October 2025

President's Message

By Natalie U. Roy

Greetings Lyon Parkers! As the new Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA) President, I am looking forward to an exciting year chock-full of LPCA community events, public forums on timely topics, and robust engagement on County issues that affect our neighborhood.

Thank you to our outgoing officers who went above and beyond to make our community such a special place to live. And thank you to the new 2025-2026 LPCA officers and Board of Governor's reps, listed on page two.

Major kudos to **Michael Kunkler** for doing an exemplary job representing us all as President these past two years. This is a volunteer position and takes a considerable amount of time and effort. He balanced work, family and LPCA tasks seamlessly. We are grateful to Michael for stepping up and working on behalf of us all. Fortunately, Michael is not going anywhere and will now be serving on the Lyon Park Board of Governors as Treasurer.

We also want to thank **David Morgan** who served as Sergeant of Arms, an important role and a thankless one. He took on numerous volunteer tasks this past year, including heading up the special refreshment stand at LPCC's 100th anniversary celebration. David will be taking the lead on the Lyon Park's Spring chili dinner.

And finally, a gigantic thank you to Lyon Park legend **Paul Showalter**, who did a terrific job as the LPCA Director of Programs. The position helps plan the monthly meetings. Luckily for Lyon Park, Paul will still manage fantastic Lyon Park events such as the kid's Halloween Parade and the Spring Fair, as a Board of Governor's representative.

Please don't forget to mark your calendars: LPCA meetings are the second Wednesday of every month. On October 8th, at 7 p.m., LPCA is teaming up with the Ashton Heights Civic Association to sponsor a School Board candidate's night with the three candidates. We have also invited representatives from the three neighborhood School PTAs to participate. We are excited that Texas Jack's BBQ will be providing complementary appetizers for this meeting. Also come prepared to play a fun Lyon Park trivia game (with special prizes) right before the candidates speak. You will not want to miss this monthly meeting. And make sure to mark your calendars for Lyon Park's annual Halloween festivities, including the children's parade of costumes, and our magical Bonfire in the Park, on October 31st, where we will again be serving "healthy" Krispy Kreme donuts!



See the Lyon Park election results on page 3!

Upcoming Events

(all at Lyon Park/Lyon Park Community Center, unless noted)

10/8	LPCA Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Meeting Start; 8:30 p.m. Social
10/16	Lyon Park Woman's Club Potluck Lunch 12:00 p.m.
10/25	Halloween Parade of Costumes 11:00 a.m.
10/31	Lyon Park Halloween Bonfire 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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With robust attendance and little controversy, the following members were elected to the LPCA leadership on September 10:

President:	Natalie Roy	
Vice-President for Development:	Anne Bodine	
Vice-President for Neighborhood Conservation:	Tabitha Ricketts	
Vice-President for Programs:	Matt Whitaker	
Treasurer:	Lynn Shotwell	
Secretary/Historian:	Elizabeth Sheehy	
Membership Chair:	Rhodri Morgan	
Sergeant at Arms:	Annemarie Selvitelli	
Members at Large (2):	Spiro Roiniotis, Bess Zelle	

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Pickleball on the Mall!

If you were on the Mall September 19-21, you could not help but notice the *National Mall of Pickleball* event.

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Center Court featured pickleball pros showing off their skills, as well as opportunities for the amateurs to compete.

Throughout the weekend, Lyon Park's very own **Helen White**, official U.S. Pickleball Ambassador, coached pickleball enthusiasts, many of them first-time players.

Pickleball is a fabulous sport for young and old, as well as the fastest growing sport in America! Helen will be happy to share her addiction with you!

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Development Roundup

By Anne Bodine

Here's the development issues that were discussed at last month's LPCA meeting:

ARVA (on the Days Inn site):

The site is currently pretty rough, with fencing up, but no demolition progress. The developer is still working on financing, and there is no clear schedule for moving forward. Please let the LPCA know if you have specific concerns during this limbo period.

Joyce Motors:

This project is also delayed pending financing decisions, though they are moving forward with deconstructing the building. LPCA will coordinate with Ashton Heights Civic Association leadership to monitor activity and hold the demolition and constructions team accountable to county regulations.

The NCACU building at the corner of 9th Street North and North Irving Street:

The building will be demolished and a storage facility is planned to replace it. Anne Bodine is coordinating communications with concerned residents and will be attending the upcoming (in September) county meeting.

EHO update:

The Arlington Civic Federation (also known as CivFed) held a ZOOM call on September 18 to discuss changes to the Expanded Housing Option (EHO) strategy. There is an EHO planned for the corner of North Highland Street and 7th Street North, so this is definitely a neighborhood concern. Classic Cottages plans to construct an EHO in Ashton Heights at 629 North Monroe Street. Both will be 3-plexes.



Fencing surrounding the ARVA site.



Dismantling of the Joyce Motors panels for restoration. Photo by Toby McIntosh.

Other CivFed Updates:

22 civic associations signed a petition requesting the county to look closely at Lot Coverage. The county leadership is well aware many residents are upset about the extreme tree loss. They originally agree to study building height and set-backs, but now are limited to studying impervious surfaces which ties to storm water runoff concerns.

Additionally, auditors are reviewing community benefit agreements made by the county with developers, identifying sites where the County has backtracked on agreed upon benefits.

Stay informed on Arlington County development concerns: attend the October 8 LPCA meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m.



Cute Cable, a 10 year old Akita rescue, keeps Donna Marschall and Chris Sarampote busy with tons of walks around their home on Cleveland St. Akitas have a lot of energy. They originated in the snowy mountains of northern Japan and are known for their loyalty and courage. Cable loves his squeaky toys and amazingly does not chew them to pieces!

Lyon Park Woman's Club Next meeting: October 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. For more info, contact Elizabeth Wray at ejswray@yahoo.com



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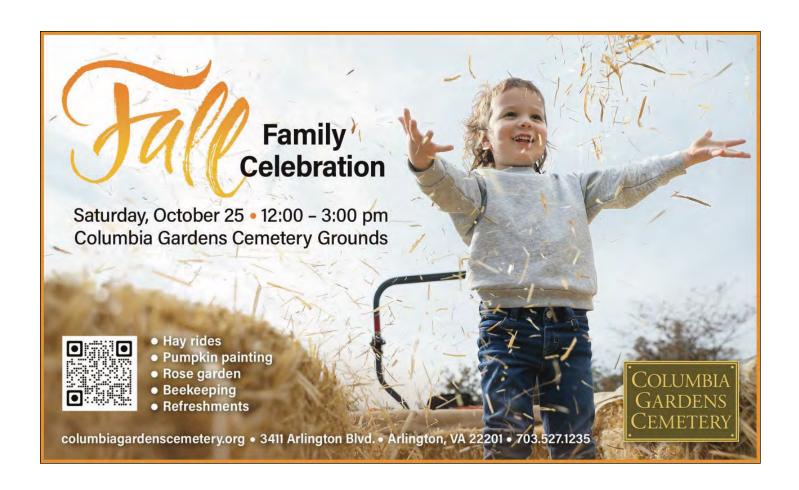
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With gratitude!

We give thanks for all the hard work, constituent meetings and neighborly goodwill offered the past two years by our outgoing president, **Michael Kunkler!** No worries though; he is sticking around to serve as the treasurer of the Board of Governors!

And speaking of treasurers, thank you to **John Ausink** for taking on this role the past year. He succeeded in streamlining a very complex process, overcoming many bureaucratic obstacles along the way. Well done!

Kudos to retiring Sergeant-at-Arms **David Morgan** who prevented any shenanigans at the LPCA meetings for several years.

Many thanks to **Lindy Love** for stepping up to organize the Lyon Park Spaghetti Dinner. Photos were too late for publication, so look for them in the November issue.



Lyon Park hosted another successful Blood Drive on September 2. An early glitch in the Red Cross equipment was resolved and the Lyon Park community came through once again!

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on December 3 at the Lyon Park Community Center. The link to sign up will available soon. Let's SAVE LIVES together!



Katie and Andrew show their house pride (Andrew's grandfather built the house in 1936!)

Show off your House Pride with your own Lyon Park House Plaque!

Long Branch School News

By Stacey Tuneski, PTA President

A quick reminder that Long Branch PTA will be hosting a book fair through READ (Read Early and Daily) November 10–14 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 12 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. if you want to come and shop for any books.

We are offering sponsorship opportunities for our newsletter to local businesses. If you are interested in being a sponsor, email lbptafundraising@gmail.com. To learn more about our book fair, other events, and opportunities to participate, visit our website: www.lbpta.org.

ArNAC Part One: Overview of Lyon Park Projects

By Tabitha Ricketts

The Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee (ArNAC) advises the Arlington Neighborhoods Program, which allows the neighborhoods of Arlington to leverage Arlington County funding for self-chosen projects to benefit our communities. These projects can be capital improvements such as updates to streets, streetlights, sidewalks, and other pedestrian safety measures. There are also an increasing number of beautification projects, especially to improve the appeal and usefulness of County-owned parks and to add green space where concrete would otherwise prevail. See the map of the projects on page 11.

As a participating member of ArNAC, Lyon Park has actively benefitted from neighborhood projects supported and funded through ANP. The Lyon Park Neighborhood Plan filed with ArNAC lays out Lyon Park's 10-year plan, describing the neighborhood we want to create and maintain for ourselves and our community.

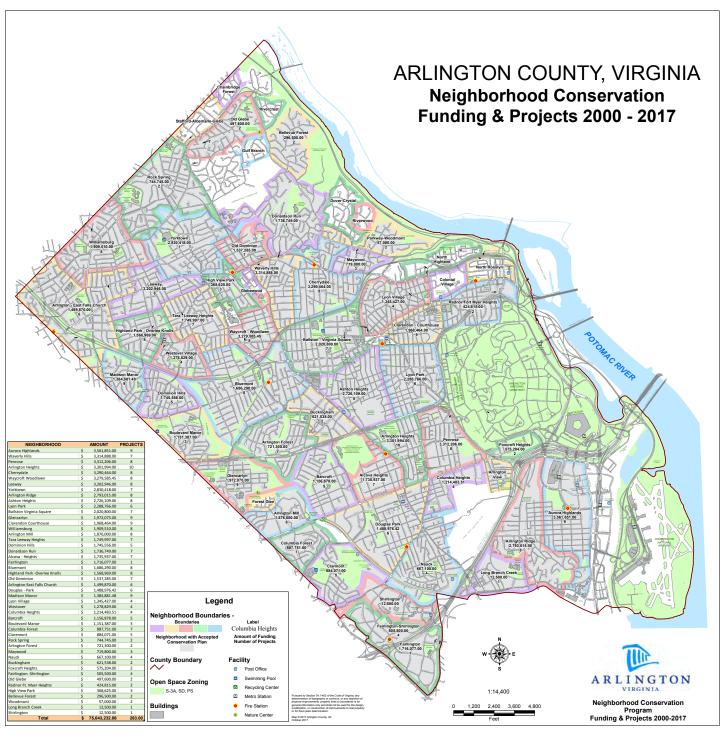
Between 2000 and 2017 alone, Lyon Park received \$2.3m in funding across different neighborhood projects. Each project went through several rounds of design and review within ArNAC and the neighborhood itself, building up points in the ArNAC system based on completeness, breadth of impact, and other factors. Twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall, ArNAC votes on projects that are fully designed and ready for execution. The projects that pass vote in the ArNAC funding rounds are put forward to the Arlington County Board for final approval.

In the fall 2016 funding round, Lyon Park was funded for a street improvement project. To improve pedestrian safety on North Highland Street between Arlington Boulevard and 1st Road North, a 4-foot continuous sidewalk was added on the west side of the street, with ADA-compliant ramps at each intersection, and connection to the existing asphalt trail alongside Arlington Boulevard. A 3-foot utility strip was added next to the new sidewalk along with curbs and gutters on both sides of the street. On-street parking was maintained on both sides of the 28-foot-wide street.

In the fall 2020 funding round, sidewalk improvements were approved for the stretch of North Oakland Street from North Pershing Drive to Arlington Boulevard. A new 5-foot sidewalk was constructed along the east side of the street, with a utility (grass) strip located adjacent. Stormwater drainage improvements were added as part of this project as well, including some bioretention areas at two locations within the project limits. The street was narrowed slightly to facilitate these additions but maintained on-street parking on both sides. While not in the Lyon Park neighborhood directly, this project benefits Lyon Park residents through increased pedestrian safety and improved walkability of our interconnected community.

Lyon Park residents also benefit from the recent 11th Street park renovation put forward by the Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association ArNAC representatives. This project, approved in the spring 2021 funding round, includes updated gravel walkways to ADA-compliant concrete paths, adding new site furnishings and trees as well as path lighting and signage, and general renovation and improvement of existing lawn areas. The park is now open to the community in its new and improved state – only the installation of new birdhouses is still pending.

Neighborhood associations across Arlington are continuing to identify, propose, and define improvement projects across a range of areas. Many are focused on safety, adding street lights and traffic calming measures to busy areas with a high amount of foot traffic, such as near bus stops and crosswalks beside school pickup zones. Lyon Park has benefited from similar improvements in the past, but I'm sure there's more to be done – more ways to increase safety for pedestrians and cars alike, to add beauty and function to our streets and paths, and to support neighborhood connectivity and utility. It's up to us to identify any and all of those ways and to drive the changes we want to see! Let me know what thoughts you have already and keep an eye out for the next newsletter update, where I'll share the consideration criteria and the next steps to take a project from idea to success.





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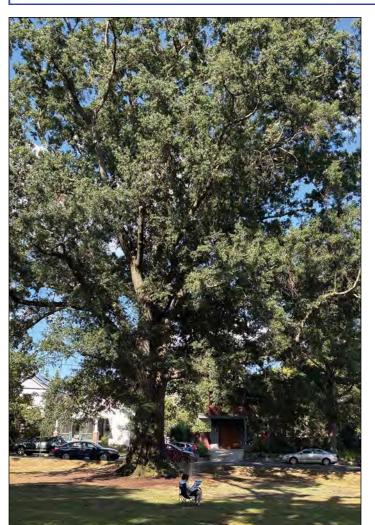




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Anne Bodine relaxes while she waters Lyon Park's notable Willow Oak tree. Thanks to all of the volunteers who cared for our trees during the dry summer months.

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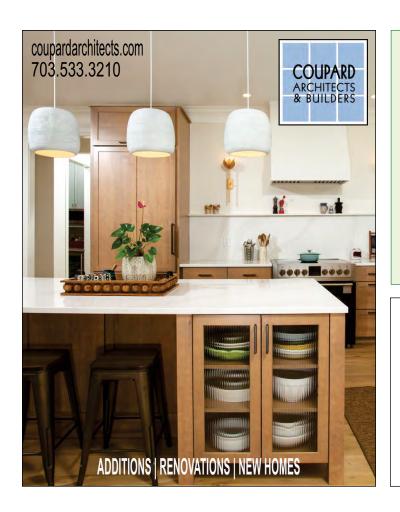
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Join LPCA

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We want to hear from you!

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 deadline for the November newsletter is 10/10.



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Restaurant Vibes: Nam Viet

By Sophie Oberstein

Last Friday night, my husband and I had a delicious meal—and a brief insight into the history of downtown Clarendon—at Nam Viet, an old school Vietnamese restaurant on North Hudson Street, half a block from the metro station. The restaurant has been a staple in the neighborhood since the 1980's.

The atmosphere at Nam Viet is pretty low key. When you walk in, you'll be face-to-face with a wall of photographs of former POWs and dignitaries who have eaten here, including three U.S. Presidents. Supporting POWs is part of the history of Nam Viet, whose founder was an interpreter in the U.S. Army and became a POW himself.

What the décor lacks, the food more than makes up for. Nam Viet boasts an extensive menu of chef specialties, grilled entrees, soups, and a robust vegetarian section, which we're always looking out for, for my husband. The food is made from recipes passed down generations using local, seasonal ingredients.

We ordered Fresh Garden Rolls, Five Spiced Tofu, and Stir-Fried Eggplant with beef. We'd had some of the more traditional dishes, like the Vietnamese Crepe, on a prior visit. Each dish was fresh and delicious. Portions are huge, so we ended up taking home about half of what we were served. Walking home, I was already excited to enjoy my leftovers the next day.

Service is fast and welcoming. The owners of the restaurant are very transparent and communicative, from signs on the front door alerting people that the AC is strong in the summertime, to an explanation on their website of why they stopped taking orders over the phone (you can order for pick up or delivery on their website). Walk-ins are welcome. On a Friday night, about half of the restaurant's 80 seats were taken. Reservations are recommended if you have more than five people in your party.

The price of our meal, including tip—and abundant leftovers—was \$63. We will definitely be back to Nam Viet, for a terrific meal and a slice of Clarendon history.

Nam Viet (1127 N. Hudson St.): Hours of operation are 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Phone number is 703-522-

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[Note: more information on the history of Little Saigon and more pictures can be found on our website.]



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