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39th 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. It's time to kick off this year's effort. 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 Douglas Park Civic Association with 'Holiday Fund Drive' in the note; they should be mailed to Andy Price at 1716 S. Pollard Street, Arlington, VA, 22204. Alternatively, you can donate to the cause online, via PayPal. Log onto your PayPal app and send the donation to the DPCA treasurer's email account at treasurer@douglasparkca.org, OR use the the DPCA website and donate 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 14 NOV 2022 AT 7.00P VIA ZOOM

Please see 'Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News' on p 2 for more information. All are welcome to attend.

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HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE 2022

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
and yours*

*the happiest
of holidays*

Or mail your donation payable to 'DPCA' to

Treasurer, DPCA,
1716 South Pollard Street,
Arlington VA 22204-5050

THANK YOU!



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, 14 November 2022 at 7.00p via Zoom. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more details. All are welcome.

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Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News

By Eric Berkey

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 14, 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.

At the November meeting, we will hear officer updates and entertain ideas, suggestions, concerns, and the like for the Civic Association's activities and programs for the coming year. You can register to attend by clicking here: <https://tinyurl.com/ms2hbxxk>

PRIOR MEETING

At our September meeting, we listened to a presentation from Corporal Mark Francis, Arlington County Police Department, and asked questions about residents can do to prevent crime within Douglas Park and along Columbia Pike.

President's Corner

By Eric Berkey

Hi everyone. Happy fall to everyone in Douglas Park. I have a few brief things to share as we roll into the holiday season.

COLUMBIA PIKE MULTIMODAL PROJECT; SEGMENT F:

As I am sure you have seen, construction on Columbia Pike between South Wakefield and South Oakland Streets is well underway. If you have questions, you can visit the project page below. We had County staff attend both our June 2022, Civic Association meeting and our July 4th Celebration and we can invite them back if there is interest. <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/Columbia-Pike-Segment-F>

MONROE PARK RENOVATIONS

We had County staff regarding the Monroe Park renovations attend our June 2022, Civic Association meeting and it is my understanding that a questionnaire should be provided to the community very soon. The Civic Association Executive Board will keep this project and the renovations for Douglas Park on our radar. The project page can be found at <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Parks-Projects/Monroe-Park-Playground-Renovation>

LISTSERV

This is just another reminder that the Civic Association operates a neighborhood listserv, which is a critical venue for information about neighborhood and community events. 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.

Douglas Park Movie Night

By Steven Jordan Tomaszewski

Thanks again to all who came out to Movie Night on September 10th in Douglas Park. By my estimate, we had over 150 neighbors attend! Neighbors gathered together in Douglas Park, where the natural shape of the field functioned like an outdoor amphitheater. Before the movie started, everyone enjoyed some fun music and ice pops courtesy of the Randolph Parent Teacher Association. We also had a special guest - an ice cream truck! The ice cream truck was so popular it had a line around the block and brought non-stop smiles for us for over two hours.



Once the sun went down, it became dark enough for the inflatable movie screen to show the movie. This year we watched *The Peanuts Movie* with Charlie Brown and friends. Unfortunately towards the end of the movie, rain started pouring down so we had to cut the movie night short. Everyone was left wondering - did Charlie Brown ever get the courage to talk to the girl he liked? Thank you very much again to our co-hosts the West Village of Shirlington (and for the use of their equipment), Randolph PTA, and to Rachel Berkey, Steven Jordan Tomaszewski, Amy Creed, the Civic Association Executive Board, and everyone who helped make this event a success! Stay tuned for the next Douglas Park movie night, and please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help out!



Want to Get More Involved with Arlington County?

By Steven Jordan Tomaszewski

Consider joining a commission or advisory group: <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups>. Arlington County has historically had a very active population with citizens getting involved who care about different issues to improve our community. This active citizen involvement allows for many opportunities to bring the skills or issues you are passionate about and find solutions that can directly impact your neighbors' lives. So whether it is sports, parks and recreation, transportation, housing, arts, or many other topics, consider joining a commission or advisory group.

Douglas Park Trail of Terror

By Eric Berkey

On Saturday, October 29th, neighborhood volunteers once again organized a Trail of Terror, sponsored by the Civic Association. Neighbors, led by Jess Mueller, Amy Cowart, Adam Bray, Sarah Roenfeldt, and many others constructed a scary gauntlet for thrill-seeking youngsters (and those young at heart)! Also, part of the festivities were activities for small children, including: face painting; a bounce house, lawn games, crafts, and pumpkin-decorating. Organizers estimate around 500 people were in attendance. The event raised \$856.38 for the Randolph Elementary School PTA Food Pantry (at the time of printing)! Additionally, over 1,000 pounds food was donated to Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) as a part of the event, which is almost 200 pounds more than last year! Thank you to all who attended and especially to our organizers!



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MEMBERSHIP FORM—FY 2023
MARCH 2022 — FEBRUARY 2023

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- A CHECK FOR \$ _____ IS ENCLOSED

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 Email _____

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- Holiday Fund Drive
- Writing newsletter articles
- Hallowe'en Trail of Terror
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- Newsletter advertising

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

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Thank you!



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your
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police.arlingtonva.us/parking	
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www.dss.virginia.gov/family/as/aps.cgi	
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www.apsva.us/emergency-alerts	
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emergency.arlingtonva.us/closings-delays-cancellations	
Auto Registration, County	703.228.3135
taxes.arlingtonva.us/vehicles/vehicle-taxes	
Automated Taxpayer Service	703.228.3090
taxes.arlingtonva.us	
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health.arlingtonva.us/behavioral-healthcare/mental-health	
Permit (Zone) Parking	703.228.3344
transportation.arlingtonva.us/parking	
Police Non-Emergency	703.558.2222
police.arlingtonva.us	
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jefferson.apsva.us	
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wakefield.apsva.us	
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emergency.arlingtonva.us/weather/snow-ice/snow-removal-phases	
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taxes.arlingtonva.us	
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water.arlingtonva.us	
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