



Lyon Park Citizen

November 2019

**Please pay your annual dues.
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Lyon Park's listserv, located on NextDoor, is a secure, private social network and an easy way for neighbors to connect and share information. It's free.

Lyon Park neighbors use this app and/or website to:

- Find a home for a piano
- Chit-chat about Lyon Park's centennial
- Look for that cat that slipped out the door!
- Find out whose power is out (or back on)!

Join here:

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Next meeting:

Wednesday,

November 13, 7:00 PM

Lyon Park Community Center

President's Message

There is not much more I can say about the ongoing Lyon Park centennial celebration than "Wow!" The events so far have been a resounding success, even though Mother Nature hasn't been as kind as she could be. Hats off to Natalie Roy, Bill Anhut, Sky Adler, Darcy Rosenbaum, Paul Showalter, and Aaron Schuetz for spearheading these events. Of course, they wouldn't have been able to pull them off without the assistance of countless other volunteers. They set the bar awfully high for those tasked to mark the next historical milestone for our community.

While the fun is fleeting and memories of the events will soon fade, the Centennial Historical Committee, led by Thora Colot, has made sure the centennial celebration will be remembered for years to come. They have encapsulated the rich history of Lyon Park, from the earliest Native American settlers to the present day, in a series of banners that now hang in the Community Center sunroom. It is quite an impressive display, and I encourage you to take time to enjoy the fruits of their labor the next time you are at the center.

Unfortunately, the lead up to the centennial events was marred by an ugly incident in our community park. In late September, several nannies were watching their wards in the park, when a woman passing by took offense at the fact they were speaking in Spanish, and started hurling racist insults at them. When one of the nannies started capturing the verbal assault on her cell phone, the woman picked up a large plastic toy and hurled it at her. Although the nanny was hit, she was not injured. It is hard to believe that the woman, who was charged by Arlington County Police, hasn't gotten the message posted in front yards across our community -- Hate Has No Home Here!

However, that was not always the case, as our final centennial celebration event will underscore. Christa Abbott has organized a community conversation on the legacy of racial covenants in Lyon Park, which will be held as part of our monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 13. Lindsey Bestebreutje, whose doctoral dissertation examined the development of the African-American community in Arlington County, will lead the conversation. Please plan to attend.

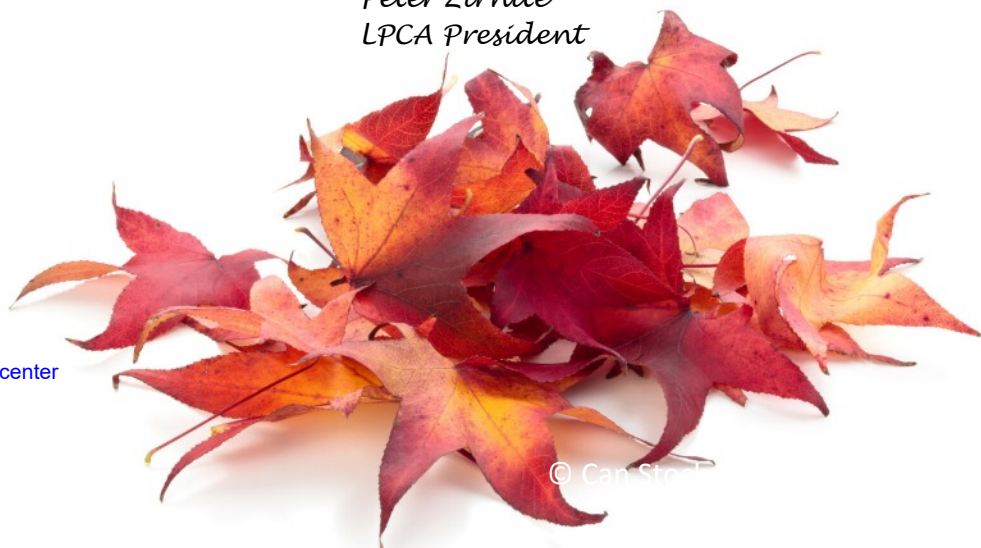
*Peter Zirnite
LPCA President*

October was a very busy month in Lyon Park. So many pictures, so little space in the newsletter.

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Such a Coincidence! A Happy Encounter

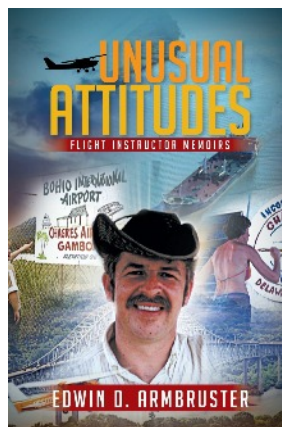
Gary Putnam



The Lyon Park not-just-for-Woman's Club had a "visitor" during our last luncheon on Thursday. A white haired older gentleman, Edwin D. Armbruster, wandered in, looking around and very politely apologized for interrupting. Turns out he had absolutely no knowledge that Lyon Park was in the midst of celebrating our 100th anniversary. He was just taking his wife Jean around, showing her where he grew up.

He went to kindergarten here in the Community Center in 1942, Henry Clay School for his elementary years, and Washington Lee (Liberty) for high school. He served in the Air Force for awhile, became a flight instructor and was

stationed in the Panama Canal Zone for a long period of time. He and a few friends built a private air strip there on a very informal basis. He published a book "Unusual Attitudes- A Flight Instructor's Memoirs of the US Panama Canal Zone" which is a really interesting read partly because of its unusual candor, wit, and humor. Its chock full of photos—many aerals naturally—and if you forgot about the white Go-Go Boots of the 70s, this should bring it back.



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Saturday, November 23, 2019
9 AM to 3 PM

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***Bake sale
Parmesan cheese (see page 12)

Annual Holiday Party

Friday, December 13, 2019, 6:30 - 8:30PM

Lyon Park Community Center
414 N Fillmore Street, Arlington, VA 22201



❄ Volunteer ❄

Please bring your family's traditional holiday treat or a seasonal snack to share. | Set up and/or clean up.

❄ Donate to AFAC ❄

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- ☐ Community Center and Park
- ☐ Development issues
- ☐ Social Events (Holiday Party, Halloween)
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Cathell Team Repeats as 2019 Tourney Champions!!!

A record number—39 players—participated in the 2019 Lyon Park/Ashton Heights Golf Tourney at South Riding Golf Club on Sunday October 13, 2019. Two teams tied for first place. Lyon Parker Chris O'Donnell and her team including Ellen Manges, and Tracey Switzer shot a sixteen-under par 56, as did the Ashton Heights team of Ron Cathell, Tim Anderson, Al Johnson, and Sabino Molina. However, the Cathell team won the tie-breaker and the 2019 Championship trophy by tie-breaker rules. Greg and Henry Bramham, Bobby Hong, and Wally Hays finished 3rd, a stroke back at fifteen under par.

Individual prizes of \$50 gift certificates donated by our sponsors were awarded to closest to pin and long drive winners, Ellen Manges (twice!) Al Johnson, Greg Bramham, Mike Pohl, and Gregg Siegal. Tracey Switzer won the Putt-off (and two dozen Pro V1x golf balls) by sinking her 35 foot putt before everyone else.

This year's golf tourney raised \$2,600 which will be used to help fund the Lyon Park Community Center's Legacy Endowment. The golf tourney has raised \$19,150 over its nine-year history.

The Lyon Park and Ashton Heights communities are grateful for the generosity of tourney participants and our Clarendon Merchants who donated gift certificate prizes: Circa, Lyon Hall, Green Pig Bistro, Texas Jack's, and Four Sisters Grill. Please support our generous merchant sponsors!

I send my sincere gratitude to Ron Cathell for his efforts in recruiting players to this year's tourney and for helping me coordinate the tourney while I was in China the week before the event!



2019 CHAMPIONS



The field (minus 1)



2019 CHAMPIONS Celebrating



Four Good Losers!

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EVENT	NAME
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SHOWALTER	2A 68
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CATHELL	1ST 4A 56
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Titleist It's all in golf	
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CTP#7	MINGIE
CTP#11	POHL
CTP#14	JOHNSON
LDL#10	MANGES
LDM#9	BRAMHAM

The documentation!

Editor's note: Bill Anhut did not golf while in China. Our Chinese contact indicates golf is very expensive, and usually, a platform for business and government people networking and doing business. Green fees and club memberships in China are considerably more expensive than in developed nations.

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<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)
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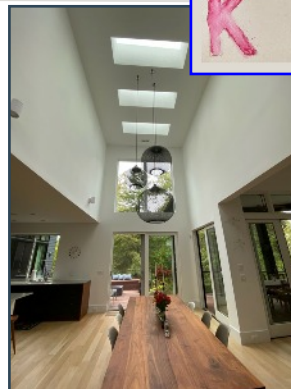
The entire Centennial Celebration weekend was a tremendous success. Hundreds of neighbors came out to pose for photos, watch movies, and enjoy the Community House's transformation into a Speakeasy with a fabulous Jazz Band and delicious desserts. They also enjoyed beer, music and games at our Sunday Picnic in the Park. **A complete wrap-up of the Centennial events will be included in an expanded December newsletter.**

Centennial Poster Contest

First, Congratulations to Zoe Bomberger, a Thomas Jefferson Middle School 6th grader, for winning the Centennial Poster Contest. Zoe wrote, "Lyon Park makes the community come together. That makes me think of people coming together to make the world a beautiful place."



Home
&
Garden



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Movie Night

Local children gathered in the Community Center on Friday, Oct. 18, for a showing of Disney's "The Emperor's New Groove." Girl Scouts served free bags of popcorn and cups of lemonade.



Speakeasy!



The front door of the Community Center was mysteriously closed. Guests had to find the side door and whisper the secret password -- "Putnam Pancakes."



Kids played a version of "Simon Says" in the Community Center during the **Picnic in the Park.**

And the Band Played On...

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Join us for a community conversation:

The legacy of racial covenants in Lyon Park

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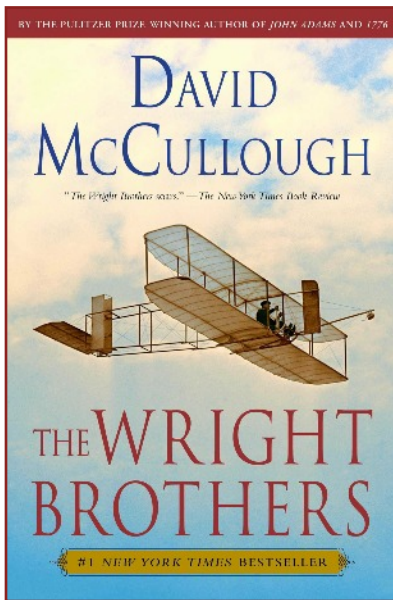


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The Wright Brothers

Margaret Dean



Most anyone with an engineering background will enjoy reading McCullough's detailed account of Wilbur and Orville Wright's efforts to create the first airplanes. McCullough has done a tremendous amount of research, integrating primary and secondary sources of information, with 32 pages of interesting photos and 32 pages of footnotes.

What strikes the more casual reader is the intensity and dedication of both Wrights, as well as that of their sister Katherine, to an arduous and uncertain project. This family was religious, their father a bishop, but religious in a practical, integrated way. They were devoted to their family and to each other. They did not work on Sundays, were tranquil of spirit and dedicated to discovering the mysteries of practical aero-dynamics. Even at the height of their international fame and popularity, with tens of thousands on both sides of the Atlantic, including royalty, coming to see them, demanding to see them, the Wrights maintained their social countenance as unprepossessing Ohio boys.

Essentially by studying the flight of birds and then using hand crafted gliders, the Wrights moved toward a flying machine. Their self-discipline, their devotion, their open-mindedness and their attention to detail, continually refining pieces and processes, 'gave' them their dreamed of aircraft. Ironically one pundit noted that before the Wrights no one could fly but after the Wrights anyone could fly (but only because the Wrights made it look easy having already invested years of detailed work).

Another point of contrast is that the Wrights used their personal finances (about \$1,000 over the years) and succeeded whereas Langley, a competitor who had the backing of the USG and the Smithsonian including a budget of \$70,000, failed.

In May of 1912, at the age of 45, worn out defending Wright patents from infringements, Wilbur contracted typhoid fever and died. McCullough points out that Orville lived to see 'the horrific death and destruction wrought by the giant bombers of WWII.' Orville outlived Wilbur by 37 years, both convinced that flying answered a call in man's soul.

The Wright Brothers, by David McCullough. Simon & Schuster. NY, NY, 2015 IMBD: 978-1-4767-2875-9, paperback, pp 262, \$17.00.

Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools

Search for New APS Superintendent

The Arlington School Board is conducting a nationwide search for a new superintendent. The goal is to find a highly-qualified leader who will sustain our positive culture of learning and promote excellence and equity for all students. The Search for New APS Superintendent web page provides a timeline, links to important updates and resources, and ways to engage.

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

Monday, November 11 2 - 4:30 PM	APAH Career Day for High School Students. For transport, email aelborn@apah.org. Arlington Mill Residences, 901 S. Dinwiddie St. 22204
Wednesday, November 13 7 PM	S School Board Work Session** on Program Evaluation of Services to Students With Special Need Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Tuesday, November 19 11:30 Am - 1 PM	Nonprofit Forum: The Changing Face of Volunteerism, hosted by Chamber's Community Action Committee. WETA-TV 26/90.9 FM, 2775 S. Quincy St. 22206
Tuesday, November 19 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Tuesday, December 3 6:30 PM	Joint County/School Board Work Session** Tentative Courthouse Plaza, 3rd FL County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. 22201
Thursday, December 5 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Tuesday, December 10 7 PM	School Board Work Session.** Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204

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Clay Park: Getting a Facelift

Toby McIntosh

The reconstruction of Clay Park will commence Oct. 21 and take 12 months. The complete revamp will provide new equipment in two resituated playgrounds, a new shelter, more seating, a grass playing field, a basketball court, new plantings, and more. The cost is \$1.44 million.

For the map and pictures, see the county website.

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/henry-clay-park-renovation/>

The sidewalks will remain open, but fencing will be put around the perimeter by the contractor, Pivot Construction of Falls Church. The maple trees along Highland St. will be retained and protected.



Say Cheese!!!

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People and Pup Walk-Abouts (Chapter 3)

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

Now, that you've sampled some of the best of Northern Virginia's dog walking spots, it could be time to expand your horizons to the other side of the Potomac. Some of these spots are probably familiar in name but may have seemed too far away to be tempting. However, once you have ventured there you'll find that they are well worth the trip for human and pup alike—new sights and smells for the adventurous and a way to leave the city behind for the rush- and crowd-weary.

Rock Creek Park is an amazing urban treasure running right up the middle of northwest DC to Maryland. There are many trails, picnic areas and parklets along its length. A very helpful guide to the park's riches is <https://tinyurl.com/yxfh7dnq>. Another excellent resource is <https://tinyurl.com/yyef6q6>. One of Matthew and Seven's favorite easy-to-get-to starting points is Peirce Mill at Tilden St., NW and Beach Dr. Find it and other Rock Creek Park advice on one of these two websites. During warm weather weekends some parts of Rock Creek Parkway are open to bike or pedestrian traffic only. Lane closures also occur during rush hours and for maintenance so always check on current conditions before setting out.

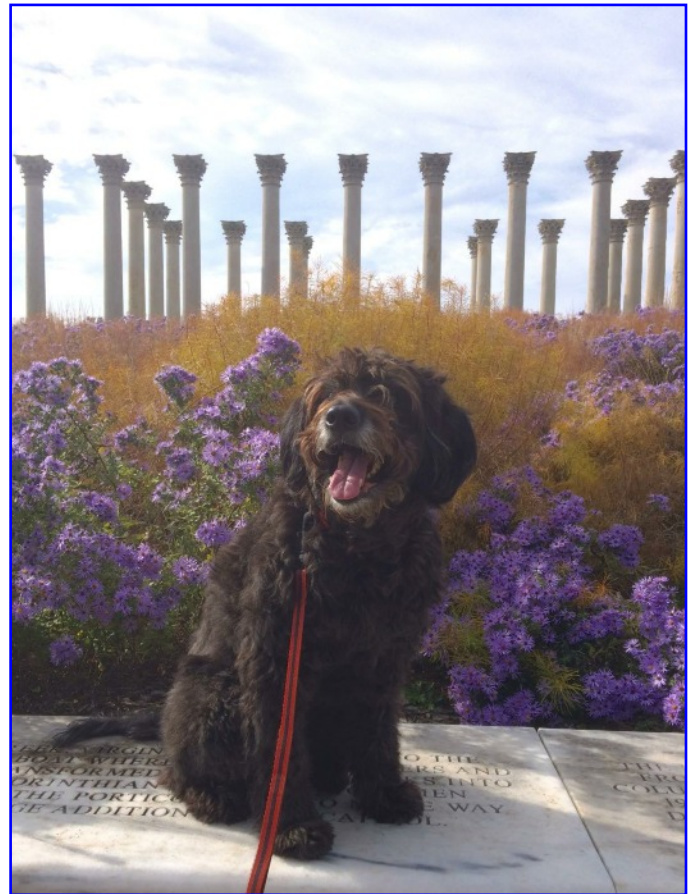
One of the loveliest nature preserves, "an oasis in the city," is *Tregaron Conservancy*. It also has a beautiful and richly informative website at <https://tinyurl.com/y22cnvcj> that tells everything you need to know to tempt you to check it out—parking, access, history and philosophy.

The 7-mile *Capital Crescent Trail* is a lesser known walking/biking option that begins at the Potomac Boat Club in Georgetown and continues out to Bethesda. The lower level trail is unpaved and the upper is paved. Watch for cyclists especially on the paved trail. A helpful website for first-hand information and commentary on this trail is <https://www.cctrail.org/access>. Park and walk as far as you wish and then turn around and enjoy what you missed on the way in.

Dumbarton Oaks Park is another jewel of nature at the northern edge of Georgetown. The website is a complete guide for visitors to the Park, including pups: <https://dopark.org/visit-2/>. It's a naturalistic retreat to be savored in many visits at many different times of year.

And last, another garden spot deserving of many visits is the *US National Arboretum*, a research facility of the US Department of Agriculture off of New York Ave., NE. At 412 acres it has trails, open space, specialty gardens and something of interest for visitors at any time of year. The website, <https://www.usna.usda.gov>, has an interactive map and loads of information about the facility which is open from 8:00 to 5:00 every day. There is no wifi so if you want to use their mobile app you should download it to your phone.

Many happy walk-abouts to you and your pup!





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