



President's Message

Done with the Lion, Ready for the Lamb

Natalie U. Roy

After this past winter, I know many of us are looking forward to the beginning of spring this month! But looking back, I have to say we have had quite the neighborhood bonding experience.

Between sledding expeditions for all ages, community shoveling throughout Lyon Park, progressive hot chocolate outings and frantic runs to the grocery stores and gas stations, we have all shared something pretty unique. Seems to me we have even bonded through our complaining. This is an experience that we will likely not have again for quite some time, and I for one am savoring it, since the opportunity to do nothing but be with family and friends for days at a time is not something that happens very often.

True, the storms also brought lots of angst and inconvenience. We certainly all had our share of frustrations including roads not plowed, power outages, Metro delays, cabin fever, schools closed, and sidewalks not cleared. But there was a bright silver lining to the storm clouds. During Snowmageddon we witnessed neighbors helping neighbors shovel their sidewalks and driveways, people making grocery store runs for others, families cooking meals for people without power, Lyon Parkers organizing neighborhood sledding outings and constructing igloos and snow forts, people organizing touch football snow games at Clay Park, cross country skiers trudging through a foot+ of snow, and still others hosting nonstop sleepovers for their children's neighborhood friends and neighborhood pot-lucks. LPCA organized a very successful BINGO game during the first blizzard at the community center and the Woman's Club held a very sweet Valentine's Day cupcake sale after the second major storm. We are all extremely fortunate to live in a place that has such strong community spirit.

But my favorite activity during this blizzard season has been to walk and enjoy the site of beautiful snow on the tree canopy throughout our neighborhood. Between the incredible snow, huge icicles and the quiet on the streets, nothing beats it! Even though I am definitely suffering snow fatigue, I will miss it when it disappears. I know my youngest and her friends will always remember this winter fondly for all of the group snow activities outside as well as inside. They will remember it as the winter where the snow almost came up to their waists. I have similar childhood memories.

So what is in store for Spring? Well warmer weather for one. But also the March Chili Cookoff (page 3), Lyon Park Spring Fair (page 3), the awarding of the Lyon Park Champions Award and the Villas & Vistas Home and Garden Tour (page 3) to name a few of the special events that will be here before you know it. All of these are signature events for Lyon Park and as luck would have it you still have an opportunity to volunteer for one of these key activities. Unfortunately the snow did take a toll on lining up enough volunteers. In fact the Spring Fair still needs a main organizer and Villas & Vistas needs more assistance as well. This means that YOU still have the chance to get involved and help out right here in the community! If you are interested please contact the person identified in the newsletter regarding that event or feel free to contact me at Nroyvilla@comcast.net. You will not regret getting involved.

With Spring right around the corner, take time to enjoy the last remnants of what has been a special winter. There is a chance we will not see anything like this again for a long time.



Lyon Park monthly meeting: Wednesday March 10, 7:30 PM LPCC

- Intros and Refreshments
- Spring themed gift exchange!
- Treasurer's report
- Update & review of LPCC renovation plans
- LPCC fundraising committee report
- Updates on Zoning, County
- Commissions & Board actions
- Lyon Park's snow readiness: lessons learned etc.



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LPCA General Meeting

 Due to unprecedented amounts of snow, wind, and winter misery, the February meeting of the Lyon Park Citizens Association was canceled.

Canceled!

What's old is new again... or Déjà vu all over again



Nearly 85 years ago, on June 22, 1925, at 8 pm, the Lyon Park Community Center Board of Governors held its first meeting at the office of the Lyon Park Realty Corporation. Arthur Orr presided, as President of the Board. The first order of business was to confirm the members of the Building Committee. After Louis Carl gave his Treasurer's report, discussion commenced regarding the new drive for pledges. Discussion then turned to the upcoming Cornerstone Laying ceremony for the new Lyon Park Community Center. It was decided to hold a carnival on that day and to give away a Free Ford Touring Car to one lucky admission ticket holder. (Note: the carnival subsequently showed a profit of \$778.69, which went toward the Building Fund.)

In 2010, a Building Committee has again formed, to oversee the progressing plans for the Lyon Park Community Center Renovation. Soon a fundraising effort will be launched, and there will be a new drive for participation. In a few months, our community will gather for the annual Spring Fair, which will feature games, pony rides and yummy food. No word yet about a Free Prius giveaway.

Then, as now, community life in Lyon Park centered around the park and the Community House. A great deal of energy and resources went into building both the Community Center and the community itself in 1925, and that same effort continues in 2010 as we move the renovation toward reality. The original by-laws of the LPCC called for a center that would "bring youth, maturity and old age into closer companionship to the benefit of all." With the emphasis on making the building accessible to all, and a focus on family-friendly features, our beloved Community House will honor this inspiring mission of our founders for the next century.

Useful Contacts

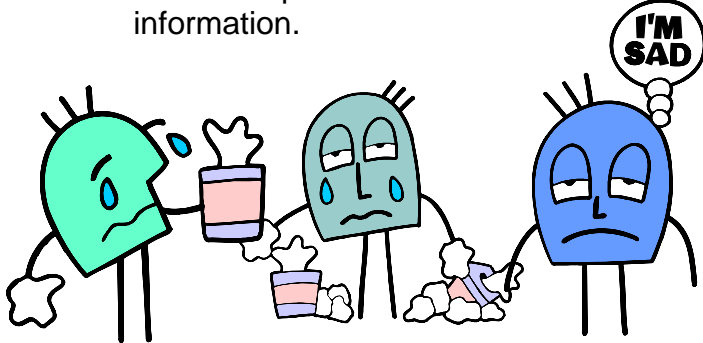
Abandoned vehicles	(703) 228-4144
Animal Control	(703) 931-9241
Arlington Police (non-emergency)	(703) 558-2222
Central Library	(703) 228-5990
Dominion (power outages)	(888) 667-3000
Jefferson Middle School	(703) 228-5900
Leaf Removal Hotline*	(703) 228-6565
Long Branch Elementary School	(703) 228-4220
Lyon Park Community Center Rental	(703) 527-9520
Metrobus/Metrorail	(703) 228-6588
Miss Utility	(800) 552-7001
Pothole Hotline*	(703) 228-6570
Rat Control, Residential Area	(703) 228-7400
Senior Citizens Identification Cards	(703) 228-4744
Sidewalk cracks or displacement*	(703) 228-6570
Snow removal Hotline*	(703) 228-6485
Special Trash Issues (pick up/carts)	(703) 228-6570
Street and Traffic Light Hotline*	(703) 228-6511
Trees Down Hotline*	(703) 228-6525
Water Main Leaks	(703) 228-6555
Zone Parking Stickers	(703) 228-3344

*You can report these problems online at <http://tinyurl.com/yf7cve5>.

Spring Fair Coordinator Needed:
The Lyon Park Spring Fair has been going strong for more than eighty years. We want to carry on this wonderful tradition, but we need a coordinator—or two—who can take over for Kristen Lippert-Martin.

Kristen can teach you the ropes and offer guidance as you pull it all together. This is a great opportunity to meet and work with your neighbors and to strengthen the community—all while having fun and creating a memorable family event.

Please contact Jeannette Wick at (703) 524-8531 or Kristen at kristenandphil@verizon.net for more information.



Chili Cookoff



Calling all chili makers
and corn bread bakers!

Annual Lyon Park Chili Dinner
Saturday, March 27, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
Lyon Park Community Center

Please mark your calendars and put a note on your refrigerator. We rely on donated chili and corn-bread to make this event a success! Chili makers will get a ticket for one adult dinner.

All you can eat chili, corn bread, salad, iced tea and lemonade. BYOB if desired.

Adults: \$10
12 and under: \$5
5 and under: \$2

Please contact Shirley at (703) 527-4316 or famlars@msn.com.



**WANTED: A FEW GOOD
MEN AND WOMEN...**

For Villas and Vistas 2010

A celebration of the Homes and Gardens of Lyon Park
Sunday, May 2, from 12:00-4:00 PM

Followed by a reception to honor this year's Lyon Park Champion!

We are looking for:

- Ticket sales coordinator (1)
- Reception coordinator (1)
- Donations managers (3-5 people)
- Five people to help set up (10 AM to Noon, Sunday)
- Five people to help clean up (6-7 PM Sunday)
- A few additional houses, especially in the "Wash-10-50" triangle (that would be east of Washington Blvd, south of 10th Street and west of Arlington Boulevard)

Interested Tour-Goers:
Tickets are \$20 each, 2 for \$30. Reserve tickets by emailing Elizabeth Sheehy at sheehytp@aol.com.

Please contact Elizabeth Sheehy at (703)516-4910 or sheehytp@aol.com if you are interested in helping, showing your Villa (and/or Vista) or attending this year's event.

After all the snow this spring, we will want to enjoy our gardens to the fullest. The tour provides the ultimate inspiration!

All proceeds go to the Lyon Park Community Center Renovation Fund.