



# Neighbor News

## The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade

**MONDAY 4 JULY 2022**

Judging for prizes at 10.00a in Monroe Park (South Monroe Street at 14th Street South) with the parade kicking off at 10.30a, Monday, July 4 and continuing to Douglas Park at South Quincy Street and 16th Street South .

Picnic in Douglas Park until 2.00p

*Prizes for best parade floats, decorated bikes and costumes!  
Free Moonbounce, Superslide and Sno-Cones at Douglas Park!  
Music!  
Please bring a food dish to share.  
Hot dogs and water will be provided free.*



*Details below*

*Detalles abajo*

## El 40º anual desfile de barrio de Douglas Park del Dia de Independencia

**LUNES 4 DE JULIO 2022**

Juzgando por premios a las 10.00 horas. Desfile comienza a las 10.30 horas el 4 de julio del parque de Monroe (calles Monroe sur y 14ª sur) al parque de Douglas (calles Quincy sur y 16ª sur).

Comida campestre (Picnic) en el parque de Douglas hasta las 14.00h.

*¡Premios para mejor flotas, bicicletas adornadas y disfraces!  
¡Brinca brinca y raspados gratis en el parque de Douglas!  
¡Música!*

*Por favor trae un plato para compartir.  
Perros calientes y agua estarán gratis.*

## The 40th Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade

*By Eric Berkey*

**An annual neighborhood tradition returns!** Patriots of all ages are invited to the 40th Annual Douglas Park Parade and Picnic on Monday, July 4th.

Neighbors should gather at Monroe Park at 10 a.m. for judging of the best parade floats, costumes, decorated bikes, and the coveted prize of Mayor of Douglas Park. The parade starts at 10:30 a.m. from Monroe Park, proceeding along South Nelson Street to 18th Street South, then to South Quincy Street and into Douglas Park for the picnic. There will be live music, a moonbounce, a water slide, and snow-cones.

It is a pot-luck picnic, so bring your finest recipes to share. The civic association will provide water and

hotdogs for free. At noon, there will a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

If you would like to help, you can:

- Come to Douglas Park or Monroe Park at 8:30 the morning of to help set up;
- Take a shift watching over the moonbounce – we promote a mayhem-free environment;
- Cook hotdogs – a hot, but rewarding task greatly appreciated by neighbors;
- Help clean up afterwards; or
- Help with preparations before July 4th.

If you would like to help, you can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/uTjvk8PW3aLVaL1S8>. Alternatively, you can contact Eric Berkey at [president@douglasparkca.org](mailto:president@douglasparkca.org).

Happy Birthday America! See you at the Parade and Picnic!

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### NEXT DPCA MEETING

**TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022**

**AT 7.00P VIA ZOOM**

Please see 'Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News' on page two for more information. All are welcome to attend.

## DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA

## MEETING CALENDAR

The Association conducts general membership meetings in February, April, June, September and November. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change; up-to-date information is available at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/> or in the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

## NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday evening, 14 June 2022 at 7.00p via Zoom. Please see page 1 of this newsletter for more details. All are welcome.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## PRESIDENT

Eric Berkey, [president@douglasparkca.org](mailto:president@douglasparkca.org)

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John Snyder, [jvsnyder54@comcast.net](mailto:jvsnyder54@comcast.net)

## OTHER COMMITTEES

## PARKS COMMITTEE

**WE ARE SEEKING NEW PARKS COMMITTEE MEMEBERS**

If interested, contact Eric Berkey at [president@douglasparkca.org](mailto:president@douglasparkca.org)

## NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION DELEGATES

**WE ARE SEEKING NEW NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION REPS**

If interested, contact Eric Berkey at [president@douglasparkca.org](mailto:president@douglasparkca.org)

## ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION DELEGATES

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Adam Henderson, [chair@pike-ppg.org](mailto:chair@pike-ppg.org)

Annette Pigott, [annette.pigott@verizon.net](mailto:annette.pigott@verizon.net)

**WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL CIVIC FEDERATION****DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

If interested, contact Eric Berkey at [president@douglasparkca.org](mailto:president@douglasparkca.org)

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LISTSERV <https://groups.io/g/dpca-listserv>

Join by email to [dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io)

FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasParkArlington/>

# Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News

By Eric Berkey

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING – TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2021

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, via Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided a few days prior to the meeting on the Civic Association ListServ. If you are not a member of the listserv, please join by sending an email to [dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io) with your name, street, and block number.

In addition to officer updates, the main agenda item at our meeting will be a presentation by Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation staff regarding capital improvements to both Monroe Park and Douglas Park, discussed further in this newsletter. Both projects will be discussed in greater detail at the meeting and are huge opportunities for the neighborhood to advocate for the types of improvements we addressed in the recent update to our Neighborhood Plan.

Be a part  
of *your*  
neighborhood.

Join the Douglas Park Civic Association.

**Annual dues are only \$15 per household!**

To join or renew:

- Visit <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join>
- Look for the member form on page 3

# President's Corner

by Eric Berkey

I hope everyone is staying safe and enjoying the early part of summer. A few notes and reminders are below.

## DUES RENEWAL

It's that time of year again to renew your Civic Association dues, or to join for the first time! Annual dues are only \$15 per household and are critical for supporting popular neighborhood events like the July 4th Parade and Picnic. Your membership ensures that we can continue to host such events and provide financial support to the Randolph PTA, graduating seniors through scholarships, and other worthwhile community activities. You can renew or join the Civic Association here: <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>

## MOVIE NIGHT

Unfortunately, Douglas Park Movie Night (co-hosted with West Village of Shirlington and the Randolph PTA), scheduled for May 7th, was cancelled due to heavy rains and storms. Fortunately, the event has been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, September 10th. Please be on the lookout for additional information later this summer.

## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE AND CHAIR

Given the upcoming public engagement opportunities associated with both the Monroe Park and Douglas Park renovation projects, the Civic Association is looking to reconstitute the Parks and Recreation Committee (see the article on p 4 of this newsletter). We are looking for volunteers with an interest in providing input and facilitating a broader neighborhood conversation about each park, needs, wants, and other related items. If you are interested in joining the committee or are interested in helping to lead by becoming a Chair or Co-Chair, please email Steven Jordan Tomaszewski, DPCA Vice President, at [vicepresident@douglasparkca.org](mailto:vicepresident@douglasparkca.org).

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MEMBERSHIP FORM—FY 2023  
MARCH 2022 — FEBRUARY 2023

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I'D LIKE TO HELP WITH:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fourth of July Picnic and Parade	<input type="checkbox"/> Election Day Bake Sale
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MAIL YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO 'DPCA', ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:  
 Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association  
 1716 South Pollard Street  
 Arlington, VA 22204-5050

Or, join/renew with PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>

**Thank you!**



# South George Mason Drive Multimodal Corridor Study Update

by Jason Kaufman

The [South George Mason Drive Multimodal Corridor Study](#) has progressed to Phase II, the project team is currently working on corridor-wide concepts which align with the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan.. The project team is currently analyzing community feedback and there were about 400 unique users who submitted over 600 comments to the online web map. Thank you to all Douglas Park residents who shared their feedback. The goal of the study is to develop a corridor-wide profile and initial concepts for each segment - Arlington Blvd to Columbia Pike, Columbia Pike to Four Mile Run, and Four Mile Run to Leesburg Pike. Additionally, a preliminary design concept will be developed for the segments located between Columbia Pike and the County line for use in upcoming grant funding applications. If you have any Douglas Park specific comments, please share them with our representative to the study group, Jason Kaufman, at [kaufman.jason@gmail.com](mailto:kaufman.jason@gmail.com). Look for another update in September.

# Upgrades Coming to Two Douglas Park Parks

by Steven Jordan Tomaszewski

**T**wo neighborhood parks are getting ready to receive some much needed renovations: Monroe Park and Douglas Park (our neighborhood’s namesake). In the next few months, residents will have the opportunity to provide feedback to Arlington County as the Department of Parks and Recreation prepares to rehabilitate the parks. Monroe Park will be the first park to be updated, and it will retain the playground for ages 2-5 and an open multi-use space. Douglas Park will take more time and be more involved because of it’s size and amenities.

If approved in the Fiscal Year 2023-2032 Arlington County Capital Improvement Plan, Douglas Park will receive \$1.8 million in development funding for design and construction of renovation improvements, which include replacement of the picnic shelter, one pedestrian bridge, site furnishings, site circulation,

stormwater management improvements, invasive plant species removal in the forested area and reforestation plantings. The playground, which was last replaced in 1996, will be revamped at a later date.

Our Civic Association is actively looking for interested volunteers to advocate for park improvements, interact with County staff, and engage with fellow residents, email Steve at [vicepresident@douglasparkca.org](mailto:vicepresident@douglasparkca.org) if interested.

## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

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Covid-19 Food Assistance <a href="http://www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/food-assistance/">www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/food-assistance/</a>	703.228.1300
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Are Schools Open? <a href="http://www.apsva.us/emergency-alerts">www.apsva.us/emergency-alerts</a>	866.322.4277
Are Parks/Community Centers Open? <a href="http://emergency.arlingtonva.us/closings-delays-cancellations">emergency.arlingtonva.us/closings-delays-cancellations</a>	703.228.4715
Auto Registration, County <a href="http://taxes.arlingtonva.us/vehicles/vehicle-taxes">taxes.arlingtonva.us/vehicles/vehicle-taxes</a>	703.228.3135
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