



THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

June 2026

President's Message

By Natalie U. Roy

It has been a busy time in Lyon Park, culminating with the 100th anniversary of the Lyon Park Fair featuring exciting pony rides and a mini petting zoo. The fair was packed with kids of all ages from seniors and gen Xers to teens and toddlers in the community. Kudos to Fair directors Darcy Rosenbaum, Paul Showalter, and Sharon Showalter for their inspiring leadership in organizing one of our community's beloved signature events.

We had a spirited discussion at our May LPCA meeting on a host of topics including the mixed-use development plans for the ARVA Site, (former Days Inn at the corner of Route 50 and Pershing Drive), and the plans to update Lyon Park's playground facilities. Our agenda also included an update from the head of the Tyndale School on Barton Street. The use permit for Tyndale is up for renewal, and the community has been asked to weigh in on that permit, and whether the permit conditions have been met by the school.

The community, via the civic association, LPCA, has also been asked to weigh in on the use permit renewal for the ARVA (Days Inn) site, which has seen no activity for many months. We anticipate taking formal votes at the June 10th LPCA meeting on both the Tyndale and Arva use permit renewals. If these issues are of concern to you, we encourage you to attend the June meeting, ask questions and weigh in by voting.

The Lyon Park playground committee has also been working extremely hard on developing a path forward to renovate the community playground. Many thanks to Mark Ilich the head of the committee and his team of volunteers for their dedication. There are many issues on the table including whether to expand the playground's existing footprint, add a play/climbing structure for older children, and establish new dedicated pathways and play spaces. The Lyon Park Board of Governors, the park stewards who oversee management of the community center and park, voted to move forward on the concept for some type of renovation. Key questions remain about the actual renovation plans, what does the community support and at what price. As you all know, we are uniquely fortunate in Lyon Park to own and maintain our park and community center. Like the community center building renovation years ago, community members will bear the responsibility of securing funds to make a new playground happen. Regardless of whether the funds come from local businesses, corporations, or individuals, the community collectively bears the ultimate responsibility of footing the bill because we own the park. Due to new stormwater management requirements, the price tag for one of the plans on the table is estimated to be \$1.3M+.

LPCA plans to hold a formal vote in September on the direction of the playground renovation. Five of the Lyon Park Board of Governors (BOG) are LPCA representatives and 5 hail from the Women's Club. These are the two constituent organizations that comprise the BOG. It is key to take the pulse of Lyon Park residents about the playground renovations to better inform LPCA reps to the BOG on an appropriate path forward, that best meets the needs of the at-large community.

I urge every Lyon Parker to come and weigh in on these important local issues. It takes a village and we need every one of you!

Upcoming Events

- 6/8** **Lyon Park Blood Drive**
12:00–5:00 p.m.
- 6/10** **LPCA Monthly Meeting**
7:00 p.m. Socializing;
7:30 p.m. Meeting Start
- 6/18** **Lyon Park Woman's Club
Potluck Lunch**
12:00 p.m.
- 6/28** **Lyon Park Picnic**
Save the date!



More pics of the 100th Spring Fair inside!

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Playground Quest: A Game Everyone Can Play!

By David Newman

Lyon Park is our shared backyard—a place where children play, neighbors gather, and community happens. Maintaining the park is the responsibility of the Lyon Park Community Center’s Board of Governors (the “BOG”), so when the BOG saw aging playground equipment and picnic tables needing replacement and on-going water drainage issues, the BOG authorized creation of a Playground Committee to gather community input, identify neighborhood priorities, and develop recommendations.

Over the past year, an all-volunteer Committee, led by Mark Illich, has widely distributed a survey, held conversations at community events and meetings, provided updates in this newsletter, delivered flyers throughout the neighborhood, and worked to keep you informed on <https://lyonpark.org/explore/parks-green-spaces/lyon-park-playground-renaissance/>.



Your collective input guided a playground design expert, whose work was funded by a generous donation. The expert sketches here and on the website reflect the general design plan. Finalizing the plan requires selection of the playground equipment, which happens at a later stage with further opportunity for community input.

What We Heard. Across multiple channels, community members expressed strong support for improving park drainage, replacing aging equipment, upgrading play surfaces, and adding play equipment for children 5–12. At the same time, neighbors emphasized the importance of protecting Lyon Park’s tree canopy, preserving the natural character of the park, and maintaining open play space and picnic areas. The proposed design strives to optimize the playground, while preserving the nature and spirit of Lyon Park.

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Design Elements:

- A rain garden to help capture and treat stormwater runoff
- Replacement of the equipment for children ages 2–5
- Addition of equipment for children ages 5–12
- Upgraded play surfaces to improve accessibility and the health and safety of our children and our trees
- Shifting the ages 2–5 play area away from the existing tree cluster and picnic tables to better protect critical root zones, expand picnic space, and make better use of the northwest portion of the park
- A second accessible entry path from 4th Street to improve access for strollers, wheelchairs, and others who need accommodation
- Preservation of the tree canopy. Only a small leaning cherry tree needs removal; while additional trees and native plantings will be in the project budget.
- If fundraising permits, free-standing play areas, such as a small playhouse village, balance play, or loose-parts play, may be added under existing shade trees.



As the project moves forward, the Committee will keep working with community members and organizations to ensure your priorities remain their priorities.

What Comes Next. The Committee will continue sharing information, answering questions, and gathering feedback at community meetings and events. Updates will be published in this newsletter, on the Lyon Park listserv, and at <https://lyonpark.org/explore/parks-green-spaces/lyon-park-playground-renovation/>.

Eligible community members will have an opportunity to vote on the plan. The results of that vote, and other inputs from engaged community organizations and members, will determine the future of this initiative. Even after this decision point, if the project moves forward, further community input will be welcomed on finer details. The next step will be fundraising, likely beginning with local businesses and potential institutional or corporate supporters, followed by outreach to neighbors seeking participation at a meaningful level.

Selection of playground equipment and plantings, with further community input, occurs after funding is in place. Comments, questions, and concerns about the overall plan can be sent to Playground Committee Chair Mark Illich at milich@mkdevelopmentllc.com and to David Newman and Ann Pitts at LPCCGovernors@gmail.com.

Lyon Park's Trees Have Been Mulched!

By Bill Anhut

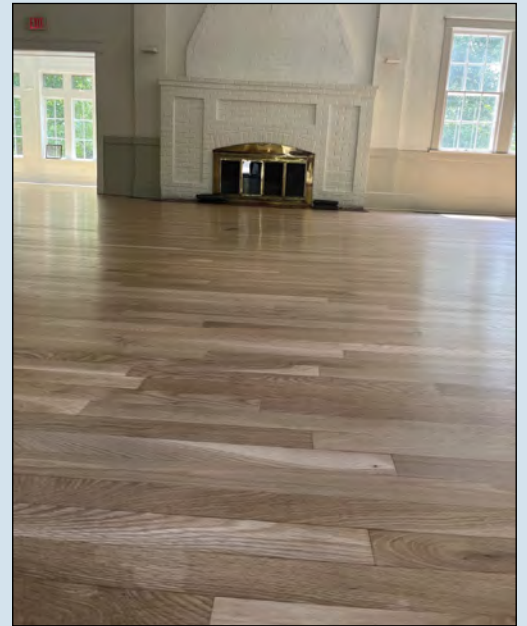
Anyone walking through Lyon Park on Sunday April 26 could not help but admire our beautiful park and the job 20 volunteers performed on Saturday April 25, mulching the park's 68 trees. Thank you to our community leaders, David Newman, Natalie Roy, Michael Kunkler, Elizabeth Sheehy, Steve Geiger and Paul Showalter for their participation and support. Thank you to Shelya White for baking delicious snacks for our volunteers. And a huge thank you to Jackson Sheehy, our number one volunteer, for his tireless work, enthusiasm and good humor!



We Were Floored!

By David Newman

The years had taken a toll on the hardwood floors of the Lyon Park Community Center, but spring has sprung and the floors have returned to their original luster thanks to Luis Reyes of L&A Floors, who originally installed the floors during the renovation! Come see, play, and dance, on the beautifully sanded and refinished floors of your community center!



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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 September newsletter is 8/10.

Please, Please Water Your Trees!

By Elaine Simmons

As of mid-May, Arlington was officially classified as being in “severe drought,” so our trees are hurting. Without regular downpours, our trees have not gotten the deep watering they need. A root ball can die from the bottom up, so shallow watering is not enough. This means that we must water deeply. There is no “one size fits all” for watering and I have seen a range of instructions. But all agree that young trees need more regular watering than older trees because they lack an established root system. We want their roots to reach down for water, not just spread out. That said, ALL trees need deep watering in times of drought.



Young trees: A good rule of thumb is 10 gallons of water per week for every inch of trunk diameter. That means, for example, that 1-, 1.5-, or 2-inch-thick trees need 10 / 15 / 20 gallons per week, respectively. Some estimates say 25 gallons a week. A 20-gallon water bag lets the water seep out slowly, as does running a soaker hose for hours. But if you only have a regular hose, you can place it a few inches from the trunk and let the water run on low flow. What do we mean by “low flow”? The photo shows a low flow of water that filled up a 2-gallon container in 4 minutes. So, for trees 1-to-2-inch in diameter, you would let the hose run 20 to 40 minutes at a time once a week—easy! Increase the time to 50 minutes in hotter, drier conditions or for larger young trees.

Mature trees: Older trees should be watered weekly in times of drought. A regular hose should be placed further from the trunk than for young trees—at least a foot, extending out to or even slightly beyond the drip line (the outer edge of the canopy). Let the hose run on low flow for at least 30 minutes. I spoil my trees and run it longer.

Other tips: water earlier or later in the day to reduce evaporation and apply mulch 3 inches deep and at least 3 inches from the trunk to help retain moisture and keep the soil cooler.

Trees beautify and cool our neighborhood, so we owe them good care. In addition to your own trees, please consider watering those on county property. And remember that water is much cheaper than removing a neglected, dead tree!



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2026 Lyon Park Spring Fair was Stupendous!

By Paul Showalter



The 100th Spring Fair was a beautiful day filled with fun, sugar, and ponies.

Setup for the Fair began on Friday with several people (David Grahn was a workhorse on both days) bringing all the tables and supplies out of the basement. Darcy Rosenbaum (our Spring Fair chair) (and son Benton) prepped 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 bounce house; cookies and other baked goods were sold at the Woman's Club bake sale; Troy's pizza slices were flying out of the oven and into hungry mouths; Llama's and chickens were painted on faces; popcorn, water and cotton candy were sold; and prizes were exchanged for prize tickets. We played numerous games of "Cake-A-Bout" in the sun (John Rosenbaum handled the MC duty like a pro). Our very own Layla Moustafa painted all the kids faces this year. She did another excellent job.

There were 10 different games for kids to play this year. This year, we were able to secure a petting zoo and pony rides for the children. There was always a line for the ponies, and the petting zoo animals fascinated the kids. This was sponsored by Bicycling Realty Group (Natalie Roy).



This event, like every event at Lyon Park, could not happen without a large group of volunteers. Many neighbors stepped in to help, and it was appreciated. We had several high school and college volunteers with us on Saturday. Leo Pegoraro was incredible all day on Friday and Saturday. We even had a crew of Middle and Elementary school students (Alex and Helen Peters (with their mother Claire), Benton Rosenbaum, and Dhilan and Ankush Bahl) running games. All volunteers worked tirelessly throughout the day to make sure everyone had fun—and we appreciate their efforts.

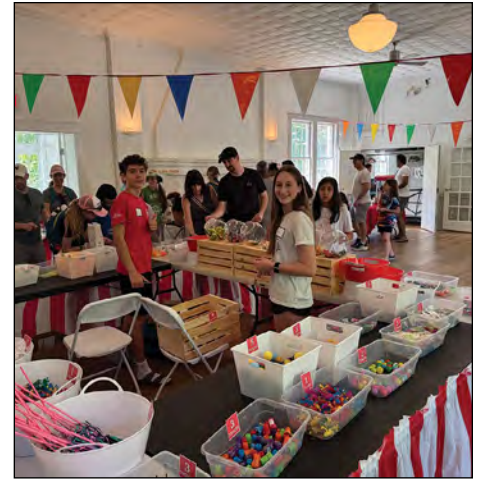
Special thanks to Theo Roiniotis and Billy Hans for sticking around and helping with the cleanup. They helped to pack away games, tents, and tables. They even carried everything into the basement. An extra special thanks goes to my wife Sharon, for not only helping with setup on Friday night, but working all day all over the park, and cleaning until the last box was packed away in the "little blue pickup truck."

Darcy Rosenbaum works tirelessly to produce an outstanding event for the community. We are lucky to have someone so committed to our neighborhood and willing to get involved.

If you like the Lyon Park t-shirts you see in the picture and want to purchase one, reach out to me at LyonParkEvents@gmail.com.

If you have a rising Freshman, sophomore, junior or senior who wants to volunteer in our community, have them reach out to LyonParkEvents@gmail.com. We have many volunteer opportunities during the Summer and Fall.

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



A Bee-utiful Outcome for the Bees in Our Tree

By Anne Bodine

On May 23, a huge branch fell from our large Ash tree during a storm in Lyon Park. We discovered the branch housed a large nest of honeybees (*Apis Mellifera* or European honeybees). As Virginia has recently experienced major colony collapses—and the European honeybee is our official “state pollinator”—we decided to try save the bees. We called in NoVa Beekeepers. Beekeeper Brad Gamon assessed we would need



a chainsaw and put the word out to beekeeper Scott Reid, who turned out the next day with saw and a trailer. Reid impressed us by sawing out the log containing the nest and bees, sawing it into quarters, reassembling it, and loading it for transport, while preserving the honeycombs and the all-important queen bee!! Reid assessed the nest contained 10,000–30,000 bees; he will relocate them into hives and help them recover.

I learned a lot about bees from Operation Save the Bees:

- Almost 90% of plant species require pollination by animals; bees are among the most important pollinators;
- Arlington Del. Patrick Hope is the one who got the bees designated as “state pollinator;”
- Bees need two things: a place to nest (like our huge Ash tree!) and flowers for food;
- 70% of species nest underground, the rest in hollow centers of shrubs/trees;
- Female bees spend their whole lives foraging on flowers, making them more fertile;
- Bees sleep several hours a night, and older bees need more sleep than young ones. They often pair off head-to-foot, both to stay warm and to keep from falling from honeycombs or flowers while they are sleeping;
- Bees navigate back home initially using the sun and Earth’s magnetic field. As they near the nest, they use memorized landmarks, and finally use scent to zoom in on pheromone markers;
- Bees do not like wild temperature swings;
- If threatened or harmed, the colony may “abscond” and abandon the nest;
- When any British monarch dies, royal bees are notified. Upon the death of Queen Elizabeth II, head beekeeper John Chapple said: “You knock on each hive and say, ‘The mistress is dead, but don’t you go. Your master will be a good master to you.’”

Lyon Park residents no longer get to host this large bee colony, but in our own way, we respected the bees in similar fashion, finding them a new home so they can continue their mission to sustain Virginia crops and plants. And we learned to appreciate our own trees even more, discovering how they shelter the literal worker bees of our planet.

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Should Lyon Park Host a Community Yard Sale in September?

Lyon Park has a history of hosting a community yard sale in early September, sometimes with tables both inside and outside the building. For many neighbors, it was a fun and convenient way to clear out unneeded things in their home, while helping others by selling those items at great prices. For others, it was an affordable way to ensure kids had what they needed for the new school year and to help fill household needs. We didn't have a yard sale last year, because we didn't have volunteers to run it. Are you willing to work with other neighbors to ensure we can hold one this year? Please let David Newman know by email to LPCCGovernors@gmail.com.



The Pets of Lyon Park

By Alex Peters

One of the most friendly dogs you'll see in Lyon Park is a dog named Willy. Willy is four years old and has lived with his family for about three years. Willy really enjoys eating apples along with his regular dog food. He also loves getting treats whenever he can. Willy is very friendly and is more interested in meeting people than playing with other dogs. Although he does not have many funny habits, he really likes to dig. Willy has a very playful personality. One of his favorite activities is playing fetch with his owner. Spending time outside and playing together has created many happy memories for them. Overall, Willy is a fun and friendly dog who brings joy to the neighborhood.



Lyon Park Woman's Club

Next meeting: June 18th at noon

The Woman's Club is for everyone, women & 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 info, contact Elizabeth Wray at ejswray@yahoo.com

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Restaurant Vibes: Bonchon Arlington

By Sophie Oberstein

The mission of chain restaurant, Bonchon, is “to share the joy of Korean comfort food around the world.” The Bonchon located on the far Eastern edge of Lyon Park has been sharing that joy for 13 years. Says the manager, who’s been there for ten of those years, “We’ve been here since the building we’re in opened and we stay here because everyone loves us—and we love everyone.” The owner of Bonchon Arlington (which translates to ‘my hometown; my roots’) also owns a location in Navy Yard, the only two DC area locations. On a beautiful Spring Tuesday evening, the manager’s words were apt, as we witnessed a brisk takeout business and plenty of diners both inside the spacious dining and bar areas, as well as in the outdoor patio area in front.

They’re especially busy on Mondays and Tuesdays at the moment because of their new dine-in only special, \$1 Korean fried chicken wings all day. They also have \$2 beer and \$3 wine Happy Hour specials, and kids eat free with a paying adult on Sundays.

The menu has three designations: Spicy, Fiery Spicy, and Must Try! My “Must Try” item was the Japchae, stir-fried glass noodles, with carrots, spinach, mushrooms, scallions and Bulgogi. The Soy Garlic sauce gave it excellent flavor and texture. Portions were generous and I took half of it home. When you place an order—by scanning a bar code on the table—you can add or subtract whichever ingredients you wish (for instance, I opted for no red pepper and extra scallion).

The star of the show at Bonchon is the Korean Fried Chicken, served with a complimentary side of pickled radish or coleslaw and one of five signature flavors (including the traditional Korean favorite, Yangnyeom, Korean BBQ, and Classic Crunch). The menu and website proclaim, “The Secret Behind Our Korean Fried Chicken? Hand battered, Double fried, and Hand brushed for the perfect crunch and flavor” (Not so secret, I guess). But the recipe must be worth it, as we overheard rave reviews from tables all around us.

There were few options for my vegetarian husband (Several sides, including a new Korean cucumber salad, Korean Street Corn, Edamame and Pickled Radish, Kimchi were available). He went with the Bibimbap with Tofu, expecting it to come in the sizzling hot stone bowl. It instead it came a room temperature bowl and was less flavorful than he hoped, but there was plenty of tasty hot sauce available which really enhanced the dish. The only dessert on the menu is the Korean donuts coated in sugar-cinnamon and served with sweet cream dipping sauce. One donut is 190 calories, which I know because calorie counts are included on the menu, for those who wish.

If you’re looking for some good casual dining with reasonable prices, fresh fare, and friendly service, try Bonchon Arlington in person or to go. They also make party bundles and “K-Meals” for sharing at gatherings.

Bonchon Arlington (2201 N. Pershing Drive, Suite E): Hours of Operation: Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Phone number: 703-528-1011. Visit <https://restaurants.bonchon.com/locations/va/arlington/2201-n-pershing-dr-suite-e.com> for additional information.



Volunteer Drivers Needed

By Mark Trachtman

Looking for a local volunteer opportunity? Want complete flexibility? Like to give a lift to a neighbor?

I've lived in Arlington for over 40 years and once I retired, I started looking for a way to give back to the community. Last fall I discovered [The Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church](#) (SCMAFC). It's an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that provides free transportation to seniors for medical and dental appointments or run errands to grocery stores and pharmacies. I volunteer my time and my car and get direct satisfaction by helping neighbors get to their doctor's appointments, or therapy, or Harris Teeter. The organization covers (as the name implies) McLean, Falls Church, and Arlington but I've chosen to provide rides mostly in Arlington (North Arlington, South Arlington, Culpepper Gardens), although you can choose rides from clients in any location. I've met some very charming folks who truly appreciate the service and I can fit rides into my often very unpredictable schedule (being retired is surprisingly full of things to do).



The Shepherd's Center is currently looking to recruit volunteer drivers in Arlington and I wanted to pass on their information. There's no minimum commitment. You're free to choose when and how often you drive. You can choose rides that are one-way or round trip. By volunteering your time and vehicle, you can have a direct impact on the health and well-being of older adults who may face challenges in accessing essential medical care. Volunteering with the Shepherd's Center: Strengthens our community by supporting our neighbors in need; Fits your availability with its flexible scheduling; Provides an opportunity for you to make meaningful connections with older adults. You get to meet wonderful folks, often with very interesting backgrounds and stories to tell. And you brighten their day with your companionship; and Gives you a sense of fulfillment knowing you've made a tangible difference in someone's life.

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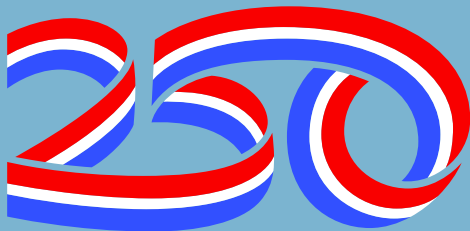
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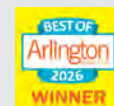
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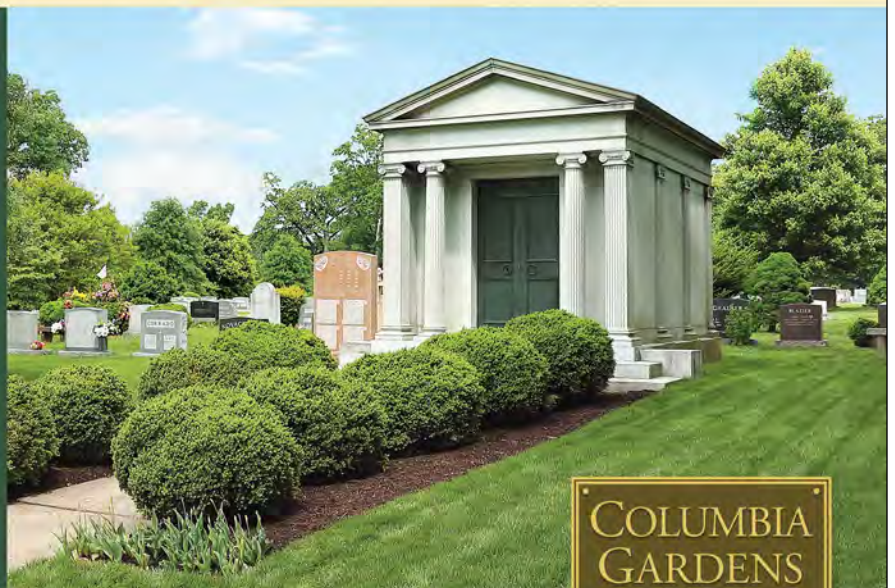
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