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Lyon Park has a new listserv on groups.io! Lyon Park and Ashton Heights residents, age 18 or older, are eligible to join. Commercial businesses and nonprofits located in Lyon Park may also join. To subscribe, please send an e-mail to lyonpark+subscribe@groups.io. We will then write to you to confirm your full name and street address. The listserv moderators may verify the eligibility of those posting to it as required.

All the best,
Julia Young & Natalie Roy
(moderators)

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new listserv today.**

June Meeting

*June 8
7:30 PM*
At the Community House

Please plan to join us for our final association meeting before a summer break as we look ahead to County, State, and Federal legislative priorities and what they mean for Lyon Park and Arlington.

See Page 3 for details!!!

LPCA President's Message

A meme with a photo of a buff octogenarian has the caption "Growing Old Isn't for Sissies." Given the journey I have been on with my parents over the past couple of years, I now have a greater appreciation for that sentiment. The myriad of sudden challenges can be unpredictable—phone and Internet scams, sudden personality changes, challenges with nutrition, waking up one day and not being able to balance a checkbook—sometimes leaving you at a loss for how to assist your loved ones.

The Population Reference Bureau (PRB) projects that the number of Americans aged 65 and older will nearly double from 52 million in 2018 to 95 million by 2060. Arlington County has been working to improve services for our aging population. In 2018, Arlington County joined the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities, the U.S. Affiliate of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities. And in 2020, Arlington County and the Commission on Aging Released a report titled "Building an Age-Friendly Community: An Action Plan for 2020-2023." You can find more on the Elder Readiness page of the County's website (www.arlingtonva.us, search for "elder readiness" in the search box).

To the caption I mentioned above, I would amend it to say: "Growing Old Isn't for Sissies...nor for People without Money." If you have an opportunity to obtain long-term care insurance through your employer, you should consider it. Determine where you want to grow old and determine if you have the funds to make it a reality. Arlington County elder services include transportation, adult day care and home health services (see Community Living Program), and housing assistance through Arlington's Department of Human Services (DHS). Many of these services are available to Arlington residents on a sliding scale.

Since February, I have not been able to fulfill the volunteer duties of LPCA co-President. I want to publicly thank my co-President Thora Colot and each member of the LPCA Executive Board for stepping in when I couldn't—we live in a terrific neighborhood where people do come together to help, especially in moments of crisis. I know several of our Lyon Park neighbors are in care-giver roles right now and others find themselves needing assistance. If you are in this situation, I urge you to reach out to DHS or the nonprofit Arlington Neighborhood Village (<https://arlnvil.org/>) to see what assistance they can offer. This summer, I will put together an LPCA web page listing elder care services available in and around Arlington.

This is the last newsletter until our September issue. Thank you to everyone who answered the Newsletter Survey that was sent out on the listserv – we are planning some improvements in the coming year based on your input. Have a wonderful, safe, and healthy summer until we gather again in September!

*Kathleen McSweeney,
LPCA co-President*

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June 8

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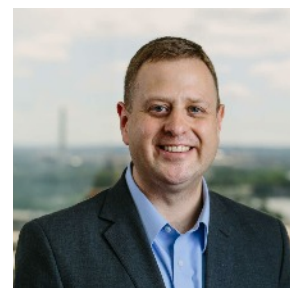
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- U.S. Congressman Don Beyer (VA's 8th Congressional District)
- Virginia House of Delegates Member Patrick Hope (47th District of Virginia)
- Arlington County Board Member Takis Karantonis

Each elected official will comment on the outlook and upcoming sessions for their respective assemblies, but the primary focus will be audience questions and open discussion related to their efforts and our community.

This is a rare opportunity to interact with your representatives at multiple levels, and to get their perspectives on the future of Arlington and our community.





Lyon Park (not just for) Woman's Club

The Lyon Park Woman's Club has traditionally met the third Thursday of every month at the Lyon Park Community Center. It is not just for women, and open to residents of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights.

The next meeting is Thursday, June 16, at 12 noon. It's a pot luck in the true sense of the term, and the food is always scrumptious. Bring a dish to share!

What do we do? We have a good time eating and talking, and enjoying each other's company. The Woman's Club contributes five members to the Board of Governors, the body that oversees the Community House and Park. The other members come from the Lyon Park Citizens Association. Woman's Club members volunteer for many Community Center activities, such as the chili dinner, spring fair, pancake breakfast, and Halloween bonfire. The woman's club holds bake and cupcake sales.

We hope to see many new faces this year. For more information contact Elizabeth Wray at ejswwray@yahoo.com.



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Arlington County encourages tree planting in its citizens yards by offering two programs that provide free trees, The Tree Canopy Fund and October's Tree Distribution event. The Tree Canopy Fund Program is a developer-funded and volunteer-administered program that plants nursery-grade, native shade trees on private property in the spring and fall seasons. Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2022 cycle.

To be eligible to receive a free canopy tree (a \$350-\$450 value), a property owner must demonstrate that the intended location is suitable for planting a large tree and promise to care for the newly planted tree (i.e., water weekly during its first year). A grant review panel will carefully evaluate each request based upon site suitability and the species of tree requested. Applications must be submitted by Friday June 24, 2022. Panel results will be announced in September and contracted professionals will plant the trees in the late fall.

At the time of planting, trees are typically 2" in diameter, approximately 8-10' tall and are expected to grow to heights ranging from 20-100' at maturity (depending upon tree species). The following species are available in 2022:

*Large Shade Trees: River Birch, Sugarberry,
American Sycamore, Swamp White Oak and
American Linden*

*Medium Shade Trees: American Hornbeam and
Pin Oak*

The Program, in its 13th year, awards hundreds of trees annually. The review panel usually approves tree applications for open and sunny areas (particularly on the south or westerly property quadrants). Special consideration is given to locations where a previous canopy tree once stood.

I will again serve as the Lyon Park Civic Association coordinator. To be included with Lyon Park's application, contact me at BillAnhut@yahoo.com or (301) 908-8204 and notify me of your interest. Together, we will schedule a time for me to visit your home between June 20 and June 24 to evaluate the planting location and agree upon a tree species. I will submit your application with those of other Lyon Park neighbors. Due to the significant need in the Lyon Park neighborhood, most of our applications are granted. Won't you help replenish Lyon Park's tree canopy by contacting me today?

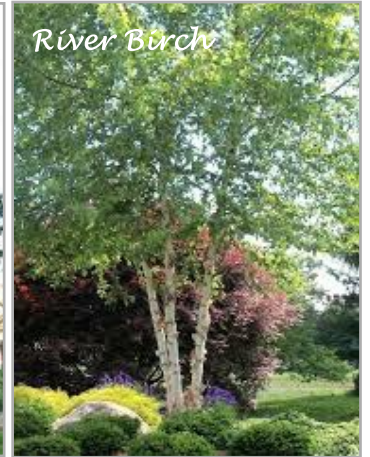
Bill Anhut, Lyon Park's Tree Steward



Sugarberry



American Linden



River Birch



Swamp White Oak



Pin Oak

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<75 guests, \$50/hour resident; \$125/hour non-resident
 ≥75 guests, \$75/hour resident; \$125/hour non-resident

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Holidays

HALF DAY (8 AM–2:30 PM or 3:30–10 PM):

\$400 resident; \$1050 non-resident

WHOLE DAY (8 AM–10 PM):

\$750 resident; \$1,900 non-resident

Children's Birthday Rates for children 10 and under, maximum 40 attendees, booked <2 months in advance:

Four consecutive hours ending before 2 PM, small kitchen use only– *Includes the time you will need to set up and clean up.*

\$200 resident; \$500 non-resident

Grounds preservation fees:

- \$30/inflatable (can only be rented from Arlington TEAM)
- \$30/pole tent (floored tents are not allowed)
- \$100 grounds fee for ponies, petting zoos, large events

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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The Kiwanis Club of Arlington is taking orders for 10-pound boxes of freshly-picked blueberries again this year. Healthful, nutritious and delicious, berries are trucked directly to Arlington from a family farm in New Jersey the day after they are picked. The blueberries are expected in Arlington June 23 and will be available for pick up June 24 and 25 at Cherrydale Methodist Church, 3701 Lorcum Lane.

A 10-pound box is \$40, and you can order online at www.arlingtonvakiwanis.com. Customers may also purchase boxes for donation to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) for distribution to Arlington's neediest families. Please consider adding a box or two for AFAC to your order. Kiwanis will deliver donated berries to AFAC.

This is the sale's ninth year. Last year, sales increased 40% over the previous year and AFAC received more than a ton of donated blueberries. Proceeds also benefit the Kiwanis scholarship program for Arlington high school graduates, and non-profits such as Arlington Thrive, Bridges to Independence, The Salvation Army, National Capital Treatment & Recovery, VHC Pediatrics, Arlington YMCA, ASPIRE! After-School Learning, and many others.



Pictured from left to right are John Gould, Henry Blanton, Fiona Mooney, Ellie Kerbs-Glyer, Josephine Orlik, Mike Glyer, Evie LaGarde, and Eleanor Gould

Lyon Park Odyssey: Long Branch Kids Off to World ‘Odyssey of the Mind’ Finals

A team of local elementary school students are off to the world finals of the ‘Odyssey of the Mind’ contest.

Henry Blanton, Eleanor Gould, Ellie Kerbs-Glyer, Evie LaGarde, Fiona Mooney, and Josephine Orlik – all students at Long Branch Elementary School in Clarendon, are headed to Iowa to pit their wits against other teams from around the U.S. and flying in from around the world.

The ‘Odyssey of the Mind’ competition gives kids an opportunity to work on creative problem solving, including elements of drama, engineering, and a lot of team work.

The Lyon Park team won a place at worlds by placing second in Virginia, with an imaginative project that saw them acting out an escape from a desert island-themed escape room, complete with home-engineered cars, and a cameo appearance by a Chinese villager.

“This is all about the kids, their imagination, and enabling them to solve problems together,” said coaches John Gould and Mike Glyer, who have a behind-the-scenes role in supporting the team.

The world championship kicks off Wednesday May 25 at Iowa State University. Odyssey of the Mind is a global creative problem solving program for kids from kindergarten through college, founded in 1978.

More information about Odyssey of the Mind can be found at www.odysseyofthemind.com.

School Plans and Higher Density Housing – The Latest from the Civic Federation

James Seward

May’s Civic Federation (CivFed) meeting focused on two main topics important to all of us in Lyon Park – the future of our schools and potential plans for increasing density in our neighborhood. The meeting covered a few other issues, and you can find all of the details, presentations, and videos at <https://www.civfed.org/>. Also, please reach out if you’re interested in joining us in representing Lyon Park on the CivFed.

First: Schools. The CivFed invited the Arlington Public School (APS) Board representatives to present at the meeting pursuant to a request for more community engagement and discussion of the plans for APS. APS highlighted two key points. The Board clarified the division of labor between the Board and Superintendent.

- The Board is responsible for the budget and capital investment plans, governance, and strategy.
- The Superintendent is in charge of implementing those plans and strategies and the schools’ day-to-day operation.

The presentation has many details about the FY23 budget and priorities. Some important details include significant pay increases for teachers and staff (average increase of 8.2%), reduced class sizes, increased support for the numerous special needs students, and technology and facilities upgrades. Going forward, the major capital investment (\$170 million) is to build the new Arlington Career Center on the existing campus by 2025 (right when my daughter graduates from Arlington Tech!).

The second key discussion concerned a resolution on the Missing Middle Housing (MMH) Framework. This proposal hopes to make room for more neighbors. It also tries to remedy discriminatory housing and lending in Arlington and across the U.S. by creating more opportunities for people who were previously denied the opportunity to own homes. The CivFed voted 89.7% in favor of a resolution to advocate for the County to extend the review period of this draft framework. The planned review period ends May 27 (only four weeks from when it opened). The CivFed recommends extending it to September 30, 2022, to allow civic associations and community members to review it thoroughly.

The MMH is not directly about affordable housing, but it is about increasing housing density on existing single-family lots. As presented by the County, the MMH makes many assumptions about potential affordability levels, who might benefit from the changes, and impacts on neighborhoods. However, the MMH proposes zoning changes only (with no embedded affordability, environmental, etc., requirements) and allows (but does not require) duplexes and multi-family condo building within current single family home footprints and setbacks. Therefore, sellers and developers will ultimately implement the program. If the MMH passes, Lyon Park will surely be impacted with new duplexes and triplexes on current single-family lots, so please let us know if you have feedback for LPCA to raise at CivFed, and also, please take the survey!

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The new listserv offers a lovely, compact digest option. If you prefer to receive posts in real time, it also lets you "mute this topic" at the bottom of each e-mail. Simply click and you won't receive any further responses to the chain.



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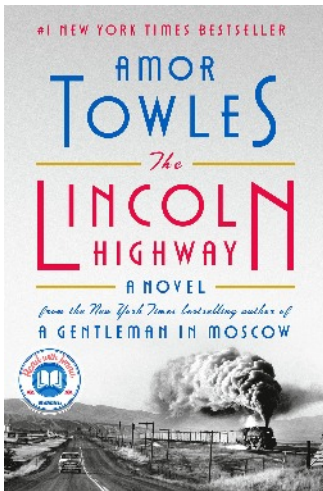
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The Lincoln Highway

Margaret Dean



If you read and thoroughly enjoyed Towles' earlier book, *A Gentleman in Moscow*, as have most of his readers, then you may need to divorce yourself from *The Lincoln Highway*. Essentially this is a coming of age account. Initially 18-year-old Emmett and his 8-year-old brother Billy plan to follow the trail of bread crumbs home to a new life (the bread crumbs in this case being the post cards sent annually by their mother as she moved from the east to the west coast). Unfortunately Emmett's uninvited friends introduce multiple complications in the plan with the group finding itself further east than they were when they started.

After early release for good behavior from a juvenile institution, Emmett has laid out his plan to acquire run-down properties, rehab and then sell them, and so move up the rehab ladder to become a wealthy man. With his wood-working and house building skills, this plan is realistic. Each child has his own dream; even Billy, the sensible savant, has a plan. Here instead of the one sophisticated, cosmopolitan Russian in *A Gentleman in Moscow*, a host of teen-age boys seek family and love. Mothers in particular are in short supply, leaving their off-spring heart sick and alone.

Sally, sister of one of the boys, is the Wendy of this contemporary Peter Pan story. She is totally practical, loves kids, and is a strong and willing worker. She also has some of the funniest lines in the entire 576 pages. Some of the boys seem conversant with Greek, Roman, and biblical classics although they sometimes miss the point.....

The Lincoln Highway has the same masterful prose, the same clever turn of phrase, the same gentle sense of humor, that wraps up this heavy tome. Here however each chapter introduces the character in control of that chapter and reveals more their true character: Billy, Emmett, Duchess, Pastor John, Woolly, Ulysses. Each controls his bit of the universe for a moment. Billy, always concerned about natural law and what is right, seeks his brother's promise that, once freed, Duchess won't be hurt, that he will be fine. Later as Duchess contemplates a peaceful final—heavenly—scene, everyone swathed in rosy clouds, silence figures sharply in Emmett's non-response, just as Hamlet had said. Or was that Iago?

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Buy Nothing, Learn Plenty

Heidi Ananthakrishnan

I didn't expect a Facebook group to change my life. When a friend in Silver Spring recommended "Buy Nothing," I figured it would be a purely transactional experience: a one-time purge of drawer-bound clothes or earrings I hadn't worn in years. I didn't anticipate the joyful hyper-local camaraderie and humor that came along with it. And I certainly didn't expect it to alter my entire purchase-and-throw-away mentality.

Two women founded Buy Nothing in 2013 with the goal of reducing waste and "sharing the abundance already present." They were inspired to lessen the amount of plastics in the waste stream that they saw perpetually wash up on the shores of their local beaches. Mostly, the company emphasized the people factor, measuring wealth by personal connections and trust between people. This "buy less, share more" model proved popular: Buy Nothing now has more than six million participants in 120 countries.

For me, what began as "I don't need anything and I don't have anything to give" has become me scanning the group's posts daily. I have lost count of the "wealth" given and received, but what stays with me is the generosity of the members.

Buy Nothing removes the sterile, anonymous nature of online purchasing and replaces it with personalities. That miniature Chinese money plant now thriving by my window? Propagated from a lovingly-tended mother plant. That large unopened bag of roasted chickpea snacks? Purchased by a member just before her kids decided they no longer liked them. Having an outlet for unwanted items relieved a pressure valve I never knew existed: the question of what to do with things I no longer needed. Not to worry—with Buy Nothing, most items find an eager home within minutes of posting. Paying the favor forward occurs continuously, as puzzles and books make the rounds. In a twist of serendipity, the tart dried apricots someone gave away have become my go-to brand as I now buy them directly from a small California farm.

What strikes me is that no matter how unwanted an item might seem, somebody ends up interested. It never felt so good to give away necklaces, clothing, potting soil, tea, holiday cards, ornaments, movies, boogie boards, cutlery. Even old towels find their place in a dog's bed.

In the past I would have regretfully tossed a hair product I didn't like. Now, someone thanks me for giving them the chance to try a brand they had been curious about. Sure, I could sell some of these items on Craigslist, but the give-and-take of Buy Nothing is where the magic lies. Once you receive something you need, the compulsion to reciprocate is immediate. The cycle is endlessly rewarding. Not only that, I now have much more closet, drawer, and storage space.

As generosity expands, my house has seemingly done the same.



Puzzled? Who You Gonna Call?

A reader writes, "A lot of people think that the Community Center/Park and the LPCA are the same entity. If you have space, could you explain the distinction between the two?"

Lyon Park's organization can seem confusing with good reason; Lyon Park has a civic association, a Woman's Club, a clubhouse and park and its governing body, and rental agent. Use this guide when you need to address specific problems.

The **Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA)** is one of 57 such organizations in Arlington. County government communicates with and through civic associations to maintain and enhance neighborhoods. A list of the LPCA's elected officers, appointed representatives, and volunteer workers appears on page 2 of this newsletter. LPCA is often an intermediary to the County's planning, traffic, parks and recreation, or historic preservation departments. Refer neighborhood and County issues to LPCA. The LPCA meets on the second Wednesday of the month from September to June. To join the LPCA, you simply have to pay your dues!

Since 1924, the **Lyon Park not-just-for-Woman's Club** has supported the community center and park. Over the years, club activities have included support for the County Library and Arlington Hospital and volunteer work with other charitable programs. Its numbers were dwindling, but we've had more interest of late. Interested in joining? We are open to both genders, you do not need to live in Lyon Park, and our activities include cupcake sales, which have become signature events for Lyon Park, and bake sales. The Woman's Club meets on the third Thursday of the month for a stupendous lunch. Contact Elizabeth Wray at (703) 522-1263 for information.

The **Lyon Park Community Center (LPCC)** is the lovely white clubhouse in the park. It supports itself via rentals to Lyon Park residents and others. Its elected Board of Governors oversees management of the Clubhouse and the Park—Arlington's only privately owned park. The BOG has ten members—five from the LPCA and five from the Woman's Club. Direct questions or complaints about the clubhouse, the park, or policies to the Board of Governors in writing, at P.O. Box 100191, Arlington, 22210, or contact Jeannette Wick (see page 2).

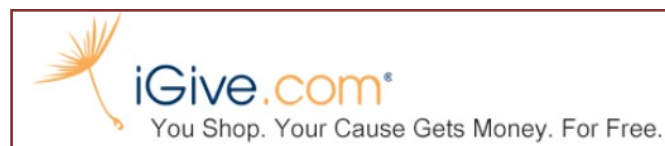
The Community Center Rental Agent oversees Clubhouse rentals and advises the BOG. Cindy Stroup holds that position. Reach her at rent@lyonpark.info.

AmazonSmile



AmazonSmile is an Amazon program that donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to charitable organizations. AmazonSmile is a simple, automatic way for you to support Lyon Park Community Center (LPCC) every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com. Go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Select LPCC as your charity and then start shopping. It's that easy. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com.

iGive



iGive works similarly. It's free. iGive partners with more than 1,700 online stores. It donates an average of 3% what you spend to your selected charity. The stores pay for it all. You never pay more, and often you pay less with coupons and deals. A typical shopper raises more than \$100/year. Go to igive.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Select LPCC as your charity and add the iGive button. This automatically tells participating stores that you want your shopping to support LPCC. You can also download the iPhone/iPad or Android apps.

Community Engagement Opportunities, Arlington Public Schools

Thursday, June 9 7 PM	School Board Meeting: Action on School Board's Proposed FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan Watch School Board Work Sessions live online (see link below) or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Wednesday, June 15 6:30 to 8:30 PM	School Board Meeting: Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan Watch School Board Work Sessions live online (see link below) or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Friday, June 17 6:00 to 8:00 PM	Dream Project Scholarship Award Ceremony Wakefield High School (1325 S Dinwiddie St, Arlington, VA 22206)
Tuesday, June 21 6:30 to 8:30 PM	Capital Improvement Plan Work Session # 4 Watch School Board Work Sessions live online (see link below) or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41
Thursday, June 23 7 PM	Last School Board Meeting of the school year: Action on School Board's Adopted FY 2023-32 Capital Improvement Plan Watch School Board Work Sessions live online or on Comcast Channel 70 or Verizon Channel 41

Arlington County/Curative COVID-19 testing kiosk at Sequoia Plaza (2100 S. Washington Blvd, behind Human Services Bldg.)

Appointments are encouraged at curative.com.

Arlington County offers free COVID-19 vaccines for children ages 5–11 years old. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. COVID-19 Information Line 703-228-7999.

*View Board meetings at <https://www.apsva.us/school-board-meetings/watch-school-board-meetings/> 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.

To read Community Engagement Opportunities in other languages, visit <https://www.apsva.us/school-community-relations/community-engagement-opportunities/> and use the auto-translation feature (top of page) to select preferred language.

Visit www.apsva.us/Engage for community engagement opportunities, School Board calendar, Arlington County's Engage calendar.

Please Pay Your LPCA Dues!

\$10/year, \$20/two years, \$250 for life

Please complete this form (Hint: use a return address label!) and mail it with your check to: LPCA Membership, P.O. Box 100191, Arlington, VA 22210

Name _____
Address _____
Preferred phone _____
E-mail _____
May we add you to the community listserv? ☐ 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
- ☐ Trees/Conservation
- ☐ All-purpose volunteer

Volunteer opportunity	Time commitment	Contact
Sprucing up the children's play area	No time at all = Make a donation to pay for supplies (https://lyonpark.info/donate/) Picking up supplies = 2 hours Hard labor(great exercise!) = 2 to 8 hours	Paul Showalter LyonParkEvents@gmail.com
Food truck event	Staff for beverages = 2 - 4 hours Logistics (set-up, cleanup, misc) ≥ 1 hour	John Goldener goldener@gmail.com
Fundraising for the Community House and Park	Simple bimonthly e-mails = 1 -2 hours per month Managing Amazon Smile and iGive = 1 hour per month Organize an event = 8 – 16 hours	Jeannette Wick jywickrph@aol.com
Odds 'n ends in the park	Pick up branches = 15 minutes Empty trash bins = 20 minutes Pick up random trash = 20 minutes Annual mulching in April = 2 hours	Bill Anhut Billanhut@yahoo.com Jeannette Wick jywickrph@aol.com
Cupcake sales in February and around Easter We need people especially who can frost or decorate beautifully. You can't, you say? Ha! Let us teach you.	Advertising = 1 – 2 hours Shopping = 1 hour Baking = 2 - 8 hours Decorating = 2 - 8 hours Boxing = 2 - 8 hours Cleaning = 2 hours	Elizabeth Wray ejswray@yahoo.com

Nosy Neighbors Wearing Masks

Aren't raccoons cute? Ha! Every year, wildlife control agencies receive more nuisance calls about problems with raccoons, one of the most intelligent of wild animals, than for any other animal. They get into everything.

The word raccoon is Algonquin for "he scratches with his hands." Native to the Americas, raccoons can be found from southern Canada to northern Argentina. They prefer lower elevations, milder climates, and hardwood forests near water, but the raccoon pictured above is creeping through a window screen on Lyon Park's 2nd Road. Raccoons have adapted well to urban sprawl. They use the storm drain system as a personal highway system, covet your uncovered garbage can, and raid your vegetable garden—but not until you're just about ready to pick those vegetables!



The average raccoon is two to three feet long, weighs 10 to 30 pounds, and can be expected to live 16 years. Raccoons are unusual among wildlife mammals, because their paws include a thumb. Their thumbs are not opposable, like human's are, but they still give raccoons tremendous dexterity. They climb easily, and can unlock doors. Raccoons are omnivorous. Have you heard that raccoons wash their food? What looks like washing is actually manipulating or "softening" whatever they pick up. They are fastidious, however, and establish a common latrine for their families.

Female raccoons have one three to five kit litter annually, usually in May or June. Males roam areas of 3 to 20 square miles, depending on availability of females and food sources. Females stay closer to home—a six square mile range is usual. Unsecured trash cans, overfilled bird feeders, and outdoor pet bowls are potential food sources for raccoons. They consider chimneys, porches, decks, and attics perfect dens. Since raccoons are primarily nocturnal, the only evidence of their presence may be noises in the wall or their distinctive tracks (see above).

To avoid raccoon problems, make life uncomfortable for them.

- Raccoons dislike bright lights, loud noises, or strong odors. Place lights, play a radio, or place mothballs or towels soaked in ammonia where they seem to congregate. (Your neighbors are going to love this, aren't they?)
- Take in pet food and water.
- Secure all trash cans with latched or tight-fitting lids.
- Clear wood and brush piles.
- Trim overhanging branches and remove wires or vines that raccoons could use as ladders to access attics.
- Sprinkle commercial products containing coyote urine.

If you have a concern about wild life in your backyard, call the Wildlife Hotline at (703) 440-0800



2022 Lyon Park Spring Fair

This year's Spring Fair was **Hot, Hot, Hot**. So hot in fact that the ponies, who were scheduled to be at the spring fair, had to be canceled to protect the health of the animals.

The park and the community center were filled to the brim with children and adults having a fun time and eating lots of food despite the heat of the day. We had games galore spread out around the park, and baked goods (from the Women's club) for sale in the community center. Jeannette and her kitchen crew were making lunch for everyone in the kitchen, and Cotton Candy and Popcorn were everywhere (literally!). The face painting and temporary tattoo stations were very popular, and a huge prize station was waiting for all the "pink ticket" winners. Even Troy's Italian Kitchen was on hand with their Italian Ice.



Our Spring Fair Chairperson, Darcy Rosenbaum, and her husband John and son Benton pitched in throughout the week to make sure everyone would have an enjoyable day. Even though Darcy was under the weather that week, she managed the event from afar, constantly texting her stand-in, Paul Showalter, with information and suggestions. I was glad I could step in and keep the fair on track.

Many thanks to our volunteers who showed up to help. We especially want to thank our teen volunteers who turned out by the dozens and had as much fun as the little kids. We couldn't have done the event without our volunteers. They made the Spring Fair a success. Events like this one cannot happen without the community's assistance. Please consider volunteering for an upcoming event. We really do need **YOUR** help and you will have fun too.

Paul Showalter

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