

April 2016

# Lyon Park Citizen



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## Lyon Park Citizens Association Next Meeting

April 13, 2016  
7- 9 PM

At the Community Center!

## Defining Lyon Park

Lyon Park is not a fight over a gun store.

It's not a debate over a renovation.

It's not stop signs, sidewalks, streetlights, parking, bar crawls, tree trimming, snowplows, dog poop on lawns, speeding cars, 7-11 robberies, street paving, politics, or snarky trolls on Internet comment boards.

Sure, these are all things that happen here, and all of them are important (except the trolls). But we talk, we debate, we discuss, we make decisions, and we move on as a community. This is what makes us strong, what makes Lyon Park such a great place to live.

So what are we?

Lyon Park is neighbors who know and care about each other.

We are an eclectic, diverse group that takes pride in our community, our neighborhood, our homes.

We are the Spring Fair, cupcake sales galore, barbecue brunch at one end of Washington and craft beer at the other. We are block parties, local businesses, walkability, parades and bonfires at Halloween, the only private community center and park in Arlington, holiday caroling, civic engagement, chili cook-off smack talk, and spaghetti dinner camaraderie. We disagree without being disagreeable. We care.

We are a community, in the best sense of that word. This is our home.

John Goldener  
President, Lyon Park Citizens Association



# Classified Ads

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May we add you to the community listserv? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Community Volunteer Interests (Check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Center and Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic issues
<input type="checkbox"/> Development issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
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The Lyon Park Citizens Association  
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## Save the Date & Call for Volunteers!!!

It's time for our traditional fun-filled afternoon of festivities for kids of all ages, but the fair cannot occur without neighbors' hands-on involvement.

So, here's our first call for help - it would be AMAZING if we got these needs lined up within the next ten days!!

A complete list of volunteer positions appears on page 5. There's something for everyone—athletes, gardeners, cooks, and complainers (yes, we will give you something to complain about!).

Please contact Polly Hall at [pollyhall40@gmail.com](mailto:pollyhall40@gmail.com) or (631) 258-3805 to line up your shift! Don't miss this opportunity of a life time!!!!

### Lyon Park Annual

### Spring Fair

Saturday, May 21

11 AM to 3 PM

*Research has shown that people  
who volunteer often live longer.*

-Allen Klein

### June 30, 2016: Here Before You Know It

**What does June 30 represent?** It's the last day of fiscal year 2016 for Lyon Park Community Center.

**What happens on July 1?** Our renovation loan actualizes and we begin paying interest plus principal.

**What will take place all during June?** We'll offer great fundraising incentives to our neighbors.

**What do we need?** We need you, neighbors who would like to offer incentives.

**What kind of incentives?** Just about anything you can think of. We'll accept serious, funny, rare and unique!

**What has been offered in the past?** Homemade dinners, a day of yard work, nature tours, baked goods, lessons (cooking, sports), and many other items.

**What might encourage neighbors to donate?**

- Can you offer lessons how to repurpose a piece of furniture. You know, recycle, reuse, re-purpose!
- Do we have a seamstress or two (or three) who'd like to offer sewing help to a neighbor?
- Who is well versed with computers, tablets, cell phones? Would you like to offer a 2 hour tutorial for a neighbor?
- What kind of crafts fill your free time—crochet? Quilting? Can you paint a family pet portrait? Maybe you'd like to start on something spectacular now?

And of course, we welcome **matching funds!**

Please plan and donate early so we can plan our posts.

And when fundraising begins, please remember that donations received by June 30 will have more weight. Every dollar you donate during June will be applied to our principle, and help us reduce our subsequent payments.

Please contact us at: Annemarie Selvitelli at [astanz10@hotmail.com](mailto:astanz10@hotmail.com) or Jeannette Wick at [JYWickRPh@aol.com](mailto:JYWickRPh@aol.com).







## Spring Feeding Lyon Park's Trees

Bill Anhut

During the month of March, some of Lyon Park's trees received special care. Construction activity negatively impacted four white oaks located along Fillmore Street near the newly renovated community center. The Board of Governors hired Care of Trees to vertical mulch (auger holes, replacing soil with organic/fertilizer material) and air spade shallow channels radiating from each tree (approximately 10 channels per tree, replacing the soil with organic/fertilizer material). The treatments should stimulate new root growth and help the trees recover from injurious construction activity.

A small team of volunteers also hauled and distributed wood mulch around the large white ash tree in the center of the park. The mulch will help the white ash in two ways. There is significant foot traffic around the base of the tree where visitors picnic and escape to the shade produced by the tree's mammoth tree canopy. As a result, soil has been compacted exposing many of the tree's roots. Mulch will cushion foot traffic and nurture the roots. Arlington's ashes are battling infestation by Emerald Ash Borers (EAB), an Asian pest without predators, that has killed thousands of ash trees primarily in the Great Lakes states. Lyon Park contracts with a tree service company to apply pesticide to repel EAB, but the sizable layer of mulch will provide nutrients to help the tree survive an EAB infestation.

During April, Lyon Park's Board of Governors will ask for more volunteers to mulch the white oaks mentioned above and the remainder of the park's trees. We will also replenish the mulch in the swing set areas. Please volunteer to help.

For questions, information or to volunteer, contact Bill Anhut at (301) 908-8204.



## Save the Date:

- April 13: Lyon Park Civic Association meeting, 7:30 PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 2 PM to 6 PM: Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association. Come join in or just sit and listen!



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## Spring Fair: Calling Once, Calling Twice, Sold....

**Leading Role Understudy:** Polly Hall, our event organizer, is moving on to older-kid kinds of stuff. She's a super-organized person who has boiled the responsibilities down to a three-ring binder full of checklists, due dates and don't-forgets. We're looking for one or two people who can do some hands-on shadowing this year, and assume responsibility next year. Please contact Polly Hall at pollyhall40@gmail.com or (631) 258-3805.

**Fair Setter-Uppers and Taker-Downers:** Calling all muscular, physically fit, rippled and six-packed brutes and brute-esses to help with game corral set-up the week of 5/15. We also need organizational help Friday 5/20 around 6 PM and Saturday 5/21 around 9 AM. Then, we need a few hearty souls following the fair on Saturday 5/21 from 3 PM to 5 PM to break-down the fair, including the game corrals. Please contact Polly Hall at pollyhall40@gmail.com or (631) 258-3805 to line up your shift!



**Playful Adults:** On the day of the fair, we need **adults** to staff the booths. Key word: **adults**. Often, parents contact us and "volunteer" their kids. We must have a corps of adults because the fair is simply a bedlam at times, and we need adult judgment and maturity. Yes, we can use teens (see below), but you there! Yes you, the one who's old enough to drink legally; we need you! Please contact Polly Hall at pollyhall40@gmail.com or (631) 258-3805 and she'll pencil you in for one two-hour shift for ticket sales, at the roulette wheel or dart board, the prize booth, the ponies, or a similarly exciting location. We need around 36 actual adults for this!

**Teen Citizens:** Your school requires volunteer hours? Yes, we can use you at the fair in a variety of capacities. Yes, we will document your participation. Balloons need to be inflated, errands need to be run, adults need game booth support, and at the end of the day, we need to break down the entire fair and put it away. Please contact Polly Hall at pollyhall40@gmail.com or (631) 258-3805. We need a dozen teens to help.

**Nibble Nurturers:** The grub crew gets busy, because fair-going is hard work and kids need food. We need money handlers, hot dog makers, wrap whipper-uppers! Can you help for one or two hours either Friday afternoon to prep food, or Saturday for a few hours sometime between dawn and closing and clean-up? Contact Gary Putnam at putnam.gary@gmail.com or (703) 527-2266.

**Green Gods and Goddesses:** Lyon Park's Garden Group will run the plant sale. Can you contribute plants from your yard or any garden-related items? Books? Pots? Planters? Want to help with fair day sales? Please contact Kit Putnam at kitgaryp@gmail.com or (703) 527-2266. Note: Please re-pot donations soon; they sell best when they look established and spry.

**Benevolent Bakers:** The Woman's Club bake table appreciates donations. Think: KIDS. Cookies, cupcakes, and things they can pick up and eat immediately. We do see a fair share of folks who want something to take home, so pies, cakes and breads work too. Please contact Elizabeth Wray at (703) 522-1263 if you can help. **A tip here:** If you're baking in May for something else, double the batch and freeze some for the Fair!

**Cake Walk Benefactors:** The kids love the cake walk, and for that, we need cakes or cupcakes in six (6) packs. Can you provide some cake walk goodies? Please contact Polly Hall at pollyhall40@gmail.com or (631) 258-3805. We need about 24 designated donations.

Okay - you can't beat the fun, the excitement, and the bonding that volunteering for the Lyon Park Spring Fair provides. Reach out, your humble coordinators above are waiting with open arms and a "woo hoo"!!

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We offer a 5% discount for residents who have paid their LPCA dues, and an additional 10% discount for advertisers who commit to three or more months in a row. A designer will draft artwork for an extra 10% charge. Contact [lyonparkeditor@gmail.com](mailto:lyonparkeditor@gmail.com) to reserve space.

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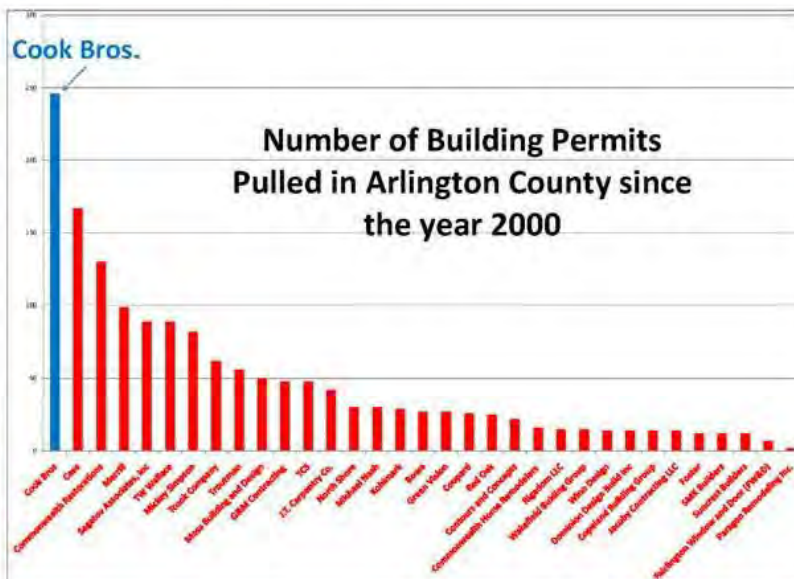
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# MOPS



Jeannette Wick

## (With an Incidental Movie Review)

This winter, my sister and I made a pact to get out more in the evening. Sometimes we shop, sometimes we quilt, and sometimes we see a movie. Recently, we saw the movie *Joy* starring Jennifer Lawrence, based on what we now consider misleading trailers and reviews. Half way through, we wondered if it would ever end. But that's a different story. The movie follows Long Island inventor Joy Mangano, the woman behind the hands-free Miracle Mop.

I love to clean. It's my happy place, my Zen meditation, and the task I treasure when I need a break from writing. This has not always been the case—I despised cleaning in my youth—but with age, I've learned to crave order. A glut of available cleaning products and tools successfully handle many challenges, and especially the filth that plagues my existence: muddy paw prints, and confectioners' sugar.

Now, everyone needs a mop. And truly, most people need more than one (see Table below). Let's zero in on flat mops, and here's a confession: I am a reformed Swiffer Wet Jet user. I used the Wet Jet for several years after trying the heavily advertised but less-than-effective Shark Steam Mop. The Wet Jet did a good job, but it required batteries. It also required buying the product's disposable pads and cleaning fluid in snap-on tanks. The environment was not happy, and the cleaning fluid was heavily scented. Yet it did a good job.

Libman, a leader in cleaning devices, created a follow-on product to the Wet Jet, and it responds to many consumer concerns. It's called the Freedom Mop. Batteries are unnecessary, and the removable pad is reusable, washable and sturdy but scratchless. You can fill its tank with any cleaning product, and it's as light as a feather. So while I admire single mom-turned-entrepreneur Joy Mangano, I recommend the Freedom Mop for you armamentarium of floor care tools!

Mop Type	Best Use
<b>Dust Mops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be lambs wool, microfiber, or synthetic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used for dry cleaning</li> <li>Can be used to clean floors, walls, ceilings, and light fixtures</li> </ul>
<b>Flat Mops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usually has a disposable or reusable pad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handy for everyday mopping chores</li> <li>Easy to use</li> <li>Clean floors and corners well, but struggle with stuck-on food particles unless you pre-treat</li> <li>Better for tile and uneven surfaces</li> <li>Breed bacteria unless rinsed completely and stored upright until completely dry</li> </ul>
<b>Sponge Mops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A sponge on a handle with an attached wringer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simultaneously clean and disinfect</li> <li>Expensive and unsuitable for some floor types</li> </ul>
<b>Steam Mops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electrical appliance with refillable water tank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheap and clean corners well, but can often be more difficult to wring out, maintain or dry completely</li> </ul>
<b>String Mops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traditional mop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrub better than flat mops</li> </ul>
<b>Strip Mops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variation of a string mop using fabric strip with a self-wringer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dry quickly if stored upright</li> </ul>



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## Reason #1: They lend garden tools!

You can check out a wide range of gardening tools, just like you'd check out a book. The program, called "The Shed," offers tools to Arlington residents who don't necessarily have the space or desire to own and store their own gardening equipment. Seriously, who in Arlington has the space to store a wheelbarrow, seed spreader, or pitchforks? Not me! So from March through November, you can just borrow them. At no cost. How great is that? Here's a sample of what they lend—you can find the complete list of tools on the library web site:

- **Planting & Digging Tools:** shovels, hoes, cultivators, pitchforks
- **Weeding & Cutting Tools:** saws, shears, loppers, pruners
- **Rakes & Cleaning Tools:** rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows
- **Watering & Miscellaneous Tools:** hoses, nozzles, extension cords, ladders, seed spreaders

You can borrow up to five tools at a time for seven days, with one renewal. To get started with The Shed, sign up at Central Library's circulation desk, and read more about it at <http://library.arlingtonva.us/a-z-list/the-shed/>.

## Reason # 2: Garden Talks & Plant Clinics.

The library offers Expert Garden Talks every Wednesday evening at Central Library. The talks, which run from March through October, are led by volunteers and staff from AFAC's Plot Against Hunger, and the VCE Master Gardeners. Topics range from starting seeds indoors, to container gardening, to composting, and more. The full calendar can be found on the library web site. And on Thursday evenings from April through October, the Master Gardeners host a Plant Clinic, where you can get answers to all your gardening questions. The Plant Clinic is on the first floor of Central Library, and the Garden Talks take place at 7 PM outside at the Central Library Community Garden.

## Reason #3: Community Gardens.

You may have seen the wonderful community gardens around Arlington, and there are several at our libraries, too. Central is home to the USDA's People's Garden, the Berm Garden, the Pollinator Garden, and the 10th Street Americorps Garden. Glencarlyn is home to a teaching garden maintained by the Master Gardeners. The Garden consists of herb, shade, sun, tropical, dry, container, and native gardens.

And Westover uses a series of raised beds and public workshops to teach the community about planting, sustainable gardening, composting, and other useful urban farming techniques.

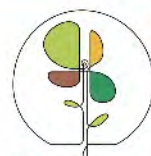
So there you have it. Who knew the library could be such a great resource for urban farmers? (Well, we knew. And now you know. Pass it on!)

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## The Lyon Park (not just for) Woman's Club

The Lyon Park (not just for women) Woman's Club meets on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is Thursday, April 21, at noon at the newly renovated community house.

Bring a dish to share or just come—we always have too much food.

The Woman's Club loves to share dishes and chat. We also help with many community events, and sponsor bake and cupcake sales that support the community center. We're a diverse group of neighbors, and you don't have to live in Lyon Park to join.

Please contact Shirley Larson; [famlars@msn.com](mailto:famlars@msn.com) with any questions.

## Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars for some Family Fun! Join your neighbors for a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 AM to noon at the Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N. Irving St.

The event, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Arlington, features Kiwanis signature blueberry pancakes as well as plain pancakes, sausage, coffee, apple sauce and orange juice. It's a bargain at \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5-10 years, free for children under 5. There's a Moon Bounce for the kids and great raffle prizes.



Proceeds will benefit the ELIMINATE Project, a Kiwanis International and UNICEF partnership to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus globally.

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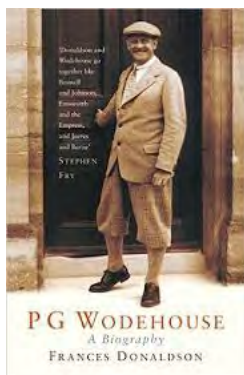
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## P.G. Wodehouse Biography

Margaret Dean



Frances Donaldson, a close friend of humorist P.G. Wodehouse's step-daughter Leonora, knew P.G. (AKA Plum) from age 14 to his death. Her access to documents, personal letters, and her own conversations introduce new insight into Plum's creativity, and into his recurring characters Bertie and Jeeves. She looks closely at his personality and the impetus behind Plum's broadcasts on German radio while he was interned in a Nazi camp. She includes the texts of those broadcasts, as well as of the Cussen report, which investigated Plum's motivation in making the broadcasts. She notes no sign of treason or propaganda, more a foolish lack of understanding of what Britain was going through. Donaldson's analysis is that Plum was "rather callow,...and remarkably unresponsive to many aspects of the world around him." Plus he hated to argue and would agree to anything.

Plum was uncomfortable around women, with his mother distant and cold. This may be why Plum cast aunts as the women in his hero's lives. Donaldson engages in random psychological speculation about Plum's difficulty relating to other people: he is "pathologically inhibited" about the outside world. He needed someone to run interference, which his wife Ethel, who swept him into marriage, did effectively. As Donaldson is delving into Plum's psyche, she praises his books, short stories, musicals, movie scripts effusively. It's all wonderful.

Whatever the psychological reasons, Plum was less than frank in his dealings with U.S. and U.K. tax authorities. Ethel preferred tax accountants who followed her instructions rather than someone who would keep them out of trouble. Both governments pursued them for non-payment of about \$187,000 in taxes. Plum could not deal with the authorities, and preferring flight, he and Ethel found themselves in France when the war started, unable to leave.

At 58, the Nazis arrested Plum and detained him in a camp for about a year. He kept a diary and wrote extensively. Apparently his privileged treatment played badly in the U.K.; he was never allowed back, even to visit family. Bottom line: "Plummie lives in a dream world" is balanced with "He was not a saintly man ..., but ...he gave happiness to others as few people are privileged to do..." Consequently a biographer cannot really trust Plum's letters, missives and other records to reflect what he really thought.

*P.G. Wodehouse, A Biography by Frances Donaldson, Andre Deutsch Publisher, London, UK, 2014.  
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## IBIS Chausson Concerto, April 24

On Sunday, April 24, at 3:00 PM, IBIS Chamber Music returns to Clarendon United Methodist Church in Ashton Heights for a program of French music for piano and strings. The gorgeous Ravel string quartet will open the program, and the second half will contain a rare work by Chausson: the "Concerto" for Piano and Violin, accompanied by string quartet. This work, by turns tender and dramatic, is the only one extant for that instrumentation. Soloists are your neighbors John Sutherland Earle, piano, and Joseph Scheer, violin.



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Many thanks to the community for supporting yet another Cupcake Sale. Caroline Wick's March Madness Cupcake Design contest winner—Lemon and Lavender—is pictured above left.



\*Lyon Park Fellowship is located at 716 N. Barton St.

*Saturday, March 26 in Lyon Park!!!*



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## Community House Rental Rates

Lyon Park and Ashton Heights residents are eligible for resident rates, but cannot sponsor non-resident events.

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\$35/hour resident; \$75/hour non-resident

### **Monday – Thursday (6–10 PM)**

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#### **HALF DAY (8 AM–2:30 PM or 3:30–10 PM):**

\$350 resident; \$700 non-resident

#### **WHOLE DAY (8 AM–10 PM):**

\$600 resident; \$1,200 non-resident

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