



DPCA Meeting Topics

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association is set for Tuesday evening, September 15, 2009 at 7.30 pm at Walter Reed Fire Station 9 at the corner of South Walter Reed Drive and 19th Street South. Our primary topic will be setting our direction to move forward with the Neighborhood Survey and the Ten-Year NCAC Plan. As always, all residents of Douglas Park are invited to attend.

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REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 15 de septiembre a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y call 19 sur). Discutiremos el plan Plan Vecinal Douglas Park y la encuesta vecinal. ¡Atienda por favor!

Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

27TH OUTING FEATURED A GREAT TURNOUT

What a party! We had a huge turnout for the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic—measured by hot dog consumption, the biggest ever! We consumed over 600 hot dogs in less than an hour. Sorry if you did not get one, we will have more next year! Many thanks to our food buyers, the team of hot dog chefs, the team of sno-cone makers (over 100 pounds of sno-cones, another record!) and everyone who brought side dishes and desserts.

Many thanks to our home-grown Douglas Park musical groups, to our Bolivian Dancers (in heavy wool costumes, no less) and to the readers of the Declaration of Independence. (Did Thomas Jefferson ever pass through these parts?)

Many thanks to the park decorators — Monroe Park was a red-white-and-blue gathering spot and Douglas Park was decked out for the picnic; to our moonbounce and slide monitors, and to Virginia 49th House District Delegate Adam Ebbin, Father Tim Hickey of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish and Arlington Schools Superintendent Pat Murphy — our parade float, bike and costume judges.

It was such a good time, we think we'll do it again next year!



ABOVE: (Left to right) Destiny, Laurel, Emma and Hanna lead the 27th Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade

More photos inside on pp 6 and 7!

Neighborhood Survey Enclosed

SEE P 2 FOR DETAILS!

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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 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, September 15, 2009 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. Please refer to the agenda on the cover page of this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

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President's Corner

TAKE THE NEIGHBORHOOD SURVEY!

We need to hear from you! Please take the time to complete the Douglas Park Neighborhood Survey delivered with this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. The survey is part of our effort to update our Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which is now over ten years old. The Neighborhood Conservation Plan is a statement by our community of our priorities — the things we would like to see to improve our neighborhood, and the things we want to avoid to keep our neighborhood a great place to live. It covers everything from transit to parks to sidewalks and streetlights to make the neighborhood more walkable. The survey is critically important:

- to make sure the plan reflects the views of the people who live here,
- to make sure we identify the problems that need to be corrected, like businesses that don't take care of the litter around them, streets that need better lighting, or eyesores that need correction
- to make sure the county understands our views on future development—what we like and what we don't like.

The results of the survey are incorporated into the plan. The plan is approved by the civic association and then presented to the County Board for use by the county government in making plans that affect our neighborhood. It also forms the 'to do' list for projects to fix up our streets and parks. Neighborhood Conservation projects, like the curb and gutter, sidewalk and streetlight construction starting on South Oakland Street, are based on the plan adopted by the neighborhood, and then requested and approved by the near neighbors. We also need to update the plan to remain eligible for funding of these projects.

We estimate it will take about twenty minutes of your time to complete the survey, so please take the time to fill it out. Completed surveys should be dropped off or mailed to

Debbie Falco

1504 South Oakland Street

Arlington, VA 22204

by Monday, October 5, 2009. We will then compile the responses, write the plan update and share the results with the community. If you would like to help in that effort, please contact John Snyder at jvsnyder54@comcast.net or at 703-892-2887.

This is your chance to tell Arlington County government what you think — *don't miss it!*

NEW DEVELOPMENTS APPROVED

The Axumite Village project at South Highland Street and 11th Street South was approved by the county board under the Columbia Pike Form Based Code. The development is sponsored by the Ethiopian Community Development Council, and will consist of 36 moderately priced condominium units in 12 townhouses. The units will be along the future 11th Street South, a continuation of the street behind the Halstead Building and the Days Inn. Parking will be in the rear, backing up to the backyards of some of the houses along 12th Street South. For this



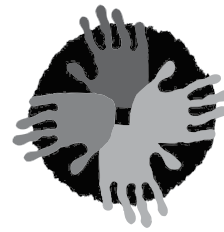
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The Columbia Village project, also along future 11th Street South but on the east side of South Walter Reed Drive, was also approved under the Form Based Code. It is in the vacant lot behind the Rite Aid drug store. The project will consist of a five-story building on Walter Reed, with condominiums over store fronts along the street, with townhouses wrapping around the new 11th Street South and South Edgewood Street streetfronts.



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ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER DELAYED

Unfortunately, although the new Arlington Mill Community Center project has been through all the necessary approvals, the public/private partnership developing the project has not been able to secure financing. While we wait and hope for the economy and financing markets to improve, a decision has not yet been made on how to use the existing building. The finished project will consist of a community center, gymnasium, public plaza and about 200 apartments, of which sixty-two will be committed as affordable.

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Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
3621 14th Street South
Arlington, VA 22204-5037

Thank you!

Marymount U Women's Soccer

TEAM'S HOME GAMES HELD NEARBY

Douglas Park resident and long-time public-school and university soccer athlete Rebecca Zimmerman would like to invite everyone to Marymount University's Women's Soccer games being held this autumn — practically in our own backyard. The full schedule can be found at <http://www.marymount.edu/athletics/wsoccer/2009schedule.html>. Home games are held at Quincy Park or at Washington-Lee High School and are bolded below. A few away games are also close by and listed below.

Sept 12	DC Classic		
	vs Gwynedd-Mercy at Catholic U	12.30 pm	
Sept 13	DC Classic		
	vs Rutgers-Camden at Catholic U	12.30 pm	
Sept 16	Catholic U at Quincy Field	7 pm	
Sept 26	Bridgewater at Washington-Lee H S	6.30 pm	
Oct 7	Stevenson at Quincy Field	8 pm	
Oct 9	York at Quincy Field	5 pm	
Oct 13	Salisbury at Quincy Field	5 pm	
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Oct 27	Wesley at Quincy Field	5.30 pm	
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Visit their website at <http://www.homewardtrails.org> to learn the location of our adoption events, held every weekend! Volunteers are *always* needed and welcome! Upcoming fundraising events include:

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- **Environmental Services.** 703.228.6570

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If you have a public service issue, (recycling bin, trash pickup?) or see a problem in the street (pothole, broken water main, etc.) give the Department of Environmental Services a call at 703.228.6570. That number is a clearinghouse for the various services.

Fourth of July Parade and Picnic Photographs

(CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER)



LEFT: Emi presents her Washington Monument float.



ABOVE: New this year was a demonstration of Bolivian dance by a troupe from Douglas Park. Here they prepare to start with a display of the United States and Bolivian flags.

RIGHT: Father Tim Hickey congratulates Head Chef Tom Amshey on 600 delicious hot dogs.



ABOVE: Gathering for the best-decorated bicycle competition.



LEFT: Enjoying the show.

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LEFT: The Recycle Mobile gets ready to roll.



ABOVE: One of the younger parade participants.

RIGHT: The neighborhood gathers at Monroe Park for the start of the parade.



ABOVE: Local notables presided over the judging of DP's patriotic costumes, bicycle decorations, and parade floats: (L-R) VA 49th District Delegate Adam Ebbin, Arlington Public Schools superintendent Dr Patrick Murphy, and Our Lady Queen of Peace pastor, Father Tim Hickey

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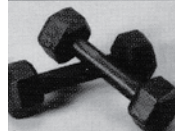
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