

# Neighbor News



August–September 2004

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## Bake Sale Committee Needs Members

Volunteers for the Election Day Bake Sale—Nov. 2—are needed. Please contact Rebecca Krafft at 703-553-4140 if you are interested in helping organize the bake sale. Proceeds benefit the civic association—and voters seeking a tasty breakfast at the polls.

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Este noviembre, los votantes de Arlington tendrán la oportunidad de aprobar un bono para desarrollar y mejorar los parques y las facilidades de recreación en Arlington. Para más información, visite [www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtract/ParksRecreationForums/NorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtract/ParksRecreationForums/NorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx) o contacte a Tobin Smith al 703-553-7732.

Hay muchas oportunidades para ser voluntario y participar en la Escuela Elemental de Randolph. Si está interesado en ser voluntario o si le gustaría aprender más sobre estas oportunidades, llame a Rita Wiggins o a Bridget Kraft, 703-228-5830.

La División de Servicios a Vecindarios del Departamento de Planificación Comunitaria, Vivienda y Desarrollo, está aceptando aplicaciones para el Colegio Vecindario de este otoño. El contacto para el condado es Rolda Nedd 703-228-3823. Puede también ponerse en contacto con John Snyder por cualquier pregunta al 703-892-2887.

El proyecto para instalar un montículo (un policía acostado) en la calle 18 Sur fue aprobado por la Junta Directiva del condado el 10 de julio. La Junta Directiva también aprobó el proyecto para calmar el tráfico en la calle Monroe Sur desde la calle 8 Sur hasta Columbia Pike en el vecindario de Alcova Heights. Cuatro nuevas paradas de 4 vías nuevos fueron instaladas en la intersección de las calles 14 Sur y Monroe.

A Heather Nemirow le gustaría empezar un grupo de “juegos con madres y bebés de 4 a 8 meses”. Para más información, llame a Heather al 703-271-1111.

Helen Carpenter, residente de Douglas Park, ha empezado una filial del grupo “See Mommy Run.” Para más información, visita [www.seemommyrun.com](http://www.seemommyrun.com).

## Hi-Cue Billiards Denied License VA ABC Board Vetoes Alcohol

In July, the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board turned down an application to serve beer and wine at Hi-Cue Billiards, located in the Food Star Shopping Center, 940A S. George Mason Dr. The Douglas Park Civic Association led south Arlington neighborhoods in opposing the application. DP executive committee member Lane Nemirow, who is an attorney, put his skills to use representing Douglas Park and building a very tight case against the poolhall, which has been the site of repeated criminal activity. Special thanks go to everyone who participated in the ABC board hearing in May, including the Arlington County Police Dept., the county board, represented by Chris Zimmerman, county attorney Stephen MacIsaac and Virginia delegates Adam Ebbin and Al Eisenberg, and to Reid Goldstein and Evalyn Carter for gathering signatures opposing the license.

## Construction Update, 13<sup>th</sup> & Glebe “Majestic Oak” Breaks Ground

Development of the houses and townhouses at 13<sup>th</sup> St. and Glebe Rd. will begin this fall. The developer, JCE, has named the development Majestic Oak. The development will consist of 11 new single-family homes and 11 new townhouses. The site contact for the developer (JCE) is Gene Hayman (703-658-6073; fax: 703-658-1873). Douglas Park’s point of contact on the 13<sup>th</sup> and Glebe Rd. Development is Nora Rodas, 703-892-0961, [nrtralee@aol.com](mailto:nrtralee@aol.com).

## Community Garden Showcases Honey Bees

An abundance of tomatoes—which lucky visitors got to share—a multi-colored pergola, and masses of flowers were all part of the open house in August at > 4

Did you know that a beehive can look like this? If you look closely at the actual hive there you’ll see the worker bees entering and exiting at the bottom.



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**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. Sept. 21: general membership (Agenda at right)

Oct. 19: *executive committee*

Nov. 16: general membership

*Douglas Park Executive Committee (All area codes 703)—*

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**AROUND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

**DPCA: Here’s What’s on the September Agenda By-Law Revisions** Proposed revisions to the Douglas Park Civic Association’s by-laws (see below).

**North Tract Development** Tobin Smith, DP resident and chairman of the Arlington Parks and Recreation Commission will present the plans that have been developed for the North Tract (see p. 5).

**Parking Follow-Up** Sarah Stott, Arlington Co.’s parking manager, will lead a discussion of the effectiveness of Douglas Park’s Zone 21 nighttime parking zone, the first in the county. If you’re affected by zoned parking, please attend this meeting. Other parking issues will also be discussed, and transportation commissioner Peter Owen will participate.

**Update to DPCA’s By-Laws Proposed**

The civic association’s by-laws are out of date. Over the past year, a committee has made changes to these, which primarily make the by-laws reflect the current name, boundaries, and activities of the organization. The executive committee approved the proposed changes in June, as noted below. After formal proposal at the September meeting, they will be voted on by membership in November.

**Proposed Bylaw Changes**

This is a summary of the proposed changes with the reasons for the change.

*Article I: Name*

Section 1: Changed to conform with previously approved name change and to bring spelling into agreement with county documents.

Section 2: Changed the boundaries to include earlier additions to the Association.

*Article III: Membership*

Section 1: Changed name and spelling as above.

Section 2: Changed so dues can be changed without amending by-laws, clarified that membership is by household not individual, and corrected grammar to clarify fiscal year.

*Article V: Executive Board*

Name changed to “Executive Committee” to reflect current practice. Changed to reflect actual practice of appointing at-large executive committee members and to clarify proxy delivered by another executive committee member.

*Article VI: Elections*

Section 1: Changed to avoid waiting two months for newly elected officers to take office since meetings are bimonthly.

Section 2: Reduced number of people required for Nominating Committee as suggested.

Section 3: Removed requirement for secret ballot.

Section 5: Corrected typographical error.

*Article VII: Duties of Officers*

Section 1: Changed to reflect actual practice of appointing at large Executive Committee members as above.

Section 4: Changed to reflect that the membership list is in the data maintained by the secretary and to clarify that the funds of the Association are deposited in a bank selected by the Executive Committee.

*Article VIII: Meetings*

Section 1: Changed to reflect actual meeting schedule.

*Article IX: Committees*

Section 1: Changed to reflect current committee arrangement.

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## DPCA's 4th of July Wrap-up: Fun Trumps Rain!

Well! This year's 4th of July celebration was by far the most challenging one in memory. As far as I know, we have never had any significant amount of rain before. And rain it did—I heard one weather wrap-up that said that more than two inches fell. Both the parade and the picnic were soaked.

But our rookie coordinators were up to the job. Janet Smith's great idea to lead the parade with a canvas banner instead of a paper sign could have not have been better timed. Annette Pigott's presence of mind prior to the event and throughout the day kept everything moving smoothly and safely.

And how about those hot dog chefs, Tom Amshey and John Roman?! John started the fire before the first downpour, then kept the fire going throughout

the rain with a combination of upturned aluminum pans and a cardboard box. It was a miracle when the parade arrived at Douglas Park, in the rain, and hot dogs were cooking on the grill. We delayed the amusements

an hour until the rain subsided, while participants helped themselves to food. Mike Flaherty's Dixieland Direct entertained us, and as waves of rain came and went, more people kept filtering in. We had an especially nice visit from Randolph's new principal, Renee Bostick, and many of our Pike neighbors dropped by, too.

To start things off, Adam Ebbin (our Virginia delegate) was a great contest judge, Chris Zimmerman and Reid Goldstein made outstanding grandmarshalls, and Stan Kang was unflappable as parade emcee.

It was different, and it was great. Thanks again Annette and Janet. This was one of the hardest celebrations to have as your first, and you did a superb job making it happen.

### Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help

What a pleasure to see so many new names among the familiar ones. If I missed anyone here, please let me know! Tom Amshey, Susanne Best, Kelli Corts, Jeff Coupe, Sebastian Coupe, Jeff Coupe, Prentiss DeJesus, Henry Dunbar, Enid Dunbar, Nam Dunbar, Linda Dye, Peter English, Don Farmer, Janine Finnell, Sabra Flaherty, Hannah Flaherty, Kyle Flaherty, Carol Freysinger, Reid Goldstein, Olivia Goldstein, Sue Gruskiewicz, Sang Han, Debbie Hill, Laura Jones, Jane Kaddouri, Katie Kampmann, Stan Kang, Wayne Kubicki,

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—Rebecca Krafft, DPCA president

## Columbia Pike Farmers Market

If you haven't stopped by the wonderful market on Sunday mornings, please do! We have some terrific new vendors, including a French baker, an artisan goat cheese producer, and a new meat vendor that produces not only great beef, pork, and chicken, but also their own sausages and pasta. On Aug. 29th, all the way from Chesterfield, Vermont, we had real Vermont maple syrup. You can't get this at any other farmers market in the area. Sundays, 10–2 at Pike Park, located at the corner of Columbia Pike and S. Walter Reed Dr.

The market is sponsored by the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO), and they'd love to hear your comments. Just e-mail Amy McWilliams, farmers market coordinator, at [cpro1@comcast.net](mailto:cpro1@comcast.net) or call 703-892-2776.

## National Night Out was Celebrated in Douglas Park on August 3



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the community garden. Behind the high fence and the locked gate, you'll find gardeners eager to show off their heavenly escape from the world. Once inside, the expanse seems much bigger than it appears from the front. You're surrounded by masses of colorful flowers and vegetables, and one gardener has built a pergola—an arbor of trelliswork—and painted it in bright colors. The bench inside provides a cheery respite from gardening tasks. Next time you're walking by the entrance at 19th and Oakland, ask a gardener to show you around—and don't miss the beehive.

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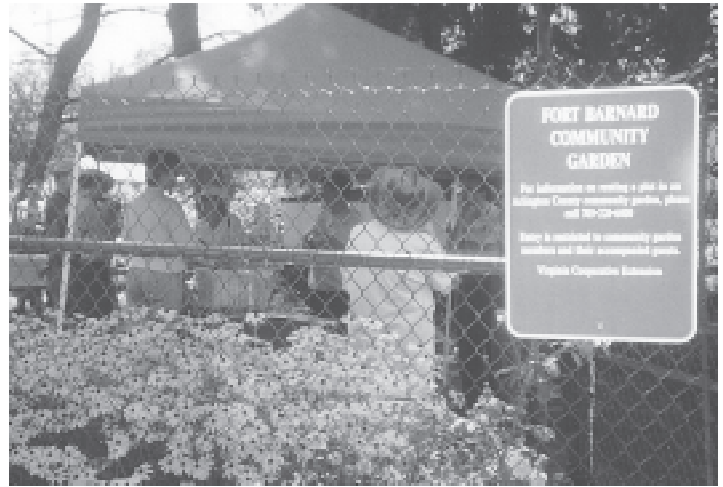
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### Traffic Committee Reports Progress

We Americans love our cars! But not when they're speeding through our neighborhoods. When residents feel frustrated by the intrusions of the outside world, here's what can happen:

#### 18th Street South

The S. 18th St. expedited speed hump project received the county board's approval at their July meeting. The board also approved the traffic calming project for S. Monroe St. from S. 8th to Columbia Pike in the Alcova Heights neighborhood. This project, along with Douglas Park's S. Monroe St. project, approved last year, will provide traffic calming measures on S. Monroe all the way from 8th St. to Walter Reed Dr.

#### New 4-Way Stop Signs Installed

The long-requested 4-way stop signs at 14th and Monroe Streets became a reality on July 14. Many thanks to all the neighbors who kept the pressure on to achieve this. Special thanks to DPCA treasurer Linda Dye for keeping track of the dates and times of the many accidents at this intersection, which helped get the signs approved.

—Bob Cowan, acting committee chair

Seeking new NeighborNews printer—Thanks to Tony Brooks for having this newsletter printed at cost by his employer, PIMS, Inc. This has greatly reduced our costs. However, PIMS is relocating the printing facility. Can you recommend a local printer for us? Contact Rebecca or Dawn [info. on p.2].

## AROUND THE COUNTY

### Arlington Parks: The North Tract An Investment Worth Making

This November Arlington voters will have the opportunity to approve a major bond to develop and enhance Arlington's park and recreation facilities. This year's park bond—approximately \$76 million in total—will be the largest park bond ever considered by Arlington voters.

A major component of the bond is \$50 million for the design and construction of the first of two planned phases for a major new Arlington park and first class recreational facility at the North Tract. The bond also provides funds to redevelop and improve existing parks and recreational facilities including Barcroft Park, Greenbrier Park, and the Arlington Mill and Fairlington Community Centers.

The North Tract consists of 28 acres of formerly abandoned industrial land, located south of the 14<sup>th</sup> St. bridge and north of Crystal City. This land came to the county in Oct. 2002 at no cost in exchange for development rights to the South Tract, land located between Crystal City and Four Mile Run.

Planned for the new park are the following

- A state-of-the-art aquatics center, with a 50-meter pool, a hydrotherapy pool, and water play areas for children;

- A significant fitness space with cardiovascular and weight training equipment;
- A multi-activity center (MAC), a large, flexible indoor space with multiple courts for basketball, volleyball and other sports that will also include an indoor running track and racquetball and squash courts;
- Four adult-sized synthetic grass athletic fields;
- Over a mile of walking trails with playgrounds, open lawn areas, and gathering places;
- Bicycle routes connecting to the Mount Vernon Trail; and
- A future pedestrian bridge across the railroad tracks to the Roaches Run Wildfowl Refuge.

All of these elements are to be meshed together in an attractive, environmentally sensitive overall design that will include high-quality public art and landscaping and comprehensive public transportation to and from the park.

The North Tract master plan took over two years to complete and was developed by a citizen led task force. Approved by the Arlington County Board in February 2004, the plan reflects significant community input with over 50 public meetings, a citizen open space survey, input from citizen advisory commissions, and four community forums. Most importantly, the plan was developed to address major shortfalls in Arlington's existing recreational and park system. > 6

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In an increasingly dense urban area such as Arlington, this is a rare opportunity to develop major open space. Open space generally runs over \$1 million dollars per acre if purchased by the county. Thus, space of this size for park and recreational facilities is not likely to come to the county again soon, if ever. Nor will it get cheaper to develop if we delay. With this in mind, I believe the park bond is a sound investment for Arlington residents.

More information on the Master Plan can be found at [www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtractParksRecreationForumsNorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/forums/northtractParksRecreationForumsNorthtractNorthTractNews.aspx).

If you have questions about this or the proposed park bond, please feel free to contact me: 703-553-7732.

—*Tobin Smith, chair, Arlington Park and Recreation Commission; chair, North Tract Oversight and Implementation Committee; Douglas Park resident*

### Neighborhood College Program Accepting Applications

The Department of Community Planning, Housing, and Development Neighborhood Services Division is soliciting applications for the Neighborhood College for this Fall. Neighborhood College is a program for residents of Neighborhood Strategy Areas to learn about community development, programs to help the neighborhoods, and other useful information for our community.

Residents are sought from the portions of Douglas Park between 16th St. and Columbia Pike, west of Glebe Rd.; between Four Mile Run Dr. and the line formed by Stafford St. and Randolph St. parallel to Shirlington Overlook Apartments; and the triangle between George Mason, Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run Dr. These are census block areas corresponding to most of the apartment building complexes in Douglas Park. For this program, these areas are collectively known as "Pike Village Center."

If you know of anyone (including yourself) who would be interested in this program, please encourage them to apply. The contact at the county is Rolda Nedd 703-228-3823. You can also contact John Snyder with questions, 703-892-2887. This is a wonderful opportunity to develop new leadership for the community. Your help in encouraging applications is important and greatly appreciated.

### Potomac Harmony Chorus

This women's chorus won first place in a recent regional competition for barbershop groups. Catch their next performance: Sat., Oct. 16, 3 pm, at Thomas Jefferson Theater, 125 S. Glebe. [www.potomacharmony.org](http://www.potomacharmony.org); 703-764-3896.

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## SCHOOLS & CHILDREN

DP school-age children attend many elementary schools; only Randolph draws all of its students from within civic association boundaries. But DP students also attend Drew, Henry, Hoffman-Boston, Claremont Immersion, Campbell, Arlington Traditional, Key Immersion, and various public and private schools. *This newsletter welcomes news from all schools that DP children attend.* Send it to [dpcanews@hotmail.com](mailto:dpcanews@hotmail.com).

### Hoffman-Boston Welcomes Principal

We are pleased to welcome Yvonne Dangerfield as the new Principal at Hoffman-Boston. Yvonne is a Hoffman-Boston alumna and a longtime resident of Arlington View. For the past 9 years, she has been assistant principal at Bailey's Elementary School in Falls Church. She is an excellent choice to carry on the tradition of excellence established by Mrs. Hymel.

There are many opportunities to volunteer and otherwise participate at Hoffman-Boston Elementary School. Contact PTA pres. Lynn Durbin: [lynn DURBIN@hotmail.com](mailto:lynn DURBIN@hotmail.com)

### Opportunities To Volunteer at Randolph School

Here are some activities to consider, whether or not you have children:

**Lunch Buddy** About one hour/week with a student. Have lunch, read a book, play checkers, help with homework, etc.

**Tutor** Help a student who is struggling with math, reading or other subjects. Help with homework, review, help study.

**Guest Reader** Several times a year we invite people to read a story to a class. We also host Family Library Nights where guest readers participate in evening reading programs for children in the school as well as neighborhood children who attend other school.

**Business Partner** Do you own a local business or work for a company nearby? We're always looking for businesses willing to donate time, supplies, or money to help a local school.

**Volunteer-On-Call** If you have a flexible schedule or are available during the day, we often need adult volunteers to help with various activities at the school—work at the book fair, chaperone a field trip, or help with school pictures.

Save your Box Tops for Education and drop them off at the Randolph office; bring your used toner cartridges to the school for recycling; or designate Randolph as your school for Giant and Safeway receipts.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about these opportunities, call Rita Wiggins or Bridget Kraft at 703-228-5830. Remember, whatever suits you and your lifestyle, we're sure we can find a way for you to help!

### See Mommy Run

Douglas Park resident Helen Carpenter has started a South Arlington chapter of See Mommy Run. The purpose of the group is to encourage mothers to exercise, while enjoying the company and support of other moms. Of course, fathers are also welcome. Helen's group, the South Arlington Mudders, is just getting started, but various walking and running events will be planned that take advantage of Douglas Park's proximity to the W&OD trail and other local attractions. Any mothers interested in getting out and exercising are encouraged to join the group, which will be tailored to member interests. Find more information at [www.seemommyrun.com](http://www.seemommyrun.com).

### Mother-Child Playgroup

Heather Nemirow wants to start a playgroup with DP mothers and babies between 4–8 months of age. She had a lot of fun with a group in South Riding and would like to start one in our neighborhood. Call her, 703-271-1111, if you're interested.

### MOMS Club to Meet

On Mon., Oct. 11, 9:30 am, MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club of S. Arlington will meet at the Fairlington Community Center. Children welcome. The MOMS Club of S. Arlington is a non-profit support group for at-home mothers living south of rt. 50; it meets weekly for activities, meetings, outings. 703-920-6232.



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*Hannah Flaherty*, has recently completed her Red Cross Babysitting course and celebrated her 12th birthday. Hannah has experience as a mother's helper and is ready to accept babysitting opportunities. Please contact her mom, Sabra Flaherty, (work) 703-525-1695, or e-mail [flaherty1310@aol.com](mailto:flaherty1310@aol.com).

*Lillian Goldstein* is available for pet sitting jobs, year-round. Lillian is 11 and has been a volunteer for 3 years at the Arlington animal shelter where she walks dogs and socializes cats and other small animals. She has a dog, a hamster, and a rat at home, and has experience with a variety of pets including snakes, fish and guinea pigs. Lillian has reasonable rates and will sit for pets big and small. 703-271-0431.

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