



BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, AT 7:30 PM

Dear Residents –

As we begin a new year, I would like to extend a few words of thanks to those who help make this community a great place to live and raise our families.

Firstly, my appreciation is extended to all those who serve as our directors of the Broyhill Park Civic Association. Without your collective hard work, we would not be able to provide the service necessary to maintain good relations and communications within our neighborhood. (We still are in need of a few more residents to help out with different areas. Go to: www.broyhillpark.org to see the available positions.)

Thanks to all our residents who reach out to others and aid their neighbors while being thoughtful of others properties. We also appreciate your financial support to help offset the BPCA expenses.

We had a great end of the year party in December! One of our residents, Susan Gause, played keyboard while fellow residents enjoyed association with eggnog and various snacks. Thanks to all that attended! We hope to double the size this year.

Where would we be without the feeling of safety accorded us through the Fairfax County Fire Department in our neighborhood? They came out many times to teach us about safety while meeting many of you at our annual Ice Cream Social at Woodley Pool! Please stop by and ask how you can help them with their mission and work. Take your children by to learn of the trucks and establish good communication from a young age.

Our Board of Directors would also like to thank the various guest speakers who came out to impart important information to help our residents live a

little better within our small area of the world. The Loehmann's Plaza team was just one of the many speakers we enjoyed.

On February 8th beginning at 7:30 p.m. we have another great speaker who will teach us all about how to stay fit and well. Jennifer Leeds, Director of Fitness for the Providence Recreation Center in our neighborhood, has graciously agreed to meet and teach us some of her tips. This is good for all age groups both young and older! Please attend this meeting as well as pick up the phone to invite one of your neighbors.

This is our first try as an e-newsletter. Dues are not sufficient to keep the quarterly printed newsletter we hand deliver to about 800 homes. We will endeavor to have a printed one at least once a year in order not to raise the dues of \$10 a household a year. Typically, about 1/3 of the homes in Broyhill Park pay their dues. Let me or our newsletter editor know if you would like one in printed format as we will have a few printed for those who do not have access to email.

As always, thanks to all of you – our neighbors – for making this community GREAT!

Warmest of regards,
Susan Perkins
President

P.S. We are celebrating our 50th Anniversary as a community in the Fall!! Call or email me for more information and how you can help make this the party of 2007!!

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Results

Here are the results of the Christmas decorating contest:

First Place Overall - 7025 Strathmore Street (Butch and Michele Depasse and Sandy Caple)

Second Place Overall - 7431 Camp Alger Avenue (Matt and Dana Miller)

Third Place Overall - 7222 Carol Lane (Doug Lundell)

Best Window - 3222 Holly Hill Drive (Cameo Anderson)

Best Door - 7009 Rollin Road (Sean and Tricia Herryty)

Many, many honorable mentions were given throughout the entire community.

Thanks to our residents for making Broyhill Park so festive and beautiful at this time of year.

A special thank you to Michele Depasse for the terrific-looking award certificates, and to Mary Rogers, Pat Goff and Jackie Dilley--the Committee for Decorating contest judges.

Old Hickory Grill, Celebrity Delly, Sign of the Whale and IHOP all graciously donated gift certificates.

They came through with just a simple request. Our BIG thanks to each of these Broyhill Park business sponsors.

Neighborhood Watch Notes

Just a reminder to all, the STOP signs put in a few years ago mean a FULL stop. As you drive through the neighborhood, just remember, we asked for these signs. Recently I have observed that the law enforcement has been stepped up on full stops as well as speeding. A word to the wise!

-Bob Evinger, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Will Babysit

Kara Sims, age 13, is available most evenings and weekends for babysitting. She is an 8th grader at Luther Jackson Middle School and can be reached at 703-207-3098.

A note from the editor:

This issue marks a change for newsletter distribution; we are now distributing this newsletter electronically via e-mail, in order to save money. We will print a small number for those people who do not have access to e-mail: so far I have received around 20 requests for printed copies of the newsletter. If you have a neighbor who would like to still receive a printed copy, have them contact me at 703-698-9598.

I am also hoping someone in the community will be willing to take over compiling the quarterly newsletter. I have a new job that will require more travel, and am continuing to pursue my master's degree at George Mason University. New blood and fresh perspectives help to keep an organization vibrant! Please contact me at the number above or at editor@broyhillpark.org if you are interested.

Ellen Carpenter
Newsletter Editor

Now is the Time to Clean Up Local Parks

January and February are the perfect months to pick up trash in your local parks. The poison ivy and oak are at their most dormant period, the underbrush that usually hides trash has not yet grown, the thornbushes still exist but are highly visible, and the wildlife is slowly readying for spring.

After only three hours last weekend, my family picked up eight bags of trash, two tires, two large oil containers, and couch cushions along the stream at Luria Park. Many of these items are too heavy to float downstream and create several hazards for wildlife and people alike. My kids were more willing to help this

year after discovering a very young, drowned raccoon entangled in a plastic grocery bag that ended up filling with water, getting stuck in a pile of sticks, and trapping the raccoon underwater.

Kids love to traipse around in the woods, so grab your old boots, take them for a nature walk, and fill trash bags along the way.

*by Janet Sims
Welcoming Committee Chair*

Broyhill Park Board of Directors

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President	Susan Perkins	(703) 573-3147	president@broyhillpark.org
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Key vacant positions: Secretary, Vice President

Other Broyhill Park board members: Michele Depasse, Jackie Dilley, Bob Evinger, Pat Goff, Chico Rivera, Mary Rodgers, and Janet and Ken Sims

If you are interested in any of the above vacant positions, or would like to be a general board member (non-office holding), please call Susan Perkins, or talk to her at the February 8 civic association meeting.

If you would like to volunteer to compile the newsletter and e-mail newsletter, please contact Susan Perkins or Ellen Carpenter! Templates and tutorials available....

The next Broyhill Park Civic Association Meeting will be on
Thursday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m.
Place: Walnut Hill/Alan Leis Center on Camp Alger Avenue

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The 2007 Membership Drive Begins

The Broyhill Park Civic Association is beginning the 2007 dues drive. Cost is only \$10 for one year. You can fill out the form below, and mail it with a check (payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association) to:

Susan Perkins, 3158 Norfolk Ln., Falls Church, VA 22042

or you can bring your check or money to the next civic association meeting on Thursday, February 8, (7:30 p.m.) at the Walnut Hill/Alan Leis Center.

100% of your dues go to the community. Activities include the Neighborhood Watch patrol, the Halloween Parade, the Easter Egg Hunt, the newsletter and delivery (by request), the directory, the community yard sale, the community Holiday Party, and maintenance of our Broyhill Park Triangle area.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Yes, include my name, address, and phone number in the next Broyhill Park directory.

No, please do not include my name, address, or phone number in the next Broyhill Park directory.

Please add my name to the Broyhill Park e-mail list to receive the e-newsletter and frequent updates about community events.

(my e-mail address is: _____)