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The 42nd Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Parade

THURSDAY 4 JULY 2024

Judging for prizes at 10.00a in Monroe Park (South Monroe Street at 14th Street South) with the parade kicking off at 10.30a, Thursday, 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!
Free Moonbounce and Superslide at Douglas Park!*

Music!

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Details below

Detalles abajo

El 42.º desfile anual del 4 de julio en Douglas Park

JUEVES 4 DE JULIO 2024

Juzgando por premios a las 10.00 horas. Desfile comienza a las 10.30 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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The 42nd Annual Douglas Park Fourth of July Picnic and Parade

By Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

An annual neighborhood tradition returns! Patriots of all ages are invited to the 42nd Annual Douglas Park Parade and Picnic on Thursday, July 4th. Neighbors should gather at Monroe Park at 10 am for judging of the best parade floats, costumes, decorated bikes, and the coveted prize of Mayor of Douglas Park. The parade starts at 10:30 am 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 and a water slide.



It is a pot-luck picnic, so bring your finest recipes to share. The civic association will provide a water refill station (bring your own water bottles) 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 8:30 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 neighbors;
- Help clean up afterwards; or
- Help with preparations before July 4th.



If you would like to help you can contact Steve Jordan Tomaszewski at president@douglasparkca.org. Happy Birthday America! See you at the Parade and Picnic!

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Message from the President

by Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

I am happy to report that due to our robust Douglas Park Civic Association advocacy efforts over the last several years, we will likely be getting \$3.6 Million for improvements to our neighborhood parks from the federal government. Thanks to Congressman Beyer and his staff, as well as Arlington County and their Department of Parks and Recreation–Douglas Park Phase II and Doctors Run Parks were selected for dedicated federal funding in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget. \$1.8 million is being requested for Douglas Park Phase II (mainly playground upgrades), and \$1.3 million is for Doctors Run Park renovations. This builds on the \$500,000 we received as part of the FY2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act which is providing funding to renovate Monroe Park. This is great news as it will help offset County funding for much-needed updates to these aging parks. The funding will come through after Congress passes the FY2025 appropriations bill.

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Easter Egg Hunt

By Josue J Bastidas

On March 30th Douglas Park started a new event. The first ever Douglas Park Spring Egg Hunt!

This event, organized by neighbors Tim and Louise Blasius, brought together 200 community members. There were three separate egg hunts by age groups. The first group was for 1-2 year olds, who turned in empty eggs for a little toy. The second age group was for



2-7 year olds, who hunted for eggs filled with candy. The third age group was for 7+ year olds, who also hunted for eggs filled with candy. Families had the opportunity to take photos with the Easter Bunny and there was a glitter face paint station too.

There was also an opportunity for families to bring a food donation for the Arlington Food Assistance Center, or make a monetary donation to AFAC at the event.

Community Day

By Josue J Bastidas

On May 18, Douglas Park celebrated Community Day, spearheaded by community member Kristin Francis. Many community members participated in this event by setting up a Yard Sale in their front lawn. Bags were also distributed in which neighbors donated non-perishable food items to AFAC and clothing items for Arlington Clothesline For Kids.

W&OD Trail Cleanup in Arlington

QUARTERLY EVENT HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 1

By Henry Dunbar

The Friends of the W&OD organization (FOWOD) hosted its second trail cleanup on June 1, the American Hiking Society's National Trails Day. As the Adopter for the first half mile of the trail (Trailhead to S. Four Mile Run across from Barcroft Park entrance), the FOWOD are responsible for doing 4 cleanups per year.



Grabbers, gloves, and trash bags were provided along with some 50th Anniversary of the W&OD Swag! The cleanup started at the trailhead (across from Weenie Beenie) at 9am and finished up by 11am. To learn more about FOWOD, Kelley Westenhoff, President, Friends of the W&OD, at friendswodkw@gmail.com.

Phoenix Bikes has adopted the W&OD trail section from George Mason Drive to Columbia Pike and plans for a cleanup later this summer. For more information, follow them on social media or email contact@phoenixbikes.org.





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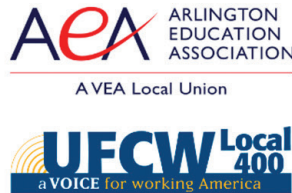
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Randolph Food Pantry Gift Card Drive

By Lyndsey Arthurs

The Randolph Elementary School Food Pantry is kicking off a gift card drive to help supplement families over the summer break when the kids are not able to receive breakfast and lunch at school. This places a large burden on the family's budgets over the summer. Our amazing partnership with Capital Area Food Bank does not provide food distributions during the summer months so we thought we'd look to our community. The Douglas Park neighborhood has always been so kind and generous to the students of Randolph so felt this was a great place to reach out to for support.

We are seeking gift cards in \$25 increments from either Giant or Aldi. These will be given out to the approximately 120 families that we serve monthly at our August food pantry. If you would like to participate, please drop off gift cards in the brown paper bag receptacle at 3515 17th Street South, Arlington, VA. The box is on the right side of the house between two plants as pictured. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lyndsey Arthurs at 404-964-8937 or lkarthurs@gmail.com.

Thank you for your consideration!



Welcome 2910 Kitchen & Bar

By Steve Jordan Tomaszewski

We would like to welcome Douglas Park's newest restaurant, 2910 Kitchen & Bar, to the neighborhood. Residents may remember the location, 2910 Columbia Pike, used to be home to the P. Brennan's Irish Pub, and before that it was a hardware store. The space has been vacant for many years, so we are excited to see the new restaurant and bar make Columbia Pike more lively and entertaining. In May 2024, the restaurant did a soft opening and an official ribbon cutting as well. The restaurant boasts an executive chef with a Michelin star, a head mixologist bartender who worked for elite chef Gordon Ramsay, and the custom artwork around the space has an upscale and welcoming vibe similar to an art museum. The food is delicious and a twist on classic American dishes, and the large space allows parties to reserve areas for large gatherings. You can follow them on social media for special discounts (<https://www.instagram.com/2910restaurant/>). Be sure to welcome our new neighbors, and be sure to check out 2910 Kitchen & Bar!



Owner Ray, DPCA President Steve, and owner Giselle inside the new 2910 Kitchen & Bar.

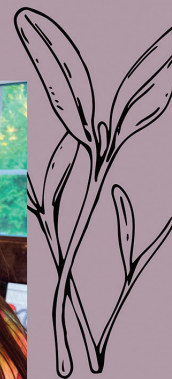
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Neighbor Profile: Sol Schott

By Henry Dunbar

Sol Schott opened Acme Pie Company on Columbia Pike in 2013, first as a strictly wholesale business working in the basement kitchen of the then wine bar Twisted Vines when it was closed in the mornings, then later as a retail restaurant when the bar ceased operations in 2019.



"When the wine bar closed, I had to either move or take over the lease of the whole building," he said. "And it just made sense to take it over."

Schott started the business after decades working as a pastry chef in places like the Willard Hotel, Open City, Tristan, and The Diner at both the Phillips Collection

and the National Cathedral. Those are a long way from Columbia Pike, more figuratively than literally, and Schott wants nothing more than for his place to be a community gathering place of this diverse community. He's hosted book readings, poetry nights, live music, Scrabble nights, and now a row of lively pinball machines.

"The goal with the retail was to make it a place that I would want to go to myself and to see what was going on," he said.

Schott and his wife Laura Fox have lived in Douglas Park for about 18 years, and he can often be spotted riding through the neighborhood on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle that used to be a police department service vehicle like the ones used by meter maids. It's something he used to deliver pies with. Schott loves old machines and has a habit of collecting things from other Pike businesses that have closed, like a boot patcher from Domenick's Shoe Repair, or the roll-off barbecue grill from Rebellion. Keeping beehives in his backyard and playing drums for the blues/punk rock band Grumbler are other hobbies that keep him busy during his non-baking waking hours.

"I love Columbia Pike," he said. "What I think I like the most is how real it is. We don't have a lot of chains yet...I have hopes for the restaurant. I want it to be a sort of community hub."

Quotes courtesy Lloyd Wolf, The Columbia Pike Documentary Project



Quarterly Meeting & Arlington County Board Candidates Forum

By Josue J Bastidas

On May 28th, the Douglas Park Civic Association welcomed Arlington County Board Candidates to a Forum at Randolph Elementary School, to discuss issues important to the Douglas Park community such as law enforcement accountability, affordable housing, preventing fraud, traffic and pedestrian safety, and neighborhood improvements. The event was also streamed on our Facebook page (where you can still watch the recording). The dual primary election will be taking place on July 18. We also invited neighbors from other South Arlington Civic Associations, and Douglas Park is proud to have a leadership role in representing interests across South Arlington. We were honored that all declared candidates for the Arlington County Board election attended the event and had a thoughtful discussion with residents. We are happy that Douglas Park neighborhood concerns are a key part of the upcoming election, and all candidates were identifying what they could do at the County Board-level to help our neighborhood. We are also happy that some candidates chose to advertise in this newsletter, as it helps the Civic Association financially, which is also the first time in many years we have had political ads in Neighbor News.

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2024 DPCA Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- **4 July, 10 am** — Fourth of July Parade & Picnic
- **17 September, 7 pm** — DPCA Quarterly Meeting
- **26 October** — 10th Douglas Park Trail of Terror
- **5 November, 7 am** — Election Day Bake Sale
- **18 November, 7 pm** — DPCA Quarterly Meeting
- **18 November** — 41st Annual Holiday Fund Drive Kickoff

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MEETING CALENDAR

The Association conducts general membership meetings quarterly. 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

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