# Neighbor News



#### February-March 2004

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD-- Douglas Park online: http://www.arlingtondpca.homestead.com

#### Jefferson Seeks "Theme" Middle School Develops Exemplary Project

Jefferson Middle School is developing a new Exemplary
Project (EP) that will begin in Sept. '04. An EP is a distinctive educational offering that gives the school a unique and attractive identity. An EP can be a unifying theme for curriculum, a method of instruction, a structural component, or something completely different. Examples of EPs in
Arlington have been a TV production studio, the
Da Vinci Project, full-day kindergarten, and a "Share your year-round school calendar."

The Exemplary Project Planning Committee is interested in community feedback. A survey in English and Spanish is located at www.arlingtondpca.homestead.com, our neighborhood's Web site. After reading the survey, you can provide feedback in a number of ways. Call John Schlesinger, the Exemplary Project Coordinator at Jefferson Middle School, at 703-228-5900; e-mail: jschlesi@jefferson.arlington.k12.va.us; or print the survey, fill it out, and fax it to the school at 703-979-3744; or mail it to John Schlesinger, Jefferson Middle School, 125 Old Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22204.

#### Que es un Proyecto Modelo?

Proyecto Modelo es un método de enseñanza diferente, y único en cada escuela, puede ser implementado ya sea como tema de curriculum, como un método de enseñanza o simplemente como un componente adicional al plan de estudios. Varias Escuelas en Arlington ya han adoptado un Proyecto Modelo de ensenanza. Algunos ejemplos son: Jardín de Infantes con jornada completa. Producción de programa de televisión. Calendario escolar de 12 meses. Programa Davinci.

La escuela Thomas Jefferson se ha caracterizado por el proyecto modelo "Investigación Global a través de la tecnología". El cual viene funcionando desde hace 8 años. Tenemos intenciones de adoptar un Proyecto modelo distinto para el nuevo ano escolar o sea septiembre de 2004. Por lo que queremos pedirle su colaboración contestando las preguntas de la encuesta que adjuntamos.

Hasta el momento se han considerado cuatro opciones para substituir el proyecto actual. Cualquiera que sea el proyecto que adoptemos abarcara todas las materias académicas e incluira a todos los estudiantes. A continuación les damos una descripción breve de las opciones, una vez que las lea por favor conteste las preguntas de la encuesta.

# Civic Association Elections March 17 Executive Committee to be elected

With the start of DP's membership year in March, we will be holding executive committee elections on March 17, 7:30 pm, at Fire Station no. 9. The current officers have agreed to submit their names for reelection.

President: Rebecca Krafft Treasurer: Linda Dye Vice President: Mitch Opalski Secretary: John Roman

Other members of the executive committee are appointed by the president. If you are interested in serving or otherwise being involved please contact Rebecca. We'll have several interesting speakers at the meeting on

We'll have several interesting speakers at the meeting of these topics:

• Our main speaker is Tom Tyler, Arlington's Extension Agent. Tom will teach us about the care and selection of > 2

### **Generous Neighbors Aid Appeal**

Last month, I sent a letter asking people to help make up a large deficit--over \$2,000-- that we had run in the Holiday Fund Drive. Because of the generosity of dozens of DP neighbors, we have now broken even. Way to go Douglas Park! Thanks to everyone involved—Christine Dunbar, Jayne Mejia, Andy Humenay, Laurie Siegel. A special thank you to the folks who helped with stapling and inserting our special request in January: Bob and Phyllis Roach, Keith Willis, Rebecca Zimmerman, Madeleine Zimmerman, Jamie Daly, Linda Dye, Bardie Romano, and Laurel Bartalon. And thanks also to Tony Brooks for getting the newsletter printed for us so quickly, and to Mitch Opalski and Dawn Leland for all their help with it. With this bitter cold winter we're having, the warm clothing was a lifesaver for several families. What a great community! Thanks to every one of you who sent in a check to help put us back in the black.

--Rebecca Krafft, President, DPCA

#### INSIDE SCOOP

#### 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.:

Mar. 17: General membership

April 20: executive committee
May 18: general membership

June 15: executive committee
July 20: general membership

#### Douglas Park Executive Committee

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President: Rebecca Krafft, 553-4140, rebecca\_krafft@hotmail.com
Vice president: Mitch Opalski, 553-1942, mopalski@aol.com
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920-0769, bardie\_1@netzero.com

Randolph liaison: Rita Wiggins, 521-4725, rmwiggins@aol.com
Parks committee: Marty Nielsen, 979-8777, mnielsen@erols.com

Traffic committee: vacant (Bob Cowan, acting chair)
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Commission Delegates:

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#### **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

#### **Douglas Park Civic Association**

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| Apt. # Arlington, VA 22204  |
| Home phone, 703   |
| E-mail  |
| YES, I'd like to volunteer for:    the 4th of July picnic     holiday fund drive     write articles for newsletter  |

#### MAIL CHECK payable to DPCA, with this FORM to:

\_\_call me any time and I'll see if I can help

Treasurer, DPCA,

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

Thank you!

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A belated thanks to John Roman, for setting up the Holiday Bonfire and Caroling evening in December. Though it was early in December, John picked one of the only dry weekend evenings in that entire wet and freezing month. Thanks for continuing a memorable tradition, John!

Thanks to the Holiday Fund Drive elves (see p.1) who, along with Randolph Elementary guidance counselor Gina Cappello bought gifts for needy neighbors. We thank Linda Dye, for representing DP on the Columbia Pike Streetspace Planning Task Force, whose work concluded in February with the acceptance of the task force report by the Co. Board.

Thanks to Bob Cowan, for stepping in as acting head of DP's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee. We're still looking for a permanent head (the term is one year, renewable).—*Rebecca Krafft* 

#### 1 < March 17 meeting

trees. Learn what to replace trees lost to hurricane Isabel with, and how to care for those on your property. Learn what are the worst trees to plant and which varieties do best in our

- A Metro representative will discuss the forthcoming Columbia Pike transit alternatives study.
  - Update on traffic planning process for Four Mile Run Dr.
- Introduction to the MOMS Club of South Arlington, which provides activities, companionship and mutual support for stay-at-home and part-time working moms (see p. 7).

**Douglas Park Civic Association Financial Statement** 

#### 3/1/03-2/29/-04 **Income** Membership dues..... 1350.00 Contributions ..... 997.00 Newsletter ads..... 1633.00 Newsletter printing underwriting ..... 2320.00 July 4 ..... 469.60 Bake sale..... 757.35 Holiday fund drive ..... 3658.00 Neighborhood house tour..... 260.00 CPRO Blues Festival donation..... 500.00 International Music/Arts Festival ..... 48.00 TOTAL \$11,992.95 **Expenditures** July 4 ..... 3071.13 Holiday fund drive ..... 3083.58 Holiday fund drive excess to Randolph School... 574.42 105.00 Dues ..... Wakefield PTA, senior graduation ..... 150.00 Nov. 8 10K Race sponsorship ..... 250.00 Wash. Regional Network award reception for Chris Zimmerman ..... 125.00

CPRO Blues Festival booth .....

DPCA Web domain subscription .....

Copying .....

50.00

35.00

115.78

TOTAL \$11,050.64

ending balance: \$5,714.38

Prepared by Linda Dye, DPCA treasurer

#### AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### Zimmerman Wins Award for Community Efforts

Chris Zimmerman, our neighbor and the Arlington County Board Chair, was awarded the first Livable Communities Leadership Award from the Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities (WRN) for direction on



regional efforts to improve transportation, Metros access and pedestrian access, affordable housing, and other issues to improve communities in the Washington region during his service on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board. He received the award during a reception on Feb. 23. WRN's mission is "a network of diverse, walkable communities linked by transit, graced by parks, and surrounded by forests, and farms, with the District of Columbia as the hub. . . ."

### Neighborhood Day Celebration Scheduled for Douglas Park, May 8

DP is planning to have an old-fashioned games day and hot dog roast in Douglas Park in the afternoon and early evening on May 8, Arlington Co. Neighborhood Day. The event will include outdoor games from days gone by: kick the can, sack race, three-legged race, scavenger hunt, wheelbarrow race, mother may I, hide and seek, capture the flag and many others. It will be followed by a hot dog and marshmallow roast. We will need many volunteers to help coordinate in advance, adults and teenagers to help run games and tend the barbecue. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for further info.

#### County Board Approves Quincy Street Traffic Calming Package

Douglas Park is one of six neighborhoods to benefit from over \$641,000 in traffic calming projects approved in February by the county board. The Quincy St. project includes speed humps, nubs, and specially marked crosswalks from Columbia Pike to 19<sup>th</sup> St. The project will help make the street safer for the neighborhood, along Douglas Park, and for Randolph Elementary's 450 students, most of whom walk to school.

"These projects support our vision of a more walkable and bicycle-friendly Arlington," said Barbara A. Favola, chair of the county board. "Our Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee has worked diligently to make our streets safer for all who use them." The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Committee (NTCC) is a citizen advisory group appointed by the Board in 1999.  $\phantom{0}$ 

#### How to Juggle the Move up Process

Just a quick note to let you know how we can help your family, friends, and work associates you refer to us. Carol & Kevin felt cramped in their Arlington home with two kids and another one on the way. They decided to buy a larger home instead of adding on. John & Sue, neighbors who we had helped in a similar situation, referred Carol & Kevin to me. We met to discuss strategies for selling and moving up to a larger home. Because they had significant equity in their home, I referred them to a lender who could qualify them to purchase a new home before selling their existing property. Carol and Kevin didn't want to feel pressured to find the right home, although when they did, they had to act quickly because of multiple offers on the property. We came up with a negotiating strategy than won the contract, and then we listed and sold their existing home. A simultaneous closing was orchestrated which eliminated the need for bridge financing, and we requested a rent back option to allow for a smooth move directly from one home to the next. Carol & Kevin and their family now live in a wonderful 4 bedroom home with plenty of room for their growing family. If you or someone you know could benefit from expert buyer or seller representation, please contact me for consultation. It is our philosophy to listen and understand our client's needs, a quality of business conduct that seems to have been forgotten in today's society.

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#### AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, CONT'D.

#### Make Your Home and Family Safer in 2004

Did you know Arlington Co. is one of the first in the nation to make a direct emergency alert system available—free of charge—to its residents and workers in the county? During 2003, about 7,000 of the county's almost 194,000 residents registered to receive emergency alerts via text messages sent to e-mail, cell phones, pagers, or PDA devices. This means of notifying citizens of an emergency was first used during Hurricane Isabel to provide weather warnings, instructions for personal safety (e.g., boil drinking water), and information on ice distribution. Recently, it was used to alert residents when the security threat level was raised from yellow to orange.

#### How does this alert system work?

In an emergency, members of the Ofc. of Emergency Management (OEM) will use the Roam Secure Alert Network to send messages to those who have registered. The system will be used for weather-related emergencies, accidents involving utilities or roadways, life safety alerts, and disaster notification. in either English or Spanish. To learn more about this free alert system or to sign up to receive future alerts, see www.arlingtonalert.com. Let's make everyone safer in 2004!



# March Madness at Saturday's Child

## Antique pine, vintage chrome, and glass tables on special sale, 10 % off!

Located in the Shirlington neighborhood, we are South Arlington's newest shop for vintage and retro goods and furnishings. Our stock changes weekly, and ranges from linens to leather goods, quilts, rugs, kitchenware, pottery, clothing, jewelry, and furniture—and unusual finds in toys, handbags, tools, lingerie, dolls, coin banks, art, and more. Looking for aluminum? Bakelite? Kid gloves?

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#### **Residents Asked To Report Potholes**

Arlington Co. is asking that residents call 703-228-6485 to report street problems to help the pothole patrol target potholes. Also, the pothole patrol is surveying primary roads to identify—and immediately fix—any potholes they spot. The patrol also is repairing damage to streets made during water main breaks, another severe storm casualty. This process will continue until spring. Once the weather warms up, they can apply more permanent solutions. Officials have been communicating to the Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT) about potholes on state routes and residents are asked to call 1-888-383-8368 to report problems on state routes, including: Columbia Pike, Glebe Rd, Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50), S. Washington Blvd., and I-395.

#### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to the housebound, many of them elderly but others incapacitated by illness or injury. Volunteer dispatchers, drivers and riders assemble at the First Presbyterian Church (Carlin Springs Rd. and N. Vermont), unload a truck of prepared and sorted food, and fan out to cover routes in the county. Each route takes about an hour. Volunteers are needed as dispatchers, drivers and riders. To learn more or to volunteer call 703-893-5195.

www.mealsonwheelsarlington.com, mowvolunteer@yahoo.com

If you are homebound and in need of services, call 703-522-0811.

Arlington Seniors groups seek volunteers, members

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics committee NVSO needs volunteers for committees. 703-228-4721.

#### Spellbinders storytellers

Visit Arlington schools and recreation programs to tell stories to children. Volunteers are trained by the national Spellbinders organization. Arlington's group meets the second Friday, 10:00 am, at the Langston-Brown Sr. Center. 703-228-4755. Quilting circle for novice or experienced quilters

Meet for an 8-week series Wed mornings beginning A

Meet for an 8-week series, Wed. mornings beginning Apr. 11 at Langston-Brown Sr. Center, \$5. 703-228-4839.

#### Art classes with oils and acrylics

Mon., Wed. mornings at Lee Sr. Center, Culpepper Garden Sr. Center, beginning-to-advanced students welcome. Furnish own materials. No fee. Lee, 703-228-0555; Culpepper, 228-4403.

#### Seniors Health and Fitness Activities Hearing loss workshops in April

Workshops scheduled at Lee Sr. Center, Carver Sr. Center. For dates, Lee, 703-228-0555, Carver, 703-228-5700.

Walking clubs—all levels: 703-228-4744.

#### **Madison Community Center**

The fitness room, 3829 N. Stafford St., is open to seniors Tues., Wed., Thurs. mornings, 7–11:00 am, Sat. 7–10 am. \$45 for a 15-session ticket. 703-228-4879.

—Judy Massabny, Communications, Ofc. of Sr. Adult Programs, 703-228-4721; jmassa@co.arlington.va.us

#### County Awards Contract to Complete Glebe Road-Columbia Pike Intersection Project

The Arlington County Board voted to award a state-funded \$694,000 contract to Omni Excavators, Inc., for improvements to the intersection of S.Glebe Road and Columbia Pike that will benefit motorists and pedestrians.

This project will go a long way toward relieving congestion at this busy intersection," said then-County Board Chairman Paul Ferguson. "It will also provide a safer, more attractive walking experience for pedestrians."

Planned improvements include building or reconstructing turning lanes to enable left turns from all four approaches. Additional work will include widening sidewalks, installing crosswalks and planting new street trees—funded by (VDOT). Pedestrian-scale streetlights and the Phase I undergrounding of utilities are being funded by the county. Phase I work (laying underground ducts) began in early October

Phase II of project will add left turn lanes and pedestrian amenities. S treetscape construction will begin in March. Pending favorable weather—and coordination between streetscape and ongoing duct-bank work—the streetscape project is scheduled to be completed in summer 2004.

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#### Calendar

#### Stream Clean Up, Sat., March 13

Join in Stream Clean Up Day to clean up Four Mile Run between Bon Air Park and Shirlington Park. Contact: Melissa Avenius, 703-525-0168. Wear waterproof boots, bring work gloves. An adult must accompany children under 16; not recommended for children under six years of age. In the event of inclement weather call 703-228-4400 that day for a recorded cancellation announcement.

#### Come to the Home Ownership Fair, Sat., March 20

You are invited to the county's eighth annual Home Ownership Fair, 9:30 am–1:00 pm at Patrick Henry Elementary School, 701 S. Highland St. (at Walter Reed Dr.), free and open to the public. Workshops in English and Spanish The fair is co-sponsored by the county and AHOME (Arlington Homeownership Made Easier). 703-228-3765. (TTY 703-228-4611), www.co.arlington.va.us/cphd/housing/housing\_info/homebuyers.htm.

#### Green Home Fair, Sat., March 20, noon-5 p.m.

A green home is a healthy, comfortable home that reduces energy and water usage, and saves money. The fair will feature exhibits and seminars about building and maintaining a green home and yard, along with interactive children's activities, refreshments, and door prizes. Washington-Lee High School, 1300 N. Quincy St. Free. Spons. by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, Arlington Co. Dept. of Environmental Services, Virginia Housing, and the Environment Network.

### Applications Being Accepted for Preservation Design Awards until April 9

Arlington's Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) is seeking nominations for the Sixth Annual Preservation Design Awards. These awards honor projects demonstrating excellence in design and craftsmanship in the restoration/renovation of historical buildings, construction of new additions, as well as new infill construction involving compatible design within an existing neighborhood. Contact Rebecca Krafft, 703-553-4140, for an application brochure. To learn more about the program, contact Cynthia Liccese-Tores, Historic Preservation Planner at 703-228-3831 or cliccese@arlingtonva.us.

Community Coffeehouse Series Features Acoustic/ Celtic Performers Al Petteway and Amy White Barcroft Community Coffeehouse, offers a unique opportunity on May 7th to hear tremendous artists perform right in our own neighborhood, to meet new friends, and enjoy a night out (but not too far out). 800 S. Buchanan St., 703-

486-0457. www.communitycoffeehouse.org., or e-mail communitycoffeehouse@covad.net.

Neighborhood DayCelebration Scheduled for

Douglas Park, May 8 See story on page 2.

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#### HOME AND GARDEN

#### **Douglas Park Garden Tour Needs Participants**

After the success of last year's spring house tour, the civic assocation will be kicking off the Douglas Park Garden Tour

this year. Anyone interested in showing their yard to residents should contact Mary Beth Rynders at mbrynders@earthlink.net or 703-553-5539. The walking tour will be held in June. This will be a great way to meet fellow



residents and share your experience of planning for your piece of paradise. People interested in attending the tour should watch the next newsletter for more details.

#### **Invasive Plants Removal Volunteer Day**

On Sat., March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon, Walter Reed Volunteer Day, sponsored by Columbia Heights Civic Assn. (Rain date Sat., March 27).

#### Background on invasive plants

Arlington Co. is the only local jurisdiction to have a full-time coordinator for the Arlington Invasive Plants Program, Jan Ferrigan. She has organized a volunteer group called RIP (Remove Invasive Plants) that works with county staff to clear invasive plants from local parks. The Columbia Heights Civic Assn. is pleased to collaborate with Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources in our first volunteer effort to remove three types of invasive plants that have been identified on the grounds at Walter Reed park—English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle, and Japanese Stiltgrass.

Join your neighbors on the first volunteer day for invasive plant control efforts at the Walter Reed Community Center park. If you have your own gloves, clippers, loppers, or dull flat screwdrivers, please bring them. Some gardening tools will be provided, but please bring your own if you have any. Meet us in the trailer at 2909A S. 16th St., closest to the intersection at South Walter Reed Dr. Refreshments provided. For more info, Margo Watters at 703-271-9864/5718, http://www.on-the-pike.com/CHCA.



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#### Don't Just Dream About Spring--Make Plans Now!

Note these events sponsored by Arlington County's Conservation and Interpretation Section. To make reservations for any of these programs, call 703-228-4747 (Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm). You will be asked for the program activity number listed in each description.

#### Native plant sale, Sat., April 10, 10-11 am

No reservations required—It's time again to get your green thumbs ready. We'll be digging in our gardens here at LBNC and will have some great native plants for sale, and at great prices too! We'll have a variety of plants available including some shade-tolerant ones. Some plants we hope to have include bloodroot, creeping phlox, cardinal flower, various ferns, and many more. Meet at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA, 22204. For more information call 703-228-6535.

#### Spring hike for teens, Sat., May 1, 10am-6pm

Reservations required: Activity #634301A; ages 11-16. Travel to the Richard G. Thompson Wildlife Management Area, located against the eastern slopes of the Blue Ridge Mountains where we will hike on some of the numerous trails (including the Appalachian Trail) that traverse the park's 4,000 acres. This beautiful park is covered predominately with hardwood forests, growing on terraced slopes that rise from 700-2200 feet. We'll scout out some of the numerous rock outcrops, streams, springs, and Thompson Lake. \$15 fee. Van leaves from Lubber Run Recreation Center parking lot, 300 N. Park Dr., Arlington, 22203.

#### Trillium trek, Sat., May 1, 9am-4pm.

Reservations required: Activity #644301A; adults. Travel to Linden, Virginia, to see one of the largest and most impressive great white trillium displays in the East. There are lots of other unusual wildflowers, trees, and wildlife to observe and learn about too. We'll also make a stop to buy some apple products along the way. Dress for hiking and bring a bag lunch. \$15 fee. Van leaves from Lubber Run Recreation Center parking lot, 300 N. Park Dr., Arlington, 22203.

The Virginia Native Plant Society is dedicated to the conservation of native plant species.

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#### School and Children

#### Randolph Elementary School News Child Care Help Needed Mondays, Wednesdays The school offers evening adult ESL (English as Second

Language) classes to Randolph families and DP residents. About 100 students are enrolled, Mon. and Wed. nights,

6:30-8:30 pm. Child care is provided and additional (paid) help

from adults or older teens (grades 11-12) is needed for 8-12 children, grouped by age. -- Sara Mulrooney, 703-228-5830, smulroon@teacher.mail.k12.arlington.va.us.

#### Plant swap and garden day, Sat., April 17

From 8:30 am-12:30 noon, join in a plant swap, talk with master gardeners and native plant specialists, tour the schoolyard. Help in our gardens. For details: Laura Reichenbaugh at (703) 521-2701.

#### MOMS Club of S. Arlington Meets

The MOMS Club of S. Arlington (Moms Offering Moms Support) is a non-profit support group for at-home mothers living south of Rt. 50. Group meets weekly for activities, meetings, and outings; children welcome. 703-920-3778.

#### Fire Burns Out Neighborhood Family

In mid-Feb., the family of a Hoffman-Boston child lost everything in a fire. They're in desperate need of clothing, shoes, personal hygiene products, and food. If you can help out with a monetary, clothing, or any other type of donation, contact Mary Peart at 703-228-5845, mpeart@arlington.k12.va.us. Checks can be made out to Hoffman-Boston Elementary School--designate "family" on the check. Once they're settled in a new home, perhaps we can organize donations of household goods. Would someone help me organize this? Thank you in advance for your generosity. Clothing sizes needed: Girls size 10; and boys, size 14, pant 34x32 and 34x30.—Lynn Durbin, Hoffman-Boston PTA President, lynndurbin@hotmail.com

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