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Ron Carlee at Next DRCA Membership Meeting

Ned Rhodes

Arlington County Manager Ron Carlee will be on hand at the March 26th DRCA meeting to engage in a dialogue on the state of the County.

Carlee—who recently unveiled the proposed FY 2009 Arlington County Budget—will provide a County overview and entertain questions. Carlee's proposed \$924.6 million budget represents a 4.7 percent increase over the FY 2008 budget and includes funding for county schools, capital projects, affordable housing, and health and environmental initiatives, among other things.

The March 26th meeting with Carlee will provide neighbors the opportunity to get an update on local issues—the Marymount building project at 26th Street and Old Dominion Drive, and the master planning for the mulch pile/salt dome corner—as well as issues affecting other areas of the county (proposed I-66 expansion, Columbia Pike Trolley, North Tract proposal, Bromptons development, and budget shortfall ramifications, to name a few.)

Come armed with your questions for County Manager Carlee. The meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

DRCA Election is March 26

Anne Wilson

DRCA will hold its biannual election at the civic association meeting on March 26. The proposed slate of officers for the elections is as follows: Ned Rhodes, President; Anne Wilson, 1st Vice President; Mike Green, 2nd Vice President; Maxine Nagel, Secretary; Arleen Rhodes, Treasurer; Larry Finch, Director; Greg Gromada, Director; and Bill Richardson, Director. Nominations for all positions will also be taken from the floor on the night of the election.

Consistent with DRCA bylaws, all members who pay their dues at least 60 days prior to the election will be eligible to vote. There is a vacancy for one additional director's position, so if you have attended some of our meetings and thought that you might want to get involved in DRCA in an official capacity, this is an opportunity to become a member of the DRCA team. If you would like more information about the election, contact Anne Wilson at anne@drca.org or (703) 525-0344.

Are You a Member?

See this flyer's mailing label to check your status. You can go to www.drca.org for a membership form to fill out and mail in.

The next Donaldson Run Civic Association meeting is Wednesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Elementary School. A social half hour begins at 7 p.m.

Donaldson Run Civic Association
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Tree Giveaway

Larry Finch

In connection with Arlington's Neighborhood Day celebration, the Division of Parks and Natural Resources is providing free trees for residents to plant in their yards. These will be small and easy to plant, and there will be a choice between a shade tree and a small understory tree:

- The shade tree this year is the yellow poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), also known as the tulip poplar or tulip tree. This is a fast-growing tree that can reach heights of 70-90 feet. It attracts birds and squirrels.
- The small understory tree is the Allegheny serviceberry (*Amenlanchier laevis*), which grows to a height of 15-25 feet. It has beautiful spring blossoms and edible fruit similar to blueberries. It is a favorite of birds and other wildlife.

A yellow poplar would need plenty of room to grow, but most yards could accommodate an Allegheny serviceberry. To request a tree, contact Larry Finch at lefinch@verizon.net, specifying which tree you want and providing your address and phone number. Requesting a tree early is recommended because the number of trees will be limited.

DRCA plans to have a booth at the Taylor School fair on May 3rd to answer questions about the tree giveaway and to provide planting and tree care information.

Arlington's 2008 Neighborhood Day!

Arlington's 12th Annual Neighborhood Day is Saturday, May 10. It's the perfect day to have a neighborhood picnic, clean-up, yard sale, tree planting, performance, or any other project you can imagine to bring your neighbors together.

What to do?

- Invite your neighbors to Walk for the Animals. Find out how at www.awla.org
- Get a team to run in the Battle of the Boulevard 10K. The neighborhood with the most participants will get \$500 to be given to their nonprofit of choice. Learn more at www.battleoftheboulevard.com
- Nominate someone for Community Hero Awards. Learn more at www.sungazette.net
- Have a neighborhood float in the Neighborhood Day parade. Register it at www.arlingtonva.us, keyword 2008 Neighborhood Day
- Put on an event and Arlington County will help you promote it in advertising and on the web. Register it at www.arlingtonva.us, keyword 2008 Neighborhood Day

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