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DPCA Meeting Topics

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association is set for Tuesday evening, November 17, 2009 at 7.30 pm at the **Randolph Elementary Cafeteria, 1306 South Quincy Street. Please enter through the door marked 'No 10'.** Our primary topic will be a discussion of burglary prevention strategies with Arlington County Police. As always, all residents of Douglas Park are invited to attend.

How Do I Dispose of My Old Tube TV?

With the switch to digital broadcasting, a lot of people have upgraded their old TVs. Unfortunately, these cannot be disposed of in the regular trash collection because they contain some toxic substances (an average of 7 pounds of lead and other harmful materials).

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President's Corner

HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE

Generosity is one of the things that impresses me most with our Douglas Park neighbors.

All through the year, neighbors volunteer in school and community groups, contribute to Arlington Food Assistance Center and other Arlington-based charities that directly help Arlingtonians in need and contribute to religious organizations and regional and national charities. And we make a special effort to help our Douglas Park neighbors in need at the holidays.

Each year we launch the Douglas Park Holiday Fund Drive to collect contributions that are used for needy families of children in Randolph Elementary Schools. For these families and these

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REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 17 de noviembre a las 19.30 en la cafetería de escuela Randolph, 1306 Calle Quincy Sur. Entre a través de la puerta número 10. Hablaremos con la policía de Arlington sobre la prevención del robo de morada. ¡Atienda por favor!

children, we are Christmas. The money we collect goes for clothes, coats, toys and food at the holidays for families who otherwise could not afford it. In good times and in bad, we have raised nearly \$3000 each year to help several families in our neighborhood. We are not the most prosperous neighborhood in the Washington area, but we do have enough to share. I am very proud to live among people who choose to do so.

Please give generously to the Holiday Fund Drive. You can send your check made out to the Douglas Park Civic Association, with 'Holiday Fund Drive' on the remarks line, to the DPCA Treasurer, 3621 14th Street South, Arlington, VA 22204.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

VOLUNTEER SHOPPERS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE

Holiday Fund Drive article that we are also looking for about 4 volunteers who would shop and wrap presents for one family each. We will provide wish/need lists, names, ages and sizes. Anyone who is interested in helping can contact Rita Wiggins at 703.228.2321 or 703.521.4725.

(See 'President's Corner', p 2)

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Thank you!



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, November 17, 2009 at 7.30 pm in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street. Entrance is through door No 10. 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 (ctd)

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME FOCUS OF NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

At the beginning of October, we had a rash of burglaries in the neighborhood, with several of our neighbors victims of break-ins and theft. A suspect has been arrested and on last report another suspect has been identified but not yet arrested. Since the arrest, the burglaries in Douglas Park have apparently stopped, and the number of burglaries in South Arlington generally has dropped significantly. This is good news, but we should not assume that the problem will never return.

The next civic association meeting, on Tuesday, November 17 at 7.30 pm in the Randolph Elementary Cafeteria will focus on crime prevention. The police department will be attending, with information on crime prevention—particularly burglary prevention. We also want to see what we can do about establishing a neighborhood watch or some other way to use our collective vigilance to keep our homes safe and secure. As a community, we watch out for each other in general, but there may be more that we can do. Criminals get caught because somebody sees something and calls the police. How can we watch over our community more effectively? To succeed, any such effort will need widespread participation, starting with attending the Nov 17 meeting.

MISSING SIDEWALKS

If you are interested in correcting a 'missing link' of sidewalk—typically a stretch of 1 to 3 houses with sidewalk missing in front, Arlington Neighborhood Conservation is accepting applications through the end of November. Please contact John Snyder at jvsnyder54@comcast.net or 703.892.2887 to coordinate applications.

Occupancy Code: Overcrowding and Occupancy Limits

NOTE: The Arlington County Code Enforcement Office investigates complaints and issues notices to owners/landlords to correct violations. Portions of the Code are cited below for interest only. YOU do not have to interpret the Code, that's their job. Just call them with a complaint at 703.228.3232 or 703.228.3883

Regulating occupancy is a complicated and often unclear set of rules divided between Arlington County Code and the Virginia Unified Statewide Building Code (VUSBC).

Arlington County Code limits occupancy to no more than four unrelated adults. If residents are related, occupancy is determined by the VUSBC which says each bedroom for one person must contain at least 70 sq ft. A bedroom for more than one person must contain at least 50 sq ft of floor area for each occupant.

Living rooms and dining rooms are not allowed to be included in the calculation for sleeping space. Kitchens and nonhabitable spaces (bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls, storage or utility spaces, and similar areas) are not allowed to be used for sleeping space.



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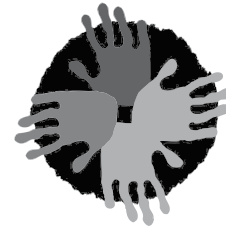
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404.4. Bedroom requirements. Every bedroom shall comply with the requirements of Sections 404.4.1 through 404.4.5.

404.4.1 Area for sleeping purposes. Every bedroom occupied by one person shall contain at least 70 square feet (6.5 sq m) of floor area, and every bedroom occupied by more than one person shall contain at least 50 square feet (4.6 sq m) of floor area for each occupant thereof.

404.4.2 Access from bedrooms. Bedrooms shall not constitute the only means of access to other bedrooms or habitable spaces and shall not serve as the only means of egress from other habitable spaces.



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404.4.3 Water closet accessibility. Every bedroom shall have access to at least one water closet and one lavatory without passing through another bedroom. Every bedroom in a dwelling unit shall have access to at least one water closet and lavatory located in the same story as the bedroom or an adjacent story.

404.4.4 Prohibited occupancy. Kitchens and nonhabitable spaces shall not be used for sleeping purposes.

(See 'Occupancy Code', p 4)

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404.4.5 Other requirements. Bedrooms shall comply with the applicable provisions of this code including, but not limited to, the light, ventilation, room area, ceiling height and room width requirements of this chapter; the plumbing facilities and water-heating facilities requirements of Chapter 5; the heating facilities and electrical receptacle requirements of Chapter 6; and the smoke detector and emergency escape requirements of Chapter 7.

404.5. Overcrowding. Dwelling units shall not be occupied by more occupants than permitted by the minimum area requirements of Table 404.5.

TABLE 404.5

MINIMUM AREA REQUIREMENTS SPACE

	MINIMUM AREA, SQ FT		
	1-2 Occupants	3-5 Occupants	6+ Occupants
Living room ^{a,b}	120	120	150
Dining room ^{a,b}	No requirement	80	100
Bedrooms	Shall comply with Section 404.4.1		

a. See Section 404.5.2 for combined living room/dining room spaces.

b. See Section 404.5.1 for limitations on determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes.

(See 'Occupancy Code', p 5)

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404.5.1 Sleeping area. The minimum occupancy area required by Table 404.5 shall not be included as a sleeping area in determining the minimum occupancy area for sleeping purposes. All sleeping areas shall comply with Section 404.4.

404.5.2 Combined spaces. Combined living room and dining room spaces shall comply with the requirements of Table 404.5 if the total area is equal to that required for separate rooms and if the space is located so as to function as a combination living room/dining room.

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