

# The Current



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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"The only constant in life is change." I am not sure who said this, but when I just looked it up on the internet, I was referred to Heraclitus of Ephesus ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heraclitus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heraclitus)), who was a Greek philosopher, known for his doctrine that change is central to the universe. Arlington has experienced dramatic change during the last 15-20 years. I believe that one of the roles of a civic association is to influence proposed changes so that they do not result in a degradation of the character of a neighborhood. I personally am not adverse to change, but I believe that it needs to be appropriate and managed.

There are many ongoing efforts in Arlington that bring diverse factions together to plan for change. Some, like the Fire Station 8 Task Force, are led by the County and others, like the Lee Highway effort, start as grass roots neighborhood initiatives. DRCA has been involved in both of these efforts as well as the planning for the new 1000-seat middle school at Stratford. The school will have a major impact on Donaldson Run, not only for those who live closest to the school and for the parents of children

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## SLATE FOR MAY 4 ELECTIONS

In accordance with the DRCA Constitution, a nominating committee consisting of three members, Anne Wilson, Mike Green and Charlie Henkin, was appointed to provide a slate of nominees for the 2016 officer and director elections. The committee has completed its work and submits the following slate for consideration at the May 4, 2016, membership meeting:

President Bill Richardson  
1st VP Mike Green  
2nd VP Deirdre Dessingue  
Secretary Liz Lord  
Treasurer Maxine Nagel  
Director Kelly Criswell  
Director Charlie Henkin  
Director John Seggerman  
Director Anne Wilson

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Wednesday, May 4 at Taylor Elem. at 7:30 p.m.  
A social half hour starts at 7 p.m.

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attending the school, but also for commuters who drive on the roads that surround the school. A recent traffic analysis estimates that the new school will bring over 400 vehicles to the area during the morning peak. So stay tuned to see how our neighborhood will be impacted by the growth that surrounds us.

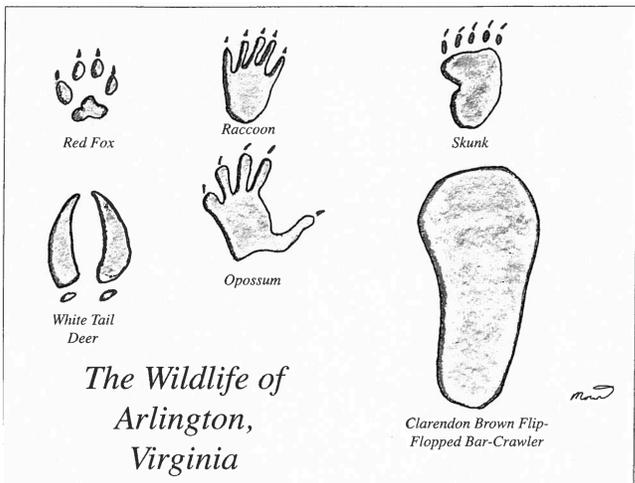
Change is also coming to DRCA. We will be holding elections at our May 4 meeting, and I will be stepping down as president. I plan (if elected) to remain on the board as a director so that I can continue working on the issues in which I am already involved. Bill Richardson, who is now serving as DRCA secretary, will be running for president. Bill has been very active in DRCA for a number of years and the transition should be seamless. I want to thank Kathy Richardson, Bill's wife, for her years on the DRCA board. Although Kathy is leaving her position as second vice president, I trust that she will continue to attend meetings and offer her always eloquent view of the topic at hand. We will also be welcoming Liz Lord to the Board. Liz has agreed to be our secretary, and I look forward to the fresh perspective that she will add. Finally, Deirdre Dessingue, who has been involved with Arlington Neighborhood Villages and has represented DRCA on the Lee Highway Alliance, will move into the second vice president position. I would like to thank these officers as well as Mike Green, Maxine Nagel, John Seggerman, Kelly Criswell, Charlie Henkin, and Mary Heston Cooper for their work on behalf of the neighborhood. Everyone does something. Often it is behind the scenes, so it may not be noticed. But trust me, all the board members help in important ways. This is definitely a group effort, and although we board members may not always agree, we usually enjoy the discussion and can find a way forward that we all accept. It is a team effort, and I have been fortunate during the last five years to have a group of engaged board members who share the goal of ensuring that Donaldson Run maintains its character as a verdant and livable Arlington neighborhood.

I hope that you will be able to attend the May 4 DRCA meeting. The agenda will include a presentation about the results of the Lee Highway Community Visioning Charette that was held in November. We will also have a discussion with County Board Member John Vihstadt, who will talk about items of interest and concern to those in Donaldson Run. If there is a particular topic that you would like Mr. Vihstadt to address, please let me know. This will probably be our last membership meeting until the fall.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> Street, North 25<sup>th</sup> Place, and North Ridgeview Road); 26<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Street on the north; Lorcom Lane on the south (including North Randolph Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Streets south of Lorcom Lane); and Vernon Street on the west.

## DRCA Board

President	Anne Wilson	525-0344
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Mike Green	525-9414
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Kathy Richardson	525-5270
Secretary	Bill Richardson	525-5270
Treasurer	Maxine Nagel	524-5093
Director	Kelly Criswell	528-0473
Director	Deirdre Dessingue	525-1351
Director	Charlie Henkin	294-4002
Director	John Seggerman	403-2844
Editor	Mary Heston Cooper	469-2242



# 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.

## Flooring

Congressional Floors, (703) 465-1398, referred by John Millio, (202) 669-5601

## 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 Cuentas, (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

Ruth Shaw, (703) 447-6917, referred by Joe Junod, joexjunod5182@gmail.com

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

## Masonry

4 Seasons Masonry, Glen Brumfield, (703) 378-4444  
Brick and other masonry work including repairs  
Referred by Barbara and Dan Taft (703) 276-1987

## Painting and/or Wallpapering

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

Jim Gullickson, (202) 549-7528, referred by Mary and Mark Connelly, (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; JoshArnsong@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

**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, please email mary@drca.org.

**Babysitting**

Toby Heidrich, 15 y.o., 703-517-5449

**Dog Walking & Pet Care**

Quinn Cooper, 12 y.o., 703-469-2242

**Lawn Care**

Ned Cooper, 15 y.o., 703-469-2242

**Tennis Lessons for Kids/Adults (Any Level)**

Tate and Chase Arevalo, 16 and 14 years old, 703-371-3155

**FIRE STATION 8 TASK FORCE UPDATE**

*Anne Wilson*

The Fire Station 8 Task Force has been meeting every other week since January and we are scheduled to finish our work by the end of May. In addition to the general task force meetings, we have broken into sub-groups focusing on response time, siting, and financial aspects. The historic legacy of Fire Station 8 is an important element also being considered. Scott Wilson is my alternate on the task force and he has focused intensely on the issue of response time and how Arlington compares to national standards from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). I am on the siting sub-group, and although a number of sites have been identified for consideration, it is a challenge to find a location that will improve response time to the north end of the county, while not disrupting the important role that Fire Station 8 serves as a backup to one of Arlington's busiest fire stations located at George Mason Drive and Wilson Boulevard. It is unknown where this issue will land, but the results of the task force will be known shortly. All task force meetings (continued on page 5)

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are open to the public. For more information, go to: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/fire-station-8-task-force/>.

# MARYMOUNT FARMERS MARKET PROPOSAL UPDATE

*Bill Richardson*

Last August, Field to Table, Inc. applied to the County Board for a permit to use the Marymount University surface parking lot for a farmers market, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning in May and ending in November. The need for an amendment to the County Zoning Ordinance to permit open air markets in residential districts led to a delay in County Board consideration of this proposal, but it is now slated for action on May 14, 2016.

The Zoning Ordinance currently permits farmers markets only in specified commercial and industrial rather than residential districts. At the May meeting, the County Board will take action on two separate proposals. The first will be to expand the eligibility of residential districts generally for farmers market use, subject to three requirements: (1) use of sites occupied only by public, civic, or institutional uses, (2) use of sites only with frontage on principal arterial, minor arterial, or local principal streets, and (3) generally a 100-foot buffer from an abutting residential district property. The second will be consideration of appropriate specific use permit approval conditions for the Marymount proposal. Such site-specific conditions may address customer and vendor parking, landscaping, maintenance, impact on neighboring residential areas, management of trash and noise, times and days of operation, and other issues.

Last summer, DRCA provided a letter of general support for the Marymount Farmers Market proposal, for a two-year provisional period. We expressed some concern about the possibility of significantly increased traffic, noise and overflow parking. Along with Marymount University, seven other civic associations also expressed general support: GlebeWood, Langston, Maywood, Old Dominion, Rock Spring, Waverly Hills, and Yorktown.

Field to Table's application contemplates about 12 vendors to start, increasing to about 20 over time. Setup in the Marymount surface parking lot would

begin no earlier than 7:30 a.m., with cleanup to be completed no later than 2 p.m. Marymount would provide free parking for the event in its Blue Garage, which has 288 parking spaces. DRCA plans to work with the County and Field to Table to address its concerns about possible traffic increases and the need to minimize overflow parking on neighborhood streets. If you have questions or concerns about the specifics of the Marymount Farmers Market proposal, contact Bill Richardson at [wrr2674@verizon.net](mailto:wrr2674@verizon.net).

# DRCA CONSTITUTION VOTE MAY 4

*Mike Green*

As noted in the February 2016 issue of the Current, the membership will be asked to vote to ratify and republish the association's constitution. The technical amendments that are proposed were presented to the membership at the March 2nd membership meeting and will be voted on at the May 4, 2016, membership meeting. The amendments proposed are to conform Article III Section 1 to Article III Section 2, and to clarify that officers and directors have similar two-year terms. The amendments are included in the text below. The deleted words, "annually" and "annual", in Section 1 are surrounded by double brackets and the added words, "and directors", in Section 2 are in bold.

## ARTICLE III Officers and Directors and Their Duties and Powers

Section 1. Elective Officers and Directors, Terms and Qualifications. The Association shall elect ~~[[annually]]~~ from among adult (over eighteen) full-time residents of member households who have been on the rolls at least sixty days immediately prior to the date of the ~~[[annual]]~~ election meeting a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and four Directors, who collectively shall constitute the Board.

Section 2. Terms of Elective Officers **and Directors**. No member shall hold the office of President for more than four consecutive terms, unless such member is the only qualified member who has consented to be nominee for the office of President. The terms of the officers **and directors** shall begin on the first day of the month succeeding that in which they were elected and shall continue for two years: Provided, That elective officers **and directors** shall serve until their successors have been chosen and that officers **and directors** chosen in special elections to fill vacancies shall assume their duties immediately.

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**Next DRCA Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Taylor Elementary School**  
**2600 North Stuart Street**

**Agenda:**  
**County Board Member John Vihstadt**  
**Lee Highway Visioning Charette**  
**DRCA Elections**  
**A social half hour begins at 7 p.m.**

**COUNTY BOARD  
MEMBER VIHSTADT  
AND LEE HWY  
VISIONING ARE ON  
MAY 4 AGENDA**

The spring DRCA meeting will be held on May 4 in the all purpose room at Taylor Elementary School. A social half hour with refreshments begins at 7:00 and the meeting starts at 7:30. Learn the results of the Lee Highway Community Visioning Charette and share your questions and concerns with Board Member Vihstadt in a small, informal setting. We will also hold DRCA elections. See you there ... and bring a neighbor.

**STAMP OUT HUNGER IS  
MAY 14**

On Saturday, May 14, you can leave a bag of non-perishable food donations next to your mailbox by 9 a.m., and your Arlington letter carrier will deliver the food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). If you live in an apartment building or miss your letter carrier, donations can also be made at the North, South, Main, Shirlington, and Preston King post offices. AFAC's goal is to collect 35,000 pounds of food. Most needed items include low sodium canned soup, tuna, tomato products and beans and low sugar cereal. AFAC thanks the National Association of Letter Carriers and Arlington residents for helping to Stamp Out Hunger! For more information, go to [www.afac.org](http://www.afac.org) or call 703-845-8486