



Neighbor News

The 31st Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

The parade kicks off at 10.00 am, Thursday, July 4 in Monroe Park (South Monroe and 14th Street South) and continues to Douglas Park at South Quincy and 16th Street South.

Picnic in Douglas Park until 2.00 pm

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El 31^o anual desfile y comida campestre de barrio de Douglas Park del Dia de Independencia

Desfile comienza a las 10.00 horas el 4 de julio del parque de Monroe (calles Monroe sur y 14^a sur) al parque de Douglas (calles Quincy sur y 16^a sur).

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NEXT DPCA MEETING

Tuesday evening 18 June 2013 at 7.30p in the downstairs meeting room at Arlington Fire Station No 9; corner of South Walter Reed Drive and 19th Street South. Our main topic will be an update on the 16th Street South 'Green Street' project as well wrapping up the final details on our 31st Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. For details, please see the Editor's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

Douglas Park noticias junio 2013

REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

La reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 18 de junio a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 sur). ¡Atienda por favor!

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DON'T FORGET!

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

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 June 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 18 June at 7.30pm in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- **16th Street South 'Green Street' Project Update.** As a part of Arlington County's Stormwater Management Plan, rain gardens will be installed in the near future on the north side of 16th Street South (3600 and 3700 blocks) and to the west side of South Nelson Street. County staff are currently investigating if alternatives, such as pervious pavement, could be incorporated into the design to lessen the parking impacts of this project. This project was identified as a high priority project in the Doctor's Branch Watershed Retrofit Plan because of the potential for rain gardens at this location to reduce stormwater volume, remove pollutants and protect local and regional water resources, as well as help the County meet applicable regulatory requirements. Christin Jolicoeur, Watershed Planner for the Arlington Department of Environmental Services will join us to discuss the plans.

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- **Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.** Most of the details are nailed down, but we'll spend a few minutes to review the plans to be sure that everything is ready to go. For an overview of the event, see John Snyder's article on page 7.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING, TUESDAY 30 APRIL

Approximately fifteen people attended the Civic Association meeting on Tuesday evening 30 April at Firehouse No 9. The agenda included:

- **Shannon Early, Landscape Architect for Arlington County's Department of Parks and Recreation reviewed the current status of the Doctors Run Park Trail lighting project.**

This project was approved by the County Board in February 2011 using funds from the Neighborhood Conservation Program. The project will install 6-8 LED lighting fixtures along the trail from the rear of Randolph Elementary School to South George Mason Drive, to enhance the safety of children walking between the school and Barcroft Apartments. In addition the project will:

- Realign parts of the trail, especially to reduce the grade descending to and from South George Mason Drive.
- Widen the existing trail, replacing the current asphalt surface with the County's softer bike path paving.
- Remove existing asphalt swales and install bioswales.
- Install concrete steps on the approach to Randolph Elementary School.
- Remove one tree.
- Install a wood pedestrian bridge along the branch of the trail connecting to South Randolph Street.

The anticipated timeline:

- Finalize plan and contracting draft (2 months)
- Review and approval by various County departments (2-3 months)
- Bid process (two months)
- Construction (two months)

Completion is currently scheduled for Spring 2014. No changes are contemplated to the trail between Randolph Elementary School and its eastern terminus at South Quincy Street and 12th Street South. The Civic Association members present at the meeting were in general support of the project with a few reservations:

- The 'lights out' time on the trail is currently set for 6.00p. A later time is requested due to after-school programs, including extended day-care which runs through 6.00p.
- No time was given as to 'lights on' in the morning.

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**LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING,
TUESDAY 30 APRIL (CTD)**

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- Concern was expressed that the project be reviewed by the Arlington Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) as the site was once a Civic War campground.
- A request was made to remove the curbing at the South Randolph Street junction of the trail to facilitate bike use. Staff advised that the request was outside the current project scope.

For further details, see the Civic Association website article at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/2013/05/08/recap-of-30-april-civic-association-meeting/>.

- **We discussed possible cleanup projects around the neighborhood.** Suggestions included:
 - Weed/replant islands along South Highland Street
 - Continued cleanup around neighborhood entrance signs
 - Investigate repainting the information kiosk in Douglas Park
 - Increase participation in Marty Neilsen's invasives removals in Douglas and Monroe Parks
 - Gauge the feasibility of a neighborhood cleanup day where residents could dispose of junk not normally

picked up by regular refuse collections

- **We discussed redoubling our efforts to update Douglas Park's Neighborhood Conservation Plan.** The current plan was approved in 1998. We have been working on the revision intermittently since the end of 2009. Two volunteers have stepped forward to update three sections of the document; we could still use assistance on other sections. To learn more or to volunteer, please contact any board member. An updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan is essential to participate in funding for various neighborhood projects such as the Doctors Run Trail Lighting project. Our goal is to complete our revisions by the end of the year and receive County Board approval early in 2014.
- **Douglas Park resident and Phoenix Bikes Executive Director Henry Dunbar presented a preliminary overview of new facilities for Phoenix Bikes.** Phoenix Bikes is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that teaches youth teamwork, hard work and entrepreneurship through bike maintenance and education programs. The bike shop is currently located in Barcroft Park. The new facilities are proposed for the northeast corner of South Walter Reed Drive and South Four Mile Run Drive, just across from our neighborhood in Nauck. Further details will be forthcoming as plans are developed.

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COLUMBIA PIKE UNDERGROUNDING AND STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Construction continues for the Utility Undergrounding and Street Improvement project, located between South Wakefield Street and South Four Mile Run Drive. On 13 May, crews completed temporary paving for the westbound lanes between South Taylor and South Buchanan Streets. This temporary portion of the roadway will remain until it is ready for an asphalt overlay.

The realignment of South Four Mile Run Minor is now underway. The County's contractor completed major construction of the utility undergrounding duct system. This is a construction method designed to consolidate wiring into centralized underground paths. Crews will complete the final segments during the South Four Mile Run Drive Minor realignment construction. Verizon representatives began pulling lines and making the necessary connections to allow for the removal of the existing utility poles along this segment of the Pike. Dominion Virginia Power and Comcast crews will begin pulling their lines once the final duct system is complete.

The street improvement phase of this project, which includes installation of storm drains, wider sidewalks, and adding street trees 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. The County appreciates your patience during this time! Businesses located along Columbia Pike remain open during construction and owners greatly appreciate the community's continuous support. Completion of this project is scheduled for fall 2013.

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. The County will begin placing street markings and signs on the 9th Street South and 12th Street South side of the bike boulevards once the signs are fabricated within the next six weeks. Recently, county staff began designing 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. County staff is exploring options for testing the HAWK turn restrictions and researching possible implications of leaving them out.

STREETLIGHT UPGRADE

Installation of 290 LED energy-efficient streetlight units along the Pike is 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 westward 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.

SUPER STOPS

The County Manager has temporarily placed Super Stop construction on hold in order to reassess the design and cost of the program. County staff would like to hear from you about your experiences with the Walter Reed stop. Please send all comments and suggestions about the existing stop to des@arlingtonva.us with 'super stop' in the subject line.

Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

by John Snyder

Patriots of all ages are invited to the Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic on Thursday July—you guessed it—4th.

The neighborhood gathers in Monroe Park at 10 am for judging of the best parade floats, costumes, decorated bikes, and the coveted prize of Mr and Ms Douglas Park. The parade itself starts at 10.30am from Monroe Park, proceeding along South Nelson Street to 18th Street South, then to South Quincy Street and into Douglas Park for the picnic. There will be live music, a moonbounce a water slide and sno-cones.

It is a pot-luck picnic, so bring your finest recipes to share. The civic association will provide water and hotdogs for free. At noon, there will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence.

If you would like to help, you can:

- Join the civic association and/or pay your dues—we need funds for entertainment and refreshments;



- Come to Douglas Park or Monroe Park at 8:30am the morning of, to help set up;
- Take a shift watching over the moonbounce—we promote a mayhem-free environment;
- Cook hotdogs—a hot, but rewarding task greatly appreciated by the neighbors;
- Help clean-up afterwards; or
- Contact John Snyder at jvsnyder54@comcast.net to volunteer. We have an intrepid crew who take on set-up, hot dog procurement, water and ice schlepping and other important tasks. Help and new talent are always welcomed.

Happy Birthday, USA! See you at the parade!



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Fort Barnard Community Garden Open House

by Annette Pigott

The Fort Barnard Community Garden (next to Fire Station No 9 on 19th Street South) will have its annual Open House on Saturday 20 July 2013 from 10 am to 1 pm.



The Ft Barnard Community Gardens

Activities are scheduled to include composting techniques, urban gardening demonstrations, beekeeping, a master gardener table, tours of the garden and a vegetable cooking demonstration. Light refreshments will be served. Please come and tour this garden gem in our neighborhood.

Arlington Public Schools On Social Media

by Rita Wiggins

Exciting news! Arlington Public Schools (APS) has joined the world of social media! At the beginning of this calendar year, APS opened accounts on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. APS uses these sites to post time-sensitive alerts and announcements, share information about upcoming schedules and events, celebrate our good news, encourage community engagement, and offer an avenue for feedback on APS activities and initiatives. You can access the APS Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ArlingtonPublicSchools, the APS Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/APSVirginia and APS YouTube postings at www.youtube.com/user/APSVAvideo. You can also link to these resources directly from the APS or Randolph Elementary School websites.

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