

# Neighbor News



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## Help Out Your Neighborhood! Holiday Fund Drive in the Hole

For the first time in recent memory, Douglas Park took in fewer contributions for the Holiday Fund Drive than what was spent on clothing and presents for needy residents. We are seriously in the hole, folks. Please see the inserted letter and consider sending a check for \$10, \$20 or whatever you can. I know we can break even on this noble effort. And Douglas Park residents are known for their generosity and willingness to help out in a pinch.

### Please send contributions to:

Douglas Park Holiday Fund Drive, c/o Laurie Siegel  
1307 S. Monroe St, Arlington, VA 22204

Make your check payable to *Douglas Park Civic Association*. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 703-553-4140. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

*Sincerely, Rebecca Krafft, President DPCA*

## DPCA Civic Federation Delegate Needed: See How Government Works

Neighbors are needed to represent Douglas Park in the Arlington Co. Civic Federation ([www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)). Attend monthly meetings (first Tues.) at Arlington Hospital (free parking!). To effectively represent DPCA interests, delegates should stay informed on issues and CPRO efforts. The main meeting agenda topic may require a vote that night (for ex., resolutions to the county). Other meetings include information on completed state legislation, candidates' night, and proposed county budgets, or a presentation by a community group, such as Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

## Traffic Committee Chair Needed

Want to play in traffic? Neither does anyone else! You can help with traffic calming projects and other issues that confront your neighborhood. We'd request a 1-year commitment, at about 1-to-4 hrs./mo. Convene the committee and report to the DPCA as needed.

Can you help with either position? Let me know!

--Rebecca Krafft, 703-553-4140

How do I contact my civic association representatives? See page 2 --or--

Send your news for this newsletter and comments to  
[dpcanews@hotmail.com](mailto:dpcanews@hotmail.com)

## County Asks for DP Help in Preparing to Bury Utilities on Pike

In order for Arlington County to move forward with the second and final phase of utility undergrounding along Columbia Pike (from Garfield to Oakland Street), several agreements with property owners need to be concluded. These are referred to as "easements." They allow the use of the property during construction or grant a permanent right of access. Douglas Park Civic Association agreed to help contact owners to help move the project forward.

If your name is on p. 3, please contact the designated staff person. If you're in contact with anyone on this, please emphasize to them the importance of the utility undergrounding project. It will make our end of Columbia Pike look as attractive as the area between Walter Reed Drive and Courthouse Road, and it will improve the value of all the affected properties. SEE chart of easements needed . . . > 3

## Milestone Construction Awarded \$6.5 Million Park Project

Milestone Construction Services Inc., an Inc 500 company, has been awarded the first phase of a massive redevelopment of Barcroft Park in Arlington County, VA. The improvements will provide new and improved recreational amenities to neighbors and county residents at one of the largest and most heavily used parks in the county.

The improvements will include the construction of two new lighted ball fields, two new lighted soccer fields, batting cages, handball wall, a three-level parking garage and space for community festivals and cultural events. Arlington Co. hopes to attract all-state sporting tournaments to Barcroft Park. Construction on Barcroft Park commenced in late fall 2003 and will be completed by fall 2004.

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## Douglas Park Civic Association, Arlington, VA

## DPCA Meeting Calendar

The DPCA executive committee has scheduled regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm. Meetings will usually be held at the fire station, 1900 S. Walter Reed Dr.:

Feb. 17 Executive committee Mar. 16: General membership

## Douglas Park Executive Committee

All area codes 703  
 President: Rebecca Krafft, 553-4140, rebecca\_krafft@hotmail.com  
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 Traffic committee: vacant (Bob Cowan, acting chair)  
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1/8 page (card) \$25 Full page, \$250  
 1/4 page, \$60 Sponsorships and discounts available;  
 1/2 page, \$100 call Mitch for information (SEE above).

Mailing addr.: Treasurer, DPCA, 3621 S. 14th St., Arlington, VA 22204

## Join now!

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

## Douglas Park Civic Association

YES! Count me in!

Enclosed is my payment of \$10.00.

[Dues year runs from March to February.]

YES, I'm donating the additional amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Here's money to help the holiday fund deficit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL IS ENCLOSED, \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[PLEASE PRINT]

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ Arlington, VA 22204

Home phone, 703- \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I'd like to volunteer for:

the 4th of July picnic  election day bake sale

holiday fund drive  write articles for newsletter

call me any time and I'll see if I can help

MAIL CHECK payable to DPCA, with this FORM to:

Treasurer, DPCA,  
 3621 S. 14th St., Arlington, VA 22204

Thank you!

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## AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## Join the CERT bunch!

The county's 8-week course on Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) has openings in the class starting Thurs., Jan. 22. Contact Mitch Opalski at 703-553-1942, or sign up on the Arlington Co. Web site. Current Douglas Park CERT members are Katie Voldal, Henry Riordan, Lynne Caroe, Bryan Taylor, Annette Pigott, and Brian Reed.

## Plans for Walter Reed Center's Renovation on Hold

Arlington Co. Parks and Rec. staff gave an update on the Walter Reed Community Center's lack of progress at a meeting of the Columbia Heights Civic Assn. on Nov. 17. Hayward Corley from the county parks and recreation dept. gave the presentation. The construction bidding period closed and the bids came in about \$1M higher than the \$4.5-5M budgeted in the bond issue two years ago. The county wants to find the additional money within the budget. No timetable has been established and they are not considering reducing the scope of the project. --Chris Durel, cmdurel@aol.com

## New Web site Focuses on Walkable Community

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where. Arlington County's WALKArlington program has launched a new Web site designed to get more people walking more often, especially around Arlington.

### Courthouse Farmers' Market Reopens

The Arlington Farmers' Market reopened on Jan. 3 for a second winter run. The market will be open, weather permitting, every Sat., 8 am–noon at N. 14th St and Courthouse Rd. [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com). 703-228-6423.

### Mon. Feb. 9, 9:30am MOMS Club

The So. Arlington chapter of the MOMS Club (Moms Offering Moms Support) will meet at the Fairlington Community Center to hear a guest speaker discuss "Maintaining Your Relationships After Baby Comes." The MOMS Club meets weekly for activities, outings, playgroups, etc. Children welcome. 703-553-0116.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

For sale, vacation package (3 nights/4 days) for four to Las Vegas, Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, or Williamsburg. Good thru Jan. '05 and is extendable and fully transferable. \$225. 703-979-7808.

### 1 < Easements

#### Properties: Easement Agreements for Utility Undergrounding Needed

Address	Business Name	Owner Name	Easement Needed
<b>County Contact, Brad Brown, 228-4353:</b>			
3111 Col. Pike	Lalibela	Jorge Escobar, 703-920-9501	Temp. construct.
3100 block CP, no. side	Parking lot	James Wrathal, 7463 N. Olin, Portland, OR 97203	Temp. construct.
<b>County Contact, Ellen Menown, 228-3694:</b>			
3209/11 Col. Pike	Hair Cuttery, carry-out restaurant	Michael Clinton, 301-387-9543	Temp. construct.
3215 Col. Pike	office building with various tenants	Mr. Sultan, 703-486-4263; Alganesh Woldeghiorghis, 703-966-4958	Permanent easement
3217/19 Col. Pike	jewelry store, restaurant	Westmont Associates L.P.; Matthew Waiter, agent. 703-891-2600 x23	Permanent easement
3621 Col. Pike	Office bldg. next to Burger King, var. tenants and car sales and repair lot in rear	Envoy Towers (aka Mary Greene), 703-323-5200	Verizon, Dominion VA Power: utility pole and manhole

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Arlington continues to be a sought after location, with condos being the hottest commodity because of affordability.

Current housing inventory is low, and the first quarter has traditionally been the optimum time to sell because of less competition from other sellers who wait until spring!

Are you looking to increase your home's value? Contact me for a free copy of my report titled "44 Money-Making Tips for Preparing your Home to Sell."

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