

Lyon Park Citizen

May 2018

President's Message

Spring is finally coming to Lyon Park and the trees and flowers are starting to bud and bloom. In celebration of that, for our May 9 meeting we will welcome Deborah Barber and Bill Anhut. Deborah is a native species expert and architect of the Lyon Park Community Center gardens. She will present information about native species you can incorporate into your own gardens. Bill Anhut will share information about the trees in Lyon Park and the tree steward program here in Arlington.

On May 9, doors will open at 7 PM for social time and the meeting will begin at 7:30. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Christa Abbott and Annemarie Selevitelli
LPCA Co-Presidents

EVERYTHING'S COMING UP...

...asters and daylilies and coneflowers, sunflowers and hostas, Solomon's seal and tomatoes, and parsley and bedding plants and...well, just about any plant you can think of! The Lyon Park Garden Group and your wonderful green thumb neighbors are once again busy dividing plants, digging up extras, and sowing seeds to prepare for the Plant Sale at the Lyon Park Spring Fair on Saturday, May 19. Rain or shine, find the plant sale under a big tent behind the Community Center. Waiting for you will be a friendly group of experienced gardeners to help you find what you need (or what you never knew you needed), answer your gardening questions, and help you carry your green treasures to your car. We'll have a seed planting clinic with warm weather-loving herbs and flowers.

As you take stock of your spring garden, please pot any extras and donate them to the sale! The proceeds go directly to pay down the renovation cost of our wonderful community center. This is a fun way to share your favorite plants with neighbors. Repotted plants always do best with at least a few days to settle in: digging perennials now and potting them will ensure that they look their best by sale day. Any labeling you can do will be helpful, but we work with "mystery plants" as well!

If you have garden sculpture or decorative pots (no clay pots) to donate we are happy to re-sell them as well.

Drop off donated items behind the Community Center on Fair Day, or if you need items picked up, please contact Kit Putnam at kitgaryp@gmail.com. Questions? Contact contact Joey Durishin at joeydurishin@gmail.com.

See you under the tent on May 19 from 11:00 to 3:00 PM! (Note that we open a little bit later than the Fair does, but you can come early and help us carry plants!!!)

Are you on the Listserv?

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- Find a carpool!
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Visit BigTent group Lyon Park to enroll:
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Next meeting:

Wednesday,

May 9, 2018, 7:00 PM

Lyon Park Community Center

Book the Community Center Early!

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Rentals have been brisk, and we are renting well into 2019.

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Connor Salazar and Will Montgomery, 17, household maintenance and yard work. Text 587-3102. Email connor.salazar40@gmail.com.

We're Looking for Volunteers

We need volunteers soon, immediately, yesterday, and tomorrow.

Often, we need donations of 2 hours. We need all kinds of things—people who rake, paint, serve dinners, know the topside of a calculator, can track a web site, might send a message to the listserv once a month, can bake, are able to set up tables, or have penchant for starting or putting out fires. Can you give 2 hours a month?

Skills learned from volunteering in this community will serve you well. You'll meet neighbors, develop organizational abilities, create some resume fodder, grow personally, and identify new ways of doing things. You'll have local impact.

The most important thing you'll learn is how to make magic. Promise!

Register at Lyon Park's Volunteer Registry
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLSP3KG>

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(1) Shoppers looking for hostas should arrive early, as Lyon Park gardeners quickly snap up shade-loving plants... (2) ...especially the variegated ones... (3) The Lyon Park Virginia native plant garden is reaching its stride in its third year and will also have extras to share in the plant sale, like this green-and-gold. (4) Eastern columbine, another Virginia native, will also be at the plant sale. (5) We will also have this November-blooming fragrant aster.

Another Successful Lyon Park Chili Cook-Off

The 15th annual chili cook-off was a blast, with 17 pots of chili literally licked clean. More than 140 folks of all ages attended, from wee babies to the white haired set.

Volunteers make fun community events like this possible. Many of our old faithfuls were not available this year, and we had some newcomers helping out. Setting up and helping all round were Kit Putnam, Chuck Phillips, Kim Franklin, Adam Rasmussen, Elizabeth Wray, and Shirley Larson. Sheyla White checked in the chilis. In the kitchen and helping all round were Gary Putnam, Lowell Larson, Lorraine Gardner and her daughter Christina Hogan, Carmela Conroy, Kate Mountheer, Dave Burgess, and JaLane Daschke and her daughter Madison. Jeff Lewis showed up to wash all the dishes, trying to get brownie points from the judges to win the wooden spoon award for best vegetarian chili for a 3rd in a row! Good luck, Jeff! Several kind folks appeared after the dinner to help put tables and chairs away and clean the hall. Thank you kind folks, I wish I knew your names.

The 2018 chili cook-off raised \$1,320 to help retire the Lyon Park Community House construction loan.

Drum Roll, Please.....And the Winners Are...

For the first time in the 15 years of the Lyon Park Chili Cook-Off, a vegetarian chili received more votes than the more traditional bowl of red.

Perennial veggie winner **Jeff Lewis's "Kashmiri Chili"** took first place with 19 votes. Second place in the vegetarian category, **Alain Lapter's "In Veggie Heaven."**



Karen Auriemma's "Wahoo's Revenge" took first in the traditional chili category with 18 votes. Second place (traditional chili) was **Diana Bauerle's "Chili Chaat,"** followed by **Dave Burgess** with his **"Fire-in-the-hole Tombstone Chili."**

Andrew Miller's "West Texas Hot Pot" was voted hottest chili.



Save the Date:

- Lyon Park Civic Association meeting, May 9, 7 PM
- 2nd and 4th Sundays, 2 PM to 6 PM: Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association. Come join in or just sit and listen!
- Lyon Park not-just-for-Woman's Club potluck lunch. Thursday, May 17, noon. Hope to see many new faces!



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CHILI COOK-OFF



A Little Bit of This, A Little Bit of That!

Lyon Park has had several events over the last few months, with neighbors coming out in great numbers to participate. These are photos from three of them.

On March 30, Lyon Park Fellowship hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt in the park. It was madness for the very few minutes it took children to scoop up the thousands of eggs scattered in the grass! Inside, the not-just-for-Woman's Club hosted a cupcake sale.

April 7, hungry neighbors craving something spicy visited the Annual Chili Dinner.



All photos:
Jennifer
Hart



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Monday – Thursday (8 AM–5 PM, 4 hour minimum)

<75 guests, \$50/hour resident; \$100/hour non-resident

≥75 guests, \$75/hour resident; \$100/hour non-resident

Monday – Thursday evening (6–10 PM)

<75 guests, \$200 resident; \$400 non-resident

>75 guests, \$300 resident; \$400 non-resident

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Holidays

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

\$400 resident; \$900 non-resident

WHOLE DAY (8 AM–10 PM):

\$750 resident; \$1,600 non-resident

Children's Birthday Rates for children 10 and under, maximum 40 attendees, booked <2 months in advance:

Two time slots (8:30–11:30 AM) OR (12–3 PM) – Includes set up and clean up. If your party lasts longer than 3 hours, please rent at the half-day rates above.

\$150 resident; \$400 non-resident

Grounds preservation fees:

- \$30/inflatable (can only be rented from Arlington TEAM)
- \$100/floored tent, \$30/pole tent
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Use of inflatables and/or tents must be approved in advance and specified in rental contract.

A security deposit is required for all rentals.

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Lyon Park/Ashton Heights Golf Tourney

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Sunday, June 24, 2018

South Riding Golf Club



JOIN THE FUN ! SIGN UP TODAY !!

The tournament format is a "Captain's Choice" team scramble allowing men and women of varied skill levels to compete for PRIZES and enjoy an afternoon of fun with neighbors. Afterwards, teams gather for a "Picnic Awards Banquet" and the awarding of team and individual prizes.

**Putting contest before 1:00 PM Tee Time
will test your skills!
Prizes awarded at dinner.**

The tourney is hosted by South Riding Golf Club, conveniently located just south of Dulles Airport. The 1 PM shotgun start enables all players to tee off and finish play at the same time.

Reserve your place or register a team by mailing your payment and application below. Entry fee of \$125 per person pays for golf, golf cart, range balls, picnic dinner after golf, prizes and includes a \$45 tax deductible donation, used to pay down the construction loan. Invite friends to play with you or we will place you in a foursome with your neighbors!

Last Year's Tournament raised \$2,640 and featured prizes generously donated by:

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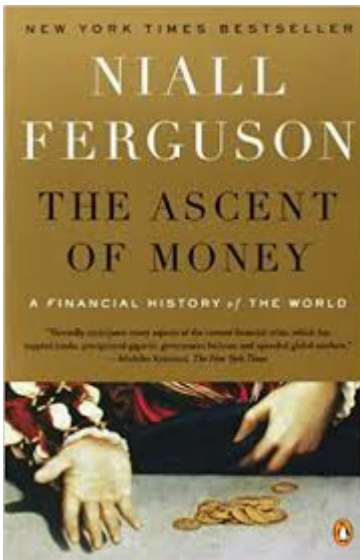


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The Ascent of Money

Margaret Dean



In Ferguson's view finance, especially the evolution of debt and credit, is the foundation of human progress. Finance is as important as any technological innovation in the rise of civilization. Ferguson's account of the history of money will strengthen the reader's understanding of the rise of specific economic conditions, such as income inequity, securitization, or the conversion from a gold standard not just to paper but to electronic dots on a screen.

Conceptually moving from something tangible to secure a loan to a mental concept requires a great leap of faith in the institutions that provide, monitor and supervise these systems. Greed and the lack of accountability by extensive deregulation can easily lead to the demise of financial institutions and the destruction of assets, whether bonds, stocks or other financial instruments. Ferguson makes this clear in his account of the Enron collapse; it affected institutions and hundreds of individuals.

In looking at the concept of risk management, Ferguson shows one long struggle between our desires to be financially secure and the hard reality that there is no such thing...only coping with multiple unforeseeable futures. To make insurance more than just a bet requires the use of statistically well grounded probability. Even so probability can only tell us the chance an airplane will crash into our house but not the certainty of that event. In his Afterword, Ferguson addresses financial markets' inherent instability as due to human behavior.

Ferguson examines insurance, welfare, futures contracts, houses and mortgages, including subprime mortgages, hedge funds, etc. Ferguson recounts the creating of the international financial institutions, like the World Bank, or the International Monetary Fund. He looks briefly at the U.S. economic leadership and the possible shift in the global balance of financial/economic power. He questions whether a catastrophic collapse could happen again. Given Ferguson wrote this in 2007, he may be prescient in wondering if something could trigger a breakdown in globalization and interdependence of the world economy. He speculates that indeed major wars can and do arise when economic ties are strong. Ferguson has a light style that makes him easy to read and to understand.

The Ascent of Money by Niall Ferguson. Penguin Press, NY, NY, 2008. ISBN 978-1-59420-192-9. 358 pp., \$29.95.

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If you complete the circuit, would you mind letting us know if all the landmarks are current? E-mail lyonparkeditor@gmail.com, and we'll deliver a dozen cupcakes to you and notify the County that the map needs updating!

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Dear neighbors:

Many of you visit the park often, and enjoy its open green space and play areas. We welcome and encourage Lyon Park residents, their guests, and in fact *anyone* to come and enjoy. We have had a longstanding problem with the trash cans in the park, however.

Often the trash cans become full, and folks just keep cramming trash into them. Once they overflow, the trash blows around and rodents (please don't make me get more specific!) consider it an open invitation to "picnic" after dark. This gets ugly quickly. Could you kindly consider these suggestions?

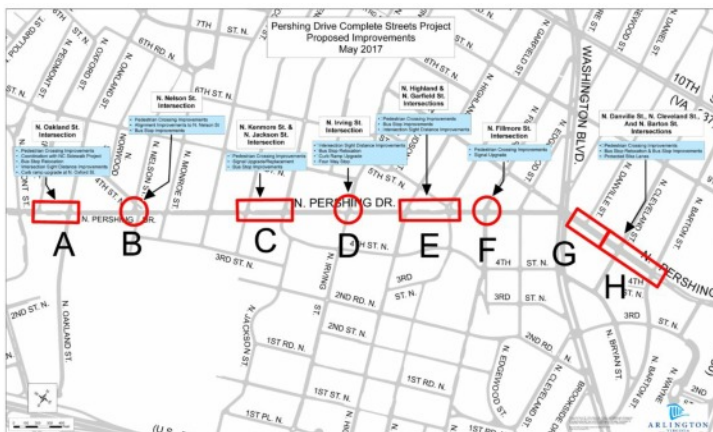
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- **THINK: RECYCLE.** Walk your recycling to the enclosed trash pad on the Community Center's south end, and place it in the recycling bins.
- **THINK: I CAN HELP!** If the can is full, please consider taking the swinging-door lid off, taking the trash out (it is in a 33 gallon bag), and placing it in the Eagle Cart in the enclosed trash area. We'll leave an extra bag in the bottom of the can so you can replace it.
- **THINK: THIS WILL STINK.** Please take your most aroma-producing garbage home with you if possible; specifically, we mean dirty disposable diapers.
- **THINK: SHARE INFORMATION.** If you see others who need a little education, please gently steer them to the enclosed trash area, and the larger receptacles.
- **THINK: NIP THIS IN THE BUD!** E-mail me at jywickrph@aol.com if you see a trash problem.

Additionally, because we often have paying renters who expect to use areas of the park, groups of 10 or more who plan to have an event in the park should make arrangements with our rental agent, Cindy Stroup at rent@lyonpark.info before doing so. In the warmer months, the park is often rented.

Thanks,
Jeannette Wick
Chair, Board of Governors

P.S. The park closes at dusk, and we inform renters of this when they sign a contract. Renters are not allowed outside on the patio after dark either. We tell them clearly that they must move all activity inside at dusk, and we review our noise guidelines.

If any activity in the park looks suspicious or disturbs you after dark, please **call the Arlington Police** using the non-emergency line for most things [(703) 558-2222] or 911 if the situation is an emergency!



Pershing Drive Complete Streets Project Update

Over the last two years, Arlington County conducted an extensive process involving the community to plan transportation improvements along the Pershing Drive corridor between North Barton and North Piedmont Streets. This effort primarily considered improvements at several intersections along the corridor. The concepts were finalized last spring and the priority intersections (those that will be addressed first with the available project funding) were selected.

Design development is now underway for priority/Phase I intersection improvements on Pershing Drive at North Fillmore Street, North Garfield Street, North Highland Street, North Oakland Street and North Oxford Street. The plans are about half way through design development. Staff has started the process of obtaining necessary easements to install the improvements. The County anticipates the project will advertise for construction in late 2019.

The Pershing Drive Complete Streets (PDCS) planning process also generated two concepts for improving the section of N. Pershing Drive between Washington Boulevard and North Barton Street. This segment of Pershing is scheduled for a road surfacing (micro-seal) treatment this summer. While funding is not available to construct any improvements permanently on this section of N. Pershing Drive, the pending micro-seal treatment offers an opportunity to implement some of the improvements early as a "pilot" installation. Therefore, the County would like to select the preferred concept to implement with the micro-seal and pavement markings this summer.

In accordance with the recently adopted Arlington County Public Engagement Guide, staff will conduct additional outreach with residents regarding the two concepts. An open house will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Lyon Park Community Center from 4:30 – 7:00 PM. Residents are invited to stop by to view illustrations and record their comments about the options.

Materials shared at the open house will be posted on the project website (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/pershing-drive-complete-street-improvements/>), and an online commenting tool will be available for two weeks following the open house. Staff will consider the additional public feedback from the open house to determine which concept will be implemented during this summer's pavement marking season.

This Spring, bring the outdoors in.



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