



Neighbor News

36th Annual Holiday Fund Drive Underway

By Adam Henderson

Since 1984, the Douglas Park Civic Association has coordinated a Holiday Fund Drive to help those less fortunate in our community. Working with teachers and counselors at Randolph Elementary School, each year we identify several children who our civic association 'adopts'. Neighbors provide monetary donations while volunteers purchase and wrap necessities and special gifts for the children we've 'adopted'.

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 also donate to the Holiday Fund online via PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/holiday-fund/> Second, we always are in need of shoppers and wrappers for the gifts. If you'd like to help with shopping or gift-wrapping, please contact Rita Wiggins at rmwiggins@verizon.net with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE 2019

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You may also donate online via PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/holiday-fund/>

THANK YOU!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.15P

Please see the 'President's Corner' on page two for topics and location. All are welcome to attend.

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

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, 25 November 2019 at 7.15p. Please see this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News* for location and agenda. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Monday 25 November 2019 in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- A brief discussion of the 2019 Holiday Fund Drive.
- A presentation by Michelle Stafford of Arlington DES regarding possible sidewalk improvements along 13th St S as part of the Neighborhood Complete Streets Program.
- Douglas Park? Douglass Park? New Arlington? Something else? We had a lively discussion on the listserv in October regarding the origins of the name of our neighborhood and the correct usage. So we're opening a broader discussion on the topic. Please come and share your thoughts.

Speaking of the listserv...

LISTSERV CHANGES

As many of you are aware, Yahoo! is making some pretty significant changes to Yahoo! Groups this fall. Yahoo! Groups is the service provider for our listserv. Because of these and other changes, we have decided to move the listserv to groups.io; a dedicated listserv hosting company started by Mark Fletcher who was one of the pioneers of listserv platforms. Our NEW listserv went active on Sunday 10 November after the transfer of all existing member account from the prior Yahoo! listserv. We will retire the current Yahoo! listserv effective Sunday 17 November 2019. If you've not signed up for the listserv before, now is the time to join us on the new platform; just send an email to dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io.

Election Day Bake Sale Nets Over \$1,600

by Enid Dunbar

This year's Election Day bake sale at Randolph Elementary raised \$1,655.50. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, donated and volunteered to set-up, work the table or clean up! Because of all of you, this event falls easily into place each year.

Randolph News

by Beth Fiencke

In February 2019, Randolph teachers and staff hosted visitors from the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). This visit was a culmination of a rigorous year of self-study required every five years in order to maintain accreditation as an IB World School. Randolph is currently the only elementary school in Arlington with the IB Primary Years Program and one of fewer than 600 such schools in the US.

On November 8th, students heard from three children's authors and illustrators including Laura Murray, Angela Dominguez and Marc Nobleman. Each student also will receive a book by one of these authors as part of Randolph's annual Young Authors & Illustrators Day.

Randolph will be hosting a literacy and numeracy night for students in pre-K through 2nd grade on Monday, November 18th. Watch for announcements on the Douglas Park listserv about food trucks operating outside the school in the late afternoon that day to offer dinner options for families and community members.

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MARCH 2019 — FEBRUARY 2020

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- Fourth of July Picnic and Parade
- Election Day Bake Sale
- Holiday Fund Drive
- Writing newsletter articles
- Hallowe'en Trail of Terror
- Distribute/deliver newsletters
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- Newsletter advertising

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Randolph News

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Finally, please link your Harris Teeter VIC card to the Randolph PTA through the Together in Education program. Simply ask a cashier to link your card to Randolph Elementary (code 6929), log into your Harris Teeter account and search for "Together in Education," or contact the Randolph PTA. This support costs nothing to you and provides funds to support students and teachers at our Title 1 school. We are very appreciative of our generous neighborhood! .

6th Annual Trail of Terror a Success

by Bob Lee

The Sixth Annual Douglas Park Trail of Terror went off with out a hitch the evening of Saturday 26 October 2019. Some key results:

- About 506 attendees - not counting the repeat run throughs for those children who both recognized and gave Darth Vader "the finger" (severed plastic fingers distributed to reluctant children at the entrance to the trail). This is a little lower than last year but I think the threatening weather and the Nats World Series game 4 being on TV probably suppressed attendance somewhat. Regardless, the donations listed below are certainly going to be very helpful to both organizations.
- 670 pounds of food for AFAC
- \$423 collected at the gate for the Randolph Elementary School PTO (which will be matched by the Douglas Park Civic Association) bringing it to a total of \$846

Volunteers showed up at 10:00 am to set up and start transforming Douglas Park into a terror inducing, scary and horrifying trail that frayed nerves, increased blood pressure, invoked screams and induced an overwhelming desire to flee—and this was just during

the daylight setup time. We "opened" the Trail at dark and at some point we actually had a 30 minute wait to get in. Reports from the entire Trail were overwhelmingly positive, scary but great fun—it looked to me that the volunteers had as much fun as those who walked through. As I've mentioned above, please let me know about other folks that need to be recognized - I know there were a number of Witches whose names I don't recall as there were folks in the Vampire area and in Nitin and Bethany's "Lab gone Mad" area. Please, please pass on to them my personal thanks for helping all of us make this years Trail a success.


Acknowledgments/Kudos/Well-Dones/BZs/Great Job/Hey Dude—or Dudette—that was Terrific:

None of this could be accomplished without the generous use of electricity from Scott and Joyce Long's house next to the park. Thanks guys!!

We also wouldn't have had such a turnout if it were not for:

- Rebecca Krafft doing all the modifications to the Art work for the colored poster and designing the B&W handbill;
- Louise Mitchell for get all the posters and handbills printed and posted around the 'Hood;
- Grace Burns for hand delivering handbills house to house;
- Bret Alexander and Megan Murphy for the original poster art work and building all the props—that have lasted over 6 years! Kudos to you both!
- Geeti Bowa for collecting the AFAC donations and getting AFAC open for delivering the donations on Saturday night. Thanks Geeti!
- Annette Pigott for coordinating admission tickets, collecting donations to the PTO and representing the DPCA at the entrance to the Trail;
- Thanks to Kristin Francis (our local realtor) for all the bales of hay that decorated the face/pumpkin painting area for the younger children who were too young for the "Trail". Thanks Kristin!
- For the third year in a row, Patrick Kirwin (our local muralist and art instructor extraordinaire) did face painting and recruited a masterful associates to contribute to the "Kids" section of the Trail. Patrick - you are a Wiz! Thanks;
- Sally Holland for all the help setting up and the "Evil Pumpkin Mural" that was a hit for pictures for everyone;

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When? Sunday, December 8, 2019
2 PM– 6 PM



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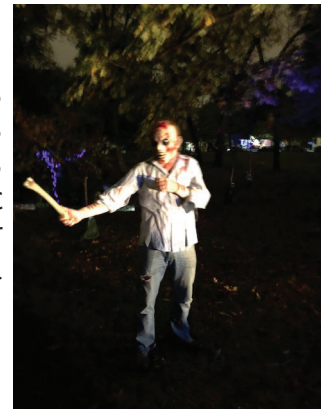
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Trail of Terror

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- Bethany Sutton for both coordinating the Girl Scouts “Scary Eyes” Project—that just added that extra sense of dread as everyone approached the “Troll Bridge” in total Darkness—it had to be seen to be really appreciated how effective it was. And ... for arranging to have posters stuffed in backpacks of all the students a Randolph on the Friday before the Trail—Thanks Bethany!
- Carroll Lee for the small pumpkins in the Kids section of the Trail that were either painted or given away to the kids;
- Laura Coco-Hampton; for the new addition of the “Stranger Things” section of the Trail—don’t you just love having our own Demigorgon on the Trail—perfect—a Venus Fly-trap-looking monsters that follow the orders of the Mind Flayer — what’s next Laura? The Mind Flayer next year so no one will go down the Trail? In addition, as in years past, Laura wandered around as the demented, scary and despised Clown... of course with her equally sick sidekick mentioned a few lines below;
- Mike and Eran O’Keefe first year volunteers for all sorts of contributions and helping setup all day Saturday. In addition they provided the truck and helped Geeti B deliver all the food to AFAC Saturday evening after the Trail closed. Eran also was one part of the triumvirate of Face Painters in the Kids section along with Patrick and his associate while Mike was Swashbuckling his inner Pirate all evening;
- Nitin and Bethany Natarajan for their second year of the “Lab Gone Mad” expanded section of the Trail—we may have to get real doctors standing by your section to resuscitate the scores of folks you scared with the medical barrel “jack in the box” routine—I heard those screams all the way down at the entrance. Great job and thanks to the boys, Nigel and the others who participated!
- Tracie Pietra, Kristin Francis and all the other Witches down at the “Witches Corner” of the Trail—terrific job as usual and thanks for the use of all your personal props—there really added a lot to the Trail;



- Volunteer Vampires - Thanks to Louise and Katie Mitchell for taking over the Vampire portion of the Trail—you two really fit the bill perfectly—makes me wonder—I don't recall ever seeing you both in the sunshine! Thanks for jumping in to help! (Our original Vampires, Elaine and Bruce, had volunteered to support the USO Fall Festival on board Ft Meyer that night);
- Ben Sutton and his daughter Claudia for coordinating all the Zombies, putting on their scars and doing their face paint while Mom was doing the Scary Eyes noted above.
- Paul Timpane and Jamie Bartalon for the Troll Bridge - the absolute perfect near-ending to the Trail. I thought the fog generators and strobes combines with the Scary Eyes on the way down to the bridge was the best yet - BZ guys!
- We also had an unbelievable Grim Reaper wandering around the Park—whoever you are, great outfit—it was scary enough during the day; at night it was remarkable. Who are you? I am sorry but I missed your name as we were running around getting ready to start?



the truck and all the manpower to move the food donations to AFAC on Saturday after the Trail. Unfortunately he had a last minute family emergency and couldn't participate - Eran and Mike O'Keefe jumped in to fill the gap as noted above. Thanks for the offer Chris - hopefully we'll see you next year!



Finally, every one of you volunteer Zombies, Vampires, Witches, Mad Lab folks, Trolls, Random Scary People and Clowns probably have a terrific story about Saturday night: please send them to me and I will consolidate them all and publish them on the listserv and as periodic additions to our DCPA newsletter—and send everyone a copy.

MORE PHOTOS ON BACK COVER (P 8).



If you've been paying attention, you've noted that the Sutton family is pretty involved in the support and execution of the Trail every year; well the entire Madigan family seem to have the same infectious disease called the "Halloween Flu"—every year Katie Madigan is there as the "other" really scary, demented and despised Clown with her "Chucky" doll, Matt Madigan, our own Darth Vader (this year sporting a "Nats" shirt over his costume) has been "The End" of the Trail telling everyone to "GET OUT" after they cross the Troll bridge. Their boys participate in a Ghillie suit—unseen until they move toward you in the dark, as this year's Demogorgon at the Stranger Things section of the Trail and as a Troll. The entire family also helped setup and tear down all day Saturday and clean up and load props for storage on Sunday afternoon. You guys are the best! Thanks so much!

I also want to acknowledge a new neighbor, Chris Wilson, who is an Army veteran and the owner of a new moving company "Divine Movers". Chris volunteered to provide



More Photos from the 2019 Trail of Terror



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