

Getting Around: Transportation Issues and Broyhill Park

By Jay Sayal, Transportation Committee

In reflecting on the past year's activities, we had a good and productive year. I would like to give special thanks to Mason District Supervisor (Penny Gross), members of the Board, and residents who volunteered to help the Transportation Committee. Highlights of some of the issues resolved by Transportation Committee during this year are the following:

Approval of residential permit parking for Broyhill Park (near Falls Church High School),

Approval of stop signs for the following locations:

- Brush Drive and Strathmore Street
- Camp Alger Avenue and Dye Drive
- Camp Alger Avenue and Brandy Court
- Marc Drive and Kenney Drive
- Locker Street and Kenfig Place

In planning for the new year, the Broyhill Park community has initiated a residential cut-through traffic policy for traffic coming on to Marc Drive from Graham Road. Volunteers for the traffic committee are in the process of obtaining signatures from the residents outlined on the map in order to initiate a formal traffic study for Marc Drive. The process will be completed before the end of the year, and once the process is complete, a resolution from the Board of Supervisors to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will be prepared, requesting VDOT to work with area residents to formulate solutions to the cut-through traffic.

The Broyhill Park Civic Association is appealing, through the Mason District

Supervisor's (Penny Gross) office, VDOT's rejection of the stop signs at Parkwood Terrace and Marc Drive and at Brush Drive and Kenfig Place. We are also appealing the rejection of the double yellow line painting on Marc Drive.

Congressman Tom Davis and representatives from VDOT will be coming to our next general meeting December 2, 1999, to address some of the aforementioned issues and answer any other questions the community may have regarding future traffic planning for this area.

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, everyone will be busy shopping, trying to find the perfect gifts for their family and friends. Please do not forget to think of safety first.

Please contact your neighborhood watch coordinator, Claire De Angioletti, or myself, if you witness any traffic accidents, vandalism, graffiti, or gang activity in our neighborhood.

In conclusion, I would like wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday season and I hope to see you at our December 2, 1999 meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Next Broyhill Park Civic Association
General Meeting:

Thursday, December 2, 7:30 p.m., at the
Walnut Hill Administrative Center (on
Camp Alger Avenue)

Candidates' Forum a Success!

by Stephen De Angioletti

On October 21, Broyhill Park residents gathered at the Walnut Hill Administrative Center for the Broyhill Park Candidates' Forum. Four sets of local candidates fielded questions to differentiate themselves from their opponents. Thanks to all who attended and made this event a success. The Falls Church Press covered the Broyhill Park Candidates' Forum in their Thursday October 28 edition. A special thanks goes to Klara Miller, Jeff Steinberg, and Claire De Angioletti for helping organize and run the event.

The results of the November 2 elections are as follows:

Mason District Board of Supervisors:

Penny Gross (53%), Tina Trapnell (45%), Stephen Lawrence (3%)

District 38 House of Delegates:

Bob Hull (59%), Stephen Smith (41%)

District 34 State Senate:

Leslie Byrne (46%), Jane Woods (45%), Virginia Dobe (9%)

(This race was won by 38 votes in a race where 30,124 votes were cast)

Mason District School Board:

Kaye Kory (64%), Doug Barylski (29%), Levi Levy (7%)



Virginia Historical Marker

Have you seen the new historical marker? How much do you know about the history of your community?

On Sunday, October 31, 1999, the Fairfax County History Commission dedicated a new Virginia Historical Marker in honor of Camp Alger. The marker is on Route 50, near the Thomas Jefferson Library, at 7415 Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church, Virginia.

For more information about the marker, contact Elise Murray at (202) 466-9218, or visit your local library to find out about the history of our area.

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Broyhill Park Civic Association

Contacts:

1. Klara Miller, *President*
2. Stephen De Angioletti, *Vice President & Webmaster*
3. Jeff Steinberg, *Second Vice President & Secretary*
4. Mary Rodgers, *Third Vice President*
5. Tom Wetrick, *Treasurer*
6. Claire De Angioletti, *Neighborhood Watch Coordinator*
7. Jay Sayal, *Transportation Chairperson*
8. Ellen Carpenter, *Newsletter Editor*
9. Nelson Rivera, *Board Member*
10. Bob Grandon, *Board Member*

There are still board member vacancies. We also need:

- * Dues Route Coordinator (Get volunteers to collect dues, and hand in money to the treasurer)
- * Triangle Landscape Contractor Liaison, (Be the liaison between the civic association and the landscaper)
- * Newsletter Advertising Solicitor, (Sell advertising in the newsletter to local businesses)
- * Yard Sale Organizer (Coordinate the annual Broyhill Park yard sale).

Call Klara Miller if you want to find out more information.



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Annual Halloween Parade—A Grand Event for Everyone!

On Saturday, October 30th between 1 and 3 p.m., the Broyhill Park and Westlawn civic associations sponsored the annual Halloween parade. With the combination of the two civic associations, this year's parade proved to be the grandest event by far!

Over 80 children and their families joined us at the Woodley Pool for the Halloween parade kickoff. The parade was lead by one of our finest Fairfax County Police Department–Mason District vehicles, and was followed by a 25-member portion of the Falls Church High School Band. The band played songs that were heard throughout the neighborhood and enjoyed by all. The neighborhood's costumed children and their families walked, strolled, marched, and skipped along the 1 ¼-mile-long parade route. Brownie Troop #2412 passed out candy to spectators along the route. The parade ended with another of our Fairfax County Police Department vehicles and the big, shiny, red fire engine and ambulance from the Jefferson Fire Station #18. (Unfortunately the fire engine and ambulance were called away on an emergency, but they later returned to the festivities to let the children see the trucks, and to answer any questions.)



Immediately following the parade, the Falls Church High School Band formed a semicircle and started playing additional music for the spectators' enjoyment. Costume judging for ages 0-12 followed; fabulous prizes were awarded! All participants received toys, bags of candy, and Halloween trick-or-treat bags. Other festivities included caramel apples, pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples, and a game called "Pin the Nose on the Pumpkin."

Special thanks goes to Klara Miller for organizing the event; Dave Conway (President of the Westlawn Civic Association) for co-sponsoring this event; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hill for donating the pumpkins, apples, and water; Tom Wetrick for arranging for the Falls Church High School Band to participate; Michelle Blincoe and her Girl Scout troop for making caramel apples and assisting with the game; Claire and Stephen De Angioletti for costume judging; Tom Wetrick, Chico Rivera, and Edna Eagle for traffic control; Thomas Jefferson Library for handing out candy and bookmarks; and especially Woodley Pool for the use of their facilities this year.

We will look forward to seeing you all in costume at next year's Halloween parade!



Scenes from the parade. Above: Brownie Troop 2412. Right: The Falls Church High School Band.

BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
UPCOMING MEETINGS

7:30 p.m., Walnut Hill Administrative Center
on Camp Alger Avenue

GENERAL MEETING DATES:

December 2, 1999
February 17, 2000
May 11, 2000

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

December 15, 1999
February 23, 2000
May 24, 2000

WEB PAGE MEETING DATES:

February 3, 2000
April 27, 2000
June 1, 2000

Broyhill Park Annual
Holiday



❄ **Decorating Contest** ❄

By Klara Miller

Our annual Holiday Decorating Contest will be held Sunday, December 26. The judges will drive through the Broyhill Park neighborhood and prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

- ❄ **BEST DOOR**
- ❄ **BEST WINDOW**
- ❄ **BEST OVERALL**

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Broyhill Park Board in Search of Members

By Klara Miller

The participation of Broyhill Park residents is critical in making our community a great place to live. Our civic association board needs active members who have fresh ideas and are willing to donate a few hours of time to help their community. Our board is open to anyone who would like to volunteer. Please feel free to contact me at 560-2132.

Inclement Weather Plans

by Stephen De Angioletti

All Broyhill Park Civic Association meetings that are held in the Walnut Hill Administrative Center will be cancelled due to inclement weather if either:

1. Fairfax County Schools are closed for the day, or
2. Fairfax County Schools announce an early dismissal

Members of the Broyhill Park email list will be notified of the cancellation.

The Concerned Citizen Column

Can we talk? The Anonymous Columnist again here to quickly raise a concern about the growing number of annoying false car alarms ringing out in our neighborhood at all hours. Once again, please be considerate of your neighbors. Weigh the effectiveness of a steering lock or some other less intrusive anti-theft device over your present car alarm. Until next time, peace be unto you.

-Anonymous



Editor's Note: The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect those of the board members. If you would like to express a concern, submit your entry to the Editor at the next general meeting.

Neighborhood Watchers Honored at County Reception

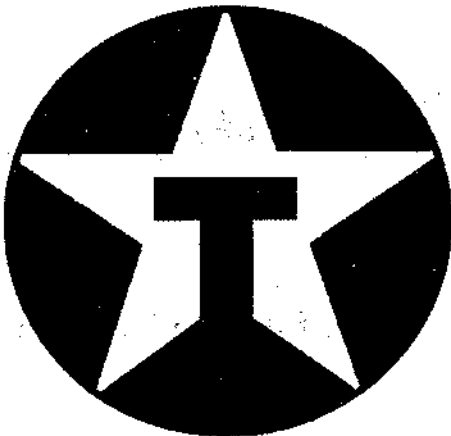
by Claire De Angioletti

A grand reception was held at the McLean Tysons Hilton hotel on October 8th to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of Neighborhood Watch in Fairfax County. It was an honor and privilege to be recognized as Broyhill Park's Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, especially since only a select number of coordinators were invited to participate. In addition, Officer Josh Brown of the Mason Station kindly extended the invitation to include some Watch Patrollees; among those honored were Jeff and Maritta Steinberg, and Michelle De Passe. These people were chosen based on the number of patrols they have contributed to assure safety in our community. Everyone had a marvelous time—the food was elegantly served and delicious, and the keynote speaker was Mr. Louis Freeh (Director of the F.B.I.). He gave a fascinating speech relating how principles of neighborhood watch are used in international problem-solving strategies.

Other patrollees who deserve recognition, but were unable to attend, include: Mary Rodgers, the Walsh family, and Sandra Caple. Thanks to them, and to ALL our wonderful volunteers, for your commitment. I am also happy to report that we have some new volunteers: Brent Hillman, Susan McNabb, Barbara Bilderback, and Pim VanWijngaarden.



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Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program

The Fairfax County Park Authority recently created the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grants Program. This program allows individuals or groups to request capital development funds to match volunteer group resources for projects to improve Fairfax County Park Authority parks and park facilities. The goal is to assist volunteers in improving county parks by matching their funds/services. Applications for the grant funds have been accepted since July 1, 1999. The amount of funding available is \$150,000 for both fiscal years 2000 & 2001, for a total amount of \$300,000. Funding comes from the park bond program, approved by county citizens through referendum in November 1998. Projects must take place in a Fairfax County Park Authority park or facility.

This matching grant funds program for volunteer projects was first suggested by John Mastenbrook during the development of the 1998 park bond program. Mr. Mastenbrook, a longtime park advocate, served on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board for 21 years. His vision was to establish a source of funds to match volunteer funds or in-kind services in an effort to encourage public/private ventures that improved county parks. Park Authority staff will review each project and make recommendations to the Park Authority Board, which will make the final decision on funding. For more information please call Michael A. Kane at (703) 324-8578.

The Broyhill Park Civic Association Triangle

Have you seen our triangle lately? After much input from our community and a safety recommendation from VDOT and Congressman Tom Davis's office, the Broyhill Park Civic Association decided the bushes on the corner of Graham Road and Marc Drive needed to be cut down. We previously had tried trimming the bushes in order to increase visibility, however, the bushes still presented a visibility problem.

Hopefully this spring we can sponsor a beautification project for our triangle and also throughout our community. There are bushes that need to be replaced and trees that need to be removed. If you have ideas, please call Klara Miller at 560-2132.

We would like to thank Tom Barnes and his VDOT crew for cutting the bushes and helping to keep our community safe.



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Please call Klara Miller at 560-2132, or send your camera-ready ad and check (made out to Broyhill Park Civic Association) to 7213 Carol Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042. All ads should be submitted and received no later than 30 days prior to our General Meeting date.

Broyhill Park Needs Your Help and Dues!

By Klara Miller

The Mason District contains about 130 civic associations. Of these, approximately 59 associations are active (have at least one event, meeting or newsletter a year). The Broyhill Park Civic Association is here for you. We are one of the most active civic associations in this area: helping neighbors with issues and concerns; sponsoring events and activities for everyone; voting on the County's budget; providing Neighborhood Watch patrols; publishing the "Broyhill Park News" newsletter; scheduling special speakers and meetings; and much, much more. Due to a lack of funds and volunteers this year, we were unable to sponsor some of our events, including the Fall Yard Sale, as well as update and reprint our directory.

We need your help and support! Out of almost 800 homes, only 72 homes to date have paid their \$5.00 dues. (Other civic associations charge \$10.00 a home.) Without funds, the Broyhill Park Civic Association will be unable to continue functioning in this neighborhood. We have helped deter crime and graffiti, we provide contacts and assistance to your neighbors who needed help, and we give back to the community by supporting our children's groups. We provide the Girls Scouts with a community project so they can earn their badges. For a donation, we have had various groups deliver our newsletters, including the Falls Church High School Band (Drum group and Flag group), the Fairfax County Police Explorers, and the Falls Church High School Girls Volleyball Team.

Please mail your dues today by using the form below. Also, if you can volunteer to collect dues, please contact Klara Miller at 560-2132.

Remember that without your help and support, we will be forced become one of those unactive civic associations. Please do not compromise your community, safety, and views! You can make a difference!

Broyhill Park Civic Association, Inc. 1999 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Broyhill Park Civic Association's largest source of income is from the \$5.00 membership dues from each household. Our association provides various programs and lectures, the "Broyhill Park News" newsletter, the Broyhill Park Directory, the Neighborhood Watch Patrol, the care of the Broyhill Park triangle, and serves as the liaison between you and the county on many issues. We hope to do more for this community, but we cannot do this without your support.

The 1999 Annual Membership dues collection **will end on December 31, 1999. We are in dire need of funds to continue serving you!**

Any volunteers willing to collect due please contact Klara Miller at 560-2132. Each route contains 12 to 15 houses.

Please mail in your annual dues **today** by filling out the following form, detaching it, and sending it along with a \$5.00 check made out to the Broyhill Park Civic Association, Inc. to:

Klara Miller, 7213 Carol Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042

NAME _____

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PHONE _____

**The Next Broyhill Park Civic Association General Meeting
is
Thursday, December 2.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Walnut Hill Administrative Center
(on Camp Alger Avenue)
See you there!**

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