



Neighborhood Day!

Join us Saturday, May 16 from 1 -3 pm at the Madison Center.



Gulf Branch

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Old Glebe Civic Association

May 2008

Neighborhood Day, May 16th

Join your neighbors and friends for a fun afternoon at the Madison Center on Saturday, May 16th, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. There will be a moon bounce for the kids to burn off some of that excess spring energy, a face painter, and the Arlington County Fire Department will visit us as well. The event is free for the family. Join us and have some fun!

Spaghetti Dinner Success!

What a wonderful evening we had on January 25th catching up with neighbors and friends for a pasta, lasagna, and pizza dinner! We greeted more than 80 neighbors, including many new faces. The kids, tots, and teens loved the moon bounce while the adults were able to connect with new friends and old. Thank you also for your canned goods and books for those in need.

Gulf Branch Nature Center

On February 21, 2009, the County Manager proposed his FY 2010 Budget to the County Board. Ron Carlee recommended "moving Gulf Branch Nature Center programming to Potomac Overlook Park and other sites as a cost-efficient alternative during difficult economic times. The amount of cost savings from closing Gulf Branch Nature center would be \$132,057.

The four surrounding civic associations gathered together with concerned community members and organized a fantastic rally on March 14th. Hundreds attended the rally to listen to motivating speakers, including civic association presidents, a naturalist, and several children. Two local bands played and the rally was captured on television! Hundreds signed a petition, sent letters to the County Board, and brainstormed ideas to keep the nature center



open. All in all, more than 5,000 people signed a petition in support of the center.

On April 17, 2009, the four surrounding civic associations again banded together and delivered another petition to the County Board in support of the nature center.

Our Victory!

On Tuesday, April 28th, County Board formally adopted its FY 2010 budget. The results were a victory for us all! Gulf Branch Nature Center will stay open on a reduced schedule -- changing from the current 5-1/2 days a week to 4-1/2 days a week for the first six months. At the six-month mark, January 1, 2010, if the community has not raised at least \$10,000 in additional funds, the nature center will close an additional day, and be open only 3-1/2 days a week. In addition to the reduced hours, the County's decision does not restore funding for the director's position occupied by Denise Chauvette. This part is a disappointing aspect of the Board's decision.

Happy Birthday Gulf Branch Nature Center

Join us on Saturday, June 13th to celebrate Gulf Branch's 43rd Birthday! There will be contests, games, prizes, and fun for the young and not so young! Stay tuned to www.oldglebe.org for the latest!



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Madison and More!

The Madison Center

The Madison Center's adult day health care program will be relocated to Walter Reed. Madison Center staff will assume operation of the day program at Walter Reed, which is currently operated under contract by Easter Seals. Recent analysis of daily attendance records from FY05 to present revealed Madison has operated under capacity (fewer than 36 participants daily) since 2004. Attendance has averaged between 19 to 32 daily participants for many years, never reaching full capacity.

Nature Center Activities

Join your friends and neighbors on the second Sunday of every month at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 12:00 PM – 2:30 PM. For ages 9 to adult. Come help protect the trees and wildlife habitats of our natural areas. Not all plants are good for the environment. Invasive plants crowd native ones out for space and light and some can even grow a "mile-a-minute"! Bring your own garden gloves and tools. Some supplies will be provided. Be sure to come dressed for work, wear long pants, long sleeves, and perhaps a hat. You may also want to

Free Green Events

A series of FREE workshops to help you make environmentally friendly choices for home, work, and community!

Saturday, May 9, 2:00 - 4:00 pm - Air Flow and Energy Leaks in Your Home.

Did you ever wonder how air flows through your house and where the leaks are? Come to this workshop to learn how energy flows through a house, where air leaks typically occur, and to see a variety of products or methods that can fix these problems. Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Arlington, VA.

For more information, or to register, please email hreinecke-wilt@arlingtonva.us or call 703-228-4792.



More Free Green Events

Saturday, May 30, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Composting Essentials. Come to this workshop to learn how to transform leaves, grass, and weeds into compost—the prized Gardener's Gold. This session includes a hands-on compost demonstration featuring several types of compost bins. Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Rd, Arlington, VA. FREE. Call 703-228-4797 or email seoconnell@arlingtonva.us to reserve a seat now.

Sunday, June 7, 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Green Home and Garden Tour. Take part in this tour to see homes with solar elements, green roofs, recycled materials, and energy efficient technologies. Some homes will feature gardens full of native plants, raingardens, rain barrels and cisterns, permeable pavement, wildlife habitat, and other environmentally friendly features.

Emailing this newsletter will enable the Civic Association to utilize dues for community activities rather than printing costs - saving \$250 a year!

Take the Green Living Challenge!

The Challenge offers 25 fun and easy ways to make a cleaner Arlington and green world. Go to www.arlingtonenvironment.org/pledge/ and learn how to:

- * Maintain a green home and garden
- * Conserve energy
- * Reduce auto dependence
- * Shop responsibly
- * Green your community

bring along a reusable water bottle. Register at jtruong@vt.edu or 703-228-7636.



**Friday, May 15th
Bike to Work Day.** Join thousands of area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work! Meet up with your neighbors at one of 27 pit stops all over the region. Find out more or register for the event! <http://www.waba.org/>

Old Glebe's email list enables our community to exchange recommendations & ideas.

Community Listserv

Have you ever wanted to know what painters, contractors, or lawn maintenance companies your neighbors use and if they were happy with the service? How about local babysitters? You are in luck! Simply email newsletter@oldglebe.org to ask your neighbors for recommendations! To be a part of this email list simply email information@oldglebe.org.

Trees For Residents

You can obtain free trees this spring through Old Glebe! Arlington County has given out over 3,000 trees over the past three years. The trees, to be planted on private residential properties, help enhance and sustain Arlington's urban forest.

The trees this year are small tree whips in 5-gallon containers and will be available in late April or early May. Species given away this year - 2009 - are the Bur Oak and American Hazel. Email vicepresident@oldglebe.org for more information!

Free Computer Recycling Drop-off at Goodwill

Goodwill has a used computer equipment drop-off program available free of charge at the Goodwill located right off Route 50 at 10 S. Glebe Rd (703-769-3711). You can drop off any brand of used computer equipment. It's a free service and you get a receipt for tax purposes. The goal of the program is to divert more than 2.7 million pounds of used computers and computer equipment from landfills during the next year. The program also hopes to create job opportunities for individuals who have barriers to employment or independence.

Walking Tour of Rosslyn

WALKArlington will host a guided walking tour of Rosslyn at 6 pm on Friday, June 5. The one-hour Walkabout will be led by Arlington County Board Chairman Barbara Favola. It will take place rain or shine. Meet at Gateway Park in Rosslyn, near the intersection of North Lynn Street and Lee Highway. The Outdoor Film Festival will begin after the walk.

55 or Over?

Visit the Arlington website: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Portals/Topics/>

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[TopicsSeniors.aspx](#) to locate classes, enrichment and travel programs, cultural and social events, physical fitness opportunities and more. Support services (for those who need them) promote health, safety, independence and self-sufficiency.

[subscriptions/subscribe.asp](#). Learn about the arts, fire station updates, news releases, police crime reports, volunteer opportunities, sports, disability updates, and nature center programs. Best yet, they are all free!

Next Old Glebe Meeting

We'll couple our next meeting with Gulf Branch's Birthday Party on Saturday, June 13th. Stay tuned to www.oldglebe.org for more information!

Want a great way to get to know your neighbors? Do you have some new folks who have moved to your block? Help throw a block party! Have neighbors bring items to barbecue. Rent a moonbounce. Have a young person on your block help with face painting. It's fun to plan and nice to gather.

Do you have recommendations for programs and activities to be held at the Madison Center? Many classrooms go unused. Let us know what ideas you might have to better use this space. information@oldglebe.org

Join or Renew Your Membership With Old Glebe!

Membership funds are used for community events such as our Spaghetti Dinner and Neighborhood Day activities. Additionally, funds are used to support community beautification efforts and causes such as supporting the Gulf Branch Nature Center. Please send a check to 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 email treasurer@oldglebe.org for mailing information.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

I am interested in serving as an officer or delegate of the Civic Association

I am interested in helping out with Civic Association activities

You may also submit your dues using Paypal via www.oldglebe.org.

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