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## 2017 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!

### NEXT DPCA MEETING

**MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 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.**

Our guest will be DPCA resident and Arlington School Board Vice-Chair Reid Goldstein. We will also get an update on the Axumite Village project. For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

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### HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE 2017

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TO ALL DOUGLAS PARK RESIDENTS!**

### Douglas Park noticias noviembre 2017

#### REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

**L**a 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

Monday evening, 20 November 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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## President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

## NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

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

- **School Board Vice-Chair and Douglas Park resident Reid Goldstein.** Reid will be on hand to take your questions regarding Arlington Schools.
- **Axumite Village.** A representative from this recently-revived project (see below) will be on hand to answer questions.
- **Vacancies.** We're still without a vice-president. Our annual elections are coming up in February. Can you help us out?

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## 19TH AND POLLARD LAYDOWN LOT

DPCA hosted a community meeting on 15 September to review the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and landscaping plan. Based on the constructive feedback at the meeting, both documents were revised. The final MOU and landscape plan are available on the civic association website at

<http://www.douglasparkca.org/2017/09/28/results-of-ft-barnard-on-site-meeting/>

## AXUMITE VILLAGE WORK BEGINS

This project at 1100 S Highland St was originally approved in 2009. It consists of 12 townhomes containing 32 market-rate apartments and 4 affordable units. A site plan and landscape renderings are available here:

<http://www.douglasparkca.org/2017/11/02/axumite-village-update/>

## Randolph Landscaping Project and Special Matching Gift Opportunity

by Bethany Zecher Sutton, President, Randolph ES PTA

The Randolph Elementary PTA is launching a project this fall to improve the landscaping in the front of the school. The Douglas Park Civic Association is working in partnership with the PTA to support the landscaping effort, which will greatly improve the curb appeal of our neighborhood school.

Randolph ES and the Randolph PTA have engaged Campbell & Ferrara, a northern Virginia landscaping company, to use a phased approach to our landscaping



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project. In November, Campbell & Ferrara will complete three improvements to the school grounds, including:

- a new split-rail fence around the parking lot entrance and butterfly garden
- a new mulch & timber walkway to help direct students and parents off of the grassy areas,
- and a long hedge that will help define the front grounds and also keep students and parents on designated sidewalks and paths.

Our longer-term plan also includes new plantings in the butterfly garden; additional shrubbery around the school; rebuilding the timber retaining wall by door #10; and smaller plantings to enhance the look of the grounds.

We are engaging the Randolph community in assisting with plantings and providing some ongoing maintenance of the grounds. We hope that the Douglas Park community also will support these improvements to our neighborhood school. The Randolph PTA is contributing funds from our reserves to support the first phase of work. We also have secured a small grant from the County Council of PTAs to support this effort. And the school has identified some funds to support phase one. But we will need to raise additional money to fully implement the project.

The Douglas Park Civic Association is providing matching funds for any donations made by community members to this project. We invite and encourage you to support the Randolph landscaping project with a **tax-deductible** gift to the Randolph PTA. DPCA will match gifts made between now and November 30, 2017, up to a total of \$2,500.

Gifts to the Randolph PTA landscaping fund can be made by check to the Randolph PTA and mailed or dropped off at the school office: Randolph PTA; attn. Jennifer Allwine; 1306 S. Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22204. Online donations can be made securely via PayPal at <https://randolphelementarypta.org/>.

Thank you for your support.

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## Musical Happenings

**DOUGLAS PARK NATIVE MAKES HER DC MUSICAL DEBUT NOVEMBER 21ST AT WALTER REED COMMUNITY CENTER**

by Rebecca Krafft

**T**he Walter Reed Community Center is home to the Arlington Acoustic Café. The Café takes place in the fall and spring on the third Tuesday of the month. The next one, on November 21, features Melanie Wiggins, who grew up in Douglas Park and is now making her home in Brooklyn, NY.

Melanie and Sara Horton are an indie folk duo called Hearth. They sing and play their quirky, soulful songs about everything from the vagaries of love in the time of frat-bros and nice-guys to inequality and immigration reform -- all delivered with an Indigo Girls meets Simon & Garfunkel meets Kimya Dawson meets something-you-haven't-quite-heard-yet sound. If you want to know more about Hearth, see their Instagram photos and videos at @wearearth or visit wearearth.tumblr.com.

Also on the bill is Windward Passage, a guitar-flute-clarinet instrumental trio. They perform pop, rock, classical, folk, show tunes and more.

Flutist Susan Bour retired after 20 years with the President's Own United States Marine Band. Guitarist Phil Bour was a guest artist for the Foggy Bottom Band and is accomplished in jazz improvisation. Clarinetist Michael Knight retired from The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own" after 35 years of service, 10 of which he held the position of Concertmaster. He currently performs as principal clarinetist with the American Balalaika Symphony and The Virginia Grand Military Band.

The final Acoustic Café of 2017 is scheduled for December 19th.



## FIREHOUSE JAM MEETS MONTHLY AT WALTER REED CENTER

Once a month, on the third Thursday, Walter Reed hosts the Firehouse Jam, an open eclectic get together of musicians. Jammers come from many backgrounds and all skill levels. There is a strong shared interest in bluegrass, but folk music, traditional country, Irish and other styles are also welcome. The next jam takes place from 7-9 pm on November 16; and the following one is on December 21. Check it out.



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## Trail of Terror Recap

by Bob Lee; photos courtesy Elisa Sachs and Kristin Francis

**L**ots of people to thank for putting on an absolutely extraordinary Trail of Terror on Saturday, October 28th and I will get to all of you below — but first — the results:

- **We estimate that well over 800 people attended the event.**
- **We collected 825 pounds of food for AFAC.**
- **We collected \$612.56 for the Randolph Elementary School PTA Landscaping Project which the Douglas Park Civic Association will match!!!**

GREAT JOB!

Now for the thanks - these neighbors did a remarkable job and I know I will miss a few so if you know any I missed please let me know and I'll send it out.

One of the greatest things about this neighborhood is that all you have to do is invite folks over to your house - serve a libation and give everyone a general idea of what we'd like to happen - and guess what? Just stand back and watch!

First off we have to thank Bret Alexander for building and repairing all the large, realistic and amazing props you saw on the trail - these props have lasted 4 years being stored under decks and in neighborhood garages. Bret also designed the posters we used for advertising.

Additionally, Rachel Staley, Laine Bowen (Art teachers at Randolph) and their students completely repaired the Witch's Cauldron.

Louise Mitchell got the posters printed and Rebecca Krafft coordinated all the advertising (in addition to them dressing up a really scary people on Saturday night.)

Ben Sutton, in a side of him I didn't know - recruited Zombie volunteers aged from 11 to 30+ and made them rehearse a zombie walk, applied temporary scars and choreographed the first section of the trail complete with fog machines and lights. I also know his PTA president wife was out there on Saturday but sorry Bethany - I didn't see you!

Cyndi Jackson was the official Douglas Park female version of Bella Lugosi (

ok - I'm dating myself - Cyndi - he was the famous vampire Dracula). That section of the trail and all the neighborhood blood suckers she recruited were especially scary as were all the props, spooky decorations. In Cyndi's full moon addicted group were Bruce and Elaine Nystrom who not only haunted that part of the trail but Bruce helped get our posters out to all the Libraries and Elaine made it through the night after taking a big spill on Friday - which thank goodness only resulted in bruises - which added to her vampire makeup.

Back to the Witch's Cauldron - Ben and Cyndi had to go out and really put the hard sell on volunteers to be Zombies and Vampires but Kristin Francis and Traci Pietra had witches from the neighborhood falling out of trees - well, that doesn't sound quite right - let's just say they had a lot of volunteers — of all ages — the kids even volunteered to be "cooked" for a while if they could then "help out scaring people as witches" - remarkable. Special Kudos go to Allie Burns, Quinn Hampton and Oliver Frances for their superb acting job as "cooking children" in the cauldron. Kristin Francis (our neighborhood realtor) also got all the bales of hay; the small pumpkins for the kids and paid for a professional face painter.

Our Trolls this year were made up of an ad hoc group of young, and not so young, really creepy looking characters trying to make folks wet their pants at the bridge. I don't know who to blame for the sobbing, wide-eyed, really shaken folks crossing the bridge - it was either Paul Timpane, Jamie Bartalon, Nam Dunbar — or none other than Peter Madigan - who has finally been found after he was lost on Halloween two years ago - great job Peter you are an official Troll! I know there were more Trolls but I never left the front gate so I missed many of them.

Oh yes - the Madigan's of 16th Street fame — Did you all know that Darth Vader (our exit monitor) was a Mr. Madigan - and the scary Clown terrorizing the waiting line was a Mrs. Madigan - and one of the Zombies was a Middle Madigan and that pile of leaves that you couldn't see that grabbed at your ankles just before the bridge was — yes— you guessed it Joey Madigan! Speaking of clowns - the other prominent scary clown was Laura Hampton who just left her child to be cooked by the witches as she helped Mrs Madigan terrorize those waiting on line to get in.

A couple of other significant thank you's are in order:

**Face Painting:** Patrick Kirwin is our neighborhood muralist who 4 months ago volunteered to do face painting for the kids too afraid to go through the trail. He and his family were the last ones through the trail because he spent the entire time — in his gorilla outfit painting kids. Thanks Patrick!

**Music:** I have to thank Jennie Gould (Instrumental and General Music Teacher at Randolph) who not only got the creepy music you heard in the background between screams but had her Advanced Band Students play Ghostbusters, Jaws and The Pink Panther theme songs at Douglas Park just before we opened the trail. The kids were terrific and got multiple runs through the "Trail" to motivate them for next year! Many thanks to the parents for letting this happen!

Our new neighbor Rob Wall took on all the technology for broadcasting the creepy music - did a test run the day before and brought all the sound equipment!

Geeti Bawa did all our liaison work with AFAC, got all the donation boxes and worked the AFAC table.



Oliver Francis meets his fate in the witches' kettle.



## Trail of Terror Recap (ctd)

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Sally Holland let us use all her portable lighting - even though she could not make the event Saturday.

Many, many thanks to Joyce and Scott Long for allowing us to use all of their outdoor outlets for power.

The Rochard family - Susan for volunteering to be a witch and Mike for help moving all the donated food to AFAC Saturday night right after the event. Let's not forget Alena who set the record going through the Trail of Terror (with a posse) - I think she went through 16 times although she said 14 of them were to check on her mother!



**ABOVE:**  
The gates to the Douglas Park Cemetery, Saturday evening 28 October 2017.

**RIGHT:**  
Morrison Sachs zombie-ing along the Trail of Terror.



Paul Timpane - he was a Troll but also showed us his genteel side by providing the

truck to haul all the food to AFAC Saturday night with Mike and Geeti.

Sean Steele, Katie Kampmann and Jeff Coupe for strobe lights that were the finishing touches on the Trail.

Annette Pigott - the extremely elegantly dressed witch who handled all the tickets and admission - in addition to storing props, recovering them and helping set up the trail at 11:00 - she did the work of 4 people!

Al Fox and Adam Henderson for running interference with Arlington County and steering me in the right direction as we got into this seriously.

And finally - everyone did a great job Saturday (there were 20-25 volunteers during the day on Saturday — setting up and an even better job tearing everything down and cleaning up in the dark — BZ!

Next year:

Face painting was free this year - I think possibly donations for it next year.

We need a community solution for storage of these props - they are professionally made and should be stored someplace other than under neighborhood decks.

Should have assigned a photographer to “document” the “Trail” and next year charge (another AFAC donation) for pictures with some of our remarkably dressed Trolls, Zombies, Vampires, Witches, Clowns and yes - with you Paul Timpane!

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