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Douglas Park has lost many of its wonderful large-canopy trees due to infill and recent storms. We need more large trees to provide cooling shade, help clean the air, reduce noise levels, provide homes for birds and absorb storm water runoff. To encourage this renewal, Arlington County PRCR offers a variety of tree whips for Arlington residents. The tree whips are approximately three to five feet in height and are potted in two-gallon containers. Quantities are limited to one tree per household. The deadline for tree requests is April 28, 2010.

This year, three varieties of large shade trees are being offered. These should be planted at least ten feet away from any overhead wires or buildings, with consideration for other trees, underground utilities and sidewalks.

- American Sycamore (*Platanus occidentalis*)—This is a large and spreading shade tree with showy white, cream, olive and gray bark. It can reach 80 feet in height with a 60 foot spread. It is very adaptable to wet or dry soils and likes full or partial sun.
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)—This large shade tree adapts well to dry, wet and flood-prone areas as well as tolerates full sun to partial shade. Leaves are a dark green on top and whitish-green underneath, resulting in a bicolor effect in the breeze. It matures at 60 feet tall and also has a 60 foot spread. It is an excellent provider of food and shelter for wildlife of all kinds.
- River Birch (*Betula nigra*)—This is a rapidly-growing shade tree with outstanding ornamental bark that can handle dry or wet sites and full to partial sun. It can be single-stemmed or multi-trunked. At maturity, it can be 60 feet tall and 40 feet wide.

A smaller tree that can be planted closer to overhead wires, but provides less cooling shade and air cleaning assistance is also available in limited quantities.

- Sweetbay Magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*)—This is an upright large shrub or small multi-trunked tree with excellent semi-evergreen waxy foliage and fragrant creamy-white flowers in late spring. It can mature to 20 feet tall by 15 feet wide. It prefers partial sun in moist, rich, acidic soils for best performance but can adapt to sunny or shady conditions in a variety of soils.

To reserve a tree for your yard, please contact our neighborhood tree coordinator Marty Nielsen at mrtynlsn@gmail.com.

DPCA Meeting Topics

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 2010

The general membership meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:30pm in the **Randolph Elementary Cafeteria, 1306 South Quincy Street. Please enter through the door marked 'No 10'.**

The agenda includes a visit from County Neighborhood Conservation staff to talk about the planned project to install lighting and improve the walkway through Doctor's Run Park to Randolph Elementary School. During the winter months, this trip is dark and daunting. We want to install lighting along the path, improve the visibility by removing unwanted underbrush—while preserving valuable native plants—and make the trail better for bicycles.

Our new vice-president, Sean Epstein, will also deliver a short presentation on what DPCA does and facilitate a group discussion on our priorities and initiatives for the future.

As always, all residents of Douglas Park are invited to attend.

Douglas Park noticias abril 2010

REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 20 de abril a las 19.30 en la cafetería de escuela Randolph, 1306 Calle Quincy Sur. Entre a través de la puerta número 10. Hablaremos con el personal del Condado sobre mejoras al parque de Doctor's Run ¡Atienda por favor!

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Don't forget it's a new year—time to renew your membership in the Douglas Park Civic Association. Please see the form on page 3 or the insert and envelope included with this issue of Neighbor News.

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 in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7.30 pm in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street. Entrance is through door No 10. The annual election of officers will occur at this meeting. Please see the full agenda on the cover page of this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

UNCLE DOUGLAS NEEDS YOU!! JOIN THE DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

It's time to join (or rejoin) the Douglas Park Civic Association. Our Douglas Park neighborhood is bounded by Columbia Pike to the north, Walter Reed Drive to the east, and Four Mile Run Drive to the southwest. We have by far the largest population of any neighborhood in Arlington, (over 10,000 people at the last census) and are among the most diverse communities anywhere. A Brookings Institution study a few years ago described the 22204 area as 'The World in a Zip Code,' recognizing the diversity of our community. Diversity was also cited as one of the most important strengths of our community in our recent survey. The Douglas Park Civic Association is an important voice for this neighborhood when engaging with the rest of the county, and the primary forum for us to engage with each other on important issues affecting our community. Your membership strengthens that voice, helps ensure open communication and consensus-building on issues and fund activities that bring us together as friends and neighbors.

The Douglas Park Civic Association:

- Publishes *Neighbor News*—this newsletter—to distribute information about the community to the community. Volunteers write it, edit it, solicit the advertisements, and distribute it door to door.
- Maintains a web site as another source of up-to-date information at <http://arlingtondpca.homestead.com>.
- Sponsors an email listserv for everything from breaking news in the neighborhood, to event announcements, to telling the neighbors about available babysitters, to finding a new home for used furniture or extra garden plants.
- Advocates for funding for neighborhood improvement projects, like the traffic island at Walter Reed Dr, Four Mile Run Dr and S Randolph St. Imagine trying to cross the broad expanse of that intersection without anything to slow down traffic coming around the corners. It was that way until a few years ago when the Civic Association got the project built. Other projects include sidewalk and street lights along S Pollard St, streetlights on 16th St S and S Quincy St; sidewalks, curbs, gutters and streetlights on 17th St S from



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S Glebe Rd to S Monroe St and the upcoming rebuild of S Oakland St with sidewalks and streetlights. The streetlights make a huge difference if you're walking through the neighborhood at night, and the more of us who get out, the safer the neighborhood becomes.

- **Advocates for the community to government agencies.** Up until a few years ago, you could not turn left at Glebe Road and Columbia Pike in three directions—on two of the busiest roads in the county. The Virginia Department of Transportation had signs up directing major highway traffic through our neighborhood—past the tot lot playground at Monroe Park—to make the left to westbound Glebe Road. The DPCA raised hell and along with the county government, pushed through the changes to the main intersection to get dangerous traffic off our streets and make life better for everybody on the Pike and Glebe Road.
- **Represents the community before the county government.** Notice the new streetscape and the lack of overhead utility lines along the Pike from Walter Reed Dr to Glebe Rd? DPCA representatives worked with county staff to design the streetscape and to push the project along. The Pike streetscape redesign continues—with pedestrian-friendly features, improved traffic flow and more left-turn lanes—and DPCA is part of the process. DPCA also represented our community regarding developments such as Majestic Oaks (along S Glebe Rd) and the new houses on S Taylor St.

(SEE 'PRESIDENT'S CORNER, CTD'; P 4)

**DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

MARCH 1, 2009—FEBRUARY 28, 2010

OPENING BALANCE	\$8,224.58
INCOME	
Membership Dues	\$1,650.00
Contributions.	1,615.00
Newsletter Ads	2,264.50
Newsletter Printing Underwriting	1,800.00
Election Day Bake Sale	988.25
Holiday Fund Drive	3,530.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,847.75
EXPENDITURES	
Newsletter Printing	\$3,807.82
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic	3,138.71
Holiday Fund Drive	2,734.01
Holiday Fund Drive Excess to Randolph	795.99
Election Day Bake Sale.	28.80
Dues.	120.00
DPCA Tree Grants	100.00
Wakefield HS PTA—Senior Graduation	200.00
Wakefield HS Scholarship Foundation	300.00
Girls' Softball Team Sponsorship	300.00
Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update.	2,208.01
Website Hosting Annual Fee	159.99
Bank Fees	23.51
Miscellaneous.	50.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$13,967.24
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/s/ Linda S Dye
Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

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- Holiday Fund Drive Writing newsletter articles
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Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association
1609 South Quincy Street
Arlington, VA 22204-5051

Thank you!



President's Corner, ctd

- **Plans community development.** DPCA representatives helped draft the Form Based Code that regulates development in the commercial centers along the Pike. The Form Based Code was constructed block by block to limit the height and mass of buildings while providing economic benefits to promote storefront businesses. Developers build storefronts for places like the Lost Dog Café, and the Arlington Free Clinic in part because we require them, but also allow large enough buildings to make it profitable to do so.
- **Helps preserve our neighborhood as development continues.** DPCA representatives are part of the ongoing land use and housing study for the residential areas along the Pike, trying to ensure that we preserve apartment communities and other affordable places where so many of our neighbors live. We also work to make sure that any redevelopment is in a done in a way consistent with our vision for the neighborhood.
- **Acts as liaison with county Police.** We are in constant two-way communication with the department about events in the neighborhood and efforts to keep Douglas Park safe.
- **Communicates with adjacent neighborhoods.** DPCA facilitates discussions with the other nearby neighborhoods to present a united, broad-based, and thus more powerful voice for the whole Pike/South Arlington community. Issues that affect one neighborhood often affect many others, and in those rare instances when neighborhood interests might conflict, DPCA makes sure the interests of Douglas Park are

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represented as we work it out.

- **Helps our neighbors at the holidays.** The DPCA holiday fund drive collects generous contributions year after year to provide food and presents for several needy families whose children attend Randolph School.
- **Has Fun!** The Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic is the event of the year. We decorate two parks, parade through the neighborhood, feast on free hot dogs and potluck food contributions while being entertained by our home-town musicians (and lately, dancers), bouncing on moonbounces and splashing in a water slide. We have also had caroling in December (two feet of snow won't stop us!) and have sponsored neighborhood dances, garden tours, group baseball outings at Nationals Park and other fun ways to get together.

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ANNUAL ELECTION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

At February's Douglas Park Civic Association meeting, officers were elected for the coming year:

President—John Snyder

Vice-President—Sean Epstein

Treasurer—Al Fox

Secretary—Annette Pigott

We welcome Sean and Al as new officers and thank John and Annette for their continued service.

Sean Epstein succeeds David Meistrich as Vice-President. We are looking forward to the new insights and energy Sean will bring to the association, particularly in the form of outreach for greater participation. David Meistrich has been a stalwart of the

civic association for several years, serving as chief food buyer (and schlepper) for the biggest and best Fourth of July picnic in Arlington. (We would love to see the faces at the store when he walks in looking for 600 hot dogs.) David has also taken the lead, along with several other neighbors, in working with the county government on enforcement of zoning requirements as they relate to overcrowded and otherwise substandard dwellings in Douglas Park. Our community has reaped the benefits from the many hours of dedicated volunteer work and the leadership David has provided. We are truly grateful.

Al Fox succeeds Linda Dye as Treasurer. Al is an accountant who has been actively engaged with the civic association for many years. We know our finances will continue to be in good hands with Al's careful management. Linda Dye, stepping down after 17 years as DPCA treasurer, is not just a good friend and neighbor—she is a legend within Douglas Park and the broader Pike community. We have counted on Linda for many years to keep our books and manage our finances. She has always been there at the election day bake sale through all kinds of weather, helping us raise the money we need to sustain the association. But Linda has also been instrumental in the hard, detailed, non-glamorous work of planning the future of our community. See the separate tribute to Linda in this newsletter. We cannot begin to thank Linda enough for the years of work she has performed for our community.

CONSTRUCTION ON COLUMBIA PIKE

Utility undergrounding and streetscape improvements will begin this summer on Columbia Pike between South Wakefield

St and the bridge at Four Mile Run. Water mains will be upgraded and relocated. Underground ducts will be installed for electrical, telephone and cable TV/internet wires so that the wires on poles can be taken down. Streetscape improvements to the sidewalks and streetlights will be installed. And the intersection of South Buchanan Street (north side) and Four Mile Run Drive minor (south side) at Columbia Pike will be straightened. Currently the intersection is offset, making it a hazard for pedestrians crossing and an adventure (not in a good way) for drivers. Since this is one of the busiest transit stops on the Pike, it is critical to improve pedestrian safety. A left turn lane at the shopping center between South Buchanan Street and the W&OD bike trail will be installed to help move traffic through that area. Expect a lot of digging, one lane traffic and resulting delays while work is under way.

2010 CENSUS: FILL IT OUT, SEND IT IN, ENCOURAGE YOUR NEIGHBORS

Please remember to fill out and send in your census form. It's very easy—the hardest part is remembering your family birth dates. But the data is very important to our community. All sorts of government programs, school funding formula, even representation in Congress and in the Virginia General Assembly, depend on the number of people counted as living in our community. Please make sure we are all counted!

(SEE 'PRESIDENT'S CORNER, CTD'; P 6)

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President's Corner, ctd

FOURTH OF JULY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- **Food Buyer.** We need help with Fourth of July food purchasing, schlepping it to the park, etc. All purchases are fully reimbursed, of course, and we have a detailed list of everything we need. But we really need to split up the work Dave Meistrich has performed so well for us for the last several years.
- **Volunteer Coordinator.** We have many folks who volunteer year after year to decorate the parks, cook hotdogs and do other great stuff for Arlington's finest Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. But we also are always recruiting—begging—for more help watching over the moonbounce, water slide and other fun tasks during the event. We really need someone to take the lead on recruiting these folks, perhaps new neighbors who want to get involved.

Please contact John Snyder at jvsnyder54@comcast.net if you're interested in helping out with either of these positions.

UPGRADES AT JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Construction is under way on upgrades to Jefferson Middle School. It is not a full renovation, but changes will include new and bigger windows (the building has very few—what were they thinking?) skylights for interior classrooms, improved lighting, new paint and carpet and changes to make the cafeteria more pleasant. Changes will also be made to the flow of bus, car and pedestrian traffic in front of the school to improve safety and convenience. Replacement of balky HVAC equipment is also

underway at the middle school and community center. The work is ongoing and will be completed by the start of school in the fall.

Local School News

RANDOLPH FUN RUN

Save the date for the first annual Randolph Elementary School 3K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, June 12 starting at 8 am. The activity is open to the public and registration is required. The event is sponsored by Randolph's 5th grade class and will serve as its end-of-year exhibition project. In recognition of the class's 'Water, Water Everywhere' IB unit, all proceeds from the event will be donated to Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment for use in the organization's Water Stewardship Program. Details regarding registration and community involvement will be posted on the Randolph website at www.apsva.us/randolph as they become available. Come on out for a great morning of fun, exercise and community building. Questions can be directed to Rita Wiggins at 703.521.4725 or Roserita_wiggins@apsva.us.

LOCAL SCHOOL STAFF RECOGNIZED

Sharon Mondé, principal of our neighborhood's Jefferson Middle School, has been honored as Arlington Public Schools' Principal of the Year for 2010. Jeanie Payne, Education Administrative Coordinator at Randolph, has been recognized as an APS 2010 Support Employee of the Year.

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*Arlington Baptist Church
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Sunday 16 May 2010, 2 pm—3.30 pm

Pike Community Chorus Seeks New Singers

REHEARSALS START THIS MONTH

The **Columbia Pike Community Chorus** and **MusiKids** are welcoming new and returning singers for their June 13, 2010 concert, 'Music of the People: Folk Songs and Ballads from Long Ago and Not-So-Long Ago (1960s)'. There is no cost to sing, and everyone is welcome. Chorus rehearsals are Mondays 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm starting 5 April; MusiKids (1st-5th grades) rehearsals are Mondays 5.30 pm-6.15 pm starting 12 April. Both the rehearsals and the performance will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church at 2217 Columbia Pike. For more information, contact Barbara Stefan, Music Director at 703.920.7077 or musicmin@tecarl.org

*'Music of the People' Concert
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Sunday 13 June 2010 at 4 pm*

Heads Up Gardeners!

26TH ANNUAL CAPITAL HOSPICE PLANT SALE

Support a worthy cause while sprucing up your garden at the Capital Hospice Plant Sale. Items for sale include reasonably-priced native plants, perennials, annuals, shrubs, trees, bulbs, ground covers, bird houses and gardening items. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Capital Hospice Landscape fund, which provides for maintenance of the grounds and gardens at Capital Hospice. Capital Hospice is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization serving Northern Virginia, Washington DC, and Prince George's County. For additional information about the plant sale, call Diane at 703.820.1311

*Capital Hospice
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Arlington*

**Saturday 1 May 2010; 10 am—2 pm
Rain date: Sunday 2 May 2010**

Healthy Aging Lecture Series

VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER ANNOUNCES SPRING/ SUMMER 2010 PROGRAM

These lectures are free and are held from 11 am to noon at Virginia Hospital Center, 601 S Carlin Springs Rd, Arlington. Please call 703.558.6859 to RSVP.

23 April: "Making Your Home Livable," Laurie Crum, RN, MSN

Learn how to make your home adapt to you by reducing home hazards and implementing senior-friendly design layouts.

28 May: "Help with Heartburn," Kevin Gillian, MD

Heartburn, indigestion and GERD—are they all the same thing? How does indigestion affect the body? What can be done to reduce or eliminate it? Learn about acid reflux disease and the treatment options available.

18 June: "Shoe Savvy," Adrian and Chris Farley; Owners, Pacers, Arlington

Do you know about shoe health? Can the wrong shoe hurt my body? Learn about the importance of shopping for the right footwear and how shoes are made for different activities.

23 July: "Vision Health and Services," Jocelyn Hunter and Veronica Hamilton, MSW

Learn about the changes we face with our vision as we age and the services available to the community.

20 August: "Hearing Loss Options," Marla Dougherty and Leslie Lerner, AuD

Understand the changes we face with hearing loss and aging. What are the tests and options available that assist us with maintaining our ability to hear?

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Linda Dye

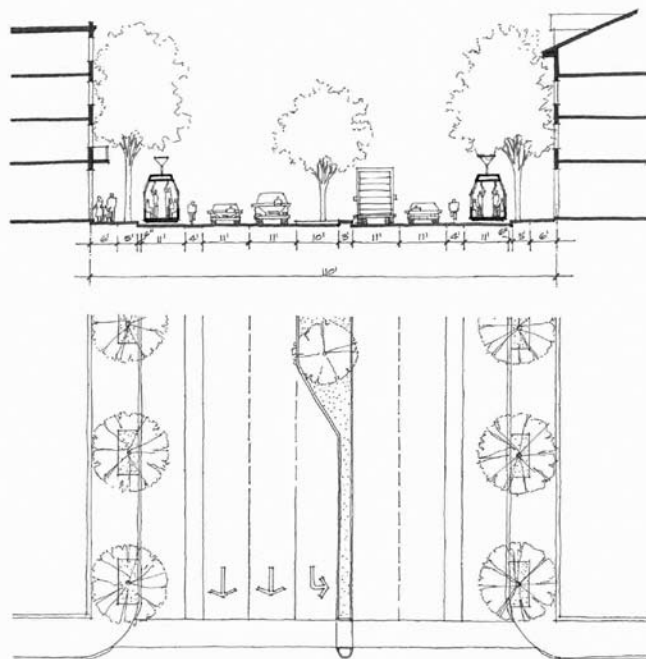
DOUGLAS PARK HALL-OF-FAMER

by Rebecca Krafft, Rita Wiggins and John Snyder

Douglas Park owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to Linda Dye, who recently retired from her post as Civic Association treasurer after seventeen years. The fact that we have no debt as an association is a tribute to Linda's financial stewardship. Linda has collected the dues, advertising revenue from this newsletter and proceeds of our election day bake sales. (She has also staffed the bake sale table for umpteen years, come good weather or evil.) She has paid our bills, kept meticulous records, and has always been the authoritative word on what we can and cannot afford to do. Linda has also collected the donations for our holiday fund drive and reimbursed our shoppers. You make Christmas possible for several families with your generous contributions each year. None of Santa's elves works harder or more carefully than Linda to convert the generosity of givers into the joy of little kids and the gratitude of parents. It takes real work to make

it happen and Linda has done it year after year, just because it's the right thing to do.

Linda has also done the hard, detailed work of planning our community. Good designs don't just happen. Somebody has to pay attention to the details to make sure it turns out right. Linda has served on the committee designing the streetscape of Columbia Pike. Did you know the Pike will be 56 feet wide from curb to curb, with exact dimensions for each lane, the median, (yes, there will be a median) and the concrete drainage pan in front of the curb? Linda has been all over these kinds of details because it is the sum of the details that makes the project work. When Majestic Oak was being developed along South Glebe Road, Linda was there for us paying attention to the plans. The neighborhood had a whole list of 'suggestions' for the developer. At the end of the process (which the developer pays for with their team of designers), even the developer acknowledged that the project was much better than what they had originally proposed.



Above: A sample Pike streetscape cross-section from the Form-Based Code..

Linda was part of the process of writing the Columbia Pike Form Based Code, an ordinance that limits the size of buildings to the scale of the neighborhood, placing large buildings where they will have the least impact on the residential areas, while providing economic incentives to spur development with the retail stores and restaurants that are just now coming. This is a complicated process to try to resolve complicated issues: What is a community going to look like? How do we get somebody to spend their money willingly to make it the way we want it? Where is the parking going to be? How do delivery trucks get there? Is there enough retail space to make a walkable downtown, instead of a series of strip malls? In Arlington, we don't outsource these decisions to government staff. We hash it out with them. That means somebody has to spend the time, as

a volunteer, to learn the details and the concepts almost as well as the professionals—or better.

Linda has done this for our community for years. When the Penrose Square project was being planned, Giant Food's management insisted that they only build one kind of grocery store: huge. Linda did the research to show otherwise. She paid a visit to Giant's new downtown DC store and came back armed with details and options that ended up being used in planning the one that is now being built. We will to have an attractive new development, with a modern grocery store inside—without



At right: A view of the final concept for Penrose Square as seen from Columbia Pike.

View from Columbia Pike

paving over the neighborhood—because Linda among others took to the time to get the facts to back us up.

Douglas Park is not a place where second rate, or 'the way we always do it' is good enough. Developers and government agencies are learning that we not only have high standards, but we also do our homework and know what we are talking about. Linda has been instrumental in setting the standard for building in our community, and will continue to do so.

Every election day for the past fourteen years, at about 7 am, Linda would be seen trudging up the hill on South 14th Street ready to spend a long day at the polls; not soliciting votes, but encouraging voters to indulge in the bounty offered by their neighbors through the DPCA Election Day Bake Sale. In sun, clouds, rain or wind, in warm to moderate to bitter temperatures, Linda has been there. You would see her at 7 am. You would see her at 10 am. You would see her at noon. Except for the short break she took at lunchtime, she was there from the beginning to the end. She's been a great salesperson and a meticulous money handler! She's incredibly dedicated to Douglas Park and enjoys seeing and catching up with all the neighbors who come through the sale. She remembers their names, their children, their pets, their jobs, and where they live; she's deeply connected to our

neighborhood. She also bakes the best 'big brownies'—a dollar each and well worth every penny!

Most importantly of all, Linda has always been our stalwart friend. Her good humor and wise guidance have helped us work through all sorts of issues. Her patience seems to be limitless, and somehow she never flinched in all the years as someone backed a truck up her driveway (which is exactly one half inch wider than a pickup truck) to pick up the DPCA canopy and tables that were stored in her garage. We are grateful for her service to our community, we are blessed by her friendship, and look forward to many more years together as neighbors and friends. Thank you, Linda, for your commitment... and we hope you will continue to work the bake sale – even if it's for only part of the day!



At left: In September 2003, Linda took part in the meeting to jumpstart the left turn lanes at S Glebe Rd and Columbia Pike. Progress on this improvement had languished for years. Pictured, from left: Gail Wickers, Linda, County board member Chris Zimmerman, Virginia Delegate Adam Ebbin, and Arlington County staffer Bill Roberts. The effort was ultimately successful.

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