DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION



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SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2015

The 33^d Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic



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

Picnic in Douglas Park until 2.00p

Prizes for best parade floats, decorated bikes and costumes!

Free Moonbounce, Superslide and Sno-Cones at Douglas Park!

Music by Douglas Park Musicians!

Please bring a food dish to share.

Hot dogs and water will be provided free.

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

Comida campestre (Picnic) en el parque de Douglas hasta las 14.00h.

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¡Música por los músicos de barrio de Douglas Park!

Por favor trae un plato para compartir.

Perros calientes y agua estarán gratis.

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!

NEXT DPCA MEETING

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015 at 7.00p AT ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH, 714 SOUTH MONROE STREET.

This is a joint meeting with the Alcova Heights Civic Association to discuss the redevelopment of the Arlington Presbyterian Church site. For details, please see the President's Corner on p 2. All are welcome to attend.

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REUNIÓN DE LA ASOCIACIÓN CÍVICA

L a reunión de la asociación cívica sera el 16 de junio a las 19.00 en Iglesia Bautista Arlington, 714 Calle Monroe Sur. ¡Atienda por favor!.

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

Tuesday evening, 16 June 2015 at 7.00p at Arlington Baptist Church, 714 S Monroe St. 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

•he next Civic Association meeting will be held Tuesday 16 June at 7.00pm at the Arlington Baptist Church, 714 S Monroe Street. This is a joint meeting with the Alcova Heights Civic Association. A potluck will precede the meeting at 6.30pm; those who wish to participate should bring dishes as follows: families with last names beginning with A-K bring a main dish, L-R bring a side, and S-Z bring a dessert.

The meeting will be devoted to Arlington Presbyterian Church's plans to redevelop their property along Columbia Pike. Initial plans for the site are available at

http://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/arlington-presbyterianchurch/.

LAST CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING, TUESDAY 28 APRIL

Association meeting on Tuesday evening 28 April at Firehouse 9. The agenda included:

• Mail Delivery. We discussed the improvements made and problems still remaining in USPS delivery service in Douglas Park. Among the attendees were Arlington Postmaster Walter Daniels and departing South Station Manager Marcus Clinkscale. Until a new manager is assigned to South Station, delivery issues should be reported directly to Mr Daniels at walter.m.daniels@ usps.gov or 703.933.0075. We will again invite Postal officials to return at a later date for more discussion and feedback.

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• Neighborhood Conservation. We discussed and voted on our next project to submit to the Neighborhood Conservation queue. The assembled membership voted for the next project to be curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements along 18th St S from S Quincy to S Nelson St.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATES:

Bike and Multiuse Trail Improvements Between W&OD and Four Mile Run Trails.

County staff has recently presented an updated set of plans for improving the trail connections between the W&OD and Four Mile Run Trails along S Walter Reed Drive. The plan includes grade-separated 10-ft wide trails along either side of S Walter Reed Drive and numerous driveway, crosswalk and signalling improvements. The project is scheduled to go to bid next spring with construction commencing in the second half of 2016. Learn more about the planned (and much-needed) improvements here:

http://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/south-walter-reed-driveimprovements-arlington-mill-drive-four-mile-run-drive/



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/s/ Al Fox Treasurer, Douglas Park Civic Association

Douglas Park Resident Recognized by County Board

by Adam Henderson

n May, The Arlington County Board presented Douglas Park resident Nancy Ann Miller along with four other members of *Insight on the Inside* from DC and Northern Virginia the 'Arlington County Outstanding Volunteer' award. *Insight on the Inside* volunteers lead weekly Mindfulness Meditation classes for inmates at the Arlington County Detention Center and clients of the Addictions, Corrections, and Treatment (ACT) unit housed at the Detention Center. *Insight on the Inside* is a program of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington DC.

Ft Barnard Community Gardens Open House

by Annette Pigott

You are invited to attend the Fort Barnard Community Garden Open House on Saturday 11 July from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. The gardens are located along 19th St S next to Fire Station #9. Light refreshments will be served.

- Tour a model community garden that is in Douglas Park.
- Learn about honeybees from our apiarists as they conduct a seminar on beekeeping
- See how rain barrels are used for low-pressure irrigation
- Sample freshly-grilled garden vegetables
- Tour our dedicated garden plot where all produce goes to Arlington Food Assistance Center
- Ask gardening questions at our gardening table



Did You Know?

That the digital edition of the Douglas Park Neighbor News is now published in color on the Civic Association website at *http://www.douglasparkca.org/ newsletter/.* Take a look today!

My Quest for a Family Pool

by Casey Minix

As a family with young children, we wanted a pool that didn't overwhelm our novice swimmers or our budget. When I went shopping for a local pool the options seemed plentiful but disappointingly out of reach. Then a friend told us about a non-advertised, neighborhood pool less than two miles from our S Pollard St home. Clean, reasonably-priced, with shade and a kiddie pool for our boys. We were sold and immediately joined the Glen Forest Community pool.

We are now in our fourth year of membership and enjoy it every year. Come check it out! Contact Karen Haworth for more info at 571.259.1413 or *glenforestcommunity@gmail. com*.

Glen Forest Pool Now accepting new members! No wait list.

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Contact Karen 571-259-1413 or AnnMarie 703-731-7773

www.gfca.us glenforestcommunity@gmail.com



33d Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

by Adam Henderson

Patriots of all ages are invited to the Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic on Saturday, July 4th.

The neighborhood gathers in Monroe Park at 10a 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 10.30a 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 8:30a 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 Adam Henderson at *president@douglasparkca. org* 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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