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Thank You Douglas Park for Another Successful Holiday Fund Drive

by Rita Wiggins

Thanks to all of you, the Douglas Park Civic Association Holiday Fund Drive, was a tremendous success again this year. This program, which has been going strong for close to 25 years and is an integral part of DPCA annual activities, gives a hand to needy families at Randolph Elementary School. Each year DPCA works with the counselor and teachers at the school to identify students/families who are in financial need. Neighbors generously contribute their time, money and efforts to help these families.

This year, in the hopes of reaching more children, we did things a little differently. Instead of adopting entire families, we focused on the children at the school and any younger siblings at home. We reached over 60 children, ages 2 months - 10 years old. Parents had the opportunity to fill out wish lists for their children; we asked them to provide "wants" and "needs," and we tried to make sure that all children received one of each. Lots of kids received shoes, boots or sneakers. They also opened packages of warm clothes, diapers, pants and socks. The "fun" items included soccer balls, Legos, unicorns (hopefully not real ones!), dolls, a stuffed bear, and (my favorite) a karaoke machine. We also purchased \$500 worth of Giant gift cards to be given out to families as needed.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.30P IN THE DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM OF ARLINGTON FIRE STATION NO 9; CORNER OF SOUTH WALTER REED DRIVE AND 19TH STREET SOUTH.

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.

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We received several thank you cards from families/students expressing their gratitude for the kindness and generosity of the community. My favorite said simply, "You've made me feel so loved!!" We also received the following from Randolph ES.

Dear Douglas Park Community,

We, at Randolph, would like to send a heartfelt thank you for supporting our students this holiday season. Many of our students are in need of new clothes, shoes, and toys, and because your very generous support we were able to fulfill those needs. We know they all appreciated it very much. Thank you all and we hope you have a wonderful 2018.

Warm Regards, Randolph Staff

We collected just over \$3,100 in donations, which covered our costs with a bit to spare. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed. Thanks to Randolph counselor, Jennifer Baitinger, Bi-lingual Resource Assistant, Jackie Garcia, and other staff members who identified the students, collected wish lists, and ascertained sizes to assist the shoppers. Thanks to Irene Wittig, Jane Anderson, Diane Shin, Susan Rochard, Sean Steele and Amy Creed who took time out of busy holiday schedules to shop for and/or wrap gifts. We extend our gratitude 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!

Wishing a happy and healthy new year to you all!

Douglas Park noticias febrero 2018

LAS DONACIONES PARA LA NAVIDAD AYUDARON A MÁS DE SESENTA NIÑOS

Gracias a todos de Douglas Park por juntar acerca de \$3100 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 26 de febrero a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 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.

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, 26 February 2018 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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<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 Monday 26 February 2018 in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive On the agenda:

- **Updates on neighborhood projects, including Axumite Village and the 12th St S sidewalks and lighting project.**
- **Elections.** This meeting will include our annual election of civic association officers. All current officers (Adam Henderson, 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?
- **We still need a vice-president for the Association!** Please consider volunteering!

MORE MEETINGS THIS SPRING

19TH AND POLLARD LAYDOWN LOT

Mark your calendar for two more informative meetings later this spring. Both will be held in the downstairs meeting room at Firehouse 9:

- **Monday 19 March at 7 pm: a review of the draft plans for the Four Mile Run Valley.** You can preview these plans on line; the draft Policy Framework at https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/02/DRAFT_4MRV_Framework2218.pdf and the draft Parks Plan at https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2018/02/4MRV_parks_guidelinesDRAFT020918x.pdf
- **Thursday 5 April at 7 pm: a presentation on the draft plans for street improvements along 12th St between Highland and Glebe along with another Q&A session with the developers of Axumite Village.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In addition to a new vice-president, the Civic Association is looking for two new delegates to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Commission. Long-time member abd former DPCA President John Snyder is stepping down. Can you help? The NCAC directs funding for neighborhood projects, such as the streetlights along 12th St between Quincy and Monroe and the upcoming street improvements on 12th St between Highland and Glebe. The commission meets at one evening a month. Please contact Adam Henderson or John Snyder for further details.



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Randolph Elementary School Looking for Mentors

by Rita Wiggins

Exhibition is a culminating project in fifth grade that provides students an opportunity to synthesize the elements of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) and share their projects with the school community. This year the Exhibition will be under the theme “How We Express Ourselves,” with a focus on beliefs and values. The students have selected issues they are interested in and will explore in depth the rest of the year. Once they have researched their topics, they will create projects that they will present at Exhibition on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. Below is a list of topics that students will be exploring.

- **Animals**
 - » *Endangered animals*
 - » *Ocean animals (dolphins, whales, sharks)*
 - » *Pandas*
 - » *Polar Bears*
 - » *Turtles*
- **Belief systems (tolerance)**
- **Bioluminescence**
- **Black holes**
- **Global Warming**
 - » *Dinosaur Extinction*
 - » *Earth*
 - » *Fossil fuels*
 - » *Trees*
- **Education**
 - » *Girls in Pakistan*
- **Emotions**
- **Homelessness**
- **Natural Disasters**
- **Pollution**
- **Recycling**
- **Racism**

DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA MEMBERSHIP FORM—FY 2019

MARCH 2018 — FEBRUARY 2019

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Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
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Thank you!



- **Safety**
- **Sports finances**
- **Stray animals**

We are currently looking for adults who would be interested in working with our fifth graders to complete this project.

Experts: We would love to have some brown bag lunches where students can ask questions and learn more about their topic from an expert. Lunches could be a one-time meeting with the students between 12:30-1:15 on a given week day.

Mentors: We could also use mentors to guide students through the process. If you are interested in being a mentor, we would be looking for you to commit to meeting with small groups of students periodically to assist them with their projects. The dates and times could vary, but it would require more than one time.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in working on this project with our fifth graders, please contact Barbara Watkins at 703-228-5830 or Barbara.watkins@apsva.us.

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Winter After-School Enrichment at Randolph

by Rita Wiggins

With winter break behind us and the new year off to a running start, we jumped right into our Winter After School Enrichment session at Randolph. Offering over 25 clubs with seats to serve almost 400 children, the program is varied and robust. Children from pre-kindergarten through 5th grade have the opportunity to participate in clubs geared toward academic enrichment, creativity, movement, outdoor exploration, fun science and more. We offer Irish Dancing, Goop and Magical Solutions, Chess, Social Play and Yoga, just to name a few. Classes are led by the YMCA, Educational Theater Company, Arlington Soccer Association, APS Scientist in the Classroom program and teachers within the building who want to share their enthusiasm for a certain topic with students in a relaxed setting. Clubs run for one hour after school every day of the week. We even have some morning clubs! We are pleased to offer our students this fun way to expand their horizons, extend their learning and stretch their brains. If you have any questions about our ASE program, please feel free to contact Marcela Ranz at 703-228-2321 or carolina.ranz@apsva.us.



Growing Plants for Your Garden

by Annette Pigott

Now is the time to start thinking of what vegetables, herbs and flowers you may want to plant in your yard or garden this year. If you are feeling adventurous, you can start some of your own in your home. You get a much better selection of varieties if you grow your own plants. I start my tomatoes, herbs and flowers in early to mid-March. The seed packets will tell you the time frame for planting indoors.

The biggest roadblock in growing seedlings is the lack of good light. Light from a sunny window is normally not adequate for stocky and healthy plants. An inexpensive source of good light is to use 48" fluorescent shop lights hung from chains from a shelf. I hang about 3 shop lights from a portable system made from ¾" PVC pipe that can be taken apart and stored when not in use.

When starting seeds, it is best to use seed starting soil in your cell packs or peat pots and have a clear cover over them to keep in moisture. Many stores sell kits for starting seeds. For good seed germination, make sure the soil is warm either by using a special seed starting heating mat or you can use the top of your water heater or any other warm place. Once the seeds are up, they do not need the warm soil but do need moisture, good air circulation so they do not rot, and good light. Now is the time to use your lighting system. The light should be about 3" from the top of the seedlings during the growing process. Keep raising the light as the plants grow. If the light is too far away, the plants will be weak and spindly. I have my lights on timers from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. To encourage thick stems, you can brush them gently or blow on them to make them sway. Take the clear cover off when the seedlings touch it.

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Once you see the roots coming out of the seed pots you will need to transplant them to larger containers. Once the weather warms and before you can plant them outside the plants will need to be hardened. The biggest peril to them is the wind and too much sun. A week or two before planting put them out on a porch or some other sheltered place to get them used to the elements. Gradually put them out in the sun. You may have to cover them if there is a chance of frost.

Enjoy the fruits of your labor and happy gardening.

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of *your*
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

Randolph Landscaping Project Update

In addition to the funds raised for our annual Holiday Drive, a big thank-you to the generosity of our community in contributing \$3,568.56 this ast fall to the Randolph Landscape Project fundraiser. These funds triggered a \$2,500 match from the Civic Association. Thanks to all of you!

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