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2013 Holiday Fund Recap

by Rita Wiggins

Once again, I am pleased to report a very successful Douglas Park Civic Association Holiday Fund Drive. This program has been an integral part of DPCA annual activities for over 25 years. As in years past, this holiday season DPCA worked with the counselor and teachers at the school to identify families who are in financial need. Neighbors generously contributed their time and money to help these families. We were able to assist five families, with a total of six parents, and fourteen students and siblings, ages 6 months through 24 years old. Because of the generosity of DPCA members, the immediate burden on these families was significantly eased and the holiday season was made brighter.

All families received many gifts, including necessities and special treats. The children were given clothes, underwear, pajamas, socks, coats, and shoes. In addition, there were books, toys, games and other wish-list items. Parents accepted coats and household goods such as blankets, blenders, toasters and grocery store gift cards. The families were very grateful for the gifts and sent thank you cards to express their appreciation. The sentiments included blessings for happiness and health for all in 2014.

We collected \$2,865 in donations, and spent \$3,067. Although our collections were a little short, we were able to cover the difference with funds that came in after last years' gifts were purchased. Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed money; to Randolph counselor Jennifer Baitinger, Bilingual Resource Assistant Jackie Garcia, and other Randolph staff members who identified the families, collected wish-lists, and ascertained sizes to assist the shoppers; to Emily King, Irene Wittig, Anna Arrowsmith, Susan Rochard, Marisa Solis, Geeti Bawa, Mina Stanard, and their families who shopped for and wrapped presents; to all those who helped with preparation of fliers and envelopes; to the dedicated newsletter deliverers; and a final, special appreciation to DPCA president Adam Henderson, and treasurer Al Fox who are an essential part of every success that DPCA realizes. I am very proud to be a part of such a generous and caring community!

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ANNUAL AUCTION IS UNDERWAY

by Allegra Jabo

Over the years, the Randolph PTA has been working to maximize fundraising while minimizing the efforts of our hardworking parent volunteers. Moving the auction to be an online event is a perfect example of this. Our auction is available for bidding online from beginning to end, making it possible for anyone in our community and beyond to participate, while eliminating the work of a live event. All items are priced with low start bids and below value 'Buy Now' prices!

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NEXT DPCA MEETING

The next meeting of the Douglas Park Civic Association will be Tuesday evening, 25 February 2014, at 7:30p in the downstairs meeting room of Arlington Fire Station No 9; corner of South Walter Reed Drive and 19th Street South.

We will hear a presentation by civic activist Monique O'Grady on the ongoing Arlington schools capital improvement planning process. **This meeting will also include our annual election of officers.** For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

Douglas Park noticias febrero 2014

LAS DONACIONES PARA LA NAVIDAD AYUDARON A CINCO FAMILIAS

Gracias a todos de Douglas Park por juntar acerca de \$3,000 para ayudar a cinco familias con necesidades en el vecindario para la Navidad.

ELECCIONES PARA FUNCIONARIOS PARA LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

Vamos a tener elecciones para la asociación cívica para funcionarios nuevos el 25 de febrero a las 19.30 en las estación de bomberos numero 9 (Walter Reed y calle 19 sur). Se puede nominar a cualquier persona para los posiciones. Contactase con Adam Henderson (president@douglasparkca.org) para hacer una nominación para uno de los puestos.

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MEETING CALENDAR

The Association conducts general membership meetings 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, 25 February 2014 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 'President's Corner' column in this issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*. All are welcome.

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President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next Civic Association meeting will be held Tuesday 25 February at 7.30pm in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- **Elections.** This meeting will include our annual election of civic association officers. All current officers (Adam Henderson, President; Chris Worden, Vice-President; Al Fox, Treasurer and Annette Pigott, Treasurer) are running for re-election. However, new nominations are open for all these offices as well. If you would like information about the role of civic association officers, please contact Adam Henderson at president@douglasparkca.org.
- **Arlington Schools 2015-24 Capacity Development Plan/Capital Improvement Plan.** The Arlington School Board is currently in the planning process for capacity and capital for the ten year cycle beginning in 2015. There have been many discussions in the community regarding the need for elementary school space in South Arlington and whether the updated plan will address this need. Civic activist Monique O'Grady will give an overview presentation on the topic and conduct a short question and answer session.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING,
THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER

Approximately ten people attended the Civic Association meeting on Thursday evening 12 December in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School. We heard a presentation from John Vihstadt, chair of the Arlington Urban Agriculture Task Force (and now a candidate for the County Board seat replacing Chris Zimmerman). Mr Vihstadt brought us up to date on the findings of the task force and their recommendations to update County agricultural regulations to the County Board, including those regarding the controversial issue of regarding 'backyard' hen-keeping.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER

Now that construction of Arlington Mill Community Center has been completed, construction continues on the adjacent residences. This phase of construction is scheduled for completion in late winter or early spring.

WASHINGTON BOULEVARD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

As of 30 January, traffic heading to I-395 from eastbound Columbia Pike was moved to a new pattern:

- Traffic going to I-395 North turns left at the signal on South Quinn Street. At the top of the ramp, traffic then bears right and merges onto Washington Boulevard.
- Traffic going to I-395 South uses the right lane and goes through the light at South Quinn Street and uses the ramp on the right.

This traffic pattern will be in place for about 8-12 months. The completion of the Washington Boulevard Bridge Replacement project is still on schedule for summer 2015.

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MARCH 2014 — FEBRUARY 2015

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Deer!**SIGHTINGS BECOMING MORE FREQUENT AROUND DOUGLAS PARK**

by Rebecca Krafft with reporting by Marianne G Petrino-Schaad, Andrew M Johnson, Joni Gallegos, Allegra Jabo, Elaine Eby, Linda Dye and Joe Ronsisvalle

There are two kinds of people in Douglas Park—those that have seen deer and those that haven't. I am among the latter group. I have never laid eyes on a Douglas Park deer, though I've heard amazing stories. Maybe I wake up late or something.

I asked my luckier neighbors to share information about their sightings. Andy Johnson of Monroe Street had one of the early sightings—*A Doe on Monroe*:

"I made an early morning departure on travel on 10 June 2010. To my surprise, there was 'a doe on Monroe.' She fled down 13th Street and was of good size. First sighting I have ever made in Arlington."

That same month, Joni Gallegos mentioned seeing one in Douglas Park around 8:30 in the morning while her daughter was swinging in the park.

This fall, Elaine Eby saw her first Douglas Park deer:

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Deer!

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"I saw a deer in the early morning, sometime in October 2013. It was about 5:30 am and the dogs had started barking. I looked outside to see a big doe munching on grass across the street in my neighbor's front yard. I watched for several minutes and then noticed a neighbor walking down the street towards Randolph School. She started screaming—sort of—and the deer raised her head, trotted across the next door neighbor's garden and casually started walking down the middle of 13th towards Randolph School. She crossed South Quincy and headed into the woods. Amazing!!"

And there were four more sightings in January and February:

Allegra Jabo was driving her girls to school in the pouring rain. Coming down Monroe Street they saw four deer (one buck, or possibly two) run across the intersection with 14th Street, then head down 14th toward Glebe. Allegra reports, "It was certainly the first time I saw a herd of deer in DP! I had my fingers crossed they wouldn't go into Glebe traffic."

Joe Ronsisvalle mentioned watching two bucks and a doe hanging out in the woods behind Douglas Park in early February.

Linda Dye saw her first neighborhood deer in February, near Monroe Park.

"For the first time ever—I moved here in 1979—on Monday February 3, 2014, at 11:00 am, during the rainstorm, I looked out my kitchen window and saw a full-size 3-point buck and a doe grazing on the grass in the rear of my backyard. When I stepped outside and clapped my gloved hands multiple times, they looked at me, then resumed grazing. After a minute or so, they casually walked over to the chain link fence, easily leaped over it into my neighbor's backyard, and resumed grazing on the grass."

That's quite a lot of activity. And finally, Marianne Petrino-Schaad reports seeing three deer in Douglas Park. And, she has the pictures to prove it. They visited her on New Year's Eve.

"My threesome (a doe plus two yearlings) visited between mid-morning and midafternoon in my backyard on 16th Street backing up to Douglas Park. They came through twice. First time, they were roaming around the backyard. Later, they sunned themselves out back :) They cut back to Douglas Park when they left through a gap in the chicken wire fence out back."

Marianne got some sweet pictures of the deer (see p 5), plus her cat Bella's reaction to their wild visitors.

Colorful stories all. But as with all wildlife encounters, a note of caution is in order. Be VERY CAREFUL driving. Most of the deer sightings have been in relation to the parks—coming, going, and browsing in between Douglas Park, Monroe Park, and Doctor's Run Park. But they have also popped up many blocks away. Be alert!

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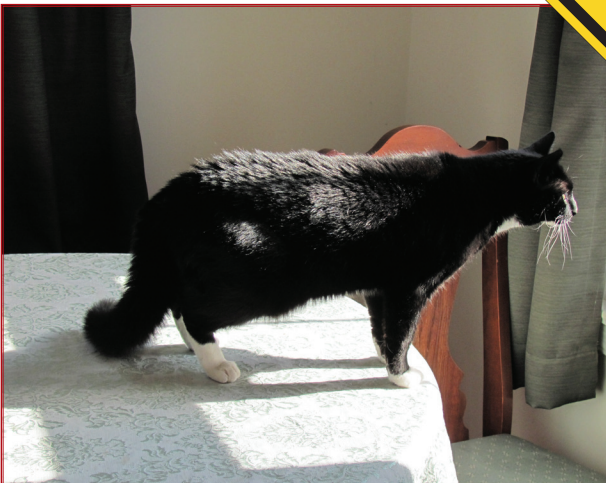
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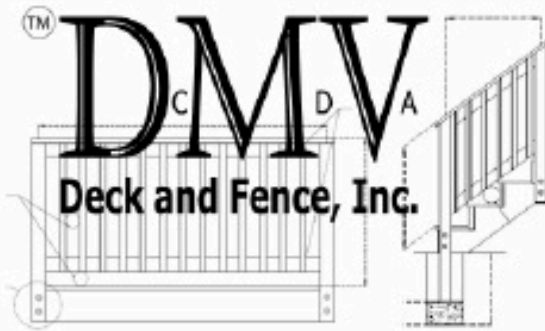
Main level: living room, country kitchen, full bath, two bedrooms

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Randolph PTA: Working Smart to Raise Money

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by Allegra Jabo

This allows all of our bidders to get a bargain while raising money so the PTA can continue to fund programs like Reading is Fundamental, classes for parents to help their students succeed, field trips, big projects (our PTA was a big contributor to our new track), and to send every student to the Kennedy Center annually.

Each year we have tried to improve our auction site, striving to make bidding easier and more convenient. This year we are trying a new auction site, Charity Auction Organizer, which provides us with some great new features: automatic "outbid" email notifications, the option to set up "proxy bidding" which will allow you to set your maximum bid and the site will bid for you, and access to your account summary at any time so you can keep track of your bidding.

Our PTA has also been working to increase our donations and to find new and interesting places that might appeal to our bidders in the community. We've been working together with other local PTAs, sharing information on donors and giving each other tips for improving our auctions. In addition to many long standing donors who have been so generous over the years, including Iverson Orthodontics, Kettler IcePlex, Perfect Pointe, Luna Flooring, Arlington Animal Hospital, ZPizza and others, we have several new and exciting donors this year. Look for donations from

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