



2012 Holiday Fund Drive Kickoff

by John Snyder

The best Douglas Park tradition is our Holiday Fund Drive. We raise money to help neighborhood families in need with holiday gifts and food. For each of the last few years, we have raised nearly \$3000 so that several families (identified by Randolph School staff) could have toys, coats, clothes and food for Christmas. In the past, the generous folks of Douglas Park have dug in their pockets, in good times and not so good times, to come through for our neighbors who need help.

We will need help again with shopping and wrapping – more requests for help to follow, but mostly right now we mostly need your contribution. Envelopes addressed to our treasurer are inserted in the newsletter. Please use them to make a donation, and put “holiday fund drive” in the memo line.

For these families, we are Christmas. Please give generously.

Haunted Trail of Terror a Huge Success

INAUGURAL EVENT HELD SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

by Debbie Hill

The 1st Annual Douglas Park Haunted Trail of Terror was held Saturday evening 27 October in Douglas Park and was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Too many folks to thank individually but a BIG special thank you goes out to Bret Alexander and Scott Long for their countless hours spent working on the props, etc. Couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to Goetz Printing for printing our wonderful colorful Trail of Terror signs.

Also, a thank you goes to the Wakefield Girls Basketball Team for their awesome help with the children's area. Last but not least, thank you Brandon Cortis for this idea over two years ago. Glad we could make it happen before you go off to college.

Visitors to the Trail of Terror were asked to bring a food donation to AFAC; the donations totaled 637 pounds! Hope to see everyone back in the park next year for an even better event! Douglas Park rocks!

SEE PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT ON PP 6-7.

Holiday Bonfire and Caroling

14TH ANNUAL EVENT ON 15 DECEMBER

by Becky “Christmas” Carroll

Neighborhood festive spirit will be found at the 14th Annual Douglas Park Holiday Bonfire and Caroling on Saturday 15 December 2012 from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. All Douglas Park Elves and Carolers are invited to come join in the fun. The event is held at Douglas Park itself at the corner of 16th Street South and South Quincy Street.

We would appreciate anyone who can bring over logs for our fire during the day that Saturday. This is a great place to contribute firewood you have that is just too big to fit in your fireplace.

For all Festive Folk, dress in your warmest togs and bring the following:

- **Essential:** Your S-elves

Good ideas to bring (please put your name and phone number on anything you bring)

- Flashlight
- Warm drinks (Park Rules say drink in your holiday spirit, but please, no liquid “spirits” so leave the alcohol at home for later)
- Perhaps some food goodies to share
- Skewers, old pot holder mitts, and makin's for S'mores (marshmallows, chocolate bars, and graham crackers) if you want
- Reindeer bells and/or hardy instruments

We will have some Douglas Park song books to share! For more information, please contact Becky ‘Christmas’ Carroll at b.carroll@mac.com or 202.445.7271.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

Although the Civic Association has attempted to arrange a couple of presentations for November, the presenting parties involved are unavailable, so we will forego our November meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday evening 19 February 2013 at 7.30p. Details will follow in the next *Neighbor News*.

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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

We are foregoing the November meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday evening, 19 February 2013 at 7.30p. Details will follow in the next issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

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President's Corner

by John Snyder

CAPITAL BIKESHARE COMING SOON

We met with a representative from Capital Bikeshare (CaBi) at the last DPCA meeting. They are expanding to the Pike neighborhoods, including Douglas Park.

CaBi stops (which consist of bike racks with unlocking capability for renters/members) are being considered for Walter Reed Drive and the Pike at Pike Park; for next to the W&OD crossing of the Pike; at Arlington Mill Community Center; near the post office, on the South Monroe Street side; at the bike trail intersection with George Mason Drive, in Doctor's Run Park, and near 16th Street South and the W&OD trail. We asked them to consider a site near Fort Barnard Park or the Fort Barnard dog park. There are more spots under consideration than they can fund, at least at this time. The stops will be installed next spring.

You can learn more about these stops and express your preferences at <http://www.capitalbikeshare.com>.

BIKE BOULEVARDS UPDATE

Here is an update from county staff on the Bike Boulevards project through Doctor's Run Park, and on 12th Street South:

- Street marking and sign plans are currently under a final review by in house staff. Street markings and signs are behind schedule due to a conflict with the pavement marking contractor. If the contractor is not able to fit the markings in by the fall, in house staff will try to complete the work during the winter. Pavement markings are weather dependent so it may not be possible until the spring.
- Staff will still begin designing the remaining features when survey work is completed this fall. These features include the addition of signals, curbs and medians, ADA compliant ramps and sidewalk re-alignments. Staff will meet with the community again prior to installation of these elements.

In a previous DPCA meeting, the question was raised whether 12th Street South between South Highland Street and South Glebe Road could be re-configured to be one way, to discourage traffic from South Glebe Road using the street, while accommodating parking and the Bike Boulevard. We do not have any new information on that inquiry.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: STEPPING ASIDE

After many years as DPCA president, I am going to step aside, and not run for re-election. It has been an honor, a privilege, and a joy to be president of DPCA, but it is time for someone new to take on the role. I will remain involved in the DPCA, and have a lot of unfinished work I want to do for the association—like our updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan. I will make sure we have a smooth transition to a new president. Douglas Park has great traditions, and those traditions will go on, as the experience is passed along on events like the July 4th Parade and Picnic,

Election Day Bake Sale. If you are interested in the position, and want to learn more about it, (or just want to learn more about the civic association in general) please contact me at jvsnyder54@comcast.net.

Green Streets

CREATING GREEN SPACES FOR STORMWATER TO SLOW DOWN AND SOAK IN

By Christin Jolicoeur

The next time you are driving or walking in the rain, take a look at the street's curb. You'll likely see water rushing down the street and into the nearest storm drain. Roughly 42% of Arlington is impervious - surfaces like roads or buildings that do not let water soak through - leaving stormwater with few places to go except into the nearest storm drain where it becomes "out-of-sight, out-of-mind." Some may not realize that stormwater flows directly, without treatment, to Arlington's streams, where the impact is hard to ignore.

When large quantities of water are channeled into the stormwater system, the water picks up speed and resembles the flow out of a fire hose by the time it is released into the stream. The power of the rushing water erodes stream banks, undercuts trees causing many to fall, and compromises buried infrastructure like sanitary sewers, in the stream valley. Accompanying the stormwater to the stream are some foul companions - dirt, litter, bacteria, nitrogen, and phosphorus. Arlington's Green Streets Program is adding rain gardens in the public right-of-way, helping to slow down and filter the stormwater runoff.

Green Street rain gardens:

- Reduce the volume of the water reaching our streams during the storm's peak. The garden's soil mixture encourages water to soak into the ground, preventing standing water or mosquito growth.
- Are sited based on existing stormwater flows and designed to allow water to slow down and soak into the soil mixture.
- Recharge the groundwater supply by allowing water to soak into the ground. Groundwater slowly releases into our streams and keeps them flowing during dry months.
- Filter out litter, sediments, heavy metals and phosphorus before the water reaches our streams. Pollutants like phosphorus and heavy metals bind to soil and mulch or are broken down naturally by microorganisms in the soil.
- Have the potential to decrease *E. coli* bacteria levels in stormwater. *E. coli* has been listed as a source of impairment in Arlington's streams.
- Are maintained by the County. Regular garden maintenance activities will include replacing dead plants, weeding, litter removal, and re-mulching as needed.

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One of these Green Streets will be coming to 16th Street South (between South Oakland and South Monroe Streets) in the future. The rain gardens added through this project are expected to slow down and filter up to 12,000 gallons of stormwater – enough to fill four moving trucks! – in every one inch rainstorm. Construction will be coordinated with the traffic calming project already developed for these blocks. You can expect to hear more about this project at an upcoming civic association meeting.

Rain gardens aren't just for the public right-of-way. HOAs and homeowners are encouraged to plant rain gardens on their property. Roughly half of the County's impervious surfaces are located on private property! The Arlington StormwaterWise Program provides funding to assist with the cost of rain garden installation on private property.

Questions about Green Streets or rain gardens? Contact Christin Jolicoeur at cjolicoeur@arlingtonva.us or 703.228.3588 or Jen McDonnell at jmcdonnell@arlingtonva.us or 703.228.3042.

Other useful links regarding Green Streets include a list of current projects at www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/Sustainability/page81126.aspx,

Arlington's StormwaterWise Program: at www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/Sustainability/page83039.aspx

and information on residential rain gardens at

www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/Sustainability/EpoRainGarden.aspx.

Election Bake Sale Results

by Enid Dunbar

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, sold and consumed the baked goods at our sale at Randolph Elementary School on Election Day Tuesday 6 November. It was a busy day and we did very well, raising \$1859.51 for Civic Association activities.

The baked goods were gone by 5:30pm. The hot soups and the special buttered chicken all sold out earlier in the afternoon, and helped to keep voters, pollsters and bake sale workers warm during the cold day spent outside.

Thanks also to Emory Bayer and Ally Rozzie who helped with the pricing and tagging of baked goods on Monday evening; to the set-up and take down crew who awoke at O'Pre-Dawn Thirty (arranged by John Snyder and Reid Goldstein and including Colin Winkler, Kent Wiggins and Bob Lee this year), and thanks to the dedicated table

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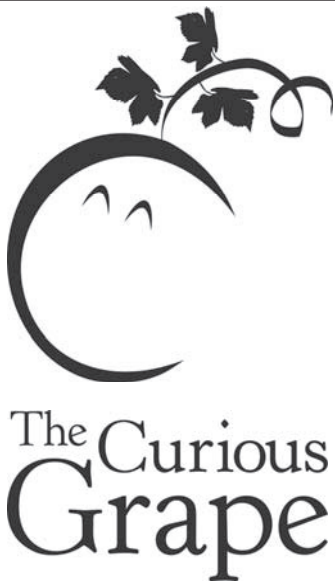
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LEFT: Organizers Debbie Hill and Bret Alexander make final plans for the trail.

RIGHT: Scott Long builds yet one more grave marker.



BELOW, LEFT: A rare daytime sighting of trolls

BELOW, CENTER: The cemetery gates

BELOW, RIGHT: The crowds gather



LEFT: The welcoming party

RIGHT: A gravedigger and moss-boy



FAR LEFT: Natalia, grim reaper



NEAR LEFT: A party of zombies are dying to meet you

Scenes from the First Douglas Park Trail of Terror

PICTURES FROM SATURDAY EVENING, 27 OCTOBER

VAMPIRES EVERYWHERE

LEFT: Vampire Bob

BELOW, CENTER: A vampire horde

RIGHT: Vampires Shayne and Leslie



photos courtesy Rebecca Krafft, Anna Arrowsmith and Marianne Petrino-Schaad

BELOW LEFT: Trolls storm the bridge

BELOW: A zombie wanders loose!

RIGHT: The witches and their fiery cauldron



LEFT: The ghouls out for a spin

RIGHT: Joe and Miriam guard a coffin



RIGHT: Another ghoul (Ethan) on the loose



See these photos on the DPCA website in color.

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