



THE LYON PARK CITIZEN

NEWSLETTER OF THE LYON PARK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

October 2026

President's Message

By Natalie Roy

Happy October! The month of Fall colors, colder weather and Halloween! Thank you to everyone who attended our busy September meeting and to everyone who stepped forward to run in our annual September elections for a spot on the LPCA's Executive Committee. We had one contested election for the President's position, with the rest of the positions voted in by acclamation.

LPCA officers for the upcoming year follow:

President: Natalie Roy

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VP of Development: Vacant

One position, VP of Development, is still on the hunt for an eager volunteer. This is a prime opportunity to make an impact and get immersed in a wide range of development and transportation issues in our neighborhood. It is the first position I held in the LPCA, and it was a rewarding experience. If you are interested, please shoot me an email at lpcapresidentnur@gmail.com.

Several LPCA committees and activities would also welcome volunteers including this month's Halloween Bonfire, the tree committee led by Elaine Simmons, The 2027 Lyon Park/Ashton Heights Porch Fest, The 2027 Home and Garden Tour group, and the newly formed Development Committee. It takes a village so please consider stepping forward and reaching out to anyone on the Executive Committee.

And finally, I want to thank the Lyon Park Playground Committee for their hard work and dedication bringing a comprehensive proposal to the Community, to be voted on this month. The proposal has elicited a spirited debate throughout Lyon Park. Issues on the table include whether to significantly expand our current playground to include an older children's play equipment with additional paths and play space, and whether we as a community support an estimated \$1.4M price tag to make that happen. The proposed project will also require substantial land use disturbance that will necessitate stormwater mitigation work. Keep in mind, our park is owned and maintained by the Lyon Park community and the fundraising will be the sole responsibility of residents, like what occurred with the Lyon Park Community Center's renovation.

There are three opportunities to vote in person on the playground proposal at the Lyon Park Community Center. Voting days and times are, October 4th 4:00–6:00 p.m., October 14th, 5:30–9:30 p.m. at the LPCA monthly meeting, and October 15th, 12:00–2:00 p.m., at the Lyon Park Woman's Club monthly meeting. You must be a current member of either the LPCA or the Lyon Park Woman's Club to vote. I hope everyone will show up and weigh in on this important vote for the community.

Upcoming Events

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

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| 10/4 | LPCC Meeting to Vote on Playground Renovation Plans
4:00-6:00 p.m. |
| 10/14 | LPCA Monthly Meeting and Vote on Playground Renovation Plans
5:30-9:30 p.m. |
| 10/15 | Lyon Park Woman's Club Potluck Lunch and Vote on Playground Renovation Plans
12:00–2:00 p.m. |
| 10/31 | Community Yard Sale, Bake Sale (& Cheese!)
8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. |
| 10/31 | Halloween Parade of Costumes
11:00 a.m. |
| 10/31 | Halloween Bonfire
6:30–9:00 p.m. |



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THE LYON PARK BONFIRE WILL BE HELD ON HALLOWEEN
OCTOBER 31 — STARTING AT 6:30PM

Lyon Park YARD SALE, Saturday, October 31

The Lyon Park Community Center will hold a yard sale on October 31, 2026, from 8 AM to 1 PM in Lyon Park. This is a rain-or-shine event.

Please note for this event, you must prepay, and the deadline is Saturday, October 24.

Unload all your accumulated trash – or **TREASURE!** Rent one space for \$15 or two for \$25.

Residents and guests (yoo hoo! Ashton Heights!!!) are encouraged to participate.

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This is the same day as the Lyon Park Parade of Costumes and the Women's Club bake sale!

For more information, or to volunteer to help, reach out to Jinder Gill at Harjinder_Gill@yahoo.com or Peggy Page at zzpage4@gmail.com.



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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!

Note: all listings have been verified as of August 2026. If your information was removed, and you would like it added back in, please contact lyonparkeditor@gmail.com.

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10/31: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Restaurant Vibes: The Angie

By Andrew Clary

The Angie, a new French-inspired restaurant in Ballston, offers a polished take on the neighborhood bistro experience, with an attractive dining room, classic dishes, and attentive service. My wife and I recently stopped in for dinner and left with a positive overall impression, though the high prices are worth keeping in mind.

The restaurant itself makes a strong first impression as you walk in. The space has a modern French bistro feel without leaning too heavily into traditional décor. It is bright, stylish, and very clean, with enough personality to make dinner feel like an occasion while still being comfortable for a casual night out. The atmosphere struck a nice balance between upscale and approachable.

We started with the tuna carpaccio, which ended up being one of the highlights of the meal. The thinly sliced tuna was fresh and tender, and the dish packed plenty of flavor. It was a light way to begin dinner but still felt satisfying.

For our entrées, my wife ordered the Duck au Poivre. The duck was cooked very well, with a nicely prepared exterior while remaining tender inside. She thoroughly enjoyed it, and the fries that came alongside it were a nice touch. I went with the Dover sole, another one of the more classic French offerings on the menu. The fish was delicate and flaky, with a rich, buttery sauce that complemented it nicely. Dover sole can be a relatively simple dish, so execution matters, and The Angie did a very good job.

We added the mashed potatoes and green beans to share. Unfortunately, these were probably the weakest part of dinner. Both were perfectly fine from a preparation standpoint, but we found them surprisingly bland compared with the rest of the meal. Given the quality and flavor of the main dishes, we were hoping for sides with a little more seasoning and personality, but were underwhelmed.

Dessert helped finish things on a stronger note. We ordered the crème brûlée, which had the classic combination you want: a crisp caramelized top over a smooth, creamy custard. It was simple but well executed.

Service throughout the evening was also very good. Everything moved at an appropriate pace, and the staff was attentive. The timing between the appetizers, entrées, and dessert was spaced appropriately. We had no complaints.

Overall, The Angie delivered a good dining experience, particularly with the tuna carpaccio, duck, and Dover sole. The atmosphere and service make it an appealing addition to Ballston's restaurant scene. The biggest caveat is price: dinner here can become expensive fairly quickly, especially once sides and drinks are added. Still, if you're looking for a polished French-inspired dinner in Arlington and don't mind spending a little more, The Angie is worth considering.).

The Angie (3901 Fairfax Dr.): Hours of operation: Sun-Thur 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Fri-Sat 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. Phone number: 703-263-8501. Visit <https://www.theangieva.com/> for additional information.



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By Barbara Ransom

Want to help keep all of us informed on what's going on in Lyon Park? The Lyon Park Citizen, our monthly newsletter, brings you all the news and events of our neighborhood as well as info on issues that impact us and our lives here. The newsletter and its distribution to all Lyon Park households is a 100% volunteer operation and a great way to meet people and help all of us stay on top on what's going on and great places to meet, eat, and have fun—like the Great Lyon Park Chili Cookoff, Pancake Breakfast, Plant Sale, Halloween bonfire, etc.

Our fearless Newsletter Distribution Coordinator, Kim Franklin, after years of service, has stepped down and passed the baton to Barbara Ransom of 3117 8th St N. We're presently looking for other Lyon Parkers who want to help and willing to distribute newsletters. It's only once a month and takes about 10 or 15 minutes. If you have a dog and have to walk around anyway, why not make it do double duty? For school kids, delivering these around your block (most have no need to cross a street) is a great way to get in that required community service time! There are other things to do as well. Please email Barbara at barbarasimoneliot@gmail.com if you're interested or what to know more! We're always looking to expand our network!.

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Chamber Music in the Neighborhood

By John Earle

Many neighbors in Ashton Heights and Lyon Park are already aware of and attending Friday Morning Music Club (FMMC) chamber music concerts at St. George's Episcopal Church on Fridays at noon. Concerts are free, with no tickets necessary. Free-will donations for FMMC are collected. Performers are professional and semi-professional musicians.

In October, FMMC is organizing the following concerts at St. George's:

October 2, noon. Poulenc: Trio for Piano, Oboe, and Bassoon. John Sutherland Earle, piano; Laurel Kuxhaus, oboe; Nancy Switkes (guest), bassoon • Brahms: Violin Sonata in A Major. Olga Yanovich (guest), violin; Irina Koulikova, piano • Chopin: Polonaise in E-flat Minor, op. 26, no. 2. Nocturne in D-flat Major, op. 27, no. 2. Waltz in A-flat Major, op. 34, no. 1. Victoria Bragin, piano.

October 9, noon. Brahms: Trio for Clarinet, Cello, and Piano, op. 114. Albert Hunt, clarinet; David Boyle, cello; Simon Finlow, piano • Beethoven: Piano Sonata No. 30 in E Major, op. 109. Seojin Heo, piano • Boucard: Suite Champêtre for Flute and French Horn. Takeaki Miyamae, flute; Mark Stanga, French horn.

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HAPPY Diwali

Save the date for food and fun

Join us as we celebrate Diwali at the Lyon Park Community Center on Sunday November 15. Diwali is much more than a festival of lights, it is a celebration of prosperity and new beginnings.

If you want to help with the Diwali event, email LyonParkEvents@gmail.com



Playground Renovation Information

Lyon Park residents have the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed renovation of the Lyon Park playground. The plan was developed by a team of volunteers on the Playground Committee (PC), established under the auspices of the Board of Governors (BOG) of the Lyon Park Community Center. Specifics about the proposal can be found at lyonpark.org. Members in good standing of the Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA) or the Lyon Park Womans Club (LPWC) are eligible to vote. Each individual is allowed only one vote regardless of membership in both organizations. LPCA members must be 18 years old to vote. If eligible to join either group, you can join and pay your dues when you come to vote.

Voting times (all at the Lyon Park Community House at 414 N. Fillmore Street):

- Weekend LPCC Meeting: Sunday, October 4, 4:00-6:00 pm
- Evening LPCA Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-9:00 pm (extended hours)
- Daytime LPWC Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 12:00-2:00 pm

The ballot language:

Should the Lyon Park Community Center, which is comprised of the membership of the Lyon Park Citizens Association (LPCA) and the Lyon Park Woman's Club, approve the Playground Committee's proposed playground redesign, to be funded by the community through donations by residents and community businesses, at an estimated cost of \$1.352 million? The design includes replacing the existing ages 2-5 play equipment, adding ages 5-12 equipment, removing the tire swing, adding accessible pathways and child-safe play surfaces, upgrading the picnic tables and trash cans, and fulfilling the corresponding rainwater mitigation requirements of Arlington County. As proposed, the estimated area around the equipment for ages 2-5 and 5-12 would be roughly 4,500 sq. ft., as compared to the approximately 1,200 sq. ft. sandbox around the current equipment for ages 2-5. The total net change in play area, taking into account all proposed changes, is estimated to add roughly 2,200 sq. ft. of play area, after removing the tire swing, but including the rain garden.

What a YES vote means:

- The BOG will authorize the Playground Committee (PC) to continue its design process using the approved guidelines. The specific design details are currently 30% complete, but the general guidelines – including the expansion needed for adding playground equipment for older children, as presented by the committee – will not change. The amount of additional playground space required is dependent on the equipment that is selected.
- The Fundraising Subcommittee of the PC will begin soliciting pledges to cover the estimated \$1.352 million cost. Commitments or pledges will not be collected until sufficient funds have been raised to begin phase 1 (\$950K)
- No work will begin until the funds for phase 1 have been 100% collected
- A YES vote suggests approval of the expanded playground area and the new accessible pathways in the southeast corner, and an understanding of the need for the community to financially support the project.

What a NO vote means:

- The question of how to replace the aging playground equipment will return to the BOG for further consideration. It is the hope that, after considering lessons learned, the BOG will aim to develop a new approach, in coordination with the LPCA, LPWC and interested community members, and solicit volunteers for a new, or reconstituted, playground committee.
- Based on the survey results and discussion at the three September information meetings, there is general agreement that the current playground and its surrounding area require updates and improvements.
- A NO vote will not end the discussion about playground renewal, because the BOG recognizes we must plan now for replacement of the current equipment for ages 2-5, at a minimum.

Paying It Forward—Lyon Park Style

By Shelya White

Lyon Park recently was gifted a stunning red & white striped tent that has been a central player at many Lyon Park events. Longtime neighbor Shelya White and her family donated the tent to honor her late husband, Robert White. Shelya and Robert and their 4-year-old son Steven moved to Lyon Park into their original house across from the park in 1973. Theirs is a lovely Lyon Park story:

Our two boys (now 56 and 43—yep 13 years apart, I was career-focused and suddenly realized I was 33 years old so...), and our five grandchildren (now 21, 17, 14, 9, and 7) all have played in Lyon Park. Several years after moving into our early 1900's house, we did a major renovation and removed a clawfoot tub that was beyond refurbishing. We put it in the backyard as a lark and put goldfish in it, won from the Lyon Park Spring Fair; they survived the winter. So we dug a hole, put the tub in it and the fish lived many happy years in that environment. We later dug up the tub and made a medium-sized pond lined with polyethylene for them; they survived for many more years. When our current house was built in 2008 we had a proper pond built as a permanent home for the beloved fish. Throughout the years, the original Lyon Park goldfish were paramount, supplemented with a few fantails and a few other varieties. One year we actually saw some of the goldfish trying to swim up the waterfall as though they were salmon—it was awesome! One morning our three beautiful 7-inch fantails were laid out side by side, dead. Robert was upset...saying he wouldn't be so angry if the racoon had eaten the entire fish because it was starving, but he was mad because it had only eaten the brains!

Such a small thing...a neighborhood fair, a kid throwing rings around rubber duckies and winning a few fish, resulting in close to 40 years of happiness from those fish for our family. Robbie, my youngest son, won the fish that started us on our pond journey, and says he vividly remembers the day he won the fish at the Fair. Lyon Park and all the events we sponsor there are so very important. We may never know what memory-makers we have sparked, but I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all that what we do has impacted little lives into adulthood (and families).

When Paul announced at a LPWC meeting that he was looking into the cost of tents to buy for the Fair, I knew buying a tent in Robert's honor would be a perfect tribute to him. Sadly, just a few weeks after he passed away in March 2025, all the fish died, I hadn't been paying attention to them the past couple of months and string algae had invaded. I started over with a new batch of fish this Spring and they're already producing babies!



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 10/10.

Lyon Park Woman's Club Next meeting: October 15th 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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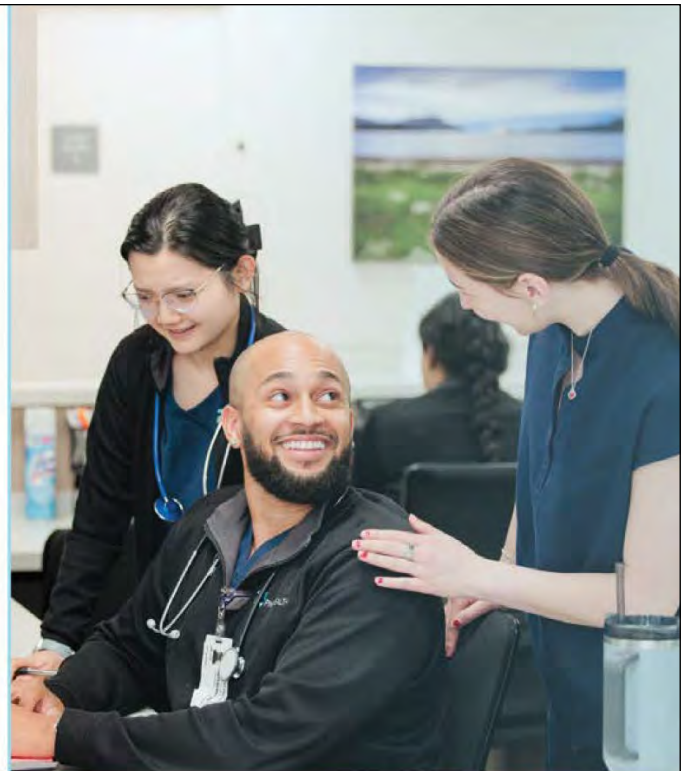


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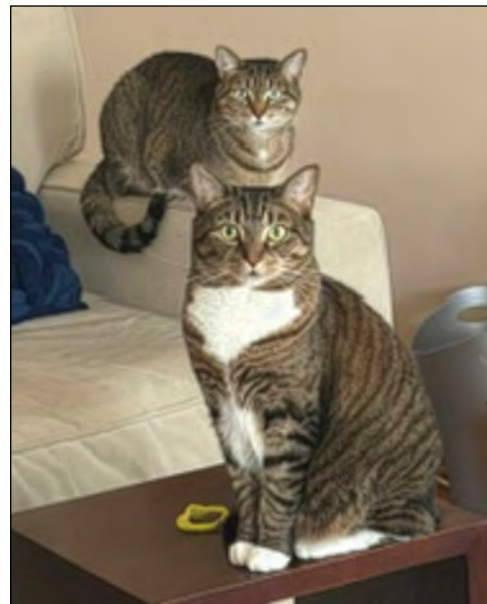
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The Pets of Lyon Park

By Alex Peters

Coco and Anka are two of the most adorable pets in Lyon Park. They were adopted by the Rathod-Gregoriou family in the summer of 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, when they were only three months old. Both cats love playing with pipe cleaners and pom-poms. Coco especially enjoys playing fetch with her toys. Anka has a very loud meow that she uses to let her family know when she finds a toy. Her meow sounds so dramatic that it sometimes, it sounds like she is dying. Both cats are on a special diet prescribed by their doctor. However, Anka loves stealing crumbs of cornbread whenever she gets the chance. Coco also likes licking sweet potatoes, so her family has to hide them. These two cats have funny personalities and bring lots of joy to their family.



Fall Family Celebration

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English Ivy: A Noxious Invasive We Must Eliminate

By Elaine Simmons

English ivy is a tough, drought-tolerant ground cover found all over our East Coast and Europe. But make no mistake: it is the arch enemy of trees and native plants everywhere. This plant initially spreads on the ground, smothering wildflowers and tree seedlings, but it can climb up to 90 feet on trees, which puts each tree in grave danger. English ivy adds weight and volume to trees, which makes them susceptible to blowing over; it blocks trees' foliage from sunlight; it steals moisture and nutrients from tree roots; and it encourages trunk rot. Some poor trees look literally strangled by this invasive.



Unfortunately, Virginia has not banned the sale of this harmful plant, though starting in January, retailers must post official warning signs identifying English ivy as an invasive and encouraging alternatives. OK, that helps, but a huge problem is with existing plants that residents have allowed to get out of control. English ivy in yards has spread to forests and roadside trees and once you notice this ugly infestation it is hard to “unsee” it. My husband and I were recently in Ireland, which has quite low forest cover (11% vs 36% in the US). We loved the gorgeous countryside but were heartbroken to see so many of the few trees they have engulfed in English ivy.

What can you do to help? Start by eliminating it from your own yard. Pull out all vines running along the ground and cut the vines running up trees at the base of the tree—without cutting the tree bark! If you google “How to safely cut English ivy off trees” there is plenty of information. The ivy will keep coming back but if you keep fighting it, it will eventually die—and you will feel triumphant!

I am one of several volunteers who have saved trees from this scourge on private, county and federal property so you can also reach out to me on email at elainersimmons@earthlink.net. I am happy to come over and discuss and implement a “war plan.” I also plan to start dropping notes off at homes with nice trees endangered by ivy and offer to get rid of it. As we lose canopy to development, drought, and disease, we desperately need more healthy trees, so please contribute to a better future for Arlington.

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/>



Treasurer's 2026 Report for the Lyon Park Citizen's Association

By Lynn Shotwell

The Lyon Park Citizen's Association (LPCA) ended fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026) with a cash balance of \$27,287. This is due to the support of our newsletter advertisers—our primary source of income. Membership revenue was down \$5,000 from the previous year.

Net income was \$4,024, an increase of \$2,341 from the previous year. Total income was \$1,673 greater than the previous year while total expenses were \$668 less. The Spaghetti Dinner is our only neighborhood event that produced net revenue.

Is Your LPCA Membership Up-To-Date?

It's easy to find out! Simply go to lyonpark.org, and under the **Connect** menu bar, select [Check Your Membership Status](#)

Category	Year Ending 6/30/2026	Year Ending 6/30/2025
INCOME		
Advertising Revenue	22,205	20,735
Donations	438	103
Membership Dues	2,168	2,669
Spaghetti Dinner	55	
Other Income	379	10
TOTAL INCOME	25,245	23,517
EXPENSES		
Business Operating Expenses	1,319	2,054
Civic Federation Dues	68	0
LPCA History project	0	-2,591
Blood Drive	495	830
Food Truck Social	0	45
Halloween Bonfire	545	423
Holiday Party	71	959
Newsletter	18,701	19,813
Misc.	0	623
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,199	21,834
Net Income	4,024	1,683



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