



# THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

January 2025



### President's Message

by Michael P. Kunkler

As we wake up to a fresh new year, some will make resolutions (and some may actually hold to them), some will abstain from drinks, and some may just relent themselves to the post-Holiday tranquility. I'd like to take the new year to reflect on highlights of the prior 12 months here in Lyon Park.

First, I would like to thank the Barton Street "crew" for kicking off the Fall/Winter festivities with the best Food Truck extravaganza ever. Everything was on point...the trucks, the entertainment, and the selection of frothy bevies chilled perfectly on a September day. To Aaron, John, Annmarie, and others, we thank you for your time planning that event.

Second, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Paul for everything he does for the community. He is a neighborhood (if not national) treasure. Just when I think Paul couldn't find more time in his week, he comes up with an idea to support an entirely new Santa Claus visit to Clarendon Crossing that brings in 100's of both two and four-legged friends. Within the week, he, Darcy Rosenbaum, and Gary Putnam all made the magic happen again for children far and wide at the Lyon Park event.

Last, I would like to send a personal shout-out to Sebastian John and Erica Nelson. Sebastian and Erica joined the LPCA just in 2023 and immediately sought out ways to support the community. Having culinary experience, they volunteered for the past two years to plan, prepare, cater, and serve up all the wonderful eats we have at the Holiday Members' Soiree. They will be missed after they depart to Europe this year—perhaps next year will be simpler pizza and beer.

All told, there are amazing accomplishments by many more neighbors that often go unnoticed. A helpful response on the Listserv, a lending hand on the infrequent days we get snowfall, or a cup of sugar needed in a pinch. We are fortunate to live in such a great community. Now it's time to stare down 2025 and say, "bring it on!"

## Wishing happiness and good health to all in the new year!

### Upcoming Events

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| <b>1/8</b>  | <b>LPCA Monthly Meeting</b><br>at the Community Center<br>with Sheriff Jose Quiroz<br>7:00 p.m. Meeting Start;<br>8:30 p.m. Socializing |
| <b>1/16</b> | <b>Lyon Park Woman's Club<br/>Potluck Lunch</b><br>at the Community Center<br>12:00 p.m.  |
| <b>1/25</b> | <b>Annual Pancake Breakfast</b><br>at the Community Center<br>8:00–10:30 a.m. (coffee & cake<br>from 10:00–11:00 a.m.)                  |
| <b>3/4</b>  | <b>Lyon Park Blood Drive</b><br>at the Community Center   |

— LYON PARK'S ANNUAL —

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** 1 YEAR: \$10 | 2 YEARS: \$20 | LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$250

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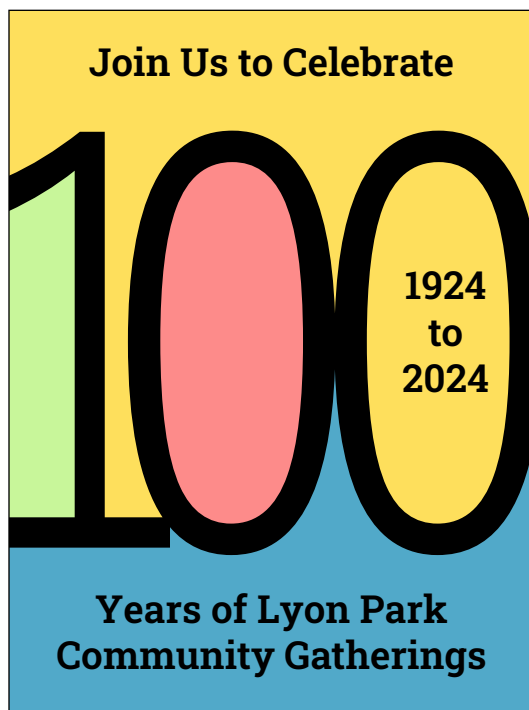
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## We want to hear from you!

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## Recap of the December LPCA Meeting

The minutes of the December, 2024 LPCA meeting can be found on the Lyon Park website: <https://lyonpark.org/about/governance/lpca-meeting-minutes/>

Stay tuned! More information on the Lyon Park Centennial will be in the February 2025 edition of our newsletter.

## A Jewel in the Heart of Lyon Park

By Elizabeth Sheehy

Lyon Park is known for the diversity of its residences, and is also home to some unique, family-run businesses, especially along Washington Blvd. The shops include a florist, café, barber shop and several eateries.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, let's introduce you to one special business that you may not have visited—**Sacramento Jewelers** (2718 Washington Blvd.), owned and operated by Teodoro Naranjo, assisted by his wife Janet and their children. Ted came to this country in 1976 from Ecuador and found work as a polisher at a well-known jewelry store in Falls Church. Its owner sent him to school for his goldsmith certificate, and after a few years, Ted started his own jewelry business in the tiny back room of a clock repair shop on Washington Blvd., in Lyon Park. He returned to Falls Church when he bought the jewelry shop from his mentor, but closed its doors in 2006 as the rent skyrocketed. As fate would have it, that same month, the owner of the clock shop passed away, and Ted happily took over the space, operating Sacramento Jewelers ever since.



Sacramento Jewelers has a beautiful assortment of precious stone rings, bracelets, earrings and other adornments. Ted's specialty is designing and hand-making pieces, as well as working with silver and repairing heirloom jewelry. He also replaces watch batteries and straps, at a fair price and with a smile, unlike many jewelry stores who sneer at small jobs.

To understand the exceptional service offered here, check out the reviews on YELP. Customers rave about Ted's skill, honesty and the value of his business' work. You will need to ring the bell to enter the store—a concession to today's security realities—but once in you will receive family service. Valentine's Day is only a month away and nothing builds community like shopping local!

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## 2024 Children's Holiday Party

By Paul Showalter, Santa's Head Elf

The Lyon Park Community Center was bursting at the seams with kids and parents at the children's holiday party. We had activities at every table—creativity and smiles were everywhere. Gallons of hot chocolate flowed, mini marshmallows were dunked, and hundreds of candy canes were consumed. Cookies and more cookies were eaten by the handfuls. Our cheerful volunteers were decked out in their red and green aprons, elf hats and vests and Santa made another special visit to Lyon Park. Children formed lines to visit Santa and his elves at his indoor sleigh and created lifelong memories. The look in a child's eye when they first see Santa is precious.

Many thanks to the parents and kids who came out and enjoyed the party. Our community volunteers were extremely helpful, and the party wouldn't have happened without them. Santa was a bundle of smiles and laughs, as always.

Darcy Rosenbaum created magical moments and an enchanting scene in the center—nobody decorates or plans a party like Darcy! The Lyon Park "naughty or nice" list was a great addition—check the photos to see where you ended up. The Lyon Park website will have links to all the photos we took at the event. Enjoy the photos, they are priceless.







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## Lyon Park Community Bids Fairwell to Local Community Leader Francis O'Leary

*Francis X. O'Leary, a longtime Lyon Park resident and community leader passed away this summer. O'Leary was a fixture in Arlington politics for decades and contributed to making our community a better place for all of us. May his memory be a blessing.*

*Abridged Obituary below was published by The Washington Post on July 2, 2024.*

Francis Xavier O'Leary "Frank," retired Treasurer of Arlington County, Virginia, passed away on June 7, 2024, after a heroic battle with leukemia.

Mr. O'Leary was first elected as Arlington County Treasurer in 1983 by a total of 89 votes, earning him the nickname "Landslide O'Leary". He served from January of 1984 until his retirement in June of 2014. **This made him the second longest tenured Constitutional Officer in the modern era in the County.** He would point with particular pride to several accomplishments during his thirty years in office. His policies lowered the County's tax delinquency rate.... achieved a higher rate of return on county investments.....[and] modernized the Treasurer's Office to reflect the diversity of the Arlington community.

Frank O'Leary was born on July 2, 1943, in New York City, NY. The son of a career Army officer, he graduated from Frankfurt American High School in Germany. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point but later transferred to Georgetown University where he graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science Foreign Service (BSFS) degree with a major in Economic Theory. He completed the course work for a Master's degree in Economic Theory from Georgetown University in 1967.

Mr. O'Leary's lifetime in public service included membership after college in the New Jersey and District of Columbia National Guard and continued with David Hackett Associates where he worked on a host of anti-poverty programs focused on inner city employment initiatives.

Through many decades, Frank O'Leary was involved in numerous charitable and community efforts in his Arlington community. **He served in various capacities for his Lyon Park civic association, including his role leading the successful fight against the county's plans to turn his neighborhood street into a busy commuter thoroughfare.** ---As scoutmaster for Cub Scout Pack 104 at Clarendon United Methodist Church he reenergized what had been a struggling organization. **In honor of his friend, the late Delegate Warren Stambaugh who authored the Virginians with Disabilities Act, Mr. O'Leary helped create and was the longtime President of the Stambaugh Foundation. Over the course of twenty-one years, he led the foundation in donating over \$200,000 in awards to organizations serving the disabled community or paying for renovations to make local structures more accessible.**

He was deeply involved in raising money for several local organizations including the Arlington Historical Society, the Arlington Black Heritage Museum, AHOME (Affordable Housing), and the Arlington Red Cross. In recent years, Mr. O'Leary was active in the Arlington Optimists and was awarded the Arlington Interservice Club Council Man of the Year Award in 2022.

Frank O'Leary was a strong Democrat who mentored scores of candidates, raised funds for local campaigns and committees and aided the Arlington Democratic Party in establishing its dominance over county elections since the 1980s.

He worked tirelessly to support the USS Arlington Commissioning Committee, helping to raise \$438,000 to honor the US Navy ship named for Arlington's role in responding to the attacks of September 11, 2001. After the ship was commissioned in 2013, he was active in the USS Arlington-Community Alliance established to foster links between the county's namesake ship, its captain, crew, and the Arlington community.

Frank O'Leary is survived by his devoted wife of 56 years, Linda Banigan O'Leary, his brother, Terence O'Leary, his daughter, Heather O'Leary Moore (Martin), and their daughter, Brianna and his son, Brian O'Leary (Susan) and their two sons, Ian and Rory. He will also be missed by countless friends, allies, colleagues and associates whose lives he touched in his 80 years.

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



## Lyon Park Woman's Club

Next meeting: January 16th at noon

The Woman's Club is for everyone, women and men. 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](mailto:ejswray@yahoo.com)



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**The Pets of Lyon Park**  
By Laureen Daly

# Bringing the Irving-Ivy Greenway Section into Compliance

By Brooke Alexander

*At the January 8 LPCA meeting, we will discuss the Greenway Section between Irving Street and Ivy Street. Though technically in Ashton Heights, the issue should interest Lyon Park residents. This article from the Ashton-Heights newsletter, reprinted with permission, offers some background.*

This is a saga about the first AH Greenway section, and I wish it had a better ending. The first Greenway section came to be with the granting of Use Permit U-1794-68-4 on R-6 zoned properties at 930 Irving Street and 927 Ivy Street.

**Where is this located?** It's on the neighborhood side of the businesses along 10th Street (Vespa, WBM used cars, and Budget Rental) between Ivy and Irving Street.

**A little history.** I got involved because of the landscaping.

In the summer of 2023, the County was pressing for the landscaping to be re-installed; most of it had died. I approached the tenant to ask if he would be interested in installing native plants, relying heavily on canopy trees with an understory of perennials for pollinators. The land is owned by Edmunds Motors. The tenant, Ali Nezam, was enthusiastic in his support for this idea.

He asked me if I would make him a plan. I agreed. He asked me to source and price the material, to which I also agreed. I developed a landscape plan which was cheaper than re-installing the plants that are called for in a 1982 County landscaping plan.

The plan I developed had the additional benefits of adding to the neighborhood tree canopy and feeding the local ecosystem, and complying with the Ashton Heights Tree Canopy and Native Plant Principles.

To change landscape plans required an application to the County. Mr. Nezam asked me to fill out the form, which I did, including the proper sized graphics, and thumb drive requirements. I also spoke with the county staff on the owner's behalf to affirm that the Administrative Change would be positively reviewed.

I obtained 6 free trees that I kept alive on my driveway, awaiting planting; offered my member discount on native perennials from Earth Sangha and to deliver the plants; and arranged a free Tree Canopy Fund tree

which was planted. Mr. Nezam asked me to oversee his landscape crew in planting the 6 trees. But on May 2 the landscaper (and I) discovered that there is 7 inches of packed gravel on this site. This is inhospitable to plants and likely contributed to the previous plants' demise.

When I looked more deeply into the 193 pages of County records on the permit, I found that in 2012, the fence along the Greenway had been removed, and the Greenway paved over with these 7 inches of packed gravel, in order to enlarge the parking lot. The County subsequently required the plantings to be re-installed, and that was done in 2014. Unfortunately, the County did not require that the paving be removed at that point.

**Current status:** After all this elapsed time, and work, the owner and tenant installed plantings on Dec. 4.. Unfortunately they used the 1982 plan. They did not apply for an Administrative Change for permission to use the native plants. This is disappointing on several fronts, but they have the right to do just that. The 7 inches of packed gravel remain. Oh, and the plants on the Ivy Street frontage were planted in the wrong place.

Before this occurred, the AHCA wrote to Arlington officials about the landscaping and other compliance issues.

*"We request that if the landowner does not wish to pursue the alternative plan developed by Brooke Alexander, that the landowner be required to bring the property up to Arlington's current code for landscaping for parking lots as a condition of renewing the Use Permit,"* the letter states.

From 1968 until 1996, the County reviewed this Use Permit every 6-36 months. The County has not reviewed this Use Permit since 1996. AH named 15 compliance issues, in addition to the landscaping issues, in this recent letter to the Board. The County is moving to examine these now. I will be able to update you next month. Stay tuned!

## Order a Historical Lyon Park House Plaque

### Application and Ordering System

- **Cost:**

\$275 for each 7"x5" Bronze Plaque, which includes shipping (payable by check or Venmo)

- » Venmo: @LyonParkCommunityCenter (subject=LP plaque)
- » Make check payable to Lyon Park Community Center
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- » 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](mailto:lyonparkhistory@gmail.com)



Example of a plaque for a house built in 1929.

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**Name of homeowner(s):**

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**Contact email:**

**Phone:**

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**Property address:**

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**Year built:**

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

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**Lyon Park Historic District Building Registration #000-**

**(if applicable)**

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**Type of mount: (select one)**

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

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

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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).
- Need some other type of mount? Let us know! We have many other types of mounts for various applications.



## BoG Update

Starting January 1st, the rental agent for the Lyon Park Community Center, as well as the cleaning services provider, will be Lori Cruz and her company, TNAG Cleaning Services. Lori and her company were selected following an intensive and extensive search and review process. In October, the Board of Governors (BOG) published, in multiple outlets, requests for individuals and companies interested in filling either of two separate positions: a rental agent and a cleaning service, on a contract basis. We are very excited that Lori and her staff will be able to fill both of those roles! We believe having a single point of contact for rental agent services and cleaning functions will streamline the operation of the community center and improve the experience of everyone using the facility.

Lori Cruz brings more than 20 years of business experience, including cleaning residential and commercial properties and property management. In early 2019, after her mother-in-law retired, Lori took over the family's cleaning business. Many of TNAG's current clients are residents of Lyon Park. The company, founded in the 1980s, initially offered residential cleaning services in North and South Arlington. In addition to the skills required of a rental agent, Lori also has experience in managing budgets for significant repairs, maintenance projects and capital expenditures. As an added bonus, Lori is also fluent in both English and Spanish! Fun fact about the business name: TNAG (pronounced tee-nag) stands for The North Arlington Group.

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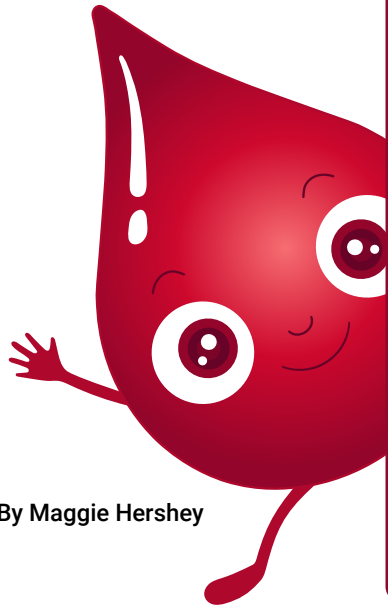


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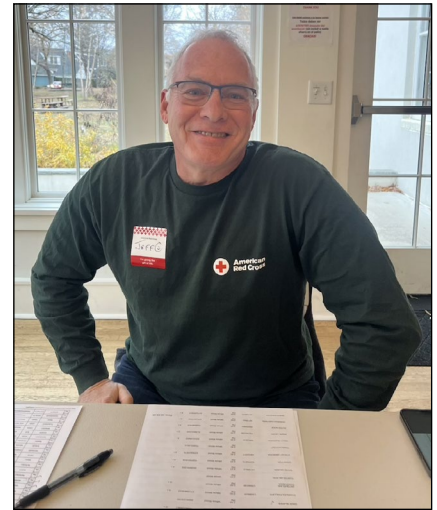
By Maggie Hershey

We are proud to announce that our community donated 41 units of blood at the December 4 blood drive. Way to go!

The Lyon Park and Ashton Heights neighborhoods continue to show their strong support for our partnership with the American Red Cross. A number of donors are regulars and we love seeing them at the community center. In addition, several people stepped forward in response to a last minute request to fill a few open spots. Many thanks!

Odds have it that someone you know will need blood in your lifetime. In fact, every two seconds someone in America needs blood, from trauma victims to cancer patients, to mothers giving birth to premature babies and so many more. Each pint of blood can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of many others. What a great way to pay it forward and make an impact in our community and across the country.

Did you know that whole blood donors can donate every 56 days? We would love for regular and new donors alike to join us again at the next drive. Be on the lookout for information on our next drive on March 4, 2025.



*Jeff Hoffman, Red Cross Donor Ambassador, greeting donors at the community center*



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