

Lyon Park Citizen

October 2019

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President's Message

Lyon Park is at its best in autumn, and this year it promises to be particularly spectacular as we celebrate the centennial of the founding of our beloved community. There is a wide array of events planned to mark this momentous occasion, ensuring our celebration will be fun, entertaining and educational. (The full schedule can be found on page 3.) A number of these events are free; others are ticketed with limited capacity. If you don't want to be left outside looking in, go to our web site – LyonPark.org – and order your tickets today.

We are poised to celebrate our centennial in appropriate style thanks to the volunteers who have toiled tirelessly through the summer and continue to do so. No one has worked harder than Darcy Rosenbaum. I extend my heartfelt thanks to her, not just for her work on the Centennial Celebration but also for the diligence she displayed over the past year as co-president of the Lyon Park Citizens Association. At the September meeting of the LPCA, Darcy announced she would not seek re-election as co-president and instead wanted to dedicate herself to strengthening the Association as membership chair. Luckily, outgoing chair Vicky Hush left her a firm foundation to build on.

While I appreciate the confidence LPCA members showed in me by electing me president for 2019-2020, I must admit flying solo comes with some trepidation. No longer will I be able to ride on Darcy's coattails; I have to wear the coat. Making sure it is a good fit depends on your support. Come to the next LPCA meeting at the Community Center on Wednesday, October 9, and let me know what you envision for the LPCA in the coming year.





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Saturday, October 19, 2019 6 PM - 9 PM

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

Community Volunteer Interests (Check all that apply):

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This is a rain-or-shine event. Please note for this event, you must pre-pay, and the deadline is Wednesday, October 2.

Unload all your accumulated trash – or TREASURE!

Rent one space for \$20 or two for \$35

Residents and guests (yoo hoo! Ashton Heights?!?!?!) are encouraged to participate

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For information, or to volunteer to help, contact Margaret Scrymser at scryms23@comcast.net (PREFERRED) or (703) 527-5091.



,	Arlington Public Schools has several events coming up that may be of interest to you!
Tuesday, October 15 6 - 8 PM	Beyond APS College Fair Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 125 South Glebe Rd. 22204
• •	School Board Meeting*. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Friday, October 18 6 - 9 PM	Cosechando Sueños para Nuestros Hijos - Harvesting Dreams for Our Children. Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road, 22204 RSVP here: https://www.apsva.us/cosechando/
	Alice West Fleet Elementary School Opening Celebration & Open House 115 South Old Glebe Road, 22204
Tuesday, October 22 7 PM	School Board Work Session** Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Saturday, October 26 10 AM - 11:30 PM	The Heights/H-B Woodlawn & Eunice Kennedy Shriver Program Open House 1601 Wilson Blvd. 22201
• •	Middle School Information Night Washington-Liberty High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. 22201
• •	High School Information Night Washington-Liberty High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. 22201
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Celebrate fall with us at a special afternoon filled with activities for adults and children.

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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
- \$100 grounds fee for ponies and petting zoos

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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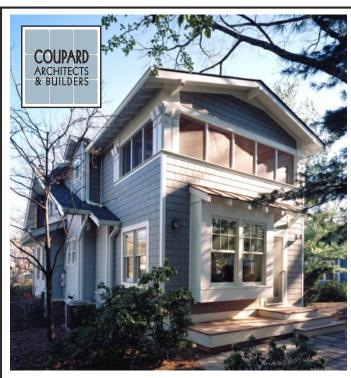
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To Benefit the Lyon Park Community Center

Sunday, October 13, 2019 South Riding Golf Club

KICK-OFF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WEEK!

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.

Putt-off before 1:00 PM Tee Time! 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. Invite friends to play with you or we will place you in a foursome with your neighbors!

Mail application and check. \$125 per player. (\$45 of which is a tax deductible donation) payable to "Lyon Park Community"

Center" to: Lyon Park/Ashton Heights Golf Tourney c/o Bill An	hut, 929 N. Cleveland St., Arlington, VA 22201
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Halloween in Lyon Park

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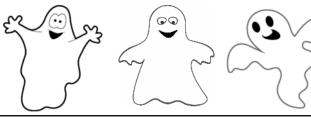
- Parade of Costumes, Saturday, October 26 (Weather-dependent)
 - □Goblins, witches, fairies, and superheros should appear in the park before IO AM; parade starts at IO AM promptly
 - □If you can bring treats (cookies, fruit, etc) to share, please contact Lori Rizzi at lori.m.rizzi@gmail.com or Jessica Thibodeau at jessthibodeau@gmail.com
- Bonfire, Thursday, October 31, starting at sunset
 - □ Looking for adults to feed the fire and control the crowd. E-mail billanhut@yahoo.com if you can help.
 - □Can you donate an hour or two to help prepare donuts and cider, monitor the crowd, or help clean afterward? Contact Elizabeth Wray at ejswray@yahoo.com or (703) 522-1263

Explore Lyon Park on Foot

Now that the temperature and humidity are moderating, it is a great time to explore the many delights of our beautiful community, and one of the best ways to do that is on foot. And there is no better place to get started than by downloading the self-guided walking tour created by Lyon Park native Scott Sowers for WalkArlington.

The 2.3-mile walkabout focuses on some of the wonderfully restored, early 20th century houses found in Lyon Park. It is one of 26 walks developed by Walk Arlington, a program of Arlington County Commuter Services, a bureau of the Department of Environmental Services.

It can be found here: http://www.walkarlington.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/WA-LyonPark-min.pdf





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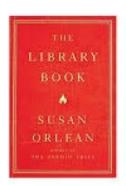




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The Library Book

Margaret Dean



After describing her avowed commitment to and her love of libraries, Susan Orlean lays out the history and the destruction of the Central Library of Los Angeles. On April 28, 1986 the Goodhue Library caught fire and burned for seven hours, consuming 400,000 books, damaging over 700,000 more books, and hospitalizing more than 20 people. The list of loss was stupendous. The suspected arsonist was never tried, but in a case of perverse justice was paid \$35,000.

Orlean uses lovely, lyrical language as in her compelling description of the fire "suffocating, ferocious, feeding on itself." Or "the stacks' steel shelves brightened...glistening and nearly molten, they glowed cherry red." Some losses, such as a volume of Don Quixote from 1860, a book from the 1500s by noted Italian architect Andrea Palladio or 5.5 million U.S. patents, complete with drawings and descriptions, were irreplaceable.

The author meticulously describes every architectural step in building the library and, years later, its replacement. She includes the personal and professional lives of every Head Librarian. We learn that wet books should be frozen until they can be properly cared for, otherwise mold quickly destroys whatever is left. Companies volunteered their commercial freezer space. In fact much of the recovery work was performed by volunteers.

Orlean also traces the evolution of libraries, from warm places for homeless, jobless men during the Depression to a place doing that and offering classes and voter registration and literacy programs and story times and speaker series and homeless outreach and business services and computer access and movies, and e-lending, and audio books, and perhaps a gift shop, and books of course.

The clever design of the book plays off the inclusion of an old, used library card tucked in the back cover, complete with the names of previous borrowers who signed it out. Inside the front cover is a synopsis of events. Each chapter opens with the titles and the Dewey Decimal number of three or four books related specifically to the fire or to Orlean's emotions about the library at any stage. Orlean posits that libraries are of national importance because if you take away a culture's books you erase them from history, from ever having been. Only with the recent translations of Hittite, for example, has this culture been resurrected from the dead and produced a greater understanding of the Trojan War.

The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Simon & Schuster, NY, NY. 2019. ISBN 978-1-4767-4018-8. Hardback. 310 pp.







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Kit Putnam with Helene LaManna, Matthew Girard and Seven LaManna-Girard

As hints of cooler weather make longer walks more tempting for you and your pup here are some suggestions for getting out and about a little farther, but not that far, from home. We are happy to be able to pass on these recommendations from our on-theground research team of Helene, Matthew and their pup Seven.

To your list of walk-about destinations in North Arlington you might want to add the lesser known and slightly wilder Windy Run Park. It features a trail with several creek crossings and several waterfalls alongside a set of steep natural steps that lead down to the Potomac. There the path connects to the Potomac Heritage Trail which extends some distance north and south. Access to Windy Run Park is at the end of the stretch of N. Kenmore Street that begins at Lorcom Lane. For a map and information check out the park website at https://tinyurl.com/y5kroq9m.

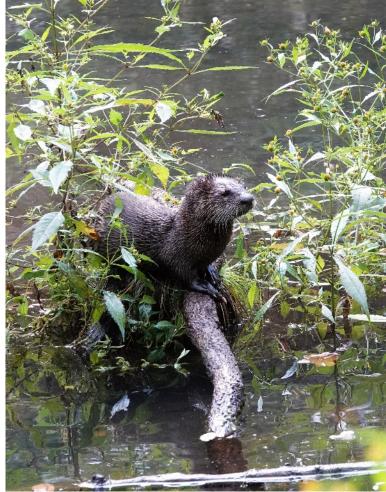
Fairfax County's 406 square miles offer a rich choice of parks, nature centers and trails for your walk-about pleasure. Among them are several that are also along the Potomac. One is *Turkey* Run Park, accessed from the George Washington Memorial Parkway northbound lanes about two miles south of 495. The moderately challenging trail takes you to the river's edge and the above-mentioned Potomac Heritage Trail. The National Park Service's lovely and informative website for Turkey Run is at https://tinyurl.com/y3hu9jk3l. Two others that lead to the river are Difficult Run Trail and Scott's Run Nature Preserve. Check on the Internet for tips about access, parking, trails and features and for guidelines for people and pup courtesy and safety while walking in these (and all other) parks. Some sites also have photos to tempt you to pay a visit. You might want to check out websites aimed at hikers as well as the official park websites.

Inland in Fairfax County are scads of possibilities. Mason District Park off of Columbia Pike not far this side of the Gallows Road intersection offers several mostly flat hiking trails and an official fenced off-leash dog park. The 493 acre Lake Accotink Park in North Springfield is worthy of many visits. For the hardy hikers, human and canine, the trail around the lake is about five miles long but there are other shorter trails for hiking and wildlife spotting. The park's website is https://tinyurl.com/y52m8ws4.

And last, for those who like charming surprises, there is the Dora Kelley Nature Park, a small little-known gem tucked into a corner of Alexandria along Holmes Run. The main trail is approximately one mile long and can be walked at a leisurely pace in about 45 minutes. The park encompasses fifty acres of stream valley floodplain, freshwater marsh, and oak-heath forest. Be prepared to spot an impressive array of different birds as well as deer, herons, foxes, turtles and maybe even an otter. Since there is so much to see in Dora Kelley you might want to print the park's online guide at https://tinyurl.com/y5eatgha to help in identifying the flora and fauna. The park entrance is at 5750 Sanger Avenue off of Beauregard Street.

Next month: walk-abouts on the other side of the Potomac.





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4. Reither said property nor any part thereof nor any interest therein shall be loaned, sold or leased to any one not of the Cancasian Race, for a period of ninety-nine years from Jeptember 1. 1923.

Centennial Covenants Events Christa Abbott

When the community center renovation happened a few years ago, I read the deed and saw, "Neither said property nor any part thereof nor any interest therein shall be loaned, sold or leased to anyone not of the Caucasian race." My discomfort with this surfaced again as we began to reflect on a hundred years of Lyon Park history. I have been involved in planning the "Community Conversation: The legacy of racial covenants in Lyon Park," as part of our centennial celebration.

Initially, I didn't know what to do with this information from the deed. When I thought about ignoring it, my throat tightened and my fingers clenched- what my body knows as fear. When I thought about planning an event as something we "should" do, I had the same sensation. The harder question, when there are so many wrongs that can never be righted, is to ask what love looks like. When I get stumped, my go-to is curiosity; my arms become lighter and my palms heat up, a feeling that is synonymous with love to me.

I see this event emerged as an act of gratitude for our community today. Gratitude for the historian neighbor who explained what Caucasian would have meant in the 1920s. Gratitude for a journalist neighbor who sent me a dissertation. Gratitude for the activist neighbor who said, "the first step is owning it, start there." Finally, it was gratitude for a neighbor willing to share her own childhood experiences of discrimination. She sees the historical pictures of Lyon Park and none of the people look like her. If no one else is talking about why that is, it lands for her as invisible then, invisible now, in her present-day community. I saw this information as a gift to our community, entrusted to me with the risk that I would be indifferent or dismissive, and I did not want to squander it.

While this event will involve learning some sad information, I also see it as a celebration. I grew up in a diverse community in Virginia and the topic of race was avoided to the detriment of everyone. I am celebrating the recent scholarship in Arlington that allows us to have a fact-based, more nuanced discussion of our past. I hope that you will choose to attend this conversation on Wednesday, November 13. Doors open at 6:45, we will begin promptly at 7.

Understanding the Legacy of Arlington Housing Segregation Toby McIntosh

New research sheds light on housing segregation in Arlington and Frank Lyon. Historian Lindsey Bestebreurtje, who will speak at the November 13 Lyon Park Civic Association meeting, reveals that Lyon Park developer Lyon's political activism helped preserve and expand segregation.

The manifestation of this in Lyon Park was Caucasian-only deed covenants that reflected not only Lyon's views, but also prevalent white attitudes at the time.

Bestebreurtje's doctoral dissertation looked not only at the covenants, but also at public policies that created and perpetuated housing segregation. These included zoning rules to limit apartment construction.

Lyon not only was a developer, he also was a newspaper publisher and a founder of the Good Citizen's League, which promoted public works projects. He was an official at the 1902 Virginia Constitutional Convention that recommended tough restrictions to disenfranchise African-Americans.

And Bestebreurtje explains that the county-wide voting system adopted in 1930 was designed to prevent representation from predominately African-American neighborhoods.

She questions some standard Arlington lore.

Lyon was part of the six-person armed posse that broke up bars in Rosslyn in 1904. This episode is typically portrayed as a virtuous clean-up campaign propelled by anti-gambling and temperance sentiments. Bestebreurtje's research adds more context. Saloons in Rosslyn were integrated and they provided a source of employment for residents of Rosslyn's black enclave. "Racial fears of integrated drinking and socializing sparked anti-saloon Progressive policies throughout the South," she wrote.

These are some of Bestebreurtje's insights into our past that lay a foundation for understanding Lyon Park today. Find her dissertation here: https://tinyurl.com/y66wx67c.

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Thank you for the continued welcoming into your community. We look forward in servicing all of your automotive needs.

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