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Thank You Douglas Park for Another Successful Holiday Fund Drive

by Rita Wiggins

Thanks to all of you, the Douglas Park Civic Association Holiday Fund Drive, found great success again this year. This program, which has been going strong for close to 25 years and is an integral part of DPCA annual activities, gives a hand to needy families at Randolph Elementary School. Each year DPCA works with the counselor and teachers at the school to identify families who are in severe financial need. Neighbors generously contribute their time, money and efforts to help these families. This year, we reached five families, with a total of five adults, and nine children, ages five through twelve. Because of the generosity of DPCA members, the immediate burden on these families was significantly eased and the holiday season was made brighter.

All families received many gifts, including things they needed and things they wanted. The children were given clothes, pajamas, coats, and shoes. In addition, there were books, toys, games and other wish list items. Parents were given coats, shoes, and household goods such as dishes, pots and pans, and blankets. The families were very grateful for the gifts and sent thank you cards to express their appreciation. The sentiments included: "With this small card we want to thank you for the presents that we have received. Thank you. God bless you and blessings over your home and work. Happiness over you all. Blessings from God today, tomorrow and always." Another card read, "We give thanks to God for you this year. I am thankful for the good that you did for my kids, my nephew, my sister and me. Thanks to the gifts that you gave we are all going to have a good Christmas. God bless you always. I wish you a happy Christmas and prosperous new year."

We collected about \$2,500 in donations, which covered our costs with a bit to spare. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed. Thanks to Randolph counselor,

Jennifer Baitinger, Bi-lingual Resource Assistant, Jackie Garcia, and other staff members who identified the families, collected wish lists, and ascertained sizes to assist the shoppers. Thanks to Marian MacGilvray, Sandi Somers, Sharon Germany, Emily King and Irene Witting who took time out of their busy holiday schedules to shop for gifts. Thanks to Katie Maloney and her book club who helped with wrapping presents. Thanks go out to all those who helped with preparation of fliers and envelopes, to the dedicated newsletter deliverers, and a final, special appreciation to DPCA president, Adam Henderson, and treasurer, Al Fox. I am very proud to be a part of such a generous and caring community!

Wishing a happy and healthy new year to you all!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be Tuesday evening, 24 February 2015, at 7:30p in the downstairs meeting room of Arlington Fire Station No 9; corner of South Walter Reed Drive and 19th Street South.

We will discuss volunteer needs for the Civic Association and start planning our next Neighborhood Conservation project. **This meeting will also include our annual election of officers.** For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

Douglas Park noticias febrero 2015

LAS DONACIONES PARA LA NAVIDAD AYUDARON A CINCO FAMILIAS

Gracias a todos de Douglas Park por juntar acerca de \$2,500 para ayudar a cinco familias con necesidades en el vecindario para la Navidad.

ELECCIONES PARA FUNCIONARIOS PARA LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

Vamos a tener elecciones para la asociación cívica para funcionarios nuevos el 24 de febrero a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 sur). Se puede nominar a cualquier persona para los posiciones. Contactase con Adam Henderson (president@douglasparkca.org) para hacer una nominación para uno de los puestos.

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DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA

MEETING CALENDAR

The Association conducts general membership meetings on the third Tuesdays of February, April, June, September and November at 7.30p. 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, 24 February 2015 at 7.30p in the downstairs meeting room at Fire Station No 9, 1900 South Walter Reed Drive at the corner of 19th Street South. Among the topics at this meeting the annual election of officers. Please see the full agenda in the 'President's Corner' column in this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next Civic Association meeting will be held Tuesday 24 February at 7.30pm in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- **Elections.** This meeting will include our annual election of civic association officers. All current officers (Adam Henderson, President; Tony Brooks, Vice-President; Al Fox, Treasurer and Annette Pigott, Secretary) are running for re-election. However, new nominations are open for all these offices as well. If you would like information about the role of civic association officers, please contact Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org.
- **Neighborhood Conservation.** Douglas Park is now eligible to submit another project to the Neighborhood Conservation funding queue. Two projects that have been mentioned are completion of curb, gutter and sidewalks along 18th St S from S Quincy to Walter Reed Drive and completion of curb, gutter and sidewalks along 13th St S from Glebe Road to Walter Reed Drive. Are there other projects to consider? Let's discuss with the idea of putting three or four ideas for a vote at the April meeting.
- **Civic Association Volunteers Needed!** We will discuss some of the open volunteer positions on the Civic Association, including Fourth of July coordinator and various newsletter openings and neighborhood conservation openings. If you can lend a hand, please email Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org or just come to this month's meeting!

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING,
TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Approximately forty-five people attended the Civic Association meeting on Tuesday evening 18 November at Arlington Mill Community Center. Our primary topic was a discussion of mail issues in Douglas Park with a panel of local USPS officials. We also heard an update on the Thomas Jefferson Working Group (TJWG) from Douglas Park delegate Alison Tomlinson and alternate Allegra Jabo.

Postal service officials listed to our concerns, apologized, and relayed some of the steps that they have undertaken in attempt to bring the issues under control. These include:

- A new Customer Service Manager at the South Glebe (Arlington South) Station
- Increased training for mail carriers in Douglas Park
- A review of carrier routes in Douglas Park


Postal services officials acknowledged that these are only initial steps in addressing the problems. In addition, the postal service intends to bring in a review team to track carriers in Douglas Park for a period to ascertain whether they are performing route deliveries correctly and efficiently. Most importantly in this meeting, however, was the request for real-time data so that postal officials can track problems to specific personnel. The Arlington Postmaster, Mr Walter Daniels, has requested that residents email him directly with misdelivery or other issues on the day of or the day following the incident, letting him know the date, time, nature and address of the occurrence. Mr Daniels also indicated that where feasible, it would be helpful to include a photograph attachment of the mail panel of the misdirected piece, which will allow officials to determine if there are machine-sorting issues that are contributing to our problems. Mr Daniels has now moved to a new position at USPS, so issues should be sent to the new Station Manager, Marcus Clinkscale, at may be reached at marcus.c.clinkscale@usps.gov.

In summary, the Postal Service now seems to be very aware of the ongoing issues in Douglas Park and has expressed a firm desire to address the situation. It's now our job to make sure they follow through by providing the ongoing data they need to find the root causes. Postal officials have agreed to attend a future meeting of the Association, tentatively in April, to update their progress and receive more feedback from residents.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

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Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
1609 South Quincy Street
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Thank you!



PIKE 3400

The massive mixed-use and townhome project at the SW corner of S Glebe Rd and Columbia Pike continues towards a summer 2015 completion. The sidewalks along Columbia Pike are expected to open by the end of February. Sidewalk and road repaving along the S Glebe Rd portion of the project will occur after the major construction work on the townhome portion of the project is complete.

COLUMBIA PIKE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

The long-standing reconstruction of the West End of Columbia Pike between South Wakefield Street and South Four Mile Run Drive is FINALLY near completion. All utility poles have been removed, the new alignment of S Buchanan St and Four Mile Run Dr Minor is open and new streetlights and traffic signals have been installed. Final cleanup will continue over the next few weeks.

4707 COLUMBIA PIKE

A new mixed-use project will begin construction this spring at the NE corner of the Pike and S Buchanan St, the

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President's Corner (ctd)

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES (CTD)

4707 COLUMBIA PIKE

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site of the recently closed El Tutumaso and previously the site of Sâuçã, Bob and Edith's II and Roy Rogers.

The project will include a four-storey building with 78 market-rate condominium units in a mix of 18 studios, 42 1-bedroom and 18 2-bedroom units. The building will also hold 8,000 sq ft of ground-floor retail and an underground car park with space for 87 vehicles.

The site plan was previously the subject of a special joint meeting of DPCA and the Barcroft School and Civic League on 6 November 2014. Links to an overview of the plans can be found on the DPCA website at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/2014/11/02/special-dpca-meeting-thu-6-nov-2014/>.

DOCTORS RUN TRAIL UPGRADE AND PATHLIGHTING

This project finally finished up just before Christmas. The path from George Mason Drive to Randolph School has been replaced and improved and the new LED pathlighting is in place. Erosion control measures are still present in adjacent park areas and will be removed later in the year when grass has had a chance to become established.

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The reconstructed portion of Doctors Run Trail.



12TH ST S STREETLIGHTING

This Neighborhood Conservation project to install streetlights along S 12th St from S Quincy St to S Monroe St received approval at the December Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) meeting and is anticipated to be approved by the County Board this month. Construction is anticipated for later in 2015. Many thanks to S Monroe St resident Andrew Johnson for shepherding this project.

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Thomas Jefferson Working Group Recap

by Allegra Jabo

Alison Tomlinson and I served as the neighborhood rep and alternate for Douglas Park on the Thomas Jefferson Working Group (TJWG). We wanted to briefly update you on where things stand.

The TJWG was able to come to a consensus that a new school *could* be built on the TJ site. We were also in agreement as to what the restrictions should be if a school is built (including preserving green space, parking spaces, etc.). The group was unable to come to a consensus as to whether we *should* build at TJ, although it was reported that no one said, "Never." You can read the final report at <http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/01/TJWG-Final-Report-011615.pdf>.

The County Board voted last Tuesday to delay their decision on the new school at TJ pending additional information to be provided by APS. This includes a promise to help find 725 new seats (temporary and permanent) in South Arlington by September 2018, and a willingness to reconsider the decision to build on the TJ site at any time in the future. Read their official decision here: <http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2015/01/FINAL-TJWG-motions-1.26.15-no-tracking.pdf>.

Because neither a 'yes' or 'no' decision was made by the County Board, APS is not going ahead with construction of the TJ site OR with the addition on Randolph or Barcroft at this time. The Arlington School Board has released a recent statement saying they are committed to finding 725 new seats by September 2018. Read their official report on the 'next steps' they are taking here: http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2015/02/TJWG_School-Board-Statement-Next-Steps-020515.pdf.

In related news, the Arlington County Board and the Arlington School Board launched a year-long community facilities planning effort in January. The two Boards charged the Study Committee to build a consensus framework regarding future revenue and facility needs that will inform County and School Board decision-making related to meeting the community's requirements for additional school, fire station, vehicle storage sites and other facility needs in the context of Arlington's and the region's projected 5, 10 and 20 year economic and demographic growth. Douglas Park resident Greg Greeley, was appointed as one of the members of this committee. DPCA Vice-President Tony Brooks will serve as the Resident Forum liaison to the Facility Study Committee. Learn more here: <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/community-facilities-study/>. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us: Alison Tomlinson — tomlinsonalisonj@gmail.com or Allegra Jabo — allegrajabo@gmail.com

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Randolph News

by Rita Wiggins

WANTED: READING VOLUNTEERS AT RANDOLPH!

Would you be interested and able to help some first graders who are struggling with reading?

The Book Buddies Program at Randolph is in need of several community volunteers who can give approximately 1½ hours over Tuesday and Thursday mornings to tutor one student for 45 minutes each day. Training and lesson plans will be provided by the Book Buddy Coordinator.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AT RANDOLPH

Want to learn more about community service at Randolph? Check out this short (<3 minutes) YouTube video of Randolph students talking about our community service projects. So proud of this school and these kids! The movie has been submitted for the White House Student Film Festival 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Rh9Vkf-UQg>

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That the digital edition of the Douglas Park Neighbor News is now published in color on the Civic Association website at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/newsletter/>. Take a look today!

Henry Highlights

by Mariam Kherbouch

I t is hard to believe that it is already February! Our year is flying by and has been filled with tons of learning, fun events and great honors.

We are so proud to celebrate our diverse community with fun, school-wide and community events. This fall, celebrations included Academic Night, Hispanic Heritage Night, our Veterans Day Assembly, ESOL/HILT Family literacy nights, and our Winter Concert. It was wonderful to have so much participation from the Patrick Henry community at these events. This spring, keep your eyes open for our Spring Musical, Fine Arts Festival, Henry Challenge (a 3K Fun Run/Walk that winds through Arlington Heights, around TJ Park and back to Henry) and International Night – a celebration of our community.

At the end of October the Patrick Henry PTA sponsored a school wide Read-A-Thon. Henry students read more than 50,000 minutes during this event and raised \$15,000 for the school! We were thrilled to have our Principal and Assistant Principal honor their commitment to the students for reaching their goal by spending the day on the roof! This exciting event was highlighted by Fox 5 News, and the video can be seen on our webpage. Way to go Patrick Henry students and families!

In addition to sponsoring the Read-A-Thon, the Patrick Henry PTA puts a great deal of time and funding into supporting the annual fourth grade overnight field trip to Jamestown, Yorktown and Williamsburg. This field trip is an extraordinary learning experience for our students and is provided at no cost to the students so that all can participate. The teachers and PTA collaborate to raise funds for this trip through a variety of fundraisers, including a very popular Bingo Night, Papa John's nights and by seeking donations from our community. We want to thank the Washington Forrest Foundation for their generous grant to purchase entry tickets to these historical sites this year. Community donations are always welcome and can be directed to the school.

The students, teachers and school have received many awards and recognitions so far this year. Henry students participated in the Paralyzed Veterans of America Poster Contents, the PTA Reflections content, and the MLK Jr. Literary and Visual Arts contest. We are so proud of the work our Henry students did, and many of our students were recognized for their work on the County and National level.

As a school, we have also received two awards this year for outstanding performance on the Reading and Mathematics Standards of Learning Assessments. Patrick

Henry Elementary School was recognized as one of four Highly Distinguished Title I Schools in the State of Virginia for achieving an 85% or higher pass rates on the Reading and Mathematics SOL for the previous two academic years. Additionally, we received a National Title I award for exceeding all federal Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) in reading and math over two consecutive years. Patrick Henry was selected for this award from 40 high achieving Title I schools and was the only school recognized in the category of exceeding all federal AMOs. Keep up the great work Patrick Henry students, teachers and families!

Thank you for the support you provide our students and the Patrick Henry community. Many of your families donated gifts and funds to our Snowman project this winter. Your generosity was greatly appreciated! Henry has continued its commitment to Community this winter through a Goodwill Drive sponsored by the Student Council and Girl Scout Troop 5838. The kids worked together to organize a community drive to support Goodwill, who has been a great partner to our Community Initiative this year. Thank you all for your donations and support!

Be our friend! Keep up with all of the goings on at Patrick Henry by visiting our website <http://patrickhenrypta.org>, subscribing to PatrickHenryFriends@yahoo.com, and liking us on Facebook – Patrick Henry Elementary Friends & Families.

We need volunteers!

The Douglas Park Civic Association is
looking for neighbors to assist
with the following:

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Election Day Bake Sale Set Up/Take Down

Writers for Our Neighborhood Conservation
Plan Update

If you can help, please contact
Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org, or
attend our next meeting on 24 February!

THANKS!