



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## Old Glebe Civic Association

**December 2011**

Respecting Tradition,  
Welcoming Progress

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### FORT ETHAN ALLEN

As part of the OGCA-backed county project to mark and interpret the historic Civil War site, archeological work is being done in anticipation of the development of a final site plan. The plan is to be presented to the neighborhood project Steering Committee to review in advance of any final decisions about the placement of project features that will include an historic marker, a bas-relief map of the fort, and a replica gun emplacement.

The flagging now on site will be removed as it is mapped and recorded. The county has teamed up with H-B Woodlawn's

American History classes to take part and follow the archeological work.



### County Review of Cell Tower

The county advised us of a five-year review of a use permit for the 110-ft. telecom tower located at N. Old Glebe Road and Military Road. No changes were proposed. The use permit was originally approved in 1992, and renewed in 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2006 with no issues identified.

### SCAMS

There have been several instances of people coming into the neighborhood to sell firewood or to cut trees after storms. Police officers repeated some general instructions:

1. Be aware of suspicious strangers in the neighborhood.
2. Ask for a permit if a solicitor comes to your door.
3. Call the police if you are not satisfied.

### SNOW HELP

Keep an eye out for your neighbors during snowstorms and other emergencies. Reach out to see if they need help.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

The Old Glebe Civic Association (OGCA) is a neighborhood organization formed to give residents a voice in local, County and State affairs. OGCA is a member of the Arlington County Civic Federation which provides policy inputs to the County and State governments. Any neighborhood resident may become a member. Dues are \$10 per year, \$25 for three years, or \$100 for a perpetual membership. Be a part of your community and join today! [www.oldglebe.org](http://www.oldglebe.org) (pay via paypal) or e-mail treasurer@oldglebe.org.

## GULF BRANCH NATURE CENTER

The Friends of Gulf Branch have been successful in raising money to meet the county's demands in order to keep the Center open and extend weekend hours.



It is "hush, hush" but a replacement owl is now living in the newly built raptor habitat adjacent to the Center. Be very quiet when approaching the cage as the owl is still adjusting to its new habitat.

Preliminary studies are now underway to determine the feasibility of upgrading the American Indian exhibit that is one of only two locations listed on the Virginia Indian Heritage Trail.



## Fifth Annual SPAGHETTI DINNER

Preliminary plans are underway for another spaghetti dinner in February complete with a moon bounce and other activities for children to burn off excess winter energy. It's a great winter break and an opportunity to meet neighbors. Volunteers are needed to plan and carry out the dinner.

## IT'S UP TO YOU

What suggestions do you have for projects that are needed or problems that need to be resolved? Your input – and your participation – are needed and welcome. Email us at [information@oldglebe.org](mailto:information@oldglebe.org).

## PARTY AT GULF BRANCH

Gulf Branch Nature Center is a great place for a birthday party including naturalist-led activities for up to 15 children. Fees start at \$150 for a two-hour party and include a 20-minute nature program

For more information contact Tricia Schnell at 703/300-3553 or [fogbnc.birthdays@gmail.com](mailto:fogbnc.birthdays@gmail.com).



## NEIGHBORS LISTSERV

When you need to circulate neighborhood news fast like a lost pet or a car break-in, send a note to [newsletter@oldglebe.org](mailto:newsletter@oldglebe.org) and it will be quickly sent to 100+ neighbors.

Add your address to this list to get news. We try to use the listserv sparingly sending only important information.

## ARLINGTON ALERT

Arlington Alert is a message system that allows the county to contact you during an emergency by sending text messages to your e-mail address, cell phone, text pager or BlackBerry. When an emergency occurs, the county will notify you with up-to-date instruction on where to go, what to do, or what not to do and other important information. Sign up at: [www.arlingtonalert.com](http://www.arlingtonalert.com).



## TIPS FOR WINTER

**Get a kit.** For your home: three days' food and water; a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries; and a family emergency plan. Add a first aid kit, needed medications, blankets and warm clothing, supplies for members of your household with special needs, and pet items.

For your car: bottles of water and food bars, bag of sand or kitty litter to provide traction under tires, hats, gloves and blankets, and cell phone charger.

For your office: bottles of water and food bars and a radio to hear local information about whether it is safe to travel. Officials may advise staying in place until it is safe to travel.

**Make a plan.** Choose an out-of-town relative or friend to be your family's point of contact for emergency communications. Decide on a meeting place if your family cannot return home because of closed roads. Discuss with your family what you would do in case of severe weather.

**Stay informed.** Listen for up-to-date information from your local media and emergency officials.

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## **JOIN or RENEW Your OGCA Membership**

Membership funds are used for community events such as our Spaghetti Dinner and Neighborhood Day activities. Additionally, funds are used to support community beautification and causes such as supporting the Gulf Branch Nature Center. Please send a check made out to Old Glebe Civic Association to join or renew your membership for one year (\$10), three years (25) or a perpetual membership for \$100. Give your completed application to your block captain or send it to 4522 North 37<sup>th</sup> Street, 22207.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
          Arlington, VA. 22207

Phone # (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I am interested in serving as an OGCA officer or delegate to the Civic Federation.

\_\_\_ I am interested in helping out with OGCA activities.

\_\_\_ I have the following suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_