



Lyon Park Citizen

February 2017

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President's Message

Winter is here, and what better way to chase away the blues than by attending the Neighbor Social on Wednesday, February 8? In the past, this has been a very popular event.

Are you new to the neighborhood? We can't wait to meet you. Have you lived here for decades but never been to an LPCA event? This meeting is a great place to start. Are you a long time member? Great—bring a friend!

This meeting will be an opportunity mainly to visit with friends new and old. We will also briefly introduce the LPCA and its executive committee, and explain how the community house functions.

We will have food, drinks, and good cheer to offer. The community center's doors will open at 7 and we'll receive a brief update from our community police officer and do introductions at 7:30. After that, it's social time to get to know your neighbors.

Hope to see you there!

Christa Abbott, LPCA President

We're Looking for Volunteers

We need volunteers soon, immediately, yesterday, and tomorrow to maintain Lyon Park's magic.

Often, we need donations of 2 hours. We need all kinds of things—people who rake, paint, serve dinners, know the topside of a calculator, can track a web site, might send a message to the listserv once a month, can bake, are able to set up tables, or have penchant for starting or putting out fires. Can you give 2 hours a month? Would you be willing to develop a spreadsheet of volunteers and their skills? And would you be willing to lead a large event?

The skills you learn from volunteering in this community will serve you well. You'll meet neighbors, learn organizational skills, create some resume fodder, grow personally, and identify new ways of doing things. You'll have local impact.

The most important thing you'll learn is how to make magic. Promise!

Please go to Lyon Park's 2016 Volunteer Registry
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HLSP3KG>
to let us know you are ready to make magic!!!

Book the Community Center Early!

Just a nudge!

Rentals have been brisk, and we are renting well into autumn 2017 and early 2018.

Book those big parties early!!!

Are you on the Listserv?

The Lyon Park Community has an active listserv. It's the fastest way to

- Find a horologist (clock maker)
- Read County Board messages
- Borrow a tool or kitchen gadget
- Compliment, complain, compare

Don't want to see what's for sale or rent? No problem! You can tailor your selections to just what you want or need.

Visit BigTent group Lyon Park to enroll:
<https://www.bigtent.com/groups/lyonpark>



**Please pay your
2016-2017 LPCA dues!**

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\$10 annually, \$250 for life

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 7:00 PM
Lyon Park Community Center

Classified Ads

GET SOMEONE'S ATTENTION! The *Citizen* is hand delivered to 1,900 households every issue. Use area code 703 below unless otherwise noted.

TEEN BABYSITTING

Alexis Rowland, 16, babysitter, Mother's Helper. Red Cross CPR, First Aid, automated external defibrillator and Girl Scout trained. 915-7768

Sirena Pearl, 15, Red Cross certified. Call or e-mail to schedule: 606-3277 or sirenajbpearl@gmail.com

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Kalkidan Ausink, 14, babysitting for children from 18 months to 8 years old. Red Cross certified and mature, straight-A student. 528-0723 or johnausink@earthlink.net

Toby Kant, 13, babysitter (Red Cross certified, no infants), dog walker, pet sitter (guinea pig and turtle specialist), plant sitter. Call or email to schedule: 626-6725 or zoekant@yahoo.com

Logan Rowland, 14, babysitter and mother's helper, Girl Scout certified, CPR, First Aid, AED certification, also pet and plant sitter, 525-9049

Naomi Bergena, 15, experienced dog walker, dog sitter, and cat sitter. To schedule, please email or call: naomibergena14@gmail.com or (571) 225-4319

Jordan Mosley, 14, Red Cross certified and mature. Babysitter or mother's helper (no infants), dog walker or pet sitter. To schedule, please e-mail jtmosley13@gmail.com or call 623-8217

OTHER SERVICES

B. Brennan, Mandarin Chinese tutoring services for people of all ages. Contact B2water@Yahoo.com or 618-8808

Taylor Henninger, piano lessons to students of all ages. Contact tahennin@indiana.edu

Jackie Anhut, adult, child care, (703) 400-3151. Has own transportation.

The Lyon Park Citizens Association
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Please complete this form (Hint: use a return address label!) and mail it with your check to:

LPCA Membership, P.O. Box 100191, Arlington, VA 22201

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred phone _____

E-mail _____

May we add you to the community listserv? Yes No

Community Volunteer Interests (Check all that apply):

Neighborhood Conservation

Spring Fair

Community Center and Park

Traffic issues

Development issues

Newsletter

Social Events (Holiday Party, Halloween)

Trees/Conservation

Homes and Gardens Tour

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Travel Insurance: Do you need it? *Annemarie Selvitelli*

We all see the question when purchasing airline tickets: "Would you like to purchase travel insurance for an additional \$25?" How many of us skip this and aim straight for the continue button? Rarely, if ever, do we think we'll need the insurance. It only takes an unexpected event to occur to change our minds.

In our ever-changing world, travel insurance has become more popular. Not only is it purchased by individuals, but corporations purchase it for their high-volume travel employees. Corporations compare the potentially high cost of a trip cancellation to the relatively low cost of trip cancellation insurance coverage.

Standard travel insurance policies with trip cancellation coverage reimburse travelers for their insured pre-paid and non-refundable trip costs if they have to cancel their trip due to covered reasons. Covered reasons vary by provider and plan, but may include:

- Accidental injury, sickness, or death of the traveler, a traveling companion, or a family member
- Weather events that cause travel plan cancellations or a cessation of service
- Mandatory evacuation ordered by local authorities at your destination due to hurricane or other natural disaster
- Terrorist attacks that occur in your destination city

Emergency medical insurance covers medical expenses incurred while traveling. It is particularly important for international travelers, as standard health insurance plans sometimes won't cover medical bills from another country. A reliable plan will take care of medical care and related costs, including the sometimes expensive cost of transporting a patient back home if it includes an emergency medical evacuation benefit.

Insurance industry experts suggest travel insurance with emergency medical expense coverage for frequent international travelers, students, and other travelers who have a fairly high chance of contracting an illness or being injured in a foreign country. It's also important to note that travel health insurance covers domestic and international hospitalization and treatment costs.

Be sure to purchase insurance from a licensed agency, and compare providers, plans, and prices. You can choose from single trip coverage to annual coverage depending on the amount you travel. Safe travels!

Room for Rent: Protecting Your Property

Leah Mangini

If you need help with monthly expenses or if you simply want supplemental income, renting a room in your home is a great option. Finding a tenant is the easy part (finding the *right* person is another story). What may be obscure, however, is how to protect yourself as a landlord. Whether you plan on renting out your space while you're out of town, or living in your home with your new roommate, keep these important things in mind.

Know the law. Read Virginia's Residential Landlord and Tenant Act to know the rights both you and your tenant have under this type of agreement.

Know market value. Not sure where to start on rent prices? Research! Free websites like craigslist and Rentometer.com tell you what people in your area charge for similar properties. Seek advice from experienced landlords. Rooms with a private bathroom and secluded basement apartments are worth more.

Identify non-negotiables. Decide how you will handle utilities, cleaning, pets, smoking, access to common areas, food storage, laundry, parking, guests, etc *before* seeking a tenant.

Advertise. Use word of mouth to connect with potential tenants, or ask locally owned businesses if you can advertise there.

Craigslist is a simple, easy way to advertise. State rent price, how long you'd like to rent, the type of tenant you're seeking, basic rules, and non-negotiables. Be sure to list unique amenities, such as private bathrooms, nearby restaurants, or your pet policy, to garner more response. Always include pictures!

Research potential tenants. Remember, renting is a financial transaction. As a landlord you must verify everything. Ask for proof of employment or schooling, living habits, previous landlords' contact information, and references in tenant interviews. Trust your instincts here! You should feel comfortable about the anyone you invite into your home. Websites like Equifax.com, MyRental.com, MySmartMove.com or Cozy offer credit and background checks less than \$40.

Use a Written Contract - Written contracts are much more sound than verbal agreements (especially in the legal sense). The contract should clearly state all of your rules regarding how and when rent will be paid, and consequences if it is not paid. Clearly define all rules and non-negotiables. Consider indicating landlord reserves the right to give tenant 30 days' notice to vacate for any reason after the lease period ends. Go over the document with your tenant and don't forget to have both parties sign!

In all, set clear boundaries and expectations. Be as transparent as possible, and always stick to your gut. By being proactive about your expectations, you can save time and headaches.

Tips for New Landlords

Consider a weekly or bi-weekly bonded cleaning service as a non-negotiable. Include this service in the rent to guarantee your space stays clean.

Download a free lease template. You can download standard lease agreements for any state using rentalleaseagreement.org.

Use social media. Advertise on your social media page and ask your friends to share the post. Establishing potential tenants' credibility can be easier when you have acquaintances in common.

Walk your prospective tenant to the car and peek inside. A longtime landlord uses this trick to determine cleaning habits. Most people keep their cars in approximately the same state they keep their homes.

Don't bargain—some people who ask you to reduce the rent either cannot afford it, or don't appreciate your investment. If you've done your research, you know the true value of your space!

Save the Date:

- Lyon Park Civic Association meeting, February 8, 7 PM
- 2nd and 4th Sundays, 2 PM to 6 PM: Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association. Come join in or just sit and listen!
- Lyon Park not-just-for-Woman's Club potluck lunch. Thursday, February 16, noon. Bring a dish to share and a small gift to exchange. Hope to see many new faces!



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Happy News for Community Center Supporters

At the January 2017 LPCC Board of Governors (BoG) meeting, we reviewed some good news.

First, due to ongoing support from neighbors, we raised approximately \$20,000 in December, 2016 as the year closed. We are extremely grateful for each and every donation. As we went into renovation, we knew that we would need neighbors to continue to support the Community Center for up to 10 years. Whether you are a donor, a loan guarantor, or both, please know that broad support continues to come from neighbors. We have applied this money directly to the loan principle, as promised.

Second, we were very happy to learn that after an arduous historic tax credit application process, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources approved our renovation for tax credits. We worked with a boutique tax credit firm, Brian Wishneff & Associates, to navigate the long, somewhat complicated process. Our colleagues, Erik Wishneff and William Fiederlein, were invaluable resources. As a result of this collaboration, Lyon Park Community Center has an additional \$160,000 in its accounts. The BoG will use \$100,000 of this money to pay down the principal on our loan immediately, lowering our loan balance to about \$250,000. We need to finish a few projects related to the renovation, and do some work in the park. The BoG recently reviewed and prioritized these needs and developed a plan. The funds will allow us to move forward on the plan. We will examine the books again in a few months, and will most likely make another large payment on the principal.

Note that Wishneff & Associates is Arlington-based. They have worked on tax credit projects all over the nation, but this is the first historic tax credit project they have competed in Arlington. We are very, very happy that we partnered with them. The cash from the tax credit will shorten the length of our loan repayment schedule. We should make the last payment in December 2020.

We want to be sure that you, our supporters, know that we are working to raise funds in many ways. At this point, we will need to continue capital fundraising for another four years (rather than the 10 we originally expected). We hope you will keep Lyon Park Community Center in your giving plans.



A TIME AND PLACE FOR Families

Our family has watched over Columbia Gardens for 100 years. It is a place of beauty and serenity

where people in the Lyon Park neighborhood enjoy walking. Our rose garden and towering trees provide a soothing environment for reflection and contemplation.

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columbarium. For a tour of Columbia Gardens, or simply to discuss your ideas, contact Daun Thomas Frankland (great-granddaughter of the founder).

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Ad size	Measures (In inches)...	Cost
Business card	3.5 by 2.3	\$85/month color \$59/month B&W
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Monday – Thursday & Friday daytime (8 AM–5 PM)

\$35/hour resident; \$100/hour non-resident

Monday – Thursday (6–10 PM)

Resident \$140 <50 guests, \$280 > 50 guests;
non-resident \$400

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Holiday

HALF DAY (8 AM–2:30 PM or 3:30–10 PM):

\$350 resident; \$900 non-resident

WHOLE DAY (8 AM–10 PM):

\$600 resident; \$1,600 non-resident

Children's Birthday Rates for children 10 and under, maximum 40 attendees, booked <2 months in advance:

Two time slots (8:30–11:30 AM) OR (12–3 PM) – Includes set up and clean up. If your party lasts longer than 3 hours, please rent at the half-day rates above.

\$150 resident; \$400 non-resident

Additional rental fees:

- \$30/inflatable (can only be rented from Arlington TEAM)
- \$100/floored tent, \$30/pole tent

Use of inflatables and/or tents must be approved in advance and specified in rental contract.

A security deposit is required for all rentals.

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Sharing Groundworks Produce Share

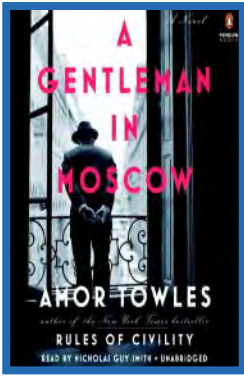
Groundworks Farm donated a winter-spring produce share during the Lyon Park Community Center's end-of-year fundraising. This was a very generous gift (a \$650 retail value), and we thank them. Groundworks Farm Share provides fresh, organic produce to local community members through farm shares. Each CSA share is designed to feed a 3-5 person household or 1-2 avid veggie eaters. Produce shares directly benefit the community by supporting environmentally sustainable farming.

Interested in Trying the Produce Share?

The person who purchased the farm share travels often, and offers one whole allocation for a donation of \$50 to the LPCC Renovation Fund on weeks when she is away. Produce from the winter-spring share is delivered every other Wednesday until May 10. Shares in the past have contained apples, Boston lettuce, spinach, broccoli, red potatoes, carrots, pea shoots, baby kale, beets, mushrooms, thyme, Brussels sprouts, onion, black radishes, and Swiss chard. Interested? Contact Jeannette Wick at jywickph@aol.com or (860) 376-3281.



A Gentleman in Moscow Margaret Dean



An absolutely charming, funny book. If you have a child disinterestedly studying recent Russian history, this book is like Mary Poppins' medicine. It goes down easily. Teens will absorb the spoonful of sugar and digest the atmospheric and history of the late USSR as they are amused. They might also pick up a sense that other nations' citizens are frequently happy just where they are.

Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov is one of those people. In Paris when the Russian Revolution starts, he returns to Russia, saves his grandmother, and then he settles in. Unfortunately, as the opening scene (1922) shows, he is found guilty as part of the unrepentant nobility of writing a poem against the State. For this, instead of the death penalty, he is condemned to spend his life in the Metropol Hotel, a grand dame of the hotel world. The Metropol is a small village with many sharply drawn characters. Should the count leave the Metropol, however, he will be shot on sight. Events do not happen quickly and the years slide by. Towles shows the count coping in his greatly reduced circumstances with civility and humor.

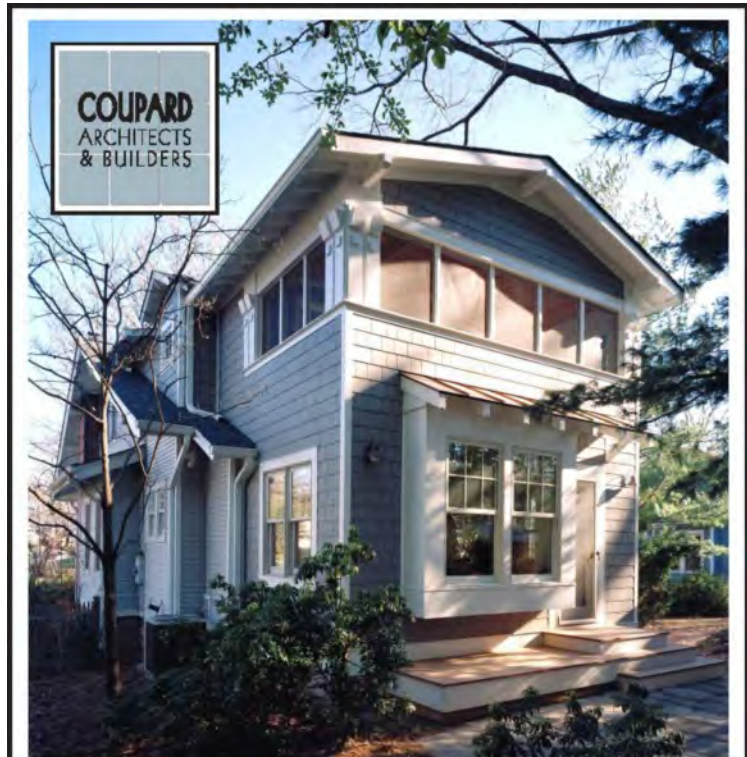
The count is clever, courteous and careful. His charm seduces nearly everyone but the hotel's up-tight manager who is often angered and flummoxed by the count and his acquaintances. Towles' prose is alliterative, allegorical, and amusing, while conveying snippets of recent Russian history as events swirl around the Metropol. Towles amuses himself by starting every word in each chapter's title with A. Then, drawing on similes and metaphors, Towles paints verbal pictures, as when ingredients and fresh vegetables post Revolution are as scarce as "butterflies at sea."

In addition to humor and history, Towles employs some of the count's time to reflect as small events, like the turn of a kaleidoscope, change history slowly but steadily. Tucked into the events, Towles reserves some surprises along the way for the reader.

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles, Viking Press, NY, NY. ISBN 978-067-002-6197. 461 pages, hard back, \$27.

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