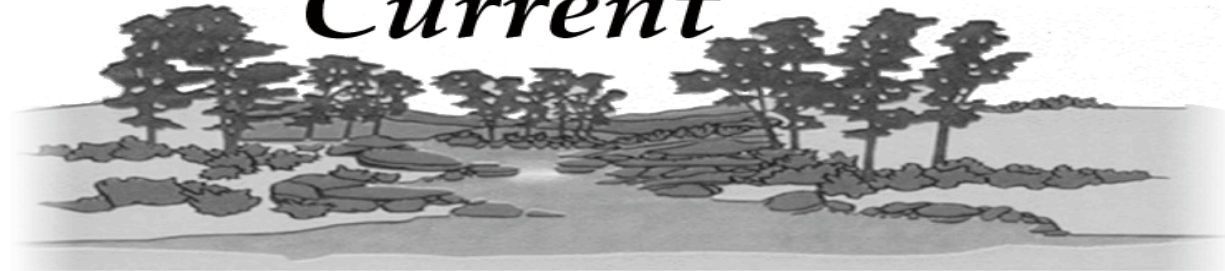


The Current



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DONALDSON RUN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Marymount Presents Project for 26th Street-Old Dominion Corner

Anne Wilson and Maxine Nagel

Marymount University is seeking to amend the use permit for its parking lot on the corner of 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive in order to construct a multi-use complex on the site designed to meet the school's current parking, classroom, and dormitory needs. Marymount's proposal--which will include a 440-space (approximately) below-grade parking garage, a 75-unit dormitory (300 beds), a three-story classroom/laboratory building, a small student lounge, and a 350-seat auditorium--was the topic of discussion at the February 22 Donaldson Run Civic Association (DRCA) meeting. Jill Griffin, Arlington County use permit coordinator, and Marymount officials Loretta Seigley (Vice President, Academics) and Chris Domes (Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs) were on hand to explain the proposal and field questions.

Ms. Griffin detailed the use permit process, noting that Marymount must amend its current permit for the parking lot in order to undertake a project that will result in more intensive use of the 78,000-square-foot parcel. She noted that the Arlington County Board has appointed a special task force to review the proposal; that group includes Marymount and County officials as well as representatives from the four surrounding civic associations (Donaldson Run, Old Dominion, Rock Spring, and Yorktown), St. Mary's Church, and

Washington Golf and Country Club. Anne Wilson and Maxine Nagel serve as DRCA's representatives to the Task Force, which is charged with evaluating the proposal and providing guidance to the Board on issues relating to use, appropriateness, and impact on the surrounding neighborhood. The Task Force held its first meeting on Thursday, February 16; the next meeting is scheduled for March 15.

Ms. Griffin stressed that the use permit process does not allow for zoning variances, and Marymount has stated that its proposal meets the zoning requirements, including setbacks and height restrictions. Ms. Griffin noted that there will be opportunities for public comment when the plan is taken up by the Planning and Transportation Commissions, as well as by the County Board, though a specific timetable for those meetings has not yet been developed.

Following Ms. Griffin's presentation, Ms. Seigley and Mr. Domes took the floor to explain the proposed project and answer questions. Ms. Seigley noted that the plan was developed to remedy Marymount's three critical needs: parking, modernized facilities, and more resident living space. She noted that when the University's master plan was presented at a Donaldson Run meeting

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**The next DRCA Membership Meeting is Wednesday, March 29
at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Elementary School.**

President's Message

Ned W. Rhodes

The Donaldson Run Civic Association (DRCA) has had two good meetings so far in 2006. In January, Arlington County Manager Ron Carlee was our guest speaker and did a fine job of talking about his future plans and answering questions. Marymount University officials unveiled their plans for the corner of North 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive at our February meeting. They are proposing a fairly dense set of buildings for that corner to include classrooms, a 440-space underground parking garage and three floors of dormitory space. DRCA will continue to monitor this process and report back to the membership. DRCA is represented by Anne Wilson and Maxine Nagel on a County Task Force that is studying the proposal.

Throughout the year, DRCA monitors events that are taking place in the neighborhood to make sure that the best interests of the neighborhood are represented. We will be heavily involved in the Marymount project, we continue to monitor residential development plans on Lorcom Lane, we work closely with the County on traffic issues, we worked with the County on the planning of the new sidewalk on 26th Street and we are very involved with the Donaldson Run stream restoration project. You can help us to continue to do these things by becoming a member of DRCA or by renewing your membership. The mailing label on page 10 of this newsletter contains your membership status.

DRCA has almost completed the move of the mailing list over to Yahoo groups. This is being done so that it will be easier to send bulk emails to the membership. You do not need to become a member of Yahoo groups to receive the email, but if you do, you will be able to see some additional content at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/drca/>. If you are not already on the email list, you can join by sending a blank email to drca-subscribe@yahoo.com. Our official web site is www.drca.org.

A few weeks ago, I was contacted by the Washington Post reporter who writes the "Where We Live" section in the Saturday edition. I drove her around the neighborhood and we took a look at the stream restoration effort at the Utah Street entrance. The park was blanketed in snow and while we were there, six deer wandered by. I think the stream is looking very good and the Washington Post reporter said it looked very "inviting." Things will only get better in the Spring when we can start the planting of the hundreds of new trees, shrubs, and bushes that will line the stream banks.

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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The slate of officers for the DRCA Executive Committee is published on page 4 of this newsletter. Most of the officers and directors have agreed to serve another term and I thank them for all their efforts and commitment of time. All have been willing to help as needed, so that no one person has had to take on too much of a burden. Thank you, Helen Lane, for your many years as Secretary and welcome to Tim Arthurs, who has agreed to come on as a director.

DRCA holds a regular social half hour before each membership meeting. I hope to see you at one of our next meetings.

Marymount Project

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over two years ago, concern was expressed about the appearance of the parking garage that Marymount was then proposing for the 26th Street site. Those attending the meeting had suggested that any parking garage be sited as much underground as possible. Architects subsequently hired by Marymount conceived the proposal now on the table, Ms. Seigley said, and their plan will meet all of Marymount's current needs. No increase in the enrollment caps (1,300 students in classes at any one time during the daytime hours and 1,000 students in evening classes at any one time) is being sought.

Mr. Domes explained that the current parking garage is not large enough to accommodate the university's needs; the additional 270 spaces in the proposed facility should take care of both student and faculty drivers. With respect to dormitory space, Marymount currently houses 120 students in off-campus arrangements (private apartments and a floor at a local Comfort Inn) and at least 60 commuter students have expressed interest in living on campus. The new dormitory would handle those needs, he said. Both Ms. Seigley and Mr. Domes stressed Marymount's desire to be a good neighbor and to develop a project that fits in with the neighborhood and does not cause disruption or safety issues.

A lively question-answer session followed the Marymount presentation. The main concerns raised mirrored many of the concerns brought up at the first Task Force meeting, including:

- increased traffic along 26th Street/Yorktown Boulevard;
- pedestrian safety in the area;
- the size of the proposed buildings relative to the size of the lot;
- the proposed location of the parking entrance (off Yorktown Boulevard across from the entrance to the existing parking garage);
- the wisdom of locating a dense project on a busy corner of the University, as opposed to seeking a site closer to the heart of the University; and
- the height of the project, especially along Yorktown Boulevard where in places the structure would rise six stories above street level (three stories of parking, topped by the three-story dormitory).

Ms. Seigley and Mr. Domes indicated that development of a traffic management plan would be a major component of the project. A new pedestrian walkway across Yorktown Boulevard between the proposed complex and the main campus was suggested, and the Marymount representatives

2006 Spring Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, March 29

Agenda: DRCA Elections and Marymount Project Discussion and Poll

Wednesday, May 31

Agenda: State of Our Parks

Join us at 7 p.m. for a social half hour.

The dates, times, and topics of DRCA meetings are subject to change. Updated agendas are sent via email to our list subscribers approximately one week prior to meetings. To join our list, please add your email address to the DRCA membership application. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Elementary School unless otherwise noted.

indicated that the walkway will be a topic of discussion at future Task Force meetings, as will traffic and pedestrian concerns. The Marymount officials indicated they would take the concerns expressed at the meeting back to the University where they will be carefully considered.

The February 16 Task Force meeting and the February 22 DRCA meeting are the first steps in a process. Marymount has given considerable thought to how it wants to use its property on 26th Street; its proposed project is a large-scale undertaking that will bring the university into closer contact with the surrounding neighborhood. Now is the time for the neighborhood to weigh in on the process and make its views known--pro or con. Please join us at our Wednesday, March 29 meeting--7:30 pm at Taylor Elementary School--when we'll continue our Marymount discussion and aim to get a sense of the association on the proposed project. Finally, if you want to be added to an email list about the Marymount project, please send your name and street address to anne@drca.org.

DRCA Candidate Slate

Has it been two years already? By the calendar it has, and so we have scheduled elections for our March meeting. Each person is elected to a two-year term. The slate for the coming year is:

President – Ned W. Rhodes

First Vice President – Anne Wilson

Second Vice President – Mike Green

Secretary – Maxine Nagel

Treasurer – Elizabeth Apple

Director – Larry Finch

Director – Greg Gromada

Director – Bill Richardson

Director – Tim Arthurs

With such a strong executive committee, it has been an easy two years. Thank you all for agreeing to serve.

Donaldson Run Stream Project

Larry Finch

Earthmoving activity along Donaldson Run is nearing completion. The nature trail leading from Utah Street to Military Road is being mulched and trees are being planted along the stream starting from the Utah Street park entrance. Portions of the bike path that were disturbed by the construction will be resurfaced by mid-March. Soon after that, a new bridge will be installed at the stream crossing near Military Road. The bridge site is being moved a short distance upstream to save several large trees located near the old bridge. By the end of March, the project should be completed and park visitors should be able to go through the park on either the bike path or the nature trail.

Join us in celebrating the completion of the stream restoration project on Saturday, April 29. Meet at Taylor School at 10 a.m. for fun activities and informational booths, followed by nature walks along Donaldson Run led by park rangers. The program will conclude with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. with County Board participation. For further information, call Aileen Winqvist, Arlington Dept of Environmental Services (703-228-3610).

Schools Update

Greg Gromada and Maxine Nagel

Taylor Elementary School

Rob Hindman, Principal, reports that Taylor School is currently celebrating the 20th Anniversary Taylor School Dance Celebration. During the past twenty years, approximately 2,000 students have participated in a dance education and performance program during third grade. Mel Turner, Taylor School physical education teacher, developed and has led the program. A Taylor School Dance Team will be performing the Maypole Dance at Potomac Overlook Park in May.

A team of Taylor fifth grade students took first place honors in the Virginia Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl contest. Suelynn McAndrew is the teacher/coach of the Taylor team which scored an impressive 1230 points.

Taylor will be hosting an Arlington County Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 28. The ceremony will begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. A tree planting and other Arbor Day activities are being planned. The Arbor Day celebration will be the final event in Taylor School's first Earth Week. A variety of science projects, special science events and open houses are scheduled for the week of April 24 -28.

Mark your calendars! The Annual Taylor School Spring Fair will be held on May 6. There will be food, games, crafts, and fun for all!

On behalf of the Taylor Elementary School community, Mr. Hindman extends his continued appreciation to the Donaldson Run Community. Taylor School shares news through the school and PTA websites and in regular monthly PTA newsletters. Please feel free to call Mr. Hindman at (703) 228-6275 with questions or comments about Taylor Elementary School.

Williamsburg Middle School

According to Williamsburg Middle School (WMS) 7th Grade teacher Tobie Hendricks, the outdoor learning courtyard continues to grow. This spring, a pollinator garden will be constructed. Plans continue for an environmentally friendly education pavilion based on sustainable development designs. Extra help and volunteers are always needed. There are plenty of projects for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts working towards badges. To volunteer, contact Tobie_Hendricks@apsva.us.

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Schools Update

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Join WMS singers, dancers, and musicians for their rendition of the Broadway classic "Bye Bye Birdie." Performances are set for Thursday, March 23 and Friday, March 24 at the WMS auditorium. The curtain rises at 7:00 p.m.

Attention parents! Are you worried about the amount of time your children spend with their favorite electronic devices? Join other parents at WMS's April family network, "Six Easy Ways to Cut Down on Video Games, Internet, and TV Use in Your Home." The program will be held on Thursday, April 20, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at WMS.



H-B Woodlawn

According to Principal Frank Haltiwanger, significant progress on H-B Woodlawn's building project has been made since the freezing weeks of December. While a number of days were lost to weather, now construction is moving along well. Recently neighbors expressed concerns about early morning work on the weekends, and the manager promised not to begin noisy work before 10 a.m.

If you have concerns about street parking, the construction, or any other matter involving H-B Woodlawn, please contact Principal Frank Haltiwanger at fhalt@arlington.k12.va.us or at 703-228-6363.

Yorktown High School

Attention Yorktown High School families: If you have a love of travel and French culture, you could have the time of your life this summer! The American Field Service (AFS)--a worldwide non-

profit--has been sending high school students abroad for almost 60 years. Beginning this summer, AFS is offering a new six-week program that involves the whole family. Here's how the program works. First, the American student will travel to France to live with a French teenager and his/her family. After two weeks, the French teen host will travel to the U.S. to stay with his American counterpart's family. For the final two weeks, the American teen will return to the U.S. to spend time with his or her family and new French friend. For more information on this program or other AFS programs (including a summer soccer program in Paraguay and a year-long program in Thailand, among others) please contact local AFS volunteer Melissa Bristow at 703-522-8351 or by email at msbristow@earthlink.net.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming events at Yorktown High School that are sure to be crowd pleasers:

On March 30-April 1, Yorktown's Theatre Arts Department will present "Seussical the Musical", a production based largely on the Dr. Seuss classic "Horton Hears a Who." Performances will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. In addition, a matinee is planned for Saturday, April 1, at 2:00 p.m. Performances will be held in the Yorktown auditorium. For more information, contact the school at 703-228-5400.

The Yorktown Auditorium also will be the venue for a special performance on May 7 of The Capitol Steps, Washington's renowned comic and musical satirists. Proceeds will benefit Yorktown's Theatre Arts Program. See page 10 for more information on this worthwhile event.

Planning is well underway for Yorktown High School's 2006 Graduation Boat Party, an all-night alcohol- and drug-free celebration for Yorktown's 2006 graduates. This annual event--to be held this year on the evening of June 22 aboard the paddle-wheeler Cherry Blossom--generally draws up to 80 percent of the graduating class (all graduates are invited and encouraged to attend). Entertainment, food, and fun are the drawing cards, and parents of the attendees can rest easy knowing their grads are celebrating in a safe, chaperoned environment. Yorktown parents have been hosting these graduation celebrations for more than a dozen years under the auspices of Northern Virginia Project Graduation, a non-profit group set up in response to a rash of graduation-related traffic accidents across the area. For more information, or to assist in planning the Yorktown 2006 Graduation Boat Party, please contact Maureen McManus at momcmanus@comcast.net.

Professional Help Around the House

Email mary@DRCA.org with recommendations.

Computer Support Services

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

Concrete/Stone work

Universal Stone, (703) 644-7777, referred by Anne Wilson, 525-0344

Fencing

Delaney Adkins (Adkins Bros. Fencing), (703) 642-8051, referred by Kathy and Bill Richardson, 525-5270

General Contractor

Karl Knudson, (703) 538-5865, carpentry, tile work, small additions, decks, referred by Karen Hanneman, 276-0787

Housecleaning

Vivian Villarroel, (703) 256-0973, referred by Connie Sorrentino, 528-2551

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

Mercedes Roldan, (703) 243-2962, referred by Laura Jackson, 312-0541

Aida Sales, (703) 273-6140, referred by Nedji Ellsworth, 243-4329

Landscaping and Yardwork

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

TP Lawn Service, owned and operated by Tuan Phan, (703) 553-0678 or cell (571) 243-8737, referred by Connie Sorrentino, 528-2551

Jose Sales, (703) 273-6140, referred by Nedji Ellsworth, 243-4329

A Cut Above Lawn and Landscaping Service, Patrick Rankin, (703) 536-3183, referred by Kathryn Ricard and Greg Gromada, 465-8564

Painting

Edward Wilkerson (C.W. Wilkerson and Sons), (703) 524-1019, referred by Kathy and Bill Richardson, 525-5270

Need a Job Done? Hire a Neighbor!

Email mary@DRCA.org if you or someone you know is interested in providing a service listed below.

Babysitting

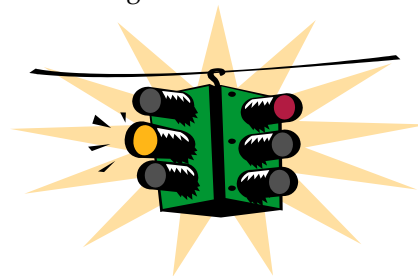
-- Daniel Bronstein, 527-5714

Housesitting

-- Kirk Hanneman, 527-4604
-- Mindy Hanneman, 527-4604

Petsitting/Dogwalking

-- MC Petcare, contact Cara at 812-8894
or Megan at 524-4922



Installation of 26th Street-Old Dominion Traffic Light Delayed

Anne Wilson

Although Arlington County and the Virginia Department of Transportation have approved the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive, it does not appear that the light will be installed any time soon. Apparently neither the County nor the state owns the right of way needed for the installation of the traffic light. In order to install the lights, the County must either buy or get permission from the property owners involved. This does not sound like a short process. DRCA will continue to monitor this and will report any significant developments.

**Do you have notice of a community event that you would like posted on one of Donaldson Run's kiosks?
Contact Maxine Nagel at (703) 524-5093 or by email at jkolick@aol.com**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR DONALDSON RUN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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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 _____

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

Address: _____

Special Interests/Volunteer Areas/Comments: _____

Please make check payable to Donaldson Run Civic Association.

Mail to: Elizabeth Apple, Treasurer, 4207 North 31st Street, Arlington, VA 22207

Are You a Member?

Elizabeth Apple

Wondering if you're a dues-paying member of the Donaldson Run Civic Association? Check the mailing label on page 10 and you'll find the answer.

If you're paid up, we thank you. Among other things, your dues (\$15 per year per household) help underwrite the cost of distributing our newsletter to the more than 950 homes in the Donaldson Run neighborhood. Many of you have also made extra contributions toward newsletter costs; we're grateful for your financial support.

Remember, dues-paying members have the right to vote on issues of importance to the neighborhood that often arise at our monthly general membership meetings. In addition, DRCA executive board elections will be held at our March meeting; if you want to vote, make sure your dues are current.

Dues can be paid through the mail (just complete and return the form in this newsletter) or at any of our general membership meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 29, at Taylor Elementary School--we hope to see you there!

Barbershop Harmony

An original, a cappella, four-part harmony presentation of the Arlington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, "There's a Meetin' Here Tonight," will be performed at 2:15 and 8:15 p.m., Saturday, March 18, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre. The Arlingtines Barbershop Chorus, Chapter Quartets and Columbia Pike Community Chorus will perform. Razzmatazz, noted for their spontaneous energy and unique style, is the featured guest quartet. Tickets: \$12 adults/\$10 seniors/students for either show. For more information call 703-521-9331 or email bsbass@aol.com.

The Arlington Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is a non-profit organization sponsored in part by the Arlington County Cultural Affairs Division.

Community Volunteers Sought

Are you looking for a way to help your community but just haven't found the right program? Do you want to learn how to protect yourself and your neighbors? Can you spare just a couple of hours per week? If you answered yes to these questions, you should look into the Arlington County Sheriff's Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff program.

The Arlington County Sheriff's Office is seeking Arlington County residents who will volunteer to become Auxiliary Deputy Sheriffs. "I joined the program two years ago because I felt it was a way to give back to my community while learning how to react in an emergency," said Mike Green, a Donaldson Run resident and Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff. "I have learned how to help the Sheriff's Office with courthouse security, transportation of prisoners, fingerprinting citizens for security clearances, and several other tasks. I have also assisted with the extradition of prisoners from outside of Virginia."

"The assignments that Auxiliary Deputy Sheriffs receive depend on the Deputy's level of training and certification. An Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff will never be given a task for which he or she has not been fully trained and certified so a volunteer need not be concerned about getting in over his or her head," said Sergeant Tom Knock, the program supervisor. "The training schedule is designed to accommodate the needs and availability of the volunteers and a volunteer can go as far in the program as he or she desires."

An initial training class is currently being formed and will be starting soon. If you want more information about what it takes to become an Arlington County Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff, call Sgt. Tom Knock at 703-228-7382. Remember: You can make a difference in your community – but you must take the first step.

Arbor Day Celebration

Larry Finch

Arlington holds an annual Arbor Day celebration, and this year it will be at Taylor School. On Friday, April 28, students will assemble for a program and then plant trees, some on the school grounds and others along Donaldson Run as part of the stream restoration project. For further information, contact Arlington Urban Forester Robert Corletta (703-228-1863) or Larry Finch (703-528-6349).

Gulf Branch Nature Center Spring Programs

All programs will meet at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, unless otherwise noted. Registration is required. Register on-line at <https://registration.co.arlington.va.us/> or call 703-228-4747.

BUNNYPALOOZA

Program #632312B

Saturday, March 25

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Ages 4-8.

Join us for a fun afternoon full of funny bunny antics. The bunny hop, camouflage game, and meeting the bunny are a few of the fun activities in this mini-bunny festival!

\$4 fee.

FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

Program #632316A

Saturday, March 25

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Ages 6-9.

Explore with us as we search the ponds in our area for early springtime signs--frogs and spotted salamanders. Wear waterproof boots or shoes that a little mud won't harm.

Free.

THE ART OF THE AMBLE: Spring at the Potomac's Shore

Program #634313A

Sunday, March 26

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Adults.

Join us as we amble and occasionally scramble on this hike from the high palisades to a fisherman's view of the mighty Potomac (some parts of the trail are challenging). We will explore the history, dramatic views and wildflowers of this parkland hidden away from the hustle and bustle, at a leisurely pace. Participants will receive a guidebook filled with maps and information about the area. Dress for the weather with layered clothing and sturdy hiking shoes. Bring water, a snack and your favorite nature poem, story or writing excerpt to share.

\$15 fee.

To get a listing of many more nature programs, visit the Gulf Branch Nature Center or visit the website mentioned above.

Arlington Farmers' Market

If you're ever driving by the Arlington County Courthouse on a Saturday morning, you've probably noticed a lot of trucks with tents in front of them and people milling about the street between them. That's the Arlington Farmers' Market! On a typical Saturday at the market, more than 3000 visitors can be seen walking the L-shaped layout, surveying and purchasing the fresh produce from more than 30 vendors and getting quality information from educational resources.

The Arlington Farmers' Market is proud to focus on several key goals:

1) Providing the freshest and highest quality foods to our customers. 2) Allowing customers to meet the people who grow their food. 3) Supporting local farmers by limiting the distance (125 miles) from which a producer may travel. 4) Educating our customers about food, environment, and community issues through booths staffed by the Virginia Cooperative Extension, Master Gardeners, and community non-profits.

The Arlington County Courthouse Farmers' Market was founded by the Arlington branch of the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service in 1979. At that time, only Bethesda and Washington, D.C. hosted weekly markets; the market was established in response to county residents' requests to have a local market to patronize weekly. The market, now in its twenty-sixth year, continues to promote local farmers' produce and is an indispensable part of the community.

So, come join us every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and see what great produce is grown locally.

Organic Wine Tasting

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment is hosting an organic wine tasting event on Friday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park. The tasting will feature organic wines from around the world presented by The Curious Grape. Light refreshments will be served. Suggested donation is \$40 with proceeds to benefit local conservation programs. For more information or reservations go to www.Arlingtonianenvironment.org or call 703-228-6406.

Taking Action to Protect Arlington's Environment

Join Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment at its annual meeting on Sunday, March 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 North Quincy Street.

Give your input on top priorities for local conservation. The program will include small group discussions, an opportunity to vote on top issues, and light refreshments. Complete an online survey at www.arlingtonenvironment.org to be eligible for a prize drawing.

Civil War Era Dinner

Fort C.F. Smith Park and the Hendry House will be hosting a Civil War Era Dinner on Sunday April 23. There will be a 5:30 p.m. and a 7:30 p.m. seating. Food will be prepared in the traditional method of that time period.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 5-10 years old. Children 5 and under are free. Call 703-243-7329 for tickets.



Did you know that Arlington County's entire school bus fleet operates on modified diesel engines that run on a combination of diesel fuel and soybean oil. The switch to this technology has saved Arlington County public schools 20 percent on fuel costs!

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DRCA Meeting

Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m.
A social half hour begins at 7 p.m.

Agenda: DRCA Elections
Marymount Project Discussion and Poll
Taylor Elementary School
2600 North Stuart Street

Potomac Overlook Open House

Larry Finch

The annual open house at Potomac Overlook Regional Park will be held on Sunday, May 7. It will include music and a potluck lunch provided by park visitors and Girl Scouts. Call Potomac Overlook if you're interested in bringing a dish. The open house will feature live music by the band "Greentree", live animal exhibits and a performance by the "Jazzy Juggler" and will close with the traditional Maypole Dance performed by students from Taylor School. This is a major event that attracts several hundred visitors. There will be activities for children and adults, and everyone is invited to attend. For further information, call Potomac Overlook Regional Park (703-528-5406).

The Capitol Steps are Coming to Arlington!

Washington's own comic and musical satirists, who are in no danger of running out of rich political material, will be performing at Yorktown High School on Sunday, May 7 from 5-7 p.m. The group is the 2005 winner of the Best Bets Readers' Choice Award for Best Live Theater in Washington, DC. The program benefits Yorktown's Theatre Program.

Tickets are \$26 each. Checks may be made out to and mailed to Yorktown High School Theatre, 5201 North 28th Street, Arlington, VA 22207. Tickets may be picked up at will call a half hour before the performance.