

Nov 13, 2024 Del Ray Citizens Association

Police Update - Captain Andreas

- Citywide, property crime is up but other crime is down
- In Del Ray, crime is down other than burglary
 - One robbery on Richmond Hwy, arrest made and suspect was involved in other crimes
 - Burglary on Calvert Av at a business
 - Capt. Andreas gave tips to reduce package crime
 - 3 accidents on MVA; one involving a metro bus, one involving a parked car, and accident at Windsor and MVA, driver was cited for ignoring a stop sign
- New chief is arriving 11/25, can meet with DRCA in the future
- There may be changes at the park on E Del Ray due to the Secret Service
- Leanna Saler thanked Capt Andreas for Lt. East's participation in the traffic safety walk

Sheriff Update - Sheriff Casey

- Sheriff Casey mentioned the Operation Elf project to give gifts to community members with incarcerated family members
- There will be an opportunity to give to Operation Elf in Del Ray - Dec 7 at Farmers Market and Dec 8 at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Amazon List is available.

Updates from our Committees

Parks - Peter Garafola

- Nov is last month of Adopt a Park schedule
- We have a project manager for the Charles Hill Park
- Parks Dept has two meetings
 - Nov 19 at 6:30pm - Patrick Henry Rec Center
 - Nov 20 at 6:30pm - Charles Houston
 - Soliciting update on budgetary preferences for next year's budget
 - Sprayground contractor is awarded and it will be finished by end of summer 2025
 - Dog Park on trail - still waiting on city punch list

Traffic Calming - Leanna Saler

- Traffic safety tour on Saturday morning, made notes
- Lt. East made notes on enforcement
- T&ES has made some signs more visible near MVCS
- Use 311 to report any traffic signage issues
- NoVA families for Safe Streets - have put signage for their safety information
- Working with MVCS on traffic safety issues on school drop off and pick up

Historical - Rod Kuckro

- Based on Preservation Virginia naming Del Ray as most endangered
- The committee is trying to find a way to preserve the “small town” feel without
- In Old Town and Parker Gray, you can't tear down a building without a public process for approval
- Thinking about a model that isn't like Old Town, looking at a preservation overlay district
- Meant to preserve the mass and scale of community, while still allowing people to allow you to enlarge
- Still in the exploratory phase of what is possible
- Historic Committee reference documents:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BjCaG_gsbiRVMgBs_vX4G14-zcFWli1doiCRYXuYaMI/edit?tab=t.0

Land Use - Lisa Quandt gave an update

- Land Use Committee reviews any development proposal in Del Ray
- LUC is going to do a prospective review of accessory dwelling units
 - Next meeting is Nov 21
 - Some subdivision requests across the neighborhood
- Lisa addressed the 404A E Alexandria Ave proposal

Announcements

- Turkey Trot
- Decorated Trees Contest
- Holiday Kickoff December 8th
- Special thanks to Bill Blackburn and Mike Anderson for donating the tree
- Candy Cane bar crawl