



# Neighbor News

## 2016 Holiday Fund Drive Underway

By Rita Wiggins

**A**s we enter the holiday season, it's time to remember those in our community who are less fortunate than us! DPCA has a long and admirable track record of reaching out to those in need through our Holiday Fund Drive. Working with teachers and counselors at Randolph Elementary School, each year we identify several families who our civic association 'adopts'. Neighbors provide monetary donations while volunteers purchase and wrap necessities and special gifts for the children and parents of our chosen families. There are two ways that you can participate in this worthwhile effort. First, you can send a donation to the fund. Checks should be made out to Douglas Park Civic Association with 'Holiday Fund Drive' in the note and mailed in the enclosed envelope. You can now also donate online via PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/holiday-fund/> Second, you can help in a more active way, by either shopping or providing gift-wrapping services. Please contact Rita Wiggins at 703.228.2321 or [rita.wiggins@apsva.us](mailto:rita.wiggins@apsva.us) with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

**WISHING A MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON  
TO ALL DOUGLAS PARK RESIDENTS!**

### HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE 2016

Your generosity helps to make Christmas bright for neighborhood families in need. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation payable to 'DPCA' today to

Treasurer, DPCA,  
1609 South Quincy St,  
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You may also donate online via PayPal at  
<http://www.douglasparkca.org/holiday-fund/>

THANK YOU!

### NEXT DPCA MEETING

**MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30P IN THE GYMNASIUM OF RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 1306 SOUTH QUINCY STREET. ENTER THROUGH DOOR 10.**

Our program will be an open forum with County Board Member John Vihstadt. All are welcome to attend.

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## 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

Monday evening, 21 November 2016 at 7.30p 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 at 7.30pm on Monday 21 November 2016 in the cafeteria at Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street. Please enter the building through door 10. On the agenda:

- A presentation by Rebuilding Together, a non-profit organizing volunteers to perform basic home repairs for homeowners with limited incomes.
- An open forum with County Board member John Vihstadt. John has been actively engaged in neighborhood, community, and public school activities since moving to Arlington more than 30 years ago. He was first elected to the Board in April 2014 to complete the unexpired term of Chris Zimmerman. This is another opportunity to ask questions of and address issues of concern with your local elected officials.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING,  
MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Approximately thirty people attended the Civic Association meeting on Monday evening 26 September for a wide-ranging conversation with County Board member Katie Cristol focusing on schools and the County maintenance and storage lot at 19th St S and S Pollard St.

## OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE LOT AT 19TH ST SOUTH AND  
SOUTH POLLARD ST

DPCA leadership continues to engage with Arlington Water, Sewer and Streets /Department of Environmental Services (WSS/DES) leadership regarding usage of the lot. The Special Use Permit hearing has been deferred while our discussions continue. The DPCA board will continue to keep neighbors apprised of developments and timelines as we continue through the process.

*Do you need help with home repairs?*

Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church makes home repairs at no charge for homeowners with limited incomes. Our skilled volunteers will check your home for hazards, install grab bars and handrails and make dozens of handyman repairs to keep you safe and healthy. Call or email us for an application or to refer a friend in need.

703-528-1999 or [info@rebuildingtogether-aff.org](mailto:info@rebuildingtogether-aff.org)




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# President's Corner (ctd)

## FOUR MILE RUN VALLEY INITIATIVE

The **Four Mile Run Valley Working** Group continues this winter with semi-monthly meetings on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of the month at the Park and Recreation Conference Center at 2700 South Taylor Street from 7p-10p. A public comment and question period concludes each meeting. If you have an interest in the future of the Four Mile Run corridor, please attend a meeting. Learn more at <http://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/four-mile-run-valley/>.



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# Set Sail with Reading

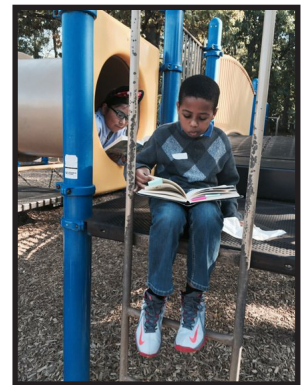
by Rita Wiggins

Randolph's "Set Sail with Reading" began as a school-wide effort to encourage students to read over the 5 days that they wouldn't be in school during Parent Teacher Conferences and the Columbus Day holiday. Students were encouraged to curl up and enjoy every book during their fall break. For each book read, students recorded the name of the book and their own name on a paper ship. The students then returned the ships to school. With the talents of the art and reading team, a 'Randolph Sets Sail with Reading' mural, which now hangs in the hallway outside of the library, was created! There was such

a great response that the activity was continued through Oct 27. To celebrate its success, a school-wide read-in was held on Oct 28. For the last half hour of the day, students



and teachers found cozy spots to settle in with good books! What a great way to end the week!



## DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA MEMBERSHIP FORM—FY 2017

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- Newsletter advertising

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

Thank you!



# Hallowe'en Parade and Walk to End Homelessness

by Rita Wiggins

**R**andolph held its 20th Annual Hallowe'en Parade and Walk to End Homelessness on Monday 31 October. Led by the Wakefield High School marching band, students dressed as ghosts, goblins, superheroes, and princesses, marched through the streets of Douglas Park holding signs designed to help raise awareness of homelessness in Arlington. In coordination with the walk, a spare change drive was held. Children donated their nickels, dimes and pennies; foregoing snacks and other treats in order to help those less fortunate than themselves. All proceeds from the drive were donated to A-SPAN, an organization which works tirelessly to provide housing for all people living in Arlington. We are so proud of our young scholars as they add compassion, caring and kindness to the things they are learning in school.

