



# Lyon Park Citizen

December 2019

**Please pay your annual dues.  
See page 4**

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 tradesman to fix windows
- Let neighbors know about a roaming dog (again!)
- Identify a foreign language or piano teacher
- Find out when the Holiday Party is (or just look on page 3)!

Join here:

[www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join)

**Next meeting:**

**Wednesday,**

**January 8, 7:00 PM**

**Lyon Park Community Center**

## President's Message

It is hard to believe that the centennial of the founding of Lyon Park is coming to a close. What a great year it has been! Thanks to the diligence and determination of countless volunteers, we were able to stage many memorable events that celebrated this landmark occasion, providing ample opportunity for all residents, young and old, to appreciate our wonderful community at its best. I cannot overstate my appreciation for and admiration of the people who made it all possible.

There is not enough room here to recap the entire centennial celebration, but I would like to highlight two events that I believe accentuate why we cherish our community. The first was actually an event within an event - the Community Center mortgage burning held during the Speakeasy Night to Remember gala. It underscored the generosity of Lyon Park residents, which allowed us to pay off the 2015 renovation seven years ahead of schedule. The second event, the Community Conversation on the legacy of racial covenants in Lyon Park, highlighted the commitment of residents to making our community even better. The capacity crowd it drew clearly understood you can't build a brighter future without shining a light on the past.

There are two things you can do when making your New Year's resolutions to brighten the future of Lyon Park. If you aren't already a member of the Lyon Park Citizens Association, resolve to join in 2020. It is an easy resolution to keep. (See page 4). Also, commit yourself to being a community volunteer. There will be ample opportunities in 2020.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year! I hope to see you at the annual holiday party at the Community Center on Friday, December 13.

*Peter Zirnite, LPCA President*





# Annual Holiday Party

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

Lyon Park Community Center

414 N Fillmore Street, Arlington, VA 22201



❄ Volunteer ❄

❄ Donate to AFAC ❄

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

Please bring a canned good or nonperishable item for the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC).

Music



Santa



Treats



Crafts

Questions? Want to help with this fun community tradition? Contact Erin Mascarella | 301.520.0635 | emascarella@gmail.com

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday January 25, 2020

Pancakes will be served  
from 8 - 10:30 AM

Coffee and coffee cake will be served  
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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
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### Children's Free Library Arrives in Lyon Park!

Lyon Park welcomes its second free library, intended for children age 7 and younger, near the children's playground. The children's free library is the work of Alexander Ashe, our neighborhood's newest Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Project, Alexander planned, obtained approvals, constructed and installed five free libraries in our neighborhood. He specifically wanted to add a children's library at our playground. Park users are welcome to drop off children's books and borrow from the library's contents.

While your children check out the brightly painted library and its books, please monitor the contents to ensure that the library includes appropriate children's books. If you identify books not age appropriate, please move them to the free library located on the Fillmore St side of the park.



### Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools

Arlington Public Schools has several events coming up that may be of interest to you!	
Tuesday, December 10 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Elementary School Planning for 2021 Community Meeting Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. 22201
Wednesday, December 11 4 - 6 PM	19th Amendment Workshop for Youth Leaders (middle & High school students). RSVP here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/486870885518874/">https://www.facebook.com/events/486870885518874/</a> . Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. 22201
Friday, December 13 Noon - 1 PM	Elementary School Planning for 2021 Online Webinar TBD
Friday, December 13 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Dream Project's 9th Annual Holiday Dinner. Be a sponsor or register to attend: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/rlqxz4m">https://tinyurl.com/rlqxz4m</a> Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. 22204
Monday, December 16 7 - 9 PM	Elementary School Planning for 2021 Community Meeting in Spanish Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd. 22204
Thursday, December 19 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Thursday, January 9 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Information Item on Elementary Boundaries. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
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## Community House Rental Rates

Lyon Park and Ashton Heights residents are eligible for resident rates, but cannot sponsor non-resident events.

### 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.

### MAKE A RESERVATION TODAY!

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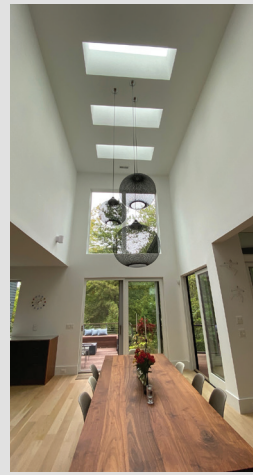
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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019  
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

## A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION - THE LEGACY OF RACIAL COVENANTS IN LYON PARK



## HISTORICAL DISPLAY

**LYON PARK TODAY**  
The Community House Gets an Update

The need to update the 1925 Lyon Park Community House was evident to the Board of Governors in the 1990s, as the plumbing failed constantly and the building was not handicapped accessible. An initial plan to extend the north end of the building was controversial and LPCA members voted against it in January 2009. To unite the community behind a design, a Renovation Design Committee formed with 20+ neighbors meeting weekly for nearly a year with architects to produce a design concept approved by the community in 2011. A seven-member Building Committee then formed to develop and submit plans to Arlington County for approvals and to select a contractor.

Blueprint for the Lyon Park Community Center, September 2025.  
Credit: Lyon Park website, lyonpark.org

Despite robust fundraising within the community, the projected building cost of \$995,000 required a construction loan of up to \$600,000 to start and ensure completion of the project. Some concerned neighbors objected to borrowing money for the project and a vital and vibrant process ensued. Ultimately, a group of committed neighbors personally guaranteed the loan's repayment and the project proceeded.

The community broke ground on November 22, 2014 and the builder completed construction in 2015. The investment proved wise, as rental revenue nearly doubled during the first full year of operations, and has increased each year thereafter. Throughout the 20-year period the renovation was discussed, planned, and executed, 740 donors from Lyon Park and neighboring Ashton Heights gave \$923,000. Thanks to the continued fundraising efforts of several dedicated neighbors, the Community Center repaid the construction loan on June 23, 2019, seven years ahead of schedule, and the citizens of Lyon Park have a Community House that will stand for the next 100 years.

**LYON PARK CENTENNIAL**  
1919-2019

## 100 YEARS

From 1919 to 2019

**LYON PARK TODAY**  
The Neighborhood Today

Following Arlington County trends, Lyon Park has seen an increase in density and growth in most years since its founding. In the last two decades, many first generation homes have been razed and replaced with larger homes. Some lots have been subdivided, so two homes now stand where one once stood. The last decade has seen a notable trend of more modern homes erected in the neighborhood.

Entering Lyon Park on Washington Boulevard, 1966. Credit: Images of America, Arlington, Arcadia Publishing, 2000

With increased tear-downs and larger homes comes a loss of trees; the majestic oaks and other mature trees are dwindling. According to the Arlington Tree Canopy Report, published in 2017, the Lyon Park neighborhood has lost 23% of its tree canopy between 2008 and 2016.

This view into Lyon Park. Photo credit: from Lyon Park marketing pamphlet by Lyon & Fitch, c. 1922

Throughout the 100 year history, periods of stable populations have been rare and growth in our community and schools has actually been the norm. Public records show that both the challenges and the praise for our public schools are nothing new. Since the late 1800s, records show that Arlington has consistently scrambled to find enough space to educate students. In the early 1900s, Arlington had the reputation as being one of the best school systems in Virginia. Over the past decade, Arlington Public Schools have frequently been rated at the top in Virginia rankings, and in the top 2% of schools nationwide.

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The Arlington Jaycees

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Girl Scouts – Troop 60031





Photos (unless otherwise noted): Jennifer Hart

## Annual not-just-a-Craft Fair: Ups, Downs, and All Around FUN!

Each year, we look forward to the annual not-just-a-CRAFT FAIR with curiosity and hope. This year, our expectations were met and exceeded. The day began on a busy note as folks stopped in to pick up the 110+ pounds of *Regianno Parmesan* that Gary Putnam cut expertly, and Kit Putnam wrapped. Others came to find the best selection of hand-crafted goods. And the bake sale—several tables mounded with cookies, cupcakes, sweet breads, and regular loaves—was busy from opening to closing. Thank you for coming out and supporting this unique event. It features artisan crafters whose goods are juried (submitted for approval beforehand to ensure quality). Once approved, our vendors can return. This year, we filled several table vacancies and featured some new and highly talented individuals.

We featured four youth vendors at this event. We'd offered one table for an aspiring artist or crafter, and received four applications from the neighborhood from youths of varying ages and skill. Unable to choose one, we anchored the end of the hall with their four card tables. Little did we know that these crafters would teach the old dogs a few new tricks. Hats off to Maya Sherlick, who augmented her high quality pottery with a video display on an iPad and her own business cards. Kudos to Emma Miller, beekeeper, who offered the local-ist honey we'll ever see and amazing candles. Henry Sahn's "Fluffies"—remarkably detailed and bright sculptures—were so cute it hurt, and the King Siblings sold paracord bracelets and would make them to order at the table!

Among the new vendors, Lisa Hassan's wool dryer balls, pictured below right) were a home run! We predicted it, as we'd featured a story on dryer balls in a recent newsletter! (Find it here: <https://tinyurl.com/wtb74kf> on page 9).

All was not happiness and light, however, as several of our volunteers became ill during the week before. Staffing looked bleak as we scrambled to cover even the basic tasks at the fair. Not to worry! Gary Putnam put the call out, and community pillars flocked to fill positions and keep the neighborhood informed on Nextdoor. Hearty thanks to ALL who helped.



Photo: Lisa Hassan







All photos: Jennifer Hart



## It was a Dark and Stormy Night...

It was bad luck that after months of drought-like conditions, a huge storm barreled toward Lyon Park on Halloween creating a moment of melodrama. The threat left residents wondering whether to step out for our traditional activities. The Bonfire team, lead by Jim Burke included Bill Anhut, Adam Rasmussen, Spiro Roiniotis, and Ron Cathell. Each member had helped secure a permit from the fire department and find an adequate supply of wood. Should they start the bonfire, tend it for hours, and then stay until every coal would be extinguished--a process that takes hours after the fire is soaked through? Once it became clear that the rain would abate for the evening, it was time to light matches!

The Woman's Club served donuts and cider, and we appreciate their sticky, tasty efforts!!! Pictured to the left are Margaret Fibel, Elizabeth Wray, Gina Ekmekjian, and Kit Putnam.

### 2019-2020 Lyon Park Community Center Board of Governors

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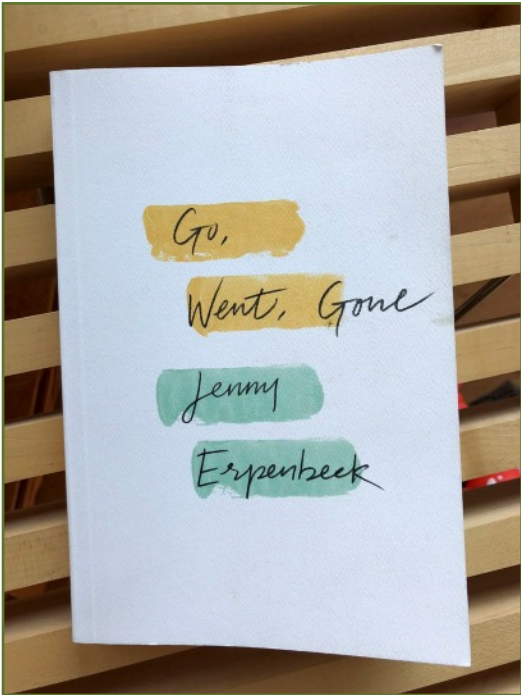


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## Go, Went, Gone

Margaret Dean



Ms Erpenbeck has undertaken the noble cause of explaining the plight of refugees to Germans and, more widely, to all first worlders. She makes refugees acceptable through their slowly growing interaction with her lead character, Richard, as Richard discovers the refugees' traumas, their disorientation, and the catch 22 of German refugee laws. That catch essentially makes it impossible for refugees to work and to establish roots. She also draws the comparison between today's refugees and the disorientation of many East Germans who woke one day to find their country had disappeared. Like the refugees, everything they knew had changed. East Germany had become a new political, unrecognizable entity called Germany.

The reader slowly discovers Richard. His wife died, perhaps from an alcoholism used to drown her sorrow over never having children. While still in school, she had had an abortion at Richard's insistence that they were too young to start a family. Now, with early, forced retirement, Richard has time to see the refugees, get to know them and create a substitute family. He understands their desire to work and is instrumental in getting temporary work for a few. He convinces some of his friends to house and help refugees awaiting deportation to Italy. Consequently the book ends on a happier note than appears to be the actual case in Germany.

Stylistically the language is heavy, the tone didactic and the imagery dense, especially the repeated reference to the dead man at the bottom of the lake. The title, *Go Went Gone*, combines reference to the hopeless, continuously interrupted

effort of the refugees to learn German and the wish of the German state to get rid of the refugees. The book, however, has done well both in Europe and in the U.S. The translation has been widely praised.

*Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck. Translated by Susan Bernofsky 2017. A New Directions Book, NY, NY. Random House 2015. ISBN 978-0811-2259-46.

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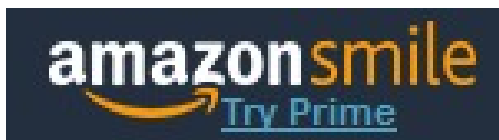
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AmazonSmile and iGive issue quarterly payments to the community center. We've received more than \$3,000 from igive.com. AmazonSmile checks also arrive quarterly!

## Too many leaves on the Lyon Park Community Center grounds?

Scouts to the rescue! On Saturday morning, Nov. 9, members of Pack 104 and Troop 104 came out in chilly weather to rake leaves, carry them in tarps, and put them on N. Garfield to be picked up.

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## Fundraising's Changing Face at Lyon Park Community Center

Jeannette Wick

For ten years, our community raised money to renovate the community house. The 2009 message focused on raising money to start construction. In 2014, it shifted to raising funds to pay down the construction loan. We asked. You answered. In fact, you answered generously. In June 2019, we paid the balance of our loan (not months, but YEARS early) and took the loan guarantors off the hook.

Fundraising, in theory, is easy. An organization asks for money, and people give or don't give. In practice, fundraising is not exactly difficult, but requires strategic planning, a good understanding of who makes charitable donations and why, and ample creativity. You may recall the ALS Foundation's Ice Bucket Challenge of 2014—a stunning advertising campaign that went viral and raised \$220 million worldwide. Every fundraiser dreams of such a campaign—a movement that starts itself and spreads spontaneously.

For the last several years, Annemarie Selvitelli and I have run a listserv-based incentives program based ever-so-loosely on NPR's fundraising campaigns (NPR never seems to offer ugly blue rocking chairs or Susan's chicken pot pie). Neighbors offered incentives, creating a humorous assortment of baskets, white elephants, services, homemade goods, and matching funds. It was a roaring success, and we thank all who contributed.

This year, with the loan retired, our efforts need not be so intense. Although the renovation is now paid for, and rental income takes care of daily expenses, our park and community center still need our ongoing support. This includes paying for big but expected expenses like trimming the trees, and preparing for unexpected or larger future expenses. As we transition our fundraising efforts, we are more interested in broadening our base of support than asking for larger gifts of support. The more members of our community that invest in our community center, the more it becomes the center of our community. Please start or renew your commitment, and encourage a few neighbors to do it with you. See below for some ideas.

The Board of Governors met on Thursday, November 20, and this is their message to you:

*Thank you for your remarkable and ongoing support over the last ten years. Lyon Park's immediate renovation-related needs have been met beautifully. This year, we hope that you will redirect your large donations to non-profits with important missions, and hopefully to local non-profits like us. We also hope you will remember Lyon Park with a small donation, or perhaps join our Give an Hour Campaign. Sometime in the future, a tree will need to be removed, the sump pump will fail, the Community House will need another facelift, or some other project will need funding. Our community-based, federally registered nonprofit organization appreciates your ongoing support.*

**Happy Holidays!**

Please Join Lyon Park Community Center's

## Give an Hour Campaign

Don't have time to volunteer but would like to help sustain the community? **First time donor?** Donate an hour of your salary once or every month to Lyon Park Community Center.

**Give an Hour** is an easy way to give a relatively small donation, one hour of your pay every month (that's about 1%) for a year or more to make difference.

Donating is easy. You can set up a recurring payment or donate a lump sum online at <http://lyonpark.info/donate/> by Paypal or credit card. Prefer to send a check? Mail your donation to Lyon Park Community Center, P.O. Box 100191, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

We are happy to arrange a monthly debit as well. Contact Elizabeth Delmar at [elizabethdelmar1@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethdelmar1@gmail.com) for information.

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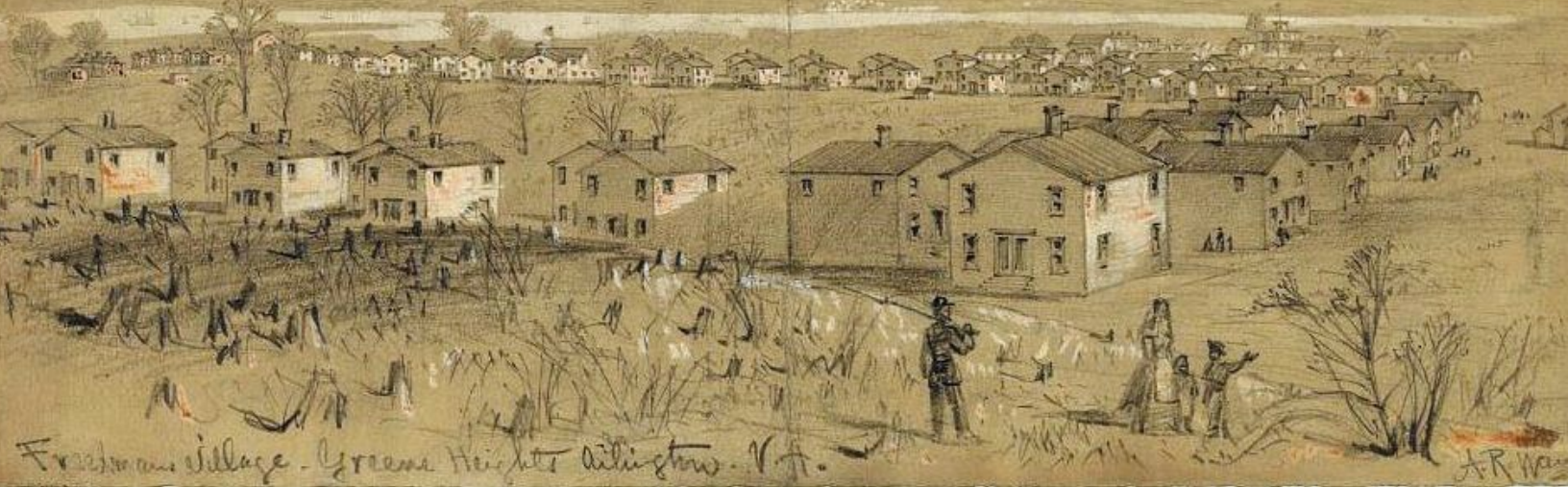


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## History Shapes Lives for Decades

*Christa Abbott*

The year 1919 is important to me for two reasons: our neighborhood was founded and my grandma was born. She was born in Minnesota, where her family of Scottish immigrants had worked in the logging camps of the Northwoods. When she was young, her father, who had an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education, heard that there was work in D.C. Her family moved east to join extended family in Arlington Ridge, where she would spend the remainder of her childhood. Eventually, she would graduate from high school, join the war effort in D.C., and marry my grandfather, who was a naval engineer. When the war ended, they moved to Connecticut and bought a house in a developing suburb of New York City.

As I worked on planning the racial covenants event, I felt connection to my grandma. In history books, I saw pictures of her elementary school; I scanned old photos from the YWCA lodge on Vacation Lane looking for grandma's face. I also came to realize how my own life is shaped by the fact that grandma was a white, Christian child in 1920/1930s Arlington County. She attended segregated schools that helped her become a secretary in the War Department, a position unavailable to African-Americans. When they bought a house in Connecticut, it was most likely with an FHA loan, which were denied to African-American families. The town in which they bought a home went on to experience astronomical home value appreciation, but became infamous for anti-Semitic practices.

That home has provided financial stability for three generations and counting. My father attended a prestigious college. When I went to college, it was possible in part because my parents were not supporting his parents and knew they wouldn't have to; the family home would be sold to pay for assisted living, which it eventually was. Grandma passed away at the age of 98 and some money from that house remained. While we can never know what turns and twists our lives may have taken, I can say that the particular doors that my grandma walked through to provide financial ballast for our entire family would have been shut if she had not been white and Christian. I came to appreciate that my ability to buy a home and raise a family in Lyon Park today is not unrelated to grandma's experiences 100 years ago.

## Expunging Restrictive Covenants Not Possible, Yet

*Toby McIntosh*

The question of whether it is possible to get rid of restrictive covenants in Lyon Park deeds was raised at the recent meeting of the Lyon Park Community Association. Attended by 80 people, the vibrant session covered the history of these "Caucasian only" provisions and their lasting impact. Whether they can be removed came up, and the answer in brief is "not yet."

The covenants are invalid because of court decisions and illegal under Virginia law (VA Code 36-96.6), according to Paul Ferguson, Clerk of the Circuit Court. Under the state law, a new purchaser can "decline to accept" a deed including an exclusionary covenant. "However," Ferguson said, "I know of no Virginia law that allows for expungement or removal to those references."

That could change. Legislation on the subject is being drafted by Richmond Delegate Lamont Bagby. Several states have passed legislation allowing owners to add a statement to their deeds repudiating the covenants.

Also, to follow up on the LPCA meeting, here are links to some of the materials discussed:

### Link to the recording of the Lyon Park event:

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8exRN\\_PhjCU&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8exRN_PhjCU&feature=youtu.be)

- Website of historian Lindsey Bestebreutje  
<http://lindseybestebreutje.org/arlingtonhistory/>
- Her dissertation on Frank Lyon and racial discrimination in Arlington housing  
[http://mars.gmu.edu/bitstream/handle/1920/11125/Bestebreutje\\_gmu\\_0883E\\_11369.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](http://mars.gmu.edu/bitstream/handle/1920/11125/Bestebreutje_gmu_0883E_11369.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)
- "Beyond the Plantation," a scholarly journal article about Freedman's Village  
[https://www.jstor.org/stable/26478281?seq=2#metadata\\_info\\_tab\\_contents](https://www.jstor.org/stable/26478281?seq=2#metadata_info_tab_contents)
- Blog Post - Uncle Sam And Black Arlington: Bringing Jobs But Taking Housing, 1861- 1945  
<https://themetropole.blog/2019/02/13/uncle-sam-and-black-arlington-bringing-jobs-but-taking-housing-1861-1945/>





*Galls*

## The Local Humble Hackberry

*Ian D. Rowe*

We are often so busy that we rarely get a chance to appreciate the interesting ecosystems right in our own backyards. Often, we don't see birds, insects, and other wildlife because they are too small, too shy, or operate on different schedules than we do. Other wild neighbors, like plants, go unnoticed and overlooked simply because their interesting stories are not obvious to the casual observer.

One such underappreciated local tree is *Celtis occidentalis*, otherwise known as the hackberry tree. This robust hardwood tree reaches heights of more than 60 feet with a wide spread. Native to Virginia, its range extends throughout the midwestern United States and to southern Canada. It's related to the American elm and is identifiable by its bumpy, cork-like bark. The hackberry's unique, oval-shaped leaves are asymmetric and easily identified by the common wart-like "galls" that are almost universally present on any hackberry tree; these unsightly growths are the result of a particular insect (the hackberry gall midge) that latches to and continuously feeds on the leaf tissue. This causes the tree to encapsulate the insect by growing the trademark galls that, while unappealing, do not harm the tree.

By far the coolest thing about this tree is the fruit from which the tree derives its name. Every year the tree produces thousands of pea-sized berries with sweet, edible flesh that surrounds a hard seed that is notably high in fat and protein. Every October and November, as the fruit ripens, the tree becomes a smorgasbord as the local avian population finds this fruit delicious and swarms the tree. Humans also find this berry to be appealing, tasting like some fun mashup of a cherry and a raisin. The seed is often too tough to consume, but the entire berry can be mashed into a paste and eaten as a spread or even baked into a snack bar. Archaeologists have found caves right here in Virginia where humans were storing hackberries approximately 10,000 years ago, suggesting that the hackberry is one of the first foods that humans ever gathered and stored for later consumption!

Next time you're out walking around the area, keep an eye out for the hackberry tree and maybe you'll be able to snatch a tasty snack before all our furry and feathered friends pick the trees clean. There's something special about appreciating nature's little gifts that casually occupy our neighborhood.



*More galls  
(and uglier galls)*

*The characteristic asymmetric  
oval leaves and tasty hackberries*



*The bumpy ridges of the hackberry bark*



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