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2012 Holiday Fund Drive

ANNUAL APPEAL NETS ALMOST \$3000

by Rita Wiggins

The wonderful neighbors of Douglas Park have once again demonstrated their generosity and kindness by selflessly contributing to the Holiday Fund Drive. This program, which has been an integral part of DPCA annual activities for over 20 years, is designed to give a hand to needy families at Randolph Elementary School. Each year DPCA works with the counselor and teachers at Randolph to identify families who are in severe financial need. This year, four families, with a total of eleven children and six adults, were helped. Because of your generosity, the immediate burden on these families was significantly eased.

All families received treasure troves of gifts, including necessities and special treats. Each child was given clothes, underwear, pajamas, socks, coats, and shoes. In addition, there were books, toys, games and other wish list items. Parents accepted clothes and household goods such as towels, pots and pans, and blankets. The families were very grateful for the gifts and sent thank you cards to express their appreciation. The sentiments included: "Thank you so very much for your time to give us all these presents. My daughters and my son are blessed this Christmas, and happy!" and, "Thanks so much for your love and care! Thanks to people like you, many smiles and happiness we will see! God bless you all!"

We collected just under \$3,000 in donations, which covered our costs almost to the penny. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed despite the difficult economic times that many are experiencing. Thanks to Randolph counselor Gina Rocco, Bilingual Resource Assistant Jackie Garcia, and other staff members who identified the families, collected wish lists, and ascertained sizes to assist the shoppers. Thanks to Geeti Bawa, Joni Gallegos, Debbie Hill, Marian MacGilvray, Rita Wiggins and their families who found time to shop for others during the hectic holiday season. Thanks to Heather McPhail, Emma McPhail-Snyder, Jessica Kaufmann, Jennifer Daulby, Jennifer Downey and Girl Scout Troop No. 6252, who all helped with wrapping LOTS of presents. Thanks to Martha and Mia Balis-Larsen for the gently-used bike they donated. Thanks go out to all those who helped with preparation of fliers and envelopes, to the dedicated

newsletter deliverers, and a final, special appreciation to DPCA president, John Snyder, and treasurer, Al Fox who are an essential part of every success that DPCA realizes. Talk about a community effort! I am proud to be a member of such a generous neighborhood!

Douglas Park noticias febrero 2012

ELECCIONES PARA FUNCIONARIOS PARA LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

Vamos a tener elecciones para la asociación cívica para funcionarios nuevos el 21 de febrero a las 19.30 a Centro de la Comunidad 'Walter Reed', 2909 Calle 16° Sur Columbia Pike. John Snyder es candidato para presidente, Al Fox es candidato para tesorero y Annette Pigott es candidata para la posición de secretaria. Contactase con John Snyder 703.892.2887 o jvsnyder54@comcast.net para hacer una nominación para uno de los puestos. ¡Atienda por favor!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be held Tuesday evening, 21 February 2012, at 7.30p at the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South. Among other agenda items, **this meeting includes the annual election of Civic Association officers.** Please see details in the President's Corner on page 2.

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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. 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 February 2012 at 7.30 pm at The Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South at South 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

NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The next Douglas Park Civic Association meeting will be Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 7.30pm at the Walter Reed Community Center. The agenda will include:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations remain open for the election of civic association officers. John Snyder is running for re-election as president. Al Fox is running for re-election as treasurer. Annette Pigott is running for re-election as secretary. Our vice president, Sean Epstein, will be stepping aside, with our thanks for his years of service. Presently, no one has been nominated for the office of vice president. If you would like to nominate anyone (including yourself) for any of these positions, please contact John Snyder at jvsnyder54@comcast.net.

16TH STREET TRAFFIC CALMING.

Some modifications are being made to the design of traffic calming devices (traffic circles in the middle of three intersections) on 16th Street between Monroe and Quincy. The design modifications will be presented for information and comment.

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The Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study is an effort undertaken by county staff at the direction of the county board to create a land use plan for the residential areas of Columbia Pike. The Columbia Pike Initiative has to date concentrated on transportation planning and the physical streetscape of the Pike and on the commercial areas like shopping centers. One of the results is the Form Based Code, which regulates development in the commercial areas, which are mostly around the major intersections. This current effort concentrates on the areas in between, the residential areas, mostly apartments, adjacent to the Pike. The goal is to develop a plan for land use for those areas so that if there is redevelopment, it will be done in a way consistent with the goals of the community and the broader county, including preservation of affordable housing, preservation or enhancement of the quality of life with opportunities for retail, open space, pedestrian and bicycle transportation, and limits on allowable development so that new buildings do not overwhelm the neighborhood.

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DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA
MEMBERSHIP FORM—FY 2013

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President's Corner

COLUMBIA PIKE LAND USE AND HOUSING STUDY UPDATE

(CONTINUED FROM P 3)

County staff and consultants are developing draft policies and plans for eventual adoption (or not) by the county board later this year. Staff will be coming to our meeting to provide an update on those plans. This is an opportunity to see what is being considered, comment on it, and take further steps to address it as the civic association and individuals consider appropriate. (In other words, if we love it—or not—we need to tell the county about it.)



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Douglas Park has the opportunity to designate a project as our priority, one of the steps toward bringing the project to fruition. We have identified dozens of potential projects through a survey a few years ago, and some more were suggested in response to the last newsletter. We need to pick the project to move on next.

ROSENTHAL SITE UPDATE

Changes are coming to the southwest quadrant of intersection of Glebe Road and Columbia Pike on the site of what is now the Rosenthal car dealership. A developer, Penrose Group, (no relation to the Arlington neighborhood) is planning a mixed use six story building on the corner, between Capital One Bank and Glebe Road, and townhouses in the new block south of that building, between Glebe Road, Monroe Street and the Post Office. Plans and renderings of the proposed building are on the county website at www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/planning/applications/site_plans/pdfs/file80836.pdf. (Neighbor News and its team of spies do not know of any plans for the rest of the Rosenthal property, on the east side of Glebe, around the Exxon Station.)

The apartment building will have approximately 280 apartments. The plan is for 44 townhouses on the south block. There will be an alley connection to Columbia Pike along the six story building, and a new 11th Street connecting to Glebe Road. There will also be connection of a new Lincoln Street (parallel to Glebe) eventually, but issues need to be worked out between the county and the Postal Service before it can connect to the driveway into the post office. That driveway, up to the Post Office, will become a new 12th Street. This development will not change the bike path next to the post office to Monroe Street, and will not create a vehicle connection there. (Until the Land Use and Housing Study is completed, vigilance is necessary on this issue.)

The building is being designed to be compliant with the Form Based Code, and appears to be, with the exception of an issue regarding how close the townhouses can come to the centerline of the new 12th Street. Said another way, how close to the edge of the property can they build? The issue covers about 5 feet, and is to be determined. The project is expected to be presented for approval this spring, with groundbreaking perhaps by the end of this year, more likely in Spring 2013.

Arlington Little League Registration Underway

by Daniel Alvarez, Recruitment Chair, Arlington Little League

Registration for Arlington Little League's Spring 2012 season is now open at www.arlingtonlittleleague.org/register/.

Participation is open to children ages 4-12 (as of 30 April 2012). The league also has a Challengers' Division for disabled athletes. Registration is open until 1 March 2012. Practices start 26 February 2012. Arlington Little League—where ALL kids are stars!

Registro para la primavera de 2012 de la liga de beisbol "Arlington Little League" ya está abierta en www.arlingtonlittleleague.org/register/.

La participación está abierta a niños de 4 a 12 (30 de abril de 2012). La liga también tiene una división de Challengers para los atletas discapacitados. La registración está abierta hasta el 1 de marzo 2012. Las prácticas de inicio 26 de febrero 2012. Arlington Little League—donde los niños son las estrellas!

Upcoming Events

GREEN LIVING EXPO

Saturday 17 March, 10 a—4 p, Washington-Lee HS, 1301 North Stafford Street

The Green Living Expo features green products and suppliers, exhibits and seminars presented by green building experts, activities for kids, raffles, and more! Learn practical ways to green your lifestyle and lighten your carbon footprint with a focus on energy conservation, solid waste reduction, eco-friendly transportation, green home remodeling, sustainable landscaping, and healthy homes. For more information: www.arlingtonenvironment.org.

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