



Lyon Park Citizen

January 2020

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- OH NO! Learn that a neighbor's car was stolen
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Next meeting:

Wednesday,

January 8, 7:00 PM

Lyon Park Community Center

President's Message

Happy New Year! With the Lyon Park centennial celebration behind us, we can now focus on shaping our cherished community's future so that it is even brighter than the past. I am committed to ensuring that the Lyon Park Citizens Association is a primary force in leading the way forward, and key to this is making certain that residents are well-informed about developments that will affect our neighborhood's character. I would like the LPCA monthly meetings to become an active forum for discussing these developments. The first few of meetings this year are aimed at realizing this goal.

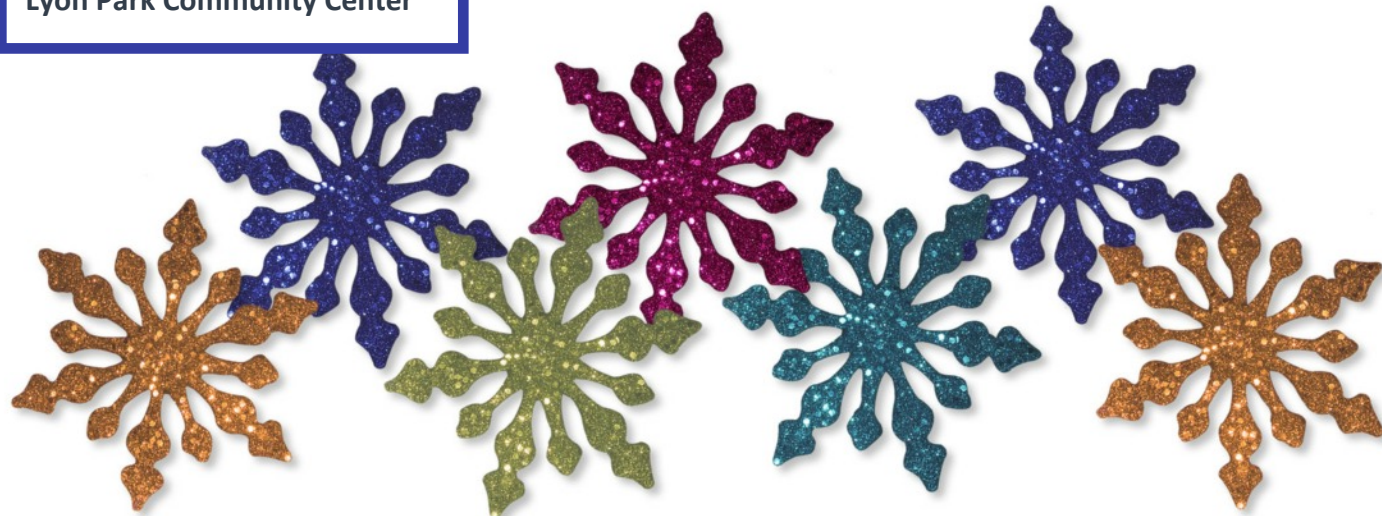
At the January 8th meeting, there will be a presentation by the firm that put together the site plan for the redevelopment of property at the intersection of North Irving Street and North 10th Street, a portion of which is currently occupied by Joyce Motors auto repair shop. This large-scale project may be located outside the boundary of Lyon Park, but it will certainly impact our community.

In February, officials from the County Department of Planning, Housing and Development will join us to discuss the Housing Conservation Districts, which are designed to encourage the preservation and/or development of affordable housing. These districts, two of which are in Lyon Park, were established in 2017. They have largely flown under the radar even though that they could potentially have an enormous impact on the communities in which they are located.

For our March meeting, we are working to have officials from the County Department of Parks and Recreation give an update at our March meeting on the ongoing reconstruction of Henry Clay Park on North Seventh Street. We would also like to engage them in a discussion on the possibility of renaming the park, which retained the name of the school formerly on the site, for someone who has more meaningful ties to Arlington.

Please plan to join us.

Peter Zirnite, LPCA President



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Annual Valentine's Day Cupcake Sale

Valentine's day falls on a Friday this year. Our annual cupcake sale is usually the Friday before Valentine's Day, so we are not sure if (or when) we might have the sale.

Decisions, decisions....

We'll know for sure before the next issue of *The Lyon Park Citizen* is delivered to your door, or watch Nextdoor for updates.

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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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- Adults: \$12
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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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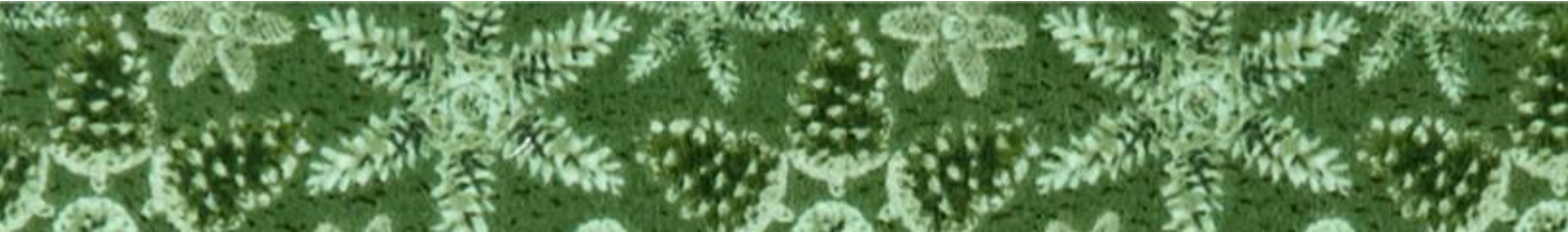
Bill Anhut

Ever wonder who paints the Lyon Park Announcement Board located at the intersection of Fillmore St. and Pershing Dr.? Why, it's the same lady who shows up at nearly every community event with her camera in hand—Jennifer Hart! Jennifer's artwork keeps us informed, decorates the park, and adds lively color photos to our newsletter.

But there's more! Visit the Lyon Park Community Center page on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/lyonparkcommunitycenter/>) and you will find updated messages and photos thanks again to Jennifer Hart!

Jennifer can be seen daily walking her best friend (Clementine, a black beauty with a lovely personality) near her home east of Washington Boulevard. She is an avid reader, loves all things Lyon Park, and is resourceful in her efforts to paint and transport our corner signs. Wouldn't you like to help her transport the signs from her home to the park? Please contact Bill at billanhut@yahoo.com if you can help.

And Jennifer? THANK YOU from a grateful community.



Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools

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

Saturday, January 11 10 AM - 1 PM	Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing's 2nd annual Education Carnival Gilliam Place Apartments, 918 S. Lincoln St. 22204
Thursday, January 16 6:30 PM	School Board Work Session** on Academic Performance Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Monday, January 20 8:30 AM - 12 noon	MLK Day of Service: "A Day On, Not a Day Off," hosted by Volunteer Arlington Washington-Liberty High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. 22201
Thursday, January 23 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Full agenda posted one week prior. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Monday, January 27 7 PM - 9 PM	Kindergarten Information Night. Snow date: Feb. 3 Washington-Liberty High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. 22201
Tuesday, January 28 7 PM	School Board Work Session** with the Advisory Council on Instruction (ACI) Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Thursday, January 30 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Public Hearing on Elementary School Planning for 2021. Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Thursday, February 6 7 PM	School Board Meeting*. Action on Elementary Planning for 2021 Syphax Education Center, 2nd FL School Board Room, 2110 Washington Blvd. 22204
Friday, February 7 6 PM - 8 PM	APS Summer Activities Fair, co-sponsored by the County Council of PTAs (CCPTA) Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd. 22204

*View Board meetings live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41.

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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.

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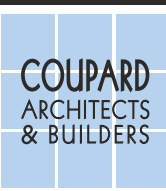
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Can You Fool the Cool? Should You Fool the Cool?

There's nothing like a few 20° days to make you think about heat, and perhaps what and when you need to introduce a little heat. With that in mind, we've developed a definitive guide to pre-heating with a little something for everyone. (We didn't include any information on pre-heating steel when you wish to weld it, thinking we have few welders in the neighborhood. Google it if you need that information!)

Item	Preheat or no?
Automobile <i>Concern: Do I need to warm up the oil?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> In the old days, oil was like molasses. Engine oil's job was to lubricate the engine's various parts; cold oil couldn't circulate. Manufacturers switched to fuel injection in the 1980s. <input type="checkbox"/> Now, your car will warm more quickly if you drive it!
Cast iron skillet <i>Concern: Is preheating cast iron a waste of time?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cast iron does not heat evenly—or quickly—so preheating is critical before baking, searing, frying or roasting; preheating will keep dough from sticking, help brown a tart or cookie, and create a bit of char on protein <input type="checkbox"/> Simply pop it in the oven at 450°F for 15 minutes. On the stovetop, be sure to rotate the pan periodically to prevent hot spots <input type="checkbox"/> INTERESTING TIDBIT: A cast iron skillet can greatly decrease the time it takes to thaw frozen meat. Place thinly cut frozen meat onto a room temperature skillet and let it sit for about an hour. Ambient heat will pass from the metal to the meat.
Fireplace flue <i>Concern: Why bother?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> When you light a fire in a fireplace, cooler air from your home fuels the fire, and the air above it gets hotter. The chimney flue lets hot air, smoke, and other fire byproducts rise out of the house. Preheating the flue warms the chimney, encouraging air to move in the right direction. <input type="checkbox"/> How? Make four or five newspaper "torches" by rolling a few pages up tightly. Light a few torches and hold the flame up so the heat rises into the flue. Or, use a blow dryer or fan to push the cold air up out of the flue. The air blown up the chimney need not be hot because the air from the room is warmer than the air in the flue.
Grill <i>Concern: Doesn't this waste gas or coal?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Preheating the grill for 10 minutes prevents food from sticking and ensures that the food cooks evenly
Icy windshield <i>Concern: Isn't it smarter to pour hot water on the windshield than to use the defroster?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pouring hot water on an icy windshield may cause thermal shock; glass may crack! <input type="checkbox"/> Better: Put the heat on the highest setting and turn on the defroster. This takes time, patience, and elbow grease with a scraper if you're in a hurry. <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial glass deicer is faster, but it's expensive. Make your own deicer using 1 cup of water mixed with 1 cup of isopropyl alcohol, or a bottle of isopropyl alcohol with a few drops of dish detergent
Oven <i>Concern: Is preheating the oven a waste of energy?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Meats, roasts and poultry can't brown in a cold oven; some parts of your meat will overcook, others will be rubbery or raw. Always preheat when baking with yeast, baking soda and baking powder—they need heat to work. Food also cooks faster in a preheated oven <input type="checkbox"/> EXCEPTION: Don't preheat if you are making bacon! Arrange the bacon slices on a sheet pan and place the pan on the center rack of a cold oven. Close the oven door. Turn the oven on to 400°F. Walk away. Come back 17 to 20 minutes later. As soon as the bacon is golden brown, but not excessively crisp, it's done.
Pizza stone <i>Concern: Do I really need to preheat for an HOUR?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Test kitchens have proven that preheating the pizza stone for one hour at 500°F results in a much browner, crisper pizza <input type="checkbox"/> Preheating for 10 to 35 minutes is USELESS.
Water for coffee <i>Concern: What's the best temperature for water going into the coffee maker?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> If you're using tap water, let it run a few seconds on cold before filling your coffee pot. Fresh cold water has a higher dissolved oxygen content, which enhances coffee's taste and flavor. Avoid distilled or softened water. <input type="checkbox"/> BUT if you brew with a Chemex or a French press, pre-heat the vessel with hot water.
Water for plants <i>Concern: What's the best temperature for watering plants?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> If water is too hot or too cold, you can shock your houseplants. <input type="checkbox"/> To eliminate risk, use room temperature water. Fill your watering can AFTER you water, and let water sit until the next watering.
Wok <i>Concern: Isn't it dangerous to preheat a pan with nothing in it?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> It's OK to preheat an empty wok, and adding oil to a cold wok and then heating it will increase sticking <input type="checkbox"/> Heat the wok until you see a bit of smoke or a few drops of oil dropped into the wok sizzle.

2020: The Year That You Stick To Your Resolution!

Leah Adams

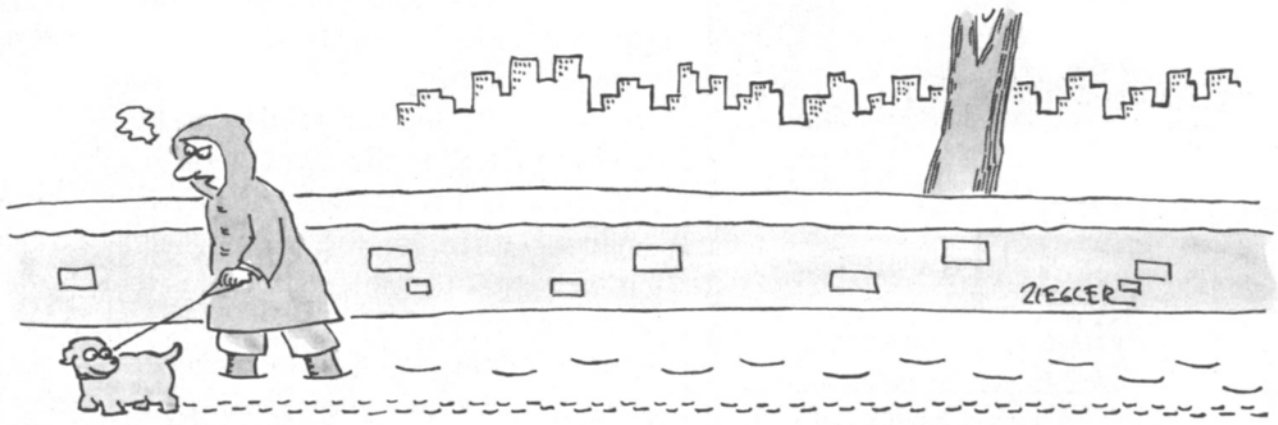
Ring in the New Year is associated with many things – countdowns, parties, and resolutions. While the new year offers an exciting opportunity to establish or recommit to personal goals, only a small percentage of people stick to their resolutions throughout the year. Given such a negative national track record, how can you set yourself up for resolution success in 2020?

- 1) **Focus on one change at a time.** Change is hard. Many changes are much harder, so start small and build on your successes.
- 2) **Define the behavior, and track it.** Instead of saying that you want to “get healthy,” define what you mean by “healthy.” Will you work out? Change your diet? Meditate? Be sure to make your goal **SMART**: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Based. Incorporate these criteria into the development and maintenance of your resolution, and you’ll be off to a strong start.
- 3) **Recognize that all changes have a cost.** Every behavior that you engage in has benefits and drawbacks. Yes, even the not so healthy behaviors have some positive element – otherwise, they would’ve been dropped a long time ago. To make a sustainable change, it’s important to recognize how your current (undesired) behavior may be serving you, and how your new one can lead you closer to your ultimate goals. In the same vein, it’s important that your resolution doesn’t just cut out behaviors, but also substitutes that time with a replacement—it’s not enough to know what you *won’t* do. What will you do with that time?

- 4) **Don’t beat yourself up over a slipup.** Change is hard (see #1). Expect that you are embarking on a nonlinear path with peaks and valleys. Even though it may not seem like it, sticking to a resolution is a learned behavior. Think back to the last time you learned a new skill – it probably took some time to get it right, and this likely will too.
- 5) **Seek support.** Many people benefit from letting some of their friends and family in on their resolutions to offer nonjudgmental support. If you are feeling overwhelmed or unable to meet your goals on your own, you may also consider seeking professional support from a therapist or counselor.

Best of luck on your New Year’s resolution journey!





"Can we forget about our dainty little tracks in the snow for five seconds and try to concentrate on what we're out here for?"

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Dancing in the Moonlight (with Your Dog)

Jeannette Wick

Although the days are getting shorter, we still have weeks of short, cold days and potentially treacherous weather. Regardless, the dog still needs a walk, right? Many advocacy organizations provide tips to protect your dog, and we are grateful for their reminders to provide a coat for dogs that are small or lightly furred, clean the dog's paws after a walk to remove salt and grime, and avoid metal water bowls outside. But what about YOU? What can you do to protect yourself from a nasty fall or any other misadventure?

Consider purchasing a pair of **traction cleats or grips** for times when ice—thick ice or black ice—is a problem. These stretchy devices are lightweight and slip over your existing footwear, and can also help you make it to Metro in one piece, dog or no dog. Popular brands include Yaktrax, Odier, and ICETrekkers among others. They range in price from \$10 to considerably more, and they are remarkable in their ability to keep you upright. A quick warning: They will chew up flooring, so remove them at the door.

A pair of **overshoes or galoshes**, while not a current fashion trend, can keep your feet dry as a bone if torrential rain is the concern. The Servus Superfit PVC Slip-ons are made for men, but women will enjoy their banana-bright color and ease-of-use. They slide over any shoe including bulky athletic shoes, and fasten easily. Honeywell makes a similar overshoe in black for the more conservative dressers among us.

A **spot headlamp** serves two purposes: it lets you see where you are going, and it lets others see you. The Black Diamond brand is popular, and runs from \$30 to \$60, but several other headlamps are available and rated well. What is it? It's a flashlight type device with an elastic headband that is sure to ruin your hairdo, but it's worth a little bed-head to stay safe. It gives you hands-free lighting so you can...well, you know.

Consider using **mitten and hat clips** so that if you need to remove a mitten or glove to...well, you know...your mitten or glove doesn't skitter away across the ice. Traditionally used for kids, the clips are handy for adults, too.

A **reflective leash with a carabiner buckle**. Most leashes have clip hooks, but they tend to wear poorly and loosen with time. The last thing you need is a loose dog on an icy street. Carabiners are usually D-shaped or oblong metal ring with one spring-hinged side that snaps shut, then screws tight. Mountain climbers use them to hold running ropes, and they are rated by the weight one expects to pull. For little dogs (THINK: Bichon frises and Jack Russell terriers), a small carabiner will do. For working dogs and dogs that pull (THINK: Alaskan malamutes and Doberman pinschers), heavy duty carabiners are critical. Alaskan malamutes can pull nine times their weight, so a carabiner that holds up to 900 pounds is a good choice.

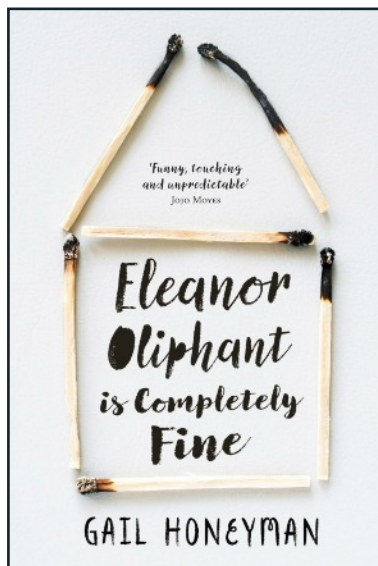
An **LED dog collar or collar light** will ensure folks can see your dog, especially if you are a Labrador retriever lover (because black dogs are hard to see in the dark). LED collars now come in many colors, and many are rechargeable. And there's no reason why you can't wear these yourself. They seem to be the perfect addition to a dog-walking outfit, don't they?

Concurrent use of all of these products (although we aren't sure the traction cleats will fit over the galoshes, but why not?) will make you a dog-walking luminary, a sight for sore eyes, a neighborhood legend, and alive to tell about it...

For our next issue, we would welcome pictures of you employing these devices for a centerfold layout. Please be certain to include the dog in the picture and provide an appropriate caption.

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

Margaret Dean



How can a simple story along the lines of a hateful, wicked Mommy Dearest have the title Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine? No one seeing a clumsy, inarticulate 30 year old woman locked in the prison of her mother's destructive brainwashing would consider her to be doing fine, not now, not later. As an alcoholic and drug addict, Eleanor is indifferent to food, has no friends and very little personal contact with anyone, even at work.

Although slowly revealed by the author, it is clear through phrases like "Mummy says" that Eleanor has had a depressing, abusive childhood. Still, for better or worse, Eleanor talks to her mother every Wednesday evening, even if she calls Eleanor "a greedy lazy beast." It's not clear where Eleanor's mother is, but wherever she is, she is restrained. Only after Eleanor, along with her co-worker Raymond, has helped save an elderly man, Sammy, from a car accident, is there even the faintest hint of an emotional Spring after a harsh frozen Winter. Eleanor, through contact with Sammy's family, gets her first exposure to normal happy relationships.

Honeyman has built Eleanor a rich fantasy life, only to bring it all crashing down when Eleanor realizes the Prince Charming of her dreams is a crass, low rent musician. Similarly, Honeyman peels back the layers of foster homes, ugly shoes, plain straight hair, the torturous phone calls with her mom to leave Eleanor unprepared, exposed to the elements. And the harsh reality nearly kills her.

Honeyman is a brilliant writer, with clever internal dialogue, complex sub-plots, and gripping imagery. She can be terribly funny: When Eleanor visits a housing development where the streets are named for poets (Shelley Lane, Keats Circle, Wordsworth Court) she characterizes her own neighborhood as more likely to have streets named Dante Lane, or Poe Crescent. When she treats herself to a hair wash and massage, Eleanor ruminates that "it ended nine hours before I would have liked." Any woman would understand that. Eleanor will reach "fine," but it is an unsuspected, stunning "fine" as secrets are revealed and friends found.

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman, Penguin Books, NY, NY, 2017, ISBN 978-0735-220-706(e-book), 327pp.



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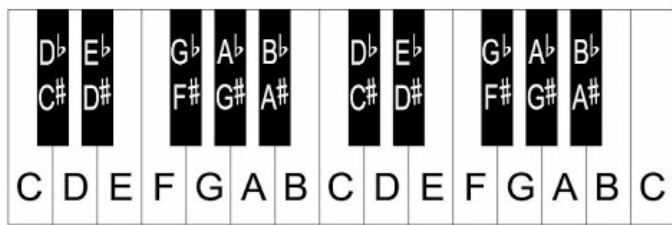
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2019 Holiday Party



Photos: Jennifer Hart
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HO-HO-HO-LEY MOLEY! We had another amazing holiday party at the Community House in December! The pictures featured here certainly are worth 1000 words each, and it appears that a good time was had by all but one (pictured above; perhaps Santa was pinching the poor child?). The community pitched in to make memories for its children. It went smoothly from start to finish, and attendees didn't desert the facility at the end. Kit Putnam describes it this way: "A lot of people pitched in at the end, bless them all. And, of course, we have to thank all of those who brought the delicious treats. It was a beautiful spread, a veritable groaning board of sweet delights. One of the things that was gobbled up completely was the platter of pakoras which are Indian treats that are more savory than sweet but so delicious. Another popular savory treat was provided by John Rosenbaum, who brought and manned the popcorn machine."

The community thanks our volunteers who were coordinated by Erin Mascarella: the Arlingtones Quartet, Maurice Bakley, many Cookie Makers, Siobhan Dupuy, Gina Ekmekjian, Jinder Gill, Heather Jones, Geoff Olinde, Chuck Phillips, Gary and Kit Putnam, Darcy and John Rosenbaum, Paul Showalter, Unknown Helpers wielding brooms and mops at the end, Elizabeth Wray, and Alina Zyszkowski & Family. We also appreciate Girl Scout Cadette Troop 4941 & Junior Troop 60031 for their hard work. And finally, a HO-HO-HO to Bob Mathew of The Mathew Group again for sponsorship of the crafts and goody bags. They were lovely and so appreciated by the kids!



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