



LYON PARK BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

March 2024

Upcoming Events

3/3 **Lyon Park Chili Supper**
at the Community Center
5:00–7:30 p.m.

3/13 **LPCA Monthly Meeting**
at the Community Center
7:00 p.m. Meeting Start;
8:30 p.m. Socializing

3/16 **Lyon Park Woman's Club
Potluck Lunch**
at the Community Center
12:00 p.m.

3/30 **Woman's Club Cupcake Sale**
at the Community Center
8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

3/30 **Spring Egg Roll**
at the Community Center
11:00 a.m.



The Anstey's enjoying January's snow in Lyon Park

President's Message

By Michael P. Kunkler

Do you know what the #1 topic people approach me about? It's the Lyon Park Community Center (LPCC). Did you also know the LPCA doesn't run the LPCC but sends five representatives to the LPCC Board of Governors (BoG)?

Because of the demonstrated neighborhood interest in the LPCC, as we look to Lyon Park's 100th year celebration, I suggest we reflect on the greatest asset our civic association has, our community center and well, the Lyon Park... park. The land and structure have changed over the years but have never failed to attract neighbors young and old. As we reflect on this unique jewel (only two other Arl CAs have their own facilities, and none as grand as ours), I would like to take the months of March and April to take a pulse of the neighborhood on the LPCC and how best the LPCA should be representing membership to the LPCC Board of Governors (survey link below).

I personally, representing several neighbors interested in using the LPCC for sports viewing events, have started exploration of what it would take for the LPCC to become more acoustically friendly (while maintaining its historical look). Perhaps other neighbors have their own thoughts on LPCC and park. I've been approached with ideas as interesting as bathroom access (for when Julia and Spiro aren't home...), a roaming chicken coop, and a community pool. I have my personal opinions on these, but welcome all ideas for discussion (and will absolutely look to the idea "offeror" to take lead on research, planning, fund raising, and execution...) Any proposals will have to be accepted by the LPCC BoG, meaning many stakeholders will have the final approval (i.e. we're not in a rush folks, change takes time).

LPCC Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPCCInput24>

What's Inside?

- Getting Started with Native Plant Gardening
- Neighbors Making a Difference: The Putnams

...and more!

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Interested in having your teen listed in the Lyon Park Bulletin and on the website? Simply fill out the form on the Teen Services page [www.lyonpark.org/explore/resources/teen-services]!

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Prom Season: Donations Needed!

As part of a **local community service project**, Emma Abramson is collecting donations of prom dresses/formal dresses/gowns/tuxedos/shoes and accessories. Donations will be made available to students at Washington-Liberty, Wakefield, and Yorktown High Schools.

Do you have fancy outfits just sitting in your closet or jewelry that you want to pass along? Make someone's year by donating them today.

Donations will be accepted from March 13th through April 1st.

We are also collecting clothing racks and monetary donations as well!

When you are looking at your attire, please ensure they are in good condition and are formal enough for prom (vs. cocktail or business attire). Consider whether they are age-appropriate as well; the average prom-goer won't gravitate to a "mother of the bride" look or your grandmother's shoes from 30+ years ago.

Donations are being collected at locations in Lyon Park and Ashton Heights.

- 515 N Lincoln Street (Emma Abramson)
Ashton Heights
- 818 N Danville Street (Paul Showalter)
Lyon Park

You can drop off your donation at either location or email us and we can arrange a pickup from your home. Reach out to us at LyonParkEvents@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Arlington Bunny Hop Fun 5k & Block Party

When: Saturday, April 13th
at 8:00 a.m.
[or virtually April 13–30th]

Where: Clarendon United
Methodist Church
606 N. Irving Street
Arlington, VA 22201

Who: Everyone! All types of
runners, joggers, &
walkers/strollers.

Why: We're running to help
others! Our 7th year!

Costumes are welcome &
encouraged—prizes
will be awarded!

**www.ArlingtonBunnyHop.org
for more info & to register**

LPCA Lifetime Members (Part II of III—More to Come in the April Newsletter)

By Natalie Roy, LPCA Membership Chair

[As of January 29, 2024]

Thank you to the following **Lyon Park Citizens Association Lifetime members**. We are grateful for your community involvement and support. This is the best deal in town, \$250 for lifetime membership in one of the most fun and lively civic associations on the planet! Membership privileges include discounted rates to rent our renovated and historic community center, exciting community events and programs, unparalleled volunteer opportunities, and monthly meetings with riveting guest speakers. More importantly, it connects you to our wonderfully vibrant community.

A lifetime membership not your thing? Consider joining with an annual membership of \$10 or bi-annually at \$20. If you are interested in joining, go to the website membership page, <https://lyonpark.org/connect/join-lpca-volunteer>. Over subsequent newsletters we will print the rest of the lifetime member list as well as the full annual and bi-annual members. This will information also be posted on the website. Please note if there are any misspellings or inaccuracies, please let us know. We apologize in advance and will make the corrections ASAP.

Look forward to seeing everyone at a Lyon Park event in 2024!

Jon MacIvor
Emily and Neal Makely
Elliott & Marlene Mandel
Larry Mayer
Amy and Chris Maynard
Larry and Barbara McBride
Marie and Daniel McClughen
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Conor Miller & Susan Sanders
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Corrections to the February list:
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Highlights from the February LPCA Meeting

The LPCA gathered on Valentine's Day for our February meeting. Dennis Edelbrock and John Glover reviewed the logistics of the upcoming Arlington Bunny Hop, which will take place in-and-around our neighborhood on Saturday, April 13. The race begins at 8 am at the Clarendon Methodist Church, and this year's beneficiary will be Bridges to Independence, a non-profit committed to ending systemic poverty in Arlington. This is the 7th running of the race, which raised \$30k last year (to benefit Green Valley youth programs), and \$107k since its inception.

Kimberly Johns spoke to the members about the opening of Tyndall School at 716 N. Barton Street (previously the Lyon Park Fellowship Church). Kimberly is a graduate of Yorktown High School and William & Mary College, and has worked in education for 25 years. This new private school is focused on a classical curriculum, with an emphasis mind, body, and spirit (and Latin!). It is not a franchise. Classes should start in the fall, beginning with kindergarten and 4/5 grades the first year. Class size will be limited to 15 students per class, with a maximum capacity of 135 in the building. There are no major renovations planned, only cosmetic refurnishing and possible changes to create safe outdoor greenspace. The staff is planning traffic patterns to not disrupt neighborhood. The Use Permit is in process. Currently permitted for religious education. Want to be good neighbors.

Chris Lewicki, Margaret Beach, and Brooke Alexander of Ashton Heights Stormwater Committee, offered an in-depth presentation on key issues of stormwater runoff and Arlington's plan to reduce runoff into the Chesapeake Bay.

- The team reviewed the importance of the Chesapeake Bay, the largest estuary in US, 2nd largest in world. It provides a vibrant habitat for wildlife. Excess nitrogen and phosphorous is the biggest problem and creates dead zones in the polluted water. The excess has three major sources:
 - » 40% from agricultural
 - » 33% from air
 - » 37% from runoff
- Arlington is the first county to receive runoff reduction goals. The initial goal will be met, but the larger reduction goals require everyone to participate. Some ways resident can combat runoff:
 - » Replace lawn with native plants
 - » Limit fertilizer
 - » Pick up after pets
 - » Create rain gardens to limit runoff
- Additional action that could reduce runoff, including reducing permitted lot coverage (which would reduce impervious surfaces) and increasing tree coverage. Large established trees reduce stormwater runoff in three ways:
 - » Tree canopy (leaves and branches) can absorb up to 30% of rainfall (though not during a deluge)
 - » Tree roots can absorb up to 30% of typical rainfall
 - » The channels created by the tree roots can send up to 30% of rainfall deep into the soil, which is especially important with Arlington's heavy clay soil content.
- The group gave a brief overview of the new Stormwater Fees and ways to mitigate them (as discussed at last month's meeting.) Admittedly, these mitigation efforts are not particularly cost-effective, so do it to be a good citizen, not to save money. Maximum credit is 35% or \$90 for 1 EDU properties. These efforts include conservation landscaping, tree planting and rain barrels.
- Ashton Heights has created its own neighborhood program, focused on peer-to-peer advice on trees, rain barrels, hardscapes, and rain gardens.

Recap of Valentine's Cupcake Sale

By Jeannette Wick

The annual Valentine's Day Cupcake Sale was a roaring success on February 10th, 2024. Neighbors appeared as soon as we opened the door on Friday afternoon for our early bird sales, and more than half of our cupcakes evaporated before the 7:00 PM closing time. Members of the not-just-for-Woman's club opened the doors again at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning and declared the sale closed shortly after 11 when almost all of the cupcakes had been sold. Two students from Yorktown High School, Catalina and Emily, also helped, and those kids could sell honey to a bee. As always, the Red Velvet Chip cupcakes were best sellers for this romantic holiday, and this year's surprise early sellout was the Cookies 'n Cream cupcake.



We hear the same questions all the time, with the most frequently asked question being, "Did you bake all of these cupcakes?" Of course we did! This year a team of approximately 10 people shopped for, mixed, baked, frosted, and sold the 900 cupcakes that the neighborhood demands on such an occasion. It took roughly seven hours. The large kitchen at the Community Center becomes a veritable cloud of confectioner's sugar perfused with the aroma of whatever variety of cupcake is parked in the ovens at the moment.

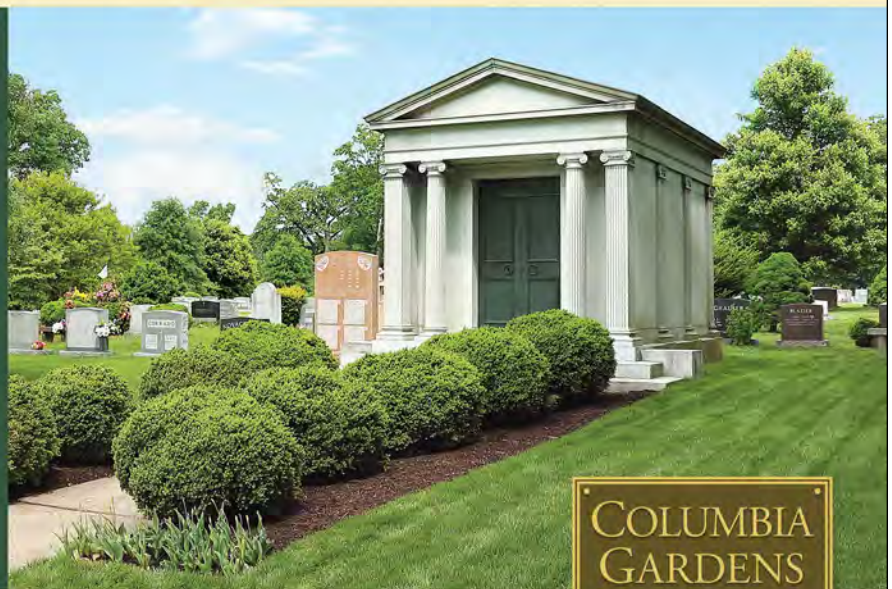
One of the biggest issues with the cupcake sale or almost any event in Lyon Park is our reliance on volunteers. For this event, the event organizer was a little bit nervous until the day before we were scheduled to bake. We were fortunate enough to have a sufficient number of volunteers. Our biggest need is for people who can frost. Handling a frosting bag is a mechanical art that takes a little bit of practice, so if you are a candidate to frost a few 100 cupcakes for the next cupcake sale, speak up!

Speaking of the next cupcake sale, we need to ensure that we have volunteers lined up. Be on the lookout for emails asking for help. **The next cupcake sale will be March 30th!**

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In Loving Memory: Long Branch's Mrs. Jackson

By Kailyn Diaz & Kyla Jackson Lott

MaryAnn Hazel-Jackson, better known as Mrs. Jackson to the Long Branch community, passed away peacefully on November 6, 2023. Mrs. Jackson loved making rice crispy treats, building a koi fishpond, Black Friday shopping, which was an Olympic sport to her, decorating her front yard with life-size Christmas characters and planning the annual family summer vacation. Mrs. Jackson's strength and perseverance were a true testament to her character. Her final days were spent surrounded by her loving husband and children. Now she rests in eternal peace. Mrs. Jackson was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Arlington, VA. She received her formal education in Arlington Public Schools. She also attended Virginia State University and the Art Institute of Atlanta. Following in her mother's footsteps, she developed a passion for early childhood education. She spent most of her summers with Arlington County Recreation as a Tot Camp Director at Fairlington Community Center. She began a life-long career with Arlington Public Schools as a before and after-school program (Extended Day) Supervisor until she retired in 2021. Most of her 30 plus years in APS were spent working at Long Branch Elementary School. She made sure that the Extended Day program was a home away from home for all students but better! She put on big eventful productions for Extended Day. Some of those events included; spring carnivals, talent shows with custom t-shirts for the performers and backstage crew, 5th grade graduation party with live DJ, and a plethora of clubs! She had a big heart and was a giver. She attended and supported students in their extracurricular sporting events, recitals, performances, and walks for a cause. While managing her own health challenges, her unwavering commitment to help others in need and participate in events to end breast cancer, and other severe illnesses was relentless. It goes without saying that Mrs. Jackson's strength and perseverance were a true testament to her character. As we remember Maryann, we celebrate a life well-lived, a love well-shared, and a legacy that will live on forever.



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Getting Started with Native Plant Gardening

By Debra Barber

I've been gardening and learning for 25 years. At first, my focus was "plants I can get for cheap, plants I can eat, and flowers I can cut." Now my focus is on native plants. First step: removing the so-called butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*). It attracted butterflies, but never hosted a single caterpillar. I replaced it with native plants that provide both nectar for adults and leaves for larvae. For gardens to be graced with butterflies and pollinators into the future, they must support insects' entire life cycles, not just their eye-catching adult stage.

At this point in horticultural history, gardening with native plants is neither the norm, nor the cheapest approach. Natives may be hard or expensive to acquire. Still, I've found their benefits far outweigh their upfront costs.

Keeping invasives from spreading to natural areas. As a land manager for The Nature Conservancy, I know natural area managers work to fight invasive species in wild places. I started at home by removing aggressive landscaping stalwarts like nandina, Japanese barberry and liriope, whose seeds birds carry to natural areas.

Providing a wildlife haven. I love watching catbirds enjoy my elderberries, and skippers on my blue mistflowers. My garden provides shelter for birds, mammals and fascinating insects; nectar for pollinators; and foliage for caterpillars. Losses to chipmunks and rabbits are hardly noticeable. I cultivate an attitude of gratitude that my garden provides enough for everyone.

Avoiding chemicals that harm people, animals, and waterways. Native plants don't need fertilizer or fancy soil. I live with some insect damage so there are no pesticides in my garden. There's nothing scarier in my garage than loppers!

Saving money on fertilizers, pesticides, and mulch. Plants adapted to local conditions fill in the space, making mulch unnecessary. In fall, I leave the leaves and stems to enrich soil and provide overwintering spots for eggs and cocoons. In the spring the garden will once again burst with life.

Practical Tips for Using Native Plants

Start by controlling known invasives. Search "Virginia invasive plants" and start with those.

Befriend the bugs. We've inherited attitudes: "bugs=dirty, annoying, and disease-bearing, except butterflies and honeybees." But beautiful butterflies started life as creepy caterpillars, which eat leaves—mostly natives they've co-evolved with for millennia. Insects, the foundation of Earth's ecosystem, pollinate food crops and nourish songbirds. Most insects won't harm us and cause only cosmetic damage. Birds need insects, and insects need native plants: learning to accept some chomps is part of the native game.

Uninvite the herbivores. In Lyon Park we're lucky to lack deer, but we have bunnies, chipmunks and voles. I deploy chicken wire cages to protect plants while they're getting established. Once there's enough for everyone I remove the exclosures, and the party's back on.

Choose the look you want. "Native plant garden" may evoke visions of an unkempt riot of green, but you can manage for a traditional look with non-traditional plants. Techniques to keep a garden organized include:

- The Chelsea Chop. Cut plants back by a third before blooming for shorter, bushier growth.
- Mass plants so one species covers at least four square feet, rather than intermingling.
- Place tall plants in the middle or back; shorter plants at the sidewalk.

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Look into “lazy” gardening. Light or delayed fall cleanup is a choice--difficult if you're a tidy person--but better for wildlife. Letting flowers go to seed attracts birds, who don't actually need bird feeders. Leaving autumn leaves enriches soil and creates wintering sites for butterflies like the mourning cloak. Letting stems stand until spring retains nesting sites for native bees.

We were raised to believe that “good” gardeners rule their gardens by raking, trimming and mulching promptly in the fall. It turns out that nature prefers some messiness. As you balance neighbors' expectations with habitat value at your unique site, know that there's a nationwide community of wildlife-friendly gardeners who support you as you move your garden toward richness.

Decide how native to go. The strictest form of native gardening sticks to species native to the county. Next on the spectrum is plants native to the state and/or Piedmont ecoregion. Another consideration is “nativars”--cultivated varieties of natives selected for qualities benefiting human eyes over animal lives. Examples: double-flowered cultivars (which make nectar hard for pollinators to reach); sterile varieties (which don't provide seeds for birds); and purple foliage (which discourages caterpillars).

I haven't given up my peonies, rosemary or fig tree--choices I've made as I balance my human desires with the needs of local wildlife. Deciding where your garden lies along the native/exotic spectrum is your choice, and your approach may evolve as you grow. Overwhelmed beginners can feel confident that every native replacing a non-native improves a garden's value for wildlife large and small.

These native plants and many more will be available at the **Dig-Your-Own sale on April 20:**



Tall bellflower
(adored by bumblebees)



Brown-eyed Susan
(goldfinches love the seed heads)



Blue mist



Obedient plant



Golden Alexander



Fragrant aster
(for autumn butterflies)



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Development Issues Affecting Lyon Park

By Anne Bodine

The LPCA plans to sign two letters in response to a Special GLUP proposal in Lyon Village. In addition, we will be weighing in on a proposal within our neighborhood at Highland and 10th.

Letter opposing Special GLUP proposal: The LPCA President intends to sign a letter to the County Board opposing the proposal by Clarendon Presbyterian Church and a non-profit housing developer to change land use and zoning for a parcel in Lyon Village that currently holds the church and a small park. Lyon Park is one of five civic associations allowed to weigh in on this project in recognition that higher density zoning and land use in Clarendon would have spillover effects. This position aligns with Lyon Park's Neighborhood Conservation Plan and was discussed at the January LPCA meeting.

Special General Land Use Plan: The Lyon Village project sparked interest by all five participating civic associations (including LPCA) in a separate letter to the County Board, addressing flaws in the Special GLUP process writ-large. This letter addresses strategic process problems without specifically addressing the church project. (NOTE: Special GLUPs are one-off revisions to land use and zoning being applied/approved outside the framework of approved area and sector plans. Those area and sector plans are done to stimulate more growth, and they allow developers to pursue site plan development in these areas, whereas other locations may be developed only by-right.). In the view of our five civic associations, who have seen a moderate share of the Special GLUP activity recently, the standards for approval have become less clear. This letter therefore asks the County Board to:

1. Clarify standards for advancing a Special GLUP application;
2. Consider higher and broader levels of community benefits relative to existing zoning regulations;
3. Not use a Special GLUP Study to substantiate follow-on Special GLUPs nor create a precedent for county-wide policy changes;
4. Establish follow-up procedures to track Special GLUP projects that are approved.

N. Highland and 10th St: At the March LPCA meeting, we will discuss the request for rooftop use by the owner of the apartments at N. Highland and 10th St. (where Kaldi's Coffee house is). Neighbors adjacent to the property have mixed opinions, and we are still clarifying what the access and usage will entail (i.e. open to non-residents or not). We will take a vote on this at our March meeting, and the County Board will be making its decision in April.

If you are interested in this issue, please join us at the next meeting on March 13, when members can weigh in on the issue.

CORRECTION to the January, 2024 Lyon Park Bulletin article, "A Change to Arlington County's Comprehensive Plan" by Kathleen McSweeney.

Editing to reduce the number of words, the author regrets leaving out the role of a very important group that researches, writes, and prepares the policies that make up the Comprehensive Plan Elements—the County staff. Upon re-reading the published article, she realized that in her eagerness to highlight the extensive community input into the process, and reduce the article's word count, the impression left was that County staff was not involved. The author regrets her omission of the extensive work performed by County staff to create and update policies, research and study the impact of proposed changes, and incorporate recommendations in meetings with commission members, the general public, and the County Board.

Join us at the **Lyon Park Community Center**
on **Saturday, March 30 at 11am** for our annual

SPRING EGG HUNT

Lyon Park will be covered with more than 3,500
candy-filled plastic eggs for children to collect.

Three age groups will participate: 1-2, 3-6, and 7-10.

Each age group will collect eggs individually.

Children ages 1-2 will collect empty eggs which are
exchanged for parent approved prizes!

Remember to bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs.



Residents of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights are
eligible for a special "resident rental rate" when
booking the Community Center for their own event.

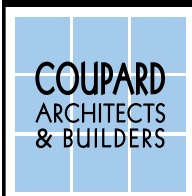


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Neighbors Making a Difference: Gary and Kit Putnam

By Kathleen McSweeney

Gary and Kit Putnam have lived in their historic Lyon Park home at 261 N Barton Street for four decades. It was the former residence of Raymond and Gertrude Bonnin, the latter more popularly known as Zitkála-Šá, Native American musician, composer, author, and activist. Gary and Kit fell in love with it, especially the huge windows that fill the house with sun, and purchased the home in 1983. Entering the Putnam's living room today, visitors are greeted with a framed photo of Zitkála-Šá.

Kit and Gary were married on August 2, 1980 at Colvin Run Mill, a venue where Kit often played with her music group. Her instruments were the lap dulcimer, the fiddle, and a percussive wooden folk instrument called "dancing man." Gary summed up their courtship as follows: "She batted her eyes, I pounded my chest, and I chased her until she caught me."

Originally from North Carolina, Gary began work there as a journalist. A newspaper in Richmond brought him to Virginia in the early 1960s. A man of many talents, Gary has been a journalist, a photographer, an apprentice to a dulcimer-maker (estimating he hand-crafted a total of over 300 instruments with his mentor and on his own), a talented cook (just ask attendees of the monthly Woman's Club luncheons, or neighbors who attended his cooking classes at the LPCC), co-owner with Kit of "Black and White" a photography and archival print studio. He enjoys his role as Santa for the Humane Rescue Alliance, the annual Lyon Park Holiday celebration and neighborhood sleigh rides. Over the years, Gary has served as kitchen coordinator and cook for the annual Spring Fair, Chili Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner and other events. He currently serves as one of three Trustees of Lyon Park.

Kit was born in Richmond. After WWII her family moved to a brick duplex in Fort Barnard Heights (now part of Nauck). Her home overlooked the W&OD Railroad tracks (now the trail) and she remembers standing on the hill, waving to conductors as trains passed. She remembers that the banks of Four Mile Run were then used as a dump—the County would periodically burn the trash, tamp it down, and it became infill. She recalls when Weenie Beanie came to the neighborhood. Her family later moved to Claremont, and Kit attended the new Wakefield School from 7th grade through graduation. She and Gary mentored high school interns in their small business and are still in touch with many of them. For years, Kit has served as a member of the Board of Governors, sells cupcakes at Woman's Club bake sales, distributes donuts at the Halloween bonfire, and decorates for community events. With Gary, she attends the Woman's Club luncheons and for decades has distributed the neighborhood newsletter.

They are most proud of the three years of circulating petitions and working with neighbors and the County to close their end of Barton Street at Washington Blvd. Closing the street created the feel of a small village. They have enjoyed watching two generations of families grow up on Barton Street and are gratified to be a part of this community. When they retired in 2008, they decided to stay because of their community connections and inclusiveness of Arlington. They describe Lyon Park as "a very special place."



Gary and Kit Putnam

Join LPCA

Lyon Park residents and residence owners are eligible for membership in the LPCA. Memberships run from October 1st to September 30th of each year. Only members can vote at LPCA meetings.

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Arlington 2050 Kick-off Recap

By Michael P. Kunkler

Representing the LPCA, I recently attended the Arlington 2050 "visioning" event held at Amazon HQ2 (a beautiful building and conference room). County Board Chair Libby Garvey hosted the event, the crowd consisting of Arlington illuminati from civic and interest groups, scions of local businesses, and a lively group of high schoolers. The idea was not for the County to tell the audience what Arlington should be in 2050 (a welcome approach), but for the audience to consider what Arlington should be and to share ideas. To stimulate discussion and reflection, four speakers presented their thoughts:

Jason Samenow warned of "heat islands," essentially the removal of trees and green space for any reason. Heat islands can lead to temperature differences of up to 10 degrees Celsius between urban jungles, and well, regular jungles... If you haven't heard Bill Anhut say it enough, "go plant a tree!"

Hamilton Lombard, a demographer from UVa, had some interesting comments. He stated that "up to 50% of DC area jobs are now or will become remote" meaning much less demand for Arlington housing due simply to proximity to DC (not to say other reasons for demand will reduce, like governance, walkability, etc...). He opined on the expectation gap created when apartment production far out-paced sufficient creation/retention of larger-sized housing units in the Orangeline building boom of the early-2000's. He even suggested rural VA is competing with Arlington for residents!

Steve Hartell, representing Amazon, confirmed that the company (among others) plans to bring approximately 18,000 more high paying tech jobs to HQ2 (though the timeline is unspecified). He believes Arlington would turn into a true tech hub like Silicon Valley, Austin, and others...

Dr. Washington, President of George Mason University, stole the show, hyping Arlington as the "home of GMU." He took all liberties to cast GMU as Virginia's premier university. He focused on the importance of internships at these new tech jobs in Arlington.

For anyone interested in providing their own personal "vision" for Arlington 2050, I can share with you one of the paper "postcards," but recommend you visit the Arlington County website instead; electronic text is much easier to search... <https://publicinput.com/arlington2050>



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By Kim Franklin, Lyon Park Newsletter Distribution Chief

As we reach the halfway point in our 2023–2024 Newsletter season, we would like to express our thanks to the neighbors who assist with delivering the Lyon Park Bulletin to each Lyon Park household, 10 months a year.

Our **Zone Captains** include: Jeff Baron (Zone 1), Phillip Conklin (Zone 2), Sandra Rose (Zone 3a–Washington-Lee Apts), Anju Panday (Zone 3b–Washington-Lee Apts), Naomi Wondim (Zone 3c–Washington-Lee Apts), Gary Putnam (Zone 4), Honor O'Hare (Zone 5), Michelle McMahon (Zone 6a), Mark Stafford (Zone 6b), and Chuck Phillips (Zone 7–Cambridge Court Apts). They each receive between 115 and 350 newsletters, which they hand over to our Block Captains, the ones who go door to door to deliver your newsletter before our monthly LPCA meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.



Our **Block Captains** include:

- Zone 1: Paige Kellogg, Andrew Miller, David & Kristine Barr, Liz Tefera, Barbara Ransom, Lynn Ross, Brittany Catina, Susan Demske & Matt Whitaker, Jim Hecker, Bill Cook, Adam Rasmussen, Connie Betterton, Paul Geary, Missie Burman, Elena Vorolova, Mike Stein, and Jeremy Maier.
- Zone 2: Claire Peters, Nadia Facey, Emily Walsh, Peggy Page, Amanda Carey, Laureen Daly, Lyn Stewart, Eriko Kennedy, and Aline Motabrito.
- Zones 3a, b, c: Sandra Rose, Anju Panday, and Naomi Wondim (they act as Zone and Block Captains for 275 newsletter deliveries!).
- Zone 4: Kit Putnam, Barbara & Larry McBride, Yilien Binstock, Shikhin Agarwal, and Tom & Teresa Colucia.
- Zone 5: Ron Paletzki & Susan Leetmaa, Wendell Brown, Barbara Souders, Jim & Nancy Swigert, B. Brennan, Amanda Hawkins, David & Annie Morgan, Lynn Shotwell, and Lisa Ruff.
- Zone 6a: Laura Desai, Bev Winston, Patty Morrison, Lisa Palmer, Linda Henderson, Jill Nusbaum, Ann Reimers, Julie Young, Tanya Amos, Peter & Zoe Kant, Jill & Greg Siegal.
- Zone 6b: Mark Stafford, Rebecca Metro, Lorraine Gardner, Tracy Hopkins, Maggie Hershey, Trish Montgomery, Elaine Simmons, Aida Peck, and Janalee Jordan Meldrum.
- Zone 7: Chuck Phillips (he acts as Zone and Block Captain for 159 newsletter deliveries!)

As you can see, it really takes a village to accomplish this volunteer activity. **WELL DONE, TEAM AND THANKS!** If you would like to get involved, please contact Kim Franklin at 571-239-1790 / blufftonjoy@gmail.com.

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