



## Arlington County Tree Education and Distribution

### ANNUAL PROGRAM RESUMES IN OCTOBER

by Marty Nielsen

**T**he summer heat is leaving, we've survived earthquakes and hurricanes, so let's celebrate and plant trees this fall! The Arlington County Neighborhood Tree Distribution is happening the Saturday and Sunday 15 & 16 October from 8a-5p. The County moved the giveaway to the fall to increase the survivability of the young trees, which often don't make it through our summer droughts. There will be a wider selection of trees available to provide more diversity, but fewer of each species. County Nursery staff and Tree Stewards will be on hand to provide education.

Nine types of canopy trees will be available: American sycamore, black oak, black gum, cherrybark oak, pin oak, red maple, river birch, poplar and Virginia pine, as well as eight species of smaller understory trees: American hazlenut, arrowwood viburnum, eastern redbud, serviceberry, staghorn sumac, sweetbay magnolia, winterberry holly and American witch hazel.

The County has also changed the distribution system for the program. Homeowners may order their own tree online at [www.tinyurl.com/TreeDistribution](http://www.tinyurl.com/TreeDistribution). Homeowners will pick up their tree at the County Nursery, located behind the Barcroft Recreation Center on Four Mile Run just west of South George Mason Drive (look for signs). Having people come to the County nursery allows residents to see the large variety of trees planted in Arlington, meet county staff responsible for our street trees and learn best practices for planting and care of the tree they receive. The County is increasing the educational component of the program and will have county staff and volunteer Tree Stewards available on the pickup days to answer questions on tree care.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [mrtynl@sn@gmail.com](mailto:mrtynl@sn@gmail.com).

## Douglas Park noticias septiembre 2011

### REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

**L**a reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 20 de septiembre a las 19.30 a **Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike**. Hablaremos de proyectos de la conservación de la vecindad.

¡Atienda por favor!

## Jefferson M S Updates

by Kathleen McSweeney; 2011-12 PTA President, Jefferson Middle School

**W**elcome back to another wonderful year at Jefferson Middle School—our neighborhood middle school and home to Arlington's International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme! Principal Sharon Monde and all the staff and teachers at Jefferson have been working hard since late August, while many of us were still vacationing, to make this an exciting and fun-filled year of learning for every student. Personally, I am excited to be stepping into the role of Jefferson's PTA President, and wish to thank Ashton Heights neighbor Nancy Van Doren for her years of leadership to the Jefferson PTA and all the advice she has provided me over the past few months.

Over the summer, the Thomas Jefferson Middle School Community Garden grew from the seeds of an idea sown by Girl Scout Cadette Troop 557 into a thriving school garden. Partnering with AFAC's 'Plot Against Hunger' Program to provide fresh produce to AFAC this summer and into the fall, the Jefferson Garden has donated over 280 pounds of food between June and August.

Vegetables grown in the TJMS Community Garden were also submitted for competition at the Arlington County Fair (under individual names of students who have worked in the garden, per the Fair rules) and garnered this impressive list of ribbons:

*Reserve Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and First Premium. Teen Division. Eggplant.*

*First Premium. Teen Division. Okra.*

*First Premium. Teen Division. Blue Banana Squash.*

*First Premium. Teen Division. Roma Tomatoes.*

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## NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be held Tuesday evening, 20 September 2011, at 7:30p 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 Neighborhood Conservation Projects and updates on the Pike Housing Study Charette and recent activity in Monroe Park. Details are in the 'President's Corner' column on p 2. See you there!.

## 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, 20 September 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

## NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Tuesday 20 September 2011 at 7.30p at Café Sazon, 4704 Columbia Pike (near the Goodwill) at the intersection of South Four Mile Run Drive and South Buchanan Street.

On the agenda:

- **Neighborhood Conservation Projects—what should we work on next?**
- **South Monroe Street—should we remove the bench in the park area?**
- **Pike Housing Study—summary of economic analysis and the recent charrette.**

More details on each below.

- **Neighborhood Conservation is a county program under which neighborhoods can request projects like sidewalks and streetlights, parks enhancements and other such improvements.** South Oakland Street between 14th and 16th Streets South was recently rebuilt with new curb and gutter, sidewalks and streetlights. Earlier this year, our project to improve the trail and install lights in Doctor's Run Park was approved. Now we need to figure out what we would like to do next. Should we try to expand the areas covered by streetlights? Should we finish the curb and gutter on streets like 18th Street South between South Monroe and South Quincy? Years ago we compiled a list of potential projects. They are posted on our website at [http://www.douglasparkca.org/files/Douglas\\_Park\\_NC\\_plan.pdf](http://www.douglasparkca.org/files/Douglas_Park_NC_plan.pdf). But to make these projects a reality, we need to set our priorities and pursue our top priority through the process. A first step for projects involving streets is to gather petitions from the households on the directly affected section of the street. In the civic association we would like to make a plan to move this effort forward.
- **Monroe Street has unfortunately been the site of some creepy behavior by an individual hanging out for long periods on the bench near the park area by the bank.** Responding to the issue, the police inquired about how we would go about removing the bench, if that was the consensus of the community. It is part of the commitments made when the bank was constructed, so we would have to ask the bank about removing it. But first, we need to determine whether



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that is the consensus of the community. The reason to remove it would be to make the spot a less attractive place to hang around for long periods of time. On the other hand, benches are put along the sidewalk because they are helpful for seniors and others, and are part of an urban setting. The problem is not the bench; the problem is that some people may not behave appropriately while they are sitting there, creating uncomfortable situations on the street. Before we do anything more on this, we should discuss it to make sure we have a consensus on the path forward. It will be on the meeting agenda; if you cannot make it to the meeting, please call or email me (John Snyder) at 703.892.2887 or [jvsnyder54@comcast.net](mailto:jvsnyder54@comcast.net).

- **The Pike Housing Study is still under way, with two major steps completed.** A consultant to the county prepared an economic analysis of potential housing re-development on the Pike, and a design charrette was conducted in June to look at potential design in the event there was re-development of residential areas on the Pike. The economic analysis confirmed that due to the cost of new construction, it would not be economically viable to replace existing apartment complexes with new construction unless the new development had—at *minimum*—three times as many apartment units. And buildings over five stories are much more expensive than lower buildings because at that height, the building needs to be concrete or steel-framed, instead of wood-framed. This indicates that changes in the residential areas are more likely to be in the form of renovating existing

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## President's Corner (ctd)

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buildings, which is good news if you like the scale of the existing buildings. As noted before, there is no current plan to redevelop the residential areas on the Pike. Recent development has been in commercial areas; adding more residences and retail space. The idea of this study is to have a plan in place in advance of when property owners decide to redevelop in order to guide them towards something the neighborhoods would like. We will discuss more of the ideas and findings of the recent Pike Housing Study events at the civic association meeting.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS IN BRIEF

- **Construction has begun on the new Arlington Mill Community Center on the Pike just west of the Four Mile Run bridge.** The groundbreaking ceremony was held 24 August. The community center will include a gym, a plaza, health and other community services, a senior center, a library resource center, multi-use rooms and classrooms and a café. It is expected to be done in about two years. The project will also include 122 committed affordable apartments at the rear of the site, to be completed about a year later.
- **The new Wakefield High School is under construction at the corner of South George Mason Drive and South Dinwiddie Street, where the baseball and softball fields used to be.** The new building is scheduled to be completed in July 2013, after which the old building will be demolished for new athletic fields. One part of the old building—the 'English wing'—has already been demolished.
- **Post Office Berm.** We are working on a 'micro-project' to fix up the Post Office berm on South Monroe Street at the rear of the South Arlington Post Office. We want to remove dead bushes, weeds and other eyesores and renew the mulching along the area near 12th Street South—and might actually be able to get it done this fall.
- **Utility Undergrounding on the Pike.** You may recall last fall when the next phase of Pike utility relocation began at the west end of the Pike near the Four Mile Run Bridge. Work stopped this spring because contractors discovered that some of the underground utilities (sewer or water) were not in the locations shown on the records. These utilities must now be relocated first, followed by building the duct banks for the electrical and communications (to replace the aerial lines on poles) because the sewer and water lines are deeper. A new schedule for the work has not been established.
- **16th Street South Water Line Replacement.** The 16th Street water line replacement, from South Quincy to South Taylor Street, was expected to take about four months when it started at the beginning of July. The new main water line is in and crews are now installing connections from that new main to individual homes at the water meter in the sidewalk in front of each house. When that work is complete, the temporary asphalt patches in the sidewalk will be replaced with concrete. It appears that work to about half the houses

has been finished. The Civic Association will be contacting the County to confirm that a complete repaving of 16th Street South will be done when it is all over, as fixing the problems with the pavement caused by the leaking and repeatedly bursting old line was one of the main reasons for the project. In the meantime, while it is a mess, the road patches are very effective as traffic calming measures.

- **Walter Reed Drive Safety Improvements.** Crews have begun work on South Walter Reed Drive from South Pollard Street to South Four Mile Run Drive. Changes include curb extensions at South Pollard, Quincy and Quebec Streets, removal of the right-turn slip ramp at South Four Mile Run Drive (minor), a dual use bike-automobile lane in the southbound direction, new bus pads and shelters and planted medians. Work is expected to be complete sometime in November.
- **Pike Ride Super Stops.** Construction on the first of four pilot Columbia Pike Super Stops will begin this month. Super Stops, part of the Pike Ride service, are larger, more easily accessible bus shelters that offer riders amenities such as seating, lighting, windscreens, enhanced weather protection and electronic schedule information. The first Super Stop to be constructed will be at South Walter Reed Drive and the Pike. Demolition of the old Walter Reed stop will begin in late September. The current bus stop will be relocated to the southwest corner of the intersection (near P Brennan's) during construction. The other three pilot Super

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## Potomac Harmony Chorus Announces Fall Concert

By Evalyn Carter

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## Jefferson M S Updates (ctd)

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- First Premium. Teen Division. Oriental Cucumber.
- First Premium. Teen Division. Sweet Peppers.
- First Premium. Teen Division. Lima Beans
- First Premium. Teen Division. Cherry Tomatoes
- Second Premium. Teen Division. Oriental Eggplant.
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- First Premium. Youth Division. Okra.

Congratulations to everyone who has worked in the garden, and especially to Girl Scout Troop 557, PTA parent leaders Marney Michalowski, Patty Adair and John Adair, and to the Jefferson IB and Lead Science teachers Ellen Smith and Alex Workman, respectively, for bringing the garden to life and working to incorporate it into the curriculum this year. To watch the garden grow on-line, visit the Jefferson website or search 'Thomas Jefferson Middle School Community Garden' on Facebook.

I would like to invite all parents to attend our PTA meetings. For an agenda and meeting materials, please visit the PTA website at <http://www.apsva.us/domain/1700>.

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## Falling for Lawn Care

by Aileen Winquist

As the hot days of summer become a memory and we look forward to fall colors and weekend football, it is also time to think about lawn care. Below are a few reminders that will help your lawn and protect local waterways.

- **Mow high.** Adjust your mower's blade height to the highest setting. Higher grass allows for thicker, healthier grass with deeper roots that are better able to absorb fertilizer and water. Mowing high is a year round activity!
- **Leave the leaves—and lawn clippings—as a fertilizer.** Leaves and grass clippings contain phosphorus and nitrogen and are free fertilizer your lawn. When you mow, leave the grass clippings on your lawn as nutrients for the grass. Mulch your leaves by running over them with your mower. You may need to pass over the leaves with the mower two or three times to achieve small enough leaf parts. If mowing your leaves is not an option, try composting your leaves! You can also bag your leaves, or rake them out to the curb the day before leaf pick up. Leaves or grass clippings that are left in the street are often washed into storm drains and subsequently into our streams and rivers. Arlington's water resources do not need free fertilizer!
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- **Fertilize in the fall...for fescue, bluegrass and ryegrass.** It is a misconception that lawns require spring fertilizer applications. Fertilizer should only be applied in response to a soil test result recommendations and should be specific to the species of grass. Fescue, bluegrass and ryegrass benefit from fall fertilizer applications.

By following these recommendations, your lawn and local waterways will benefit! Want to learn more? The VCE Horticulture Help Desk at the Fairlington Community Center, 3308 South Stafford Street is staffed by Master Gardener volunteers and is available to answer lawn and garden questions, drop off insect or plant disease samples, and to pick up informational literature and soil sample kits. Walk in service is available Monday through Friday, 9a-noon, via email at [MGarlalex@vt.edu](mailto:MGarlalex@vt.edu), or by phone at 703.228.6414.

### UPCOMING GREEN EVENTS

- **Raingardens for Homeowners; Saturday 1 October, 9.30a-12.30p; Marymount University, Caruthers, Room 1021, 2807 North Glebe Road.** Free. Learn how to properly locate, design, construct and maintain a small-scale rain garden—a landscaped area that is designed to capture rain water and allow it to soak into the ground. Rain gardens allow polluted runoff from roads and buildings to infiltrate into the ground, slowing its flow and preventing pollutants from reaching local streams and the Potomac River, a drinking water supply for the region. For more information or to register, please email [awinquist@arlingtonva.us](mailto:awinquist@arlingtonva.us).
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- **Fall E-Care Event, Saturday 15 October, 8.30a-3p; Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 125 South Old Glebe Road.** Dispose of hazardous household materials and recycle computer monitors and televisions (\$15 fee for each computer monitor and a \$20 fee for each television - no charge for LED or LCD monitors and TVs), small metal items and electronics. Serviceable bikes will be collected by Bikes for the World (BfW) to be sent to countries where they are needed for basic transportation. E-Care is open to Arlington residents only; bring your ID. Commercial or business waste will not be accepted. For more information visit [www.arlingtonva.us/recycle](http://www.arlingtonva.us/recycle).

- **Feed Your Soil, Feed Yourself Composting Workshop, Wednesday 9 November, 7-8:30p; Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South.** Learn how to compost your yard and kitchen wastes to increase your yield, make your plants and vegetables more disease resistant, and improve the water retaining capacity of the soil. For more information, contact the Virginia Cooperative Extension Help Desk at 703.228.6414.
- **Weatherization for Houses, Apartments and Condos, Thursday 10 November, 7-9p; Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South.** Get your hands on a caulk gun, spray foam, door sweeps, window film, and much more! Join us for this hands-on weatherization training to learn how to make your home more comfortable and reduce your utility bills. We will cover a multitude of low cost actions and send you home with a FREE water conservation kit. For more information or to register, email [hreinecke-wilt@arlingtonva.us](mailto:hreinecke-wilt@arlingtonva.us).

## Ft Barnard Community Garden Honors

### GARDEN AND CHIEF GARDENER RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY WORK

by Alice Russell

**R**ecently the Ft Barnard Community Garden was recognized by the The Woodbridge by Robert Mondavi 'Giving Through Growing' Project. This project is run in partnership with the American Community Gardening Association and seeks to raise awareness and interest in gardening. Allison Kindler, chief gardener at Ft Barnard, was honored as one of four Community Garden Heroes from across the United States. Allison secured a grant to bolster Ft Barnard's 'plot against hunger garden'. The garden works to contribute fresh produce to the Arlington Food Assistance Center, which helps needy families in the County. Gardeners also participate in the 'Plant a Row' program, whereby a portion of the plots are set aside to grow seeds provided by the Center.

To learn more about this recognition and the Ft Barnard Community Garden, read the PDF article on the Douglas Park website at [http://www.douglasparkca.org/Giving\\_Through\\_Growing\\_2011.pdf](http://www.douglasparkca.org/Giving_Through_Growing_2011.pdf).



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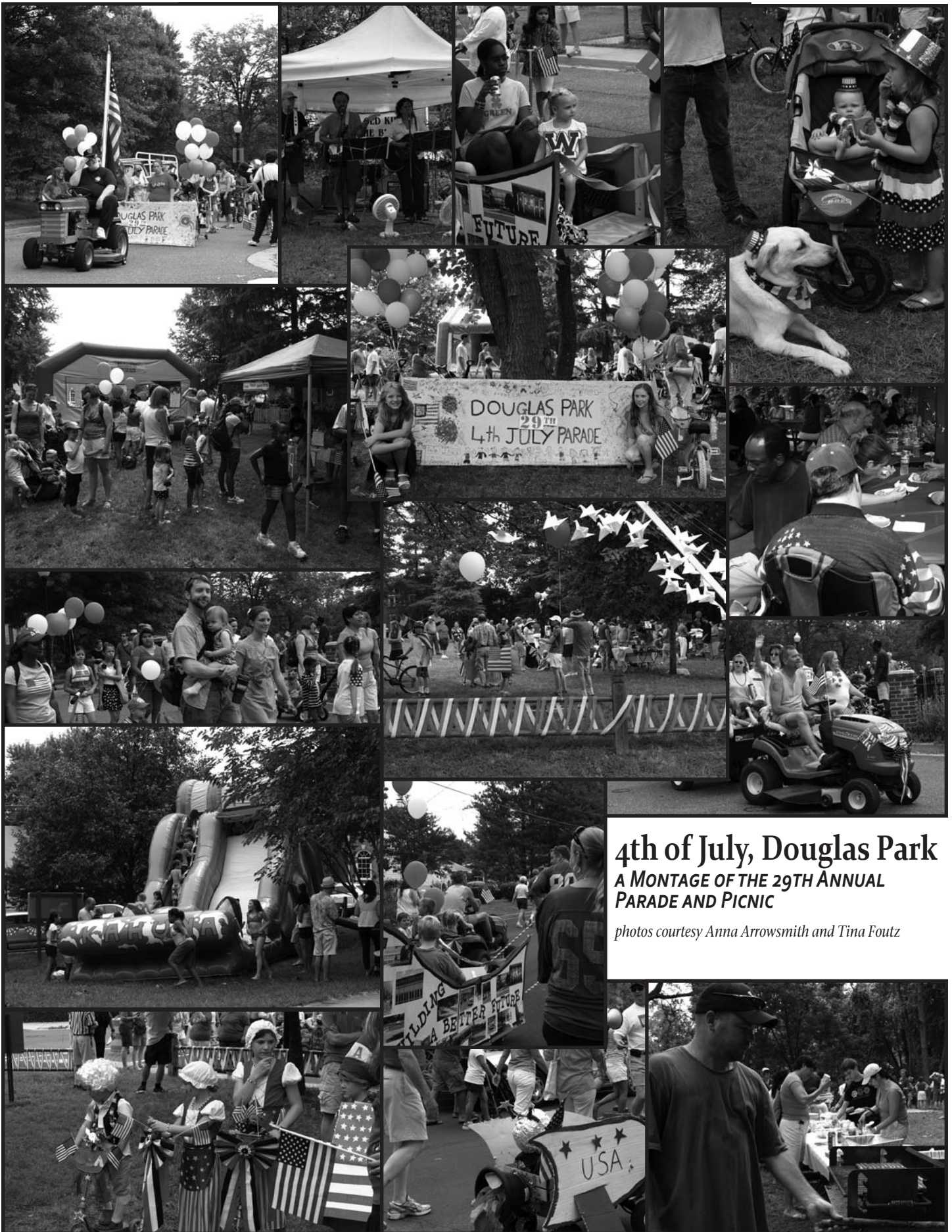
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**4th of July, Douglas Park**  
**A MONTAGE OF THE 29TH ANNUAL**  
**PARADE AND PICNIC**

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