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2019 Holiday Fund Drive Recap

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 thirty-six 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, we provided gifts for 40 children, aged one month to eleven years old. Upon request, parents completed lists of "wants" and "needs" for their little ones; we tried to make sure that all children received at least one item from each list. Lots of kids opened packages with warm clothes: pants, shirts, sweaters, shoes, boots and coats. The "fun" items included dolls, Legos, cars, trains, balls, art materials and slime .

We collected a total of \$3,165. With all the bills paid, we have an excess of \$600. We will use the extra money to purchase Harris Teeter grocery cards that will be given to the school to distribute as needed.

We had a wealth of volunteers this year. Fourteen shoppers and one additional wrapper demonstrated the truth of the adage, "Many hands make light work." Thank you to: Mina Stanard, Kate Miller, Emily King, Diane Shinn, Anna Arrowsmith, Irene Wittig, Sean Steele, Amy Creed, Marissa Solis, Shannon Taylor, Diana Robinson, Robyn McGinn, Lisa Lopez, and Taylor Cylke for their admirable shopping prowess. Gracias to Jessica Kaufman who shared her gift wrapping talents - much

to one of our shopper's relief! (We all have different skill sets!) Kudos to the neighbors who prepared the contribution envelopes as well as the newsletter carriers who distributed them (and Annette Pigott who has tirelessly organized that effort for years). Thanks to the outreach team at Randolph which is always a pleasure to work with. And finally, thanks to our stalwarts, DPCA Treasurer, Al Fox, and DPCA President, Adam Henderson, always working behind the scenes.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2020!

I'll close with some words from the Dalai Lama XIV:

"Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness."

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30P

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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, 24 February 2020 at 7.30p. **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Please see this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News* for location and agenda. All are welcome.

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dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io
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President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 24 February 2020 in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. **Pizza will be served!** On the agenda:

- **OUR ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** Three of our four current officers (Adam Henderson, President; Megan Lynch, Vice-President; and Al Fox, Treasurer) are running for re-election. Our long-serving secretary, Annette Pigott, has decided to hand over the reins, so we are looking for a new secretary. New nominations are also open for all other offices as well. If you would like information about the role of civic association officers, please contact Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org. If you'd like to stand for an office, please attend the meeting to tell those gathered a bit about yourself.
- **Civic Association support of community organizations.** The Civic Association has a long history of supporting our community, such as our local PTAs, students, Phoenix Bikes and others. We're always looking for other worthy non-partisan causes where we can lend a hand. Please come prepared with your suggestions.

Around Douglas Park and South Arlington

by Adam Henderson

Some other things of interest in our and nearby neighborhoods:

- **As mentioned above, Annette Pigott is stepping aside as Douglas Park CA Secretary.** She is also passing on responsibilities as newsletter distribution co-ordinator. I am pleased to announce Bethany Zecher Sutton as our new newsletter distribution co-ordinator. Welcome Bethany!
- **Civic Association gradually moving to on-line transactions.** As we move to a new decade, the Civic Association board of directors has decided to move encouraging more online interactions. As part of that move, we encourage all members to pay their dues for the upcoming year (beginning 1 March) through our PayPal portal on our website at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>.

PayPal is a safe and easy way to start or renew your membership and is used by an increasing number of your neighbors since we introduced it four years ago. If you prefer, you can still cut out the form at right and mail it in with your dues.

- APRIL 1, 2020 IS CENSUS DAY!** The US Census counts every resident in the nation, including right here in Arlington County. As mandated by the US Constitution, America gets just one chance each decade to count its population. The collected data helps to determine things like the number of seats Virginia has in the House of Representatives, and how to distribute federal funds to local communities like ours. Look for forms in your mailbox in March. Learn more about the importance of an accurate census to Arlington and the confidentiality of your data here: <https://topics.arlingtonva.us/census-2020/>.
- Jennie Dean Park.** The county board approved plans for the stage one redevelopment of Jennie Dean Park in Green Valley along Four Mile Run in November. Construction will begin this spring with completion planned for late 2021. See the phase one plans and follow the project at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/jennie-dean-park/>.
- Jennie Dean Park, phase 2.** As part of phase two of the Jennie Dean Park redevelopment, the County continues to work toward finalizing an agreement with WETA-TV to move their production studios to a new facility adjacent to their Shirlington Headquarters on Campbell Avenue.
- Four Mile Run Arts and Industry District.** As called for in the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) Master Plan adopted by the County Board in November 2018, a County-appointed Arts and Industry

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MARCH 2020 — FEBRUARY 2021

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 Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
 1609 South Quincy Street
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Or, join/renew with PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>

Thank you!

District Advisory Committee [AIDAC] is currently meeting to provide input to the County Board on a way forward. Meetings are open to the public. Learn more at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/arts-and-industry-district/>.

- Changes in Shirlington.** Our neighbors in Shirlington Civic Association are currently working through a General Land Use Plan [GLUP] update project for the Village at Shirlington. A key stance of their input is enhancing parking options in the Village to encourage evening activity in the Village. Douglas Park CA is supportive of the efforts. Follow the progress here: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/general-land-use-plan/special-study-shirlington-village/>.

- Columbia Pike Relocation at Arlington National Cemetery.** A public information meeting was held February 11th on the plan to realign Columbia Pike from S Oak St east to Washington Blvd (VA Rte 27). Public comment is open through February 26th. Learn more at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/events/public-hearing-anc-southern-expansion-defense-access-road-project/>.

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- **Career Center Redevelopment.** Committee meetings on Arlington Public Schools expansion plans for the Career Center site along Walter Reed Drive just north of the Pike continue. A public information session on January 22d was well-attended with numerous residents encouraging robust parking facilities to accommodate the 2,000+ students and faculty anticipated for the site later this decade. You can follow the process at <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/arlington-career-center/>. As part of increasing space for students at the site, the Columbia Pike Branch Library will close temporarily this spring to retrofit the second floor space for classrooms. The library will reopen in the autumn. Follow the schedule here: <https://library.arlingtonva.us/learn-about-updates-to-the-columbia-pike-library/>.
- **Enhanced Speeding Fines on Neighborhood Streets.** In late January, the County Board approved a plan to increase speeding fines on certain

residential streets by \$200. Once criteria and procedures are in place, the Civic Association will be looking to include streets such as 16th St S and S Quincy St in the program. Learn more here: <https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/arlington-to-increase-speeding-fines-in-some-residential-neighborhoods/>.

- **Pike West End Multi-Modal Improvements.** After a very rough implementation of lane closures along the Pike from Four Mile Run west to the Fairfax County line at the end of 2019, the Pike Presidents' Group (of which I am chair) and Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization [CPRO] have been meeting regularly with county staff (with some success) to improve access for resident and Pike businesses. We will continue to work with staff to mitigate impacts where possible as well as 'speed the pain' of the remaining sections of the Pike to be upgraded while prioritizing bus service and bus stop upgrades. Our goal is to press the county to have all improvements completed by late 2023 when the new Amazon HQ2 buildings at Metropolitan Park in Pentagon City come on line. The ramp up of Amazon HQ2 should enhance the success of Pike Corridor business.



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Randolph PTA Welcomes the Community

by Beth Posniak Fiencke

The parents of any future or prospective Randolph students are invited to an open PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Childcare will be provided. Meet other parents and our administrators and learn about Randolph's International Baccalaureate program and our global community. Parents of rising kindergartners are also invited to APS-sponsored information sessions at Randolph. The first is also on March 10th from 9:15 to 10:45 am. The second is on Thursday April 2nd from 12:45 to 2:00. For more information contact Emily Vincent at president.randolph.pta@gmail.com. Parents can also follow the PTA on twitter at @RandolphPTA or join the "Randolph Elementary-Parent Community-Arlington VA" group on Facebook.

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