



Neighbor News

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38th Annual Holiday Fund Drive Underway

By Rita Wiggins

Since 1984, the Douglas Park Civic Association has coordinated a Holiday Fund Drive to help those less fortunate in our community. With the continued economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's holiday drive is as important as ever. Working with teachers and counselors at Randolph Elementary School, we will support an "angel tree"-type effort where children and families will make gift requests. Neighbors will provide monetary donations while volunteers will purchase and wrap special gifts for the children on our lists.

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 the *Douglas Park Civic Association* with 'Holiday Fund Drive' in the memo note and should be mailed to treasurer Andy Price at 1716 South Pollard Street, Arlington, VA, 22204. You can also donate to the Holiday Fund online via PayPal at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/holiday-fund/>. Second, we are in need of shoppers and wrappers for the gifts. Please contact Rita Wiggins at rmwiggins@verizon.net to volunteer or to have your questions answered. Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MON 15 NOV 2021 AT 7.00P VIA ZOOM

Please see 'Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News' on p 3 for more information. All are welcome to attend.

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HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE 2021

Your generosity helps to make Christmas bright for neighborhood children in need.

Please donate online via PayPal at

<http://www.douglasparkca.org/holiday-fund/>



*Wishing you
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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, 15 November 2021 at 7.00p via Zoom. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more details. All are welcome.

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- Hallowe'en Trail of Terror
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 1716 South Pollard Street
 Arlington, VA 22204-5050

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Thank you!



Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News

By Eric Berkey

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021

The next Civic Association meeting (and the last of 2021) will be held on November 15, 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.

If you have not yet attended a Civic Association meeting, or have not attended one in a while, we welcome you to attend our November 15th meeting. At our next meeting, we will discuss the annual Douglas Park Holiday Fund Drive and the progress on the update to our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Additionally, we will provide an open floor to discuss and hear ideas about what neighbors would like to see in the neighborhood in 2022, be it events, advocacy, or other activities (and how we could make them happen!).

PREVIOUS MEETING

At our September 20, 2021, General Meeting, we heard a presentation from Mike Collins from Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services about the Trades Center Optimization Study and the challenges the County faces in fitting several programs within the small trades lot on Arlington Mill Drive in Shirlington. Additionally, the neighborhood listened to a presentation from Arlington County's Neighborhood Conversation Program Manager, Tim McIntosh, and approved the draft updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The tentative schedule for Civic Association meetings for 2022 is as follows:

- **February 28, 2022 (Annual Officer Elections)**
- **April 25, 2022**
- **June 13, 2022**
- **September 19, 2022**
- **November 14, 2022**

President's Corner

By Eric Berkey

Happy Fall to everyone! While there is a recap of the successful Trail of Terror is this newsletter, I would be remiss if I did not say that it was a well-organized and well-attended event! A big congratulations and thank you to our organizers for such a successful (and spooky) experience!

Columbia Pike Partnership: The Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO) is now known as the Columbia Pike Partnership (CPP)! The group celebrated its 35th anniversary at an outdoor gala at Penrose Square on the evening of October 14, 2021, and unveiled its new name and brand at the event. CPP is a community group that engages in advocacy for the businesses and residents along Columbia Pike and also puts on community events, such as the annual Blues Fest (in June). The Civic Association has been a long-time member of CPP. Congratulations to Douglas Park's own John Snyder, the CPP Board Chair, and CPP Board Members and staff for a successful celebration! For more information about CPP, you can find their website here: <https://www.columbia-pike.org/>.

Neighborhood Conservation: At the last Civic Association meeting on September 20, 2021, the neighborhood unanimously approved our draft updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which has been submitted to County Staff for comment. We expect to present the Plan to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee later in November and the Planning Commission in early December, with acceptance by the County Board at their December meeting. Thank you again to all who have contributed to this important effort!

November 15, 2021, General Meeting: At our next civic association meeting, we will have an open floor to discuss ideas for events, activities, and/or advocacy for the upcoming year. I encourage all to attend and bring their energy and enthusiasm, especially if there is something you would like to see in the neighborhood.

Randolph PTA Update

By Beth Fiencke and Bethany Zecher Sutton

Randolph students and staff were excited to return to 5-day-a-week in person school this year. As some Randolph students have chosen to participate in the APS virtual learning program, the school administration and PTA are working hard to integrate our virtual families into communications and community events. The Randolph PTA Food Pantry has evolved from a weekly outdoor food distribution to an indoor resource that any Randolph family (in-person or virtual) can access after dismissal each day. We've served about 20-30 families a week since opening our indoor pantry this fall. The PTA also is sponsoring 5 large outdoor distributions throughout the school year. Our first outdoor distribution was on Friday, October 15th, and we served more than 120 Randolph families with fresh fruits and vegetables, toiletries & cleaning supplies, pantry staples and snacks for kids. We continue to enjoy a partnership with La Cocina VA providing meals for our families.

In October, Randolph students participated in a spare change drive to support PathForward (formerly known as A-SPAN), an organization that serves the homeless community in Arlington and Alexandria. Students at each grade level had discussions in the classroom about this work and partnered on the schoolwide campaign. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme School, Randolph works to develop caring global citizens who work to influence and change the world around them.

Later this year, the PTA hopes to support scholarships to grow and expand Randolph's after school enrichment options and programs for our students.

See more on the front page of this newsletter about how to support the DPCA Holiday Fund for Randolph families. If you are a parent of a potential future Randolph student, stay tuned for an invitation to a Randolph PTA meeting in February and more information about kindergarten information sessions and registration in the coming months

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Trail of Terror Recap 2021

By Jess Mueller

To the greatest neighbors in the world, I want to express immense gratitude for this community coming together to support the Douglas Park Trail of Terror—especially after this extraordinarily difficult year.

This event has been a staple of the Douglas Park community for almost a decade, and its continued growth and success is a testament to how much love we all have for our neighborhood. I felt a huge responsibility to lead the resurrection of the trail this year, and I'm blown away by how many people locked arms to make it a top-notch, terrifying production in support of AFAC and Randolph! So many neighbors donated their time, talent, and treasure to make the trail happen - stepping up to offer props, fog machines, strobe lights, speakers, extension cords, and so much more. Most importantly, this wouldn't be possible without those who don killer costumes and haunt the trail. The commitment is unparalleled—so proud to call everyone here a Douglas Park neighbor!

Our official numbers:

- **498 neighbors and friends survived the trail**
- **826 lbs of food was collected for AFAC**
- **\$526 was raised for the Randolph Elementary PTA and Food Pantry**

WOW!!!!

Now for some gratitude. MANY neighbors came together to make the 2021 Trail of Terror a massive success I would like to shout out a few HUGE thank yous to these ghouls and goblins:

The core committee whose tireless effort made the trail happen:

- Adam Bray for coordinating our terror stations as Terror Master and serving as Dracula
- Amy Cowart for coordinating an awesome kid's area
- Sarah Roenfeldt for coordinating the audio / visual / fog / strobe / everything plugged in
- Gabe Paul for coordinating and recruiting our scary people



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Trail of Terror Recap 2021

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And support from across neighbors and friends:

- Louise Mitchell and Traci Pietra for guiding us new trail planners and keeping us in touch with Bob Lee who was the pioneer leader of this event for many years
- Kristin Francis for bringing us all together in September and the KF Team for supporting the kid's crafts
- Beth Fiencke, Bethany Zecher Sutton, and Geeti Bawa for leading the AFAC and Randolph PTA Food Pantry collection and running the front table
- Scott and Joyce Long for providing critical access to electricity
- Rebecca Krafft for the awesome flyers and publicity
- Eric Berkey for championing our event as DP Civic Association President
- Sirena Pearl for being our chief face-painter
- Elsie Oldaker Wills of Ready Set Gymnastics for the amazing activities for the little ones
- Brandi Browning for leading the witches
- Bethany Spencer and Nitin Natarajan for leading the mad science lab
- Paul Timpane for leading the bridge of doom
- Jessica and Maya Kaufman for captaining the zombies
- Mike Katrivanos of New District Brewing Company for supporting the kids' pumpkin painting
- Sally Holland for the terrifying mural and props
- Marianne for the blood curdling scream to kick us off



....and the list goes on and on of many other neighbors who haunted the trail and helped with setup and takedown! I'm so nervous I forgot someone, so just know that I appreciate each and every one of you who helped out in any way. Can't wait to keep the tradition going next year!

Yours, in fear of the trail, Jess.

Shop Locally at the Holidays... and Every Day

by Rebecca Krafft

Our Douglas Park neighbors own many cool businesses. Here are a few who gave me their info in time for the holidays. We have so many creative, thoughtful and enterprising neighbors!

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From Douglas Park neighbor Caitlin Wittig, 703-598-7395 or caitlin.wittig@gmail.com

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