



16th Street South Traffic Calming

PLAN NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

by Jim Klappmust

As John Snyder mentioned in his March Neighbor News column, traffic calming is an ongoing concern for the civic association and remains on Douglas Park residents' minds. On 11 March 2011, Arlington County mailed letters to households along 16th Street South, between the cross streets of South Monroe Street and South Quincy Street, providing notification of a potential traffic calming project along the aforementioned street segment. All households who received letters were invited to an initial meeting on 24 March at Fire Station Number 9 to discuss the specifics of the potential traffic calming project. At that meeting, a working group of residents was also formed.

Program Coordinator Jeff Sikes, from Arlington County's Department of Environmental Services, provided information to the working group regarding the beginnings of the project, results of the traffic study, and possible traffic calming solutions. The highlights are as follows:

- **Average Daily Traffic:** Approximately 2,000 vehicles (evenly distributed eastbound vs westbound)
- **Percent of Vehicles Speeding:** 48%
- **85th Percentile Speeding:** 31 mph (this means that 15% travel faster than 31 mph)
- **Area of Impact:** 76 households along the affected area
- **Potential Solutions:** Crosswalks, traffic circles, signage, median islands, parking edge lines
- **Non-potential Solutions:** Speed humps/cushions, stop signs

The working group is meeting on a regular basis to design a traffic calming plan, which can include a combination of the potential solutions listed above. Once the working group decides upon a traffic calming plan, the 76 affected households will be asked to vote to approve the plan. The plan must then be ratified by the Arlington County Board. A minimum of 60% of the households will need to respond—via postcards—in favor of the plan in order for the project to proceed to the County Board for final approval (non-responses will count against the project). Postcards will be mailed to residents by Arlington County approximately one week prior to Memorial Day.

All Douglas Park residents are welcome to participate in the project; however, the affected households are the only residents permitted to vote. Representatives of the working group will be updating Douglas Park using the email listserve, and going door-to-door to inform neighbors and gain support for the project.

If you received the 11 March letter we would like to hear from you! Please contact Jim Klappmust via email at jklappmust@gmail.com or stop by 3904 16th Street South for additional information regarding the project. Additional information regarding Arlington County's Traffic Calming Program can be found online at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/planning/ntc/EnvironmentalServicesTrafficCalming.aspx>.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be held Wednesday evening, 4 May 2011, at 7:30pm at P Brennan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 2910 Columbia Pike. Free parking is available after 6.00 pm in the car park under the Halstead at the Pike and S Walter Reed Drive.

The primary agenda item will be a discussion of the proposed development coming to the Rosenthal car dealership site at the southwest corner of Columbia Pike and South Glebe Road. Details are in the 'President's Corner' column on p 4. See you there!.

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REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 4 de mayo a las 19.30 a P Brennan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 2910 Columbia Pike. Hablaremos del desarrollo propuesto en el sitio de la concesión de coche de Rosenthal en la esquina de sudoeste de Columbia Pike y Camino Glebe Sur. ¡Atienda por favor!

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DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA

MEETING CALENDAR

The Association meets on the third Tuesdays of February, April, June, September and November at 7.30 pm in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School, 1306 South Quincy Street. Meeting dates are subject to change; up-to-date information is available at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/> or in the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday evening, 4 May 2011 at 7.30 pm at P Brennan's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 2910 Columbia Pike. Free parking is available after 6.00 pm in the car park under the Halstead at the Pike and S Walter Reed Drive. 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

by John Snyder

BENEFITS OF CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

We urge you to join—or renew your membership in—the Douglas Park Civic Association. Douglas Park is Arlington's largest (with over 10,000 people) and most important neighborhood (because we live here). The civic association is devoted to maintaining and improving the quality of life here, through communication, vigilance, advocacy and fun. Your membership supports each of these efforts, keeping Douglas Park as the place where we love to live.

- **Communication:** The civic association sponsors this newsletter, our website at <http://www.douglasparkca.org> and a list serve to keep each other up to date on what is happening around the neighborhood, the greater Columbia Pike area, and Arlington generally. We are a forum to discuss neighborhood news, and to just keep up with what is going on. We also want to connect neighbor to neighbor more closely, so we can match snow-shovelers with those who need help, baby sitters with babies, and other such things to make the neighborhood even more neighborly.
- **Vigilance:** We keep up with events in the neighborhood and around Arlington—everything from developments planned for the neighborhood and the Pike to concerns about crime. We meet with the police on issues like a series of break-ins we experienced about a year ago, to traffic near Randolph school and other matters of concern. We keep up with development projects and how they might affect the neighborhood, such as development of the Rosenthal site at South Glebe Road and Columbia Pike. We monitor things like live music use permits for local bars and restaurants. We are in constant communication with other civic associations on the Pike, working together to protect and promote the quality of life in our greater community.
- **Advocacy:** The civic association is the voice of the neighborhood within the Arlington community, not to take the place of the voices of individuals, but to amplify them to present the consensus view of the neighborhood and to advocate for things the neighborhood wants. We work on reducing traffic speed through the neighborhood; the civic association lead the charge for the four way left turn lanes

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and the Pike and Glebe Road; we have obtained sidewalks, curb and gutter and street lights throughout the neighborhood and make sure we get a fair share of funding for parks, schools and other neighborhood services. We tell the county and developers what we think about development projects. The civic association has been instrumental in developing the new zoning code (Form Based Code) for Columbia Pike commercial areas, and will be involved in the development of plans for the residential sections, with a goal of preserving affordable housing. And we have been integral to the streetscape plans for the Pike.

- **Fun:** This is what we do best. The civic association sponsors the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic, a just-plain-fun gathering of our own little home town, featuring decorated bikes, patriotic floats, patriotic costumes, Mr and Ms Young Douglas Park, and music, amusements, sno-cones and hundreds of hand-cooked hot dogs at the picnic. We also have caroling in the park at the holidays, and have had garden tours, trips to the Nationals, mid-winter dances, concerts in the parks and other fun stuff for the neighborhood, all sponsored by the civic association.

There is a lot more the neighborhood can do, and the civic association is here to help. But like stone soup, the quality depends on the ingredients you bring to it. Please join or renew.

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NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next civic association meeting will be Wednesday 4 May at 7.30 pm. This is an experimental departure from our usual time and date, which is the third Tuesday, to see if we get better attendance. In another experiment, the meeting will be held at P Brennan's Pub, on Columbia Pike at South Walter Reed Drive, directly across from the Cinema and Drafthouse. Beverages of choice will be available (for the usual price).

The agenda will feature discussion of the development coming to the Rosenthal car dealership site, on the southwest corner of Columbia Pike and Glebe Road. The project appears to be compliant with the Form Based Code for the Pike, and is in its early stages, but it is still a good idea to take a look at what is coming—unless you like surprises. As part of the discussion, we will address naming a street planned for within the development, parallel to South Monroe Street, between the new 11th Street South and the new 12th Street South (now the entrance to the Post Office) off of Glebe Road, that will NOT continue to South Monroe Street. Since it is parallel to South Monroe Street, it has been assumed that the name will be 'South Lincoln Street,' even though it will only be a block long, and not connecting to another part of South Lincoln Street in the gap between the north side of Columbia Pike and 17th Street South. Perhaps we can suggest another name for this new street. Per Arlington naming convention, it has to be a two syllable word, starting with an 'L'. Lemming? Lumpy? Lorax? Or stick with Lincoln?

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ELECTIONS

We held elections at the last civic association meeting. The incumbents each won re-election, John Snyder as President, Sean Epstein as Vice President, Annette Pigott as Secretary and Al Fox as Treasurer. Congratulations and thanks to John, Sean, Annette and Al.

COLUMBIA PIKE LAND USE AND HOUSING STUDY

Change is coming to Columbia Pike. People are starting to figure out that we are only minutes from downtown and the Pentagon, and that our neighborhoods are very nice with a high quality of life. So what do we want the neighborhood to be like

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in 20 years? The consensus seems to be that we want it much like it is now, keeping the affordable housing we have, keeping the high quality of life we have, not overwhelming us with traffic and massive buildings, and with more convenient stores and services. Most of the major property owners, including in Douglas Park, do not plan anything new, but we want plans in place for something that would preserve affordable housing—and it has to be financially viable to do that—in case somebody decides to re-develop. Change is coming. So how do we make it change we like?

The Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study has been addressing this issue for months, with active participation of Douglas Park. County staff and consultants have looked at the financial viability of different options to retain affordable housing by adding more density (with higher rent apartments) on different properties to keep affordable housing as a viable option for land owners, should they decide to re-develop. At the same time, we don't want it to be overbearing, or ugly, or create traffic or parking problems. Part of this effort is a design charette coming 24-30 June at the Sheraton on Columbia Pike. We will literally have a chance to draw the future, to present our vision for the future Pike, just as we did for the commercial areas now covered by the Form Based Code. Please plan to participate. You can read up on the study work so far at http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/Columbia_Pike_LandUse_Housing_Study.aspx.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REID GOLDSTEIN

Congratulations to Reid Goldstein, Douglas Park resident and former civic association president on recognition by the Arlington School Board as an Honored Citizen. Reid has been working hard for our schools for years, particularly at Randolph Elementary, Long Branch Elementary, Jefferson Middle School, Washington-Lee High School and the H B Woodlawn Secondary Program. He has been instrumental in getting the high school programs to share resources and cooperate on programs on teen and family issues, and has been a tireless advocate for the highest standards for our schools. We have long appreciated Reid's advocacy for our neighborhood. It is very satisfying to see the School Board sharing our admiration and appreciation for Reid and his years of hard work and effective leadership. Congratulations and thank you, Reid.

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Arlington's Energy Future

TASK FORCE REPORT COMPLETED

On 1 January 2010, the Arlington County Board established the Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force and charged them with creating a Community Energy Plan for Arlington through 2050. This effort builds on the County's Fresh AIRE (Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions) Program and is designed to meet three specific goals:

- Ensure economic competitiveness,
- Provide energy supply security,
- Protect the environment.

The broad-based Task Force unanimously adopted their final report in March 2011. Regular participants of the Task Force included residents and over forty official liaisons representing organizations and community groups. Two Community Energy Town Hall meetings were held. The Report establishes a transformational strategy to reduce Arlington's overall energy use. Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions—widely used as a measure for energy use—are proposed to be reduced by more than 70% over the coming four decades, from the 2007 level of 13.4 metric tons CO₂e (equivalent carbon dioxide) per capita per year to 3 metric tons CO₂e per capita per year in 2050.

The report consists of eighteen recommendations, including:

- Improving energy efficiency of new and renovated buildings
- Managing building operations to reduce energy costs
- Deploying district energy and renewable energy sources
- Continuing Arlington's award-winning transportation programs
- Improving energy literacy and provide education and training.

The County Board is scheduled to consider the report at the May Board meeting. Should they accept the report, the next step is to develop a Community Energy Implementation Workplan that will help shape the final Community Energy Plan, which would eventually become a new element of Arlington's Comprehensive Plan. Community input will continue to be important in moving forward.

Energy planning is now being understood as the next phase of Arlington's smart growth evolution. According to the Task Force, "Bold decisions and commitments that were made by community leaders forty years ago were instrumental in Arlington's sustainability successes to date and give us a good head-start on the future. The recommendations contained in this...[r]eport are ambitious yet practical and proven. The Arlington community has the opportunity and the capacity to embrace and support these recommendations and thus to transform and secure Arlington's economic, energy, and environmental future."

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by Kathryn Lahn

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Trees for Residents 2011**ANNUAL PROGRAM MOVES TO AUTUMN DISTRIBUTION**

by Marty Nielsen

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Tree species being offered this year will be announced at the beginning of September, and the deadline for requests will be at the end of the month. Distribution will occur a month later at the end of October.

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by Kathy Paal

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by Kathleen M Donovan

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Session topics will be:

- Monday 2 May—Physical Development
- Monday 9 May—Cognitive Development
- Monday 23 May—Social Development

Sessions will be held from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm in the First Floor Auditorium of the Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street.

This session is co-sponsored by the Arlington Public Schools Department of Instruction. For more information, please contact the Parent Resource Center at 703.228.2135 or download the flyer at http://www.apsva.us/1540108291831940/lib/1540108291831940/Early_Adolescent_Series_Flyer.pdf.

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- **Saturday 18 June—The Columbia Pike Blues Festival:** This is the premier social event of the season for Arlington, with great food, great music and most importantly great neighbors having a great time. Don't miss it.
- **24-30 June—Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study Charette:** Months of work on describing what we want for the future of residential sections along the Pike is coming together in this design charette. Pike residents get to have their say about what we would like to see in new development, especially if you show up.
- **Monday 4 July—The 29th Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic:** If only Norman Rockwell were alive today, he would forget about painting it and just enjoy neighbors, pot luck food, hot dogs, music by friends and neighbors and other blessings of liberty.



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