



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DONALDSON RUN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bill Richardson
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Our next DRCA membership meeting will be held on May 17 at Taylor School. As usual, the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with a social half hour beginning at 7 p.m.

We are delighted to have as our speakers on May 17 two officials who can answer your questions about the entire range of issues currently facing both Arlington County and the Arlington Public Schools (APS): **County Manager Mark Schwartz** and **School Board Member Reid Goldstein**, who serves as the School Board's liaison to our civic association.

Mark has been County Manager since the beginning of last year. He was a Deputy County Manager for almost five years, before which he was the County's Chief Financial Officer. Prior to that, Mark was a branch chief at the Office of Management and Budget, responsible for directing and supervising OMB staff in their work with the Department of the Treasury, financial regulators, and the District of Columbia. Mark has also been counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and an attorney in private practice. He lives in Ashton Heights and has been an Arlington resident since 1985.

Reid was elected to the School Board in 2015. His focus has been on greater collaboration between the

School Board and the Arlington County government, greater responsiveness and transparency of APS process, and improvement in community engagement and feedback. Reid has been Chair of the H-B Woodlawn Parent Advisory Committee, President of the Douglas Park Civic Association, and President of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization Board of Directors.
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I also wanted to give you an update on some issues of particular interest to our neighborhood.

Thanks for letting us know your views on uses for the County property near the mulch pile on **26th Street and Old Dominion Drive**. In July 2015, then Arlington County Board Chair Mary Hynes committed the Board to a community park at this site, with "both natural areas and active park space." She said, "We don't know the size yet, but it will at a minimum be an acre, and it will be designed with community input." We have been in touch with the Board's Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC) to schedule a site-specific meeting on potential uses for this site. JFAC is an advisory committee to the County Board, chaired by Ginger Brown (one of the founders of the Lee Highway Alliance), charged with making recommendations for uses for this and other County properties. Because they are currently looking at a couple of other sites, we don't expect this meeting will be scheduled for a few months. We will keep you posted, through newsletters and our yahoo groups communications.

As County staff noted at our March meeting, they will be starting Phase I of a **backup water main project on Vacation Lane** as soon as school is out, with the hope of completing it during the summer vacation period. Phase I will involve the part of Vacation Lane between Military Road and Lorcom Lane, beginning at Military and working toward Lorcom. This will involve some disruption of the street, and staff has been working with our residents in that area to minimize any convenience to them. **If you have any questions about this project, please contact the Project Manager, Amani Eisa, at (703) 228-6495 or aeisa@arlingtonva.us.**

Finally, a caution about your **dogs**. We've received complaints about dogs off leash at Potomac Overlook Regional Park and County parks. This subject has sparked a lengthy dialog on Next Door. Our dogs sometimes act unpredictably, and particularly to those without dogs, this can result in some scary situations. Dogs also can disturb wildlife and their habitat. Please remember the leash laws and that we are living in a congested County with many others who may not all have the same views on this subject.

I hope you'll join us on May 17 in welcoming Mark and Reid.

The Current is published several times a year and is distributed free of charge to all households in the Donaldson Run Civic Association area. DRCA, like all civic associations in Arlington, is a neighborhood organization, administered by elected volunteers. The DRCA promotes information sharing and discussion on neighborhood, local, and regional issues. DRCA is not affiliated with any political or religious group or with the Donaldson Run Recreation Association that operates the swimming pool on Marcey Road. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Elementary School (2600 North Stuart Street) from September through May. Follow this newsletter for meeting dates. Only dues-paying DRCA residents are eligible to vote. DRCA boundaries are: Military Road on the east (including Marcey Road, North 26th Street, North 25th Place, and North Ridgeview Road); 26th/31st Street on the north; Lorcom Lane on the south (including North Randolph Street and 27th Streets south of Lorcom Lane); and Vernon Street on the west.

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AFAC's 25TH ANNIVERSARY FOOD DRIVE IS MAY 13

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is pleased to participate in the 25th Anniversary "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive, a nationwide food drive organized by the National Association

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APS CONSIDERS SCHOOL CHANGES

John Seggerman

Donaldson Run residents have recently weighed in on potential changes to Arlington's elementary, middle, and high schools. On March 30 and April 4, Arlington Public Schools (APS) held community feedback meetings to receive input on the instructional focus and location for 1,300 high school seats being added in 2022. Three options presented for the new high school seats are: 1) a 9th grade academy and additional International Baccalaureate (IB) seats at the Washington Lee/Ed Center site; 2) a new 1,300-student neighborhood high school at Kenmore, along with the existing middle school; or 3) a new 1,300-student neighborhood high school at the Career Center, along with Arlington Tech. These meetings also solicited public input into the draft proposal for K-12 Instructional Alignment. According to APS, this proposal "is designed to kick off a community discussion that will shape a long-term approach for providing a blend of neighborhood and option schools, and ensuring equitable access." It divides the County into East and West K-8 Option Zones, providing both neighborhood and option schools within each zone. The public comment period ended on April 17, and the School Board plans to vote in June on a plan to add 1,300 new high school seats.

MARYMOUNT FARMERS MARKET 2017 SEASON OPENING SOON

Deirdre Dessingue

Residents of Donaldson Run and adjoining neighborhoods eagerly await opening day for the Marymount Farmers Market on Saturday, May 27th. Market hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Market will run Saturdays through November 18th. Following its successful 2016 inaugural season, the 2017 Market will host over a dozen vendors, including these returning favorites:

Cold Country Salmon: Flash frozen salmon and other wild-caught fish from Alaskan waters

J&W Valley View Farm: Popular Northern Neck (Virginia) farm offering a wide range of seasonal produce, including peppers, cucumbers, melons, corn and tomatoes

Mechelle's Baking Co: Fredericksburg, Virginia, vendor offering mouth-watering, freshly baked pies

Panorama Baking: French patisserie offering dozens of delectable baked items, including baguettes and other breads

Sandy Bottom Acres: Charlotte Hall, Maryland, vendor offering a wide selection of farm-raised beef, pork, and chicken, plus free-range eggs – and fresh cut flowers

Spriggs Delight Farm: Goat-milk cheese producer from Sharpsburg, Maryland, featuring popular Camembert and Valencay varieties

Toigo Orchards: Fruit and vegetable producer from lower Pennsylvania, where cooler temperatures ensure a longer growing season

In addition, the Market welcomes several exciting new vendors:

Café Los Suenos: A new coffee vendor to help perk up your morning

DC Dills: New sour products producer from Maryland, offering a wide range of pickles and other preserved vegetables and fruits

Georgian Feast: Delicious ethnic cuisine from the Caucasus region of Eurasia

Hog Haven Farm: Heritage-breed pork farmer from Columbia, Virginia, offering pork products and breakfast sandwiches

Little Austria: Light, attractive and delectable Austrian baked desserts

Penn Farm: A second Northern Neck vegetable grower

Three Springs Fruit Farm: Southern Pennsylvania fruit vendor, offering a number of varietals not available in local grocery stores

The Market also plans to add a small seating area that will enable patrons to enjoy coffee and baked goods while listening to the live music that will be featured on a regular basis.

For 2017, the Marymount Market has instituted an Adopt-a-Saturday program and has invited civic associations and other local nonprofit organizations to provide volunteers to assist in

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PROFESSIONAL HELP AROUND the HOUSE

Email Mary@DRCA.org with recommendations or removals.

Appliance Repair

Alan Gaitley, Old Dominion Appliance Repair, (703) 754-8500, referred by Frank and Sally Light

Paul Mills, Master Appliance Service, (703) 938-6910, referred by Maxine Nagel, (703) 524-5093

Computer Support Services

Cameron Jones (571) 217-3596, referred by Rose Bannigan, (703) 524-6722

Pete Herbst, 703/283-6595, referred by Judy Cherrington, 703/243-6034.

Gutter Installation

Auguste Remy, The Gutterworks Company (703) 425-9595, referred by Dan Sagalyn, (703) 795-5490

Handyman Services

Sam Axton, (703) 569-5707 or Sam_Axton@msn.com, referred by Jeanne Svikhart (703) 851-2695

Chris Lamar with Arlington Home Service, (703) 362-0930 or ahservice@verizon.net, referred by Martha Shmokler, mess14@juno.com

Home Improvement

Whitestone Home Improvement (703) 426-8000, referred by Sonja Elmer, (703) 527-8340

Housecleaning

Rocio Allyon, (703) 628-6708, referred by Nancy and Tom Rodeheaver, (703) 525-7980

Cynthia Baldo, (703) 843-8272, referred by Sharon Frey, (703) 405-5674

Sonia Cerna, (571) 428-8616, referred by Zlatica and Werner Hahn, (703) 528 1982.

Flora Cuentes, (703) 671-4053, referred by Molly Ross, (703) 528-2731

Sandra Hueco, home: (571) 277-7579 cell: (703) 338-6160, referred by Glenn Ward, (703) 527-7315

Professional Housecleaning Services, managed by Alba Isabel, (703) 928-9089 referred by Rob Jones, (703) 276-0545

Jupiter's Cleaning & Services , Barhas at (703) 981-8700 or e-mail Jupiters.2011@gmail.com, referred by Karen Hanneman, (703) 527-4604

Maria Vallejo, (703) 448-2092, referred by Mike and Dot Green, (703) 525-9414

Interior Decorating/Home Design:

Stefani McNair at McNair Designs, (703) 868-3489. Recommended by Alexa & James Fleming, (703) 577-3812.

Landscaping and Yardwork

Lawn and Tree Services, Tu Nguyen, (703) 622-7988, referred by Barbara and Dan Taft (703) 276-1987

Brookstone Landscape, headed by Adon Pineda (571) 213-0970, referred by Pat Hines, (703) 875-9242

Andrew Preziosi, (703) 525-6170, referred by Leslie Curley, (703) 243-9459

Painting and/or Wallpapering

Boris Gogev (Absolutely My Best), (703) 582-4029, referred by Christine Crutsinger, (703) 243-8495

Jim Gullickson, (202) 549-7528, referred by Mary and Mark Connally, (703) 527-6382, Dan Sagalyn, (703) 795-5430 and Peggy and Bob Pruszkowski, (703) 524-5399, Carol and Joe Macmanus, 703-243-6736

Pet/Dog Sitting

Dog Gone Tired, (703) 625-9746, DOGGONETIRED@zoho.com. Referred by Cathie Roberts, (703) 527-8353

Tommy's Little Pet Service

Website: www.tommyslittlepetservice.com, 202-714-2819. Referred by Nan Helm, 203-2894

Roof and Exterior Cleaning

Smart Wash, (703) 595-4000, referred by Dug and Judy Gillies, (703) 528-3437

Sash cord repairs

Colonel Josh, specializing in sash window repairs (202)-631-3376; JoshArnson@gmail.com, referred by Peter and Winnie Raven-Hansen, (703) 841-1787

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR DONALDSON RUN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Please check your mailing label to see how many residents in your home are members and the latest year for which dues have been paid. Dues cover a calendar year. Contributions are not tax deductible. Note that only members whose dues have been paid 60 days in advance are allowed to vote on civic association business.

Dues: \$15 per household per calendar year. Payment for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years (circle one)

Total dues: \$_____ Newsletter contribution: \$_____ Total enclosed: \$_____

New resident: Yes _____ No _____ Email only copy of newsletter Yes _____ No _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

Address: _____

Are you already on the DRCA email list? _____

If you are not on the list, we strongly recommend that you sign up for it so that you will be notified of issues in a timely way. Would you like to be added to this list? _____

Special Interests/Volunteer Areas/Comment

Please make check payable to Donaldson Run Civic Association.

Mail to: Maxine Nagel, Treasurer DRCA, 2900 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22207

MARYMOUNT FARMERS MARKET

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opening and closing the Market each Saturday. Adopting organizations will have the opportunity to staff the Market booth and offer information about their programs and membership. DRCA's Saturday is August 12th. Mark your calendars. More information will be provided through the DRCA listserv as the date gets closer.

AFAC FOOD DRIVE

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of Letter Carriers (NALC) with the goal of collecting more than 80 million pounds of food door-to-door and bringing awareness to the issue of hunger.

Arlington residents are asked to leave non-perishable food donations in a bag next to their mailboxes by 9 a.m. Saturday, May 13. Local letter carriers will collect the food on their normal routes, and donations will be delivered to AFAC and

distributed to our neighbors in need.

If you miss your letter carrier, please bring your donation to the following Arlington Post Offices no later than Friday, May 19: North Station (2200 N. George Mason Dr.), South Station (1210 S. Glebe Rd), Main Station (3118 Washington Blvd), Preston King Station in Westover (5877 Washington Blvd), or Shirlington Post Office (2850 S. Quincy St).

AFAC is an independent, community-based, non-profit food pantry that provides dignified access to nutritious supplemental groceries to all our Arlington neighbors in need. At AFAC, hunger and the demand for free groceries has reached an all-time high. In the past three years, the number of AFAC clients has grown by 56 percent. Over 2,400 families come to AFAC each week at eighteen distribution sites throughout Arlington County to access fresh and healthy supplemental groceries, thus freeing up tightly stretched funds for child and health care, rent, and other financial demands. The growing need shows no signs of abating and the "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive will engage the entire Arlington community and will keep AFAC's shelves stocked for months.

**Donaldson Run Civic Association
c/o Maxine Nagel, Treasurer
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HIRE A NEIGHBOR!

Many thanks to our neighborhood teens who are available for the jobs listed below. If you, or someone you know, are interested in providing a neighborhood service, email mary@drca.org.

Babysitting

Toby Heidrich, 15 y.o., 703-517-5449
Paula Margison, 8th grade, 703-357-8528

Dog Walking & Pet Care

Quinn Cooper, 13 y.o., 703-469-2242
TJ Hutchison 13 y.o., 703-812-9697

Tennis Lessons for Kids/Adults (Any Level)

Tate and Chase Arevalo, 17 and 15 years old,
703-371-3155

POTOMAC OVERLOOK PARK SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

Charlie Henkin

Most in our Association are well aware of Potomac Overlook Park and its marvelous nature-centric benefits for Arlington. Possibly less well-known are the wonderful spring and summer events the park sponsors for young and old alike. The url below will give you the rundown on these events.
<https://www.novaparks.com/parks/potomac-overlook-regional-park/events>

There are many events to choose from, including the "Second Saturday" concerts in the outdoor amphitheatre. The amphitheatre is located about halfway between the main park entrance and the nature center. Parking is at the circular lot outside the main gate to the park.