



# The Lyon Village Bulletin

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## Send Your Info for the New Lyon Village Directory

Work on the new Lyon Village Directory, which lists the residents in our neighborhood, has begun in earnest. It is important to make sure that your updated info makes it into the latest version of the Directory. Even if you were in the last Directory, we now need your email information. As email has become a primary means of communication for the LVCA, it is important to make sure yours gets into the Directory. If you would prefer not to have your email address and/or phone number listed in the Directory, just let us know. Please help contribute to this valuable resource by sending in your information to [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com) or you can mail it to Mark Weinress at 3200 19<sup>th</sup> Street, N; Arlington VA 22201. Thank you!

## Spring Yard Waste Collection & Recycling Through April 25

Yard waste collection is one business day after your regular trash day. Materials accepted: leaves, pine needles, shrub trimmings, acorns, ivy and vines, and lawn thatching. Please, no grass clippings or bed debris. How to recycle: remove stones, dirt, litter, sod and other debris and place yard waste in biodegradable bags available from the county and at local stores, or in your own 30-gallon trash cans. Close bags by folding top down. Please do not use plastic bags or County trash carts. Get free biodegradable bags at: Courthouse Plaza, Information and Referral Desk at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Lee Recreation Center at 5722 N. Lee Hwy, Thomas Jefferson Recreation Center at 3501 S. 2nd Street, and the Arlington Solid Waste Bureau at 4300 S. 29th Street. Arlington processes the yard waste into nutrient-rich mulch which residents may pick up free! For more information, [www.arlingtonva.us/recycle](http://www.arlingtonva.us/recycle) or call 703-228-6570.

## Arlington County E-Care

An environmental collection and recycling event will take place on Sat, April 19, 8:30am to 3pm. The Arlington County Dept of Environmental Services, Bikes for the World, and Shoes for the World will collect household hazardous waste and will recycle bicycles, shoes and computers, and durable medical equipment such as wheel chairs and walkers. Compost bins will be available for sale for \$10, first come first served. Recycling fees for TV's and monitors are waived for this event only! At Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd; one block east of Glebe and one block south of Route 50. For more information call 703 228-6570 or go to [www.arlingtonva.us/des](http://www.arlingtonva.us/des).

## Green Living Challenge

On May 1, 7:30 to 9pm at 3308 S. Stafford Street join Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment at Fairlington Community Center for the Green Living Challenge. Stop by for educational materials & refreshments. Info at: [www.arlingtonenvironment.org](http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org), [emoffice@arlingtonenvironment.org](mailto:emoffice@arlingtonenvironment.org).

## Should Single-Family Homeowners Be Allowed to Add Rental Apartments?

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This County Proposal Will Be Discussed on  
Monday, April 14 at 8pm at  
The General Meeting  
at the Lyon Village Community House

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Arlington County is considering revising the zoning ordinance to allow "Accessory Dwellings" (ADs) on single-family properties. This would mean that single-family properties in the county would be able to have rental apartments in the basement, over the garage or in an accessory building on the property. This would constitute a significant change in county zoning policy.

The concept has positive and negative repercussions. On the plus side, it would allow homeowners to earn money off their properties, perhaps making it possible for some folks to keep homes that otherwise might be too expensive to maintain due to rising taxes and other circumstances. The proposal could also contribute to the supply of affordable units in the county. On the negative side, there are fears that allowing the rental units would change neighborhood character, and lead to parking, crowding and noise issues. In addition, there are concerns that the units might not be properly monitored by the county. The Lyon Village Executive Committee is looking for neighborhood input before taking a stance on this issue.

Fran Lunney, Arlington's Coordinator of Housing Planning will be the featured speaker at our April 14th General Meeting. Fran will review the Housing Commission report that has recommended allowing interior, semi-detached, and exterior ADs. She has been tasked by the County Manager to get public input on the proposal. Bill Gearhart and Martha Moore also will be at the meeting to review a list of considerations that the Civic Federation has sent to the County Board. This is an important meeting you will not want to miss!

Please go to [www.LyonVillage.org](http://www.LyonVillage.org) to see last month's Lyon Village Bulletin, page 2, with a more detailed article on this proposal. Comments are welcomed at [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com).

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**Lyon Village Executive Committee Meeting, Monday April 7 at 8pm at the Community House. All are invited to attend.**

## Clarendon Metro Plaza Improvements

On Thursday, April 17 at 7:30pm the third Community Meeting to review the concept layout for the Clarendon Metro Plaza Improvements Project will take place. The meeting will be held at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Conference Room 311. Neighbors are encouraged to attend. Kimley Horn and Associates will give a project update and present the most recent conceptual design. The project is focused on plaza hardscape improvements, bike parking, lighting, seating and landscaping. For further info, contact Tom Hutchings, Capital Projects Manager, Department of Environmental Services Division of Transportation (DOT), [Thutchings@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Thutchings@arlingtonva.us) or 703 228-3809.

## Letter to the Editor

Last night while walking my dog, we were attacked by 2 Jack Russell terriers that were off-leash. The attack occurred at about 9:45pm at the traffic circle near the intersection of Danville and Franklin. My dog sustained a bit wound to his face above his right eye. The owners did come and get their dogs eventually but claimed, "it's not my fault." This is the third time in the past month that my dog and I have been threatened by loose dogs. (Please remember) that dogs are supposed to be on their leashes. Fortunately, neither my dog nor I were seriously hurt, but two dogs attacking a small dog could easily do a lot of damage. Most Lyon Village owners seem to be responsible, but there are a handful that are endangering the rest of us.

*A Concerned Lyon Village Neighbor*

Please send your letters to the Editor to [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com). Thanks!

### Arlington Neighborhood Day

Join the Arlington Neighborhood Day Parade on Sat, May 10. It's a wonderful way to show your Arlington community spirit. Parade begins at 1pm and runs from Courthouse to Clarendon. We will be discussing the participation of Lyon Village at the next LVEC meeting on Monday, April 7 at 8pm at the Community House. Contact [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com) to get involved.

### Treasure from Trash

Come to Key-Science Focus Elementary School's "Trash to Treasure" day on Sat, May 10th from 10am-12pm. Arlington Science Focus Elementary School's PTA Green Committee along with Key Elementary are planning the event. Folks are asked to gather items that they typically throw away and bring them to Key School to give to companies that will use them. Items to bring to include: batteries (no car batteries), blankets, towels, tennis balls, baby gates, pillow cases, cell phones, printer cartridges, all metal dry-cleaning hangers, plant nursery pots, bubble wrap, styrofoam, packing peanuts, tyvek envelopes, shrink-wrap, newspaper bags, shoe boxes, yarn, yogurt cups, tubs, prescription bottles, dvd's and video games.

### Walk for Arthritis Funds

This year's Arlington Arthritis Walk will be held on Saturday May 3, at Bon Air Park. Opening Ceremonies for the event begin at 10am. More than 100 participants will be walking to show their support for the more than 46 million Americans battling arthritis. Dogs also suffer from arthritis, bring your furry friends for the walk! The funds raised through the Arthritis Walk directly support arthritis research, health education, and government advocacy initiatives to improve the lives of people with arthritis, [www.arthritiswalk.kintera.org/arlington](http://www.arthritiswalk.kintera.org/arlington).

### Arlington Home Show

On Saturday, April 12th. 10am – 4pm come to the Arlington Home Show and Expo. Get your questions answered about home ownership, home improvement, permits, zoning and related topics from County agencies and more than 50 businesses. There will be many valuable workshops and exhibits including: • Demonstrations and "how-to" workshops by contractors • Home purchasing and home improvement programs from major lenders • Bonsai demonstrations and orchid displays by the Arlington Bonsai Program • Landlord/tenant class for small investors • Information about Arlington's Green Home Choice Program. • Sponsored by CPRO, the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St.

### Composting Workshops at

#### Clarendon Whole Foods Market

Come to the Whole Foods Market café at 2700 Wilson Blvd to learn how to start composting with two workshops. On Tuesday, April 15, 7 to 8pm: *Composting Anywhere* teaches special techniques for composting in apartments, condominiums, other small spaces, and schools, with an overview of vermicomposting (worm composting). On Tuesday, April 22, 7 to 8pm *Composting Basics* shows all you need to get started in composting with tips on what materials to collect, options for composting collection systems, and how to create ideal composting conditions. Co-sponsored by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, Virginia Cooperative Extension and its Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. More information at [office@arlingtonenvironment.org](http://office@arlingtonenvironment.org) or email [office@arlingtonenvironment.org](mailto:office@arlingtonenvironment.org) or 703-228-6427.

**Happy Spring! -Plant a Tree.**

### Improving the Green Space on Kirkwood Road

Have you noticed the wooded area behind the stone retaining wall on your right as you approach Lee Highway on Kirkwood Road? Did you know that this area is a County Park? As most Lyon Villagers will have noticed, the landscaping that marks this area, one of the principal entrances to our community, is sorely in need of some help. While this area was given some perfunctory landscaping 25 years ago when I-66 was constructed, it has had essentially no maintenance since then to the point that several mature trees have fallen and the few that remain are endangered. The neighborhood is forming a committee to address the sad state of this County Park (which is currently considered unsafe for use). This topic will be discussed at the neighborhood LVEC meeting on Monday, April 7, and at an upcoming General Meeting. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact [maw123@gmail.com](mailto:maw123@gmail.com).

### Arlington Violent Crime Down—Thefts From Cars Way Up

Crime statistics released by the Arlington County Police Department show that violent crime in Arlington declined 14 percent in 2007. There were fewer homicides, robberies and aggravated assaults, but there was an increase in the number of forcible rapes reported. At the same time, the County's overall crime rate rose 1 percent, fueled by an increase in property crimes. Many of these were thefts from cars. The crime rate—the number of index crimes per 100,000 people—was 2,238 in 2007, up from 2,212 in 2006.

Despite the slight increase, the crime rate in Arlington remains historically low. "As the drop in violent crime demonstrates, this is a safe community," said Police Chief M. Douglas Scott. "I'm very proud of what our officers have accomplished and the tremendous support we get from the community. We are aggressively attacking the challenge of combating the criminals who break into homes, businesses and cars. We are working closely with the community to increase awareness and practice good prevention strategies."

In 2007, there were 383 burglaries, a 6.4% increase from the year before. More than one quarter of those burglaries were committed by serial burglars who were subsequently arrested. There were also 3522 larcenies in 2007, a 5.9% increase. Much of that increase can be attributed to a 45% spike in larcenies from motor vehicles as thieves targeted GPS units and other electronic devices. On the other hand, there were fewer cars stolen in Arlington than in any year since 1961. There were 302 vehicle thefts in 2007, down 15.4% from 2006 and down 66.7% over the past decade. This is partly due to newer, more sophisticated cars that often require a key with a computer chip to start the engine.

At our last General Meeting, we received a couple of tips from our local police officers. One is that thefts from cars have become a major issue in the County and in our neighborhood, including four incidents on Hartford Street in the second week of March. In many cases, the thefts were from cars left unlocked. Please, lock your car and do not leave anything in sight. Even an empty envelope left on a car seat can tempt a break-in. Remove your GPS unit, and if it leaves a suction mark on the windshield, wipe it off. Don't leave ipods in your car. Record all serial numbers of your personal electronics and store them in a safe place and use passwords on your personal electronics, this makes equipment less resalable hence less desirable.

The second tip is that the standard locker-room locks used by most folks can be easily and almost instantly opened with a cheap device available on Amazon.com and other websites. Any combination or key lock with a spring closure can be quickly opened by thieves with this device. There has been a rash of thefts from locker-rooms in our area gyms. The more secure locks are the type often labeled "contractor grade." These locks close with the key, not by snapping them shut. The primary targets of the thieves are cash and ipods.

**Remember to check [www.LyonVillage.org](http://www.LyonVillage.org) for the latest news and events.**

### Village Market

**Swingset Desired:** Trying to figure out what to do with your play structure/swingset that isn't getting much use? Lyon Village family with toddler is seeking to purchase & move your wooden swingset! Please contact Caroline Holt at 703-522-6343 or [carolineholt@smith.alumnae.net](mailto:carolineholt@smith.alumnae.net).

**Honey-Oak Baby Crib** with mattress. This beautiful crib transforms from an infant crib to a transitional toddler bed/daybed. Practically brand new! Just \$175. Call 703.465.8027.

**Hand-Made Club House** in great condition. It has been the "18th Street Girls Club" for years with many memories. House has shingled roof and cut-out windows. Free to anyone who will pick it up. Call Katie at 703.522.6040.

**Girls 2-Wheel Bike** for ages 4-7, \$30. Call 703.465.8027.

**Beautiful Fisher Price Doll House** with all furniture, dolls included for \$20. Call 703.465.8027.

**King 600 Trumpet For Sale.** Originally purchased from Fox's Music. Gently used for one year and recently evaluated by Fox's Music to be in good condition. Perfect for beginner or intermediate student, \$350. Contact Ann at 703-243-0413.

**Summer Mother's Helper Wanted** from May/June through August to assist with our 1.5 year old son and a new baby due in August 2008. Would love a neighborhood high school or college student home for the summer. Please contact [lisagarnett@mac.com](mailto:lisagarnett@mac.com).

**Seeking Nanny** recommendations for an experienced, full-time nanny (or nanny share) for an infant of a Lyon Village couple starting in June 2008. Call 703-525-0444 or e-mail [shinamajeed@hotmail.com](mailto:shinamajeed@hotmail.com).

**Academics Seeking Apartment.** University of Wisconsin professors seeking apartment/condo in Clarendon/Courthouse/Balston corridor, preferably furnished, to let for 1-2 years, starting this summer. Non-smoking, no children, 2 cats. Please contact 608-260-9322; for personal reference from a Lyon Villager call 703-402-2232.

**Dining Room Table for Sale.** Oval, solid hardwood with black finish. Two 15" leaves. 57"x 42" expands to 87" length. Virtually new. Original cost \$1200. Asking \$700 or best offer. Call: 703 527-0378.