



## Got Brush?

**DON'T LET IT SIT; CALL FOR A PICKUP!**

by Rebecca Krafft

**A**rlington County will collect unbundled brush (clippings and tree trimmings) and recycle it into wood mulch. Brush is collected the same day as your trash collection day. To schedule a pickup, call 703.228.6570, between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday (after hours select option 2). When making the request, please stay connected until you receive the confirmation message that will contain the scheduled date for your brush pickup. Requests made the same day of your trash collection day must be received by 6.30am to be processed for that day. You may also request a brush pickup online 24/7, by visiting [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and searching for 'brush pickup.' Please note that large quantities of brush resulting from the removal of more than two trees or land clearing will not be collected. Homeowners are responsible to arrange for disposal of these larger quantities of brush.



Keep the streets clear! Call 703.228.6570 to schedule brush collection.

It's very easy, he says. The permit application can be downloaded online. Go to [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and search for 'Block Party Permit.' You'll see the basic guidelines there too.

Go to the Building Permit office on the 6th floor of the County Building. (You have to go in person.) The fee varies based on the number of blocks you want to shut to traffic. Bob's comes to \$79, since they shut down three blocks. It looks like \$64 is about the cheapest. The county delivers traffic cones to block your street on Friday and picks them up again on Monday. You can also schedule a rain date (Saturday with a Sunday rain date is easiest).

Important points: Talk to your neighbors and get their buy-in. Apply in person, and at least 72 hours in advance.

And my favorite: Be imaginative; be yourself. 14th Street South, for instance, has had its own golf tournament for years. What'll it be? A chili cookoff? Pupusas and ribs? Surprise yourself, and get to know your neighbors while you have fun in your front yard.

**Our Spring Membership Drive is underway. Annual household dues are only \$15. Please see the inserted form and return envelope, or the form on p 3 and join or renew today!**

## Douglas Park noticias abril 2013

### REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

**L**a reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 30 de abril a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 sur). ¡Atienda por favor!

## NEXT DPCA MEETING

Tuesday evening 30 April 2013 at 7.30p in the downstairs meeting room at Walter Reed Fire Station 9; corner of South Walter Reed Drive and 19th Street South. Our main topic will be an update on the Doctors Run Trail lighting project. For details, please see the Editor's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

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## Want to Throw a Block Party?

**HERE'S HOW**

by Rebecca Krafft

**B**lock parties are one of the coolest things that happen in Douglas Park. They are one of my favorite neighborhood activities, especially when I get invited.

How do you get permission to close your street and have a block party? To get some advice on the topic, I called the Douglas Park resident with the longest track record of running block parties, Bob Lee of 14th Street South.

## 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, 30 April 2013 at 7.30p in the downstairs meeting room at Fire Station No 9, 1900 South Walter Reed Drive at the corner of 19th Street South. Please see the full agenda in the 'Editor's Corner' column in this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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## Editor's Corner

compiled by Adam Henderson

## NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next civic association meeting will be Tuesday 30 April at 7.30pm in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- **Doctors Run Trail Pathlighting Update.** County Landscape Architect Shannon Early will update us on the project that will bring lighting to Doctors Run Trail, which runs from South Quincy Street at the foot of 12th Street South to South George Mason Drive, passing behind Randolph Elementary. This project received final funding approval in February 2011 through the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program. The project will improve trail safety during the winter months, including for schoolchildren who use the trail on the way to and from Barcroft Apartments.
- **Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update.** The Doctors Run Trail project is just one example of the kind of projects funded through the Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Program. A key part of being eligible to compete for these funds is having a current Conservation Plan. Our last Plan was published in 1998. We've made progress on the update, but we need to push through to complete the project. Are you a writer or just interested in the community? We'd appreciate your help! Please plan on attending!
- **Community Clean Up Day.** Got some ideas on things that need attention in the neighborhood? Let's share thoughts and see if we can find some projects that we can tackle on a weekend day later this spring or summer.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING,  
TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

- We agreed to contribute \$100 to the Phoenix Bikes March fundraising event.
- We agreed that the Association supports removing the recycling dumpsters from the area by Columbia Pike and the bike trail, provided we are assured removal would not interrupt recycling service for parts of the surrounding neighborhoods. (If all have curbside recycling or pickup at their buildings, this would not be a problem.) We are looking for folks interested in helping to plan a park or other pleasant usage for the area. Please contact John Snyder at [jvsnyder54@comcast.net](mailto:jvsnyder54@comcast.net) if you are interested.
- **Regarding the 12th Street South traffic issues.** We agreed that the best approach would be for neighbors on South 12th Street to develop a consensus approach on the measures they would like to pursue to slow down and limit traffic and provide for pedestrian and resident safety. The civic association will then support and collaborate with those neighbors to achieve those measures with County government.

- **We agreed that it would be wise to pursue 501(c)(4) registration as a not-for-profit entity to ensure that we are properly organized.** Since the civic association engages in advocacy, we would not be a charity.
- **Elections: Chris Worden was re-elected as vice president, Annette Pigott as secretary and Al Fox as treasurer.** Many thanks to each of them for stepping forward. No one was elected president, as no one agreed to be nominated—yet. Immediate past-president John Snyder will work to transition the office. If anyone is interested in running for president, please contact any DPCA officer.

**OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:  
ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER**

Crews have completed construction of the building enclosure and started work on the Community Center Plaza. The remaining street works and building interior finishes are well underway. Construction of the residential building is progressing on schedule, with the wood structure reaching the top floor, and exterior masonry work underway. The new Center is slated for completion this summer.

**COLUMBIA PIKE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS**

Construction continues for the Utility Undergrounding and Streetscape Improvements project along Columbia Pike between South Wakefield Street and South Four Mile Run Drive. County staff is working with contractors to improve the westbound roadway paving conditions. They will perform temporary patching of the roadway until it is ready for an asphalt overlay.

The realignment of South Four Mile Run minor to line up with South Buchanan Street is underway. When complete, it will allow the County’s contractor to perform final construction of the utility undergrounding duct system. This is a construction method designed to consolidate wiring into centralized underground paths. Dominion Virginia Power, Verizon and Comcast representatives will begin pulling lines and making the necessary connections to allow for the removal of the existing utility poles along this segment of the Pike.

The street improvement phase of this project, which includes installation of storm drains, wider sidewalks, street tree, and street lights, will run concurrently with the wiring connections. Construction for the street improvements will require lane closures with at least one westbound and one eastbound lane open at all times. Crews may perform some of this work during evening hours to minimize the impact to businesses and motorists. Residents can expect some construction noise associated with this work. Businesses located along Columbia Pike remain open during construction and owners greatly appreciate your support. Completion of this project is scheduled for fall 2013.

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**DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA**  
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MAIL YOUR CHECK, PAYABLE TO 'DPCA', ALONG WITH THIS FORM TO:  
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**Thank you!**



**DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA**  
**FY2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
1 MARCH 2012—28 FEBRUARY 2013

OPENING BALANCE	<b>\$14,236.62</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Membership Dues . . . . .	\$2,340.00
Contributions. . . . .	1,285.00
Newsletter Ads . . . . .	636.25
Newsletter Printing Underwriting . . . . .	1,900.00
Election Day Bake Sale . . . . .	1,859.51
Holiday Fund Drive . . . . .	3,135.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,155.76</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Newsletter Printing . . . . .	\$3,917.56
Membership Dues Drive Materials . . . . .	163.83
Fourth of July Community Parade and Picnic . . . . .	2,457.72
Holiday Fund Drive . . . . .	2,530.02
Election Day Bake Sale . . . . .	67.18
Dues. . . . .	110.00
Wakefield HS PTA-Senior Graduation . . . . .	175.00
Wakefield HS Scholarship. . . . .	175.00
Contributions. . . . .	150.00
Website Hosting Fees . . . . .	76.95
Bank Fees . . . . .	70.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$9,893.26</b>
ENDING BALANCE	<b>\$ \$15,499.12</b>

/s/ Al Fox  
 Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

## Editor's Corner, ctd.

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### STREETLIGHT UPGRADE

Construction of 290 LED energy-efficient streetlight units along the Pike is now complete. Crews programmed the lights along Columbia Pike between South Scott Street and South Glebe Road and replaced all faulty LED inserts, radio units, and circuit breakers. They are now programming lights on the western portion of the Pike. These lights offer a 30-year life expectancy, reduce light pollution, and dim automatically based on the time of day. The energy savings will pay for the cost of the lights and construction in an estimated five to ten years.

### BIKE BOULEVARDS

To provide safe and convenient bike routes along the Pike, Arlington County will create two bike boulevards parallel to Columbia Pike on low-volume and low-speed (25 MPH) streets. Work will begin with placing street markings and signs on 9th and 12th Streets South. Street marking placement will begin later this spring.

Sign and street marking placement is slated for completion this summer. Staff has started to design curbs, medians, ADA-compliant ramps and sidewalk re-alignments. Following this design phase, the project team will meet with the community to discuss these new features and the HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalk)-

related left turn restrictions. Staff is exploring options for testing the HAWK turn restrictions and researching any implications of leaving out the restrictions.

### COLUMBIA PLACE

While not within Douglas Park proper, work has recently begun on Columbia Place at 1107 South Edgewood Street, along Walter Reed Drive adjacent to the Rite-Aid. The project will consist of 14 two-bedroom, two-bath condominiums in a mid-rise building, and 8 single-family townhomes. The townhomes will be four stories, with two-car garages and rooftop terraces. The development also includes nearly 3,000 square feet of retail space. The project was approved by Arlington County in 2009.

### CAPITAL BIKESHARE

The first station in our neck of the woods opened at the end of March at the Walter Reed Community Center, 16th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. Look for additional stations this summer along South George Mason Drive, the W&OD Trail and in Shirlington.

### FT BARNARD COMMUNITY GARDEN RECEIVES GRANT

Fort Barnard Community Garden (FBCG) in Douglas Park, next to Fire Station 9, was one of 4 recipients of the Mrs Meyer's Clean Day 'Grow Inspired' Garden Grant Program. The \$4,000 grant will be used by FBCG to teach urban container-gardening techniques to individuals with little or no property to grow a garden. FBCG has provided hundreds of pounds of fresh produce through its 'Plant-



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a-Row' program to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). FBCG was in the forefront of providing fresh produce to AFAC and started a movement where many other Arlington organizations followed suit. It is the premier Arlington County community garden and the one that county officials hold as a model for visitors. Several Douglas Park residents garden at FBCG and their lucky neighbors are recipients of fresh, home-grown vegetables.



The Ft Barnard Community Gardens

We are fortunate to have this green oasis in our community.

There will be an open house on Saturday 20 July at FBCG so mark your calendars. More details and time to follow on

the Douglas Park listserv and website ([www.douglasparkca.org](http://www.douglasparkca.org)). Activities normally include a Master Gardener booth, garden demonstrations, vegetable grilling demonstrations and a bee demonstration. Refreshments will be provided.

### **FINALLY, A WELL-DESERVED SHOUT-OUT...**

...to John Snyder for leading the Douglas Park Civic Association for the past eight years. He has spearheaded many projects for our neighborhood, including street improvements, our annual Fourth of July celebration, keeping us abreast of Columbia Pike initiatives and developments and heading up numerous civic association

meetings while tackling myriad other items for us behind the scenes. He will be a hard act to follow. His contributions to our neighborhood will be felt for many years. Thank you John for the many, many hours you spent on our behalf. Douglas Park would not be where it is without your drive and dedication.

## Wakefield PTA News

*submitted by Katharine Voldal*

**T**he Wakefield PTA announces their 2d annual Flowering Plant Sale on Saturday 4 May, beginning at 9.30am. The sale will feature annuals, perennials, herbs and tomatoes, plus gorgeous flowering baskets! Order forms can be found on the Wakefield website at [www.apsva.us/wakefield/](http://www.apsva.us/wakefield/). Funds raised from the plant sale support the PTA's teacher grant fund.

Is your 8th grader bound for Wakefield next year? Join the Wakefield PTA-Booster listserv now to ensure you are connected to the primary communication tool to parents for emergency announcements, PTA news, booster news, sport schedules, college planning, volunteer requests and all other events at the school. Sign up now to ensure you are prepared for the new school year—and the move into our new building! To subscribe, send a request message with 'Subscribe' as the subject to [Wakefield\\_Booster\\_PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Wakefield_Booster_PTA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

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