanish. Contact <u>571-502-5093</u>, <u>703-527-7752</u> or kiersta22@yahoo.com.

House wanted. If you are planning to sell your house in next few months, my family is ready to buy it. All houses will be considered. We are very flexible with a closing date. Please contact Elizabeth at 703-399-6894, or send email to <u>8byrne@gmail.com</u>.

Pet care. Going out of town or need a mid-day dog walk? For pet care, call Ben at 703-732-0990. Can feed and walk your pets during all hours of the day. LV references available.

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.

You're missing out!

Join 872 of your neighbors who receive the LV listserv emails. Sign up for our e-mail updates about crime, street closures, the occasional lost pet, and other time-sensitive info. During the July power outage, we provided regular info about power restoration and Dominion Power's repairs. You can sign up for the e-mail listserv at www.lyonvillage.org.