



Neighbor News

The 35th Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic



The parade kicks off at 10.00a, Tuesday, July 4 in Monroe Park (South Monroe Street at 14th Street South) and continues 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 by Douglas Park Musicians!

Please bring a food dish to share.

Hot dogs and water will be provided free.

El 35º anual desfile y comida campestre de barrio de Douglas Park del Dia de Independencia

Desfile comienza a las 10.00 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 los músicos de barrio de Douglas Park!

Por favor trae un plato para compartir.

Perros calientes y agua estarán gratis.

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NEXT DPCA MEETING

**TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2017 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 plans for the Fourth of July, the Trail of Terror and get an update on APAH's Gilliam Place project. For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

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DON'T FORGET!

Our Annual Membership Drive is underway. Annual household dues are only \$15. Please see the form on p 3 or visit <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/> to join or renew with PayPal today!

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REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 20 de junio a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 sur). ¡Atienda por favor!

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, 20 June 2017 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. 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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DOUGLAS PARK ON THE WEB

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<http://www.douglasparkca.org/>

LISTSERV

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douglaspark-subscribe@yahoo.com

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-Park-Arlington-VA/133420103436696>

President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 June 2017 in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive On the agenda:

- **Finalizing planning for our 35th Fourth of July Celebration**
- **The Hallowe'en Trail of Terror.** It's been a couple of years since we've held this event. Are there those who would like to volunteer to restart it? Let's talk.
- **Vacancies.** Our long-serving vice-president, Tony Brooks, is relocating out of the neighborhood with his family. (I will greatly miss your help and support, Tony!). So we have vacancies for the vice-presidential role, as well as for Neighborhood Conservation Rep, liaisons to the Shirlington Dog Park, the Pike West End Advisory Committee and other opportunities to help your fellow residents. If you're interested, please attend.
- **Gilliam Place.** Work has recently started on this new affordable development on the site of Arlington Presbyterian Church at the Pike and S Lincoln St. Laura London of APAH will present a briefing and answer questions regarding the project.

PRIOR MEETING RECAPS
MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

At our annual elections, Adam Henderson, President; Tony Brooks, Vice-President; Al Fox, Treasurer and Annette Pigott, Secretary were each re-elected for a new one-year term. We also had a lively discussion regarding the newsletter, including increasing participation. We also decided to decrease the newsletter publication from 5 to three times per year.

MONDAY 15 MAY

We had an excellent turnout at the Ft Barnard Laydown Lot to continue our discussions with Arlington Department of Environmental Services (DES) regarding reducing activity at the site and reviewing and discussing the initial landscape plan.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

19TH AND POLLARD LAYDOWN LOT

As mentioned above, the DPCA Executive Committee has made significant progress in reducing the County's use of the Ft Barnard Laydown lot and securing a landscape screening commitment to greatly mitigate the visual impact of the site on neighbors and the neighborhood at large.

The draft landscape plan and memorandum of understanding regarding the lot are available on the Civic Association's website at

<http://www.douglasparkca.org/2017/05/30/ft-barnard-feedback/>



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We invite interested neighbors to provide feedback on the plans through the feedback link outlined on that page.

Treasurer's Report

by Al Fox

This issue of the Douglas Park Neighbor News includes the financial statement (at right) for the membership year ended February 28, 2017. The year began with a cash balance of approximately \$14,400 and ended with a cash balance just over \$19,000. Membership dues and contributions increased over the prior year, due largely to the Civic Association's transition to using PayPal for member dues remittances. The Election Day bake sale generated almost \$2,000 of income as is typical in presidential election years. Expenditures decreased when compared to the prior year, due primarily to the cancellation of the July 4th picnic in 2016 on account of forecasted rain.

In the current membership year, the Civic Association continues to utilize PayPal to accept payments for dues and Holiday Drive contributions. Increased use of PayPal streamlines the administrative burden of stamping and distributing envelopes and depositing checks. It is hoped that PayPal usage will continue to increase going forward.

I'd like to personally thank my Douglas Park neighbors for continued support of our Civic Association. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Where are you spending your summer?

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

MARCH 2017 — FEBRUARY 2018

- ENCLOSED ARE MY ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD DUES OF \$15.00
- I'M/WE'RE DONATING THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF \$ _____
- A CHECK FOR \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED

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Arlington, VA 22204

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Email _____

I'D LIKE TO HELP WITH:

- Fourth of July Picnic and Parade Election Day Bake Sale
- Holiday Fund Drive Writing newsletter articles
- Hallowe'en Trail of Terror Distribute/deliver newsletters
- Call me anytime; I'll see if I can help Newsletter advertising

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 FY2017 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1 MARCH 2016—28 FEBRUARY 2017

	FY2016	FY 2017
OPENING BALANCE	\$16,920.19	\$14,393.61
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$2,130.00	\$3,105.00
Contributions	933.00	1,695.00
Newsletter Ads	295.00	1,140.03
Election Day Bake Sale	1,278.26	1,951.06
Holiday Fund Drive	2,445.00	2,715.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,081.26	\$10,606.09
EXPENDITURES		
Newsletter Printing	\$2,325.64	\$2,667.56
Membership Dues Drive Materials	61.98	66.75
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic	2,744.89	236.50
April Neighbor Day Picnic	667.81	0.00
Holiday Fund Drive	3,167.41	2,474.37
Columbia Pike Blues Festival Contribution	0.00	200.00
Dues	150.00	50.00
Meeting Expenses	110.38	158.15
Website Expenses	205.65	47.98
Bank Fees	148.65	54.06
Miscellaneous	25.42	19.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,607.84	\$5,984.42
ENDING BALANCE	\$14,393.61	\$19,015.28

/s/ Al Fox

Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

Bee Pollinator Friendly!

by Annette Pigott

This year, the week of June 19-25 is National Pollinator Week. Pollinators include bees, bumblebees, bats, hummingbirds, beetles, butterflies and flies. As Douglas Park is home to several backyard beehives, including those in the Fort Barnard Community Garden, now would be a good time for you to plant bee and native pollinator-friendly plants. Several come to mind, including beebalm, milkweed, mint, hyssop, clover, rudbeckia, asters, joe-pye weed, blue salvia and lobelia. Some of these plants, such as beebalm, joe-pye weed, milkweed, and mint, can be invasive, either by their seeds or root systems, so make sure you contain them or cut off their seed heads. Also, rather than spraying your yards for mosquitoes, which also kills our insect pollinators, try using a water basin with mosquito dunks in them. If you keep one basin as a target trap, while making sure all other water sources in your yard are drained, the mosquitoes will just lay eggs in your trap and you can help break the cycle of mosquito breeding in your yard!



All of our pollinators are under great stress, from pesticide use to lack of good plants for pollen and nectar, so eliminating pesticides and planting pollinator plants in your yard would be great steps to helping these hardworking animals and insects who help pollinate over 75% of our flowering plants and nearly 75 % of our food crops.

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Little Free Library in Douglas Park

by Mary Beth Rynders

What is a 'Little Free Library'? A Little Free Library is a 'take a book, return a book' free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Each one is unique and has the builder's personal touch.

Can anyone give or take books from any Little Free Library? Do I have to return the exact book I take? Anyone may contribute or take books. You do not need to return that exact book. In order to keep the Little Library full of good choices for the whole neighborhood, the next time you pass by one bring a few books to share. The exchange functions on the honor system.

Little Free Library is a not-for-profit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.



In Douglas Park we have two Little Free Libraries; one is located at 1616 S Pollard St, the other is on S Quincy St near Douglas Park.

For more information or for other locations of registered Little Libraries check out their website at <https://littlefreelibrary.org> and do a search by your location, zip code, city, country or the steward's

name. This is a worldwide organization.

The website also includes information for buying or building your own and step-by-step instructions on how to install your Little Free Library.

Little Free Library also has a presence on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.



The 35th Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

by Adam Henderson

Patriots of all ages are invited to the Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic on Tuesday, July 4th.

The neighborhood gathers in Monroe Park at 10a for judging of the best parade floats, costumes, decorated bikes, and the coveted prize of Mr and Ms Douglas Park. The parade itself starts at 10.30a 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 sno-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 be a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

If you would like to help, you can:

- 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

Contact Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org or Annette Pigott at secretary@douglasparkca.org to volunteer. We have an intrepid crew who take on set-up, hot dog procurement, water and ice schlepping and other important tasks. Help and new talent are always welcomed.

Happy Birthday, USA! See you at the parade!



Arlington Solar Co-Op Information Session—June 21st

by Adam Segel-Moss

Arlington County is running a solar co-op for the third year in a row. This co-op has already helped more than eighty homeowners in Arlington install solar and the co-op has more than doubled the amount of solar in Arlington in only two years! A few folks in Douglas Park have already participated in this program.

The co-op helps Arlingtonians install solar at a ~20% discount and the federal tax credit offers a 30% discount in addition to the co-op discount.

If you are interested, visit the co-op website for a no-obligation roof screening (you'll provide your information using a form near the bottom of the site), and/or attend an information session to learn more:

Great Arlington Solar Co-op Info Session

Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m.

Patrick Henry Library

101 Maple Avenue East

Vienna, VA

<http://www.vasun.org/greater-arlington/>

Be a part
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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