

## Old Glebe Civic Association

Newsletter – Spring 2006  
“Respecting Tradition, Welcoming Progress”

### SPRING EVENTS & DATES

SATURDAY, APRIL 22: Collection & Recycling Event, TJ Middle School, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, 8:30 AM – 3 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 13: Neighborhood Day Celebration and Community Yard Sale, Madison Center, 10 AM – 12 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17: Spring Membership Meeting, Elections and Project Vote, Madison Center, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

**Out With the Old!** is the theme for May. First will be your opportunity to clean out the closets, the basement and the attic and sell those forgotten treasures at our Community Yard Sale, Saturday May 13. As we did last year, we will set up tables on the grass in front of the Madison Center next to Old Glebe Road. You can ‘rent’ a table for a mere \$5, and then all the proceeds will be yours. Who needs E-Bay??? Call (703-237-9521) or e-mail ([captbillusn@comcast.net](mailto:captbillusn@comcast.net)) to reserve a table. First come, first serve!!

**Old Shoes, Eyeglasses, Bikes??** Can’t sell it or give it away? Afraid to put it in the trash? Arlington County is sponsoring its annual ‘Hazmat’ Recycling Event this Saturday, April 22 at the TJ Middle School, from 8:30 AM to 3 PM. In addition to the usual paints, pesticides and chemicals, there will also be a collection for eyeglasses and ‘gently used’ shoes and clothing. For Arlington residents only -- bring ID. Call 703-228-6832 for details.

**Change is Good!** In keeping with our May theme, we will have a dramatic turnover in Old Glebe officers this spring in lieu of a popular revolution. Members will have a chance to pick a new President, Treasurer, Secretary and three delegates to the Civic Federation. The better news is that our membership is at an all-time high, there is money in the bank, and a dedicated core of officers remains to keep things on track! If you are interested in joining the team, contact Bobbie Hays at 703-536-8357 or [bandw.hays@erols.com](mailto:bandw.hays@erols.com). Remember, you must be a (dues-paying) member to vote or be an officer.

**Got a Project?** If so, time is running out to sponsor it, and get some of the \$250,000 available to the civic association for decorative street lighting, parks and street beautification, curbs and gutters, and other qualified projects. We published the ‘rules’ in February, but you can still get the details on our web site ([www.oldglebe.org](http://www.oldglebe.org)). Each project must have a sponsor who is a dues-paying member. Project nominations should be sent to Helen Duval ([hduval@comcast.net](mailto:hduval@comcast.net)) by April 30. Dues-paying members will

vote for their preference of nominated projects at our Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 PM at the Madison Center.

**Membership and Dues.** The dues year runs from June 1 to the following May 31. Our objectives are to look out for and get to know our neighbors, increase community awareness and spirit, improve and beautify our facilities and environment and protect our quality of life from unjustified intrusions. Being a member also entitles you to vote for association officers and neighborhood projects.

Dues are \$10 per household per year; \$25 per household for three years; or \$100 per household for a perpetual membership. Our Treasurer Benny Parker waits expectantly to hear from you at 703-536-9539 or mail a check to:

4328 37<sup>th</sup> Road North  
Arlington, VA 22207

**Oh What A Web We've Weaved (Woven?)...** have you checked our new web site, [www.oldglebe.org](http://www.oldglebe.org)? We are fortunate to have two talented and dedicated webmasters, David Hunsburger and Ruth Gordon. They've done a terrific job in putting together an attractive and useful site, which contains links to most of the important information about Arlington County. We want to use the site as our primary means of communication, so we don't have to bother you with e-mails or extra mailings. So check it out, at least once a week, and if you have any suggestions for improvements or additions, please let us know!

**Fiscal Facts** As you may have noticed, the price of gas isn't the only thing that has gone up in Arlington. The 'average' assessed value of homes in Arlington (as of 1/1/06) is \$541,800, an 18% increase over 2005. Water/sewer rates will increase by 12.2% in fiscal '06, following a 15% increase in fiscal '05. The projected cost to educate a student in Arlington Public Schools is now over \$21,000.

Rumor has it the County Board will increase property taxes by an 'average' \$409 when it adopts a tax rate of \$0.818 (per \$100 assessed value) at the Board meeting Saturday, April 22. This may be accompanied by an increase in the personal property tax rate from \$4.40 to \$5.00 (per \$100 assessed value.) If you bought a car or a house this year, you will definitely notice this!

Other than an increase in assessments, there seems to be little to account for the increase in County expenditures. By comparison, for the period 1996-2000 County expenditures increased by a little over 16.6% as assessments rose by an average 1.6% per annum. For the period 2001-2005, County expenditures increased by 33%, or about double the previous five years, as assessments rose an average of 17.9% a year.

**Don't Forget To...**reserve a table for Neighborhood Day (May 13), sponsor a project, and vote for new officers (May 17).