



# THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

## NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

June 2025



*The 99th Lyon Park Spring Fair was a big success! Thank you so much to our amazing volunteers who made the event so great! Please look inside for more pictures.*

### Upcoming Events

(all at Lyon Park or the Lyon Park Community Center, unless noted)

6/9

**Lyon Park Blood Drive**  
12:00–5:00 p.m.

6/11

**LPCA Monthly Meeting**  
7:00 p.m. Meeting Start;  
8:30 p.m. Socializing

6/19

**Lyon Park Woman's Club Potluck Lunch**  
12:00 p.m.

7/26

**Lyon Park Centennial Picnic Extravaganza**  
4:00 p.m.

### What's Inside?

- Playground committee update
  - Trash walks
  - A review of East West Coffee Wine
  - Learn more about Arlington Cub Scout Pack 104
- ...and more!

### President's Message

By Michael P. Kunkler

As the flowers start to bloom and the birds start chirping far too early in the morning, I'm reminded that the LPCA and the newsletter are reaching our summer break. Being the last President's Message of the LPCA year, it is my duty to appoint a nominating committee of three members that is responsible for identifying and presenting nominees for office at the Annual Meeting in September. As I will not be standing for an ExCom position next year, I will volunteer for one of those on the nomination committee. At-large ExCom members Bess Zelle and Spiro Roiniotis have also graciously offered to assist. I'll save my farewell address for the September newsletter, but as I step away from the presidency, I do so with immense gratitude and appreciation for the Lyon Park community.

As for those that may be interested in future service on the LPCA, there is no greater way to serve your community in a way that you'll see the positive effects in real-time. The smile on the face of a child at the Spring Fair, the satisfaction of moving mulch and removing leaves in the park, or the fellowship found with new neighbors at a Food Truck event, the LPCA thrives because of the dedication and involvement of community members like you. Whether you have a few hours a month or can contribute more regularly, please consider seeking a position on the LPCA ExCom or offering to start/join a committee of an area of interest or expertise. No matter your age or longevity in Lyon Park, there's a place for everyone on the LPCA team. Volunteering is not only a chance to give back, but will offer you an opportunity to meet neighbors, develop new friendships, and help shape the future of our community.

If you're ready to play a more active role in the neighborhood, please reach out to me, Bess, or Spiro and learn more about how you can get involved. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, inclusive, and connected community.

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## Restaurant Vibes: East West Coffee Wine

By Philippa Kirby and Philip Conklin

As its name suggests, East West Coffee Wine serves food and beverages rooted in the 'east' (in this case, Turkey and the middle east) and the 'west' (Europe and the Americas) with Turkish cuisine at the heart of the experience. This family owned and operated restaurant offers an inviting menu with fresh flavors, farm to table food quality, and a welcoming environment with a kind and attentive service staff.

Located on Highland at Wilson in Clarendon (with a sibling cafe in Tyson's Corner), East West is both a hybrid fast casual (order at the counter) and a "be seated" (and wait staff will take your order) venue. The cafe features a coffee/espresso bar, a small but impressive pastry case, a wine bar and an expansive food menu with something for everyone to enjoy. When eating in (and socializing, working or studying), you can enjoy either the spacious sunny dining room with a relaxed atmosphere, or the very comfortable outdoor patio set apart from street noise.

On a bright and sunny Sunday morning, we relaxed outside under umbrellas on the patio. The all-day menu features pages and pages of beautifully photographed menu items evoking a culinary travelogue. We had fun poring over and discussing the array of options. A centerpiece of the menu is a Turkish breakfast featuring a literal buffet brought to your table and demands a committed team of hungry diners to finish. Though tempted, we passed on the Turkish breakfast and ordered instead a falafel salad, an adona (a ground lamb kebab sandwich), a vegetable omelet, and French toast, plus an order of spiced French fries for the table. We also ordered individual glasses of delicious Turkish tea served in simple, elegant glasses.

The food arrived quickly, simultaneously, and freshly made. The falafel was tender and crisp and was served on a bed of fresh, nicely dressed greens and veggies. The adona featured well-seasoned ground lamb with a nice char and a moist interior, while the omelet (which looked more like a frittata than a typical American omelet) was veggie rich and tasty. Finally, the French toast was just like homemade—in the best way—with a light, crispy exterior and soft, custardy interior.

And, of course, we had to order a selection of baklava to finish. The small, rectangular baklava familiar to most Americans was top-notch, but we also had a delicious Turkish baklava with ice cream sandwiched in the middle (one member of our party found this to be nothing short of amazing).

Our order explored some of both the east and the west sides of the menu, but we barely scratched the surface of the menu's broad array of options (such as: acuka, gambos al ajillos, chicken tenders, nachos, gyros and homemade spaghetti)\* representing many different cultural traditions and enough choices to satisfy most every dietary requirement and preference. We thoroughly enjoy the experience and our meal at East West and had the impression that other diners (a diverse mix of families, couples, and seniors) were just as happy dining amidst the warm, welcoming hospitality of East West Coffee Wine.

*East West Coffee Wine (3101 Wilson Blvd.): Hours of operation are 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. daily. Phone number is 571–800–3905. Visit the website: [www.ewcafe.com](http://www.ewcafe.com) for more information.*



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## Exciting News: Playground Renovation Moves into Conceptual Design Phase!

Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our community, the survey for the Lyon Park Playground renovation project has officially wrapped up! We're thrilled to report that we received a fantastic number of thoughtful responses, each one helping to shape a vision for a more fun, inclusive, and imaginative play space for all ages. We will be combing through and analyzing the survey results to better understand the community's priorities and preferences to the space, and will share a summary of our findings in the coming weeks.

The feedback gathered will be used to launch the next step in the process- the conceptual design phase. This is where ideas start to take shape! Over the summer, our design team will be translating your input into initial sketches and layouts that reflect the community's priorities, such as new play equipment and features appropriate to a broader range of ages and abilities, improved surfacing and drainage, safety and accessibility, while protecting as many existing trees as possible.

We'll be sharing a summary of the survey results, conceptual design progress, and fundraising updates on the neighborhood's playground project page at <https://lyonpark.org/explore/parks-green-spaces/lyon-park-playground-renovation/>. Be sure to check back regularly throughout the summer to stay informed and involved.

A heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who took time to complete the survey and share your hopes for this space. Your voices are making a difference, and we're excited to continue this journey together toward a refreshed playground that our neighborhood can be proud of!



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## Team Burns Trash Walk

By Tabitha Ricketts

If you've taken a stroll around Lyon Park on a Sunday evening, you may have crossed paths with the Burns family—on foot and on skates—out and about on a unique family mission: to enjoy the nice weather, and clean up our neighborhood.

Always an active family, Kelly and Josh Burns have long embraced the tradition of a family walk after dinner. As often as weather and schedules allow, Micah and Levi strap on their helmets and grab their skates, scooters, or bikes to keep pace with their parents for a neighborhood stroll. One evening last spring, then-six-year-old Micah suggested an update to the tradition: picking up trash.

"Team Burns Trash Walks" are now a regular part of the family routine. The whole family sets out together on their usual routes through the neighborhood, sometimes deviating to higher-traffic streets with a higher trash yield. Each member of the family carries a plastic bag and hunts down scraps of litter like a lightly competitive game of "I Spy," with extra cheers of victory for larger pieces of trash like a water bottle or chunk of styrofoam. The walks aren't terribly long, but they have no problem filling up their bags, sometimes redistributing the trash if someone runs out of room.

There are a few rules: they don't touch cigarette butts, for example. The kids are careful of traffic, even when they spot a choice piece of trash just across the road. Navigating trash pick-up on wheels isn't the easiest task, either, although the kids bounce up from each collection with limitless energy. And the task isn't without its frustrations—the Burns were upset to actively witness littering in our neighborhood, and on Earth Day of all days! But the family keeps at it with good cheer and open hearts, folding their care for our community and the environment into their routines and core values.

Not every family walk is a trash walk, but Team Burns is out cleaning up our streets more weeks than not. Sometimes the trash walk is a given; sometimes it's specifically requested by one of the kids. After each walk, the Burns hold out their bags and survey their haul—bags full of good deeds and community care. It's not their trash, but it IS their neighborhood—just like it's all of ours. Micah recognized that at just six years old, and prompted a new family tradition to give back. Her example is an inspiration for all of us, the community, to take pride in our beautiful Lyon Park. Maybe this summer Team Burns won't be the only team taking regular trash walks—I know you'll see me out there!



*The Burns family out on one of their trash walks*





# A Tremendously Successful 2025 Lyon Park Spring Fair!

By Paul Showalter

The 99th Spring Fair was a sunny experience of joy, sugar, and fun.

Setup for the Fair began on Friday with several people (David Grahn and Peter Zirnite) bringing all the games, tables and supplies out of the basement before the torrential rainstorm hit. Darcy Rosenbaum (the Spring Fair chair) and son Benton and husband John worked late into the night prepping the center for a day's worth of fun.

Saturday morning started early for a bunch of us, to make sure the day went off without a hitch. And it was a spectacular day. The sun was shining; the park was full of kids playing games and bouncing in the moon bounce; cookies and other baked goods were selling quickly at the Woman's Club bake sale; the kitchen was pushing out Danville Street hot dogs, Troy's pizza, fresh pasta, and lots lemonade; lions and tigers were painted on faces; popcorn, popsicles, and cotton candy were sold; and prizes were exchanged for prize tickets. We played numerous games of "Cake-A-Bout" in the sun, with kids winning baked goods (I served as the event's emcee).

The Rosenbaum's homemade games were a big hit again this year. The "Bull Ringer" - "Hole in One" - "Frog Flinger" and the reimagined "Duck Pond" fascinated the kids once again.

This event, like every event at Lyon Park, could not happen without a large group of volunteers. The Danville Street Crew (Mark Trachtman, Charlie Wall, and Sharon Showalter) staffed the kitchen and fed lots of hungry kids. Many other neighbors stepped in to help and it was appreciated.

We had more than twelve high school and college volunteers with us on Friday and Saturday. We even had a crew of Long Branch Elementary school students (Alex and Helen Peters, Benton Rosenbaum, Alexys & Alejandro Linder, and Niam and Dhilan Bahl) running games and painting faces (Their parents even pitched in to help). All volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the day to make sure everyone had fun—and we appreciate their efforts.

Special thanks to Tyler Hawkins, Theo Roiniotis, and Tabitha Ricketts for sticking around and helping with the cleanup. They packed away every game, tent, and table. They even carried everything into the basement. An extra special thanks goes to my wife Sharon, for not only helping with setup on Friday night, but working all day in the kitchen, and cleaning until the last box was packed away in the "little blue pickup truck."





Next year, we celebrate our **100th Spring Fair**. For our signature event to be a success, we need more people to be involved in producing the Fair. **Please step up and offer to help.** We need you. Reach out to [LyonParkEvents@gmail.com](mailto:LyonParkEvents@gmail.com) if you are interested.

If you have a rising sophomore, junior or senior who wants to volunteer in our community, have them reach out to [LyonParkEvents@gmail.com](mailto:LyonParkEvents@gmail.com). We have many volunteer opportunities during the summer and fall.



Planning for the 100th Spring Fair will begin soon. Save the date— May 16, 2026— This is a special event you will not want to miss.





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September**



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October 25, 2025**



**Halloween Bonfire  
October 31, 2025**



**Holiday Party  
December 14, 2025**



**Pancake Breakfast  
January 24, 2026**



**Chili Cook-Off  
March 15, 2026**



**Mulch the Park  
April 2026**



**Plant Sale  
April 18, 2026**



**Children's Egg Hunt  
April 18, 2026**



**Lyon Park Spring Fair  
May 16, 2026**

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# The Pets of Lyon Park

By Lauren Daly



Meet Louis Vuitton, an adorable 4 year old Morkie (Maltese-Yorkie mix), just 11 lbs and a foot high. Deborah, John, Vivienne, and Jacob walk Louis up and down Cleveland St where he makes many friends during the summer. No ball chasing for Louis: his favorite exercise is ripping up all the mail dropped through the mail slot or chasing rabbits while in Arlington. Louis likes to spend the winter months in Florida. He won't swim in the pool or ocean but prefers to run around the pool nonstop protecting whoever is swimming. Favorite food: broccoli. Favorite Team: Philadelphia Eagles. Check out Louis' Instagram Page at the.morkie.louis.v and say hi to him on your walks.

## 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](mailto:lyonparkpresident@gmail.com)

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### Lyon Park Woman's Club

**Next meeting: June 19th 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. For more info, contact Elizabeth Wray at [ejswray@yahoo.com](mailto:ejswray@yahoo.com)





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<b>Monday-Thursday</b> (4-hour minimum)	\$125/hour	≤ 75 persons: \$50/hour >75 persons: \$75/hour
<b>Half Day: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays</b> (8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.)	\$1,050	\$400
<b>Full Day: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays</b> (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)	\$1,900	\$750
<b>Birthday Party</b> (ages 10 and under)	\$500	\$200

### Required Cleaning Costs for All Rentals

<b>Monday-Thursday</b> events ≤ 20 guests	\$145	<b>Monday-Thursday</b> events > 20 guests	\$165
<b>Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday</b> events ≤ 20 guests	\$150	<b>Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday</b> events > 20 guests	\$275
<b>Birthday Party</b> (ages 10 and under)			\$165
<b>Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday</b> (> 20 guests, no kitchen use except small kitchen refrigerator)			\$200

Inquire about optional “addon” services, such as furniture set-up and breakdown, at [LPCCRental@gmail.com](mailto:LPCCRental@gmail.com)





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