



# Neighbor News

## The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

Judging for prizes at 10.00a in Monroe Park (South Monroe Street at 14th Street South) with the parade kicking off at 10.30a, Wednesday, July 4 and continuing 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!*

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## El 36º anual desfile y comida campestre de barrio de Douglas Park del Dia de Independencia

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## UPDATE ON 12th St S NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PROJECT UPDATE

On 3 April, DPCA and county staff held an evening meeting for residents of South 12th St between S Highland St and Glebe Rd to review the plans and drawings for our next Neighborhood Conservation project. The project then went to 'Final Petition' where all residents in the project area vote on whether to proceed.

The project FAILED final petitioning: 55.9% FOR and 44.1% AGAINST the project, based on the total linear frontage. Out of 34 properties, there were 12 yes votes, 15 noes and 7 non-responses.

## NEXT DPCA MEETING

**MONDAY 25 JUNE 2018 AT 7.30P**

Please see the 'President's Corner' on page two for topics and location. All are welcome to attend.

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## DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA

## MEETING CALENDAR

The Association conducts general membership meetings in February, April, June, September and November. 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

Monday evening, 25 June 2018 at 7.30p. Please see the June 2018 issue of the *Douglas Park Neighbor News* for location and agenda. All are welcome.

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**WE ARE SEEKING A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ALTERNATE REP** If interested, contact Adam Henderson at [president@douglasparkca.org](mailto:president@douglasparkca.org)

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## President's Corner

by Adam Henderson

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 25 June 2018 in the downstairs meeting room of Firehouse No. 9 at 19th Street South and South Walter Reed Drive. On the agenda:

- **Finalizing planning for our 36th Fourth of July Celebration**
- **The Hallowe'en Trail of Terror.** We restarted this event in 2017. Do we continue? Now is the time to start preparations.
- **Neighborhood Conservation.** We're kicking off revising the plan, but we still need to decide on a project for the queue after 18th St S (our current first priority) and the failure of the 12th St S project. Do you have an idea or suggestion? Come to the meeting and let us know!

## Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update Kickoff

by Eric Berkey

The Civic Association will be kicking off the update of our Neighborhood Conservation Plan with a celebration and meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at 7:30 p.m., in the basement of Fire Station No. 9 (near 19th St. South and Walter Reed Dr.). We will be celebrating the beginning of our efforts and discussing what we would like to see maintained or changed in our neighborhood. Food, including pizza, and beverages will be provided. If you have previously expressed interest in working on the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, or are looking for an opportunity to get involved in the neighborhood, please come to the kickoff on June 19th. For more information, please contact Eric Berkey at [berkeyeric@gmail.com](mailto:berkeyeric@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!

## FREE Green Home Certification for Saving and Comfort

by Adam Segel-Moss

Home renovations and additions are almost becoming a rite of passage here in Douglas Park. If you've lived here for any amount of time you've seen major changes. These home improvements are happening with greater frequency and on grander scales.

Green Home Choice is a FREE County program that helps Arlingtonians renovate or build a new home that is comfortable and energy efficient while reducing their utility bills.

Homeowners who use the Green Home Choice certification program for renovations and additions use up to 55% less energy per square foot after renovation than they did before the renovation. These homeowners are seeing electric and natural gas bills that are about \$615 per year lower than they were prior to the renovation, even though they typically added about 1,000 square feet to their homes during the renovation process.

Homeowners living in new Green Home Choice homes save about \$1,580 per year on their electricity and natural gas bills compared to other Arlington homes of the same size. These Green Home Choice homes are using 42% less energy per square foot than the typical Arlington home.

Are you planning to renovate or build a new home in Arlington? Before you get started, click below to learn you how can take advantage of this FREE Green Home Certification Program at <http://www.greenhomechoice.us>



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## Four Tips to Get Rid of Mosquitoes in Your Yard

by Adam Segel-Moss

**M**osquitoes suck! The abundant (or over-abundant) rains that we've received the past few weeks have certainly created lots of pockets of standing water. The mosquitos are about to take over once the heat arrives. As if buzzing and bites aren't enough, mosquitoes can transmit a number of infectious diseases, a fact that elevates the insects from a nuisance to an outright health risk.

Hiring a pest management company to spray or fog your yard can be temporarily effective on adult mosquitos, but they don't impact the millions of mosquito eggs that are in your flower pot dish, gutters, downspouts, ivy, etc. Also, most of the sprays, even if labeled 'natural', may be harmful to other beneficial insects and children.

Here are a few no-nonsense tips for keeping mosquitoes out of your yard and away from your

- **1. Get Rid of Standing Water**

Mosquitoes reproduce in water and they can do it in even the small amount of water that would fit in a bottle cap.

That means it's imperative to empty flower pot trays, kids toys, buckets, tarps, tires, wheelbarrows, or other outdoor gear that can catch water after a rainfall. Gutters and those corrugated downspout extensions are notorious breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Attach panty hose, yes panty hose, to the end of the corrugated drain lines with a rubber band. This will keep mosquitos from getting in and breeding.

In a mere four days, eggs laid in water mature into nymphs. So if it rains on a Monday, don't wait until the weekend to get rid of standing water. By then, it'll be too late.

- **2. Keep Your Yard Under Control**

Mosquitoes favor cooler spots in the shade especially ivy and taller grass. Use a lawn mower or string trimmer to cut back high grass, brush, and tree limbs.

By minimizing any tall grass or limbs that cast shadows on your yard, you make the habitat immediately surrounding your home much less appealing to mosquitoes.

- **3. Use Fans Even Outdoors**

We've all heard of citronella candles. Believe it or

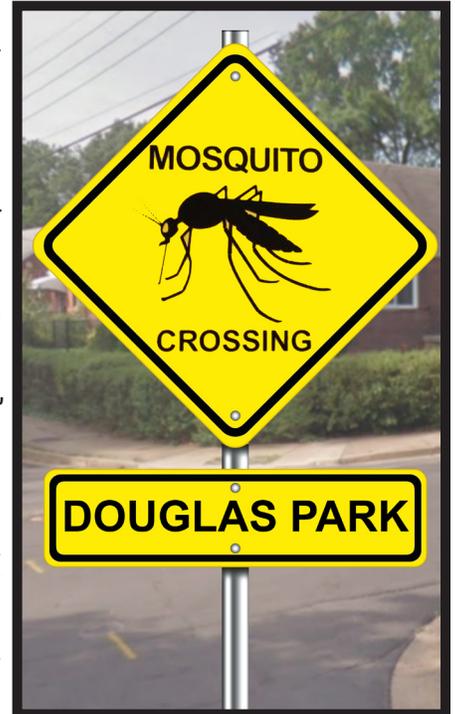
not, fans are actually more effective. The terrible tiger mosquitos have a difficult time flying against the breeze of a fan. Fans also help disperse carbon dioxide emitted by humans, which is what attracts them in the first place. Oscillating fans can be helpful for your yard.

- **4. Keep Covered and Use Repellent**

As much as the above steps will help cut down on mosquitoes in your own yard, controlling the greater population requires targeted community efforts. Even if you follow these tips, your neighbor's yard might be a breeding ground.

To guard against bites, wear long sleeves, use an effective insect repellent and avoid going outside at prime

feeding times—dawn and dusk. These safeguards can minimize your exposure, cutting your risk of mosquito-transmitted illness so you can enjoy the outdoors with more peace of mind.



## The 36th Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic

by Adam Henderson

**P**atriots of all ages are invited to the Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade and Picnic on Wednesday, 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:

- 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

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Happy Birthday, USA! See you at the parade!

I'll see you at the  
**36<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglas Park  
 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**  
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