



Neighbor News

38th Annual Holiday Fund Wrap-Up

By Rita Wiggins

Sincere thanks to everyone in this wonderful neighborhood who once again generously supported our annual Holiday Fund Drive. People were incredibly openhanded with their money and their time! We collected just under \$3,800, spending about \$3,300 on gifts for the school children and donating the excess funds to the Randolph food pantry to be dispersed to families in the form of gift cards, as needed.

Working with Randolph counselor Jennifer Baitinger, and school social worker Megan Khaerisman, we provided gifts for 45 children, ages 3 months – 12 years old. With lists of “wants” and “needs” in hand and a budget of \$75-80 per child, volunteer shoppers purchased and wrapped packages with coats, shoes, pants, and sweaters and more. Among other toys, children received dolls, books, Legos, remote control cars, slime and Nom Nom (I’m still not clear what that is!). This is the largest number of children we



NEXT DPCA MEETING

MON 28 FEBR 2022 AT 7.00P VIA ZOOM

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have ever been able to reach with this program and we thank you all for a demonstration of such largesse.

In order for everything to come together, we relied on a dedicated, resourceful, and thorough group of shoppers, who worked diligently to ensure the children had the gifts they requested even when their requests were a little confusing! Thank you to the following shoppers: Geeti Bawa, Taylor Cylke, Jess Kaufman, Nora LeValley, Robyn McGinn, Lindsay Robinson, Susan Rochard, Diane Shinn, Shannon Taylor, and Melanie Wiggins. Thanks also to Heather Willis and family who donated a bike which would have otherwise been outside of our budget. Kudos to the newsletter carriers who distributed the all-important requests for help. And finally, thanks to DPCA Treasurer, Andy Price, and DPCA President, Eric Berkey who are always working behind the scenes.

DPCA received two thank-you cards acknowledging the efforts of our community in support of the school. Photos of those cards accompany this article.

Wishing you all happiness, beauty and HEALTH in 2022! Let's continue to take care of ourselves and look out for each other!



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, 28 February 2022 at 7.00p via Zoom. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more details. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

By Eric Berkey, DPCA President

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022, 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. On the agenda:

- **Annual Election of Officers:** Two of our four current officers (Eric Berkey, President; Andy Price, Treasurer) are running for re-election. Our Vice President, Megan Lynch, and our Secretary, Rick Reed, are stepping down and we are appreciative of their service. Nominations for these offices, as well as all others, are open to Douglas Park residents. If you would like information about the role of civic association officers, please contact Eric Berkey at president@douglasparkca.org. If you would like to stand for an office, please attend the meeting to tell those gathered a bit about yourself.
- **Discussion with County Board Member Matt De Ferranti.** Mr De Ferranti will attend our meeting virtually to discuss the County's recent action to assist the purchase of Barcroft Apartments by real estate firm Jair Lynch, as well as to field questions about actions and items of interest, including but not limited to the County's proposed connection of 12th Street and South Monroe Street and upcoming development activity on Columbia Pike.

IN AND AROUND DOUGLAS PARK

Some items of interest in our and nearby neighborhoods:

- **Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan:** Our new NC Plan was approved by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) and the Planning Commission and accepted by the County Board in December 2021, meaning that the new NC Plan is complete and in effect! The Civic Association is seeking a new NC Delegate to represent the neighborhood before the NCAC regarding projects for Douglas Park and to work with the Executive Board to strategize different ways of advocating for infrastructure and improvement projects outside of the NC process.

- **Barcroft Apartments:** In December 2021, the County Board voted to provide a \$150 Million loan to Jair Lynch to assist in the purchase of Barcroft Apartments and some related properties, which include the “Café Sazón” shopping center and the lots including Penske and 7-Eleven. This site is the largest market-rate affordable housing complex in Arlington. As a part of the transaction, Jair Lynch has promised not to raise rents for at least one year and to preserve over 1,300 units as committed affordable units (up to 60% of the area median income rent levels). Amazon also contributed a \$160 million loan from its Housing Equity Fund. The Civic Association looks forward to engaging with the County and Jair Lynch on future redevelopment of the property and what it will mean for the future of the Douglas Park neighborhood and Columbia Pike corridor.
- **The Elliott:** At the time of this writing, the County Board was poised to approve the redevelopment of the Fillmore Gardens retail strip at 2600 Columbia Pike with currently is occupied by CVS, Atilla’s, and other businesses. A six-story building called The Elliott, will compose of 247 market-rate apartments atop a modestly-sized grocery store (to be named), a renovated CVS location, and a parking garage. The redevelopment has been envisioned for many years now and will result in the connection of South Cleveland Street between 9th Street and Columbia Pike and a doubling of Penrose Square Park.

Randolph Updates and Kindergarten Info Session

by Beth Fiencke, Randolph PTA President

The Randolph community is incredibly grateful for the support of the Douglas Park neighborhood through holiday fund drive and our ongoing food pantry. It’s been a busy year at Randolph. In October, students raised money for PathForward (formerly A-SPAN) to help those in need in our community. More recently Randolph forged a new partnership with Baroody Camps to provide after school enrichment classes for families.

There will be a virtual information session for prospective future Randolph students (aimed at kindergarten families) on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 PM. For more information about this session, or Randolph in general, reach out to the PTA at president.randolph.pta@gmail.com.

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