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GLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION Neighbor News SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

Announcing Douglas Park Night at Twisted Vines Monday 13 October 2014

To learn more about Twisted Vines, visit their website at *www. twisted-vines.com*, or pop in at 2803 Columbia Pike, next to Papillon Cycles. To join your neighbors for this unique get-together, please RSVP to Rebecca Krafft at *rebecca_krafft@hotmail.com*.

By Rebecca Krafft

Oⁿ **October 13, there will be** a neighborhood gathering to allow you to socialize with your neighbors and enjoy the hospitality of a unique Columbia Pike small business. I hope you'll consider participating.

Twisted Vines Bottleshop and Bistro is hosting a wine pairing dinner especially for Douglas Park residents. Twisted Vines owners Josh and Sybil Robinson, have reserved Monday 13 October for this event for our neighborhood. The dinner is at 7 pm, and up to forty guests can be accommodated. Please RSVP early

TWISTED VINES IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

Twisted Vines Bottleshop & Bistro is a welcoming space in the Columbia Pike neighborhood for people to come with their family and friends and sample great wines paired with good, simple food. The owners, Sybil & Josh Robinson, are Columbia Pike residents who have a passion for great wine paired with delicious food and want to share that passion with their community in a comfortable atmosphere.

Twisted Vines carries at least 20 wines by the glass and over 200 bottles from small producers around the world. We will strive to be an affordable, casually elegant place to sample wines you normally wouldn't find at your local supermarket, provide flights of wine so you can explore different regions and varietals, and increase your wine drinking experience by offering small plate entrees and desserts that pair nicely with your wine selection.



At the bottleshop, all of our wine is sold at retail price, so if

you find something you like, you can purchase it to go. And in the event that you can't finish a bottle (it does happen sometimes), we'll stick a cork in it so that you can take it home.

to ensure your space at this neighbors-only event. The evening will feature a five-course tasting menu, with each course accompanied by a select wine pairing (1/2 glass with each course). The cost will be \$34.99 per person (plus tax and tip).

More information on the precise menu will be made available on the Douglas Park listserv as details are made final.

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NEXT DPCA MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30p IN THE RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE ADDITION TO RANDOLPH SCHOOL.

Please see the President's Corner on p 2 for full details on this meeting as well as two important upcoming joint events with neighboring associations. All are welcome to attend.

Alark Your Calendars! The Trail of Terror Returns!

All are invited to enter the Douglas Park Hallowe'en Trail of Terror, home of the undead and other unfortunate souls. To enter, bring canned goods and nonperishables to donate to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. A less frightening 'Children's Area' will be available to younger goblins who aren't yet ready to meet their doom.

WHEN: Saturday 25 October from 7–8.30 pm WHERE: In Douglas Park, at the corner of 16th Street South and South Quincy Street. The entrance to the trail is near 1620 South Quincy Street.



DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA 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

No meeting in September. Special meeting Thursday 23 October 2014 at 7.30p in the cafeteria of Randolph Elementary School. We also have two upcoming joint events with other South Arlington Civic Associations. 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

Special Meeting Thu 23 Oct at 7.30P to Discuss the Possible Addition to Randolph Elementary School

Two joint events with other South Arlington Associations also upcoming

by Adam Henderson

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is currently reviewing locations for additional elementary school seats in South Arlington. A working group commissioned by the County Board is currently gathering input towards a recommendation on whether to construct a new elementary school at the Thomas Jefferson Middle School (TJMS) site. The School Board has recently identified Barcroft and Randolph Elementary schools as preferred expansion candidates should the school at TJMS fail to be approved. John Chadwick, APS Assistant Superintendent for Facilities and Operations will join us to discuss the possible expansion plans at a special meeting of the Civic Association to be held Thursday evening 23 October at 7.30p in the Randolph Elementary School cafeteria.

UPCOMING JOINT EVENTS WITH OTHER SOUTH ARLINGTON CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

DPCA will be participating in two joint events with other South Arlington Civic Associations over the next few weeks. We invite residents of Douglas Park to attend these two important events:

- County Board candidates' forum sponsored by the Barcroft School and Civic League and the Douglas Park and Columbia Heights West Civic Associations. Thursday 2 October from 7.30–9p at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th Street South in Multi-purpose rooms B and C. Incumbent Independent John Vihstadt and Democratic challenger Alan Howze will address issues of importance to South Arlington.
- A joint meeting between the Barcroft School and Civic League and Douglas Park Civic Association to discuss a proposed Form-Based Code development at the NE corner



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of South Buchanan Street and Columbia Pike. Thursday 6 November from 7.30-9p at Barcroft Community House, 800 South Buchanan Street. The preliminary proposal is for a four-storey multi-purpose building with 8000 sq ft of ground floor retail and 78 residential units. The project will have below-grade parking.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MAIL SERVICE IN DOUGLAS PARK

Our next regular Civic Association meeting will be the week of 17 November 2014. We are currently working with USPS to arrange an appearance by Postal Service officials to address the ongoing concerns with the mail service in Douglas Park. Final details, including meeting date and location, will be announced on the Douglas Park listserv and in the November Neighbor News.

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

 Bike Boulevards. Arlington County's effort to create 'Bike Boulevards' paralleling Columbia Pike by installing improvements along 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th Streets South continues. Recently, work was completed on a narrowed crossing of South Quincy Street at 12th Street South. A new HAWK signal will also be placed at South George Mason Drive and 13th Street South.

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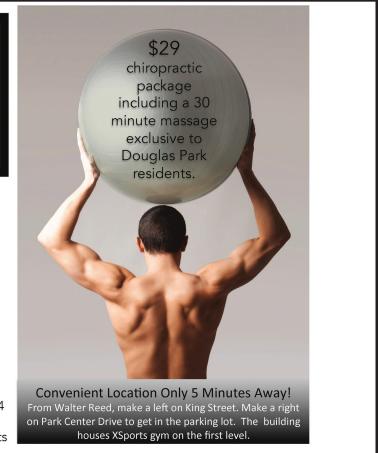
by Adam Henderson

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NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES (CTD)

The Douglas Park Civic Association's objections to the portion of the Bike Boulevard between South Glebe Road and South Walter Reed Drive due to ongoing pedestrian, cyclist and motorist safety issues in the corridor have been recognized and included in the recently adopted ten-year Capital Improvement Plan. We will be meeting with County Board members and County staff in early October to discuss the next steps in solving this issue.

- Traffic Changes near Randolph Elementary School. The changes in traffic flow near Randolph Elementary School that were discussed at our June meeting are on hold pending completion of the water line work along South Quincy Street. Look for these changes later this autumn:
 - Two to three additional student loading and unloading spaces along South Quincy Street.
 - Updated school warning signage and 'End School Zone' signs along South Quincy Street.
 - School crosswalk signage at 13th Street South and 14th Street South.



- 'No U-Turn' signage at South Quincy Street and 14th Street South.
- Turn restrictions during arrival (8–8.30a) and dismissal (3–3.30p) at the intersection of South Quincy Street and 14th Street South.

Doctors Run Trail Upgrade and Pathlighting

Work is underway on this project to replace the section of Doctors Run Trail from Randolph Elementary to South George Mason Drive. New LED pathlighting will also be installed. Arlington Public Works now states that they expect work to be 'substantially complete' by the end of October. An overview of the project is on the Civic Association website at *http://bit.ly/QkS2Rh*.

1700 South Quincy Street

The property at 1700 South Quincy Street was purchased by the County earlier this summer. Since that time, the buildings on the site have been demolished and the lot converted to open space as a future addition to Douglas Park.

Support Randolph PTA

by Bethany Zecher Sutton

The Randolph PTA supports programs and events at our neighborhood school, Randolph Elementary. We organize events, buy books, pay for field trips, host graduation, help the

teachers with classroom expenses, etc. We meet monthly with the principal and other school leaders and parents to discuss school needs and plan events. Last school year, we funded a program to send books home with every student for summer reading.

We welcome the support of our Douglas Park community! There are several ways you can help us out:

- **Do you shop at Harris Teeter?** Link your VIC[®] card to the Together in Education program by going to *http:///www.harristeeter.com* and entering your information. Randolph Elementary's school code is 6929. A percentage of what you spend will be donated to Randolph.
- **Do you have a Target card?** When you use your Target VISA, Credit Card, or 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.
- **Do you shop at Giant?** Sign up for the Giant A+ Bonus Bucks program! Go to *http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/* and enter the requested information. Randolph's school code is o2846.
- Box Tops for Education coupons are on hundreds of products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10 cents for our school. More information is available at *http://www.boxtops4education.com*. There is a collection box at Randolph or contact any PTA board member to arrange pick-up of your Box Tops.
- Finally, the Randolph PTA also accepts direct donations, if you are able to make a gift to support our programs. Please send your check, made out to 'Randolph Elementary PTA,' to

Jennifer Allwine c/o Randolph Elementary School 1306 South Quincy Street Arlington, VA 22204

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Henry Highlights News FROM PATRICK HENRY ELEMENTARY

by Mariam Kherbouch

School is back in session! We are excited to welcome 519 students at Patrick Henry this fall. We ended last year with 462 students, so this is a significant increase for us. There are many new faces among the staff as well as we've opened up new classes to accommodate the increased enrollment. All of the staff are prepared and excited to begin a new year.

Over the summer, the PTA worked hard to revamp and revitalize our outdoor learning space. We've added tables so that teachers can hold class outside and so that we can continue to have children learn about the environment through our Exemplary Project—the Outdoor Habitat. The Habitat itself also received a facelift and the kids are so excited to be able to use this amazing space! We are always looking for volunteers to help us maintain our outdoor learning space. If you have some time and can help, please contact Susan Spranger at *susan.spranger@apsva.us*.

We are excited to launch a new program this year, *Henry Community Giving*. This program is geared towards directly helping families in our community, and also coordinating a community of giving within Patrick Henry. The fund will be administered through Henry's social worker, Elizabeth Auten (*elizabeth.auten@apsva.us*)



and counselor (*erin.upton@apsva.us*) and is geared to providing emergency support for families in need of things like reading glasses, coats, backpacks and other necessary items. The PTA has provided some seed funding and welcomes donations from our community to supplement these funds. Donations can be sent to the Patrick Henry PTA through the school main office.

Over the next few months, look for your Henry neighbors to be talking about our 2d Annual Read-a-thon. Our fall fundraiser is geared towards encouraging kids to read, read, read! Kids are asked to set a reading goal over the 15-day reading period and record minutes devoted to reading every night. All kids are encouraged to record minutes and turn in their forms; prizes are based on participation as well as fundraising.

Look for your favorite superhero, ghost or goblin during our annual Hallowe'en walk. This is one of the most fun community events. All of our kids are invited to walk as we make our way through the Penrose neighborhood with the band from Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The walk hopes to raise awareness and funds for the Doorways program. Many of kids dress up and it's a lot of fun to wave to neighbors as we pass by.

Be our friend! Keep up with all of the goings on at Patrick Henry by visiting our website at *http://patrickhenrypta.org*, subscribing to our listserv at *PatrickHenryFriends@yahoogroups.com*, and liking us on Facebook, search for *Patrick Henry Elementary Friends and Families*.

The 2014 Election Day Bake Sale Annual Event at Randolph School on Tuesday 4 November

by Enid Dunbar

This year's Election Day Bake Sale will once again be held at the Randolph Elementary School polling site. As always, the money raised from the sale will go to help fund our annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Since this is our primary fund-raising mechanism aside from neighborhood association dues, we ask for your involvement and support in one or more of the following ways:

Baking

Baked items that typically sell well include cakes (whole or quarters), pies, sweet and quick breads (regular and mini-loaves), savory breads, cookies or brownies (with or without nuts clearly labeled), fruit bars, fudge, scones, biscotti and so forth. Cupcakes, though trendy, are sometimes more difficult to wrap and handle; however, if you can find a way to make them manageable, we will welcome those also. If you are able to wrap your items in clear plastic, or bag them individually (large brownies) or as small groups (several cookies) in baggies, it is very helpful though not required.

The drop-off point for baked goods will be the enclosed front porch at 1701 South Nelson Street, where volunteers will be wrapping and pricing items on the evening before the sale. Collection of items begins at 5p and continues until 9p that evening, Monday 3 November. You may also bring items directly to the bake sale table on the morning of Election Day.

Volunteering Your Time

We will be seeking people to work two-hour shifts at the bake sale table throughout the day on Tuesday 4 November. The bake sale table will be open 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.

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.

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. For more information, please feel free to email or call me at *dpdunbars@comcast.net* or 703.271.5335.

Randolph News

by Rita Wiggins

Randolph Summer Reading Initiative

The Randolph summer reading initiative, Reading with the Stars, was a great success. Each child in grades 2 through 5 received 5–7 books that they took home to enjoy over vacation break. Summer activities associated with reading included a kids blog, postcards and journals, the on-line We Give Books reading library and a partnership with Columbia Pike Public Library. Upon returning to school the children handed in their journals and received a prize for completing the work. On Wednesday 8 October, a Battle of the Books will be held among rising 4. and 5. graders who will work in teams to respond to discussion questions based on their take home books. Let's not forget about our younger students. Children in grades K and I participated in a summer mailbox program. A total of nine books were mailed to them at their homes throughout the summer. They also received grade-appropriate journal activities to complete on their own or with the help of a parent or sibling. Keep your eyes open in the neighborhood for lawn signs at the homes of students who participated in the program. This effort was jointly funded by the Title I office and the Randolph PTA, and

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Upcoming Activities at Randolph

Wed 8 Oct—Battle of the Books

Thu/Fri 9/10 Oct—Parent Teacher Conferences; No School for Students

Mon 13 Oct—Teacher Work Day;No School for Students

Fri 24 Oct—Young Authors Conference

Thu 30 Oct, 6-8p— Halloween Sock Hop

Fri 31 Oct, 1.45p—Walk for the Homeless Parade

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You can now follow Randolph on Twitter. We are *@RandolphStars*. Find out some of the great things going on in your neighborhood elementary school. You can also follow APS at *@APSVirginia*.

Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers for our buddy programs: Book Buddies, Breakfast Buddies, Lunch Buddies and Study Buddies. Mentoring activities take place before, during and after school. You can find out more on our web site at *http://www.apsva.us/domain/1313* or by contacting Rita Wiggins, Community Services and Outreach Coordinator, at 703.228.2321, or *rita.wiggins@ apsva.us.*

Back Again! The Douglas Park Hallowe'en Trail of Terror

Third Event is Saturday 25 October 25 from 7–8:30P

Mark your calendars! Douglas Park's wildly popular Hallowe'en Trail of Terror is back for Year Three on Saturday 25 October 25 from 7–8:30p.

Volunteers are always appreciated. We could especially use help with the following:

- A youth group (scouts? sports team?) of 6–10 kids to run the face and pumpkin painting for small children
- A few more volunteers to be actors (think vampires, witches, trolls) along the Haunted Trail
- Assistance with set up and clean up
- Volunteers to help collect food donations

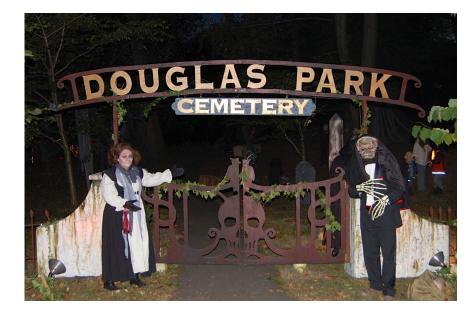
We also need help early in October with publicity. Let me know if you can post flyers at schools, churches, coffee shops, etc. And we need people to Tweet about the Haunted Trail, like it on Facebook, and make some spooky noise about it.

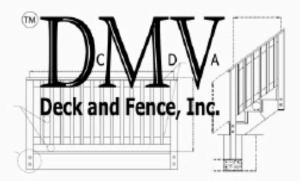
A planning meeting will be scheduled for the end of September and announced via the Douglas Park listserv.

Please contact Andrea Leeson at *erstuff@gmail.com* if you're able to volunteer. And like us on Facebook at *http://www.facebook.com/DPTrailOfTerror*. Thanks!



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