



THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

September 2025

President's Message

By Michael P. Kunkler

It is with the highest appreciation that I pen this final message for my two years as LPCA ExCom President. Serving alongside the members of this civic association was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Whether it was organizing social events, advocating for safer streets, or memorializing our community's past, every project reflected our shared commitment to making this area a better home for all. The friendships and connections I've formed are truly invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for the community's support to the LPCA and its beneficial work.

Events over the past month have continued to convince me that we do live in the best neighborhood in Arlington and perhaps in the nation. The Centennial Anniversary of the LPCC was the culmination of intensive planning over the past year(s), and regardless of some uncooperative weather, it was an amazing success. Many thanks to Elizabeth Sheehy for leading the charge, Ann Reimers for the self-made ice cream tent, Woman's Club members for baked goods, David Morgan for a highly accurate recreation of a Prohibition Era speakeasy, and all the others that pitched in to lift tents and carry tables. Also, I had the fortunate opportunity to recently participate in the 8th St N annual-ish block party. Planning and organizing by Renee Gutshall, Ericka Gjini, and the Odar's who will be sorely missed as they decamp for a move to Alexandria. It is only through the work of these great neighbors (and many more) does Lyon Park get its true charm and character.

As I bid farewell, I am filled not only with gratitude but also with great optimism for the future of the LPCA. I have seen firsthand the remarkable talent, compassion, and resourcefulness within this group, and I am confident others from the neighborhood will continue to lead our community in positive directions. Though I am stepping down from my role, I will always carry the values and positive memories from our work together, and I look forward to seeing the wonderful things the LPCA will accomplish in the years ahead. I hope to serve on the LPCC BoG as I realign my (limited) free time to the LPCC playground project transition into fund raising mode. Thank you all for allowing me to be part of this incredible journey!

Upcoming Events

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

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| 9/2 | Lyon Park Blood Drive
12:00–5:00 p.m. |
| 9/10 | LPCA Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m. Meeting Start;
8:30 p.m. Socializing |
| 9/18 | Lyon Park Woman's Club
Potluck Lunch
12:00 p.m. |
| 9/28 | Lyon Park Spaghetti Dinner
5:30–7:30 p.m. |



The Lyon Park Centennial Picnic Extravaganza started out a bit soggy! Look inside on pages 8 & 9 for more photos from the event!

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Elections to fill all positions on the LPCA Executive Committee and other important community positions will be held at the September 10th LPCA Meeting at the Lyon Park Community Center at 7:00 p.m. The positions are filled each year by neighbors who volunteer to serve our community. 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: Michael Kunkler (Chair), Bess Zelle, and Spiro Roiniotis.

LPCA Executive Officer Positions

This is the slate of candidates nominated to hold LPCA Executive Officer positions for the 2025–26 year.

President:	Natalie Roy
Vice-President for Development:	Anne Bodine (incumbent)
Vice-President for Neighborhood Conservation:	Tabitha Ricketts (incumbent)
Vice-President for Programs:	Paul Showalter (incumbent)
Treasurer:	OPEN
Secretary/Historian:	Elizabeth Sheehy (incumbent)
Membership Chair:	OPEN
Sergeant at Arms:	OPEN
Members at Large (2):	Spiro Roiniotis, Bess Zelle (incumbents)

LPCA Representatives to the Board of Governors

Per the by-laws, four are elected by the membership, and one is appointed by the incoming President for a total of five (5) representatives to the Board of Governors:

Michael Kunkler
Ann Reimers
Elizabeth Sheehy
Paul Showalter

ArlingtonCivic Federation Reps

These individuals represent our community at a once-a-month meeting at the Civic Federation, a group of community associations and other organizations in Arlington. While these positions are not described in our Constitution and By-Laws, because these individuals are asked throughout the year to cast votes on behalf of our neighborhood on issues the Civic Federation takes on throughout the year, we include them in this year’s elections.

There are four voting seats and four alternate positions:

Saiful Amin
Laureen Daly
Natalie Roy
Jess Thibodeau
Niels Poulsen (Alt.)
+ Three (3) Alternates

Development News at 9/10/2025 Meeting

There are **lots** of development projects in Arlington and Lyon Park. Our VP of Development, Anne Bodine, will review what you need to know about the most important projects that affect our community. Come to the LPCA meeting on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. to hear updates from Anne on the Joyce Motors project; the new storage facility on N. Irving Street; the ARVA project at N Pershing and Arlington Blvd; EHO updates; and more! Have a development concern? Bring it to the meeting!



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Neighbors Show Up Big for June Blood Drive— Let's Do It Again This Fall!

By Maggie Hershey

Lyon Park and Ashton Heights neighbors helped kick off the summer with an incredible turnout at the Red Cross Blood Drive on June 9. More than **forty generous donors** rolled up their sleeves—a huge thank you to each and every one of you! A special shout-out to the walk-ins who answered the call when last-minute schedule changes opened up donation spots. Your flexibility made a big difference!

Did you know our community has now hosted **fifteen** of these life-saving drives and collected **over 600 units of blood**? That sustained effort didn't go unnoticed—the Red Cross honored us with a **Blood Donor Sponsor Award** during the June event. Well done, neighbors!

Let's keep the momentum going:

Join the Lyon Park Citizens Association for our fall blood drive on Tuesday, September 2—the day after Labor Day. It's a great way to start the season by giving back.



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American Red Cross representative Taaz Williams with local volunteers Maggie Hershey and Jeff Hoffman

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Texas Jack, America's First Cowboy Star

By Gary Putnam

Those of us in Lyon Park and Ashton Heights who used to go for Whitey's Broasted Chicken know it's now Texas Jack's Barbeque Restaurant. Do you know where the name comes from? If you're looking for a good read, try Matthew Kern's *Texas Jack, America's First Cowboy Star* for a lot of exciting answers to that question.

"Texas Jack" was a native-born Virginian, born in Palmyra, July 27, 1846 as John B. Omohundro and he lived fast, made a lot of spectacular splashes, and died way too young. His family farm was in Fluvanna County (near where Cunningham Creek runs into the Rivanna River). He tried to enlist in the Confederate Army at age 14. He was rebuffed several times, but later lied his way past the age limit and served as a scout and spy until the end of the war. Just weeks after the end of hostilities, at the ripe old age of 18, he headed to Florida and then west to the Taylor Ranch in Brazos, Texas where he hired on as a cook. He soon started working his way up to being a cowboy which was more exciting and suited his personality much better.

As he became more experienced, he drove cattle over the famous Goodnight-Loving and Chisholm trails to provide beef for states left with diminished larders due to the long war. It was on one such drive herding cattle to Tennessee where he received his nickname "Texas Jack."

Punching cows must have surely provided less excitement than he wanted in his life. By 1869, he drifted into Hays, Kansas, where he met up and befriended Wild Bill Hickok. Later that same year, he met and began a life-long friendship with William F "Buffalo Bill" Cody. He soon joined Cody who was working as a scout and guide for the 5th US Cavalry. Cody convinced the cavalry to hire Jack even though he was a confederate veteran. He soon earned the cavalry's respect and became a popular guide.

Since the job was only part-time, he began hunting and guiding affluent sportsmen—both American and foreign. In 1872, he and Buffalo Bill were persuaded by Western author Ned Buntline to put on a Wild West Show—*Scouts of the Prairie*—in the fashion of the dime comics that were so popular at that time in the US and Europe. They chose Chicago to open and Buntline was to write all the scripts for the event. Four days before the event, he had not produced anything more than a promise.

Being amateur actors, Cody and Texas Jack inevitably flubbed their lines and soon reverted to just brawling with each other and the Native American cast members. Instead of turning out to be a disaster, the audience loved it. It became the standard format for wild west shows which soon sprung up in the US to wildly popular success. They were joined the following year by Wild Bill Hickok, who was perhaps the least qualified of them as an actor. They had to fire him after less than a year because he refused to learn his lines, quarrelled way too much, and even shot out the annoying spotlights on one occasion! Jack left the show soon after marrying the dancer in the show, Giuseppina Morlacchi. They remained married until separated by death.

Cody, Hickok and Jack remained good friends the rest of Jack's life. He died of pneumonia in Leadville, CO, in 1880, just shy of his 34th birthday.

For further reading, visit:

[Facebook](#), [HistoryNet](#), and [Wikipedia](#)



Above: Wild Bill Hickok (left), "Texas Jack" Omohundro (center), and Buffalo Bill Cody (right).
Below: "Texas Jack" performing with his wife, dancer Giuseppina Morlacchi.



Centennial Picnic Extravaganza Recap

By Elizabeth Sheehy

On Saturday July 26, Lyon Park friends celebrated the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Lyon Park Community House. Despite the monsoon rains, a good time was had by all. The sun came out just in time for Arlington County Board member Susan Cunningham to read an official proclamation and Peter Vaselopulos from the Arlington Historical Society to say a few words. The evening continued as the Mandoleers and Jelly Jammers performed from the finally-dry patio, a perfect ending to a memorable community event.



Cheers to 100 years!







The Pets of Lyon Park

By Laureen Daly

Who's a good boy? Both Ryu and Dorito! They couldn't be more different. Ryu is a very tall, 80lb, 4 ½-year-old fluffy Goldendoodle who still gets the zoomies and loves butt rubs. Dorito is a 3-year-old small, shy Lab mix who loves snuggling and also sitting on the back of the couch to survey the back yard. Ryu can reach the kitchen counters and will eat anything in sight. Dorito, rescued from Puerto Rico by Project Second Chance (his littermates were named Frito, Cheeto & Ruffles), is a more discriminating eater. But they both agree paws-down that rotisserie chicken is their favorite food. You'll see Lisa MacVittie and Andy Ruge walking Ryu and Dorito early mornings and evenings from their home on Fillmore St, and maybe heading toward Route 50 where Ryu loves to relax on the grass and watch cars go by while Dorito looks for rabbits and squirrels to try to chase.



What's new at the LPCC?

By Ann Reimers

With the start of the new fiscal year, your Board of Governors (BOG) is taking stock of what has been accomplished in the year past—and what still lies ahead. From the start, our focus has been on building connections with the community and improving customer satisfaction when renting the community center.

What progress have we made toward these goals?

- BOG meetings now take place 11 times per year with [minutes posted online](#).
- We created a new email address, LPCCGovernors@gmail.com, as your direct link to the BOG.
- Playground renovation and LPCC usage committees, consisting of community members and BOG representatives, were formed.
- We developed procedures on how to report noise complaints while events are in progress and shared those with our park-adjacent neighbors.
- A single provider was hired as both the rental agent and cleaning provider (TNAG Services) to streamline communications. All Google reviews received by Lori Cruz and TNAG have been 5-stars. A follow-up 1-year contract was signed with her in July of 2025.
- Renters are now required to use our professional cleaning company, which has led to a significant decrease in renters losing all or part of their security deposit.
- Rental contracts can now be signed, and post-event check out completed, from a phone or computer.
- Lower upfront costs are allowed for reservations made more than 90 days in advance.
- Security deposits have been lowered for children's birthday parties, and seminars and classes where no food is served.
- A new procedure is in place for approving rent waivers for middle or high school students who live in Lyon Park or Ashton Heights for school-related events meeting certain conditions.

How do YOU think we've been doing with YOUR community center?

We'd love to hear from you! Send your comments, questions, and suggestions to LPCCGovernors@gmail.com.

Fall Family Celebration

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Read the newsletter online

The Lyon Park Citizen is available online on the first of the month. <https://lyonpark.org/explore/resources/lyon-park-newsletters/>

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Lyon Park Woman's Club Next meeting: September 18th 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

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 October newsletter is 9/10.

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

Treasurer's 2025 Reports

By John Ausink

The **Lyon Park Community Center's ("LPCC")** fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, reporting the ninth year of operations for the renovated Community Center. Rental income totaled \$119,292—a \$10,531 decrease over the prior year.

Bank interest is a new revenue entry because the Board of Governors has placed cash not needed for operations in CDs at Main Street Bank.

Operating expenses increased mostly because of maintenance and repair costs, including about \$12,500 in HVAC repairs. Net Operating Income decreased by about \$2,000.

LPCC held unearned cash security deposits and prepaid rent for future rentals totaling about \$60,000 at the end of the fiscal year. The Community Center's Net Equity (cash balances held in bank accounts less liabilities, unearned security deposits and prepaid rent) increased to \$167,811 compared to \$118,266 for the prior year.

The **Lyon Park Citizens Association ("LPCA")** ended the year with a cash balance of \$23,467—almost \$2,000 more than the prior year. This is largely due to the support of our newsletter advertisers—our primary source of income.

The negative "expense" in the "History Project" entry requires explanation. This project is funded by a \$25,000 grant from the county. Because some of the expenses for which we were reimbursed were based on volunteer work, our cash reimbursements exceeded our cash expenditures by \$2,225. The beautiful new displays around the park are one result of this project – accomplished by many volunteers and managed by the Historical Committee.

LPCC for 2025

Operations	2025	2024	2023
Revenue:			
Community Center Rental Income	\$119,292	\$129,823	\$101,352
Rental Cleaning Fees	\$13,260		
Lyon Park Fair	(\$1,711)	(\$233)	\$1,840
Bank Interest	\$1,401		
Other Income (including processing fees)	\$13,373	\$2,436	\$2,288
Other Fundraisers	\$3,166	\$3,960	\$9,199
Total Operating Revenue	\$148,781	\$135,985	\$114,679
Operating Expenditures:			
Community Center Operation and Maintenance:			
Rental Agent	(\$27,523)	(\$31,938)	(\$23,771)
Maintenance & Repair	(\$56,887)	(\$30,478)	(\$21,387)
Utilities	(\$9,155)	(\$8,304)	(\$8,314)
Administration	(\$8,445)	(\$9,325)	(\$13,248)
Total Center Operations & Maintenance	(\$102,010)	(\$80,045)	(\$66,720)
Park Grounds, Trees, Playground	(\$2,978)	(\$3,519)	(\$10,259)
Community Events	(\$261)	(\$600)	(\$887)
Total Operating Expenditures	(\$105,248)	(\$84,164)	(\$77,866)
Net Operating Income	\$43,533	\$51,821	\$36,813
Community Donations			
Total Donations	\$6,012	\$4,159	\$3,336
Increase (decrease) in Cash Balances	\$49,545	\$55,980	\$40,149
Security Deposit & Unearned Rent Change	(\$9,532)	(\$18,644)	\$27,773
Beginning Cash Balance	\$187,997	\$150,660	\$82,738
Ending Cash Balance	\$228,009	\$187,997	\$150,660
Liabilities			
Security Deposits & Unearned Rent	(\$59,785)	(\$70,266)	(\$87,271)
Credit Card Balances	(\$414)	\$535	(\$1,104)
Net Equity (Cash Net of Liabilities)	\$167,811	\$118,266	\$62,285

LPCA for 2025

	2025	2024	2023
Revenue			
Dues	\$ 2,569	\$ 3,576	\$ 4,395
Advertising	20,735	12,522	12,370
Donations:			
Newsletter Donations		-	-
Other Income	280	1,962	2
Total Revenue	\$ 23,583	\$ 18,059	\$ 16,767
Expenses			
Newsletter Design & Printing	19,438	19,412	9,552
Web Site Maintenance	330	150	900
Administrative Expense		250	
Civic Federation Dues	66		65
Halloween Bonfire	423	450	-
Holiday Party	2,580	1,000	173
Candidates Night			300
Food Truck Social	45	485	520
Egg Hunt		639	
Blood Drive	830	500	
Other	535	1,145	-
History Project	(2,225)		
Total Expenses	\$ 21,655	\$ 24,031	\$ 11,510
Increase (Decrease) in Cash Balances	1,928	\$ (5,972)	\$ 5,257
Beginning Cash Balances	21,539	27,512	22,255
Ending Cash Balances	\$ 23,467	\$ 21,539	\$ 27,512

Long Branch School News

By Stacey Tuneski, PTA President

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 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.

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