



DPCA Meeting Topics

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 2009

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be held Tuesday evening, May 19, 2009 at 7.30 pm in the 2d floor lounge at Club West, West Village at Shirlington, 4155 South Four Mile Run Drive. Club West is the building by the pool. The agenda will include:

- **Introduction to the Civic Association for new and prospective members.**
- **Meeting with Capt Nuneville of Arlington Police regarding crime trends in neighborhood.**
- **Neighborhood Conservation Plan update.**
- **Fourth of July Parade and Picnic planning.**
- **Discussion of possible zoned parking initiatives along South Four Mile Run Drive.**

All residents of Douglas Park are invited to attend.

Jefferson MS Improvements

SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES FUNDING

On April 2, the Arlington County School Board voted to amend its Capital Improvement Plan to provide funding for some much-needed improvements to the Jefferson Middle School building, the well-regarded middle school serving Douglas Park that hosts a challenging International Baccalaureate program. The building will get windows into classrooms where possible and skylights into classrooms and common areas on the top floor. This will bring natural light into an almost windowless building — a product of 1970's late Modernist architectural style. Indirect lighting will be installed in the classrooms to improve interior lighting in areas where windows and skylights won't reach. The HVAC system will also be overhauled, the media center/library renewed with a large skylight and the cafeteria eating area will be re-configured to be a more pleasant gathering place for students. In addition, outside courtyards will be made into areas where the students can gather after lunch and improvements will be made to the walking approaches to the building to give it more of an obvious presence and expression of pride.

This work is affordable even in these tight budget times because the staff, architects and school community worked very hard to come up with practical and feasible improvements, getting the most impact for the dollars spent. Thanks are due School Board members Abby Raphael, Ed Fendley, Sally Baird and Emma Violand-Sanchez for continually pushing for this work to be done as soon as possible and to the County Board for continuing to support funding for HVAC work on the part of the building that is a community center, gym and theatre operated by the County.

Work will start this fall, but will be performed primarily in summer 2010 to avoid interfering with the school term. Renovations are scheduled to be complete for the start of the 2010-2011 school year

Homeowner Spring Tree Program

ARLINGTON PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES (PRCR) PROGRAM IN ITS 4TH YEAR

It's that time of year again! If you are a homeowner in Douglas Park and are interested in creating some shade for your yard (and the neighborhood) and/or want to feed the birds, Arlington County is offering free trees — either a Bur Oak (a large shade tree) or an American Filbert (a small flowering and fruiting tree).

The deadline for requests is Friday, April 24. Please email Marty Nielsen, at mrtynlsn@gmail.com with your name, address, contact information, and which tree you prefer. Please note that although Marty may be unable to acknowledge your email, your order will be recorded and he will contact you if he has any questions. Trees are limited to one of each variety per household to ensure availability to all throughout the county. Delivery is scheduled for May but is dependent on weather and demand.

When you order your tree(s), bear in mind that young trees are very vulnerable to summer heat. Please make a serious commitment to water weekly for the first three summers and provide a consistent 1" to 2" layer of mulch.

The two species available this year are Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) and American Filbert or Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*). The trees will be delivered as small 'whips' in 5-gallon containers, making them easier to transplant with a greater chance for future growth success. Both specimens are ideal selections for starting your own backyard wildlife habitat.

Bur Oak is often described as a 'behemoth,' growing as large as ninety feet in height, so please be sure you have enough space in your yard for this magnificent, slow-growing, long-lived (200 years) deciduous shade tree. That means at least ten feet from buildings, overhead wires, or smaller trees and twenty feet from large trees. If you have the space, the Bur Oak has a lovely rounded shape, is tolerant of a variety of moisture and soil conditions, prefers full sun, and doesn't have serious pest problems. In addition to its notable strength, it is a splendid tree for urban landscapes because it provides acorns for squirrels, has dense shade and is resistant to air pollution and heat stress.

The American Filbert, also commonly known as the American Hazelnut, is a multi-stemmed, deciduous shrub with a rounded top and an open, often wide-spreading base that grows 10 to 18 feet high and wide. Because of its size, it adapts well to naturalizing and other non-formal areas. This large shrub or small tree tolerates a wide variety of soil conditions and thrives under full sun or in light shade. And, of course, it bears annual, abundant crops of small, sweet-tasting nuts valued by both humans and wildlife only two to three years after planting.

Don't miss out on this great chance to help to replenish Douglas Park's declining tree canopy!

DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA

MEETING CALENDAR

The DPCA executive committee has scheduled regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at Arlington's Walter Reed Fire Station No 9, 1900 South Walter Reed Drive at the corner of 19th Street South.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7.30 pm. See page one for the agenda. Please note that for this meeting we will meet in the 2d floor lounge at Club West, West Village at Shirlington, 4155 South Four Mile Run Drive.

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Civic Association News

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PLAN — SURVEY COMING SOON

The Douglas Park Civic Association is in the process of updating our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. This plan describes the neighborhood, our strengths, concerns, opportunities and our vision for the future. It is also a prerequisite to obtaining funding for projects such as sidewalk, curb and gutter, streetlights and park improvements. The next step is preparation of a neighborhood survey, which will be coming out in the next few weeks. We plan to solicit our neighbors' views in English and Spanish to promote broad responses. After we compile the survey results, we will draft the updated report, which will include the history of Douglas Park, description of our parks and natural resources, commercial businesses and other assets, as well as our concerns and vision for the future. To make this plan work best for all of us, we need you to respond. The survey will take a few minutes of your time, but the resulting Conservation Plan will be the document guiding our neighborhood vision for the next ten years.

To kick off this process, we met with county staff at the latest civic association meeting. In the meeting, we identified these items as our strengths, opportunities, weaknesses, and threats:

- **Strengths.** The number one strength of our community is our diversity -- of every kind. (In terms of people from all over the world, our zip code, 22204, is recognized as the most diverse in the country -- not just the county, the country.) Other strengths noted are our proximity to Washington DC, to Shirlington and to other nearby commercial corridors.

Our neighborhood is walkable, has good public transportation, is adjacent to the W&OD trail, is near arterial transportation routes (South Walter Reed Drive, South Glebe Road, South Four Mile Run Drive, South George Mason Drive and Columbia Pike), and also has effective traffic calming (not that we could not use more). We have three major parks—Douglas Park, Doctor's Run Park and Monroe Park, three community centers are just outside our neighborhood — Barcroft fitness center and sports facilities, Walter Reed Community Center and the Arlington Mill Community Center. We also have two community gardens, Fort Barnard and Four Mile Run, as well as a dog exercise area at Fort Barnard.

We have excellent schools serving the neighborhood, are the home to Arlington Firehouse No 9 and have what are considered to be excellent relations with the police department. Our active civic association is cited as a strength, including this newsletter, our DPCA website (<http://www.arlingtondpca.homestead.com>) and our neighborhood listserv. Finally, our traditions, such as the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic — this will be its 27th year — were also identified as strengths.

Maybe it goes without saying, but the people who live here are our greatest strength. We have energetic, talented people with a wide range of backgrounds who do extraordinary things. But they are also (mostly) nice to their neighbors!

- **Opportunities.** Some opportunities identified at the meeting included better transit, including ART bus service enhancements, better and safer traffic crossings, and new construction and revitalization, particularly on Columbia Pike, where large commercial properties are located that may be ripe for new development. We've identified development of senior housing (e.g., 'age-in-place') as a community opportunity, as well as the new Arlington Mill Community Center. We also see an opportunity to regain the area by the water tower (adjacent to Fort Barnard Gardens and the dog park) for park usage and green open space.

- **Weaknesses.** The civic association could be more active, particularly with a broader, more diverse involvement of residents of Douglas Park. Neighborhood lighting for walking and traffic safety and power grid reliability need to be improved. We have insufficient traffic calming and the conditions of some of our streets need improvement. We have a continuing loss of trees and the storage yard by the water tower could be put to more pleasant use. Our playgrounds need refurbishment. The back of post office on South Monroe Street needs better care, and we have some unattractive areas, such as the substation on South Four Mile Run Drive. We have housing overcrowding in some instances in the neighborhood. And some people have an inaccurate image of the schools serving Douglas Park.
- **Threats.** Neighborhood threats include lack street repairs (due to a County paving policy which does not allow for repaving without curbs and gutters on the street), home foreclosures, poorly-done redevelopment, loss of affordable housing, growth in traffic, lack of parking, alcohol consumption in the parks and occasional graffiti.

You may agree or disagree with these observations, or have other insights to offer—that is exactly why we are conducting the survey. We look forward to your responses. If you would like to help with the plan update, please contact John Snyder (*jvsnyder54@comcast.net* or 703.892.2887) or Debbie Falco (*falcodl@verizon.net*).

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PIKE HISTORY

Did you know that in 2010, Columbia Pike will be 200 years old? A lot has happened over those years, and we want to chronicle and celebrate it all. A group is forming to start work on commemorating the history of our broader neighborhood. We hope to gather as much information as possible about our local history, draw attention to it and spread the word as far as possible. If you would like to help, please contact John Snyder at *jvsnyder54@comcast.net* or 703.892.2887.



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MARCH 1, 2008 — FEBRUARY 28, 2009

OPENING BALANCE	\$ 7,314.62
INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$1,550.00
Contributions.	1,605.00
Newsletter Ads	2,307.00
Newsletter Printing Underwriting	1,350.00
Nationals Game Tickets	210.00
Election Day Bake Sale	1,313.21
Holiday Fund Drive	2,890.00
Miscellaneous Income	15.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,240.21
EXPENDITURES	
Newsletter Printing	\$3,244.50
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic	3,090.27
Nationals Game Tickets	210.00
Election Day Bake Sale	134.68
Holiday Fund Drive	2,217.78
Holiday Fund Drive Excess to Randolph	672.22
Membership Dues Drive Materials	111.20
Dues.	120.00
DPCA Tree Grants	50.00
Wakefield HS Scholarship Foundation	300.00
Folding Tables	159.60
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,310.25
ENDING BALANCE	\$8,244.58

/s/ Linda S Dye
Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

Columbia Pike News

STREETCAR DESIGN FUNDING APPROVED

The Arlington County Board recently approved funding for environmental planning and documentation and preliminary design work for the Columbia Pike Streetcar, and also authorized agreements with Fairfax County and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA or Metro) for the project. The work will be carried out by WMATA, and is expected to last about two years. Environmental work will allow the project to be eligible for federal funding, if the federal government makes construction funding available. The design work will make a more detailed estimate of the cost of the project, and will also seek to identify sources of funding.

In early 2006, the Arlington and Fairfax county boards adopted as the preferred transit alternative for the Columbia Pike Corridor a streetcar line running between Pentagon City and Skyline (on Route 7 near the Target store). Stops will be about 1/3 mile apart, including probable stops at South Taylor Street, South George Mason Drive, South Glebe Road and South Walter Reed Drive. The streetcars, which carry about twice as many people as a typical bus, will run in shared traffic lanes (like the buses do now) at six-minute intervals during rush hour, and be supplemented by ART and Metro bus service through the neighborhoods. As ridership increases, the streetcars can run at 3-minute intervals, or two cars can be coupled together to double capacity. More information about the project is available at <http://www.piketranis.com>. Two documents that are particularly useful for a quick review are the public presentation from March 2006 and the FAQs (frequently asked questions).

- **Utility Undergrounding and Streetscape Work Proceeds.** Poles and wires are disappearing as new sidewalks are constructed along the Pike between South Garfield Street and South Oakland Street. New streetlights and street trees will be coming in over the summer.
- **Halstead Building Open.** The Halstead Building (at the northeast corner of Douglas Park, on Columbia Pike and South Walter Reed across from the Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse) is now substantially complete and about 65 apartments have been leased. Lost Dog Café (of Westover fame) is opening this summer and arrangements are being finalized with P Brennan's Public House, an Irish pub, for a likely early autumn 2009 opening. The proprietor of P Brennan's met recently with the civic association; if accents are any guide, the pub will be authentically Irish. On June 18, the Arlington Free Clinic will re-open in a new (and free) space in the building. Building owners are all in discussion with a gym as a possible tenant. Public parking is now available in the building parking garage. The new 11th Street South is under construction, connecting South Walter Reed Drive to South Highland Street, behind the Days Inn.

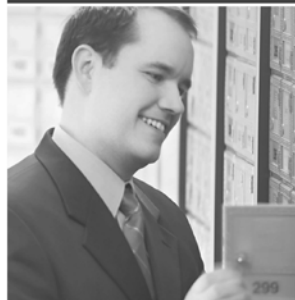
OTHER PROJECTS MOVING AHEAD

- **Siena Park Site.** The Siena Park project at the old Safeway location next to the new Penrose Square project is nearing top-out on the structure and will soon be enclosing the building exterior.
- **Auximite Village.** A project of the Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) to be on its property off of South Highland Street between Columbia Pike and 12th Street South is moving through the approval process. It is a Columbia Pike Form Based Code project for affordable apartments.
- **Penrose Square breaks ground this summer.** The Penrose Square project (Columbia Pike at South Adams Street — currently a Giant Food store) will be moving forward this summer. The project will consist of a new, much larger Giant Food store (close to the size of the Jefferson Street Giant near Bailey's Crossroads), additional retail space on Columbia Pike and surrounding a new public square

on the Pike (near where the little trolley restaurant sits now) and about 300 rental apartments. The project just received financing (yes—even in these times) and the existing Giant store closed permanently on April 16. The Giant Pharmacy has relocated to temporary space across the street at 2408 Columbia Pike next to Rappahannock Coffee. Giant is offering free shuttle service from the relocated Pharmacy to the Jefferson Street Giant six times per week. Shuttle buses depart from the Pharmacy at 9 am and 5 pm Mondays and Wednesdays and at 9 am and 3 pm Saturdays. All shuttle runs will return to the Pharmacy two hours later.

- **At the same time, a project on Walter Reed Drive on the vacant lot behind the Rite Aid is moving through the approval process.** It will consist of apartments, retail frontage on South Walter Reed Drive and townhouses along South Edgewood Street.
- **Brown's Nissan is closing, apparently combining operations with a Koons dealership in Seven Corners.** We have no word on who might be interested in the property, which extends along the Pike between South Highland Street and the Exxon station at South Glebe Road, and backs up to houses on 12th Street South, although there has been some talk of the property becoming a used car lot on an interim basis. The Rosenthal property on both sides of South Glebe Road on the south side of the Pike, extending back to the post office, is under contract for sale, but development plans are moving very slowly due to the current economic atmosphere. Both of these properties are subject to the Form Based Code, which in these locations would allow building along the main roads to six stories, tapering back to townhouses on both sides of a new 11th Street South that would extend from South Highland Street to South Glebe Road, (where the Rosenthal used car lot is now) and across Glebe to South Monroe Street.
- **Arlington Mill Community Center.** This fully-approved project consists of a community center, gym, public plaza and about 200 apartments, 60 of which are to be affordable. But it is now in the arduous process of trying to obtain financing in a very dear market. In the meantime, the county is investigating moving some activities back into the building, provided they can move back out on relatively short notice when financing is obtained.

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Arlington Recycling Expansion

BROADER CURBSIDE RECYCLING EFFORTS BEGAN APRIL 1ST

Arlington County has upgraded its residential curbside recycling program to make it easier for residents to trash less and recycle more.

Residents are now able to recycle plastics 1-7 (including yogurt cups and margarine tubs), aluminum foil and trays, milk and juice cartons, paperback and hardcover books, rigid plastics (buckets, flower pots, toys), empty aerosol cans, plastic bags and wire hangers. In addition, no sorting is necessary. All recyclable materials can be placed into one cart for collection, including cardboard, which no longer has to be broken down.

The county will be replacing yellow recycling bins with a new wheeled blue recycling cart over the next few weeks.

Electronics can now be picked up by request at curbside. Requests can be made online at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/recycle> or by calling 703.228.6570. There is a \$10 charge for recycling CRTs and \$20 for TVs. Items should be placed at the curb next to the recycling container on the scheduled pick-up date.

Are Your Kids Ready to Drive?

ARLINGTON FAMILY NETWORK HOLDS SEMINAR

Need help navigating the raising of teenagers? The Arlington Family Network (<http://www.familynetwork-arlington.org>) will host a seminar on teaching teens to drive on Tuesday, April 21, from 7 to 8.30 pm at Yorktown High School, Room 1B. Phil Berardelli, author of *Safe Young Drivers: A Guide For Parents and Teens,* will be the speaker.

Sixteen is by far the most dangerous age on the road, and helping teens become responsible drivers is one of the most challenging tasks for parents. Berardelli's talk will be packed with advice on evaluating your teen's readiness for driving, building basic skills step by step, and setting sensible limits for young drivers. Copies of Mr Berardelli's book will be available for purchase. No registration is required.

Buy a Plant, Help Capital Hospice

Capital Hospice will hold its 25th annual plant sale Saturday, May 2, from 10 am to 2 pm at Halquist Memorial Inpatient Center at 4715 15th Street North, between Virginia Hospital Center -- Arlington and North Glebe Road. The rain date is Sunday, May 3, from 10 am to 2 pm.

Sale items include reasonably-priced native plants, perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, bulbs, ground covers, and gardening items. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

All of the proceeds go to the Hospice Landscape Fund, which provides maintenance of the grounds and gardens at Capital Hospice's Acute Care Facility. Capital Hospice is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization serving Northern Virginia, Washington DC and Prince George's County, Maryland. The hospice provides comfort and care to individuals and families facing loss and the end of life, regardless of the nature of their illness, availability of a caregiver or ability to pay.

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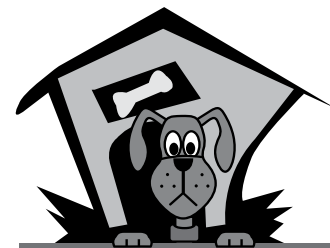


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Pike Farmers' Market Returns

FIFTEENTH SEASON OPENS MAY 3

Sponsored by the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO), the popular Columbia Pike Farmers' Market will open for its 15th year on Sunday, May 3, returning each Sunday through November. Produce from local farmers and goods such as flowers, herbs, fresh dairy products, organic meats, coffee and baked goods will be sold on Sundays from 9 am to 1 pm in Pike Park, at the corner of South Walter Reed Drive and Columbia Pike.

CPRO is expanding the Farmers' Market to include more arts and crafts and is seeking arts and crafts vendors. Artists and craftspeople interested in selling their goods at the Farmers' Market should contact CPRO at 703.892.2776 or pholcomb@columbiapike.org.

If you are interested in keeping up with what is happening on Columbia Pike—new development, streetscape improvements, small business activity, and fun events — sign up to receive the CPRO monthly e-newsletter. Just email pholcomb@columbiapike.org to get on the e-newsletter mailing list or check out the CPRO website at <http://www.columbiapike.org>.

New Arlington Resident?

REGISTER YOUR CAR

This reminder comes from Douglas Park resident Ingrid Morroy, Commissioner of Revenue for Arlington County.

Virginia code requires that every person residing in the Commonwealth who owns a motor vehicle that is not legally exempt register the vehicle with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) within thirty days of moving in to Virginia. Additionally, Arlington residents must register their vehicles with the Office of the Commissioner of Revenue within 60 days of move-in.

Arlington County imposes an annual license fee of \$100 on Arlington residents who own motor vehicles that do not display current Virginia license plates and are not legally exempt.

If you own a vehicle with out-of-state license plates, please obtain Virginia plates by registering your vehicle at the Commissioner's Office (2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 218) or at any full-service DMV. For questions, please call 703.228.3135 or email vehicle@arlingtonva.us.



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When you look at Arlington's combination of hip urban villages, towering office buildings and quiet residential neighborhoods, do you ever wonder how it got to be this way?

Find out at a free public viewing of *Arlington's Smart Growth Journey* at 7 pm, Monday, May 11 at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street.

Produced by AVN, the county's cable channel, the documentary traces the history of the past half-century of change and development in our community. Political wheeling-and-dealing, visionary planning, missteps, challenges and more are revealed in a 53-minute documentary filled with the lively recollections of some of the key decision-makers.

Learn how the county fought to survive the threat of being carved up by highways and leveraged Metro to launch the rebirth of a declining inner suburb. See how visionaries took risks in the 1960s, then stayed the course in a decades-long effort to transform a bedroom community serving Washington into a national model of transit-oriented development. See how citizen activists shaped and transformed the vision and fought to preserve single-family neighborhoods.

Producer Peter Hill and co-producer Mary Curtius conducted nearly two dozen interviews with elected officials, staffers, community activists and others and spent more than a year researching the documentary and collecting historic photos and film. You can also see *Arlington's Smart Growth Journey* on the County's web site at <http://www.arlingtonva.us>.

Arlington Food Assistance Update

CENTER SEES INCREASED CLIENT NUMBERS

For the week ended March 28, 2009, the Arlington Food Assistance Center's (AFAC) client count totaled 1,165 families, comprising 2,042 adults and 1,268 children. There are currently 2,390 active client referrals. One year ago, the client count was 858 families. Two years ago, our client count was 670 families.

- **It's Feinsein Time Again!** Philanthropist Alan Feinstein has renewed his matching grant opportunity. Each year, Mr Feinstein puts up \$1 million of his own money to match what's raised at food pantries all over America. The more money we can raise for this challenge means more that we can collect later. Please consider a gift to AFAC between now and April 30th. Those funds will qualify for the match. Simply note 'Feinsein' in the memo area of your check to AFAC or designate it as such if you donate online.
- **Gardeners Needed.** If you are starting tomato, pepper or other vegetable seedlings for your garden, please consider starting an extra dozen plants for AFAC's 'Plant a Row for the Hungry' program. We will be distributing seedlings in May both to clients who have garden space and to local gardeners who are planting an extra row. We have free seeds available for starting. Contact Puwen at afacPuwen@aol.com for more information.
- **Food Drives.** Please consider having a food drive for AFAC. We would also like to expand the materials available on our website that let folks know how start a food drive. If you can assist, please contact Christine at afacChristine@aol.com.
- **Parents Group Gets Under Way.** We have started a group of parents who serve as our contacts at Arlington schools. If you would like to join our new group, please contact Christine at afacChristine@aol.com.

AFAC is an incorporated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing supplemental groceries to Arlington residents who cannot afford to purchase sufficient food to meet their basic needs. More information can be found at <http://www.afacinfo.org>.

House Concert Fun for a Good Cause

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On Saturday, March 28, Henry Dunbar and Debbie Hill hosted a first-ever House Concert by Jamie Daly, Dawn Herron, and Rebecca Krafft. The three South Arlington neighbors played acoustic selections made famous by Joni Mitchell, John Prine and the Rolling Stones. Jamie contributed several bluegrass standards. Dawn's inspired fiddle-playing wowed the audience — and, boy, can she sing!. Everyone was surprised that Rebecca plays the banjo. Jamie and Dawn sparred on mandolin and fiddle, and the audience loved them.



Guests relax in rapt attention at a local house concert to benefit Wakefield HS.

The evening was full of lovely surprises. Ingrid and Judith Morroy made guest appearances as did Gus Guthrie. Since it was Earth Night, the lights went out at 8.30pm, but the music continued by candlelight, and dancing broke out shortly afterward. The mood went from house concert to house party, and nobody seemed to mind.



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Ingrid Morroy and Jerry Botland provided sound and engineering, which was awesome. A big thank you to them, to Laurel Bartalon and Mark Deegan for babysitting, and to Mina Stanard for photos.

The concert was a big success and a lot of fun for all who attended. We're looking to do another one in the near future. To learn when the next one will occur, please email Rebecca Krafft at rebecca_krafft@hotmail.com to be put on the announcement flyer list.



A bit of conversation for the neighbors prior to the concert event.



The performers. Left to right, Jamie Daly, Rebecca Krafft and Dawn Herron.

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