



THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

April 2026

President's Message

By Natalie U. Roy

Happy April—one of my favorite months of the year. This is Earth Day and Spring break month. It is also the time to bike, garden, and spend time with family and friends! It is also the time to reengage and get more active with LPCA. We are your civic association. The time to get active is NOW.

Last month, you all exceeded expectations at several LPCA events and meetings. We held our first ever Lyon Park & Ashton Heights Immigration Forum. It was gratifying to see so much community interest and concern on such an important and timely issue. Speakers were top notch, starting with Lynn Shotwell from Lyon Park, a 30 year+ Immigration attorney and former CEO of Worldwide ERC and former Executive Director at the Council for Global Immigration, Deputy Arlington County Sheriff Juan Gelabert from the Arlington County Sheriff's office who in addition to his long list of professional accomplishments grew up in Lyon Park's Washington Lee Apartments, Laura Lindsay, a staff immigration attorney for AYUDA's Virginia Immigration program, and Michelle Swearingen, one of the founders of the Arlington based, RILA, (Restoration Immigration Legal Aid).

Thanks to Paul Showalter, Elizabeth Sheehy, Jackson Sheehy, and Steve Geiger for helping with set up and to everyone who contributed refreshments. Thanks also to Kathleen McSweeney and Deborah Hartman for bringing great handouts from local organizations. Delighted that other neighborhoods participated including Alcova Heights, Penrose, Maywood, Clarendon Courthouse, Glencarlyn, Leeway Overlee and Old Glebe! Thanks also to Arlington County Civic Federation President Nick Giacobbe for attending. We hope to build on this. As I said that evening, information is power. Good to be informed, stay connected, and keep moving forward.

Another totally sold-out recent event was the annual chili cook-off dinner. We had a full house, delicious chili and cornbread, and lots of neighborhood bonding. We are so grateful to David Morgan and his team for organizing such a winner of an event.



The Lyon Park & Ashton Heights Immigration Forum

We were also busy sending letters to elected officials, on a variety of concerns, including historic preservation issues, and on housing bills in the General Assembly. Check out our website for more details.

Going forward, we have a slew of great events on the horizon, including the Spring Fair, the Bunny Hop, the Easter Roll, and the women and musical concert. Plan your calendar's now! Hope to see you around the neighborhood.

Upcoming Events

(all at either Lyon Park or the Lyon Park Community Center)

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| 4/1 | Lyon Park Potluck Passover Seder
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. |
| 4/8 | LPCA Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m. Socializing;
7:30 p.m. Meeting Start |
| 4/16 | Lyon Park Woman's Club Potluck Lunch
12:00 p.m. |
| 4/18 | Lyon Park Plant Sale
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| 4/18 | Lyon Park Spring Egg Hunt
11:00 a.m. |
| 4/25 | Lyon Park Mulch Spreading Event
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. |
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NATIVE PLANT GARDENING:

Good for People & Wildlife!

**Saturday
April 11
2:00 pm**

Speaker: Lyon Park resident & trained biologist Libby Lyons, life-long gardener, President of the Northern Virginia Bird Alliance



Free Event:
Details & RSVP

Venue: Christ
Church of Arlington
3020 N Peshing Dr

Join Us for
**CLARENDON
FitFest**
Saturday, April 18 • 8am - 12:30pm
Mason Square Plaza **2026**

FREE EVENT! RAIN OR SHINE!
5K Fun Run & Fitness Fair
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SCAN FOR INFO
& TO REGISTER
FOR THE FREE
5K FUN RUN

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Join us at the Lyon Park Community Center on Saturday, April 18 at 11am, for our annual **SPRING EGG HUNT**

Lyon Park will be filled with more than 3,500 candy-filled plastic eggs for children to collect.

Three age groups will participate: 1-2, 3-6, and 7-10.

Each age group will collect eggs individually.

Children ages 1-2 will collect empty eggs which are exchanged for parent approved prizes!

Remember to bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs.

Arrive by 10:45am so you don't miss all of the festivities.

Bring your camera and get a photo with our giant Peep!



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Fill out the form on the Teen Services page to get listed here and on the website: [www.lyonpark.org/explore/resources/teen-services]!

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Arlington Bunny Hop Fun 5K & Block Party

When: Saturday, April 18th
at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Clarendon United
Methodist Church
606 N. Irving Street
Arlington, VA 22201

Who: Everyone! All types of
runners, joggers, &
walkers/strollers.

Why: We're running to help
others! Our 9th year!

Costumes are welcome &
encouraged—prizes
will be awarded!

Registration is open!
www.ArlingtonBunnyHop.org
for more info & to register



The Pets of Lyon Park

by Alex Peters

Although Annie the cat may look cute at first glance, she is a rose with many thorns. Adopted into the Peters family after her previous owner had to move cross country, Annie definitely had a hard time warming up to people. Hiding in the closet for weeks after her move, Annie was not very social. However, over time, the 9 year old American Wirehair eventually became a huge part of the family, although she still has many hiding places. Her house on North Cleveland Street is a big contrast from her old home in Florida, but she still seems to love it in Lyon Park, like so many pets do. An indoor cat through and through, Annie loves the couch, and that is usually where you can find her. She loves sitting in the sun, and loves being pet...sometimes.



SAVE THESE DATES

Join us at the
Lyon Park Community Center

Saturday, April 18

PLANT SALE at 11am

and

SPRING EGG HUNT at 11am

Saturday, May 16

as we celebrate

Lyon Park's

100th SPRING FAIR

When you're sick or injured, the last thing you want is the dread of a hospital trip: parking garages, long waits, and the feeling that you just lost the whole day. For neighbors in Lyon Park, PMA Health's Immediate Care offers a simpler, friendlier option close to home.

PMA Immediate Care is designed for those "I need to be seen today" moments, sprains, fevers, sore throats, minor infections, and more, without the stress of heading to the emergency room for something that doesn't require the ER. You can walk in, and you'll be cared for by a team that knows this community and practices with a primary care mindset: listening first, treating the whole person, and keeping your long-term health in mind.

After a recent experience with PMA, Elizabeth Sheehy shares, "Having PMA Immediate Care right in the neighborhood is such a relief. It doesn't feel like an urgent care mill; it feels like primary care. And if you need follow-up, they can connect you to a primary care provider." During a recent visit, she was "in and out in 45 minutes, with an x-ray done," and it was exactly what she needed to get on the mend quickly.

As a Physician Assistant at PMA, Andrew Hopkins, PA-C says, "It's our job to make the healthcare experience enjoyable and effective, and facilitate an environment where people feel heard, validated, and not judged or rushed."

Visit PMA Immediate Care at 2 convenient locations:

**510 W Annandale Rd, Suite 100
Falls Church, VA 22046**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**3301 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Order a Historical Lyon Park House Plaque (scan this QR code):



- **Cost:**
 - \$275–\$286 for each 7"x5" Bronze Plaque, which includes shipping
 - » \$286 by PayPal: @payLPCC (covers the transaction fee)
 - » \$275 by check: make payable to Lyon Park Community Center
 - » Send application to:
 - Lyon Park Community Center
 - PO Box 100191
 - Arlington, VA 22210

- **Questions:**
Contact lyonparkhistory@gmail.com



Don't Miss Out—The Lyon Park Plant Sale is April 18th

By Susan Bell

One of Spring's not-to-be missed events is the annual **Lyon Park Plant Sale** which supports maintenance of the Lyon Park Community Center. Mark your calendars for **SATURDAY, APRIL 18, from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. in Lyon Park**. Once again we'll have lots of mostly native plants grown in neighborhood gardens, including perennials, annuals, houseplants, veggies and herbs. We'll be under the big tent in the park, rain or shine! Most plants will sell for \$5.00.

Plant Donations: Please consider potting up and labeling some of your favorites to donate to the Plant Sale. (Please don't donate plants on Arlington's invasive plant list. Check this link if you're not sure: <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2013/10/Invasive-Plant-List-2-19-15.pdf>. We can only sell what our neighbors donate, so please be as generous as you have in the past. Donations should be brought to the Park by 10:00 a.m. on the 18th.

Dig-Your-Own, hosted by Deborah Barber, the creator and steward of the wonderful gardens around the Lyon Park Community Center, is back this year. The beautiful native plants will be in full bloom, and you can dig some for your garden during the Plant Sale. Deborah and volunteers will guide diggers to the areas that are available for digging. Plants are \$5.00 per shovelful, \$1.00 per seedling. Please bring pots or newspaper for your choices.

Interested in volunteering for the sale or Dig-Your-Own? We'll begin set up around 9:00 a.m. and can always use extra hands to put up the tent, set up tables, arrange plants, and take it down at 2:00 p.m.

QUESTIONS? Contact Susan Bell at sibell703@outlook.com.



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If you are interested in joining the team (less than a two-hour commitment per month) please contact Elizabeth at LyonParkEditor@gmail.com.

Thank you to the Newsletter Distribution Team!

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Restaurant Vibes: Maison Cheryl

By Sophie Oberstein



In the last issue of the *Citizen*, I wrote about a pizza place. This month, I needed to find a more upscale restaurant for a birthday dinner for my husband. As we are new(ish) to the neighborhood, I looked online for recommendations. I was surprised that one of the more highly rated places for special occasions was right in the center of town! If, like me, you've also missed Maison Cheryl (which, despite its Wilson Boulevard address is actually tucked in beside Ethan Allen on North Filmore), this French New-American bistro, is a neighborhood gem!

Robert Maher, is the owner and chef, and lives right around the corner on Clarendon Blvd. He opened Maison Cheryl, his first restaurant, in 2021. When asked why he chose to open here in Clarendon, he told me he'd seen how amazing the neighborhood was. "There's something about the area and community that is welcoming," he said, "It has all the hustle and bustle of a city, but is more relaxed and felt like home."

The ambiance was just what I was looking for for Jeff's birthday celebration. One restaurant reviewer calls it a "sleek, New York-influenced interior," which is no surprise. Maher is from New York and the photographs of that city hanging on the walls were taken by his brother. Maison Cheryl also decorates for the season, with cherry blossom decorations currently warming up the place. Maher also makes a cherry croissant donut to usher in the turn of the weather. Menus change seasonally with a focus on quality, fresh food and an enhanced customer experience. "It's what I look for in restaurants when I go out," Maher notes.

Our appetizers were terrific. We had the Brussels sprouts (minus the bacon for my vegetarian husband), which were spectacular and are among the more popular dishes, as well as the cauliflower, another standout. For dinner, my husband had the vegan vegetable curry, which, to be honest, wasn't as good as the rest of our food. My orecchiette pasta with bay scallops and shrimp (pictured) is a best seller—for good reason. The entrées Maison Cheryl is known for are the duck for dinner and the truffle steak and cheese omelet for brunch (served every day of the week). Then there's Maher's own favorite, the bucatini with zucchini herb sauce and fried burrata on top, a staple menu item since day one.

All this talk about the great food ignores the extensive bar. Maison Cheryl has a Happy Hour every night and a carefully curated wine list. Additionally, Maher likes to make a cheaper option available, like this month's lychee cherry mule offered at \$9. "I want to give back a little," he says. "Dining out has become expensive and I try to find little things that can help." "I love this community and having a restaurant here. It's flattering to have enough business to have been here for five years. It's fun to see faces coming back over and over again."

Full from our dinners, my husband and I skipped dessert (despite the neon sign in back of the restaurant proclaiming, "Life is short; get the dessert.") It seems we missed something pretty amazing, as all of the online reviews of the place rave about the cooked-to-order madelines and other sweet treats. Ah, well, dessert is a great reason to go back again to Maison Cheryl!

Maison Cheryl (2900 Wilson Blvd.; Suite 104): Hours of operation 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m.–12 a.m. Friday, 11 a.m.–12 a.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Sunday. Phone number: 703-664-0509. Visit <https://www.maisoncheryl.com> for additional information.

Playground Committee Update!

By Mark Ilich



Hello Lyon Park Community! Our Playground Committee has been hard at work turning your valued input into a comprehensive Concept Plan for the complete renovation of the Lyon Park Playground. We are excited to announce that the Board of Governors has approved the vision! Stay tuned this spring for upcoming announcements, the official rollout of the new playground design, and the launch of our community-wide fundraising campaign.

Calling All Fundraising Experts! As we prepare to fund this critical community project, we are looking for neighbors with professional experience in fundraising, grant writing, and/or corporate sponsorships to join our team. If you are willing to lend your expertise to help build the future of Lyon Park playground, please email: Mark Ilich, milich@mkdevelopmentllc.com.



American Red Cross

Certification Courses

Upcoming Red Cross Certification Training in Babysitting/Childcare and Adult First Aid/CPR/AED

The Red Cross will be holding trainings for Babysitting/Childcare AND Adult First Aid/CPR/AED on Saturday, April 11th and Saturday, May 9th at the Faith Lutheran Church, 3313 Arlington Blvd. The cost for the babysitting training is \$65 and the cost for the adult first aid training is \$55.

To sign up for either of the April 11th trainings, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FABA723A6FBC25-61876449-american?useFullSite=true#/>

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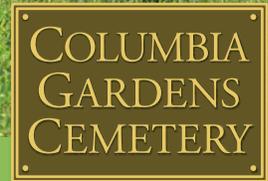
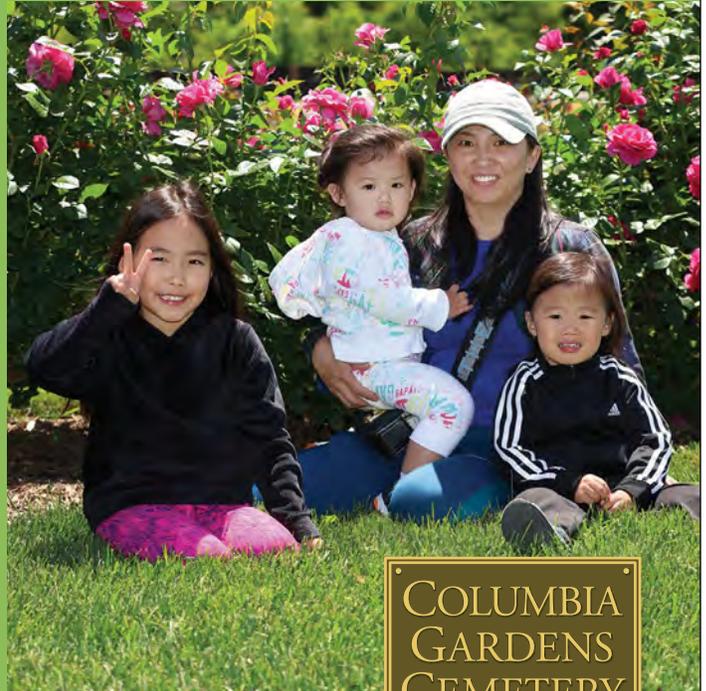
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Columbia Gardens Cemetery Grounds

An afternoon of fun activities for children and adults:

- Paint a rock for a Mother's Day gift
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- Learn rose growing tips
- Get advice for planting trees and shrubs
- Play cornhole
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Rent the Lyon Park Community Center for your Next Event!

Check availability and submit a reservation form at <https://lyonpark.info> or contact Lori Cruz at LPCCRental@gmail.com for additional information.

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

Required Cleaning Costs for All Rentals

Monday-Thursday events ≤ 20 guests	\$145	Monday-Thursday events > 20 guests	\$165
Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday events ≤ 20 guests	\$150	Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday events > 20 guests	\$275
Birthday Party (ages 10 and under)			\$165
Friday/Saturday/Sunday/Holiday (> 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

Are Mosquitos Bugging You?

By Jonathan Zuckerman, Mosquito Reduction Enthusiast

Once again as the temperatures start to rise we can begin to look forward to the resurgence of nature, but one thing nobody ever looks forward to is the scourge of mosquitoes. How can we enjoy the outdoors this year without the constant nuisance of bug bites?



Many companies will try to sell you a pesticide spraying service, but spraying for mosquitos is ineffective and harmful to all living creatures.

The first neighborhood-level action we should take to reduce this nuisance without harming other wildlife is to regularly eliminate standing water in our yards so there's no place for mosquitoes to breed. Some mosquitoes can breed in only a tablespoon of water. If we all walked our yards within 3-5 days of a rainfall to check for standing water, it would be sufficient to disrupt their lifecycle. Be sure to check places you might not regularly notice, such as rain gutters, drainage pipes/tubes, and dense ivy patches. I would also suggest that you offer to do the same for your less mobile or outdoorsy neighbors—some of our mosquitos range only about 600 feet but other species go as far as 2 miles. Just imagine: if every household within 2 miles of you spent 5 minutes after a rain shower to ensure there were no breeding spots for mosquitos, we might completely eliminate them from our own backyards. If you have a birdbath or other water feature, keep the water moving, refresh it every few days, or add chemical larvicide to the water.

The next thing we can do is to set up mosquito traps in our yards—any mosquitos that do breed nearby can be lured to lay their eggs in a trap where a larvicide will ensure the larvae do not mature into more adult mosquitos. Making the traps takes about 5 minutes and you may already have the materials at hand: it requires only a bucket, some yard detritus, water, and a mosquito dunk. You can buy larvicide dunks for the traps at any hardware store but to get the best deal [I make an annual bulk order and distribute them to participating neighbors in April.](#)

Scan the QR Code to place your order for mosquito dunks.



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 newsletter

deadline for the May newsletter is 4/15.



Lyon Park Woman's Club

Next meeting: April 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

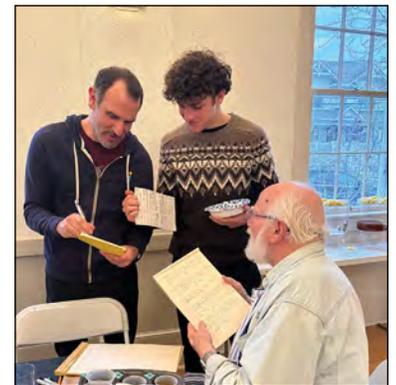
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By Gary Putnam

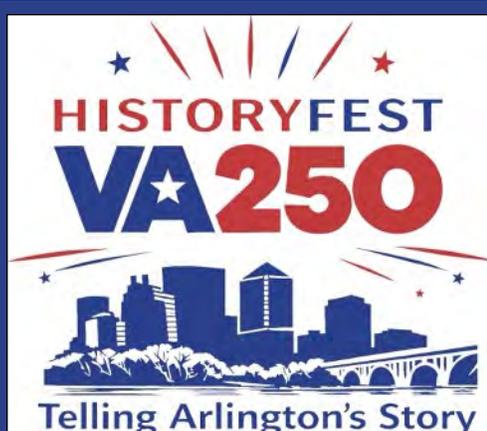
The 2026 version of the Lyon Park Chili Cookoff is now history and for the second year, **Susan Demske took home the winner's ribbon** with "Highland Street Heaven Chili". A very good example of what a bowl of red should look like. Second place went to Marie Edwartoski with "My Best Chili"—mild and sweet with gentle heat. Third: Rhodri Morgan with "The Fighting Irish Chili"—gentle on the classic spices leaving the shredded brisket sweet and mild. Best Vegetarian Chili was Helen White with her punny "Hel Hath No Fury Chili," which critics said was mild and tasty. Honorable mention—spiciest chili—Phillippe Alepin's "5-Chile Chili," a classic bowl of red, properly spiced with vigorous taste and spirit.

The rest, more or less in descending order of votes: The Surendra Family with "Ginger Chili," a jolt of traditional Indian spices giving a new face to an old friend; Ben Henry's "Chili Verde"—spicy and surprising in a good way; Trish Montgomery's "Sweet with Heat"—if you like sweet potatoes, you'll love this one—the Chiliheads gave thumbs up on this one; The Hawkins Family with "An Exciting and Delightful Chili"—the critics said it could have used more spice—"Like kissing your cousin!: Gary Putnam's "Dog Breath" was aptly named; Sara Alepin's "Mole Chili"—the meat was properly cubed rather than ground, nice balance of heat; Lisa Morgan's "Christmas Eve Chili"—definitely not a typical Bowl of Red—an interesting blend of chopped vegetables with a unique finish; (Anonymous)"Bacon Beef Bean Supreme" was unique, a bit on the thin side with good flavor ...but why No Name? It wasn't THAT bad!; Sara Newman's "Go Easy Turkey Chili"—mild chili flavors with ground turkey, two kinds of beans and the gentle hint of very very mild chili.

Winners were selected by popular vote of the diners. Evaluation and critiquing of the entries was done by Theo Roiniotis and his assistant, Spiro. Notes were taken by Gary Putnam—badly. None of whom accept responsibility for this, yet another chili culinary travesty. Very little cash was received to influence the voting.



Lyon Park Citizens Association is excited to celebrate **Arlington History Fest**. We are looking for volunteers to share our story with the community. Contact elizabeth.r.sheehy@gmail.com if you'd like to help!



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Spread The Word, Mulch is Coming to Lyon Park!

By Bill Anhut

Lyon Park celebrates Earth Day with its **Annual Mulch Spreading Event** on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Arlington County will dump loads of leaf mulch around the perimeter of the park and volunteers are needed to load and transport the mulch in wheel barrows to be spread around the base of the park's 68 trees. The mulch fertilizes our trees and gives the park a tidy appearance. So, please join us on the 25th and bring a rake, shovel/pitchfork or wheelbarrow if you have them available. Many hands make light work!



Lyon Park is privately owned by the community and receives no support from Arlington County for the maintenance of its grounds and trees. Volunteers

care for our trees by monitoring their health, selective pruning, removal of dying and decayed trees and planting new trees. During the past 14 years, 28 new trees have been planted and 13 have died and been removed. This past fall, an oak tree and a mature redbud had to be removed. Our application for a Scarlet Oak was approved by the County's Tree Canopy Fund and the oak tree will be planted in May, near the former location of the redbud.

The Board of Governors have created a Grounds Committee headed by Steve Geiger. In addition to caring for the park's 68 trees, the committee is coordinating with the playground committee and formulating a 10-year tree plan. Stay tuned for updates on their progress. Feel free to contact Steve Geiger, miscsteve@comcast.net, 703-915-2922 or Bill Anhut, billanhut@yahoo.com, 301-908-8204 with comments or suggestions.



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