



LYON PARK BULLETIN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

September 2024

Upcoming Events

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| 9/11 | LPCA Monthly Meeting
at the Community Center
7:00 p.m. Meeting Start;
8:30 p.m. Socializing |
| 9/14 | Food Truck Fest
at Lyon Park
4:00–8:00 p.m. |
| 9/16 | Lyon Park Blood Drive
at the Community Center
12:00–5:00 p.m. |
| 9/19 | Lyon Park Woman's Club
Potluck Lunch
at the Community Center
12:00 p.m. |
| 10/3 | Bikes & Barbeque Fundraiser
at Rocklands BBQ
11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. &
5:00–9:00 p.m. |

What's Inside?

- Plans for historic house plaques
- Details on upcoming Lyon Park Centennial events
- Recent development updates that impact our community
- Candidates for the 2024–25 Lyon Park Citizens Association elections
- Renaming the newsletter

...and more!

President's Message

by Michael P. Kunkler

Welcome to fall, and I hope everyone is rounding out a wonderful summer! It has been exciting as usual around Lyon Park, with National Weather Service warnings alternating between heat and storm advisories (those poor parents with kids in County outdoor day camps, we see the cancellations!). The duration and frequency of heat is outpacing storms, so the neighborhood has been busy with tree watering schedules and a strawman concept of an adopt-a-tree idea. I support this idea!

As you know, September is also when we have the annual meeting during which we elect a new slate of LPCA ExCom members and our representatives to the LPCC Board of Governors (yes, LPCA sends reps to the BoG, along with the (Not Just For) Woman's Club, but it is separate from the LPCC BoG). I don't believe we've had any nominations pop up over the Summer, but all positions (including mine) are up for grabs for an energetic LPCA member to take on a role. And if you're looking to serve as a representative to our favorite community center [I don't know what it means to be a "representative to our favorite community center". Is this something others will know? If not, it should be made more clear] and park in the BoG (elected from membership) and/or the Arlington Civic Federation (we take volunteers), please join us on Sept. 11, 2024, and let us know if you're interested (Bess and Spiro are the nomination committee).

Additionally, I would like to offer my highest compliments to Jeanette Wick, Cindy Stroup, and Bill Short for their selfless service and tireless dedication to the community over the past decade as the BoG president and rental and grounds managers, respectively. They will be concluding their roles at the end of the year. Managing (and previously renovating) that amazing facility is no small feat. With their departure, the LPCA BoG reps will be canvassing the membership to fill their large shoes while at the same time ensuring the highest level of customer experience.

As always, the LPCA welcomes all opinions the neighborhood may have on the LPCC. We are always interested in accepting fresh insights to help move our Community Center forward. Please join the September monthly meeting and write, call, or even smoke signal to me or anyone else on the LPCC BoG.

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Display Your Preservation Pride!

By Kim Franklin



If you are a recent arrival to Lyon Park, you might be shocked to learn that our neighborhood is on the National Register of Historic Places! The district was developed by Frank Lyon between 1919 and 1951 and originally included a variety of architectural styles, including Craftsman, Colonial Revival, American Four Square, Tudor Revival, Spanish Mission, and Queen Anne.

Have you ever visited a historic town and dreamed of having a historic house plaque adorn your home, similar to those found in Williamsburg, Philadelphia, or Gettysburg? If so, the September LPCA meeting is the place to be, as we unveil our research into a historic plaque program. Join our discussion as we share our research on materials, costs, examples, and help us shape the guidelines for what the qualifications for inclusion for such a program would look like.

Stay Up-to-Date on LP News!

Lyon Park has an ongoing discussion (with regular news updates and reminders) on groups.io for Lyon Park and Ashton Heights residents, aged 18+, so please join the conversation! To subscribe, please send an email to lyonpark+subscribe@groups.io.

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Land Use Decisions by Arlington County Board

By Anne Bodine, VP of Development

On June 18, the County Board voted 4-0 to approve a conditional use permit for Tyndale Christian School on the site owned by Bloss Free Will Baptist Church at 716 N. Barton St. The school will be operating pursuant to conditions laid out in the [Board report of June 14](#) (and revised on June 18). This allows the school to operate for six months with up to 40 students (elementary through 8th grade), using four onsite parking spots (vs. six to seven spots required by code) and waiving the code requirement for a loading area. The church use at this site has been discontinued.

The approved use permit was a revision from the original request to enroll up to 80 students this year (with a larger onsite parking requirement). LPCA requested that the Board pursue a one-month deferral to let the applicant secure a permanent fix for the parking and get more clarity on the pick-up/drop-off (PUDO) plans. As the school aims for an eventual enrollment of 135, the parking and transportation issues present a quandary. Many public speakers supported the school, but the majority expressed concerns about these two issues. LPCA welcomes the school and will stay engaged as things advance onsite. Contact annebodine@yahoo.com if you have comments on the school as it gears up to welcome its first class.

On July 22, the County Board approved a site plan amendment (SP#465) for the Joyce Motors project, an 11-story mixed-use residential building with 231 units planned for development at 1020 North Irving Street. The LPCA is one of five civic associations permitted to comment on the project, as we were involved in the 2022 update to the [Clarendon Sector Plan](#). The applicant received an additional 1,629 square feet of gross floor area, a slight revision to the window design, a reduction of 10 residential units, and the elimination of 37 below-grade parking spaces. According to Ashton Heights, which lobbied for better parking during the initial site plan review, the developer will now have a parking ratio of .52 spaces per residential unit—less than the developer's original 2021 request for a .57 ratio, which Ashton Heights opposed, and significantly less than the .64 ratio that was originally approved by the Board. While the county indicated in July that "this [revised] parking ratio is consistent with adopted County guidance," it nonetheless requires a variance from the zoning code. The county further justified the reduction by noting that Clarendon is very transit-accessible. The LPCA objected to the parking reduction while agreeing to the other requests. We pointed out that this project was the first to be approved under the more developer-friendly sector plan revisions and that such significant reductions were not supported by the parking experience from other recent high-density constructions. We requested a parking study and the return of the 10th St. Park, which had originally been promised as a community benefit for this development.

Perhaps most troubling is that both of these cases exposed severe flaws with the process of our community engagement. In the Tyndale case, the county staff failed to notify LPCA of a substantive change in the parking elements that severely affected community consensus. Staff admitted as much at the Board meeting, but this practice undercuts the very idea of proper engagement. Additionally, the Board rearranged the regular order of the meeting, allowing Board Chair Garvey to miss the extensive public comment, and only hearing positions of the applicant and staff. This would be like a judge absenting him/herself from the courtroom for part of a trial. LPCA also believes the county violated the State Freedom of Information Act, which requires local jurisdictions to make board materials available to the public at the same time they make them available to the County Board. In the case of Joyce Motors, we were excluded entirely from the negotiation with the developer to agree on additional community benefits. In this case, the developer will add funds to the Affordable Housing Investment Fund, but the site plan review process is supposed to ensure the affected neighborhoods remain part of the process throughout. LPCA believes we need to address the exclusions that are apparently taking place if/when applicants pursue site plan amendments. The seat at the table is not negotiable. We may take this to the Civic Federation for broader consideration next year.

Come to the September 11 LPCA meeting at 7 p.m. at the Community Center if you want to hear more or ask questions. If you are interested in getting involved in future discussions, please contact Michael Kunkler at LyonParkPresident@gmail.com.

Please note: Paid advertisements in the Lyon Park Bulletin do not reflect any official position of the LPCA.

Celebrating the Community since 1924

For those of us living in Lyon Park, it is easy to take for granted the lush park at the center of our neighborhood. The park and the Lyon Park Community House are unique within the county. With sixty neighborhood civic and citizens associations, ours is the only one that owns both its community center and surrounding greenspace. That is quite an honor, and with it comes responsibility.

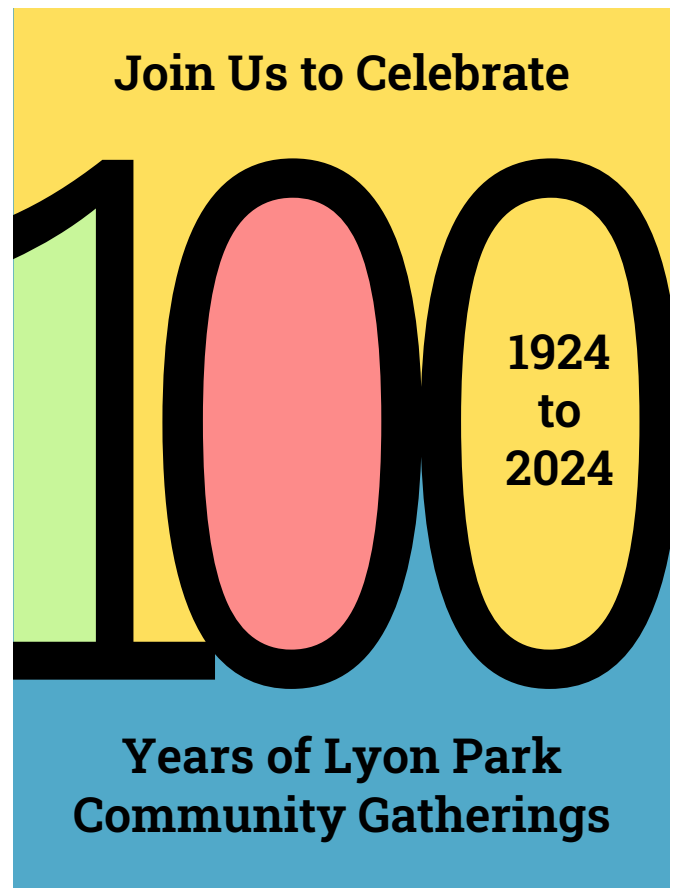
One way to fulfill the responsibility to support Lyon Park is to **volunteer** at a community event—Mulch Day (April), Pancake Breakfast (January), and the Spring Fair (May) are just a few examples. Please consider a **donation** to the Lyon Park Foundation to support long-term upkeep of the historic Community House. Or you can **represent Lyon Park** at the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF).

Neighborhood associations have a long history in Arlington County, many of them pre-dating the establishment of the county itself. The Glencarlyn Civic Association, for example, traces its roots to 1887 and the LPCA was established in 1924. The neighborhood associations amplify their voices by joining with other Arlington interest groups, such as the Arlington Arts Alliance and Encore Stage & Studio, under the umbrella of the ACCF (also known as CivFed). Together, members of the ACCF discuss critical issues affecting all Arlingtonians, including schools, zoning, government oversight, and sewers. The LPCA elects four members to represent the community at the monthly meetings (usually 7 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month) and it's a great opportunity to have your voice heard, and share the ACCF's priority with the LPCA membership. Please consider joining the team.

You can also share your opinion by participating in the Arlington 2050 project. Launched in January 2024 by County Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey, Arlington 2050 solicits citizen input online at <https://publicinput.com/arlington2050>

It is unclear when the results of this initiative will be tallied, so offer your input now!

Finally, a fun way to get involved in community life is to join the Centennial Committee, as Lyon Park celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Lyon Park Community Center. We need volunteers to serve as party organizers, researchers, publicity people and worker bees. Contact elizabeth.r.sheehy@gmail.com, with "Centennial" in the subject line, if you are interested. The committee continues to seek documents, photographs, and sundry items related to Lyon Park's past.



SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, November 17, 2024: Celebrating 100 years since the first meeting of the stakeholders of the Lyon Park Community House in 1924.

Wednesday, July 25, 2025 (or thereabouts): Marking a century since the laying of the cornerstone of the Community House in 1925

Wednesday, September 10, 2025: 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the Lyon Park Board of Governors in the new (not quite completed) Community House.

Treasurer's 2024 Reports

By John Ausink

The **Lyon Park Community Center's ("LPCC")** fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, reporting the eighth year of operations for the renovated Community Center. Rental income totaled \$129,800 – a \$28,500 increase over the prior year, and an all-time high (the previous high was \$120,600 in 2019).

Fundraising revenue was lower in FY24 than it was in FY23, primarily due to events that happened in the prior year but not this year, such as the food truck event and Villas and Vistas.

Operating expenses increased mostly because of an increase in rental agent fees (because of more rentals) and maintenance and repair costs (also in part because of more rentals).

Net Operating Income totaled \$51,800, a \$15,000 increase over the prior year.

Lyon Park Community Center Statement of Operations and Changes in Cash Balances Fiscal Years July 1, to June 30,			
	2024	2023	2022
Operations			
Revenue:			
Community Center Rental Income	\$ 129,822	\$ 101,352	\$ 69,268
Lyon Park Fair	(233)	1,840	2,829
Other Income	2,436	2,288	1,350
Other Fundraisers	3,960	9,199	1,081
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 135,985</u>	<u>\$ 114,679</u>	<u>\$ 74,528</u>
Operating Expenditures:			
Community Center Operation and Maintenance:			
Rental Agent	\$ (31,938)	\$ (23,771)	\$ (26,715)
Maintenance & Repair	(30,478)	(21,387)	(24,263)
Utilities	(8,304)	(8,314)	(6,347)
Administration	(9,325)	(13,248)	(14,512)
Total Center Operations & Maintenance	<u>(80,045)</u>	<u>(66,720)</u>	<u>(71,837)</u>
Park Grounds, Trees, Playground	(3,519)	(10,259)	(14,419)
Community Events	(600)	(887)	(700)
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>(84,164)</u>	<u>(77,866)</u>	<u>(86,956)</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 51,821</u>	<u>\$ 36,813</u>	<u>\$ (12,428)</u>
Community Donations			
Total Donations	<u>\$ 4,159</u>	<u>\$ 3,336</u>	<u>\$ 25,120</u>
Increase (decrease) in Cash Balances	<u>\$ 55,980</u>	<u>\$ 40,149</u>	<u>\$ 12,692</u>
Security Deposit & Unearned Rent Change	(17,573)	27,773	8,151
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>150,660</u>	<u>82,738</u>	<u>61,895</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 189,067</u>	<u>\$ 150,660</u>	<u>\$ 82,738</u>
Liabilities			
Security Deposits & Unearned Rent	(70,266)	(87,271)	(60,278)
Credit Card Balances	(535)	(1,104)	(324)
Net Equity (Cash Net of Liabilities)	<u>\$ 118,266</u>	<u>\$ 62,285</u>	<u>\$ 22,137</u>

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LPCC held unearned cash security deposits and prepaid rent for future rentals totaling \$70,000 at the end of the fiscal year. The Community Center's Net Equity (cash balances held in bank accounts less liabilities and unearned security deposits and prepaid rent) increased to \$118,300 compared to \$62,300 for the prior year.

The **Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA)** ended the year with a cash balance of \$21,539, a \$5,972 decrease compared to the prior year's ending balance. The decrease was primarily the result of our return to publishing ten issues of the Lyon Park Bulletin annually, which raised design and printing costs by almost \$10,000 from the previous fiscal year. We will seek to increase advertising revenue for the next year to account for increases in production costs. Expenses related to the Holiday Party, Food Truck Social, Blood Drive, and Egg Hunt are important for our community, but we need to explore ways to increase income to help pay for them.

LPCA for 2024

	2024	2023	2022
Revenue			
Dues	\$ 3,576	\$ 4,395	\$ 6,157
Advertising	12,522	12,370	11,535
Donations:			
Newsletter Donations	-	-	130
Other Income	1,962	2	-
Total Revenue	\$ 18,059	\$ 16,767	\$ 17,822
Expenses			
Newsletter Design & Printing	19,412	9,552	16,912
Web Site Maintenance	150	900	425
Administrative Expense	250		
Civic Federation Dues		65	65
Halloween Bonfire	450	-	562
Zitkala-Sa Park Dedication		-	500
Holiday Party	1,000	173	-
Candidates Night		300	-
Food Truck Social	485	520	-
Egg Hunt	639		
Blood Drive	500		
Other	1,145	-	-
Total Expenses	24,031	11,510	18,464
Increase (Decrease) in Cash Balances	\$ (5,972)	\$ 5,257	\$ (642)
Beginning Cash Balances	27,512	22,255	22,897
Ending Cash Balances	\$ 21,539	\$ 27,512	\$ 22,255

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.

If you have any questions, please email lyonparkpresident@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

1 YEAR: \$10

2 YEARS: \$20

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$250

Fill out the form on our website to join! www.lyonpark.org/connect/join-lpca-volunteer

Lyon Park Woman's Club

Next meeting: September 19th at noon

The Woman's Club is for all residents of Lyon Park and Ashton Heights. We meet the third Thursday of the month at noon at the community center for a delicious potluck lunch. We have a great time socializing but we also contribute to the community, such as volunteering for the Chili Dinner, the Spring Fair, the Pancake Breakfast, and the Halloween Bonfire. Please join us!

For more info, contact Elizabeth Wray at ejswray@yahoo.com

The End of an Era for the Lyon Park Neighborhood and Community Center— And the Beginning of a New One!

By Aaron Schuetz

Jeannette Wick has been a part of the Lyon Park Community Center's Board of Governors for more than 20 years, and has served as Chair for the past 15. She will step away from the role at the end of the year. Jeannette's sense of civic duty and commitment to her position have translated to volunteering an average of 10 hours each week handling issues with building and park maintenance, taxes, non-profit requirements, County policy, rentals, neighbors, and legal matters. Much went unnoticed, some was criticized, all has helped keep our park and Center in great shape.

Jeannette moved into Lyon Park in 1987 and since that time has worked with the not-just-for-Woman's Club to bake and sell hundreds of thousands of cupcakes to support the LPCC. She organized the annual Craft Fair for more than 20 years and prepared this newsletter for many years. For about seven years before, during, and after the LPCC renovation, Jeannette organized substantial fundraising efforts (thanks to many of you for responding!), and found, coordinated, appealed and eventually secured a historic tax credit that delivered \$163,000 to pay down the renovation loan. These efforts helped ensure the LPCC's solvency, retiring the loan six years ahead of schedule and just ahead of when the pandemic decimated rental income and would have challenged our ability to make loan payments.

And when it rains, it pours. Cindy Stroup and Bill Short have also chosen to step down at year's end. Bill has been a Jack-of-all-trades for the Community Center for over a decade, frequently coming in late at night so the space is clean and looks great for the next renter or community user. Bill always goes above and beyond as he deals with excess messes and even damage from renters (he has many gross stories to share...not all are bathroom based!). As LPCC's caretaker, he addressed many issues to keep the Center looking great.

Cindy has been the rental agent for more than 10 years, starting just before the renovation. During her tenure, Cindy created the online rental process and structured a clear framework for renters to follow. She has supervised

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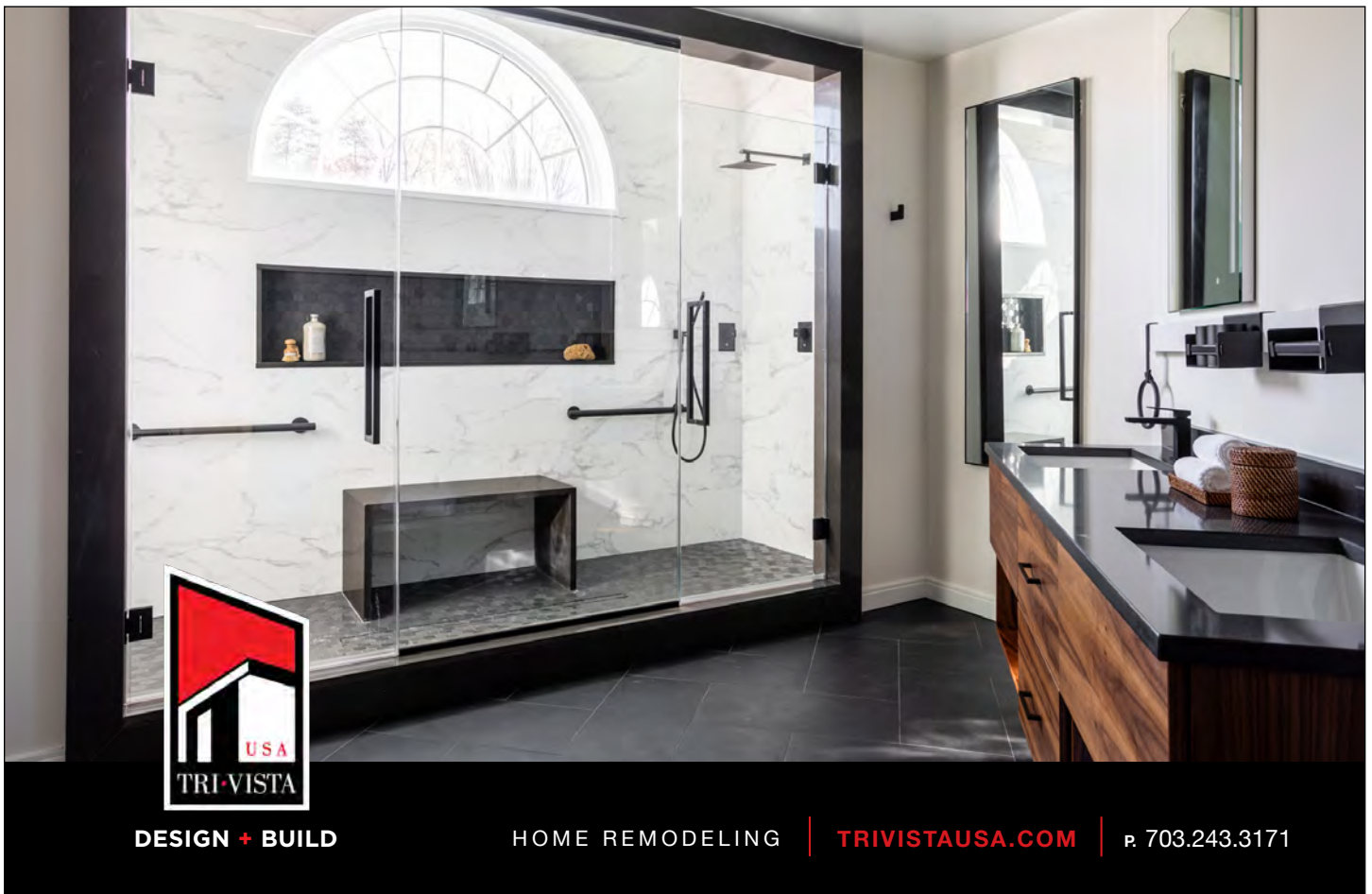
roughly 1,200 rentals, more than half from residents like you. In order to maximize rental income to ensure there are sufficient funds for building maintenance and improvements, she proactively recruited more unconventional clients (funerals, classes, business meetings, etc.) to use the center more on previously slow weekdays, instead of relying solely on larger parties that create more stress on the building and the neighborhood.

During Cindy's tenure, annual rental income has increased from the tens of thousands to well over \$100K annually. Cindy's very clear rental contracts and checklists have helped reduce, though regrettably not eliminate, violations and misunderstandings (many people simply don't read what they sign), but she consistently followed up on each with frequent visits to the community center at all hours, and weathered rude treatment from some renters. In addition to being the rental agent, Cindy often schedules maintenance and inspections, maintains supplies, and ensures that all of the building logistics and needs are addressed. Her vigilant oversight, availability, and passion for the community have been essential to minimizing the negative impacts of having a rental event hall in our neighborhood. We've all benefited from her commitment.

Jeannette, Cindy, and Bill all deserve our thanks and gratitude. They set an example of hard work and concern for our community.

Replace isn't the word for what's next. We won't find people like them, and may need to change some processes to adapt. But hiring a rental agent who is diligent and thorough is a priority. We need someone who can reliably handle rentals, tax documents, financial records, trash contracts, and legal matters. We need people to safeguard this community asset as it prepares to celebrate its 100th year in our park.

Please consider contributing to help ensure the smooth operation of our park and Center. We have been deliberately light on appeals in the last few years following the renovation and Covid, but the Center relies on donations from the community to thrive. Tax deductible donations (one time or monthly) are easy to do here:
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2024–25 Lyon Park Election—Slate of Candidates

What’s more important than voting?!?! Do your civic duty and come to the LPCA meeting on Wednesday, September 11th to vote for the LPCA Officers and LPCA Board of Governor Representatives! Better yet, run for a position and contribute to our amazing community! (Interested neighbors can volunteer to run for a position up until voting on the evening of September 11.) To vote, you must be current with your LPCA dues, which you can do at the meeting. Per the Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA) [Constitution and By-Laws](#), Section 3—Nominating Committee:

A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee no later than the June general meeting and will be responsible for identifying and presenting nominees for office at the Annual Meeting in September. Members of the Association may contact the Nominating Committee directly or present themselves as candidates at the election.

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



Rent the Lyon Park Community Center

Visit the website for more information, and to check availability on the online calendar:

www.LyonPark.info

Email: rent@lyonpark.info with any questions.

The following LPCA Executive Committee positions are filled each year by neighbors who volunteer to serve our community and are voted in at the September meeting. All terms are for one year and descriptions and duties are listed in the LPCA Constitution and By-Laws. Please note that at the meeting, we will call for additional nominations from the floor prior to voting. This slate is put forward by the LPCA Nominating Committee: Bess Zelle (Chair), Spiro Roiniotis, and David Morgan.

LPCA Executive Officer Positions

This is the slate of candidates nominated to hold LPCA Executive Officer positions for the 2024–25 year.

President (1):	Michael Kunkler*	Secretary/Historian (1):	Elizabeth Sheehy*
Vice President for Development (1):	Anne Bodine*	Membership Chair (1):	Natalie Roy*
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LYON PARK SEEKS RENTAL AGENT

The Lyon Park Community Center is looking for a new Rental Agent! This is a paid position, with an industry-competitive salary. It's a great opportunity to represent Lyon Park's historic Community House to renters from the neighborhood and outside the area. For more information go to <https://lyonpark.org/lyon-park-seeks-rental-agent/> or contact LyonParkPresident@gmail.com



Restaurant Vibes: An Introduction to Tasty Chicken Box and Lamb

By Philip Conklin

A relatively new restaurant for Lyon Park, Tasty Chicken Box & Lamb at 2716 Washington Boulevard offers Mediterranean/Middle Eastern wraps and meat/rice combination platters. Family-owned and operated, these words from their website make their intent clear: *Tasty Chicken Box started with a dream to bring joy to people one bite at a time.*

It is primarily a takeout spot while also offering booths and tables inside and cafe tables outside. Chicken Box is a neighbor to local favorites El Charrito el Caminante (Salvadoran/Mexican), Texas Jack's (bbq), and Troy's Italian and fills a "flavor gap" previously filled by Astor Mediterranean. My guess is Chicken "Box" is a play off of current "Bowl" based restaurants. When you order, your meal is layered into a box as you make your choices for mains and toppings.



The core menu is comprised of kabob and shawarma-style meat platters (chicken, lamb, or both) with rice, salad, vegetables, and two sauces (one spicy, one mild, both delicious), and wraps (meat, lettuce, vegetables, and sauces). For vegetarians, there is falafel in platter or wrap form. Plus, there is hummus, tabouli, and stuffed grape leaves (dolmas) to enjoy. Much of the menu can be ordered as family-style combination platters for sharing, or for event catering.

On the night I dined in, I enjoyed grape leaves and a falafel platter. At the next table, a large group of twenty-somethings was finishing their meal while talking animatedly. When I asked them, "How was the food?", I got a loud "Delicious!", followed by, "The chicken is sooo good!" and "The lamb is my favorite." Clearly, this was not their first visit, and I felt that they captured the essence of Chicken Box's appeal. This is a clean (but not corporate slick) neighborhood based fresh fast food restaurant offering a variety of tasty and well portioned options at a reasonable price point.

Beverages offered are bottles and cans of soft drinks. Yelp reviews trend quite favorably. Hours of operation are 10a.m. - 10p.m. M-Th, 10a.m.-2a.m. Fr-Sa, 10a.m.-11p.m. Sun. Phone number: (571) 497-2133. Order through their website (Toast) <https://tastychickenbox.com>, DoorDash or UberEats. Credit card, Apple Pay/ Google Pay and cash accepted.

Interested in contributing to the newsletter? We are looking for articles (350–400 words) about local spots, highlighting the vibe and food options to encourage readers to try something new. Contact lyonparkeditor@gmail.com to offer a submission.

A Rose by Any Other Name—Naming the Newsletter

By David Newman

Did you notice the name of this newsletter? It's *Lyon Park Bulletin*; however, before October 2022, it was *Lyon Park Citizen*. We're planning to revert to the original name, created at the newsletter's inception in 1976, and want you to know why. If you have concerns about changing the name, please let us know!

The main reason we want to revert to the original, *Lyon Park Citizen*, is to remind everyone residing in Lyon Park that you are citizens of Lyon Park—and that means something! As citizens of Lyon Park, you enjoy some privileges and opportunities—including receiving this newsletter with lots of information you may want and some information you may need. Also, all residents or owners of homes in Lyon Park are eligible for special residential rental rates when booking the Community Center for their own event. (Ashton Heights residents get special rates, too!) And finally, you are invited to all of the community events hosted at the Lyon Park Community Center, including the Lyon Park Spring fair, the pancake breakfast, chili cook-off, the egg roll, the food truck fest, the community yard-sale, and tons more, all of which will be posted in the newsletter.

"Citizen" is defined as an inhabitant of a town or city; citizenship has benefits, and also carries responsibilities. We hope that, as Lyon Park citizens, you will be welcoming neighbors and go one step beyond, by finding time to volunteer at community events and with community organizations to help keep the Lyon Park community strong. Through local committees, you can make a difference, because they help shape and preserve our community. We hope you'll become a member (\$10/year) of the Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA) and vote for capable neighbors to fill positions in the LPCA and other neighborhood organizations. When you're ready, maybe you'll serve as an officer of one of those organizations! Those opportunities are published in this newsletter, so keep your eyes on this space!

Another reason for reverting to the original name is to highlight the connection between this newsletter and the Lyon Park Citizens Association. One important role of the LPCA is to distribute information on issues of concern to the community. This newsletter is an important channel for distributing that information—and we want readers to know that the people putting together and distributing the newsletter have no agenda or interests other than keeping Lyon Park residents informed and promoting community and connection.

I expect some of you are wondering why the name was changed in in 2022 to *Lyon Park Bulletin*. In President's Messages in the newsletters published in October 2021 and September 2022, leadership noted that they wanted to make communications from the LPCA Board to Lyon Park residents more inclusive and welcoming, during a period when immigration was highly politicized. We believe returning to *Lyon Park Citizen* advances the goal of inclusiveness and hope you agree. Please email us at LyonParkEditor@gmail.com if you want to share views on the impending name change.



We are grateful for our Lyon Park neighbors. We'd love to meet you, wherever you're at in your faith journey.

Sunday Worship: 10am

Join us in the Chapel for our
PathForward Service Project:
Sunday Sept 22, 12:30pm

3020 Pershing Dr. / www.ccapca.org

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