

The

**Lyon Park**



**Citizen**

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## President's Message

By Erik Gutshall

While doing some Christmas shopping in Clarendon it struck me how incredibly blessed we are to live here. Now I know that "blessed" is a verb fraught with religious meaning in an era where a great deal of thought is given to the place of religion in our civic society, but it's the term that best describes how I feel. Secularists should feel free to exchange "blessed" with "lucky" Whomever I choose to ascribe my good fortune to, I think it's appropriate to stop and recognize just what a wonderful place we live in.

There I was, surrounded by a loving family all dressed in the latest fashions, Christmas carols ever-present in the background, stunningly beautiful displays of exquisite merchandise to choose from, and I felt blessed. Not because I'm really into material things, but because I know that being right here, right now puts me in an incredibly small fraction of the most privileged of all humanity. Think about it, really.

Even in these secular times, the requisite conclusion for every political speech remains, "God Bless America." Like most Americans, I believe that our experimental democracy has yielded the greatest nation in human history with unparalleled advances in agriculture, industry, and science which give us a standard of living envied around the globe. While I may join those who question the direction this grand experiment is headed, I do not diminish the enormous successes of the past.

If America is blessed, then Arlington County is even more so for its rich tradition of citizen involvement, incredible foresight in planning, and phenomenal success in promoting economic development while maintaining a great quality of life.

Alas, we are the truly exalted few who live in Lyon Park, one of the most sought-after neighborhoods in the already praised Arlington County, nestled in the capital of the greatest nation on Earth.

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### Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2005, 7:30 P.M.

Lyon Park Community House  
414 North Fillmore Street

### Hot Topics

- **Max Lot Coverage** - At our January meeting, we will discuss the pros and cons of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment to limit the permissible coverage on single-family lots. See pg. 4.
- **Neighborhood Conservation Plan** - We will continue our review of the draft plan at January's meeting, focusing this month on Parks and Parking. Draft chapters may be reviewed at [www.lyonpark.org](http://www.lyonpark.org) - click "What's New." Pg. 5
- **Clarendon Sector Plan** - The County has released a draft version of this important plan with lots of pretty pictures, some substance, and some blanks to fill in yet. Download a copy from the "Documents Area" of [www.planclarendon.com](http://www.planclarendon.com). Direct questions and feedback to [mmbondi@msn.com](mailto:mmbondi@msn.com).
- **Lyon Park Traffic Committee** - Development VP Dan Roelker has agreed to head up a new Traffic Committee to work with a consultant to craft a master plan for Lyon Park which addresses speeding, safety, and cut-through issues without pushing one street's problems onto surrounding streets. See pg.6.

Thanks to **Hot Shotz** in Clarendon for providing complimentary gourmet coffee at LPCA meetings.

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## Minutes from the December 8 Meeting

By Rob Dunn

Lyon Park’s new police liaison, **Officer Michelle Sagatov** of the 2nd District React Team, was on hand for an update on crime in Lyon Park. Since many attendees were unaware of this, we were pleased to hear that you can use email to notify **Officer Sagatov** of suspicious activity or even to request extra observation of your house during times when you are out of town. Her email is [Mkaping@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Mkaping@arlingtonva.us). Her phone number is 703.228.3600 x9582.

Neighborhood Conservation VP **Melissa Bondi** issued a handout “Lyon Park Neighborhood Conservation Plan: Infrastructure” summarizing potential NC projects by street. She also presented a Powerpoint briefing explaining NC Plan history, goals and objectives. NC improvements are funded through a \$10M County bond over two years, and a complete and coherent NC plan is our neighborhood’s ticket to receive future funding for improvements. This is the first Lyon Park NC Plan update in **32 years** and Lyon Park was badly in need of this. Melissa’s work will help shape Lyon Park’s future well into the next generation. We are lucky when one of us steps up to the plate and devotes this considerable amount of time and energy to such a far-reaching task.

Development VP **Dan Roelker** will reconstitute the Traffic Committee in January for the purpose of interviewing a traffic consultant to perform a study for Lyon Park. Lyon Park’s approach is to solve our traffic issues in a fair and holistic way that does not pit street against street.

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## President’s Message

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What’s important now, I propose, is that we continue to work hard for even more advances and to spread these blessings to all our children. Being surrounded by affluence everyday has a tendency to make us believe this is “normal.” The real truth is very few people spend \$4 on a cup of coffee or have ready access to home furnishings only available to the very rich just a few generations ago. For Lyon Park is only truly blessed so long as we continue to reach out to others and never take our wonderful community for granted.

## Membership

By Susan Phillp

Below is the list of LPCA members who have paid dues for 2004-05, received by December 24, and the list of Life - Time members. Unfortunately, the list does not take up much space because LPCA's paid membership is the lowest it has been in recent years (less than half of what it was last year). The LPCA, however, is more active than ever, playing a critical role in monitoring development and working to protect the interests of our community. The LPCA needs your support. If your name is not on the list, please fill out a membership form (also included in this month's newsletter) and send it, along with a check for \$10, to LPCA, 414 N. Fillmore Street, Arlington, VA 22201.

### Life-Time Members

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Ethier, Michael & Elaine  
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Reeder, Marlin & Barbara  
Renko, DeAnna  
Revollo, Emma  
Robinson, Rich & Sue  
Roelker/Treitl, Daniel/Berta  
Roggen, David & Yael  
Rohrback, John  
Ruge/MacVittie, Andy/Lisa  
Salotti/Betterton, Christopher/Constance  
Savela/Amel, Terry/Dean  
Scherf, Margaret  
Seabold/Hambric, John/Donna  
Selario, Jim & Sheila  
Sheehy, Elizabeth & Thomas  
Shepardson, William & Emily  
Shideler/Gabrielyan, John/Victoria  
Siegal/Flack, Gregg/Jill  
Silverson, John & Winifred  
Smaldone, Jerry & Lynn  
Smith, Paul & Marianne  
Stutsman, James  
Sullivan, Joan  
Svarcas, Rita  
Swift, Luther (Luke)  
Tober, Alan & Karen  
Turvene/Hopkins, David/Tracy  
Vogelson, Bill & Marjorie  
Ward, Ray  
Welch, Sean & Laura  
Whelan, Teresa & Dave  
Whitaker, Matthew  
Wilder, Leslie & Tracy  
Wills, Clarence & Deborah  
Wilson, Gregory & Alvera  
Wilson, Evelyn  
Wray, Elizabeth S.  
Yauger, David & Dina  
Zane/Wydra, Phillip/Denise

# Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment Would Reduce Lot Coverage in Lyon Park

By Erik Gutshall

There are two proposals floating around to decrease the maximum permitted lot coverage for single-family homes. The LPCA will discuss these options and vote on whether to support either of them at our January meeting. Coverage reduction is the final issue to be examined by the County Board following previous action to address building height,

building setbacks, and pipestem development.

The Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) has recommended the County Board amend the Zoning Ordinance replacing the current flat coverage rate of 56% with a graduated scale depending on the zoning district, with bonuses for front porches and detached garages and a cap for the main building footprint on oversized lots. Under this proposal, most of Lyon Park west of Washington Blvd. in the "R-6" District would have a maximum permitted coverage of 40%, while most of Lyon Park east of Washington Blvd ("R-5") would have a maximum coverage of 45%, before bonuses.

The County Manager's recommendation, meanwhile, applies the ZORC proposed reduction to new construction but includes a "grandfather" clause for existing homes such that the new lot coverage limits only apply if you move more than 50% of the exterior walls

Zoning District	R-5	R-6
Maximum Lot Coverage	45%	40%
Maximum Lot Coverage with front porch (3% bonus)	48%	43%
Maximum Lot Coverage with rear detached garage (5% bonus)	50%	45%
Maximum Lot Coverage with rear garage and front porch	53%	48%
Maximum Main Building Footprint Coverage	34%	30%
Max. Main Building Footprint Coverage with a front porch	37%	33%
Main Buildings Cap	2040 sf	2160 sf
Main Buildings Cap with a front porch	2200 sf	2376 sf
Percentage of existing houses countywide which would be in compliance	~90%	~95%

<u>PROs</u>	<u>CONs</u>
Both proposals are an attempt to mitigate the most egregious examples of infill development which are dramatically out of scale and character with the rest of the neighborhood.	These changes represent a reduction in existing private property rights. These changes would not significantly reduce "tear-down" construction in Lyon Park.
ZORC proposal applies to both additions and new construction	ZORC proposal may actually encourage tear-downs by making it more difficult to build an addition within the new coverage requirements
County Manager's proposal applies to new construction only	Grandfather clause may be significant loophole diminishing the ability to protect the character of the neighborhood.
Both proposals encourage traditional features of front porches and detached garages.	Coverage limits may encourage taller and bulkier homes to maximize square footage in a given footprint.
Both proposals include driveways to address excessive runoff from paved areas	Even gravel driveways are counted and there is no recognition or incentive for "green strips" between tire tracks.

of the house or increase its footprint by more than 100%. Additions below these thresholds could be built under the existing/grandfathered 56% coverage requirement.

Both proposals recommend expanding the definition of coverage to include decks over 4 feet tall.

## Conservation News: Projects Update

By Melissa Bondi

The traffic calming project on Fillmore (between Arlington Blvd. and Pershing Drive) is effectively complete, bringing to an end an endeavor several years in the making. While we've learned some valuable lessons on some aspects of design & installation (such as not locating utility poles and signs in the sidewalks themselves) I think, overall, the project has improved conditions for pedestrians and drivers alike.

At our December funding round, Lyon Park and Ashton Heights were awarded additional planning funding for an NC project on Irving Street, between 2nd Road and Pershing Drive. Street improvements such as curb, gutter, sidewalks, and a grass utility strip will be installed after localized topographical issues are resolved. This NC project will supplement the traffic calming project dollars also planned for Irving from Pershing to Arlington Boulevard. Thanks very much to Moira Seacrest and Jim Feaster of Ashton Heights, whose work made this funding & progress possible.

Installation of the NC project on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, from Fillmore to Garfield, was ongoing as of December. Unfortunately, a gas line, not marked on the engineering plans, was discovered in October, which halted construction while engineers re-configured the plans. In late November, construction resumed, and we are working with the block captains and neighbors on additional questions that have arisen with the installation. While the project hasn't gone as smoothly as we'd like, County staff is committed to working with our neighborhood to complete the hardscape construction over the holidays, with landscaping treatments and additional elements to follow next Spring. The street won't be resurfaced until the construction work is complete and we have warmer temperatures, also likely in late Spring. If you have any questions on this project, or if you live on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and are not on my email list, please contact me.

We continue to have four projects (the maximum permitted) in the funding queue for future rounds. Those projects are: Cleveland Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to Washington Boulevard, Hudson from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Washington to Highland, and Daniel from Washington to 9<sup>th</sup>. These are all worthy, neighbor-driven projects that will compete, one at a time, for consideration in future rounds - our next funding session will be in June 2005. Please let me know if you have any questions on any of these projects.

Last, NCAC has undergone a tremendous period of

growth and activity in the past two years. With additional staff, funding, and interest in the program, we're gaining additional experience on how to estimate, scope, and build projects in our neighborhoods. Projects are more comprehensive than ever before, often including storm drain, utility, and other infrastructure improvements.

They are also more expensive - an existing, if informal, \$250,000 'cap' on project costs may be re-examined next year as a result of increasing costs and the wider scope of improvements that have come under the NC project banner. This means that more projects will be separated into Phases for construction, and that competition for funding will be more intense through the program. We'll look to alternate funding sources to supplement our projects (such as Missing Links, Neighborhood Traffic Calming, Department of Environmental Services project dollars, Parks Enhancement Grants, and others,) which will also make them more competitive at funding rounds.

Thanks for all your great ideas, your volunteer time, and your support of the Neighborhood Conservation program.

## Development Corner

By Dan Roelker

### Lyon Park Projects

#### Lyon Park Traffic Study.

Last year the LPCA voted to have a comprehensive traffic study funded in this year's budget. We are going to be starting this process in January and we're asking for volunteers who would like to be involved. For those of you who don't know, Lyon Village did a similar traffic study in the past and based off of this study were able to support many of the enhancements that were done to their residential streets.

The process will consist of assembling a subcommittee for this project, clearly stating the goals of this traffic study, interviewing a traffic consultant, and presenting the findings to the LPCA. Hopefully, this study will be done in time to be incorporated into the Neighborhood Conservation Plan that Melissa Bondi is heading up.

Drop me a note if you're interested ([djr@idsresearch.org](mailto:djr@idsresearch.org))!

### Pending Projects

#### Faison (Harris Teeter).

The developer anticipates filing its site plan in February 2005, and may want to come back to present to our civic association, but no formal site plan review meetings will be scheduled for several weeks. The block in question is also within the purview of the Clarendon Sector Plan update, which is also not yet completed. We'll keep you updated as we know more.

### Project Decisions

#### Woodbury Park.

The minor site plan amendment request was approved by the County Board in December. Two notes of interest are that a misting fountain/water feature (which had been on the chopping block) was saved, and a retaining wall and grading changes were significantly improved through re-engineering. This project was a success in that these proposed changes were treated as a minor site plan amendment process, thus providing the community with an opportunity for input. We look forward to the completion of the project!

### Retail

#### Molly Malones.

Washington Boulevard and Wilson Boulevard... You guessed it, this is an Irish Pub. This looks like a great neighborhood bar, and the food looks good, too - mostly traditional dishes like Fish & Chips and Shepherd's Pie. Stop in sometime, check out the original metal-tiled ceiling, and support this Clarendon restaurant.

#### Tallula.

Washington Boulevard and North Pershing Drive. I mentioned this one in the last newsletter, and it's now open. If you haven't had a chance to visit, please do. The general manager, David Pressley, is a great host, so stop by, say hi, and let him know what you think. First impressions: unique and great-tasting dishes, an impressive wine list, and a bit more fancy than your average Clarendon fare!

## New Courthouse DMV

Swell news from the DMV: a satellite office (DMV Select) has returned to the second floor of the County government building at Courthouse Plaza! This is a cooperative effort between the offices of the Commissioner of Revenue and Treasurer. At the new DMV Select, you can register and title your motor vehicles, change your address, purchase license plates and decals (this includes specialized plates), handicap plates, and driver transcripts. In addition, if you sold or donated a vehicle, you can return the license plates to us and both the DMV and County computer systems will be updated. If you need any of these DMV services, stop by at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 218. DMV Select is open from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Long Branch News

By Celia Slater

### Boundary Process Looks Positive for Long Branch

The Superintendent's recommendations to the School Board concerning the boundary and enrollment adjustment process were presented formally at a School Board meeting on December 16. These recommendations are now available online at <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/facilities/northboundary/boundnorthsupt1210.pdf>.

The only recommendation involving Long Branch is a suggestion to consider in two years moving a new planning unit 2414 from Arlington Science Focus to Long Branch. The planning unit includes a new apartment building at Woodbury Park expected to be open in 2006 that could include approximately 30 children.

The School Board will take public comments at a January 6 public hearing before making its final decision on January 20. While the School Board can decide to make additional changes beyond those recommended by the Superintendent and the Boundary and Adjustment Enrollment Committee, it appears that no children will be moved out of the current Long Branch neighborhood.

Thanks to all our community members who have worked so hard to keep our school together. Our hard work has made a real difference!

### Long Branch Families Adopt-A-Family Holiday Program

To help spread holiday cheer to families in need, Long Branch adopted 12 Arlington County families in a partnership with Northern Virginia Family Services. Each grade level, K-5, adopted two families. The program was a resounding success and gathered many donations, from practical things like winter coats to toys for young children. The outreach effort ties into Long Branch's "service to others" and "families working together" themes that our community is trying to focus on.

### Holiday Concert

Almost 90 fourth and fifth-grade musicians and singers entertained the Long Branch community in a holiday program in December. The Holiday Concert included a blend of chorus and instrumental students, and featured singing, dancing, and lively musical performances. Long Branch is fortunate to have two excellent teachers, Ron Jabobus and Estelle Roth, who orchestrated the program.

### Skating Event Rescheduled

The roller skating event for Long Branch families and friends at Thomas Jefferson Middle School will be rescheduled for sometime in January, February, or March.

## Lyon Park Holiday Party

By Jill Flack

Once again, the Lyon Park Christmas party was a success! Many neighborhood families gathered for the annual event, which is hosted by the Lyon Park Community Center Board of Governors. The club house was festively decorated and warmed by a roaring fire. As in the past, the night's entertainment began with master storyteller Greg Bramham, who told wonderful Christmas tales to the transfixed children. After that, Greg led the group in a chorus of holiday songs. Much to everyone's delight, Santa Claus arrived as the songs ended. The children then gathered around him (no reindeer were seen, but we are certain they were waiting with the sleigh on the roof). Santa Claus dispensed gifts to happy children as they each sat on Santa's lap and recited their gift list.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the Christmas party a success including, Peggy Weidenhamer, Elizabeth Wray, Janine Velasco, Renee & Erik Gutshall, Jill Flack, Greg Branham and all those who brought samplings of holiday cookies. And, of course, many thanks to Santa Claus!

### Articles Needed!

Articles for the February issue of the *Lyon Park Citizen* are due by January 20. Please submit to **Shirley Larson** at [fam-lars1@juno.com](mailto:fam-lars1@juno.com) or 33 N. Garfield Street, 22201.

## Book Club

By Tracy Hopkins, Scribe

### Top Picks for 2004

So, is your New Year's Resolution to read more books? Here are the books that the Lyon Park Book Club particularly enjoyed in 2004. Happy reading!

*The Book of Salt*, Monique Truong,

*Bangkok 8*, John Burdett

*Life is So Good*, George Dawson and Richard Glaubman

*My Family and Other Animals*, Gerald Durrell

*The Stone Diaries*, Carol Shields

If you are interested in learning more about the Lyon Park Book Club, please contact Tracy Hopkins, thopkins@comcast.net or 703-528-3438.

## Upcoming Community House Events

- **Duplicate Bridge**, Every Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
- **Bluegrass CABOMA** (Capital Area Bluegrass Old-time Music Association,) 2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month, 2:00 P.M. - 6 P.M
- **St. Hildegard's Old Catholic Church** meets at the Lyon Park Community Center on Sunday at 10 A.M. Please call: Fr .Stan at 703-528-1825 or go to [www.sthildegards.org](http://www.sthildegards.org)
- **Senior Aerobics** meets every Tuesday and Thursday 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. Call Debra Murphy at 703-250-6080.
- **Woman's Club** - Tuesday, January 25, 12 Noon, Potluck Lunch. See you there at the Community House!

## Lyon Park Citizens Association Membership Form

The LPCA Membership cycle and fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. Membership in LPCA supports many neighborhood activities. Please complete this form and mail with a \$10 check per household payable to LPCA, c/o Membership Chair, 414 N. Fillmore St., Arlington, VA, 22201.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

To be an LPCA member you must be 18 years of age or older and own or lease a residence within Lyon Park boundaries (Arlington Boulevard, Irving Street, and Tenth Street). You must be an LPCA member to get member rates to rent the Community House. LPCA does not currently accept applications for membership from organizations, companies, or former residents who have moved elsewhere.

### Community Interests (check all that apply)

- Conservation
- Development
- Spring Garden Tour

- Traffic
- Park Clean Up
- Holiday Craft Fair

- Spring Fair
- Co-Chair Spring Fair
- Newsletter

- All Purpose Volunteer
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Classifieds

**Teenagers:** Do you baby-sit, cut grass, or do odd jobs? We'll print your classified ad for FREE. Come on, make some money and get mom off your case. Email Rob Dunn at dunnlpca@msn.com. Baby-sitters please tell us if you are CPR Certified. We publish other classified ads at the rate of \$3.00 per line or portion thereof.

**Babysitting:** Rachael Siemon-Carom, age 16, CPR certified, 703-465-5091.

**Nanny, Susana Rivera** available on Fridays. Excellent references. (703) 486-0370

**Light Tree Work:** call Mike at: 703-920-0101

**General Yard Work:** call Mike at 703-920-0101.

## Rent the Lyon Park Community House! Call 703-527-9520

New Rates Effective January 1, 2005

Mon - Fri day use \$20.00/hour

Mon - Thur 6 - 10 P.M.

Members \$ 80.00

Non-Members \$100.00

Fri/Sat/Sun (evening 6 - 10 P.M.)

Members \$250.00

Non-Members \$400.00

Weekends/Holidays

Half Day (8 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. or 3:30 - 10 P.M.)

Members \$250.00

Non Members \$400.00

Full Day 8 A.M. - 10 P.M.

Members \$400.00

Non-Members \$550.00

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## Woman's Club

Tuesday, January 25. 12 Noon, Potluck Lunch.

See you there at the Community House!