### DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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# 2014 Holiday Fund Drive Kicks Off

By Rita Wiggins

**A** e are about to enter the holiday season - a time **V** to remember those in our community who are less fortunate than us! DPCA has a long and admirable track record of reaching out to those in need through our Holiday Fund Drive. Working with teachers and counselors at Randolph Elementary School, each year we identify several families whom our civic association 'adopts'. Neighbors provide monetary donations while volunteers purchase and wrap necessities and special gifts for the children and parents of our chosen families. There are two ways that you can participate in this worthwhile effort. First, using the enclosed envelope, you can send a donation to the fund. Checks should be made out to Douglas Park Civic Association with 'Holiday Fund Drive' in the note. Second, you can help in a more active way, by either shopping or providing gift-wrapping services. Please contact Rita Wiggins at 703.228.2321 or rita.wiggins@apsva. us with questions or to volunteer. Thanks!

WISHING A HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL DOUGLAS PARK RESIDENTS!

# Breaking at Press Time: 2014 Election Day Bake Sale nets \$1,265.13.

Thank you to all the neighborhood bakers, baked goods buyers and organizer Enid Dunbar!

### **NEXT DPCA MEETING**

TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.30p IN THE SENIOR ROOM (ROOM 205) OF THE ARLINGTON MILL COMMUNITY CENTER, 909 S DINWIDDIE ST AT COLUMBIA PIKE.

Topics will include mail service in Douglas Park and an update on possible new elementary school space in South Arlington. Please see the President's Corner on p 2 for full details. All are welcome to attend.

### **HOLIDAY FUND DRIVE 2014**

Your generosity helps to make Christmas bright for neighborhood families in need. Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your donation payable to 'DPCA' today.

**THANK YOU!** 



Treasurer, DPCA, 1609 South Quincy St, Arlington VA 22204-5051

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# Douglas Park noticias noviembre 2014

### REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

a reunión de la asociación cívica sera el era el 18 de noviembre a las 19.30 a Centro de Comunidada 'Arlington Mill', 909 Calle Dinwiddie Sur, sala 205 (Sala de Personas Mayores). Vamos a hablar de los problemas de correos en Douglas Park y la nueva escuela primaria en Arlington sur. ¡Atienda por favor!

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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 18 November 2014 at 7.30p in the Senior Room (Room 205) of the Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S Dinwiddie St at Columbia Pike. Among the topics at this meeting will be an appearance by USPS officials to hear concerns with mail delivery in Douglas Park. 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 REGULAR MEETING Tue 18 Nov at 7.30p MAINTOPIC: MAIL SERVICE IN DOUGLAS PARK

Our next regular Civic Association meeting will be Tuesday 18 November 2014 at 7.30p in the Senior Room of the Arlington Mill Community Center at 909 S Dinwiddie St at Columbia Pike. Our main topic will be an appearance by US Postal Service officials to address the ongoing concerns with the mail service in Douglas Park.

We also will hear updates from our Thomas Jefferson Working Group representatives on the progress of evaluating the Thomas Jefferson Middle School site for a possible new South Arlington elementary school.

### NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES (CTD)

### **Doctors Run Trail Upgrade and Pathlighting**

Work slowly continues 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 2014. An overview of the project is on the Civic Association website at http://bit.ly/QkS2Rh.

# **MY BUYER**

is looking for a house in the Glebe Road/Columbia Pike area

# PLEASE CALL ME



Carole Skole (703) 585-8034

'The Balloon Lady'

### New Restaurant at Blanca's?

The old Blanca's restaurant at the SW corner of the Pike and S Walter Reed Dr (adjoining the Halstead) may finally see a new life. The owners of the property have recently applied for a use permit to allow a small outdoor seating area adjacent to the property along S Walter Reed Dr. In conversations with the owners' attorneys, there has been some interest in locating a new restaurant in the building and prospective tenants have inquired about outdoor seating like many of the new dining establishments along the pike. The use permit is scheduled for a December review by the County Board. An overview of the project is on the Civic Association website at <a href="http://www.douglasparkca.org/?p=265">http://www.douglasparkca.org/?p=265</a>.

### New Condos and Retail at 4707 Columbia Pike

On Thursday 6 November, Douglas Park Civic Association held a joint meeting with the Barcroft School and Civic League to review plans for a new Form-Based Code development proposed for the NE corner of Columbia Pike and South Buchanan Street at 4707 Columbia Pike. This is the current site of El Tutumaso and previously the site of Sâuçá, Bob and Edith's II and Roy Rogers.

The plan includes a four-storey building with 78 market-rate condos, 8,000 sq ft of ground-floor retail space and an underground car park with 87 spaces. Construction is tentatively planned to begin in the third quarter of 2015 with occupancy in 2017. An overview of the project is on the Civic Association website at <a href="http://www.douglasparkca.org/?p=268">http://www.douglasparkca.org/?p=268</a>.

# Randolph Highlights

**NEWS FROM RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY** 

by Rita Wiggins

The Bedford Falls Book Fair is coming to Randolph Elementary and everyone is invited. Note that we are having a special event on Wednesday evening 3 December from 6.30–8.00p; so put on your robe and slippers, grab your favorite cuddly, and come on in for Bedtime Stories Night. The event is open to the community and the book fair will be open for sales at that time. Book fair hours follow:

### **Book Fair Hours**

Monday I December: II.00a-4.00p
 Tuesday 2 December: 8.00a-4.00p
 Wednesday 3 December: 8.00a-3.30p
 and 6.30-8.00p (Bedtime Story Night)
 Thursday 4 December: 8.00a-4.00p
 Friday 5 December: 800a-Noon

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March 2014 — February 2015
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Mail your check, payable to 'DPCA', along with this form to:
Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association 1609 South Quincy Street Arlington, VA 22204-5051
Thank you!
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## In Memorium

# LONGTIME POLLARD ST RESIDENT BRUCE RAHMLOW PASSED ON 19 OCTOBER, AGED 77

Neighbors will remember his years of riding his bicycle around the neighborhood and driving his hot-red classic car in the annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade. His smile will be missed by everyone who knew him. Godspeed!



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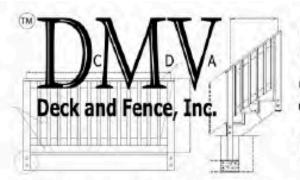
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# Exactly as Promised, the 2014 Edition of the Douglas Park Haunted Trail Terrorizes

A GHOULISHLY GOOD TIME ON SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

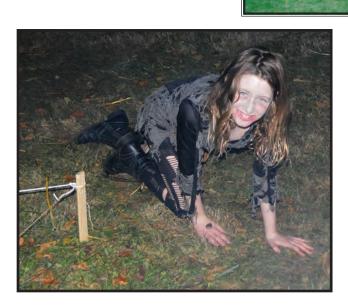
by Rebecca Krafft

ozens of Douglas Park neighbors and friends teamed up to stage the Third Annual Halloween Trail of Terror on Saturday evening 25 October. This event benefits the Arlington Food Assistance Center and draws on Douglas Park's generosity, creativity, and spooky dark side. We donated 746 pounds of food this year. This is slightly less than last year's record of 800-plus pounds. But it's still several pounds of food per visitor. That's pretty generous.

Many thanks to this year's coordinator, Andrea Leeson in organizing the event.



See the color versions on the Civic Association website. Go to http:///www. douglasparkca.org, click on 'Newsletters', then 'November 2014'.





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