



# Neighbor News

## The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

The parade kicks off at 10.00 am, Monday, July 4 in Monroe Park (South Monroe and 14th Street South) and continues to Douglas Park at South Quincy and 16th Street South.

Picnic in Douglas Park until 2.00 pm

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## El 29º anual desfile y comida campestre de barrio de Douglas Park del Día de Independencia

Desfile comienza a las 10.00 horas el 4 de julio del parque de Monroe (calles Monroe sur y 14ª sur) al parque de Douglas (calles Quincy sur y 16ª sur).

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## NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be held Tuesday evening, 21 June 2011, at 7.30pm at Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike (near Goodwill at Columbia Pike and South Buchanan Street.) You can park in that lot or by the recycling center if you drive.

The agenda will be July 4th volunteering (we have plenty of opportunities) and the Land Use and Housing Study Charrette starting 24 June

Details are in the 'President's Corner' column on p 4. See you there!.

## Douglas Park noticias junio 2011

### REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 21 de junio a las 19.30 a **Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike**. Hablaremos el planeamiento de la comida campestre del Día de Independencia y el estudio de la utilización del suelo y de la cubierta de Columbia Pike.

¡Atienda por favor!

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**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL DUES ARE ONLY \$15 PER HOUSEHOLD. TO JOIN OR RENEW, PLEASE SEE THE FORM ON PAGE 3.**

## 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. Meeting dates and locations 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

Tuesday evening, 21 June 2011 at 7.30 pm at Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike (near Goodwill at Columbia Pike and South Buchanan Street.) You can park in that lot or by the recycling center if you 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

**PATRIOTISM! FOOD! MUSIC! PARADING! WATER SLIDE! MOONBOUNCE! SNO CONES!**

**THE DOUGLAS PARK FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC IS COMING!**

**I**t all starts at 10am on July 4th at Monroe Park (14th St South and South Monroe Streets) as everyone gathers for judging of the best patriotic costumes, decorated bikes, parade floats (a recent entry was "Washington Crosses 16th Street") and the coveted Mr and Ms Douglas Park (chosen from among the wee people).

At 10.30am the parade will start, passing through the neighborhood and throngs of onlookers, down South Nelson Street to 18th Street South to South Quincy Street to Douglas Park, where the picnic will begin.

Linda Dye has been selected as the Honorary Grand Marshall of the parade in recognition of her many years of service to our community, including seventeen as Treasurer of the civic association. Thank you Linda!

There will be a moonbounce in which to expend any left-over energy and a water slide for cooling off. We will have live music, and will honor the new Douglas Park tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence. That is, after all, what the holiday is about.

Food is provided by you! Bring a pot luck side dish, salad, dessert, appetizer, anything you like for your family and to share. The civic association will provide bottled water and hot dogs (and condiments). Last year we consumed 700! We will also have a sno-cone maker running non-stop until everyone's mouth is a garish red, orange or other bright color.

Don't miss the fun!

So how can you help?

- Pay your civic association dues, if you have not done so already. Hot dogs, moonbounces and everything else cost money.
- Bring food, as mentioned above.
- Buy hot dogs, buns, ice, water and supplies for the civic association, (and be reimbursed). David Meistrich has relinquished these tasks after years of service as chief buyer.

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- Cook hot dogs—a few burgers in the back yard is for wimps. It takes a real barbecue hero (actually two or three) to cook 700 hot dogs!
- Be the moonbounce/water slide watcher coordinator. We need somebody to make sure the kids are safe using these amusements. We usually take half-hour shifts. Can someone step forward and take charge of scheduling folks to do this? Will others step forward to do it?
- Set-up in Monroe Park and in Douglas Park starts around 8.30am on July 4. We need help with decorations and balloons at Monroe Park, and the canopy and decorations at Douglas Park.
- Making sno-cones. Several of our teenagers have volunteered the last few years—can we count on you again? Do others want to help out?
- Cleanup. Will you stick around at 2pm and help us take down the canopy and the decorations? We do a pretty good job handling trash during the picnic, and with many hands, it is quick work.

If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact John Snyder at [jvsnyder54@comcast.net](mailto:jvsnyder54@comcast.net) or at 703.892.2887. Thanks in advance!

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Our experiment holding our last meeting at P Brennan’s Pub was a partial success. We had good turnout (perhaps because of news of a big project coming to the neighborhood) and the beverages are certainly superior to those available in an elementary school cafeteria or a fire house, but it was pretty loud and hard to hear each other. We will continue to move our meetings around for variety.

**SOME UPDATES**

- **Arlington Mill Project.** groundbreaking in July on the new community center located on the Pike, just west of Four Mile Run. It will be a five story community center with day care, a senior center, library resource center, gymnasium and other features, with a plaza along the Pike. A separate project on the same site for 122 affordable apartments will be starting later.
- **Penrose Square.** The new Giant Food store will be opening any day now.

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DCPA Thanks Carole Skole for donating balloons for the July 4 event

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- **Wakefield High School.** Construction is expected to start in July and be completed in August 2013. The new building will be built where the baseball and softball fields are now. When it is done, the old building will be torn down.
- **Bicycle Boulevards.** This is the name for the effort to provide safer bicycle travel along routes parallel to the Pike, using 12th Street South on the south (Douglas Park) side and 9th South Street on the north side. Plans are to put in a traffic signal at 12th Street South and George Mason Drive (at the Barcroft Apartments and bottom of the Doctor's Run Park path up to Randolph School). This signal could be activated by pedestrians or bicyclists to help them get across George Mason. The light at 12th and Glebe by the Post Office would serve the same purpose. A new pedestrian/bicyclist activated light would also be put on Walter Reed at 12th. The plans we have seen for the intersection at Walter Reed are probably overdone, and would restrict vehicle turns there. We are working with county staff to make sure vehicles can co-exist safely there with bicycles without interfering with traffic circulation in that area, since 12th Street is the only connection through to Columbia Heights (the neighborhood on the other side of Walter Reed) in that immediate area. Stopping cut through traffic, slowing down cars, and dealing with the very poor sight lines at the Highland Street and 12th Street intersection are also priorities. When updated plans are available, they will be posted on the Douglas Park website.



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# Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study

PROJECT DESIGN CHARETTE TO BE HELD 24-30 JUNE

by John Snyder

The Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study is coming to an important step later this month. Representatives of the Pike neighborhoods, county staff and consultants have been meeting for months talking about what we would like to see in the future of the residential areas along the Pike, to guide future re-development of the multi-family apartment complexes, if and when someone decides to re-develop. (The plan is to leave the single family home areas alone, but obviously changes to the adjacent apartments can make a big difference.) Part of the Arlington Way is to have a plan for development before there is a pending proposal, so that the residents and county government set the agenda, not a developer. Plans have already been developed for the commercial areas along the Pike, and we see them starting to come to fruition in the Halstead Building on Walter Reed Drive and the Pike, and Penrose Square (site of the former and future Giant Food store), and other projects.

The next step for the residential areas is to turn concepts and goals into pictures and plans. That effort will continue in a design charrette starting June 24. It is time to get specific. If we want pedestrian access in particular areas, where will it go? If want some retail in this area where would it go? How much open space and where? All these things can be designed, block by block, just as the community did years ago for the commercial areas.

One of the major goals of this effort is preservation of affordable housing. One of the major "tools" for affordable housing preservation is to add density (bigger buildings). To make a project financially viable, it is often, if not usually, necessary to add more apartments, so the developer (including non-profits) can afford to build or renovate apartments at affordable rents. Often many of the apartments in a project will be at market rates, so there is enough overall rent coming from a project so that the rest of the apartments can be offered at the lower, affordable rents. Getting all these new units on a piece of land usually means adding more density (more units) in the same space. There seems to be a consensus on the general goal of preserving affordable housing. And adding density is commonly used to

make such efforts viable. So the question is: "how much is too much?"

We can't answer that question with a mathematical formula or pages of rules, because it depends so much on where additional density would be constructed, and what it looks like, and how parking is managed, and so many other design and architecture questions. Size of a building is important, but placement is equally important in how it affects the surrounding area. Done right, a larger building can be more pleasant than the smaller building it replaces. To figure this out, you just have to sit down and draw it. That is what the upcoming charrette is all about. The residents—this means you—county staff and consultants are going to sit down and draw out what these areas should look like.

The effort is to be guided by these draft goals:

1. Foster a healthy, diverse community with high quality of life along the Pike.
2. Stabilize and strengthen single-family and multi-family neighborhoods and support established concepts of vibrant, economically-strong mixed-use commercial centers.
3. Improve existing housing stock and expand housing options to achieve a housing mix that serves diverse households, preserves affordability for current and future residents, and supports the adopted Housing Goals and Targets and the CP Initiative.

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4. Create a safe, pedestrian-friendly and multi-modal corridor with attractive and tree-lined streetscapes and seamless linkages between neighborhoods, to the commercial centers, and to the region.
5. Preserve neighborhood character, historic buildings and tree canopy.
6. Enhance urban design and architectural features to improve the Pike identity and maintain compatible transitions between the neighborhoods and commercial centers.
7. Incorporate sustainable, energy efficient "green" neighborhood and building design principals.

The affordable housing preservation goals are no net loss housing units affordable for families earning 60% of the area median income, and no net loss of more than 50% of the units affordable for families at 80% of the area median income. The definition works this way: if the median area income is \$100,000 per year, a family of four making \$60,000 per year would be able to afford 30% of that for rent, which is \$18,000 or \$1,500 per month. Other particular goals are also included.

For more information on this effort, go to [http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/Columbia\\_Pike\\_LandUse\\_Housing\\_Study.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/forums/columbia/current/Columbia_Pike_LandUse_Housing_Study.aspx).

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## Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study (ctd)

### CHARETTE SCHEDULE

- **Friday 24 June, 7.00–9.30pm**  
Sheraton National Hotel—introductory session.
- **Saturday 25 June, 9.00am–2.00pm**  
Sheraton National Hotel—community hands on design session (with light lunch).
- **Sunday 26 June, 1.00–6.00pm,**
- **Monday to Wednesday 27–29 June, 10.00am–6.00pm**  
Penrose Square (brand new building!)—open design studio, stop by and provide input as the consultants develop the design.
- **Monday 27 June, 6.00–8.00pm**  
(location TBD)—planning for open spaces.
- **Tuesday 28 June, 6.00–8.00pm**  
Penrose Square—informal review of work to date.
- **Thursday 30 June, 7.00–9.30pm**  
Sheraton National Hotel—work-in-progress presentation.

Come to as many of these sessions as you can. The whole idea is to listen to what you have to say about the future of our community. For it to work, you have to come say it.

## Local Educator Wins Award

**THOMAS JEFFERSON MS SCIENCE TEACHER  
MATT HUBBARD WINS AIAA AWARD**

by Sharon G Monde, Principal, TJMS

**I am pleased to announce that** Matt Hubbard has been selected by the Executive Council Education Outreach Committee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) National Capital Section as the Outstanding Middle School Science Educator of the Year for 2010–2011. Applications were submitted by schools from Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, Prince William and Fauquier Counties. Matt was recognized by this organization at their awards banquet on Thursday 9 June at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington.

This is a tremendous honor and accomplishment and one that is not new to Jefferson. In 2008, Alex Workman was the recipient of this award.

Congratulations to Matt on this well-deserved recognition!





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## Local Student Recognized

### DOUGLAS PARK STUDENT WINS INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FAIR AWARD

**D**ouglas Park's own **Catie Mitchell**, along with her project partner Andrea Green, received a 4th place award in Environmental Sciences at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, held May 8-13 in Los Angeles, CA. The pair's project was titled *The Toxicity of Bioremediation Agents*.

To qualify for the International Science and Engineering Fair, Catie and Andrea first won Best In Fair at the Northern Virginia Science Fair in March, followed by a second place award in the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair in April. Both students are sophomores at HB Woodlawn.

This year, more than 1,500 young entrepreneurs, innovators and scientists were selected to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, the world's largest high school science research competition. They were selected from 443 affiliate fairs in 65 countries, regions and territories.

Congratulations Catie!

## Civic Association Financial Statement

**FY2011, YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA	
FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
MARCH 1, 2010—FEBRUARY 28, 2011	
OPENING BALANCE	\$6,125.09
INCOME	
Membership Dues . . . . .	\$2,475.00
Contributions. . . . .	1,205.22
Newsletter Ads . . . . .	1,661.50
Newsletter Printing Underwriting . . . . .	1,900.00
Election Day Bake Sale . . . . .	1,041.50
Holiday Fund Drive . . . . .	3,420.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,973.22
EXPENDITURES	
Newsletter Printing . . . . .	\$3,006.68
Membership Dues Drive Materials . . . . .	103.20
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic . . . . .	2,318.41
Holiday Fund Drive . . . . .	2,846.52
Election Day Bake Sale . . . . .	40.20
CPRO Blues Festival . . . . .	60.00
Dues. . . . .	120.00
Wakefield H S PTA—Senior Graduation . . . . .	125.00
Washington-Lee H S PTA—Senior Graduation . . . . .	50.00
Bank Fees . . . . .	89.78
Miscellaneous. . . . .	8.40
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,768.19
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/s/ Al Fox Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association	

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