



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DONALDSON RUN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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I hope you have all been coping as well as possible during the past six months of social distancing, face masks, teleworking, and school and other closings since our last meeting on February 5. Much has changed for all of us, and it's been said that COVID (like the Spanish flu a hundred years ago) may also make for some permanent differences in our lives even after its demise. One may be the increased use of virtual meetings. Given the current situation, we will be trying out the use of Microsoft Teams for a video version of our next meeting, on Wednesday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. We are hoping that this will provide a more convenient way for many Donaldson Run Civic Association (DRCA) members to participate in our events and look forward to your feedback on how it goes. Please take a look at instructions in this newsletter for how to download and use Teams to join the meeting.

Our first item of business will be to conduct our election for two-year terms for the new slate of DRCA board members. Pursuant to our constitution and by-laws, we have included in this newsletter a proposed slate of nominees for your consideration.

Next on our agenda is to seek your approval for County funding for a second Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program project. This is a step

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required by the County to apply for funding, which would be to add a sidewalk on the residential side of 26th Street, a major commuter cut-through, between Wakefield and Vermont Streets. Amanda Weaver, a resident on that block, will be presenting the proposal for your consideration. This would be second in our queue of NC projects, behind improvements on 23rd Street between Vacation Lane and Lorcom Lane.

Our principal speaker for the October 7 meeting will be Samia Byrd, Deputy County Manager and Chief Race and Equity Officer for the County. (continued on page 2)

The next Donaldson Run Civic Association meeting is a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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Ms. Byrd has served as Deputy County Manager for three years, and previously served as a Principal Planner in the County's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development. Earlier in her career, she held a research position with the Urban Land Institute and now serves on ULI's Urban Plan Steering Committee. Ms. Byrd holds a Master's Degree from Georgia Tech and a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Virginia.

Ms. Byrd's portfolio as Deputy County Manager includes planning, housing, neighborhood services, historic preservation, zoning, and inspection services. Her appointment in July as Chief Race and Equity Officer also charges her with leading the County's work to advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion throughout Arlington County. She has been assigned a pivotal role in developing and implementing a Countywide Racial Equity Action Plan. This will be a timely opportunity for all of us to hear from Ms. Byrd and for her to get feedback from DRCA residents on the challenges of working together across a very diverse County population to improve opportunity, access, and quality of life for all.

Please join us to welcome Ms. Byrd on October 7 and help reinitiate our DRCA meetings over Microsoft Teams.

## PLAN LEE HIGHWAY ISSUES ADDITIONAL REPORTS LOOKING TOWARD MID-2021 PLAN

*Bill Richardson*

Plan Lee Highway, a joint effort by the County and the Lee Highway Alliance, has now issued two reports as inputs to shaping the future of the Lee Highway corridor. One addresses cultural resources; the other, the conditions and attributes of different neighborhoods along the corridor. These reports are available at [projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/lee-highway/](https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/lee-highway/).

Plan Lee Highway is still working on its plan and schedule for further community engagement, looking toward drafting a plan to submit to the County Board in mid-2021. The plan would

The Current 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.

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address how to ensure that development of the Lee Highway corridor is consistent with various goals identified in the course of the group's continuing review, in coordination with DRCA and other civic associations and other civic groups and businesses.

*Join your neighborhood civic  
association and stay on top of  
neighborhood issues.  
See page 5 for a chance to save on  
membership dues.*

# VOTER INFORMATION – NOVEMBER 3 GENERAL ELECTION

**ELECTION:** November 3, 2020 for President of the U.S.; Vice President of the U.S.; U.S. Senate seat; U.S. House of Representatives seat; State constitutional amendment to introduce a new Redistricting Commission; State constitutional amendment to provide certain property tax relief to disabled veterans; and, in Arlington, bond referendums. Check [www.Vote411](http://www.Vote411) for more information.

**TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION go to [www.bit.ly/voteLWV](http://www.bit.ly/voteLWV).**

The League of Women Voters recommends that you register or update your information online. If you are currently a Virginia voter, it is important to check your registration and update it if you have changed your name or moved since you last voted, even if you moved down the block or across the hall. You will need a Virginia driver's license or DMV-issued ID, and your full Social Security number. The deadline for online registration and update is 11:59 PM, October 13.

You also can register to vote or update your information using a paper application form. You can either download and print out the form (see the link above) or you can inquire at your local registrar's office. These forms are also available at public libraries and other state government offices. Return the completed form to your local registrar: <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/voter-registration/register-vote/>

**TO APPLY FOR A MAIL (ABSENTEE) BALLOT, go to [www.bit.ly/voteLWV](http://www.bit.ly/voteLWV).**

In order to request a mail ballot online, you will need your Virginia driver's license or a DMV identification card. You will also need your full Social Security number. You must be a registered voter to vote. Apply now. The deadline is October 23 but do not wait.

You can also apply for a mail ballot using a paper application form. You can download and print the form online. Application forms are also available at your local registrar's office. Carefully read and follow all instructions. When you have completed your ballot, place it in the ballot envelope and fill in the information required on the back of the envelope, including your signature. For information about candidates and issues, go to: [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org).

Thanks to new laws, you will not need to state any excuse or reason in order to vote absentee AND you will not need to have a witness observe you vote or sign on the back of Envelope B.

**There are four ways to return a mail ballot:**

• **BY MAIL.** Postage is prepaid. Allow at least two weeks. It is best to mail your ballot no later than October 20 to be sure it will be counted.

• **BY COMMERCIAL DELIVERY SERVICE** You may return your ballot via a service such as UPS or FedEx.

• **IN PERSON TO THE REGISTRAR** You can hand-deliver your ballot—but no one else's ballot—to your local registrar's office.

• **BY DROPPING IT OFF** This is a new option. There will be drop off locations at your local registrar's office, at each satellite vote center during early voting, and at each polling place on Election Day. See below for the locations of the registrar's office and satellite vote centers.

**NEW!** If you make a mistake or leave out important information on the ballot return envelope, your registrar will try to contact you to give you an opportunity to correct errors, as long as your ballot arrived before October 31. Otherwise, your ballot will be rejected.

**VOTE EARLY IN PERSON. Early voting begins September 18 and ends October 31.**

No photo ID required. Check the list of IDs you can use at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/photo-ids-required-to-vote/>

**In Arlington, you can vote early at:**

2200 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite R140 (this is not in Bozeman Government Center; it is next door in the former Wells Fargo space)

Aurora Hills Senior Center, 735 18th St. South  
Langston Brown Community Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.

Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St.  
Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. South

Check the Arlington Voting and Elections website for hours and any additional locations: <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/early-voting/>

**VOTE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 6 AM-7 PM.**

To find your polling place, check [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org). Photo ID is no longer required.

To find acceptable forms of ID, check:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/photo-ids-required-to-vote/> Masks and social distancing are essential and the voting place will follow CDC rules.

# SLATE FOR OCTOBER 7 ELECTIONS

In accordance with the DRCA Constitution, a nominating committee consisting of three members, Bill Richardson, Liz Lord, and Jean Fisher, was appointed to provide a slate of nominees for the 2020 officer and director elections. The nominating committee submits the following slate for consideration at the DRCA membership meeting on October 7, 2020:

<b>President</b>	<b>Bill Richardson</b>
<b>First VP</b>	<b>John Seggerman</b>
<b>Second VP</b>	<b>Deirdre Dessingue</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Charlie Henkin</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Kathy Rehill</b>
<b>Directors</b>	<b>Susan Cunningham</b>
	<b>Liz Lord</b>
	<b>Amanda Weaver</b>
	<b>Anne Wilson</b>

## DRCA HOSTS VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON OCTOBER 7

*Anne Wilson*

DRCA will be hosting its first virtual civic association meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. The weekend before the meeting, all Donaldson Run neighbors for whom we have email addresses will be sent a link to attend the meeting via Microsoft Teams. To join the meeting, click on that link at 7:30 p.m. on October 7.

We want to be sure that we send the link to as many people in the neighborhood as possible and we know that we do not have everyone's correct email address. To confirm or add your email address to the DRCA list send an email to [maxine@drca.org](mailto:maxine@drca.org). If you are receiving this newsletter electronically, then we already have your email address. If you do not receive the link to the meeting by October 5 send an email to [anne@drca.org](mailto:anne@drca.org) to get your email address added to the list.

Here is some information for those who may not be familiar with Teams meetings:

Teams can be used on most devices including laptops (Mac or Windows), iPads, and other mobile devices. That being said, although it works

well on other devices, it works best in a Windows environment. When you receive the link to join the meeting, you can click on it at any time before the meeting to look at the process for using Teams. If you are new to Teams meetings, you should go ahead and click on the link to set up the interface in advance of the meeting. Depending on the device you are using, you may be given the option of downloading the app or accessing Teams through your web browser. **For a more robust experience, you will want to download the app in advance of the meeting.** There are some additional settings you can set including selecting a background.

If you want to try out Teams before the meeting, let me know ([anne@drca.org](mailto:anne@drca.org)) and I will set up a brief test session.

## DRCA URGES COUNTY BOARD TO STRENGTHEN ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY HOME CONSTRUCTION

*Bill Richardson*

This past January, DRCA sent a letter to the County Board, identifying concerns expressed by DRCA residents about the prevalence of large-footprint single-family home construction in our neighborhood. We noted that the inadequacy of existing lot coverage, height, setback, and other Zoning Ordinance restrictions as currently enforced has led to (1) deterioration in the quality of life expected from longtime residents in neighboring homes, (2) further destruction of our diminishing tree canopy, and (3) substantial increases in impervious surfaces and associated stormwater management problems, during a period of increased frequency and severity of storms.

In March, we met with County Board members to identify examples of this problem in the DRCA neighborhood, to invite them on a tour of the neighborhood to see it first-hand, and to urge them to direct staff to conduct a review of current restrictions to assess whether they warrant revision, enhanced enforcement, or both. We

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pointed out that the County has not reexamined these Zoning Ordinance provisions since 2005 and that the County's Stormwater Action Plan teed up this problem over five years ago. That Plan agreed that from FY 2010 to FY 2013 alone, "the impervious footprint of single-family parcels increased by an average of 50 percent," and that "the issue of single family home redevelopment and lot coverage deserves a more comprehensive look." County Board members noted that they were familiar with this issue, which we had raised with them in prior DRCA membership meetings at which they had spoken, and they undertook to see whether an upcoming staff review could include a look at it.

In August, while acknowledging the intervening COVID pandemic, we followed up with Chair Libby Garvey on the status of that review. She has undertaken to get back to us soon, and we will update you as we learn more.

Thanks to many of you for your input on this subject. We welcome thoughts from others as well. You can find our January letter to the County Board on our website at [www.drca.org](http://www.drca.org).

## UPDATE ON MILITARY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

*Bill Richardson*

You may recall that in 2018, County staff proposed improvements at three locations along Military Road designed to address traffic and safety concerns. As described in our February and June 2018 newsletters (available on our website at [www.drca.org](http://www.drca.org)), these locations are at Gulf Branch Nature Center, Marcey Road, and Nelly Custis Drive.

In August, staff alerted DRCA and other affected civic associations that redesign at the first two of these locations is now scheduled to begin in late September or early October. The third proposal, for Nelly Custis, sparked more community concerns back in 2018 and is still under review. Staff will be providing additional information on its proposal for that intersection, including the results of a second consultant's study, and an opportunity for community feedback in the near future.

At Marcey Road, planned improvements include upgrading all handicap ramps to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and installing a curb extension on the southeast corner to upgrade the bus stop. At Gulf Branch, the mid-block crosswalk is being eliminated based on earlier feedback preferring a corner crossing. Other safety improvements will include a median refuge with a high visibility crosswalk and updated ADA curb ramps, with an improved sidewalk and bench at the bus stop.

For further information and updates on schedule and future meetings, see <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/military-road-safety-improvements/>. The County's project management coordinator for these improvements is Gabriela Kock (formerly Gabriela Vega). You can reach her at [gkock@arlingtonva.us](mailto:gkock@arlingtonva.us), or 703-228-3938.

## ANNUAL DUES SALE— JOIN NOW!

September is our favorite time of year here at the Donaldson Run Civic Association—it's the month we run our annual dues sale!

Pay your dues today, and you'll be in good standing for the remainder of 2020 and all of 2021! Check the mailing label on this newsletter to determine if your dues are current (or, if you receive the newsletter electronically, contact Maxine Nagel at [jkolick@aol.com](mailto:jkolick@aol.com) for dues status).

If your membership has expired and you want to renew, just send a check (\$15 per household made out to DRCA) to Maxine Nagel, 2900 North Stafford Street, Arlington 22207.

As always, we thank our Donaldson Run neighbors for their continuing support of the DRCA. Your backing makes our efforts on behalf of the neighborhood possible.

*Join your DRCA neighbors on October 7 at 7:30 p.m. for a Microsoft Teams VIRTUAL general membership meeting. Contact Anne Wilson at [anne@drca.org](mailto:anne@drca.org) to be added to DRCA's mailing list or for a test session with Microsoft Teams.*

# DRCA TO VOTE ON PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> ST N BETWEEN N. WAKEFIELD AND N. VERMONT STS.

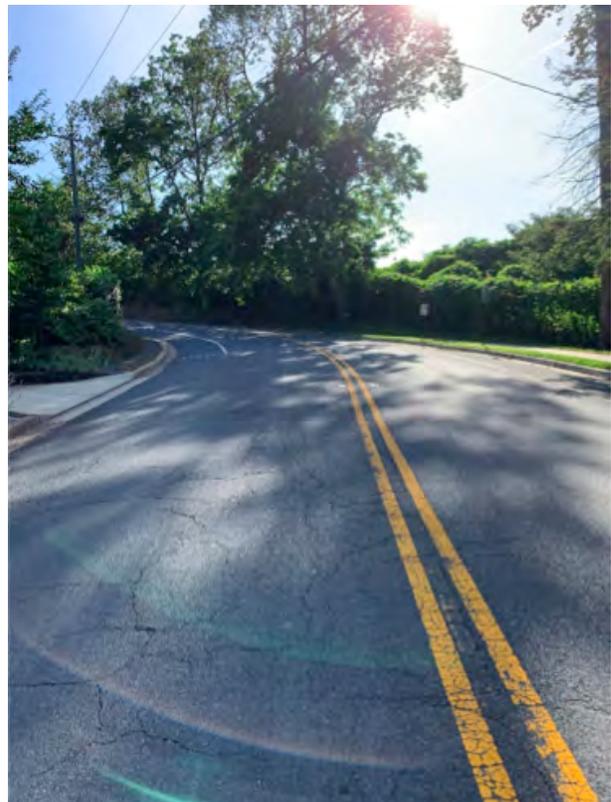
Amanda Weaver

Neighbors on 26<sup>th</sup> Street North between North Wakefield Street and North Vermont Street have asked DRCA to pursue funding for the installation of a sidewalk on the residential side of the street. For those who are not familiar with 26<sup>th</sup> St N, this minor arterial carries heavy traffic and data from the county shows that much of vehicular traffic on this street significantly exceeds the posted speed limit. This block has a number of school age children who do not have safe pedestrian access to the school bus stop at the corner of N Upshur. Further, a blind curve limits visibility for cars and pedestrians, increasing the public safety risk. The County's Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program is a source of funds for work such as this, but it takes a long time to get from a neighborhood's idea to a completed project.

In July 2020, the DRCA executive committee agreed that this is an appropriate project for NC funding and that it should be presented at the upcoming membership meeting when a vote will be taken. If approved, the 26<sup>th</sup> Street North project would be DRCA's secondary priority project for NC funding. The current priority funding project for Donaldson Run is for pedestrian improvements on 23rd St N between Vacation and Lorcom Lane. Adding the 26<sup>th</sup> Street North project as a secondary request does not affect the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street project. At the October 7 DRCA meeting, there will be membership vote to ascertain if there is majority support to pursue the 26<sup>th</sup> Street North project. Amanda Weaver is the block captain for the proposed project and will be presenting information prior to the vote.

*(Note: to design or develop an NC project, the County requires 60 percent support from those who live adjacent to it. Because key details, such as exactly where the sidewalk will be placed, are not known at this time, polling of the neighbor will take place a couple of times during the planning process to ensure that a majority continues to want the project. The first official poll will occur a year or two from now, just before the County begins a preliminary design of the project. After that, neighbors will have an opportunity to review the proposed design before responding to a final petition.*

*Timing of both the design and future construction will be determined by available funding and priorities.)*



# DCA AIRPLANE NOISE- SOME PROGRESS BUT RELIEF SEVERAL YEARS AWAY

Charlie Henkin

A consultant team hired jointly by Arlington and Montgomery Counties held their first community outreach and status report on August 17 via county media.

The slides presented then are at <https://secureservercdn.net/104.238.71.109/f5b.9f0.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/DCA-Project-Kick-Off-2020.pdf>.

Their overall contract work plan was previously presented to the multi-jurisdictional DCA Noise Working Group (NWG) and is available at <https://secureservercdn.net/104.238.71.109/f5b.9f0.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/NowGen-Slides-May-28-2020-1.pdf>.

The briefing described their analysis tools for flight profile, environmental impact and population density, as well as their credibility with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials. These will be necessary to forge a consensus within the DC/MD/VA region and then bring this forward to FAA with some probability of success. The August 17 meeting was chaired by County Board Chair Libby Garvey and attended *inter alia* by County Board member Matt DeFerranti, Montgomery Council (MoCo) Official Andrew Friedson and MoCo representative on the NWG Ken Hartman.

The County has set up a web site [dca.nowgen.net](http://dca.nowgen.net) which DRCA members are encouraged to explore. In addition, written community outreach ("Community Conversation #1") regarding the consultant contractual effort is being sought between August 21 and September 21 via [noise2020@arlington.va.us](mailto:noise2020@arlington.va.us)

Q: Of concern to DRCA is the excessive noise of aircraft approaching DCA from the North. Can DCA be encouraged to bring more aircraft in from the South? A: Probably not. Approach direction is determined by wind direction and by the safety margin of the airspace in the North.

Q: Must FAA accept the study consensus flight profile changes? A: No, but a reasonable consensus arrived at among our jurisdictions should be acceptable. Indeed, the consultant contract is

essentially doing the outreach job the FAA failed to do adequately.

Q: How about departure procedures? Can't aircraft go wheels up and climb in a quieter departure profile? A: Probably not since flaps configuration up, used for safety, would introduce noise.

Q: How about quieter engines? A: Yes. Class 4 engines now are quieter than those used e.g. in 2010. Class 5 are being adopted now on some aircraft (note from author- engine conversion is expensive and it is not clear if Class 5 engines will be introduced quickly into the fleets under current commercial market conditions)

Q: How many years might it take to cure the aircraft approach noise? Will the analysis include a wide range of factors such as population density, noise on the ground, approach altitude, parks and other sensitive areas, etc.? A: Yes the analysis will include these factors, and if we can arrive at a consensus it would normally take about two years to obtain a, hopefully positive, FAA response. With Covid-19 this probably would take 2.5-3 years.

Q (posed by Joe Peliton, former Arlington County representative on the MWAA Citizens Committee, Chain Bridge Forest Delegate, and Former ACCF President ) Since the consultant scope includes only flight profile analyses, and resolution of such matters will take years, shouldn't Arlington also pursue noise abatement measures, among other things:

- New and expanded noise monitors with timers that could identify and document airline flights that depart from flight path restrictions and make airlines subject to fines
- Increase fines for airlines for nighttime and early morning noise violations. The fine I believe is still \$5K per violation that was set decades ago. The fine should be set at \$50K or \$100K and indexed to inflation.
- Pressure on/incentives for airlines to adopt the quietest jets for DCA flight operations.
- Financial support for research on electronic jet technology. This is an area where Europe is well ahead of the U.S. Incentives for airlines to adopt quieter jets.
- Financial support for schools and institutions to add sound insulation to buildings.

Note – some of these noise abatement efforts are being pursued by Rep. Don Beyer.

Readers are able to review the history of this matter in prior newsletter articles. Please email [Mary@drca.org](mailto:Mary@drca.org) for more information.

# TRIBUTARY B PROJECT UPDATE

By Aileen Winquist

The Tributary B stream restoration project is nearing the construction phase. All permits have been obtained for the project and bid documents are currently in development. Construction is expected to begin in late winter/early spring and take approximately six months. The County appreciates the partnership of the Donaldson Run Civic Association through the project design process.

The Donaldson Run stream restoration project incorporates the principles of natural channel design, an approach that uses naturally occurring stream processes to reduce the energy of the stream flow. This methodology is considered a best practice by the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program and regulatory agencies. Because of the narrowness of the Donaldson Run stream valley, the restored stream will have a similar alignment as the existing stream. Re-shaping of the stream channel and the addition of stone structures will reduce energy within the channel, protect the stream banks from erosion and accommodate high flows during flooding events.

The project's design is peer reviewed and addresses numerous infrastructure issues, including a vulnerable, 30-inch water main, failing stormwater outfalls, and the eroding bike/walk trail near the confluence with Tributary A. Prior spot stabilization work to protect the water main was not successful long-term, and additional emergency stabilization work was required in August 2020. The stream restoration project will protect this important infrastructure.

Unfortunately, trees along the channel will need to be removed for the construction. However, many of these trees are already threatened by ongoing erosion of the stream banks. Since 2017, approximately 20 trees have fallen due to erosion and storm damage. Eighty-three trees will be removed during the project, and 332 native trees, 180 shrubs, 200 live stakes (cuttings that will grow into trees), and more than 4000 herbaceous plants will be planted as part of the project. Deer protection will be used on trees planted along the slopes. The planting contract includes a five-year warranty on the plants and invasive plant control.

Once initiated, construction of the Donaldson Run project will last for approximately six months. The trail along Tributary B will be closed during construction for safety reasons. Construction vehicles will be using N. Upton to access the construction area. The Donaldson Run Civic Association and residents adjacent to the construction area will be notified in advance of any construction activities.

More information about this project is available on the project web site: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/donaldson-run-stream-restoration-tributary-b/>. If you have any immediate questions about this project, please contact Aileen Winquist at [awinquist@arlingtonva.us](mailto:awinquist@arlingtonva.us).



Exposed water main and downed tree in Tributary B

## NEW ADVOCACY GROUP QUESTIONS COUNTY "MISSING MIDDLE" PROJECT

Charlie Henkin

The County Board (CB) seeks a greater supply of so-called Missing Middle (MM) housing to help meet rising demand but without any specific affordability goal, conceding that prices will be set by market forces. In view of the costs of services already exceeding current budgets, Arlingtonians for our Sustainable Future (ASF) has sought answers to questions on the current MM project.

Arlington County wants to help meet regional housing demand. (note – It is not clear how this demand might change due to Covid-19.) The county argues that allowing population growth to proceed without county management is unwise.

The county does not know what type of zoning or other changes might be adopted beyond an assertion that retaining the current regulations is not an option. They point to the zoning rules adopted in the 1970s around the metro corridors as an example of how such a process might be conducted. They say they intend to have the same degree of community involvement and

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discussion. In pursuit of such a process, county staff will first brief the County Board on September 22 regarding their background information postings, <https://housing.arlingtonva.us/missing-middle/research-compendium/>.

Staff asserts this compendium will serve as a resource in the Missing Middle Housing Study, which is set to kick off in the Fall of 2020. However, the means by which residents will participate without an over-arching “Task Force” or “Working Group” is unclear.

ASF has questioned the process and the substance of the MM project. In April, ASF wrote the County Board asking that in the absence of in-person community outreach due to Covid-19, the MM project be limited to staff research until conditions permit in-person outreach. The County Board rejected this request.

When county staff began publishing its initial compendium of background papers, it sought individual email inputs and also co-hosted a September 2 webinar with Arlington Housing Solutions, an advocacy group for housing development. ASF submitted one question to the webinar but was unable to convince staff to co-host a second webinar with ASF in which the many ASF questions would be addressed first.

ASF began its activity in 2019, advocating for better county analysis and communication of the costs and benefits of accelerated development, citing other jurisdictions which employ such planning tools and transparent discussion of multi-year financial impact. ASF maintains that MM is a prime example of an enterprise which should be subject to such an approach before any significant up-zoning changes are approved.

From DRCA’s perspective, perhaps the principal concern is whether single family housing lot (SFH) regulations would continue as currently, i.e. largely proscribed from multi-family housing development. But other issues are germane to our civic association, including the potential for greater increase in land values and taxes with proliferation of multi-family homes; and impact on school population, transportation, tree canopy, parks availability and storm water management. An additional equity concern is whether more development would displace households of color through gentrification.

ASF has compiled its questions and submitted them to the county which, along with the county answers, are posted at [www.asf-virginia.org/missing-middle-housing/](http://www.asf-virginia.org/missing-middle-housing/).

# ARLINGTON FAMILIES FOR SAFE STREETS

Arlington Families for Safe Streets (Arl FSS), is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization dedicated to promoting safety on our streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and all vulnerable road users. Statistics from the Arlington Police Department show that on average, 127 pedestrians per year were hit by drivers in vehicles from 2017 to 2019. In 2019 alone, four pedestrians were killed and 98 were seriously/visibly injured. During the same three-year period, an average of 68 bicyclists each year were hit by drivers of vehicles. In 2019, fortunately, no bicyclist was killed, but 2019 saw a three-year high of 59 serious/visibly injured cyclists. Death and injuries to pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users are unacceptable and preventable. Arl FSS advocates for safety improvements on our roads as well as changes to local and state regulations in order to prevent future tragedies on our streets.

As a relatively new organization, we are excited to announce that Arl FSS has a web site (<https://arl.novasafestreeets.org/>) where one can find the latest updates on projects we recently accomplished, activities that we are currently working on, and near-term plans. We also have published Arl FSS’s Inaugural Newsletter (<https://arl.novasafestreeets.org/2020/09/01/arl-fsss-inaugural-newsletter/>).

Arl FSS holds meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in attending our next Arl FSS meeting, please email [contact@novafss.org](mailto:contact@novafss.org) and reference “Zoom” in your response so we can send you an invitation to join us. Also, please tell your friends and colleagues about Arl FSS. Our voices will be more effectively heard if we collectively advocate to the policymakers about making changes to improve road safety for all. We look forward to “seeing” you soon. Thank you.



# PROFESSIONAL HELP AROUND the HOUSE

Email Mary@DRCA.org with recommendations or removals.

## **Appliance Repair**

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

## **Computer Support Services**

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

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

## **Gutter Installation or Cleaning and Repair**

Metro Gutter & Home Services, (703) 354-4333, referred by Judy Cherrington (703)243-6034

Northern Virginia Gutter Cleaning (571) 352-7292, www.NOVAGutters.com, referred by Maxine Nagel, 703-524-5093

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

## **Handyman Services**

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

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

## **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, (571) 225-2640, 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

Maria Vallejo, (571) 217-9494, referred by Mike and Dot Green, (703) 525-9414

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

## **Interior Decorating/Home Design**

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

## **Landscaping and Yardwork**

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

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

## **Painting and/or Wallpapering**

Ed Wilkerson of C. W. Wilkerson & Sons, 703 524-1019, referred by Liz Hayes, 202 320-0500

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**

Tommy's Little Pet Service  
Website: www.tommyslittlepetservice.com, 202-714-2819. Referred by Nan Helm, 203-2894

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

## **Roof and Exterior Cleaning**

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

## **Window Cleaning**

Virginia Window Cleaners, Inc., (703) 442-3950, referred by Judy Cherrington (703) 243-6034

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, email [mary@drca.org](mailto:mary@drca.org).

### **Babysitting**

Mackenzie Rau, 13 y.o., contact  
[susannewton@yahoo.com](mailto:susannewton@yahoo.com) or 703-898-7307

### **Dog Walking & Pet Care**

TJ Hutchison 17 y.o., 703-812-9697  
Harrison Rau, 18 y.o. 703-675-2890  
Quinn Cooper, 17 y.o., 703-401-0133

### **Lawn Care and Snow Shoveling**

Harrison Rau, 18 y.o., 703-675-2890  
Quinn Cooper, 17 y.o., 703-401-0133

Many thanks to  
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for another season of  
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Donaldson Run  
Civic Association  
sign area at Military Road  
& N. 25<sup>th</sup> Street.  
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Donaldson Run Civic Association  
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Next Donaldson Run Civic Association Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.  
via Microsoft Teams

Agenda:

DRCA Board Election

Neighborhood Conservation Program  
Project Proposal and Vote

Deputy County Manager and  
Chief Race and Equity Officer, Samia Byrd