

Neighbor News



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Traffic Is an Ongoing Concern

DPCA Meeting, Tues., May 18, 7:30pm

Location Fire Station no. 9, 1900 Walter Reed Dr.

Main Topic Discussion of traffic signal installation at the post office and 12th St. across Glebe Rd.

Other Agenda Items Traffic calming plan for S. 18th St. --Petitions being submitted to county officials.

County Staff to Discuss Traffic Signal at 12th and Glebe

Based on a consultant's report, the county recommends the installation of a traffic signal at the post office at Glebe Rd. and 12th St., and adding improved pedestrian crossings across Glebe between Walter Reed and 12th St. The study was commissioned following DPCA's request at our Sept 17, 2003, meeting with the county, and the call for the original study was contained in the plan for the current post office, approved some 10 years ago.

Traffic Concerns Persist on Monroe St.

While speeds on Monroe have been reduced because of the speed cushions, there are still problems with vehicles crossing the center line to avoid the cushions, and drivers running the stop sign on 14th St. Two more accidents have occurred at Monroe and 14th Sts. in the past month--on the evening of May 4 and the morning of April 12.

Arlington Co. staff has agreed to review problems and promised to make yet another study to see if the intersection qualifies for a 4-way stop. This may take up to 60 days due to volume of current requests for traffic studies. They will also work on solving the problem of vehicles using the emergency vehicle cuts to avoid crossing the speed humps.

Other Monroe St. traffic calming plans include additional speed cushions, gateways, textured crosswalks, and nubs that have yet to be constructed, in efforts to further reduce speed. --*Bob Cowan, acting traffic committee chair*

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First Annual Douglas Park Garden Tour Saturday, June 12th

A walking tour of gardens in the Douglas Park neighborhood will be held rain or shine on Sat., June 12, starting at 8:30 am. Six different

yards will be featured and we will meet at 8:15

at the corner of Irving and S. 12th St., located

between Highland and Glebe. This will be a

great way to get inspiration for your own yard

and to meet fellow residents. Cost is

only \$5 per person and the proceeds will

be used to fund new plants and flowers to beautify the Douglas Park Neighborhood

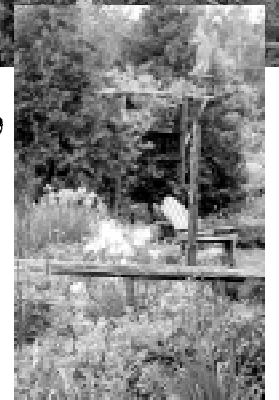
signs. Please contact Mary Beth

Rynders at 703/553-5539 or at mbrynders@earthlink.net to make a

reservation. Bring your sunscreen, bug

spray, umbrella and bottled water for yourself, and a note pad and pen if you'd like to take notes. This is a walking

tour so dress according to the weather and comfort.



Fourth of July Preparations Are Underway

4TH
OF
JULY

Janet Smith and Annette Pigott are this year's

Fourth of July coordinators. Please contact them if you would like to help out on July 4th or before. We need all

kinds of volunteers--In advance, to make signs for the park and the parade and to shop for decorations, and, on the day

of, to decorate Monroe Park and Douglas Park (8-9 am); to help run the costume, bike and float judging at Monroe Park

(10 am); and to help out at the picnic set-up and clean-up, and grill hotdogs; and with the moonbounce, dunk tank, gi-

giant slide, sno-cone machine. It's fun! If you can help, contact Rebecca_krafft@hotmail.com or call 703-553-4140.

Douglas Park Civic Association, Arlington, VA

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

April 20: *executive committee* June 15: *executive committee*
 May 18: general membership July 20: general membership

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AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

County Emergency Preparedness Team Kicks off "Door to Door"

On Sat., June 5, Arlington Co. and the Citizen Corps Council are launching "Arlington Prepares," a community campaign to encourage every household and every neighborhood to prepare for emergencies, from natural disasters to terrorist attacks. The campaign begins with "Arlington Prepares Door-to-Door," a distribution of preparedness information to every household by a partnership of community volunteers and county staff. We would like to have residents participate through the DP Civic Association and CERT Team on June 5 distributing literature to neighbors, door-to-door.

Arlington Prepares Door-to-Door is an important step in building communication, education, and neighborhood-based support during emergencies. The goal is to get every resident informed, involved, and planning.

More information can be obtained by calling Arlington County at 703-228-7188, or "Arlington Prepares Door-to-Door" at www.arlingtonva.us. Sign up for safety! Contact the Douglas Park coordinator Mitch Opalski to sign up for the June 5 Door-to-Door event, 703-553-1942, or MOpalski@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Douglas Park Civic Association

YES! Count me in!
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YES, I'd like to volunteer for:
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Registration: www.rpjhousing.org/expo_brochure.pdf; or 703-528-5606, x10; HomeModsExpo@verizon.net.

Volunteers Sought for Arlington County Fair

Assist with the 28th annual Arlington County Fair, Aug. 19-22 at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Set-up, execution, and breakdown of the fair in three-hour shifts. Teens must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: Denise Marshall Roller, 703-228-3289; www.arlingtoncountyfair.org

Neighbors Alert to Possible Gang Activities

Both Monroe and Douglas Parks are suspected as sites for gang gatherings. Please keep the police alerted about any suspicious activities. Call Officer Munn, 703-228-3600, ext. 9750, to report anything noteworthy.



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