



Columbia Heights Civic Association Neighborhood Newsletter

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President's Message

Please join us for a **Holiday Party** on Monday, **December 13** as we celebrate our accomplishments this year and look forward to next year (see details on Page 2).

We are embarking on new projects to enhance our neighborhood. One of these will install a new sidewalk on 11th Street, between Edgewood and S. Cleveland, just one block off Columbia Pike. This area is heavily travelled and will be well used.

Looking forward, we want to create more useful green space on the east side of our neighborhood, where population is most dense. A study group, led by board members Jennifer Bagnell Stuart and Joshua Folb, is working on this (see Page 2). We hope to have your input as well!

--Ron Haddox, President



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CHCA Board:

Ron Haddox (President); Sarah McKinley (Vice President); Allen Muchnick (Secretary); Ed Miltenberger (Treasurer); Linh Ong; Jennifer Bagnell Stuart and Joshua Folb.

Work on Walter Reed Park Begins!

Arlington County has begun construction on the entryways and fence surrounding Walter Reed Park, which was funded by a grant awarded to CHCA from the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) program.

When completed at the end of this year, the \$350,000 project will include new stone entryways to the park on Walter Reed Drive and 16th Street, a new sign for the park at the corner of Walter Reed and 16th, a widened entryway on 16th, and a new six-foot high solid steel picket fence separating the park from the Arlington Village and Commons of Arlington communities.

One of the goals in the project was to save as many trees as possible in the park, which will require the fence to include "cut-outs" around trees. Currently the County has temporarily installed chain-link fence around the park to serve as buffer zones for construction.

Neighbors Approve Sidewalk Project, Ready for December Funding Cycle

Property owners on 11th Street, between Edgewood and S. Cleveland, have officially approved a plan that will allow the County to build a sidewalk on the north side of that street and install new Carlisle-style streetlights, a project that will make that middle-portion of our neighborhood safer and more attractive. The project will also include repaving the street. Parking will be maintained on the south side of the street.

This project represents the third major project sponsored by CHCA through the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) and will be eligible for consideration in the December funding round. Prospects are good that CHCA has sufficient points within that program to be approved this year.

Neighborhood Signs Coming!

Columbia Heights Civic Association members are meeting in November to approve the locations for neighborhood signs, which have been approved for funding through NCAC.



Holiday Party - December 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Please join us for a holiday party sponsored by the Columbia Heights Civic Association on Monday, December 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Board members will supply food and refreshments, but we welcome any treats that you might care to bring! This private party, for CHCA members and guests, will be held at the offices of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization, located at 2611 Columbia Pike. This year we have a lot to celebrate, as we have been successful on a number of fronts in making our neighborhood a better place to live. We will forgo our usual monthly meeting to celebrate the season with you!

Planning for Green Space on Columbia Pike

The association is beginning a conversation about preserving green space both in the neighborhood and throughout Arlington County. A lot of Arlington's policies as it relates to land use is being reviewed in the coming year and CHCA wants to take an active part in ensuring that open space remains a priority. We are particularly interested in green space on the East side of our neighborhood, where most of our residents live. We invite you to join us in future meetings to discuss what we can do to protect the open spaces we have here in the Columbia Heights neighborhood. If you're interested in joining this effort please contact Jennifer Bagnell Stuart (jabstuart@gmail.com) or Josh Folb (jfolb@vt.edu). We welcome your input!

CHCA Street Light Project Moving Forward

Arlington County has now moved forward on easements that will allow it to prepare for the first large-scale residential demonstration of LED street lights, to be located in our neighborhood. The approved project will replace lights on Barton Street from Columbia Pike to 16th Street, and a small section of 16th and Edgewood.

The new street lights will be in the "Carlisle" style, like those now found on the Pike. The new system will also become part of a "smart grid" that will allow the County to operate all the lights from a central location. The new system will be more efficient and more environmentally friendly, while providing better lighting.

Ed Miltenberger, a CHCA Board member, is the block captain for this project. We are hopeful that engineering work will be completed in 2011.

Sienna Park Open for Business

The Sienna Park apartment building on Columbia Pike is completed, and the new Giant may open ahead of time--as early as May 2011. Both projects will include public parking on Columbia Pike in front of the developments, as well as underground parking. Complaints that the three-car space in front of Sienna Park was reserved for residents of that new apartment complex are not accurate. Anyone can park in those public street spaces.

Other developments along the Pike include street improvements on the Pike from Four Mile Run all the way to the Fairfax County border. The street work will continue for at least two years, but will result in major infrastructure improvements, including accommodations for future light rail.

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