



Spaghetti Dinner

Join us Sunday, January 25 from 5-7:30 pm at the Madison Center.



Gulf Branch

New this month is an article by the Gulf Branch Nature Center.



Old Glebe Esprit de Corps

Help the older citizens of Old Glebe with shoveling this winter.



Beautifying Old Glebe

Nominate a project and let's work together to plant/ clean.

Respecting Tradition,
Welcoming Progress

Old Glebe Civic Association

January 2008

Spaghetti Dinner

Join your neighbors and friends for a warm and cozy evening at the Madison Center. On Jan. 25th from 5-7:30 pm, we'll have a spaghetti dinner complete with salad, fresh bread, and dessert. There will be a moon bounce for the kids to burn off some of that excess winter energy. The cost is \$5 a person or \$15 for a family. Please also bring a can of food and/or a children's book to donate to a local shelter.

A Morning of Old Glebe Neighborhood History

We had a wonderful ceremony and meeting on November 8th. Superintendent Robert Smith, (pictured on the right) Arlington County Board Member Christopher Zimmerman, many members of the Saegmuller family, and the community joined us to place Arlington's newest historic marker, marking the site of Saegmuller School (1901-1937), one of the first (see upper right)

Nature Center

Arlington County recommended approval of a grant to revitalize the Gulf Branch Nature Center. Objectives include: repairing the nature center trails, replacing mulch, creating a pollinator garden for our birds, bees, and butterflies, and placing new signs in the park.

Thank you to President Ex Officio Burt Bostwick for his efforts!

Esprit de Corps

Do you have a teenager or other family member interested in helping out an older person this winter? We have seniors who need a little help when it comes to shoveling. Volunteer in your immediate community and become a member of our Esprit de Corps. Email information@oldglebe.org if interested.



public schools in Arlington.

An Arlington County representative then discussed efforts to maintain Fort Ethan Allen and offered to help organize activities around the fort. Much thanks goes to our Old Glebe Historian, Richard Samp, for organizing this event and coordinating with the Saegmuller family. See pictures from the event on page 4 or from our homepage, www.oldglebe.org

Beautifying Old Glebe. Do you need help with a community project on your street or block? How about an area that needs a little clean up effort? Nominate your project and we'll gather folks to help! Ideas include a spring clean up in a local park, planting flowers, etc. Send nominations to information@oldglebe.org. If you or your family (get those kids out!) is interested in helping, let us know!

Become a Block Captain for Old Glebe. Or grab a friend and be a co-captain! Captains distribute association information and act as a liaison between a block and the executive committee so that all voices are heard. Email information@oldglebe.org if you are interested.



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Membership and More!

Membership Dues!

Is your membership up to date? 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! Visit our website www.oldglebe.org to pay via Paypal or email treasurer@oldglebe.org to join or check your status. Dues help to defray the cost of our activities, sponsor neighborhood projects, and make donations in the community.

Civic Federation

The next Civic Federation meeting will be held February 3, 2009. The

more than 1,000 individuals and families a week. If you would like to help out, you can drop off soup, cereal, canned goods, pasta, and peanut butter at AFAC weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm.

Fresh AIRE

The County plans to save at least \$480,000 in specific energy savings as a part of a \$5.3 million upgrade of a County building. The upgrade will reduce electricity, natural gas, and water consumption. Additionally, lighting fixtures are being replaced with newer, more cost-effective technology in 11 buildings totaling 305,000 square feet. The new fixtures will save the County

street. Also be sure to not park on snow emergency routes. The County can then quickly plow our streets, which begins when there is two to four inches of snow.

If you have questions about Arlington closings and cancellations, call 1-866-322-4277 for public school closings; 703-228-7199 for recreation and leisure classes; 703-228-4715 for sports updates; and 703-228-6966 for cultural affairs information. If you have a power line that is down, call Dominion Power at 1-888-667-3000. Call Washington Gas with troubles at 703-750-1400.

Digital TV

On February 17th, our televisions will switch over to digital TV. Viewers with cable, FiOS, or satellite service will see no interruption in service. Folks without these services will need a digital convertor box or a new TV. If you would like to recycle an old television, the County's Electronics Collection and Recycling Center will accept TV's and computer monitors every Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm for a fee. Call 703-228-6832 for more information.



Kindergarten Registration

Registration for Kindergarten begins Feb. 1st for children who turned five on or before Sep. 30, 2008. The Information Night will be held on Monday, Jan. 26th, at Kenmore Middle School at 7 pm. An overview of school choices is provided in the *Guidebook for Parents*, online at www.apsva.us.

Summer Activities Fair

Arlington is holding a Summer Activities Fair on Friday, Feb. 20th from 6 to 8 pm at the Jefferson Community Center. The fair will feature camp exhibitors offering programs for children ages 3-17. The APS Summer School Catalogue will be available Feb. 1. For more information, call 703-228-7645.

Medicare 101

Two free upcoming seminars on Medicare! On Feb 9 at 2 pm and Feb 10th at 6 pm at 3033 Wilson Blvd., 7th floor, there will be an introduction to Medicare. Space is limited. Call 703-228-1700 to register.

“Membership enables neighbors to contribute to the community, be a part of local politics, and neighborhood activities.” Ron Cheich, President, Old Glebe

main topic of discussion will be Arlington County Board Program where the Board will be available to answer moderated questions.

Arlington Food Assistance Center

Since 1988, AFAC has provided supplemental groceries to Arlingtonians who cannot afford to purchase all the food they need. AFAC serves

\$60,000 a year in electricity costs. To learn more about these projects, visit www.arlingtonva.us/des.

Winter is Coming!

Where are those snow flakes, my kids are always asking! Well, when the flakes start falling, be sure to clear your sidewalk so folks can still pass by on your street. Snow should be shoveled onto your yard and not onto the

Gulf Branch Nature Center

Hello, Old Glebe Civic Association Neighbors!

Do you enjoy your time in Gulf Branch's woods (pictured right)? We hope you do. Whether it's a morning stroll, an afternoon dog walk, or an evening jog, time outside has been shown to improve people's mental, physical and emotional health. As neighbors - and naturalists - we want to make your time outdoors as rewarding as possible.

One thing we're doing to that end is removing invasive plants. This removal benefits everyone who lives near (or in!) the park- from people newly able to enjoy the delicate flowers of

Spring Beauty, to box turtles moving easily across a clear forest floor. Invasive removal also ensures these woods will be here for future generations, for the natural renewal of the forest depends on young trees, which are most at risk from invasive vines.

At Gulf Branch, the County has been focusing on

group efforts to free areas of invasives. Unfortunately, a one time effort is seldom successful in the long term. Seeds and rootlets can remain in the ground, and invasives begin to re-grow.

This is where we need your help! We invite you to 'Adopt an Area' that is currently cleared of invasives, and commit to keeping it that way. Five minutes a week - an hour a month - or a few hours a season is all that's needed to pull up any new growth, and to give our native plants and wildlife a healthy place to grow.

Come by on the second Sunday of any

month, any time between 12-2pm, to help out folks who've already adopted areas, and to receive training in identifying and removing invasive plants. After helping out once or twice, we hope you'll feel ready to 'Adopt an Area' of your own. You can maintain it at anytime, or continue to join our second Sunday work parties. If you wish, you'll also

with helpful tips, updates, and of course, acknowledgment of your efforts!

Whether you vowed to spend time together as a family, to get more exercise, or to make a difference for the environment,



Upcoming second Sundays are January 11th and February 8th. We very much hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call Gulf Branch at 703 228 3403.

Sincerely,

The Staff of Gulf Branch Nature Center

Denise Chauvette,
Marty Pross, & Jennifer Soles

p.s. "Adopting an Area" would be a great way to keep any New Year's resolutions you made!

Gulf Branch Nature Center is located at 3608 North Military Road, Arlington, VA 22207. 703-228-3403. Their newsletter, filled with activities for all ages, can be found here: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/ParksRecreation/documents/page66841.pdf>.

More about the Nature Center: Join us for star gazing, craft workshops, stories by a cozy fire or an invigorating walk. Whether you're looking for intense activity or relaxed contemplation, we've got a program that's just right for you. Whether you're looking for quality family programs or active adult forays, we have a hands-on educational program that is just right for you. Let us open the door to lifelong learning about Arlington's wonderful natural and historic resources.



Pictures from the placement of our newest Historical Marker.

Richard Samp, Old Glebe Historian, introducing Superintendent Robert Smith.



The great grandson of the Saegmuller family shares his thoughts on his family and the dedication.

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