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Thank You Douglas Park for Another Successful Holiday Fund Drive

by Rita Wiggins

Thank you to all of the Randolph neighbors who once again made the Douglas Park Civic Association Holiday Fund Drive a great success. The program, which has been going strong for almost 30 years, is an integral part of DPCA annual activities. This year we collected over \$2,700 in donations, and had an outflow of just under \$2,500, leaving us with a slight surplus that will be saved for future use. Through your generosity, we helped five families - a total of 18 people, including 13 children aged eight months through 16 years. The holiday season for these families was much brighter because of the generosity of DPCA members. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We would like to recognize those who found time in their busy holiday schedules to shop and wrap presents for the families. Thanks to Irene Witting, and Marian MacGilvray who have volunteered for this program several years in a row. Your commitment to the children of our community is to be commended. Thanks also to our new shopper, Mary Dempsey, and our wrappers, Kellie and Steve Henry and Jessica Kaufman and family. We hope this was a fun and rewarding experience for you and we want to say that your time, efforts and giving natures are greatly appreciated. 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 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!

I would also like to take a moment to highlight the rapid and robust response we received when I put out a call for household goods for one of our families who was in

tremendous need. Thank you to Sean Steele who outfitted the family's kitchen with brand new dishes, glasses and cutlery. Thank you also to Emily King who provided a queen size box spring and mattress so that three people no longer have to make do with one single bed. Finally, so much gratitude goes out to all of our neighbors and their generous spirits. I was overwhelmed by the number of people who responded to my request. And whether you provided pots and pans, toaster ovens, or other household goods, please know that all of your items have found good homes and are truly appreciated!

Wishing a happy and healthy new year to you all!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be Monday evening, 27 February 2017, at 7.30p in Room 205, Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St.

We will have an open forum to discuss the future of this newsletter. **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 2017

LAS DONACIONES PARA LA NAVIDAD AYUDARON A CINCO FAMILIAS

Gracias a todos de Douglas Park por juntar acerca de \$2,700 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 27 de febrero a las 19.30 en el Centro social de Arlington Mill, cuarto 205; 909 calle Dinwiddie 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 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, 27 February 2017 at 7.30p in Room 205 at the Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St. 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 27 February at 7.30pm in Room 205 at the Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St. Free parking is available under the community center. **Pizza and light refreshments will be served.** 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.
- **END OF THE NEWSLETTER?** Over the past few years, there has been a marked decline in folks willing to contribute to the newsletter as the listserv, Facebook and other social media have become preferred means of communication. It's a lot of work to produce and distribute the this newspaper five times a year. Does it serve a purpose anymore? Are folks willing to help at least contribute content? Attend the meeting and join the discussion!

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

19TH AND POLLARD LAYDOWN LOT

The DPCA Executive Committee continues talks with county officials on the use of this property. Recently, the County has made some new proposals that bring things much more in line with DPCA's requests. A tentative meeting to brief neighbors on the status of negotiation is scheduled for the evening of 16 March 2017 at the Trades Center. Please watch the neighborhood listserv and Facebook for updates as the date draws closer.

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN 2017

Several new construction projects will get underway near the neighborhood in 2017 these include.

GILLIAM PLACE

The new affordable-unit apartment building will be constructed on the Arlington Presbyterian Church site by the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH). Groundbreaking should start later this spring with completion scheduled for mid-2019. See <http://apah.org/housing/upcoming-apah-properties/>

COLUMBIA PIKE VILLAGE CENTER

This mixed-use market-rate project will include over 72,000 sq ft of retail space, five storeys of upscale apartments and a large public plaza at the NW corner of the Pike and S George Mason Drive. The anchor tenant will be a 52,000 sq ft Harris-Teeter grocery, using their new urban model plan most recently used at the new West Broad Residences in downtown Falls Church. Construction is scheduled to begin in June with a summer 2019 completion. More info: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/columbia-pike-village-center/>

COLUMBIA PIKE MULTIMODAL IMPROVEMENTS

The next phase of utility undergrounding and infrastructure rebuilding along the Pike is slated to begin in March with gas main relocation from the Arlington/Fairfax county line to Four Mile Run. Details and a timeline may be found at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/columbia-pike-improvements-county-line-four-mile-run/>.

Randolph Elementary News

by Rita Wiggins

Here are some of the exciting things that are going on at Randolph these days.

NEW MASCOT

Welcome to Randolph's new mascot, Randy the Randolph Star! Recently unveiled, Randy's development was the result of a student contest won by 5th grader, Gweneth Donnelly. To go along with the mascot, the students voted on a school theme: 'Together we will shoot for the stars.' Everyone is looking forward to getting our new gear that will feature Randy!



Together we will shoot for the stars!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At Randolph, our school operates as a Professional Learning Community where educators work collaboratively to achieve better results for the students they serve. In Collaborative Learning Teams (CLTs), classroom, special education, ESL, gifted resource, math coaches, reading specialists and the IB coordinator meet three times each week to engage in collective inquiry into best practices for both teaching and learning. These educators jointly establish academic goals, assess effectiveness of lessons and teaching techniques, analyze student results and develop strategies for improvement and enrichment in student achievement. With a focus on learning, results and a collaborative culture, the CLTs promote

DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA MEMBERSHIP FORM—FY 2018

MARCH 2017 — FEBRUARY 2018

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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!




continuous improvement for all Randolph staff and students.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Randolph offers a robust After School Enrichment (ASE) program for all children. Three sessions are held yearly, in Fall, Winter and Spring, each lasting 7-8 weeks. The clubs provide unique opportunities that encourage a love of learning and an adventurous spirit to try something new. Through the generosity and talents of APS staff, YMCA Arlington and Arlington Soccer Association, Randolph has been able to offer many different kinds of enrichment clubs for the Randolph Stars in PreK - 5th grade, at no cost to families. Choices include: Math Dice, Zumba, Soccer, Chess, Origami, Sphero, Reading, Yoga, Kids in the Kitchen, GEMS (Girls Exceeding in Math and Science) and Theater.





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- Look for the member form on page 3