



Neighbor News

DPCA Scholarship Opportunity

By Megan Lynch

Historically, the Douglas Park Civic Association offered scholarships to two graduating seniors of Wakefield High School in the amount of \$500.00. This year, DPCA is extending the offer to a graduating senior of any Arlington Public School. The criteria is (1) the student has maintained a minimum GPA of 3.75 or an SAT score of 1300 or higher and (2) they reside in Douglas Park. If your student is interested in applying for this scholarship, please have them contact their school counselor. We will work with counseling staff to identify a recipient and award them the funds. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!



NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021

AT 7.00P VIA ZOOM

Please see 'Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News' on page two for more information. All are welcome to attend.

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Welcome New Officers!

By Eric Berkey

Congratulations to the new officers of the Civic Association, who were elected at the last general meeting on February 22, 2021. The Executive Board of the Douglas Park Civic Association for 2021-2022 will be:

- President: Eric Berkey (president@douglasparkca.org)
- Vice President: Megan Lynch (vicepresident@douglasparkca.org)
- Secretary: Rick Reed (secretary@douglasparkca.org)
- Treasurer: Andy Price (treasurer@douglasparkca.org)

Board Members At-Large:

- Linda Dye
- Adam Henderson
- Annette Pigott
- John Snyder
- Steven Tomaszewski

Thank you to Al Fox, our past Treasurer, for his many years of service in keeping the Civic Association's finances in order and for moving us towards the digital collection of membership dues. Also, a well-deserved thank you is extended to Adam Henderson, our long-time President, who will continue to serve on the Executive Board and has provided many years of exemplary leadership and civic service to our neighborhood and community. Additionally, a warm welcome to Andy Price (Treasurer) and Steven Tomaszewski (At-Large member) to the Executive Board.

The Executive Board will work hard to continue the events and projects of the Civic Association and to promote new efforts to increase opportunities for residents to connect, especially as we slowly emerge from the shadow of the pandemic.

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 April 2021 at 7:00p via Zoom. Please see the President's Corner article for more details. All are welcome.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION DELEGATES

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Issue 95.03:	Fri 22 Oct 2021	Sat/Sun 6/7 Nov 2021

DOUGLAS PARK ON THE WEB

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

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FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/DouglasParkArlington/>

Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News

by Eric Berkey

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 26, 2021

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 26, 2021, via Zoom. The Zoom link (h/t to Adam Henderson) will be provided a few days prior to the meeting on the Civic Association listserv. If you are not a member of the listserv, please join by sending an email to dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io with your name, street, and block number.

At the April 26, 2021, meeting, we will be providing information on our update to our Neighborhood Conservation Plan (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/>) and will be discussing ideas for future projects for the neighborhood. Additionally, we have confirmed that County Board Vice Chair (and Douglas Park resident) Katie Cristol will join us for our June 21, 2021, General Meeting.



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PRIOR MEETING:

On February 22, 2021, in addition to the election of this year’s officers, residents discussed upcoming development on Columbia Pike, including the projects at the Fillmore Gardens shopping center and at 2400 Columbia Pike (also known as the “Rappahannock Project”).

President’s Corner

by Eric Berkey

Hello neighbors! I’m Eric Berkey, nine-year resident of Douglas Park and the new President of the Civic Association. I am very appreciative of the kind words and support I have received after taking over from Adam Henderson and wanted to briefly introduce myself to those of you who may not know me.

My wife Rachel and I moved to Douglas Park in early 2012 and in that time have been blessed with three active kids and have become a part of the community that is our neighborhood. It’s that sense of community that has kept us here and spurred my interest in becoming involved in the community over the years, first with the South Arlington Working Group that recommended the site for what is now Fleet Elementary, to then serving as an Executive Committee Member with the Arlington County Civic Federation and as the Chair of the County’s Citizens Advisory Commission on Housing. As President of the Civic Association, I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and our neighbors to continue the good work led by Adam and the countless others who have guided our neighborhood over the years.

Over the next year, I have two specific goals for the Civic Association: one broad and one specific.

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DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
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MARCH 2021 — FEBRUARY 2022

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Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
1716 South Pollard Street
Arlington, VA 22204-5050

Or, join/renew with PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>

Thank you!



DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
FY2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1 MARCH 2020—28 FEBRUARY 2021

	FY2020	FY2021
OPENING BALANCE	\$16,145.53	\$12,809.00
INCOME		
Membership Dues	\$1,620.00	\$975.00
Contributions	1,275.00	\$840.00
Newsletter Ads	1,226.50	629.50
Election Day Bake Sale	1,655.50	0.00
Holiday Fund Drive	3,165.00	4,470.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,942.00	\$6,914.50
EXPENDITURES		
Newsletter Printing	\$1,895.28	\$1,309.10
Membership Dues Drive Materials	42.36	0.00
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic	3,533.69	0.00
Hallowe'en Trail of Terror	73.10	0.00
Holiday Fund Drive	3,178.59	\$4,486.57
School & PTA Donations	423.00	0.00
Memorial Donations	0.00	0.00
Phoenix Bikes Sponsorships	1,515.00	400.00
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization	0.00	400.00
Dues	175.00	145.00
Meeting Expenses	485.86	0.00
Website Expenses	853.79	402.99
Bank Fees	102.86	28.90
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,278.53	\$7,172.56
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/s/ Al Fox; Former Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

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President's Corner

by Eric Berkey

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Broadly, I would like to pursue and support efforts to maintain and increase that sense of community that many so value about our neighborhood. We have seen the power of such efforts in action, such as tireless efforts of the Randolph PTA's food pantry. I am interested in supporting these types of community-building and welcome your thoughts and ideas, especially as we navigate the challenge of returning to a new normal as the routines of daily life slowly resume.

In more specific terms, it's my goal that the Civic Association complete our update to our Neighborhood Conservation Plan this year and I am confident that we will do so. It has taken about three years, but through the effort of many volunteers, we will soon have a draft to present to the neighborhood for feedback and input. Getting

this new plan completed and approved by the County Board is important not only because we will receive additional points in the scoring system used to judge project requests by Neighborhood Conservation process, but also because it represents the current perspectives and needs of the neighborhood.

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Residents who are active and engaged are the lifeblood of any Civic Association. Your involvement and membership helps to strengthen the bonds of our great community. That's why I urge you to join (or renew) your membership in the Douglas Park Civic Association today. Dues are only \$15 per year and help to support our events and our contributions to worthy causes like the scholarships Megan outlined on this month's cover.

The good news—many of you experienced the ongoing glitches in the Civic Association website's dues page over the past year. **Those issues have been resolved** and you can again pay your membership online via PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/join/>. Or if you prefer, fill out the form on p 3 of this newsletter and return it with your check payable to 'DPCA' to Treasurer, DPCA, 1716 S Pollard St, Arlington, VA 22204-5050.

I thank you for your support!

A New Year Is Here – Time to Join (or Renew) Your Civic Association Membership

by Adam Henderson

Greetings from your former Association president—and congratulations to new president Eric Berkey!

I'm here to remind you that the Civic Association's new fiscal year began on 1 March 2021. As you can see from former treasurer Al Fox's financial recap on p 3, the Association managed to keep our books on a fairly steady level over the course of the pandemic. The generosity of you and your fellow Douglas Park residents brought in nearly forty-five hundred dollars in our annual Holiday Drive...more than we've ever raised before. Those dollars brought warm smiles and much-needed gifts to neighborhood residents who were hit hard by the economic effects of the pandemic. We also unexpectedly decreased our expenditures due to the pandemic-related cancellations of our annual Fourth of July and Trail of Terror events.

Unfortunately, our revenues also declined significantly. Membership dues and additional contributions were down 37% over the prior fiscal year. While we pared the budget last year, this decline in revenue will begin to impact us as the county lifts restrictions on events, which we anticipate later in 2021.

Be a part of your neighborhood.

Join the Douglas Park Civic Association.

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

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