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See form on page 2*

President's Message

Election time often gets people wondering how they can make a difference beyond simply voting. Joining the Lyon Park Citizens Association provides an opportunity to do that at a truly grassroots level. The LPCA is committed to enhancing our community in particular and Arlington County in general.

You would not know it from the crowds that flock to the Community Fair, Food Truck Festival, and other events the LPCA routinely sponsors or from the steady stream of people enjoying the Lyon Park playground, which the LPCA helps maintain, but only a small fraction of the some 5,000 residents living in our vibrant neighborhood are members of the association.

If you are not a member, fill out the membership form on page 2. You can mail it in, or, better yet, bring it to the next LPCA meeting on Wednesday, November 14. If you already belong, ask your neighbors to join, too. Also, check to make sure your dues are up to date.

Building our membership is especially critical as we begin planning for the Lyon Park centennial next year. To mark this historic occasion in an appropriate manner, we need your input. We think one way to spark interest in the centennial celebration, as well as the LPCA, would be to provide residents with historical insight. If you have old photos of Lyon Park or know some fascinating facts, share them with us so we can include them in our newsletter. (Email to: presidentlyonpark@gmail.com.) We hope to see you on the 14th.

*Darcy Rosenbaum and Peter Zirnite
LPCA Co-Presidents*

Next meeting:

Wednesday,

November 14, 2018, 7:00 PM

Lyon Park Community Center

Classified Ads

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Please Pay Your LPCA Dues!

\$10/year, \$20/two years, \$250 for life

Please complete this form (Hint: use a return address label!) and mail it with your check to: LPCA Membership, P.O. Box 100191, Arlington, VA 22201

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Address _____
Preferred phone _____
E-mail _____

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

Community Volunteer Interests (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Neighborhood Conservation
- ☐ Community Center and Park
- ☐ Development issues
- ☐ Social Events (Holiday Party, Halloween)
- ☐ Homes and Gardens Tour
- ☐ Spring Fair
- ☐ Traffic issues
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Trees/Conservation
- ☐ All-purpose volunteer

The Lyon Park Citizens Association
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bake sale • parmesan cheese (see page 11)

28th Annual Lyon Park

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Saturday, November 17, 2013
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Friday, December 14th | 6:30 - 8:30 PM
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Lyon Park Community Center's Annual Holiday Party

Santa! Treats! Crafts! Music!

How to Help & Collecting AFAC Donations

- Bring your family's traditional and/or a seasonal treat or snack to share.
- Set up and/or clean up.
- Donate a canned good or non-perishable item to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

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emascarella@gmail.com



Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools

Arlington Public Schools has several events coming up that may be of interest to you!

*Watch School Board meetings via Livestream, or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41.

Saturday, Nov 17 10 AM - 1 PM	Health Fair hosted by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing The Springs, 4318 N. Carlin Springs Rd. 22203
Tuesday, Nov 27 7 PM	Proposed Public Hearing on Elementary Boundaries*. Agenda posted one week prior Syphax Education Center, 2 nd Floor, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Thursday, Nov 29 7 PM	School Board meeting*. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2 nd Floor, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Tuesday, Dec 4 7-9 PM	Joint School Board/County Board Work Session** Syphax Education Center, 2 nd Floor, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Thursday, Nov Dec 6 7 PM	School Board meeting*. Adopt Elementary School Boundaries and Names for Montessori, New Middle School & The Building at the Wilson Site (for H-B Woodlawn and Stratford Programs). Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2 nd Floor, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Saturday, Dec 7 11:30 AM - 2 PM	94th annual Arlington Chamber of Commerce Meeting. Register here. Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S. Orme St. 22204

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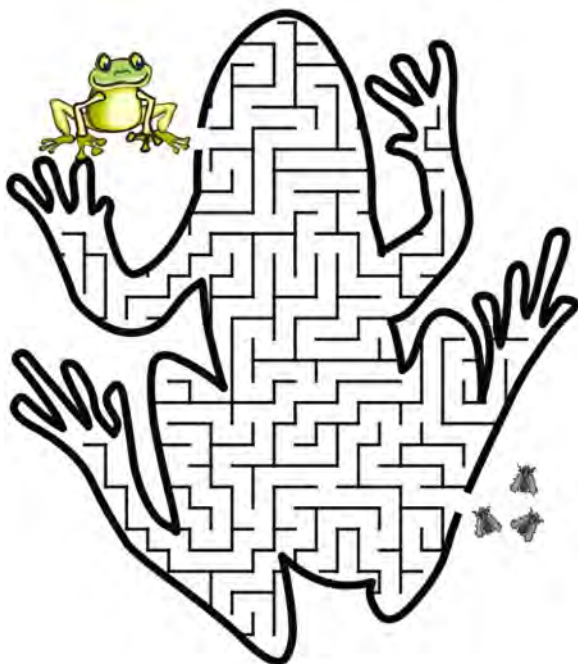
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Visit the Virginia Herpetological Society's web page at <https://tinyurl.com/ycd94jzg> for color pictures, size descriptions, and the time of year you are likely to here them.

Meanwhile, finish this maze please!



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≥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

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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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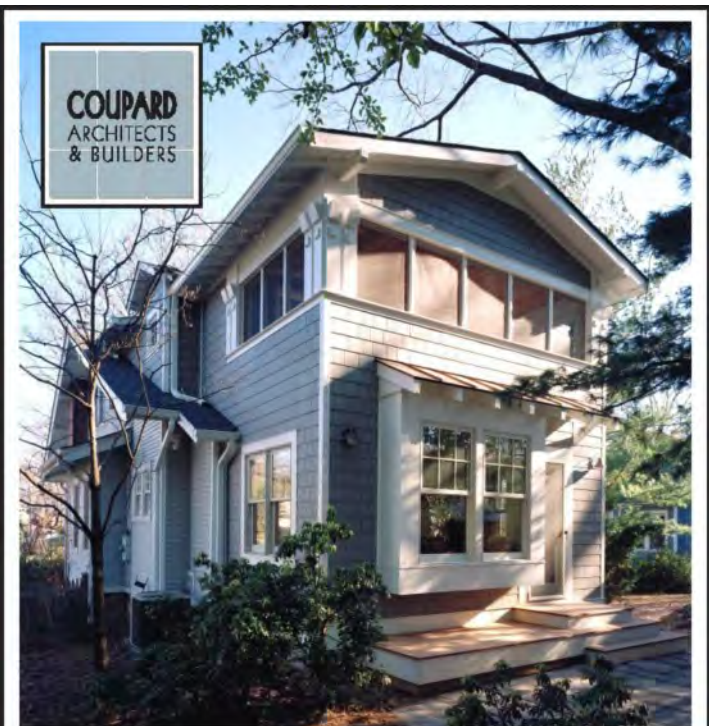
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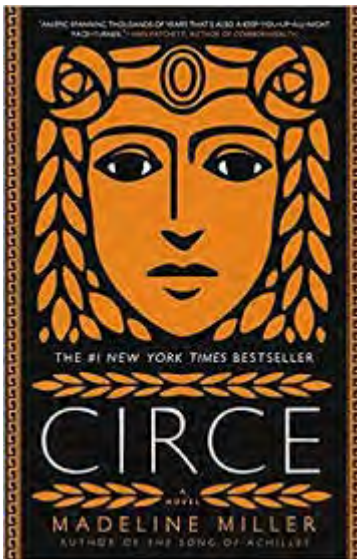
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Circe, A Novel

Margaret Dean



Miller spins the back story of Circe, born daughter of the Titan Helios and the nymph, the naiad, Perse. Initially Circe appeared unremarkable and was generally ignored or ostracized by parents and peers until she fell in love with a human, Glaucos. Circe expended every effort, using forbidden herbs of power, to give immortality to Glaucos. Once she did, he abandoned her to marry her beautiful relative, Scylla. In anger, Circe turned Scylla into a monster, discovering at the same time that she, the Cinderella in the house of the gods, was a witch with powers that worked outside the control of the gods. So the gods punished Circe by exiling her to Aiaia, a deserted island. There she spent her time honing her craft. After hundreds, if not thousands, of years Odysseus came upon the island and found Circe.

With her command of the material, Miller has woven connections into Circe's life with various ancient stories: Prometheus, Daedalus and his son, Icarus, Jason and the witch Medea, the birth of the Minotaur, Ariadne and Theseus, a love affair with Hermes. At the same time Circe's accounts of the lecherous sailors and captains who land upon Aiaia's beaches show the universality of rape, the raw power of men over women, who must be indomitable to survive. Ship after ship lands and crew after crew follows the same violent path; Circe sees them as the pigs they are, and as pigs they die.

Circe's view of death evolves from her earliest awareness that men die and do not share eternity like the immortals. Mortals are merely temporary inhabitants; Circe realizes she could live forever but her friends, Penelope and Telemachus, will be gone in a blink. Even Circe's memories of them would wither and fade given enough time.

Spoiler Alert: When, at the end, Circe marries Telemachus, the only child of Odysseus and Penelope, Circe recalls that she had once thought gods with their eternal life the very opposite of death. Having chosen human life (and by association death), she concludes that gods are dead, unchanging, afraid of pain, and yet terribly fascinated by it. Unspoken for the reader is the realization that gods play havoc with men's lives and each others' out of jealousy and boredom.

*Circe, A Novel by Madeline Miller. Little, Brown and Company, NY, NY. 2018.
ISBN 978-0-316-55634-7. Hardback, 385 pp., \$27.00*

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Playground Maintenance Effort

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If you didn't get a chance to donate at the Food Truck Festival, you can still do so online (<http://lyonpark.info/donate/>). To earmark the money for the playground, make your donation end with an eleven. Like \$50.11 or \$200.11.

The many children of Lyon Park thank you!



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We are a warm group made up of people of all ages. We would love to tell you more. Interested?

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This is restaurant quality cheese, freshly cut from the wheel.

Please pre-order, as we need to plan ahead—We've had difficulty getting an adequate supply recently, so we are stalking the supplier! Pick up your preorder at the November 17 not-just-a-Craft Fair, or make arrangements for pickup at a different time and place.

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Fundraising Limerick for Lyon Park

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And endless populations experiencing disparities
With so many "Asks"
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As you sort through the differences and similarities

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Shirley and Lowell Larson: Farewell and Fair Winds

It's a great American tale: Girl from Washington State and boy from Iowa meet in Virginia and become a family and a blessing to their community. But, luckily for us, it's the true story of how Shirley and Lowell Larson ended up in Lyon Park.

Shirley was born in Tacoma WA and grew up in the little fishing village of Gig Harbor. She went to college in Bellingham and then taught for three years in Los Angeles. By that time she had developed a yen for travel and adventure and so she applied to the Department of Defense for a teaching job overseas which led to a two-year post at a NATO base in Iceland. Then the East Coast called her name. She had a friend in the DC area and she decided to give it a try. She worked for a while at the Small Business Administration as a document examiner then moved back into teaching, first in McLean and then in Arlington. In 1973 Shirley first got acquainted with and fond of Lyon Park when she decided to move out of her shared apartment and into a little white rental house (long-gone) on N. Garfield Street.

Lowell grew up on a farm near Stratford, Iowa. He went to college at Iowa State in Ames where he studied mechanical engineering. He was recruited on campus and in 1963 moved to the DC area to begin a job as a patent examiner with the US Patent Office. At that time the Patent Office was in downtown DC but in the late 60s it moved to Crystal City. Ever-practical Lowell found an apartment in Crystal City and commuted to work via elevator and tunnel. His career with the Patent Office spanned 44 years. One interesting patent application that Lowell examined and approved was for a small practical thing that everyone in the country has used—the special rivet that holds the pop-top tab on aluminum cans.

In 1970, Shirley and Lowell met at a party given by friends, some hers and some his. They began dating and after three years of “keeping company” Shirley popped the question. They were married in 1973 and bought the house across the street from the little white house. Their son Arnie was born in 1979 and daughter Susie came along in 1982. Shirley was a stay-at-home mom until the kids were in elementary school when she got involved in their school activities, did some teaching and got ever more invested in Lyon Park.

Beginning in 1996 she began a five-year stint as the editor of The Lyon Park Citizen, our community newsletter, then stayed on as assistant editor for five or six more years. She became the Community Center Rental Agent in 2001 and held that post for about 13 years. In addition, anyone who has ever attended the community's Spaghetti Dinner, Chili Cook-off, Pancake Breakfast or Spring Fair food booth has benefited from Shirley's organizational skills and Lowell's behind-the-scenes faithful kitchen support.

And let's not forget Shirley's long years of participation in the Lyon Park Woman's Club (now not just for women) and its many yummy social and fundraising activities—luncheons, Halloween bonfire refreshments, bake sales, and cupcake sales. And who can forget the dreamy quiches she baked on Yard Sale Saturdays?

As they leave for a new life near Seattle where their children and grandchild (and one more on the way) now live, we wish them many happy days with their family and enjoying new sights, new food, new landscapes and new friends. Many thanks, Shirley and Lowell, for your generous gifts of time and talent over so many years. We hope you'll email occasionally and share some of your adventures with us.

—Your Lyon Park Friends



Lyon Park's September 2018 Yard Sale was another huge success, with approximately 20 tables laden with treasures.

We thank organizer Margaret Scrymser for overseeing an orderly vendor arrival and departure. And thanks to the not-just-for-Woman's Club for ensuring there was plenty of food available.



*All photos:
Jennifer Hart*



The Bradford Pear in Hindsight

Jeannette Wick



Recently, there's been some discussion on the listserv about the notorious Bradford pear tree. Once upon a time, city planners and land developers hailed the Bradford pear as the ideal tree. Today, however, they are less complimentary. What is the Bradford pear's story?

In 1898, the US Department of Agriculture created the Foreign Seeding Plant Introduction Office. Its mission was to find and secure economically important plants from around the world. Its staff members looked to China for plants that might thrive here because China's climate is similar to ours. Pear trees were an early focus because of a fire blight – an infection that left trees looking as if they were scorched by fire – that destroyed endless numbers of pear trees in the Pacific Northwest. Government researchers identified resistance to fire blight in only two Chinese wild pear species and importation began to focus on *Pyrus Calleryana*. This specific pear species thrived in many types of soil. By

the 1950s, some arborists found the tree's thick, glossy leaves and very symmetrical shape attractive. They began grafting to make the tree a more likely landscaping addition. The Bradford pear was born.

Controlled planting began in the 1950s in a residential subdivision in University Park, Maryland. The Bradford pear's popularity exploded because it grew rapidly, retained its foliage into autumn, and produced showy, abundant floral displays in the early spring. The Bradford pear hit the market as a commercial species beginning in 1961, and uptake on the east coast was robust.

By the early 1980s, many trees were entering 20 years of growth and arborists started to see a tendency for geriatric trees to break apart in inclement weather. The cause: branches that emanate from one central trunk. Botanical engineers were quick to introduce new genetically engineered replacements for the Bradford pear, and uptake was again brisk. Each variety produced genetically identical trees, being the products of vegetative propagation. Trees from the same variety were unable to cross pollinate. Again, these trees grew quickly, had lovely shapes, produced flowers, and grew in a variety of soils.



Initially, most of these trees bloomed (and it's the rare individual who likes the odor of their blooms) but did not produce fruit. But they were able to produce a few fruit if planted near another clone of a different variety. Insect pollinators were able to carry pollen from large residential areas that contained only one type of ornamental pear to other areas that had a different ornamental pear. Within a year, the trees would begin fruiting prolifically with small inedible fruit. The fruit became food for birds during the winter, and then was spread as birds defecated seeds in distant areas. Unfortunately, cross-pollinating varieties spread rapidly and with abundance. By the late 1990s, wild pears were

growing in areas where they were neither welcome nor suitable.

Bradford pears present another problem. While not entirely inhospitable to bugs and birds that inhabit native species, fewer bugs and birds inhabit the Bradford pear. Bradford pear, with its very smooth surface bark, lacks the nooks and crannies that many birds prefer for nesting. Some birds will nest in Bradford pear but given a choice between this ornamental or a native species, they will choose the native species. The Division of Forestry at West Virginia University conducted a survey of bird nests and trees planted along an interstate highway and found that among 597 trees, 40 were Bradford pear. None of those 40 trees had any birds nests. By comparison, 270 coniferous trees hosted 196 bird nests, and 18 red Maples had 11 nests. This led to a recommendation that folks should consider planting trees that songbirds prefer—native species.

Note also that grackles, also known as trash birds, love Bradford pear trees during certain times of the year. Grackles travel in large flocks, and often become nuisance inhabitants of shopping malls and on utility wires. Their weight can break telephone wires, and they are loud. The noise can be deafening, and often is during the spring bloom of the Bradford pears along Pershing Drive at Washington Boulevard. Arlington County does not recommend planting Bradford Pear trees.



Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee: PLAN UPDATE

Get your neighborhood plan update from your Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Representative

The NCAC leads the development of neighborhood plans and recommends neighborhood-initiated capital improvements for funding by the County Board. Improvements include sidewalks, street beautification, pedestrian safety projects, streetlights and parks; an updated plan helps to place projects higher on a priority list. The prior Lyon Park plan dates back to 1973.

NCAC members include representatives from 48 of Arlington County's 57 civic associations. Each community that participates in the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program has a NC Representative that serves as a liaison with County staff in the development of a neighborhood plan. The plan ultimately reflects the desires of the community as a whole. All NC representatives serve on the NCAC. Your representatives have been Bess Zelle and Thora Colot for the past three or four years.

With Christa Abbott, they have worked alongside a dedicated group of volunteers to organize, write, and finalize a draft of Lyon Park's new neighborhood conservation plan! They are working towards a formal presentation to the Lyon Park membership at our January meeting. Then, they will present it to the County Board in the spring. Thank you to our incredible volunteers for completing this project.

Thora reminds Lyon Park that the County Manager put forth his 2018 CIP for approval by the County Board on July 21. It includes a funding change. Neighborhood Conservation Program funding has been reduced from the previous amount of \$12 million in the last CIP to \$4 million in this one.



Save the Date:

- Lyon Park Civic Association meeting, November 14, 7 PM
- 2nd and 4th Sundays, 2 PM to 6 PM: Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association.
- Lyon Park not-just-for-Woman's Club potluck lunch. Thursday, November 15. Hope to see many new faces!
- Not-just-a-CRAFT FAIR, Saturday, November 17, 9 AM to 3 PM.
- Children's Holiday Party, Friday, December 14. Evening party that will include a visit from Santa.

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