

The Lyon Village Bulletin

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Calendar

Nov. II: Spaghetti Dinner, 5pm and 7pm Nov. I4: LVCA Meeting, 8pm Dec. II: Holiday Party, 5-7pm

Annual Holiday Party Returns! Dec. 11

After a two-year hiatus, the annual Lyon Village Holiday returns this year on Sunday, December 11, from 5:00 to 7:00pm at the Lyon Village Community House.

We ask Lyon Village neighbors to bring appetizers, finger foods, and/or desserts – and the Citizens Association will provide the beverages. We will have cookie decorating and holiday crafts for the kids. Come join the fun for the whole family!

To volunteer, email Kimberly Schmidt at KimberlyHSchmidt@gmail.com. for • Set-up • Clean-up • Help with Kids Activities or • Help Serve. Thanks!

Annual Arlington Police Department Fill the Cruiser Toy Drive, Nov. 23-Dec. 7

Help spread joy this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped toys during the Arlington County Police Department's eighth annual *Fill the Cruiser* Holiday Toy Drive.

Your generosity helps ensure the holidays are bright for some of our most vulnerable community members – children in need.

Officers will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages newborn to 17 at the following locations:

- Wednesday, November 23 at Westover Baptist Church, 6-8pm. 1125 Patrick Henry Drive;
- Sunday, December 4 at Ballston-Virginia Square, 11am– 1pm. 10th Street N. at N. Pollard Street;
- Wednesday, December 7 at Ballston BID Day, 5-7pm. 4035 Fairfax Drive.

Those wishing to donate toys, but unable to attend the *Fill the Cruiser* events, can drop off donations at police headquarters, located at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, through Friday, December 9 at the 2nd floor Administrative Support Unit front counter from 8am-4pm., Monday thru Friday.

The toys will be distributed by the police department to community organizations throughout December.

November Membership Meeting Monday, Nov. 14, 8:00pm via Zoom

Police Update. The meeting will begin with an update by Captain Scott Linder and his staff from the Arlington Police Community Policing Team. This will include news on recent police activity in Lyon Village and Clarendon. As always, there will be an opportunity for Captain Linder to answer questions that folks have.

Plan Langston Boulevard. Representatives from Plan Langston Boulevard will join us to share an overview of the revised proposal and next steps in the process. We will have an opportunity for a community discussion, including questions from the Executive Committee and Lyon Village attendees. If you are unfamiliar with the proposal, this is a great opportunity to get up to speed. It's also a great chance to learn more and ask questions.

You can use the following Zoom link to join the meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5894383938?pwd=VjEwQVBvaCsyL29wZzhHRV NKekw3Zz09. Meeting ID: 589 438 3938 Passcode: 562649. Please plan to join the meeting by 7:55pm so we can start on time.

Spaghetti Dinner Is Back, Nov. 11

The return of the Lyon Village Spaghetti Dinner is fast approaching on **Friday**, yes Friday, November 11, at the Community House! There will be two seatings: one at 5pm and a second at 7pm. This long-standing Lyon Village tradition brings together families and friends from across the neighborhood, and demonstrates the strong sense of community we are lucky to have surrounding our homes. But this community event can only happen with the help and contribution of volunteers. We need plenty of volunteers to make the dinner a success. Flexible times are available during the event; many require only an hour. You could also contribute in advance to the bake sale. For students, this is an opportunity for community service hours.

The online sign up is here: <u>https://signup.com/go/QEAhegY</u> For questions or to discuss volunteering, send email to <u>lvchevents@gmail.com</u>.

The menu includes spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, and garlic bread. Wines and baked goods will also be available for purchase. Dinner prices are \$8 for children and \$15 for adults. The Lyon Village Community House Association (LVCHA), a separate entity from the Lyon Village Citizens' Association, is responsible for the management and maintenance of the Community House. During the height of the pandemic, LVCH experienced lengthy periods without rentals. The LVCHA Board used that time to complete some modest renovations to the Community House and the Board is excited for neighbors to see the recent improvements. Funds raised from this year's Spaghetti Dinner will go directly toward continued efforts to refresh the interior of the House.

Lyon Village Dues are Due!!

It's that time of year again. Enclosed with this *Bulletin* are the annual Lyon Village dues envelopes. The dues support LVCA activities, such as Holiday parties and 4th of July picnic. Dues for the September 2022–August 2023 fiscal year are due.

Current residents are asked to pay annual dues in September or October. New residents are asked to pay upon moving into Lyon Village.

Dues are \$7 for individuals or \$10 per household. Mail or deliver your payments to Don Gay at 1803 N. Highland St. (make checks payable to "LVCA") or go to lyonvillage.org to pay via PayPal.

Village Market

House wanted. Family of four, currently renting a house on N. Garfield St., is looking for a permanent home in Lyon Village. We appreciate old houses, and would love to purchase one of the original homes that made this neighborhood such a desirable place to live. If you are thinking of selling your house, please contact us. Cell: 703-929-7180 or email: <u>Byrne@gmail.com</u>. Thank you. Elizabeth and Dennis.

House cleaners available. Lyon Village family is recommending a residential cleaning duo looking for additional work in the neighborhood. This mother/daughter duo is professional and hardworking. Call Xiomara or Araceli at 703-371-7970 to book cleaning. Email <u>luliaKTorrey@gmail.com</u> for a reference.

Housing wanted. Retired mother of Lyon Village resident seeks house-sitting position or in-law-suite to rent for January through March 2023. Dates are flexible. Please email <u>d.douglas703@yahoo.com</u>. Thank you very much.

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.

Missing Middle Housing Update

This week, the county released proposed Missing Middle zoning changes in a 42-page document that can be found on the county's Missing Middle <u>website</u>. It includes minor changes, but is largely the same proposal that they have been considering throughout the process. There is a Zoning Commission meeting scheduled on Nov. 9 that is open to the public. And it appears that the county is set to vote on the zoning changes at the Dec. 17 Board meeting.

County Board candidate Adam Theo has argued Missing Middle is on the ballot via the election. Matt de Ferranti and Adam Theo are pro-Missing Middle and Audrey Clement is against Missing Middle. Be sure to get out and vote this Tuesday!

"What matters is the combined [vote] totals of myself and Mr. de Ferranti," said [County Board candidate Adam] Theo, making his second bid for elected office. 'It will be a majority, and I'm expecting it to be a supermajority, of voters who express support for Missing Middle.' If so, 'that should put a lid on Ms. Clement's and Arlingtonians for Our Sustainable Future's shameful misinformation campaign to scare homeowners for their own political gain," according to the Sun Gazette.

The current Missing Middle proposal would permit the construction of duplexes, triplexes, and larger units, up to eight units, to be built on virtually all, if not all, lots in single-family residential zoning districts in Arlington -- which is substantially all the non-commercial property in the county. Under the proposal, the number of units that could be built would be dictated by the size of the lot. The larger the lot, the more units could be squeezed in.

This would have the potential to turn streets into a hodgepodge of building forms and uses, encourage much larger structures, exacerbate water runoff problems, cause loss of trees, and cause noise, parking, and street access problems.

Order Missing Middle Signs

To order a Missing Middle Sign, opposing this proposal, go to https://forms.gle/qcpToL1Mia3HXD5n8 or find the link at LyonVillage.org

Sign Up for New ListServ!

Everyone must resubscribe to the online listserv. Sorry. We inadvertently lost the email addresses for the LVCA listserv when we converted the website. So, we need folks to resubscribe--or subscribe for the first time—by going to the Lyon Village website (lyonvillage.org) and using the easy sign-up form (just your email).

It's a great way to stay up to date on all Lyon Village-related news and events, including very time sensitive matters. As always, we won't sell your information, but use it only for official LVCA email messages, including online delivery of the *Bulletin* newsletter. Thank you.

Leaf Collection Underway

The county's trucks will make two passes in each neighborhood, one in November, the other in December.

Schedule Information

- Sign up for leaf schedule Listserv email updates.
- Look for neighborhood signs posted three to seven days before each pass by civic association. The first pass is in November (bright yellow); the second pass is in December (orange).
- Call 703-228-6565 for the recorded schedule by civic association.
- Missed a collection? Bag leaves for the next weekly collection or wait for the second vacuum pass.

How to Prepare for Vacuuming

- Rake leaves to curb the weekend before the posted start of zone collection (residents with contract lawn services should plan ahead).
- Don't block roadways with leaves more than seven days in advance of a scheduled vacuum leaf collection as it can interfere with traction, blocks traffic, limits street parking and is a potential fire hazard.
- Pile leaves away from storm drains, water meter covers, low wires and parked cars.
- Remove stones, litter, branches and other debris from leaves to prevent equipment damage and worker injuries.
- Don't place leaves in plastic bags or trash carts.
- Never park your car on leaf piles it's a fire hazard.

LVCA Directory Update

Lyon Village is approaching 100 years old! With our centennial just around the corner, we are beginning to not only make celebratory plans but also update the *Lyon Village Directory*. 2023 will mark our centennial, and we will again be publishing the directory.

We ask everyone to please submit your contact information for inclusion in the guide. To submit, please send an email to lyonvillagedirectory@gmail.com. A sample entry:

3175 21st St., N O'Dea, Francis and Ruth Boyer O'Dea 703.338.2277 (Emails: if any to include)

Make any changes you'd like!

Please submit items for the DECEMBER Bulletin by Nov. 25 to adam@ksaplus.com.