



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DONALDSON RUN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bill Richardson
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Spring has finally arrived, and here's hoping it lasts a little longer. Along with the warmer weather, we are looking forward to another season enjoying the offerings at the Marymount Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. We encourage you to check these out; see the details on page 5 of this newsletter. Donaldson Run Civic Association (DRCA) Board Members will be hosting a table at the **June 2** market, and would appreciate hearing from you then about things on your mind that are of interest or concern about our neighborhood.

Following the completion of the 2018 session of the Virginia General Assembly, we have invited our two representatives in Richmond, Senator **Barbara Favola** and Delegate **Rip Sullivan**, to brief us on the Commonwealth's latest budget, the issue of Medicaid expansion, financing of Metro and other Northern Virginia transportation projects, and other legislative developments in the wake of last November's state elections. They will be speaking at our next membership meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, June 6**. As usual, the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with our social half hour beginning at 7:00.

In DRCA's Neighborhood Conservation Plan, completed in 2000 based on 322 completed surveys by our members, we noted that the most important attraction of our neighborhood (apart from location

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SLATE FOR JUNE 6th ELECTIONS

Mike Green

In accordance with the DRCA Constitution, a nominating committee consisting of three members, John Seggerman, Mike Green, and Charlie Henkin, was appointed to provide a slate of nominees for the 2018 officer and director elections. The nominating committee submits the following slate for consideration at the June 6, 2018, membership meeting:

- President - Bill Richardson
- 1st VP - Mike Green
- 2nd VP - Deirdre Dessingue
- Secretary - * (Vacant)
- Treasurer - Maxine Nagel

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The next Donaldson Run Civic Association meeting is
Wednesday, June 6 at Taylor Elementary at 7:30 p.m.
A social half hour starts at 7 p.m.

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and convenience to the District) is the abundance of mature trees and the quiet, park-like atmosphere. Striking the right balance between the desire to update and enlarge the homes originally built in the DRCA area and preserving these qualities of our neighborhood is a constant challenge. These questions are reflected in the lot coverage, height, and setback restrictions of the County's Zoning Ordinance, the tree preservation requirements of its implementation of the state's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, and administration of these and other County ordinances during residential single-family home construction. We have invited County staff to address these issues at our June 6 meeting, as well as to answer questions you may have about how to contact the County about ongoing construction that may affect you as neighbors.

Stay tuned for further details by e-mail. Currently, over 400 of our members are on the DRCA listserv. This newsletter includes information on how to keep in more current touch with us electronically. I hope to see you at Marymount on June 2, or at our June 6 meeting.

DRCA SLATE

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Director - Liz Lord
Director - Charlie Henkin
Director - John Seggerman
Director - Anne Wilson

* The committee has been unable to find an individual who is willing to be nominated for the position of Secretary. If you are a member of the DRCA and would like to find out about the duties and responsibilities of the Secretary, please contact any of the association board members.

UPDATE ON MILITARY ROAD SAFETY PROJECT

Bill Richardson

In our February 2018 newsletter, we provided further details on the County staff's review of potential changes to three intersections on Military Road, designed to address potential safety issues for cars, bikers, and pedestrians. These are at Gulf Branch, Marcey Road, and Nelly Custis. The Nelly Custis proposals, which include a potential round-

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DRCA Board

President	Bill Richardson	525-5270
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Director	Deirdre Dessingue	525-1351
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about or traffic light there, have sparked some questions from a number of our residents and from neighboring civic associations as well. Commenters have expressed differing views on how they believe the County should best address these issues.

In light of your interest in the design of these intersections, we asked County staff to address the subject at our meeting last February. At that time, they concluded that it would be premature to do so, as they were still in the process of identifying a

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UPDATES ON STRATFORD

Susan Cunningham

Stratford Park renovation is almost complete. Refreshed basketball, tennis courts and seating areas will be available for community use by June. Please enjoy the park, but **STAY OFF** (and keep pets off) the baseball field until later this fall when the sod is fully rooted. Also, please note that invasive plants continue to be a challenge in this and all of our parks – if you see ivy growing on or near a tree, please remove it. If you have a group interested in supporting invasive removal contact Sarah Archer (sarcher@arlingtonva.us).

The **Stratford School** (currently HB Woodlawn/Stratford Program) renovation is underway. Expect the following phases of construction before the middle school opens in September 2019:

Phase 1: Spring 2018:

- + Establish primary construction entrance from Old Dominion Drive (curb cut for future driveway), begin sitework
- + Portion of school field, all park courts are open for school use; park diamond field closed (for turf growth)

Phase 2A: Summer 2018

- + Move Stratford program to temporary space
- + Close school rectangular and park diamond fields; no camps or APS summer programs
- + Build addition, expand Vacation Lane parking lot

Phase 2B: School Year 18-19

- + Expanded parking lot and portion of field open for school use (with protected walkway for students)
- + All park facilities open (courts and diamond field)

Phase 2C: Summer 2019

- + HB Woodlawn program moves to Rosslyn
- + Complete all interior renovations and finishes; landscaping and field reconstruction
- + Vacation Lane widening, sidewalks, curb bump outs (including Military Road)

Questions? Contact APS Project Manager bill.herring@apsva.us or (571) 259-8401, or Turner Construction Project Manager Akilah Miles: amiles@tcco.com or (703) 568-2532. Additional information can be found at <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/stratford-middleschool-project/>



Planned renovation of Stratford School – view from new intersection at Old Dominion

23rd Street North Pedestrian improvements:

Though several pedestrian improvements are included in the school and park projects, a few trouble spots along 23rd Street North were deemed outside of the scope of either project. To remedy this, DRCA has worked with APS, County staff and neighbors to:

1. Complete an additional study of sight lines, elevations and safety at Vacation Lane and 23rd Street North before installing the proposed improvements in 2019;
2. Ensure that sight lines at the Stratford Park entrance are as safe as possible once construction is complete this summer; and
3. Support DRCA members near the school in requesting Neighborhood Conservation funding for consideration of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and pedestrian-oriented streetlights along 23rd Street North near the school and park. See more details about this last item on page 6 of this newsletter.

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

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

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

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

Home Improvement

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

Housecleaning

Maria Vallejo, (703) 448-2092, 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

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

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

Flora Cuentas, (571) 225-2640, referred by Molly Ross, (703) 528-2731

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MARYMOUNT FARMERS MARKET: SEASON THREE!

Deirdre Dessingue

Donaldson Run residents eagerly anticipate 2018 Marymount Farmers Market (“MFM”) opening day -- Saturday, May 26th. Now in its third season, MFM will run Saturdays through November 17th. Market hours are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Vendors returning from last year include:

Arlington Donut Holes (A-Holes): Local company specializing in gourmet donut holes, served along with dipping sauces and seasonal fruit

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

Georgian Feast: Authentic Georgian cuisine prepared from fresh natural ingredients

Great Valley Farms: Family-owned Shenandoah County business specializing in freshly grown produce, canned goods, dried fruits and vegetables, and fresh and dried herbs

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

J&W Valley View Farm: Family-owned Westmoreland County farm offering a wide range of seasonal produce, including peppers, cucumbers, melons, corn and tomatoes

Little Austria: Woman-owned start-up offering Austrian pastry desserts with a focus on strudels

Mechelle’s Baking Co: Fredericksburg vendor offering handcrafted pies

Panorama Baking: French patisserie offering baked items, including baguettes, breads, pastries and scones

Penn Farm: Northern Neck (Virginia) grower offering fresh fruits and vegetables

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

Sweet Twist of Ecuador: Offering dairy-free and gluten-free ice cream, adding super foods like quinoa, amaranto, spirulina and more

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

In addition, the 2018 Market welcomes five *new* vendors:

Abyssinia Mart and Coffee House: Alexandria-based coffee vendor with an international flair

Count Pickula: Romanian pickled products made with love in the USA

Mesisam Ethiopian Eatery: Offering vegetable and mild or spicy meat dishes with large sourdough flatbread – utensils optional

Mormor Crepes: Arlington vendor serving original family crepe recipe with traditional and custom fillings

Ozfeka Catering: Arlington company offering Mediterranean dishes

Finally, last year’s Adopt-a-Saturday program was a big success and will continue for the 2018 season. DRCA’s adopted Saturday is **June 2nd**. Six volunteers are needed to assist in opening and closing the market and staffing the MFM table. Sign up to volunteer at www.marymountfarmersmarket.org/volunteer.

MILITARY RD. UPDATE

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consultant for further study of it. Our most recent information is that the consultant’s analysis for the roundabout has not yet been completed. Staff have sent some additional data to the consultant and made some adjustments to the concept. Once they have all of the results they will send further information for a meeting in late spring/summer. We will keep you posted.

ARE YOU ON THE DRCA EMAIL LIST?

Anne Wilson

The DRCA email list is the timeliest way that DRCA maintains contact with its members. Arlington County government often uses civic associations to get the word out about neighborhood issues so it's important to be connected to your civic association. The DRCA listserv is also a place where group members can post news and events that are of interest to the Donaldson Run community. Currently, there are 428 members on the listserv. We would like to expand this number and any one who lives within the borders of Donaldson Run is eligible to join this group.

To sign up for the group, you need to have a Yahoo account. The account is free and can be set up at yahoo.com. Once you have an account, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com> and search for DRCA in the box labeled "Find a Yahoo Group". At the top of the page, select the button that says "Join This Group". A message will be sent to the group moderators who will review and confirm your request.

A reminder about spam and the DRCA newsletter:

If you receive the DRCA newsletter electronically, and many of you do, please be sure that your email address is up to date and that your email service recognizes drca.org as a safe email address. Please send updated information to: maxine@drca.org.

DRCA TO VOTE ON STUDYING IMPROVEMENTS

Susan Cunningham and Anne Wilson

Neighbors on 23rd Street near Stratford Park have asked DRCA to pursue funding for additional pedestrian and lighting improvements, including the installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks where none exist on either side of the street. For those who are not familiar with 23rd Street, this small street serves as the entry point to the parking lot for Stratford Park, and the street is directly adjacent to Stratford School. It is an area already popular with students, joggers, and dog walkers, and will likely see increased pedestrian traffic when the new middle school opens in 2019. The County's Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program is a source of funds for work such as this,

but it takes a very long time to get from a neighborhood's idea to a completed project. (For example, the recent pedestrian improvements on Vacation Lane that were funded by the NC program were initiated in 2010.)

In May 2018, the DRCA executive committee approved submitting the 23rd Street project as DRCA's top priority project for NC funding. At the June 6 DRCA meeting, there will be a DRCA membership vote to ascertain if there is majority support to pursue the 23rd Street project. Susan Cunningham 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 neighbors takes 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.)

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

ANDY’S LAWN AND LANDSCAPING TO THE RESCUE!

Anne Wilson

A big **THANK YOU** to Arlington-based Andy’s Lawn and Landscape for their help in maintaining the DRCA sign on Military Road at 25th Street. You may not be aware that it is the civic association’s responsibility to maintain the areas around its signs. Andy’s was approached to help with the Donaldson Run site that had gotten a bit out of control. Andy readily agreed to clean out and maintain the area, which looks much better than it has in a long time. Thank you so much to Andy Shelton and his crew!
(www.andyslawnandlandscape.com/)

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

Ryan Boehk, 11 y.o., kristinaboehk@yahoo.com or 703-861-1442, Red Cross certified
Sophia Coccozza, 15 y.o., 571-639-8785.
Toby Heidrich, 17 y.o., CPR certified, 703-517-5449
Paula Margison, 9th grade, 703-357-8528

Dog Walking & Pet Care

Ryan Boehk, 11 y.o., kristinaboehk@yahoo.com or 703-861-1442
Quinn Cooper, 14 y.o., 703-401-0133
TJ Hutchison 14 y.o., 703-812-9697

Tennis Lessons for Kids/Adults (Any Level)

Chase Arevalo, 16 years old, 703-371-3155

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Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Taylor Elementary School
2600 North Stuart Street

Agenda:

Arlington County Zoning Office

Legislative Update with
Senator Barbara Favola
and
Delegate Rip Sullivan

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