



Graffiti on the Pike

By Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

The Columbia Pike corridor has been suffering from a streak of graffiti incidents over the last several months. Vandals have plagued Columbia Pike on private and public property and the Arlington county Police Department has not been able to apprehend the suspects so far. The good news is that Arlington county is aware of the problem and is taking steps to address the graffiti. There is a new reporting process that residents can report graffiti to get it cleaned up. Anyone is able to go to the graffiti reporting website and report incidents (<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Police-Department/Graffiti>). The pictures above show graffiti at the pavilion in front of the South Glebe Road Post Office, and how the post office was cleaned up promptly after the graffiti was reported through the website. The Columbia Pike Partnership was able to work with civic associations along Columbia Pike and Arlington County to secure funding for private property graffiti removal, detection, and deterrence initiatives. If anyone has information on the identities of the vandals please report it to the Arlington county Police Department.

Graffiti at the S Glebe Rd Post Office Pavilion this Autumn:
With graffiti [L] and after cleaning [R].



MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00P

At Firehouse #9, 19th St S at Walter Reed Drive. We will have a neighbor meet-and-greet and Holiday Fund Drive Kickoff. All are welcome to attend.

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Message from the President

by Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

Neighbors, now is a great time to get involved and help make your neighborhood a better place. The Douglas Park Civic Association just updated our volunteer roles and we are actively looking for motivated individuals who can improve the neighborhood and help out with projects (<https://www.douglasparkca.org/volunteer/>). Volunteer positions have varying levels of time commitments, including from just a few hours per year. The more we all work together, the better we can accomplish our civic association's missions of connecting neighbors, advocating for improvements, and giving back to those who are less fortunate. Whether you would like to advocate to plant more trees, help out with special events bridging connections across the community, or advocate to the government to make neighborhood improvements, we would love to harness your talent, passion, and skills to make Douglas Park even better.

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3108 Columbia Pike Demolition

SITE TO BECOME INTERIM PARKING LOT

by Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

You Soon will notice a change along Columbia Pike in our neighborhood – the old SunTrust bank building at 3108 Columbia Pike will be getting torn down and be transformed into a temporary parking lot beginning in late fall 2023. The location is nestled between the Audi dealership and the brand new ParCiti golf simulator and restaurant. This will allow workers to park there during the day as the Arlington Public School Career Center undergoing construction over the next several years. After the completion of the career center, Arlington County will decide what new facility will be built on the property. Many residents over the years have been calling for this to be the site of a new Columbia Pike Library; the County is considering it to be the potential site for the Library, along with other County Board priorities such as affordable housing, and will develop a public engagement process about its future once the career center construction is complete.

DPCA Upcoming Events

- 7 Nov, 7 am - Election Day Bake Sale
- 13 Nov, 7 pm - General Meeting with Neighbor Meet-and-Greet at Fire Station #9
- 13 Nov - Holiday Fund Drive Kickoff

New S Irving St Group Home

by Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

Douglas Park would like to welcome our new neighbors soon to move into the South Irving Street Group Home! Over the last several years, Arlington County tore down the original 1924 group home and has rebuilt a state-of-the-art, sustainable home at 1212 South Irving Street. Construction is now complete and the home is completing permitting to house up to six individuals with developmental and physical disabilities across their lifespans, regardless of physical and behavioral support needs. Neighbors were welcomed to an open house to check out the brand new group home. The home also boasts several environmentally friendly features including geothermal heating and cooling, energy efficient windows and appliances,



solar panels, electric vehicle charging, and rain gardens to harvest and reuse water. This is aligned with Arlington County's Sustainability Policy and is Net-Zero ready, per the EarthCraft residential green

ABOVE: Exterior of new group home at 1212 S Irving St

RIGHT: At the group home open house, 26 October 2023.



building certification program. The group home is looking for volunteers to help out with starting their garden, please reach out to the Douglas Park Civic Association if you would like to help out (president@douglaspark.org).

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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, 13 November 2023 at 7.00p at Fire Station #9. All are welcome.

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Neighbor Profile: Enid Dunbar

Enid Dunbar has lived in the Douglas Park neighborhood for almost 25 years. She is married to Brian Dunbar (not Henry, which sometimes confuses folks who do not realize that there are two Dunbar families in Douglas Park), and they have two nearly grown children, Molly and William.

If you know Enid, it's likely due to her involvement with the Douglas Park Civic Association Election Day Bake Sale over the past 15 years. Or perhaps one of your children was in her Teacher Advisory, or Homeroom, at Thomas Jefferson Middle School where she has supported



English Learners for the past ten years. Outside of school hours, Enid Sponsors the Reading Buddies program between Jefferson and Fleet Elementary School, as well as the Thomas Jefferson Garden Club. She also co-manages the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Community's Plot Against Hunger.

At home, Enid enjoys putting in her own yard and garden - often photographing flowers, vegetables, or autumn foliage - a form of relaxation that is both creative and restorative. She also enjoys checking in on her South Nelson Street neighbors, and meeting new neighbors when the opportunity arises.

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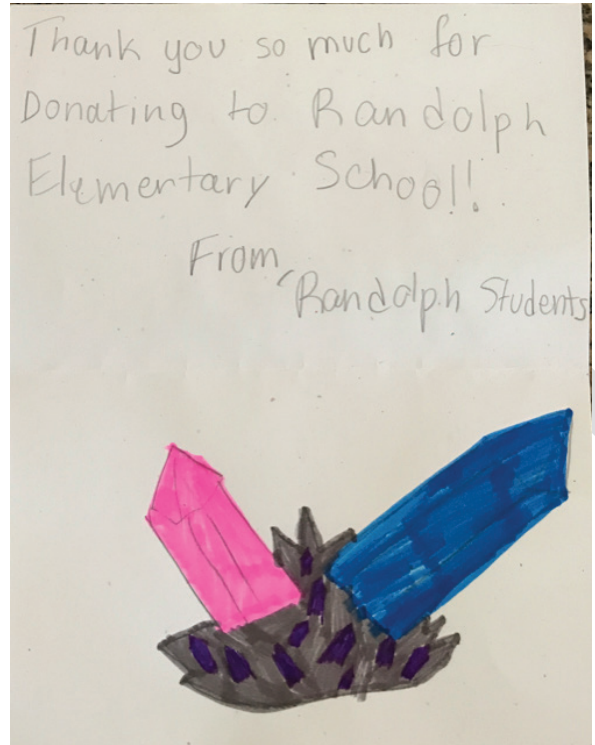
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40th Annual Holiday Fund Drive Kickoff

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 and should be mailed to Andy Price at 1716 S. Pollard Street, Arlington, VA, 22204. You can also donate to the Holiday Fund online via PayPal at <https://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.



ABOVE: A thank-you note from the 2022 Holiday Fund Drive.

Douglas Park Civic Association Election Day Bake Sale

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2023,
RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6 AM UNTIL WE SELL OUT!

by Enid Dunbar

Please plan to help by providing home made baked goods and/or working a shift at the table on the day itself. Baked items that typically sell well include cakes (whole or quarters),

pies, sweet and quick breads, cookies or brownies (w/ and w/o nuts), fruit bars, fudge, scones, biscotti, etc. For more information, contact Enid Dunbar at 703-303-4879.



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