



*Respecting Tradition
Welcoming Progress*

The Old Glebe Civic Association (OGCA) is a neighborhood organization formed to give residents a voice in local, County, and State affairs. Any neighborhood resident may become a member.

OGCA is a member of the Arlington County Civic Association which provides policy inputs to the County and State governments.

Old Glebe Officers

- President: Rich Samp
- Vice President: Burt Bostwick
- Secretary: Karen Rosenbaum
- Treasurer: Ruth Gordon

Executive Committee/Delegates to Arlington Civic Federation

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Old Glebe Civic Association

October 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Rich Samp is excited to have been elected to a two-year term as OGCA President in May. Rich is a long-time Old Glebe resident; he and his wife Jo Ella moved to the neighborhood in 1986 as newlyweds



One of Rich's priorities is to encourage the County to provide our area with adequate fire and emergency medical service (EMS). This is the most under-served

neighborhood in the County. There are no fire stations north of Lee Highway to serve the northern third of the County.

Since the County Board's decision to reconstruct the new Fire Station 8 where it has been, Rich has been working with County officials to see what can be done to improve services—perhaps constructing a substation nearby devoted solely to EMS services. We will keep you apprised of any progress.

Rich is eager to hear about the concerns of Old Glebe neighbors. Email president@oldglebe.org

DON'T MISS: FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL, SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST — GULF BRANCH NATURE CENTER



Each fall we gather around the Walker Log House to celebrate our nation's heritage. Join us this year for a family-friendly day of fun. Step back into history and try your hand at some old-time games and crafts, make a corn husk doll, try on a coon-skin cap, or work the cider press! Write with a quill pen or churn butter and enjoy old-time music. Bring

your old pants and shirt to make a scarecrow—child sizes work best! Drop in anytime between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Registration is not required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information: call 703-228-3403.



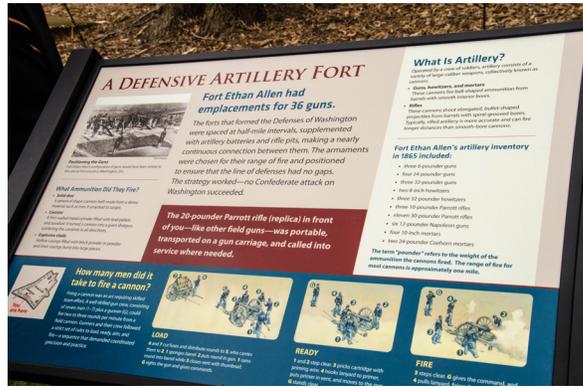
HOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKS

Who decided to make the improvements to Fort Ethan Allen Park a few years ago and where did the money come from to fund that project?

The answer to that question is the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC). Old Glebe Civic Association is one of 50 (out of the County's 57) Civic Associations which has a representative on the NCAC. The NCAC meets monthly, and twice each year makes project funding recommendations to the Arlington County Board.

This past May the County Board approved five NCAC recommended projects totaling roughly \$5.5 million for improving streets and intersections, adding streetlights in certain neighborhoods, and constructing a sign for the Long Branch Creek neighborhood.

Typically, every two years, the County seeks voter approval to issue general obligation bonds funding conservation projects. In 2016, Arlington residents approved a \$12 million



Neighborhood Conservation Bond. The proceeds of that bond offering will be used to fund the five projects approved by the Board this past May.

Conservation projects usually fall into one of five categories: street improvement and beautification projects, streetlight projects, parks and open space beautification projects, neighborhood sign projects, and “missing link” projects (installation of sidewalks to connect existing pedestrian systems). A project proposal can come from a member of the civic association or one of its Board members. The proposal must be approved by the civic association Board of Directors and by a survey of the residents within its

geographic boundaries. The proposal is then submitted to the NCAC for a rigorous analysis and review process. A critical component of that process is assignment of “points” by the NCAC Points Committee in order to prioritize all of the proposals that have been submitted by civic associations. Points can be awarded based on how recently the sponsoring civic association has had a project funded and how long the project in question has been in the queue for funding.

The Fort Ethan Allen Park project was years in the formulation, refinement, NCAC approval, and Board approval process before coming to fruition in March 2014. If you have a new idea for an Old Glebe neighborhood improvement project, please let one of the officers of the OGCA know or email me at hsolodky@wcsr.com by Howard Solodky, NCAC Representative for OGCA

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY



On Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Arlington County Police Department, Arlington County Sheriff's Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 14th opportunity in seven years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of

potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to Fire Stations 1, 5, 8, or 9. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Please note: The DEA cannot accept liquids, needles or sharps. Only pills or patches will be accepted. For more info, go to <http://tinyurl.com/y9zptbtm>



SNOW BLOWER

Winter is coming—and Arlington's Department of Parks & Recreation wants to help our neighborhoods prepare. It will lend snow blowers to civic associations and community groups to increase the number of passable sidewalks during snow events. OCGA can apply for one — if only we can find someone willing to store the machine and keep it ready for use this winter.

REMEMBER TO VOTE — NOVEMBER 7TH



Virginians will be going to the polls again this year on Tuesday, November 7th to vote for candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, as well as to fill seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. Here in Arlington, there are also races to fill the seat on the County Board of Supervisors being vacated by Chairman Jay Fissette, who is retiring, and to add a member to the School Board. Because Virginia and New Jersey are the only two states in the country holding statewide elections this year, a great deal of attention will be paid to, and substantial financial resources will be devoted to influencing, the outcome of the election. Many will view the

results of the Virginia Governor's race as a referendum on the Trump administration.

Ralph Northam, the current Lieutenant Governor, is running on the Democratic ticket for Governor, and is opposed by Republican **Ed Gillespie**. Democrat **Justin Fairfax** and Republican **Jill Vogel** are on the ballot for Lieutenant Governor, and Democrat **Mark Herring**, the current Attorney General, is seeking reelection against Republican **John Adams**. The OGCA is located in the House of Delegates 48th District and our current Delegate "**Rip**" **Sullivan**, a Democrat, is running unopposed. For the Arlington County Board of Supervisors, Democrat **Erik Gutshall** is opposed by two independents, **Audrey Clement** and **Charles McCullough**. Likewise, Democrat **Monique O'Grady** is seeking to become a member of the School Board and is opposed by two independents, "**Mike**" **Webb** and **Alison Dough**.

Our polling place is the Madison Community Center on Old Glebe Road. Polls will be open on November 7th from 6:00 am. to 7:00 pm. Undoubtedly, poll greeters will be present at the Madison Center to hand out sample Democrat and Republican ballots, but the OGCA encourages all members to educate themselves about the candidates and what is at stake in this election well before election day. Also, don't forget that Virginia has a voter ID law that requires presentation at the Madison Center of a photo ID such as a Virginia driver's license, a passport, an employer photo ID or a student ID card, with photograph, issued by a Virginia college, university or private school.

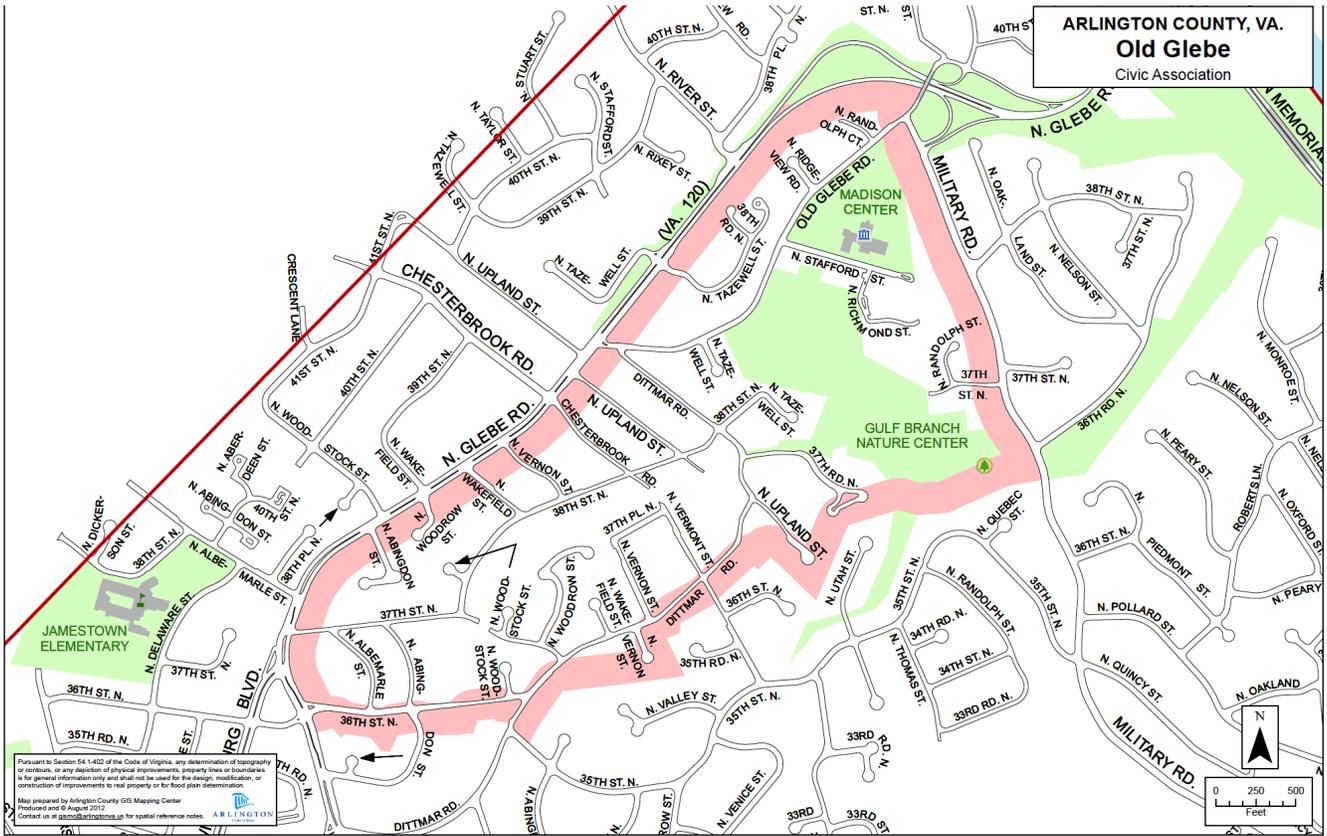
If you qualify, voting by in-person absentee ballot before election day is encouraged. You can vote by in-person absentee ballot weekdays and most Saturdays between now and November 4th at Courthouse Plaza, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 320. For more information on eligibility to vote by in-person absentee ballot and the times at which such voting is available, go to the Arlington County election website at <https://vote.arlingtonva.us/elections/>. Lastly, if you have not yet registered to vote, it's easy to do. You can register online using the County election website.



MEETING ON MILITARY ROAD TRAFFIC "CALMING"

During a meeting held at Taylor School September 27th, Arlington's Division of Transportation discussed several measures being proposed along Military Road. The County believes that that intersection of Nellie Custis and Military is dangerous and DOT is proposing that either a traffic light or a roundabout be constructed there. **Gabriela Vega**, the DOT Capital Projects Manager who led the meeting, stated that this project will not likely be completed until 2020 and will be "expensive." DOT will be providing additional data and other information to the affected civic associations and will be seeking further input from residents.

Other projects under consideration involve pedestrian crosswalks at 36th Street & Military Road and also Military and Marcey Roads. For your questions or comments, Ms. Vega's phone number is 703-228-3662 and her email address is gvega@arlingtonva.us



IS YOUR OGCA MEMBERSHIP CURRENT? JOIN OR RENEW TODAY!

Membership funds are used for community events, community beautification, and causes such as Gulf Branch Nature Center. Please send the information below with a check made out to Old Glebe Civic Association to join or renew for one year (\$10), three years (\$25) or a perpetual membership (\$100). Mail to OGCA, 4522 North 37th Street, 22207.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Arlington, VA. 22207

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____ *

*[Your email address is vital for us to be able to keep you up to date with OGCA news.]

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