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ARLINGTON SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION SEEKS HOST FAMILIES

by Reid Goldstein

The Arlington Sister City Association (ASCA) needs your help welcoming and hosting a delegation of visitors from our sister city of Aachen, Germany.

The visit will be for two weeks from 3-16 October and will consist of 10 girls, 8 boys and two chaperones. The students are all high school juniors (16-17 years old).

One of the highlights of the visit is the opportunity for Aachen students to stay with Arlington families to get to know each other and to see the American life style. This is where you come in - I would very much like you to consider becoming a host family.

Knowledge of German is not necessary because all of the members of the group speak English. In addition, they will have already had orientation sessions in Aachen to prepare them for the visit. The students are especially eager to learn more about Arlington and the United States. Daytime activities are organized by ASCA and will include tours of Washington monuments and museums, a visit to an Arlington high school and a few days in New York City.

As you may know, Arlington's relationship with Aachen is the oldest of our sister city partnerships. In fact, this year is the 19th anniversary of our relationship with Aachen, and with your help this event will be another great success.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping us with our upcoming student exchange. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached by email at reidgoldstein@gmail.com or feel free to call me at 703.271.0431.

To learn more about the Arlington Sister City Association, visit www.arlingtonersistercity.org.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Douglas Park noticias septiembre 2012

REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 18 de septiembre a las 19.30 a Centro de la Comunidad 'Walter Reed', 2909 Calle 16° Sur. ¡Atienda por favor!

Fall Children's Programs Announced

COLUMBIA PIKE BRANCH LIBRARY STORYTIMES RUN TO THE WEEK OF 17 NOVEMBER 2012

- **Paws to Read, grades K-5, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 5.30-6.30p.** Paws-to-Read invites students to practice their reading skills by reading to trained therapy dogs for 15 minute sessions. Interested children may sign up for a session at the Information Desk.
- **Fairies, Fables and Funny Folktales: grades K-5, Wednesdays 4-5p.** Designed for students in grades K-5 and their parents, this storytime program encourages student and parent participation. We read folktales from around the world, include puppetry or readers' theater and a simple craft.
- **Babies, Fridays 10.30-11.15a.** This lapsit program designed for babies and their parents includes music, songs, sensory activities, American Sign Language, stories and nursery rhymes. Babies play and socialize during last 15 minutes.
- **Families with Preschool Children, Saturdays 10.30-11.30a.** This storytime is an introduction to the library, listening skills, picture books, and the joy of reading for families with preschool children. We incorporate read-aloud techniques, songs, fingerplays, American Sign Language, Spanish, puppetry, and flannelboard tales followed by a simple theme-related craft or science activity.

The Columbia Pike Branch Library is located at 816 South Walter Reed Drive.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be held Tuesday evening, 18 September 2012, at 7.30p in the Arts and Crafts Room at the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South. Please see the meeting agenda 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 7.30p. 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, 18 September 2012 at 7.30p in the Arts and Crafts room of the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South at South Walter Reed Drive. Please see the full agenda in the 'President's Corner' column in this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

NEXT ASSOCIATION MEETING
TUESDAY EVENING 18 SEPTEMBER

by John Snyder

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be Tuesday evening 18 September at 7.30p in the Arts and Crafts room of the Walter Reed Community Center (Walter Reed Drive and 16th Street South).

A representative of Capital Bikeshare will make a presentation on expansion of bicycle rental stations to our part of the county.

We will discuss future uses within the Arlington Mill Community Center, including whether we should advocate for fitness and library resources for the center (see below).

This meeting will also be an opportunity to organize efforts to care for common areas around the neighborhood. Recently on the list serve there was discussion about the need to clean up the area along the path between Doctors' Run and South Quincy Street. As we were puzzling on solutions, an alert reader pointed out that it is school property and got Randolph School and APS engaged on it. We should have an organized effort, including folks who will keep an eye on particular parks or other such public property and complain to proper authorities, as needed, folks who will maintain our traffic islands (including three new ones coming to 16th Street South), publishing the 'complain to' numbers as applicable, and when needed, folks who will organize 'flash mob trash mobs' to ask many neighbors to show up for a quick clean-up of a particular spot.

THE FOURTH OF JULY—WHAT A PARTY!

Every year the Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic gets better and better. The floats and costumes were magnificent and clever. The parade through the neighborhood was that small town event we all love so much, and the picnic was a huge success. Our musicians and Bolivian dancers showed off their talents, and the readers of the Declaration of Independence demonstrated with great patriotic passion the reason we celebrate the day. Many thanks to the decorators and set up folks and take down folks and sno-cone makers and flag bearers and moonbounce watchers and judges and musicians and cooks and power providers and water providers and everyone else who contributed to a great day. And special thanks to our friends in the county government who made sure some little windstorm would not stop the festivities. Only days before, our pavilion was damaged under a large and dangerous fallen tree. But our county workers took care of us. We really appreciate it.

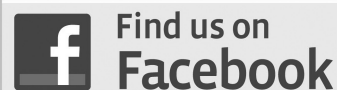
ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction of the Arlington Mill Community Center on Columbia Pike at South Dinwiddie Street is moving along, with the topping out (reaching the highest roof level) of the community center building in the first week of September. Construction will begin on the housing portion (122 committed affordable apartments) this fall. More information is available at <http://www.columbiapikeva.us/arlington-mill-community-center>.

Recently, the citizen steering committee for the project learned that two amenities in the plan will not be constructed. The original plan was for a small fitness center and a small library resource center to be included in the community center. Due to budget and staffing restrictions, a decision has been made to not staff the fitness center or resource center, and thus building out those interior spaces has been removed from the construction plans. (The gymnasium will be built as planned.) Budget priorities must be established, and we can't always do everything we would like. There is a logic to not building a facility that won't be used. But as with all things, we the people get a say in our government's decisions.

The decision for or against a fitness center includes cost, expected usage rates, and the fact that other fitness facilities, both public and private, are in the vicinity. On the other hand, this center is right in the middle of a big population center.

A library resource center is a bit different. The Arlington Mill center will be at the center of the most densely populated part of the county, the most culturally diverse, and not the most affluent. Access to library materials is critical for those learning English (at all ages) and particularly for school-aged children. While the Columbia Pike branch library remains at the Career Center on Walter Reed Drive, the other nearest branch libraries are at Shirlington and Glencarlyn. (Glencarlyn is not too far as the crow flies, but as the mountain goat climbs, it is not an easy walk from the Pike.) This was not envisioned as a full branch library, but could still make a big difference for literacy in a community that needs it. Should we advocate for a library resource center at Arlington Mill? If the goal is to bring library resources to the people who need them, it is hard to think of a better place. Are there other places to adjust budgets to allocate resources for staffing? What would be the real yearly costs compared to the benefit to the community? We should not lose this opportunity, and have a chance to reverse this decision in the next county budget.



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PIKE 3400 CONSTRUCTION

Any day now, construction of the Pike 3400 project will start in the former Rosenthal car dealership site on the southwest corner of Columbia Pike and South Glebe Road. The north block will be a six story building with a parking deck below, extending from Glebe to adjacent to the Capital One Bank. Retail will be on the first floor (we have not even a rumor of what will be coming there) with five stories of apartments above. The south block between the new 11th Street South (about where the lonely 11th Street sign is today), South Monroe Street and the post office will be 44 townhouses. More information is available at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/files/pdfs/Pike%203400%20Sign%20Plan.pdf>.

Demolition and remediation of contaminants on the site are expected to start any day now, as soon as the construction company gets the needed permits. The north block parking garage will go down two levels for about half the block and one level for the rest, requiring pile driving and sheeting and shoring for the excavation. Construction hours start at 7a. Construction traffic is to enter the site from southbound Glebe Road, right turning into the site. It is to leave the site by turning right to go

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south on Glebe. Construction traffic is prohibited from cutting through the neighborhood. The construction company must maintain the sidewalk all along the Pike and Glebe (covered for most of the construction) so that we can walk by. The bus stop will be moved to in front of the 7-Eleven at Monroe.

If there is construction traffic in the neighborhood, or noise too early or late, or trash, or construction parking in the neighborhood, or any other problem, call the project manager or site superintendent.

Chris Akkerman, Project Manager: 571.294.2640

Tom Facchina, Site Superintendent (daytime only): 202.497.8745

On the south block, the utilities will be installed as construction proceeds on the north block, with the land made ready for another construction company to build the townhouses. The county will be responsible for building the portion of 12th Street between Glebe and the post office (where the post office driveway is now). That section of 12th Street will not be connected at Monroe. Construction is expected to be completed in about two years.

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COLUMBIA PIKE NEIGHBORHOODS AREA PLAN

In July, the county board passed a comprehensive plan for the residential areas of Columbia Pike. Knowing that changes will come to our area as the metropolitan area grows, Arlington makes overall land use plans for sections of the county to try to shape that development into something we would like to see, and to avoid developments we would not like in our neighborhoods. A plan was passed about 10 years ago for the commercial areas, and construction such as Siena Park, Penrose Square (Giant) and Pike 3400 projects is proceeding according to that plan. The residential areas were not included, as there were worries about creating new incentives for development without a plan to preserve the affordable housing we have now. The new Neighborhoods Plan is designed to do just that. Douglas Park representatives participated in the process for the last three years. See <http://www.douglasparkca.org/files/pdfs/Columbia%20Pike%20Neighborhoods%20Area%20Plan.pdf> for more information.

Earlier issues of the Douglas Park *Neighbor News* have described the planning process and some of the issues confronted. This is an update on some of the particular points of concern.

- **Affordable housing preservation goals—100%.** The goal of the plan is to preserve 100% of the number of apartments that are now affordable for people making 60% of the area median income, and 100% of the number of affordable apartments at 80% income levels. This does not mean that the buildings will all stay the same. As buildings reach the point where renovation or re-construction is necessary, the property owner needs to make a choice. The plan gives them the choice of building a larger building with more apartments, but only if they also include a large portion of the new building (about 30%) for apartments committed to stay at affordable rents. If they want to rebuild according to the current zoning, they can also make that choice, but the buildings would be smaller, and thus less profitable.
- **Density and Building Sizes.** The economic incentive for preserving affordable housing is allowing additional density, a building taller and larger than would otherwise be allowed in the zoning laws. So how big? For Douglas Park, buildings on the sites of Oakland, Westmont Gardens and Quebec apartments would be allowed up to six stories along the Pike, and 3½ (same height as now) on the 12th Street South side. Six stories would be allowed at Barcroft Apartments, along the Pike west of George Mason Drive, and also eight or more stories on the west and South Four Mile Run Drive sides. Even with this additional density, there remains not enough to provide incentives to preserve all of the Barcroft Apartments and the Fillmore Gardens apartments in Penrose. For these, additional

density could be allowed as a financial incentive on sites elsewhere in the county. There was a proposal to allow the bulk of that density in the existing Form Based Code areas along Columbia Pike, but that idea was not adopted. The plan was clarified to say that ‘elsewhere’ for transfer of development rights means all of Arlington. Of course, the additional density would have to be appropriate for the place where it would be built. For this to work to preserve all the affordable housing on the Pike, folks in the rest of the county are going to need to do their part to allow additional density in their neighborhoods.

- **Parking Ratio.** The parking ratio in the plan will generally be the same as now, 1¹/₈ spaces per apartment. In areas with good transit, this ratio has worked. In some cases, projects that provide a large share of affordable apartments could reduce that ratio for the affordable units. This policy is still to be detailed, but the policy guideline requires new buildings to provide more parking than proposed in early drafts.
- **12th Street South.** Changes to 12th Street South were contemplated in early drafts. In the policy adopted, there will essentially be no changes to 12th Street South. It will not go through Doctors Run Park. It will not connect the planned short section next to the post office to South Monroe Street.

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- **Volunteering Your Time.** We will be seeking people to work two hour shifts at the bake sale throughout the day on Tuesday 6 November; hours from 6a to 7p.
- **Buying Baked Goods.** If you don't have time or the inclination to bake, plan to buy what others bake. Take goodies into the office that day, or stock your freezer for the upcoming holiday season! We will also be selling coffee, tea and hot chocolate at the table. If voting lines are long we will try to have line service for hot drinks (this depends on the number of volunteers available).
- **Donations.** If you don't bake, and you don't want to bring the calories into your house, you can always donate to the cause directly.

Please email (dpdunbars@comcast.net) or call me (703.271.5335), beginning now, with any baking pledges. The more specific you can be about what you will bake, the better I can advise others who ask me what's needed. I will begin making phone calls to folks on my baking list in early October, but I will try to avoid calling if I've already heard from you.

It has been my observation over the years that this neighborhood has some fabulous bakers as well as wonderful eaters of baked goods! We've done very well with this event in past years and we hope for continued involvement and success in our fundraising efforts.

Support Our Schools

TIME TO RELINK YOUR GROCERY CARDS.

by Jennifer Jackson, Randolph PTA Officer

It's time again to link your grocery cards to help local schools (remember they reset before each August). Just link your card to a school and the company will donate to that school. Last year, Randolph Elementary earned \$11,200 from Harris Teeter alone! This helps with many things including our long-awaited new running track and new books. The information below for is for Randolph Elementary, but if your child goes to another school, you

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- **Safeway.** Sign up for eScrip. Go to <http://www.escrip.com> and click on the section for signing in. Randolph Elementary's group ID number is 6609549. Also, when you sign up for eScrip you can put in your credit card and other retailers such as Lands' End, Macy's, Eddie Bauer and many restaurants will also donate.
- **Target.** When you use your Target VISA, Target Credit Card, or Target Check Card, Randolph receives 1% of your purchases. You can sign up for the program by going to <http://www.target.com/tcoe>. Randolph's school ID is 103239.
- **Giant.** Sign up for Giant A+ Bonus Bucks at <http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/>. Randolph Elementary's school code is 02846.

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Two Wheel Tuesdays

Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday night is bike night in Arlington! Join us on Tuesdays from 7:00pm to 8:30pm for informative and interactive sessions on everything you need to know about biking in Arlington.

Each session will address one of the following topics:

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Shirlington Branch Library
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Arlington, VA 22206



LEFT: Douglas Park National Night Out Organizer Mary Beth talks with Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) 3d District Commander Brett Butler and his team.



ABOVE: Dorothy and Ginny say 'Hi!'



LEFT: Virginia House Delegate Alfonso Lopez (D-49th, at right) enjoys the evening with the neighborhood.



ABOVE: Plenty of food for all!

RIGHT: Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) 3d District Commander Brett Butler and Officers Olson and Gilligan enjoy some home cooking.



Douglas Park Observes National Night Out

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