



THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

November 2024

Upcoming Events

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| 11/13 | LPCA Monthly Meeting
at the Community Center
7:00 p.m. Meeting Start;
8:30 p.m. Socializing |
| 11/21 | Lyon Park Woman's Club
Potluck Lunch
at the Community Center
12:00 p.m. |
| 12/4 | Blood Drive
at the Community Center
12:00–5:00 p.m. |
| 12/15 | Children's Holiday Party
at the Community Center
1:00–3:00 p.m. |
| 12/15 | Adult Holiday Party
at the Community Center
4:30–7:30 p.m. |

What's Inside?

- Battle of the boba tea
- The new BoG
- Engagement opportunities
- How to order your historical plaque
- The pets of Lyon Park

...and more!

President's Message

by Michael P. Kunkler

By the time you read this, election season will be over and the national level of tension may have decreased a notch or two (who am I kidding...). The chill in the air felt only during the morning in October now lasts most of the day. The trickle of leaves falling from the sturdy old-growth hardwoods has become a deluge, and on evening walks the smell of fireplaces and outdoor stoves wafts in the air. Although neighbors have come and gone, craftsman bungalows and kit homes are joined by the Modern Farmhouse, and trundling Model Ts have become silent EVs, the Fall neighborhood sights, sounds, and smells likely have not changed much in the past century. This month, the Lyon Park Citizens Association launches a year-long commemoration of the centennial of the Lyon Park Community Center and first LPCA meeting, reflecting on what has changed and those elements that—even in modernity—thankfully have not.

Assisting in that effort, the LPCA was awarded a significant \$25,000 Historic Preservation Fund grant from Arlington County. The grant funds informational signs in Lyon Park, a display case in the Community House and supports the digitization and preservation of the historical documents of the community's governing bodies, including meeting minutes from 1924 and fifty years of newsletters. The Lyon Park website is also getting a refresh. The History Committee is hard at work scanning and triaging a century of documents to ensure future generations have a reference to their past. This monumental effort will culminate in a digital repository easily accessible in perpetuity.

In celebration of the centennial of the LPCC and first LPCA meeting in November 1924, we will have a proper cake cutting ceremony at the November 13 LPCA meeting, 7–9 p.m. This is an opportunity for neighbors to propose ideas and volunteer for celebratory/reflective events planned for the upcoming year. From a roaring 20s party (despite the liquor restrictions in the original deed), to commemorating WWII activities, Flower Power, 80's hairbands, 90's boy bands, or just a casual bring-the-family-to-the-park event, Lyon Park offers a blank canvas on how we can best celebrate our community center and park, the LPCA, and the fellowship of our community for over 100 years.

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Boba Tea Near Lyon Park

By Walter Wu

You've probably heard of Boba—or Bubble—tea; it's everywhere from food trucks to restaurants. Boba tea is made by combining fruit juices or milk with tea and chewy pearls of tapioca. It originated in Taiwan in the 1980s, and quickly spread to America. The Lyon Park area has two options for Boba tea. Boba tea is a matter of preference, and I have shared some of my thoughts below. Visit one of our local Boba shops, and sample for yourself!



Kung Fu Tea 3018 Wilson Blvd.

Overall: 9/10—Stellar

Options: 9/10

The sheer number of drinks at Kung Fu Tea is staggering, from lemonades to coffee, but the real reason everybody goes there is because of the wide selection of tea. The teas themselves offer something for every taste, from the black milk tea to green honeydew. (My personal favorite is winter melon.) When you decide on your drink, you can choose toppings, such as boba pearls, popping boba, and several flavors of jelly.

Tea: 8/10

When you go to Kung Fu Tea, you'll notice that they have several massive tanks on the back wall, one filled with each kind of tea, black, green, and oolong, to name a few. When you order, they prepare your drink with tea directly from the tanks. The tea is amazing and fresh, and is the highlight of the place.

Boba: 9/10

The boba at Kung Fu Tea is chewy, sweet and delicious. It is a little tough for my liking, but that is ok.

Service: 10/10

The service is very quick. The shop only offers beverages, and they have the preparation down, so it takes just a few minutes.

Atmosphere: 10/10

Although Kung Fu Tea is small, it has a sitting area which is well cleaned. The walls are clean and covered in art, and the counter where drinks are served is also polished and neat.

Kung Fu Tea: Daily hours of operation are 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Phone number: 703-528-1686.

Bobalicious Cafe (Pho & Banh Mi Eatery Cafe) 3000 Washington Blvd.

Overall: 7/10—Good

Options: 8/10

The cafe has a wide variety of teas, coffee and other drinks and juices. They have a good selection of toppings, and most are boba. The shop also offers food, including Pho and poke bowls.

Tea: 9/10

The tea is extremely the best I have ever had. It is sweet, fresh, and just plain amazing. My favorites are the milk teas.

Boba: 5/10

The Boba at Bobalicious is not to my liking. The flavor is mild and the texture is soft. If you don't like boba that is too chewy, you might want to stick to the tea.

Service: 6/10

The service at Bobalicious is a little slow and clunky with orders, and you will have to wait longer for your drink than Kung Fu Tea. The shop is new, and I expect operations will speed up over time.

Atmosphere: 9/10

The atmosphere there is clean and neat, but otherwise plain in my opinion.

Bobalicious Cafe: Hours of operation are 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Sunday hours are from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Phone number: 703-489-8212.

A special thank you to Greg Fournier for helping edit the newsletter these past few months. You will be missed!



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Saturday, December 14

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We invite you to join us in placing wreaths on the gravesites of the more than 1000 veterans at Columbia Gardens on December 14, at 9:00 am.

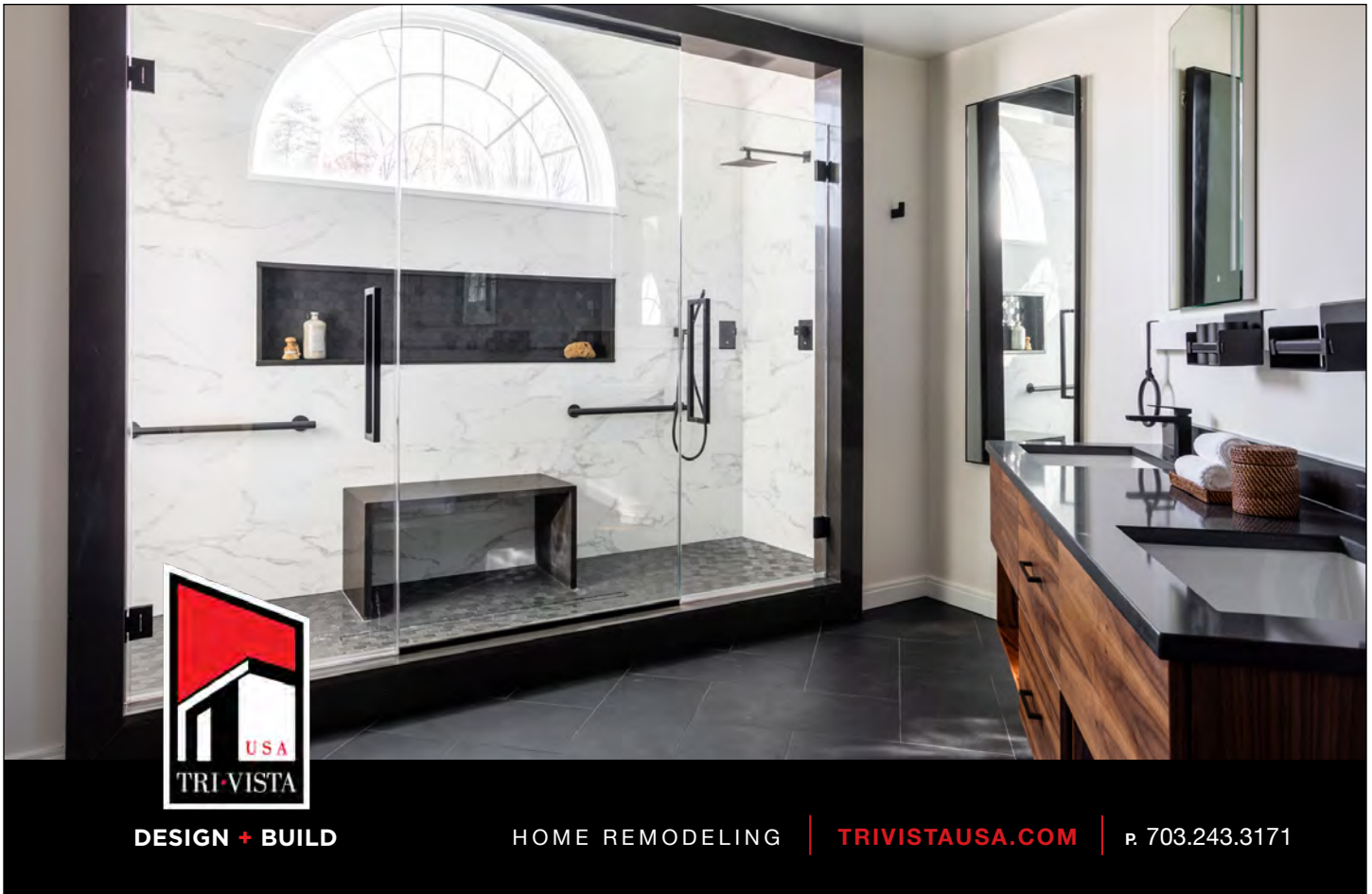


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**Join us on Sunday, December 15
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Children's Holiday Party & the LPCA Adult Holiday Party**

Children's Holiday Party (with Santa) 1pm – 3pm

LPCA Adult Holiday Party: 4:30pm – 7:30pm



Let Your Voice Be Heard!

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. Please note: the newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month for distribution the first week of the following month.

Meet the New BoG

At its first meeting of the 2024–2025 year, the Board of Governors (BoG), which manages the operation of the Lyon Park Community House and the park, elected new leadership. The ten BoG members (five representing the LPCA and five from the Woman's Club) meet monthly to approve repairs and maintenance, review budgets, and manage the calendar of community events, such as the Halloween Bonfire and Chili Cook-off.

After 15 years, Jeannette Wick is stepping down as chairman of the BoG. (See *write-up in the September 2024 newsletter*.) Jeannette served during a particularly intense period, as the community embarked on a million-dollar renovation. She helped negotiate a creative loan, followed by relentless fundraising that allowed the mortgage to be retired early—just months before the Community Center closed down during Covid.

The new chairman is **David Newman**, who first moved to Lyon Park in 1995. He and his wife Sara raised three daughters (Sharon, 24, Emily, 22, and Carolyn, 19), all attending APS. David recently retired after 34 years “lawyering” for the federal government, giving him more time to care for Jethro, the family’s Bagel (Basset Hound/Beagle). He keeps busy as a substitute teacher in APS, as well as volunteering with the Red Cross for deployment across the US in mass disaster care situations.

Ann Reimers is also new to BoG leadership, elected vice-chairman. She moved to Lyon Park in 2017, living right on the park for five years. She moved a block from the park with her husband, Bruce Pitts, two years ago. Both are engineers, she a mechanical engineer, he a civil engineer. No doubt Ann’s background teaching mechanical/aerospace classes at UVa will come in handy in a century-old building.

David and Ann are already hard at work, strategizing how to approach Lyon Park concerns for the next 100 years. Their initial goals are:

- Instill a greater sense of ownership of the community center among our Lyon Park neighbors, supported by more transparency and responsiveness on the part of the BoG, and publishing more volunteer opportunities related to community activities at the Community Center
- Improve customer satisfaction with renting the community center
- Continue to act as fiscally responsible stewards of our valuable community-owned property
- Continue to host more neighborhood activities that build community and a sense of inclusion

Rounding out the Board of Governors roster:

LPCA Reps

John Ausink – BoG Treasurer
Kim Franklin – BoG Secretary
Natalie Roy
Paul Showalter

Woman’s Club Reps

Bill Anhut
Shelya White
Jeannette Wick
Elizabeth Wray

Be sure to thank them all for their service to our very special community!

The LPCA’s October meeting minutes and proposed budget for 2025 will be voted on by the membership during the November 13th LPCA meeting. Please join us!



**Join Us at the November 13th LPCA Monthly Meeting
as we Kick Off our Centennial Celebrations!**



Bring the whole family from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. as we celebrate with a 100-candle cake! Come meet Arlington County Fire Chief David Povlitz who will oversee the cake lighting and prevent any unplanned fires!

Minutes of the First Shareholders Meeting Lyon Park Community House

The first meeting of the Shareholders of the Lyon Park Community House was held at the Office of Lyon & Fitch, Inc., on November 17, 1924, and was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mr. Arthur Orr, who then read the Community House Slogan – “a social, civic, and recreative center; so democratic as to attract the humblest; so wholesome as to appeal to the exclusive; so broad in scope as to bring youth, maturity, and old age into closer companionship to the benefit of all.” – and made a report of the work of the Community House Committee appointed by the Lyon Park Civic Association, to lay the foundation for a Community House drive. He then stated that we were ready to organize our meeting.

[Officers were elected and the two temporary Trustees elected to permanent spots. Three members were elected to the Building Committee. All were men.]

It was then moved by Mr. Lamborne, seconded by Mr. Tolford, and carried that we ask the Women’s Club of Lyon Park to appoint a committee to act in an advisory capacity to the Building Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Burnett, and carried that the Trustees be authorized to negotiate a temporary loan not to exceed \$1500.00 if found needed, to expedite the commencement of building operations, instead of waiting for pledges to be paid.

After a lengthy discussion it was moved by Miss Herger, seconded by Mr. Haley and carried that the building committee be instructed to report at a later meeting on the size, type and construction of a suitable building to cost approximately \$4000.00.

Mr. Lewis then moved, seconded by Mr. Merrick, and carried that a Committee of three be appointed to draw up By-laws for this organization.

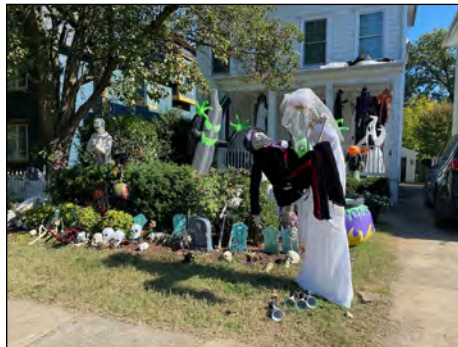
(The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm, and the minutes were typed up and submitted by Lewis C. Carl, Secretary-Treasurer.)

LYON PARK SEEKS RENTAL AGENT

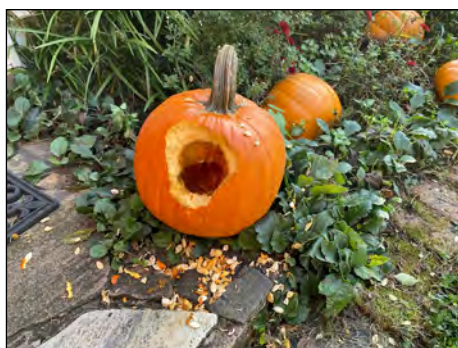
Lyon Park Community Center (LPCC) is looking for a rental agent/building manager starting January 1, 2025. This is a paid position. The LPCC, our historic, community-owned reception hall, hosts 12 to 24 private events per month. It has seating for up to 150 guests, a large gourmet kitchen, small galley kitchen and ADA-compliant bathrooms.

Responsibilities will include welcoming prospective renters via email and/or a facility showing, managing rental calendar, handling contracts and payments, greeting renters at the start of their events, maintaining supplies, coordinating with cleaners and maintenance providers, monitoring building access and security systems, and interacting with the LPCC accountant and Board of Governors. A successful candidate will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, strong problem-solving abilities and a keen attention to detail. Must be able to work flexible hours, including evenings, weekends, and holidays and have reliable transportation to the facility. Proficiency with a computer and online calendars required.

Email LPCCGovernors@gmail.com with any questions and for more information.



**Scenes from
Halloween 2024
in Lyon Park**



Arlington County Engagement Opportunities

- Did you attend the county's public hearing on Arlington Blvd safety improvements on Oct. 30? If so, LPCA members would love to hear your impressions at the November 13 LPCA meeting. This project will make improvements along nearly a mile of Arlington Boulevard (Route 50) between Glebe Road (Route 120) and Fillmore Street (Route 6622) based on recommendations from the [Route 50 Arlington STARS study](#).
- For those interested in transportation issues in Arlington, you have an opportunity to weigh in before the November 15 deadline. Arlington County is creating a refreshed Transportation Plan that will help create a safe, equitable, accessible, easy-to-use, and sustainable network and guide investments in the years to come! What's YOUR vision for the future of transportation? Share your feedback online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/3J5JN9R and learn more at arlingtonva.us/TransportationFuture.
- The Arlington County Community Oversight Board (COB), with the Independent Police Auditor, independently reviews and addresses public grievances against the police department and has the power to investigate complaints and recommend actions. The COB works to build trust and accountability between the community and the police department. There are current vacancies on the Board. To learn more and apply, please visit the website, www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Community-Oversight-Board.



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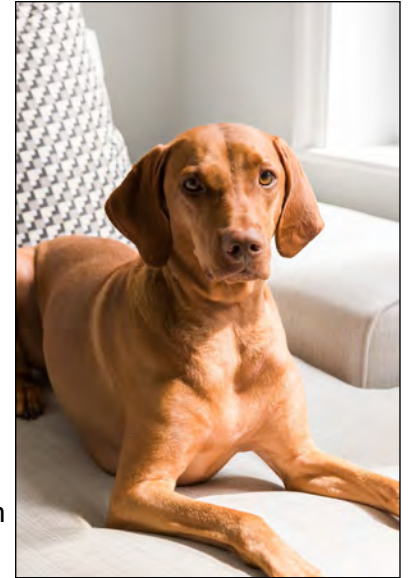
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The Pets of Lyon Park

My name is Harper and I am called a Velcro Vizsla (because I want to be close to my human all the time)! Vizslas are the national dog of Hungary and the Hungarian Embassy loves when I visit on Embassy Day. I walk my human Lisa Ruff (yes, her real name is Ruff) every day around Lyon Park. Don't mind if I bark when I meet you because I'm only 2 ½ years old, so I act my age. I'm very friendly and kissy once I know you and I'll be better behaved in a few years. You'll also see me in my backyard on Edgewood St chasing bubbles.



Long Branch School News

By Stacey Tuneski, PTA President 2022–2025

Long Branch Elementary School PTA has had a great start to the school year. We welcomed students and families back with a family ice cream social and playground playdate. It's so great to see so many returning and new faces at school!

Long Branch PTA will be hosting a book fair through READ (Read Early and Daily) November 11–15 with opportunities to shop for books before and after school. The proceeds of the book not only benefit the Long Branch PTA, but also support READ's efforts to provide vulnerable families an opportunity to choose and receive one new FREE book, each month, for children from birth to five years old. Our family night is Wednesday, November 13 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. if you want to come and shop for any books.



Our Parent Social and Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2025. We will send out more details as we get closer to the date as we love our community donations. If your business would like to be a sponsor at the Parent Social & Auction, please email longbranchauction@gmail.com for more details.

To learn more about our book fair, Parent Social & Auction, other events, and opportunities to participate, visit our website: www.lbpta.org.


Lyon Park Woman's Club

Next meeting: November 21st 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. For more info, contact Elizabeth Wray at ejswray@yahoo.com

Shake up your holiday tradition

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American Red Cross

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Wednesday, December 4th

from 12:00–5:00 p.m.


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[LyonParkCommunityCenter](#)





**Rent the
Lyon Park Community Center**


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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 - » Venmo: @LyonParkCommunityCenter (subject=LP plaque)
 - » Make check payable to Lyon Park Community Center
 - » Send application to:
Lyon Park Community Center
PO Box 100191
Arlington, VA 22210
- » Any amount given above the \$275 cost will be considered a tax-deductible donation and will be placed in the Lyon Park History Fund
- **Production:**
May take 12–18 weeks
- **Mounting:**
Select front or back mounting, depending on the mounting location (see below for details)
- **Questions:**
Contact lyonparkhistory@gmail.com



Example of a plaque for a house built in 1929.

Name of homeowner(s):

Contact email:

Phone:

Property address:

Year built:

Note: Do NOT rely on Historic District data. It is occasionally inaccurate. Tax records are usually more accurate. <https://propertysearch.arlingtonva.us/home/search>

Lyon Park Historic District Building Registration #000-

(if applicable)

https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/000-7820_Lyon_Park_Historic_District_2003_Final_Nomination.pdf

Type of mount: (select one)

- ☐ Front Mount (best for drywall and wood surfaces)
- ☐ Rear Mount (best for brick, stone and some stucco)

☐ Yes, I would you like to include a house story on the Lyon Park website (we will be in touch!)

Please attach any other evidence confirming construction year.

Mounting options:

- Plaques are either front mounted (with holes drilled through the front of the plaque and screwed into anchors placed in the mounting surface, such as drywall and wood) or rear mounted (studs on the back of the plaque that are pushed into holes drilled in the mounting surface, such as brick, stone, and some stucco surfaces).
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