

Lyon Park Citizen

June 2019

Please pay your annual dues. See page 2

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Next meeting:
Wednesday,
June 12, 7:00 PM
Lyon Park Community Center

See You in September!

The Lyon Park Citizens Association takes a break after the second Wednesday of June, resuming activities in September.

This is the last issue of The Lyon Park
Citizen for the 2018-2019 publishing year.
If you would be interested in serving as
its editor next year, please contact any
member of the LPCA Board (listed on
page 2). It's great fun and wonderful
resume fodder.

President's Message

May was a marvelous month to live in Lyon Park, kicking off on May 4 with the Spring Food Truck Festival. We haven't been tallying turnout at the festivals, but this appeared to be the best-attended one yet. If it wasn't the largest crowd, it was certainly the thirstiest, as we set a record for beverage sales. Although the event wasn't designed to be a fundraiser, it ended up taking in nearly \$1,000. Aaron Schuetz and his team of volunteers did a great job. (We'd be remiss if we didn't also tip our hats to the fabulous musicians in First Road North.)

Two weeks later, the 95th Annual Lyon Park Spring Fair reached an even higher peak, as hundreds of people turned out to the sun-drenched park for fun and food and an opportunity to beautify their homes and gardens, courtesy of the Lyon Park Garden Group's annual plant sale. It was particularly heartening to hear how many first-timers attended. While the wonderful weather did contribute to the success of the fair, it was the volunteers, young and old, who truly made sure that everyone had an amazing time. Their commitment to our community is inspiring. The fair may be billed as fun and games, but it takes a herculean effort to pull it off. Thanks to everyone who pitched in.

A few days after the fair, Thora Colot convened a meeting of the Centennial History Committee, which is exploring a number of ideas for highlighting the history of our great community with the aim of producing materials that can be used not just for the centennial, but for years to come. A history of Lyon Park is already being drafted to with an eye on being published as a brochure for distribution at centennial-related events and others in the future. A Learn Lyon Park History bike tour, which will be posted online, is also in the works. The committee is looking for old photographs and other pertinent memorabilia to use for these projects and others they want to develop (see request on page 3).

Even though this is the last issue of the newsletter until September, and the LPCA will take a similar break after its next meeting on Wednesday, June 12, we don't want to lose the momentum built up in May. We need to sustain it through the summer if all our centennial celebration plans are to come to fruition, and that will require more volunteers. As one veteran volunteer recently said, "We need some new ponies. The work horses are getting tired." You can sign up on line (www.lyonpark.org) or at the next LPCA meeting. We hope to see you then.

Darcy Rosenbaum and Peter Zirnite
LPCA Co-Presidents

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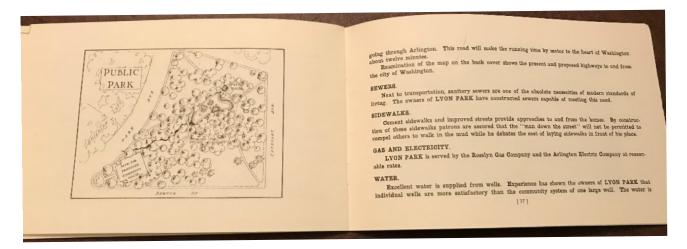
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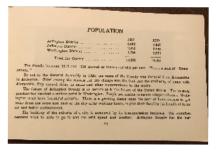
Elizabeth Sheehy



One hundred years ago, in 1919, when Lyon Park was in its infancy, the neighborhood was full of new housing construction, young families, a few older homes from decades earlier, and a strong sense of community. Lyon Parkers were concerned about clean water, good schools, and civic involvement.

One hundred years later, as we celebrate the centennial in 2019, Lyon Park is populated by a more diverse group, and teaming with new housing construction, young families and older homes, some from a century earlier. Lyon Parkers remain concerned about clean water, good schools, and community engagement.

In 1920, according to the Lyon Park sales brochure, Clarendon (of which Lyon Park was a part) had a population of 5,000, while Arlington's population reached 16,000. In 2020, Clarendon is practically a city in its own right, the population of Lyon Park alone is 5,000, and the population of Arlington has grown to 235,000. However, the beneficial features highlighted in the brochure to lure District residents to the new suburbs have not changed much over the years: "to escape the noise" and housing crush of the District, the benefit of "fresh air and better environment," and the opportunity to "exercise the right of suffrage" that was denied to District residents. Ironically, 1920 is also the year women finally gained that right of suffrage, in spite of Virginia's legislature refusal to ratify it until 1952.



Some things have certainly improved since 1920. Deeds at that time included covenants that precluded non-Caucasians from purchasing land. Look for more information of this topic in future articles. There were also restrictions on serving alcohol in the Community House, in keeping with the developer's commitment to temperance. As the saying goes, we've come a long way, baby!

It is interesting to note in reading through the brochure, contemporary to our community's establishment, that the core issues in 1919 continue to dominate our lives in 2019: public transportation issues (Then: Washington-Virginia Railway. Now: WMATA), road conditions, sidewalks (a perennial Lyon Park debate), utilities, green space, and schools. In a community like ours, it is pretty easy to feel connected to the past!

The original 1920 Lyon Park sales brochure is pictured in the photos above.

DESPERATELY SEEKING (LYON PARK) STUFF!

The Historical Group for the Lyon Park Centennial Celebration is looking for items from the neighborhood's past. Maybe you have photos taken in the Community House in the 50's, items like trophies or custom t-shirts that might be of interest to the community, pictures of houses or street scenes from the early days, stories of the neighborhood you'd like to share.

Please let us know what you have to share. Items can be returned if you wish, or we will look into the best way to preserve them if that is your preference. Please contact us at cathnews@hotmail.com, and we will arrange the best way to share your stories and stuff with your neighbors!



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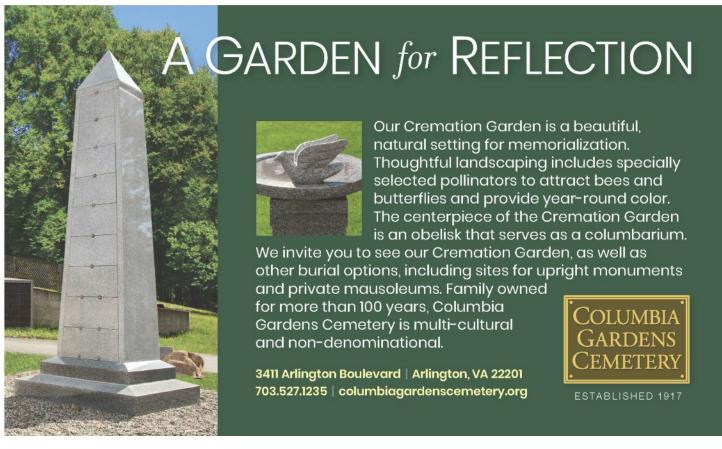
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Monday – Thursday evening (6–10 PM)

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

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- \$30/inflatable (can only be rented from Arlington TEAM)
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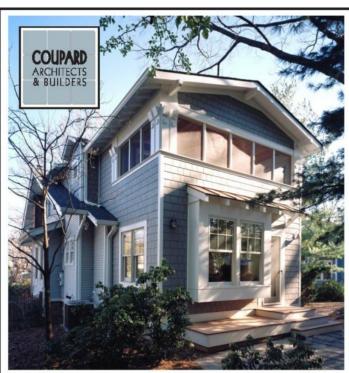


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Stocking Up for Summer Projects



With the summer break approaching, Lyon Park's kids will have time to fill. Two types of activities—outdoor exercise and reading—receive a tremendous amount of attention these days. This essay makes a plug for also scheduling some crafting every week, and involving the entire family. Crafting teaches usable skills like creativity, confidence, and problem-solving. And it's fun, too.

Art is more interesting and challenging when artists use different materials, items with varying textures, and items that would otherwise go into the trash (pretty boxes, bottle caps, etc). For example, six-year-old Emily created robot pictured to the left from an empty mac-and-cheese box. (It's also a reminder that every craft supply needs googly eyes!)

It's essential to have supplies, and lots of them!!! Here are a few tips to find supplies without spending a bundle:

- Never, ever go to Michael's, Joanne's, or AC Moore without a coupon. And note that
 - they honor each others' coupons, so if AC Moore has a 50% off coupon, and you need something at Michael's and they're offering 30% off, pull out the AC Moore coupon at Michael's and they will honor it. You get the idea.
- Consider shopping the creative reuse stores, like Upcyle in Alexandria. Its hours are limited and it's hit or miss, but the prices are exceptional if you find what you need. Five dollars gets you a generous bag of stuff, and \$25 will fill your back seat. (https://www.upcyclecrc.org/)
- Search craigslist. People often tire of their "hobbies," and they just want to clear everything out. Using a list of search words (i.e. jewels, jems, bling, glitter) will increase your odds of success.
- Don't forget Oriental Trading! They have a great selection, but always look for a sale or a promotion.



The Best Crafting...

Lets the crafter express his or her feelings. Encourage kids to free-style and not to worry about what is "right" or perfect.

Is a little challenging. Choose projects that make the crafter think a little about how to assemble items or plan the sequence of application.

Introduces three dimensional thought. Adding embellishments to a project or constructing something that makes kids measure twice, cut once will make them better at geometry and problem-solving. Nine year old Olivia made the forest pencil can pictured to the left; it's a pretty—and handy—desk organizer.

Includes some directions. Following directions is a skill that kids will use for the rest of their lives.

But allows some creative latitude. Select crafts that require kids to follow the basic directions, but also allows them to wing it!

Is a social activity! Taking time to craft together, admire each others' work, and even steal ideas develops a sense of community and togetherness. It refines social skills!



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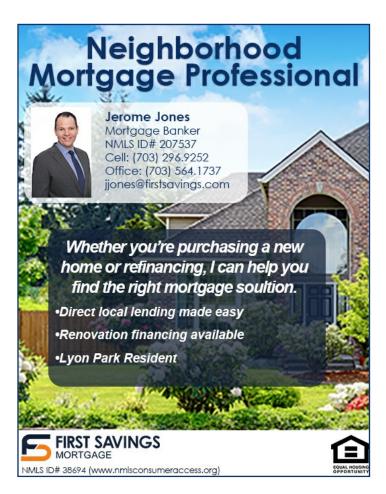
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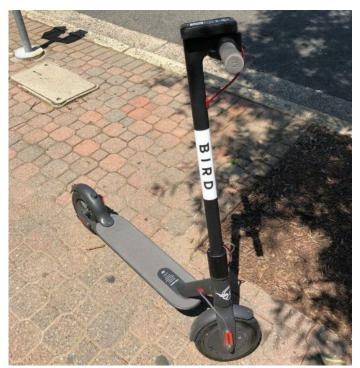
What do you think about Shared Mobility Devices in Arlington?

Arlington County is seeking input on the Shared Mobility Devices (SMD) demonstration project that started in October 2018. SMDs include electric-assist bikes (e-bikes) and electric-assist scooters (e-scooters) that do not require a station.

The County will use community feedback along with comments submitted to mobility@arlingtonva.us, Police Department data, SMD operator data, and other sources to inform recommendations to the County Board about the future of Shared Mobility Devices in Arlington.

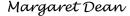
The online feedback form (https://tinyurl.com/y9tlke9l) will take about 15-20 minutes to complete. It is divided into four sections on e-scooters, dockless e-bikes, Arlington travelers, and demographics.

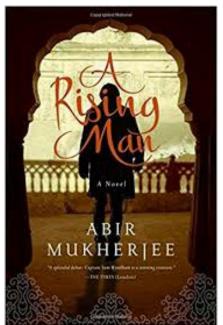
All feedback is welcome, even if you have never used one of these devices in Arlington County.





A Rising Man, A Novel by Abir Mukherjee





Essentially this is a story of India in 1919, mostly of Calcutta, but not exclusively so. And yes it is also a complex murder mystery, and a political whodunit. Mukherjee quotes Kipling to say, "Calcutta seems full of 'rising men,' the implication being that they are all in mortal competition with each other. It's not difficult to see the power shifting in the halcyon days of the Raj. Nor is it an accident that the new British detective's Indian partner Surendranath Banergee is called Surrender Not. The inability or the sheer unwillingness of the British to pronounce the deputy's name is a clear example of the British not yet recognizing the indigenous culture or its explosive strength.

Mukherjee uses his protagonist, newly arrived Captain Sam Wyndham, formerly of Scotland Yard, to unconsciously show his fellow colonials' biases. Similarly Mukherjee uses the intense heat, the noise, and squalor staged against the large private homes, lovely gardens, and quiet attendants to emphasize the differences of the two cultures. Still murder is murder, and must be resolved. So when Alexander MacAuley, prominent in the Bengal business world, is brutally killed outside a brothel with a note of political rebellion stuffed in his mouth, Wyndham must determine if the act is political, sexual, terroristic, or economic before he can move to identify the killer and his motivations.

The former terrorist/liberationist Sen might be the guilty party but Wyndham learns Sen has reformed himself along the lines of Gandhi into an Indian nationalist and peaceful protestor. Slowly others are removed from the list of suspects, despite political pressure (as embodied

by secret intelligence, Section H of the colonial administration). Wyndham and Banergee debate whether justice will be achieved and what the British legacy in India will be. They fear for the rule of law and the assumed British moral superiority that allows the British to treat Indians as third class citizens.

As many readers suspect, this is the first of a series, and Wyndham's back story of becomes more important. He is not only a skilled detective, but also a drug addict seeking to escape the shattering pain of losing his wife and child during the First World War. His internal conflict is increased by recognizing a fractious but potential romantic interest.

A Rising Man, A Novel by Abir Mukherjee. Pegasus, New York. 2017. ISBN 978-1-68177-670-5, Gift, Paperback, 368 pp

Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools Arlington Public Schools has several events coming up that may be of interest to you! Challenging Racism Book Club: The Hate U Give, award-winning novel by Angie Thomas Monday, June 10 6:30-8:50 PM Langston-Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. 22207 School Board Work Session* on PreK-12 Instructional Program Pathways (IPP) Tuesday, June 11 7 - 9 PM Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204 Last School Board meeting of the 2018-19 school year*. Agenda posted one week prior. Tuesday, June 18 Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204 7 - 9 PM *View Board meetings live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41. ** Watch Work Sessions live online at https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/school-board-work-sessions-meetings/ Work sessions are opened to the public but no public comments are accepted. Visit www.apsva.us/Engage to stay up-to-date on engagement opportunities.

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The Mystery of the Oldest House in Lyon Park Toby McIntosh

The oldest house in Lyon Park was built in 1890 at 512 N. Highland St. – or maybe not.

There are other possible candidates from competing sources of information, sometimes of questionable accuracy.

According to Arlington County tax records, the light gray house at 512 Highland, graced with double-decker front porches, is the oldest. However, expert researchers who reviewed every house in Lyon Park to put together the 2003 application for the National Registry of Historic Places chose a quite different date, 1922. The 1922 estimate seems implausible to owners Larry Kitson and Jackie Jones. They recall finding, inside a wall, a fragile IOU for \$5 dated 1905.

Similar inconsistencies on construction dates are common for the older homes in Lyon Park. Knowledgeable experts said that County records that are that old are absent, inaccurate, and unverifiable. The researchers for the Registry nomination may also have made mistakes, but nevertheless produced a wonderful compendium describing more than 700 buildings in our neighborhood. About 20 of them predate the building boom begun in 1920 by developer Frank Lyon.

Lyon Park, the Registry application says, "... contains one of Arlington County's greatest concentrations of highstyle suburban Colonial Revival buildings from the World War I to World War II period (1918-1945)." The architectural riches include many styles: Queen Anne, Tudor Revival, Bungalow/Craftsman, Cape Cods, American Foursquare and pre-fabricated kit houses (Sears houses).

The oldest house according to the Registry application is 501 N. Highland. The Registry pegged it at 1891. Except the County says it's much younger, from 1915.

There are three elderly candidate houses on N. Irving St. (respectfully ignoring the west side of Irving, which is in Ashton Heights). All of them date to 1902, according to the Registry application. Of these, the Queen Anne style at 817 N. Irving seems to have a solid claim. The County claim of 1904 makes the two sources almost identical. But the other two on Irving aren't as old as 1902, the County says, with 903 N. Irving dated to 1907 and 801 N. Irving to 1929 (at least a decade too late says the owner).

In one rare spot of agreement, both sources say one "modest" house, 903 N. Barton St. (now Bluebird School), was built in 1905.

So we'll leave it there, except to say that the discrepancies are pretty common. No doubt that more research strings can be pulled and community knowledge tapped.

McIntosh wrote a book on the Clarendon Post Office's WPA-era murals, <u>virginianewdealart.com</u>. Both sources date his house to 1920.









May was a busy month in the park with a Food Truck Festival on the 4th and the 95th annual Spring Fair on the 18th. On this page, you'll find pictures from the Food Truck Festival, and on the next page, it's all Spring Fair. It's certainly a no-tears assortment of photos, all taken by our favorite photographer, Jennifer Hart (thanks, Jennifer)!

Every event needs an anchor. We thank First Road North for providing the musical backdrop on May 4th, and we were pleased to have ponies back at the Fair. (The rain during the past few Mays prevented them from coming.)

As always, we send a round of applause to Aaron Schuetz and John Goldener for leading the Food Truck Festival, and to Darcy Rosenbaum for leading the Fair. And we send hugs, thanks, and good wishes to all of the dozens of volunteers who helped at each event.



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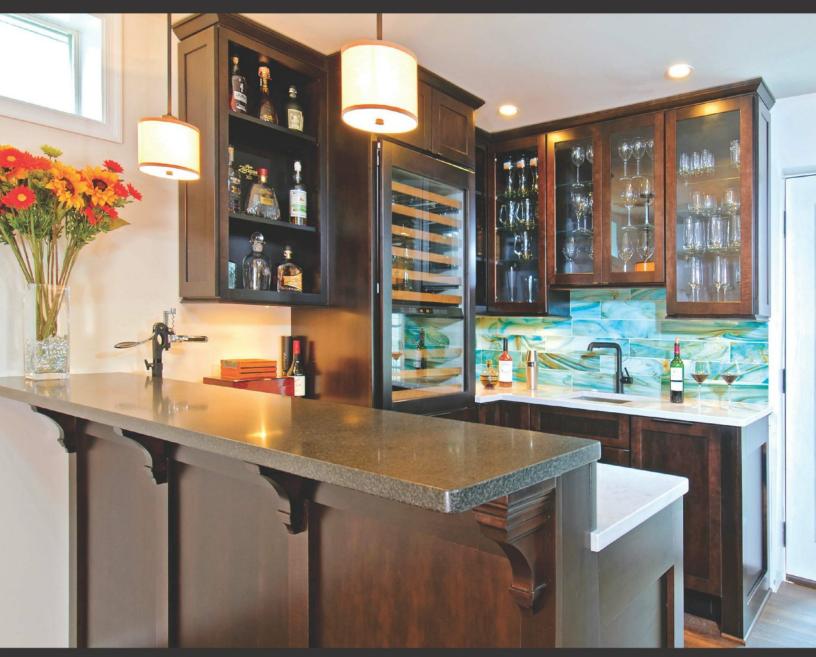






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