



Neighbor News

The 39th Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade

El 39º anual desfile de barrio de Douglas Park del Día de Independencia



SUNDAY 4 JULY 2021

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DOMINGO 4 DE JULIO 2021

Juzgando por premios a las 10.00 horas. Desfile comienza a las 10.30 horas el 4 de julio del parque de Monroe (calles Monroe sur y 14ª sur) al parque de Douglas (calles Quincy sur y 16ª sur) donde se leerá la Declaración de Independencia.

Prizes for best parade floats, decorated bikes and costumes!

Details below

¡Premios para mejor flotas, bicicletas adornadas y disfraces!

No picnic this year.

Detalles abajo

No hay picnic este año.

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By Eric Berkey

A modified version of the July 4th celebration is scheduled to occur this year on Sunday, July 4, 2021, starting at 10.00a in Monroe Park. Out of caution for the safety of residents, the traditional picnic and celebration that typically follows the parade will not occur this year. However, we are pleased and excited that the float contest, parade, and reading of the Declaration of Independence will return this July 4th.

Judging for prizes at 10.00a in Monroe Park (South Monroe Street and 14th Street South) with the parade kicking off at 10.30a and continuing to Douglas Park at South Quincy Street and 16th Street South. A reading of the Declaration of Independence will follow shortly after the conclusion of the parade.

Volunteers are needed for this event! To assist with the float contest, please contact Paul Timpane at psbtimpane@verizon.net. To assist with the reading of the Declaration of Independence, please contact me at president@douglasparkca.org.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 21 JUNE 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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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, 21 June 2021 at 7.00p via Zoom. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more details. All are welcome.

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	Articles and Adverts Due	Distribution
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Issue 96.01:	Fri 28 Jan 2022	Sat/Sun 12/13 Febr 2022

DOUGLAS PARK ON THE WEB

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REMINDER:**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!



Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News

By Eric Berkey

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING – 21 JUNE 2021

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday 21 June 2021, via Zoom. The Zoom link 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 our 21 June 2021, meeting, we will provide information on the next steps for the update to our Neighborhood Conservation Plan (<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/>). Most of the meeting will be dedicated to a conversation with County Board Vice Chair (and Douglas Park resident) Katie Cristol. Should you have questions you'd like to ask of Ms. Cristol at the meeting, please send those to Eric Berkey (president@douglasparkca.org) no later than 16 June 2021, so that she may have the opportunity to provide a full response at the meeting.

PRIOR MEETING

On April 26, 2021, residents discussed next steps for the Neighborhood Conservation Plan and logistics of holding a celebration for July 4th this year.

President's Corner

by Eric Berkey

Hello again everyone! I hope you are enjoying a safe and healthy start to your summer! As I'm writing this I'm listening to low and steady hum of the cicadas which have graced us with their presence – it's crazy to think that we won't see them again for 17 years (not that many of us are too upset about that!).

Here are a few current matters that I'd like to bring to your attention:

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

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- Election Day Bake Sale
- Holiday Fund Drive
- Writing newsletter articles
- Hallowe'en Trail of Terror
- Distribute/deliver newsletters
- Call me anytime; I'll see if I can help
- Newsletter advertising

MAIL YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO 'DPCA', ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:

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

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President's Corner

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UPDATE TO NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN

If you have been in the neighborhood for a while, you are likely familiar by now with emails and newsletter articles about our work in updating Douglas Park's Neighborhood Conservation Plan. If you are relatively new, the Neighborhood Conservation Plan is basically a foundational document for our civic association to inform what types of improvement projects we'd like to see the county do over the next 5 to 10 years and is a part of the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program, which enables civic associations to propose projects of their choosing to the county for eventual funding and implementation. The Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update Committee, along myself and Co-Chair (and DPCA Vice President) Megan Lynch, has been working on an update to our plan (last issued in 1998) for a few years now and will be sharing a draft with the neighborhood very soon. Once the draft is shared widely, we will provide residents time to review and provide feedback, ask questions, and make suggestions for the final draft. Accordingly, we will be holding a special DPCA virtual meeting to discuss the draft Neighborhood Conservation Plan on Monday 19 July 2021 at 7.00p (Zoom meeting details to come soon). We will provide a general overview of the draft, its recommendations, and the process for updating the plan and getting new projects into the pipeline for consideration by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and the County.

CHALLENGES WITH MAIL DELIVERY

There has been a great deal of activity on the Douglas Park listserv (join by sending an email to dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io with your name, street, and block number) about issues getting mail. The listserv can be a great tool in connecting with our neighbors about common challenges, etc. That said, this is just a friendly reminder to contact the Post Office directly. Here are some contacts which may prove useful:

- Jeffrey Simmons, Manager, Arlington (South) Post Office, (703) 979-2821, Jeffrey.C.Simmons@usps.gov
- Walter Daniels, Postmaster, Arlington County, (703) 993-0075, Walter.M.Daniels@usps.gov

CIVIC FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVE

Douglas Park is in need of another representative to meetings of the [Arlington County Civic Federation](#) (CivFed), which is an umbrella organization for civic associations and community groups that meets monthly to discuss county-wide issues, policies, and challenges. If you have not been involved in civic issues before, this is a great opportunity to represent our neighborhood and get to know and get familiar with folks and their concerns in other parts of the county. All meetings are virtual for the time being, as I understand. CivFed weighs in on substantive issues to the county, such as their current effort to study the county's form of government and provide recommendations for possible changes, such as additional County Board members, changes to voting, changes to how Board members are allocated, and perhaps even a recommendation to switch the county to a Mayor/Council form of government. If you're interested, please email me at president@douglasparkca.org.

CALLING GRAPHIC DESIGNERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS!

As DPCA readies our draft Neighborhood Conservation Plan, we need your help to visually tell the story of the Douglas Park neighborhood within the final draft of the plan. If you have graphic design experience, or are the creative type, we would love your help in developing a cover to our Neighborhood Conservation Plan! The selected design will serve as the cover to our neighborhood conservation plan and the designer will be recognized as such in the plan, in addition to other recognition (to be determined). To get an idea of what other neighborhoods have done, you can see other plans here: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/nc-plan-program/nc-plans/>.

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If you are interested in participating, please submit your design to me at president@douglasparkca.org no later than 25 June 2021.

Similarly, if you have photographic skills, we would greatly appreciate any photographs of the neighborhood you would be willing to submit for inclusion in the draft plan, including but not limited to: neighborhood events (such as July 4th); parks and recreation activities and/or facilities; neighborhood businesses; unique or notable signage; Randolph Elementary; and/or any notable places or things in Douglas Park. Please submit any photos you would like considered in the Neighborhood Conservation Plan to me at president@douglasparkca.org.

MEMBERSHIP

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 page 2.

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!

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www.arlingtonva.us/covid-19/food-assistance/

Abandoned Vehicles on the Street 703.228.4141
police.arlingtonva.us/parking

Adult Protective Svcs (VA Hotline) 888.832.3858
www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/aps.cgi

Are Schools Open? 866.322.4277
www.apsva.us/emergency-alerts

Are Parks/Community Centers Open? 703.228.4715
emergency.arlingtonva.us/closings-delays-cancellations

Auto Registration, County 703.228.3135
taxes.arlingtonva.us/vehicles/vehicle-taxes

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emergency.arlingtonva.us/weather/snow-ice/snow-removal-phases

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taxes.arlingtonva.us

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