

The Lynhaven Courier

the newsletter of the lynhaven citizens association

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Message from the President

Are you dug out yet?

I hope when you're reading this newsletter the historic three feet of snow we got in February has disappeared, but as I write, we're still buried under it! Big storms always seem to bring out the best of Lynhaven: neighbors helping neighbors to clear their sidewalks, free their cars and stay warm and safe.

I'm a relative newcomer to Lynhaven; I've lived at 122 Lynhaven Drive since 2004. I'm excited to be taking on the role of president of the Lynhaven Citizens Association, but first, I'd like to say thank you to three residents who have lived in and served Lynhaven for much longer than I. Melissa Watson, our outgoing president, and Ellen Nelson, our outgoing vice president, have served the Association for a number of years. Melissa and Ellen have been tireless advocates for Lynhaven, and their service has always extended beyond their official roles to countless city meetings and Sunday park clean-ups.

Rosa Byrd has tirelessly served our community for decades—longer than many can remember. She has served as an officer of the Association since the late 70s and over the course of those 30 years, she's missed very few of our first-Monday meetings. Rosa has been the force and voice behind the monthly newsletter for many, many years—not an easy task! But most importantly, Rosa has played an active role through the years to make Lynhaven into the livable community it is today. Her work—our work—is not done. Rosa is a force, and I for one am glad she's on our side!

We owe a great debt to Melissa, Ellen and Rosa. Thank you for your service to Lynhaven.

See you around the neighborhood!

- Joe Bondi
Association President

March Meeting Highlights

MONDAY, MARCH 1ST, 7:00 P.M.
CORA KELLY REC CENTER

We will hear from our regular reporting members and welcome a special guest to talk about fire safety. 2009 saw a number of fires in Lynhaven and we'll hear about how to keep our homes safe from the threat of fire and carbon monoxide build-up.

Around Town

MAYOR'S ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Fire Station at Potomac Yard, 2800 Main Line Boulevard. *March 20. 9:00 a.m.*

FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS

The City of Alexandria is offering free tax preparation assistance to low-income residents during the 2010 tax season. Tax preparation sessions begin at 9 a.m. on Saturdays, and at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, through April 13. Sessions are held in the lobby of the Alexandria Department of Human Services, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave. For more information, call Suzanne Kratzok, Coordinator of Community Resources, at 703.746.5663.

2010 APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF

If you are permanently and totally disabled and at least 65 years of age by November 15, 2010, you may qualify for a full or partial exemption and/or deferral for your 2010 real estate taxes and/or an exemption from your 2010 personal property taxes on one vehicle. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/TaxRelief for more information.

A Moment in History

In Winter of 1974, discussions were beginning regarding the purchase of open-space land at the corner of Wilson and E. Reed for use as a park.

March 2010

Class Notes From Cora Kelly

BLACK HISTORY FATHER & SON PROGRAM

Theme: Passing the torch from generation to generation through teaching and preparation). *March 5, 2010.*
6:30pm - 8:30pm

CAPOEIRA DANCE CLASS

4 week Brazilian martial art/dance class for ages 8-10.
Sat March 6, 2010

OUT OF SCHOOL TIME SPRING BREAK PROGRAM

Mon March 29 - April 2, 2010. 9am - 6pm

ALIVE PROGRAM

Food distribution. *Sat March 27, 2010*

For more information on these events you can contact Cisco Fabian by phone at 703.746.5465 or by email at Cisco.Fabian@alexandriava.gov

Neighbor To Neighbor

The Lynhaven Citizens Association would like to recognize and thank Lynhaven Drive resident Stanley Gray for picking up litter during his frequent walks through the neighborhood over his years here. His efforts help to control the amount of trash on our streets and sidewalks and elevate the 'curb appeal' of each of our homes. THANK YOU, STANLEY!

Lynhaven Parks Need You!

Keeping Lynhaven's parks clean helps our neighbors as well as our environment. Each Sunday between April 1 and November 30, neighborhood volunteers pick up litter in and around our two parks: the "rock park" (located at the intersection of Lynhaven, Wesmond, & Wilson) and at the playground (located at the corner of Reed Ave. and Wilson). We need volunteers for 2010!

The City provides a stipend to the Association for keeping the parks clean. This, along with membership fees (\$5/yr per household) helps us support families in need during the holidays, sponsorship of various local school activities/field trips, prizes and food at neighborhood events, etc.

Please contact Matt Hite at 202.459.3770 to volunteer for park clean up! Or at lynhaven.civic@gmail.com. See the Lynhaven web site for more information. You can find it at www.lynhavenva.com.

February Meeting Highlights

Police Report

- Bike stolen.
- Air conditioning unit stolen.
- Items stolen from a car.
- Suspicious car stopped on East Reed and an arrest of a non-resident was made for marijuana possession.

Code Administration

- 22 citations were made for inappropriate trash disposal.
- 4 structural citations (including broken fencing, broken downspouts, and rotted wood structures).

President's Report

The Lynhaven Citizens Association will be making a donation to T.C. Williams High School to support their alcohol and drug-free graduation party hosted at the school.

On Tuesday, February 2nd, a public hearing will be held for a special use permit requested by Chez Andree to add outdoor seating. The Lynhaven Citizens Association will send a letter of support to the City Department of Planning.

A reminder was issued to clean up after your pets on the public streets and sidewalks. Remind your children and dog walkers to clean up, as well. Also, call Animal Control on loose dogs 703.838.4775.

Nominating Committee Report

The Board was unanimously instated.

PRESIDENT	Joe Bondi, Lynhaven Dr.
1ST VP	Whitney Dubinsky, Evans Ln.
2ND VP	Matt Hite, Lynhaven Dr.
TREASURER	Marion Bailey, Wilson Ave.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	Vacant/Available
RECORDING SECRETARY	Barbara Draughon, Lynhaven Dr.

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