



Lyon Park Citizen

September 2021

Lyon Park's listserv, located on NextDoor, is a secure, private social network and an easy way for neighbors to connect and share information. It's free.

Lyon Park neighbors use this app and/or website to:

- Identify a bug
- Find a plumber
- Ask for advice about poisonous plants
- Locate a lost package!

Join here:

www.nextdoor.com/join

Code: SBCFNC

September Meeting September 8, 2021

<https://zoom.us/join>
Meeting ID: 881 7986 9113
Passcode: volunteer

Log in as early as 7 PM to make sure your system works and to engage in some small talk. Agenda items begin promptly at 7:30.

LPCA Executive Team's Message

September is the month when the Lyon Park community comes together to set our direction, priorities, and plans for the coming year. Although we are still holding our meetings virtually, coming together as a community could not be more important after nearly two years of disruption and uncertainty, and we are all eager to bring back those things that make Lyon Park truly unique and such a wonderful place to live—the Spring Fair, the Halloween costume parade and bonfire, chili cook-offs and spaghetti dinners, the spring and fall food truck events, the holiday party.

Even beyond these events, there is a certain magic to our neighborhood. All of the residents of Lyon Park are co-owners of our marvelous park and Community Center, and serve as stewards of a treasure that has passed down from generation to generation for more than a century in our neighborhood. While we have had to stay apart recently, the park and Community Center remain the beating heart of Lyon Park, and we cannot wait to see you there again AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Taking care of the park and center, creating and distributing this newsletter, and organizing and volunteering at our social events takes a village. This includes you. We rely on networks of neighbors who are committed to our community and to continuing those traditions—and making new ones—that help make Lyon Park so special. Every September is our opportunity to set our course. To recommit to this community, and to choose the direction we want to go.

Here is where you come in. Love our neighborhood? Want to get more involved? Have some new ideas for events, meetings, or direction for the community? We are looking for neighbors with a passion for Lyon Park (and Arlington) to get involved.

- Want to know more? Interested in volunteer opportunities in the coming year? Join the September LPCA meeting on Sept 8th. See Zoom information below.
- Have some ideas on new events or meetings? Join the LPCA Executive Committee! We have several positions open for the 2021-2022 group. Contact John Goldener at goldener_at_gmail_dot_com for more information.
- Been itching to get more involved at the County level? We are looking for new members of the Civic Federation to help represent our community in shaping new directions for Arlington as a whole. Contact Kathleen McSweeney at mcsweeneykathleen_at_gmail_dot_com.

We cannot wait to see you all (albeit virtually for a little while longer) at the September meeting, and in-person soon, hopefully, in the Community Center and park.

Your LPCA Executive Committee,
Thora Colot, Aaron Schuetz, Bill Anhut, Sky Adler, John Goldener, Darcy Rosenbaum, Annemarie Selvitelli, Paul Showalter, Julia Young

Please pay your annual dues! (See page 4)

September is Election Month

Join us on September 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM as we will kick off a new year of the Lyon Park Citizens Association on Zoom. We will hold annual elections for the LPCA and the Board of Governors. We are always looking for more volunteers and people who would like to participate on the executive committee. Here is the slate of volunteers as of Aug. 25.

LPCA Officers

- Co-Presidents - Kathleen McSweeney and Thora Colot
- VP Development - Aaron Schuetz
- VP Business Liaison - Bess Zelle
- Treasurer - Bill Anhut
- Members at Large - John Goldener
- Members at Large - Julia Young

LPCA Representatives to the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors, which has five representatives from the LPCA and five from the (not just for) Woman's Club, oversees and manages the community house.

- Bill Anhut (appointed)
- Natalie Roy (to be elected)
- Paul Showalter (to be elected)
- Aaron Schuetz (to be elected)
- Bess Zelle (to be elected)

Opportunities Available for Volunteers

LPCA Officer Opportunities:

- Secretary/Historian
- Membership Chair
- Sergeant at Arms

Civic Federation Reps

- up to four representatives with room for additional people who can be alternates. (The more the merrier and the better we are represented on this influential body that often makes policy recommendations.)

A Couple of Cancellations (Sadly)

A Fall Food Truck event won't occur this year. Between vendors and resident concerns, it was unclear if the event could be successful—or be too successful and raise concerns about the spread of viruses. We are crossing our fingers for the spring.

The Lyon Park/Ashton Heights Golf Tourney will also be on hiatus this year because our venue, South Riding Golf Course, has notified us that they are unable to host our tournament due to staffing issues.

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Lyon Park Citizens Association
Statement of Operations and Changes in Cash Balances
Fiscal Years July 1, to June 30

	2021	2020	2019
Revenue			
Dues	\$ 4,092	\$ 2,970	\$ 3,380
Advertising	11,290	19,512	17,455
Event Revenue:			
Food Truck Social	-	-	1,070
Donations:			
Newsletter Donations	50	51	-
Other Income	-	4,000	-
Total Revenue	\$ 15,432	\$ 26,533	\$ 21,905
Expenses			
Newsletter Design & Printing	16,758	17,947	18,233
Communication	99	141	99
Neighborhood Conservation Plan	-	-	101
Civic Federation Dues	20	50	50
Events:			
Centennial Celebration	-	2,897	-
Erik Gutshall Memorial	1,115	-	-
Other	129	277	-
Total Expenses	18,121	21,312	18,483
Increase (Decrease) in Cash Balances	\$ (2,689)	\$ 5,221	\$ 3,422
Beginning Cash Balances	25,586	20,365	16,943
Ending Cash Balances	\$ 22,897	\$ 25,586	\$ 20,365

Treasurer's 2021 Message

Bill Anhut

The Lyon Park Community Center's (LPCC) fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, reporting the fifth year of operations for the renovated Community Center. The COVID-19 outbreak continued to curtail the Community Center's operation for much of the fiscal year. Only during March through June 2021 did we see a return to normal leasing activity. Our precariously low beginning cash balance of \$15,900 was restored to a more healthy level at yearend. During the past three years, LPCC's rental revenue has bounced from \$120,600 in 2019 to \$51,400 in 2020 and then \$85,300 in 2021. Fundraising events were again canceled during 2021, except for the Plant Sale which raised \$1,600. In 2020, LPCC received \$19,000 from Arlington County for sidewalk and construction easements related to the Pershing Drive Streets Improvement Project. LPCC had no such income in 2021. Operating revenue increased \$12,500 to \$87,100 in 2021 compared to \$74,600 in 2020. However, Net Operating Income, comprised of the above mentioned revenue, less operating expenses of maintaining the community center building and park grounds, decreased \$2,200 to \$7,400, compared to \$9,600 in 2020. Maintenance expense of the park's grounds and trees increased \$14,500 in 2021 over the prior year. Donations and fundraising revenue decreased to \$4,500 in 2021.

The Lyon Park Citizens Association ("LPCA") ended the year with a cash balance of \$22,900, a \$2,700 decrease from the prior year's ending balance. Dues collected totaled \$4,100, a \$1,100 increase over the prior year's total, due to the collection of several new lifetime memberships. The net cost of producing Lyon Park's newsletter was \$5,500 in 2021, due to a significant decrease in advertising revenue. LPCA was instrumental in the naming of Zitkala-Sa Park and the dedication of a memorial in honor of Erik Gutshall, a prior LPCA President, County Board Member and longtime resident of Lyon Park.

Lyon Park Community Center
Statement of Operations, Development and Changes in Cash Balances
Fiscal Years July 1, to June 30,

Operations	2021	2020	2019
Revenue:			
Community Center Rental Income	\$ 85,306	\$ 51,360	\$ 120,565
Lyon Park Fair	-	-	1,627
Other Income	-	18,968	522
Other Fundraisers	1,819	4,279	4,105
Total Operating Revenue	<u>\$ 87,125</u>	<u>\$ 74,607</u>	<u>\$ 126,819</u>
Operating Expenditures:			
Community Center Operation and Maintenance:			
Rental Agent	\$ (18,601)	\$ (23,933)	\$ (27,517)
Utilities	(6,206)	(7,265)	(5,506)
Maintenance and Administration	<u>(36,223)</u>	<u>(29,108)</u>	<u>(43,149)</u>
Total Comnty Center Operation & Maintenance	(61,030)	(60,306)	(76,172)
Park Grounds, Trees, Playground	(18,702)	(4,250)	(23,515)
Community Events	<u>(27)</u>	<u>(426)</u>	<u>(1,216)</u>
Total Operating Expenditures	<u>(79,759)</u>	<u>(64,982)</u>	<u>(100,902)</u>
Net Operating Income	<u>\$ 7,366</u>	<u>\$ 9,625</u>	<u>\$ 25,916</u>
Development Revenue & Expenditures			
Donations and Fundraising Revenue	\$ 4,458	\$ 6,743	\$ 45,190
Interest & Construction line costs	-	-	(5,886)
Construction Loan Draws (Repayments)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(123,872)</u>
Total Development Related Expenditures, net	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(129,758)</u>
Net Development Income (cost)	<u>\$ 4,458</u>	<u>\$ 6,743</u>	<u>\$ (84,568)</u>
Increase (decrease) in Cash Balances	<u>\$ 11,824</u>	<u>\$ 16,368</u>	<u>\$ (58,651)</u>
Security Deposit change	34,204	(33,062)	8,621
Beginning Cash Balance	<u>15,867</u>	<u>32,562</u>	<u>82,592</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u>\$ 61,895</u>	<u>\$ 15,867</u>	<u>\$ 32,562</u>

Please Pay Your LPCA Dues!

\$10/year, \$20/two years, \$250 for life

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
- Community Center and Park
- Development issues
- Social Events (Holiday Party, Halloween)
- Homes and Gardens Tour
- Spring Fair
- Traffic issues
- Newsletter
- Trees/Conservation
- All-purpose volunteer