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School Board Candidates' Forum Upcoming

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY AT PIKE 3400

by Adam Henderson

The Pike Presidents' Group (PPG), consisting of eleven Pike Corridor Civic Associations and the Coalition of Arlingtonians for Responsible Development (CARD), will host a school board candidates' forum on Wednesday 11 May 2016 in the Community Room of Pike 3400; South Glebe Road at Columbia Pike. Candidates Chaz Crismon, Nancy van Doren and Tannia Talento will be on hand as we discuss school issues relevant to the Pike Corridor communities. Candidate Michael Shea will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment. The forum will begin at 7:30p with questions to both candidates as selected by the PPG and CARD, followed by an open question session from the audience. The forum will conclude at 9.45p.

Douglas Park and other Pike-area residents are invited to attend this informative meeting to hear from and learn more about our School Board candidates. I hope you will take the time to attend.

Plans are also underway for a County Board Candidates' Forum to be held later this spring. Look for more details soon on the Douglas Park listserv.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 2 MAY 2016 at 7.30p IN THE CAFETERIA OF RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1306 SOUTH QUINCY STREET. ENTER THROUGH DOOR 10.

Our guests will be staff from the Arlington Transportation Department to discuss upcoming bus change plans in the Pike Corridor. For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

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REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 2 de mayo a las 19.30 en la cafetería de escuela Randolph, 1306 Calle Quincy Sur. Entre a través de la puerta número 10. ¡Atienda por favor!

Randolph Auction a Success

by Randolph Elementary PTA Board

The Randolph Elementary PTA would like to thank all of those who participated in our online auction by donating, soliciting donations, bidding and winning! The auction was our most successful to date and we look forward to providing more auction fun in the years ahead. The auction provides about a third of our total income for the year and supports literacy programs, field trips, and other enrichment and learning initiatives at Randolph.

We are so grateful for the support of the Douglas Park community and would be remiss if we did not include a reminder that there are multiple ways to support Randolph - including collecting Box Tops (drop them at the school office or contact a PTA board member for pick up!), linking your Harris Teeter and Giant cards to the school, linking your Amazon account/using Amazon Smile and, of course, direct donations to the PTA!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the programs and initiatives that the Randolph PTA supports.

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To join or renew:

- Visit <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join>
- Look for the member form on page 3
- Use the envelope and form enclosed in this month's *Neighbor News*.

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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

Monday evening, 2 May 2016 at 7.30p in the in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street. Entrance is through door No 10. 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 Monday 2 May at 7.30pm in the cafeteria at Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street. Please enter the building through door 10.

On the agenda:

- **The Arlington 2017-2026 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).** The County is in the final stages of completing the state-required update to its ten-year Master Transportation Plan. Significant upgrades and changes to bus service in Douglas Park and along the Pike are planned in the upcoming years. Steve Yaffe from the Arlington Transit Bureau will be on hand to review the proposed changes and answer your questions regarding transit in Arlington County. You can read more about the TIP at <http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/transportation/transit-development-plan/>.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING,
TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Approximately twenty-five people attended the Civic Association meeting on Tuesday evening 22 February at Firehouse 9. The agenda included:

- **Annual Election of Officers.** All current officers submitted their names for nomination for new terms. Nominations were solicited from the floor; none were offered. A motion to re-elect the current officers was made, seconded and agreed by the participants assembled:
Adam Henderson, President
Tony Brooks, Vice-President
Annette Pigott, Secretary
Al Fox, Treasurer
- **We discussed various ideas for future meeting topics and ways to possibly encourage more residents to participate in the Civic Association.**
- **We finished with pizza and refreshments.**

Did You Know?

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

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

FOUR MILE RUN VALLEY INITIATIVE


- **This month, the County Board adopted the charge for the working group for the Four Mile Run Valley Initiative (4MRV Initiative).** Over the next two years, the Working Group will develop both a Four Mile Run Area Plan and a Park Master Plan for County Board for approval. The group will have representatives from the Nauck, Shirlington and Douglas Park neighborhoods as well other business, community and county reps. Working Group members will be named in May. Learn more at <http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/four-mile-run-valley/>.

OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's a new fiscal year, so it's time to renew your membership in the Douglas Park Civic Association (or Join for the first time). We are pleased to announce that you can now pay your dues online with PayPal. Simply visit <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>. Annual dues remain only \$15 per household. Your dues help to fund neighborhood activities, like the annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic and this newsletter. Of course, if you prefer to pay by check, you can still do so with the included form and envelope or the form that appears in every issue of the *Neighbor News*.

NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

The executive committee of the Douglas Park Civic Association recently filled a vacancy on the committee created by the resignation of Reid Goldstein, who now serves as our newest Arlington School Board member. The committee unanimously voted in Eric Berkey as our newest member. Eric is very involved in school issues and has served as community representative on various schools committees. We welcome Eric and his perspective!



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MAIL YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO 'DPCA', ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
1609 South Quincy Street
Arlington, VA 22204-5051

Thank you!



DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
FY2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1 MARCH 2015—29 FEBRUARY 2016

	FY2015	FY 2016
OPENING BALANCE	\$15,139.60	\$16,920.19
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$2,790.00	\$2,130.00
Contributions	1,165.00	933.00
Newsletter Ads	2,532.25	295.00
Newsletter Printing Underwriting	1,900.00	0.00
Election Day Bake Sale	1,265.13	1,278.26
Holiday Fund Drive	2,625.50	2,445.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$12,277.88	\$7,081.26
EXPENDITURES		
Newsletter Printing	\$3,958.04	\$2,325.64
Membership Dues Drive Materials	59.36	61.98
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic	3,164.11	2,744.89
Hallowe'en Trail of Terror	195.00	0.00
April Neighbor Day Picnic	0.00	667.81
Holiday Fund Drive	2,607.05	3,167.41
Dues	150.00	150.00
Meeting Expenses	0.00	110.38
Website Hosting Fees	178.98	205.65
Bank Fees	94.27	148.65
Miscellaneous	90.48	25.43
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,497.29	\$9,607.84
ENDING BALANCE	\$16,920.19	\$14,393.61

/s/ Al Fox
Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

PLANNING THE 34TH ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY PARADE AND PICNIC

Our annual parade and picnic is coming sooner than you think...on Monday, July 4th. It's a big event, but fortunately we always have lots of folks who like to help. If you'd like to help with the planning for 2016, you can

- Join the civic association and/or pay your dues—we need funds for entertainment and refreshments;
- Come to Douglas Park or Monroe Park at 8:30a 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 the neighbors;
- Help clean-up afterwards; or
- Volunteer to help us purchase supplies (you'll be reimbursed by the Civic Association).

Just contact Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org to volunteer. We have an intrepid crew who take on set-up, hot dog procurement, keeping the water and ice bins filled and other important tasks. Help and new talent are always welcomed.

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Market Update

Existing home sales keep going up. The past six months have seen an average of 5.27 Million annual rate, increasing to 5.33 million the last three months, with sales up 2.2% over last year. Supply is tight, but new homes are going up at the fastest pace since 2007. This is a PRIME TIME to LIST your house. It is truly a sellers' market.

From the January/February 2016 issue of **RE+View** magazine, published by the NVAR (Northern Virginia Association of Realtors)
https://issuu.com/nvarmagazines/docs/re_view_janfeb16_issuu; pages 10-12

“REGION’S HOUSING MARKET EXPECTED TO SUSTAIN ITS MODEST UPWARD TRAJECTORY THIS YEAR; LOWER PRICED INVENTORY REMAINS LEAN”
by Jeannette Chapman

“The housing market in the NVAR region had robust increases in closed sales in 2015 compared to 2014, using data through October of each year. However, price growth has been modest, with most of the gains resulting from the mix of closed sales. Inventory continued its rise although the rate of growth lessened in the fall. Both job growth and new construction trends indicate that the existing homes sales market will continue its upward trajectory into 2016’.

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