



# BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

<http://www.broyhillpark.org>

## General Meeting is Thursday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Carl Sivertsen of the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Branch will be the guest speaker at our next general meeting. Mr. Sivertsen will address problems concerning the number of people in one dwelling, the number of cars per household, trash on residential property, and other related issues. We invite everyone to come with their questions and concerns.

Officer Josh Brown (Crime Prevention Officer at the Mason District Station) will also be present at this meeting. He will be speaking about graffiti abatement for 5-10 minutes (between 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.).

If anyone is interested in helping with Spanish or Vietnamese translations for the newsletters, please email us at: [broyhillpark@geocities.com](mailto:broyhillpark@geocities.com).

Carl Sivertsen, encargado con enforzar el uso de propiedades para el condado de Fairfax, será el altavoz de la huésped en nuestra reunión general siguiente. El Sr. Sivertsen hablará sobre problemas relacionadas al número de personas que viven en una domicilio, el número de autos por domicilio, la basura en las residencias, y otras problemas. Les invitamos venir con sus preguntas.

Officer Josh Brown (oficial encargado con prevención de crímenes en la estación del distrito de Mason) también estará presente. Él hablará sobre la disminución de la pintada por 5-10 minutos (entre 7:30 y 8:00 p.m.).

Si le interesa leer este boletín de noticias en español, por favor escriban a [broyhillpark@geocities.com](mailto:broyhillpark@geocities.com).

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## Broyhill Park Launches Newly Named Web Site

*by Stephen De Angioletti*

I encourage all of you to visit the updated Broyhill Park Civic Association web site: <http://www.broyhillpark.org>. To celebrate the one year anniversary of the site, we have introduced the more intuitive address. This past year the site was visited 400 times and generated 267% more revenue than it cost to host the site. Please feel free to offer me feedback at: [broyhillpark@geocities.com](mailto:broyhillpark@geocities.com).



## Easter Eggs, Anyone?

The civic association needs volunteers to help organize this year's Easter egg hunt.

The event will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m., on the lawn of Saint Patrick's Church on Brush Drive. Last year's hunt was a roaring success. If you would like to help make this year's hunt possible, please call Klara Miller at 560-2132.



# Zoning and Graffiti Concerns Submitted to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

*by Claire De Angioletti*

In an upcoming edition of the "Fairfax Weekly" section of the *Washington Post*, you may find a letter submitted by the Broyhill Park Civic Association, including many constituents, which address our local concerns on zoning and graffiti. These issues have been repeatedly mentioned at our general meetings:

Dear Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

Broyhill Park is a community within the Mason District. The neighborhood is comprised of nearly 800 single-family brick homes built in the 1950s. As a community just within the beltway, we treasure our location and appreciate the fact that the area is culturally diverse. However, there are some issues that many residents would like to see addressed by the Board of Supervisors to help our community maintain or improve on property values, and to continue to attract newcomers who will take pride in our homes.

Firstly, some houses clearly are over-populated, as evidenced by sometimes up to ten cars parked on the property or curbside daily. Unfortunately, in these cases there is often an unkempt yard and sometimes, rodents. We are concerned that these types of homes give the impression of having "absentee landlords" who do not care about the community. When we, the Civic Association, brought this issue to the attention of elected officials (and recent challengers), we were left with the impression that the Zoning Department and Board of Health do not coordinate their efforts, and that if the residents claim that they are related, the number of occupants is irrelevant. Also, many of the site visits are done between 9-to-5, when most occupants are not home. Can the Board of Supervisors create enforceable legislation to protect against over-population in homes (based on square footage), number of bedrooms, or some other quantitative means? Can site visits be done after-hours?

Secondly, our Civic Association has tried very hard to maintain good community relations with our neighbors. We have a Neighborhood Watch, newsletter, web page, community events, and representation at Mason District Station meetings. Clearly, as volunteers, we have committed ourselves to making an impact. But there are times when we simply lack the manpower to meet challenges that come our way. For example, graffiti abatement. We strongly believe that county resources should be meaningfully allocated toward this effort, instead of the current plan of relying on volunteers. It has been proven that graffiti left in place only attracts more graffiti, especially when gangs may be involved. The volunteer-based program seems incapable of addressing this need promptly. (After 6 months of multiple calls to county agencies, some of the graffiti markings still remain!)

We would greatly appreciate details as to how these issues could creatively be addressed. Otherwise, we fear an exodus of homeowners who take pride in their neighborhood's appearance, to perhaps newer communities outside the beltway. Thank you for your response.

Sincerely,

The Broyhill Park Civic Association  
<http://www.broyhillpark.org>  
[broyhillpark@geocities.com](mailto:broyhillpark@geocities.com)

## Thanks Volunteers!

By Klara Miller

On behalf of myself, the Civic Association, and the people of Broyhill Park; I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the people who volunteered to collect the 1999 annual membership dues.

The volunteers are as follows: Lou Ayres, Claire De Angioletti, Stephen De Angioletti, Robert Grandon, Carol Ofiesh, Chico Rivera, Mary Rodgers, Millie Shelly, Jeff Steinberg, Jeffrey Sullivan, Sandra Sullivan, Tony Tartaro, and Tom Wetrich.

Their efforts and dedication toward meeting their neighbors and obtaining the dues were vital to the survival of the Civic Association. Thank you for your dedication and interest in the community!

## Your Voice is Needed



The Broyhill Park Civic Association needs board members. As a board member, you can contribute to the health and well-being of your community, with only a small investment of your time. The board meets four times a year for about an hour each meeting. If you are thinking of becoming more involved in our community, please call Klara Miller at 560-2132, or come to the general meeting on February 17 and speak to any one of the current board members.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS:

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☞ **THERE WILL BE A WEB SITE MEETING ON APRIL 27 AT 7:30 P.M. AT THE WALNUT HILL ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

☞ **THE NEXT BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING IS MAY 11, 2000.**

# Broyhill Park Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

*As reported to the editor from the judging committee*

“On December 26th, three judges drove around Broyhill Park to judge decorations. Needless to say, this was not an easy job. It was clear that many of our neighbors spent hours at work on their decorations. We first drove around all the streets, taking notes on this lighted tree and that figurine. Then we discussed our notes and debated back and forth. We finally decided on the following awards:

✿ First place for overall decoration went to the Brandt family: Kathy, Sam and Ashleigh, at 3233 Kenney Drive. The family put many hours into their display. They received a dining certificate from Bennigan’s.

✿ Second place for overall decoration went to the Burnell Benning family at 3242 Kenney Drive. The whole house had been decorated. Many of the decorations were hand-made by Dad. The family received a dining certificate from Sweet Water Tavern.

✿ Third place for overall decoration went to Sandy Caple and Michelle DePasse, who live at 7025 Strathmore Street. This home struck us to be simply, yet very elegantly decorated. They received a dining certificate from Sign of the Whale.

✿ Best door went to Rita and Ed McDevitt at 7501 Camp Alger Avenue. We had a good visit with them and discovered that they are the original owners. Their door was elegantly decorated. Rita and Ed received a dining certificate from Harvest Moon.

✿ Best window went to Joan and Walter Stryker at 7429 Carol Lane. We were invited inside, and we learned that Joan and Walter are also the original owners. Their angels and many other decorations are hand-made by Walter. They received a dining certificate from the Silver Diner.

This was a fun project. The three of us enjoyed judging and had a good time. Although everyone could not be a winner, all of the homes that were decorated looked very nice, and made our neighborhood more charming during the holiday season.”

*The civic association would like to thank the restaurants listed opposite for their donations.*





## **Neighborhood Rubber Stamp Parties!**



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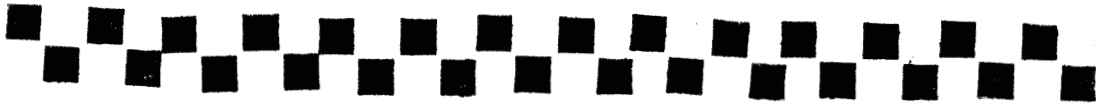
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## Crime Updates

by Claire De Angioletti



In December, a residential burglary occurred on Brush Drive. Cash was stolen from the ransacked house, which was entered by breaking the glass on the back door. This occurred during the day while the homeowner was at work. The police came and took a report.

There is a lesson to be learned here...call in anything that looks suspicious! That afternoon, I had seen three teenagers walking across the front yard of that house, and I thought that looked odd since there are no teenagers living there, BUT I immediately dismissed the idea, thinking they may be taking a shortcut through the yards, etc. The kids were about age 15. They were wearing dark jackets and had bookbags/knapsacks. One boy had a bowl haircut and a navy blue

jacket....Next time I will err on the side of caution and make the call to the police based on my "gut feeling."

In January, a van parked on Camp Alger was seized by the police and its driver taken into custody for unknown reasons. The van had Maryland tags and its driver was observed to be loitering. Thanks to those who called in a suspicious van, leading to an arrest.

Finally, a neighboring community recently experienced an assault which occurred when two cars pulled off onto the shoulder of a road, and the occupants of one car took baseball bats and struck the windows of the second car with the occupants inside. The victims (teenagers) did not want to notify the police, which had the observer to this crime suspecting possible gang activity.

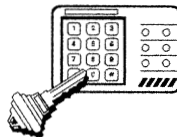
The Mason District Police are aware of our community's concern about crime. Even though there were fewer than 100 residential burglaries reported in the Mason area in 1999, when one occurs in our neighborhood it is one too many. Also, auto-related crimes are increasing. Both Westlawn and Holmes Run also had pellet-gun incidents targeting homes and cars. We are trying to work together with the police to monitor trends and be proactive. We need your help! Please keep valuables out of cars and out of view from home windows, report incidents to the police, call me with crime updates to monitor trends in our community, and volunteer for Neighborhood Watch. Thank you.

# Broyhill Park Civic Association.. PREVENT CRIME!!

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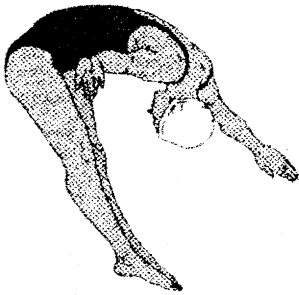
## CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: 1991 Toyota Camry DX. blue/blue, power package, AM/FM cassette, excellent condition. Best offer. Call Jim at (703) 560-2132.

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Advertising is available (per issue) for:

\$5.00 for classified ad  
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\$25.00 for 1/2-page ad  
\$50.00 for a full-page ad

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. If you would like to submit your ad electronically, please email us at: [broyhillpark@geocities.com](mailto:broyhillpark@geocities.com). As our newsletter is also posted on our web site ([www.broyhillpark.org](http://www.broyhillpark.org)), your ad will also appear on the web. All ads should be submitted and received no later than 30 days prior to our General Meeting date.

## The Woodley Pool

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Woodley Recreation Association  
7421 Camp Alger Avenue

# Civic Association Membership Report

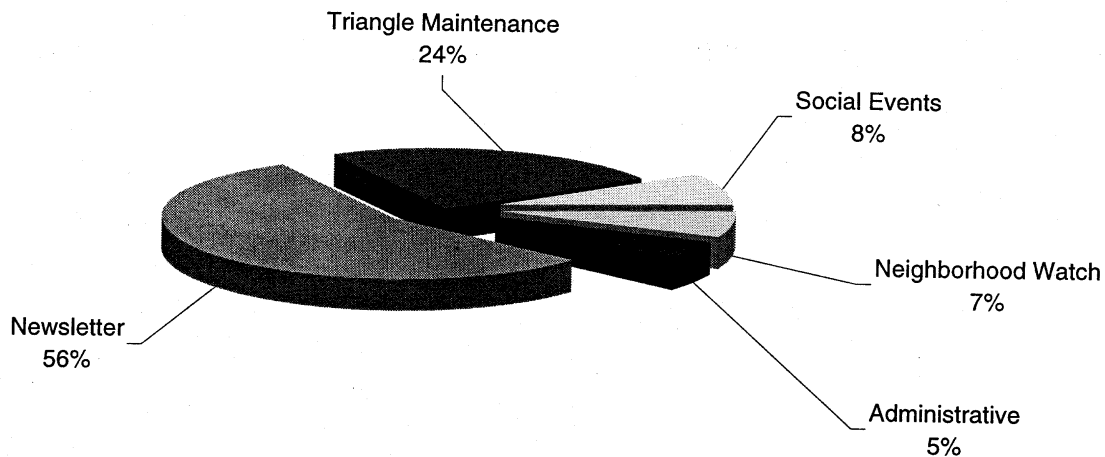
By Klara Miller and Ellen Carpenter

First we would like to express an enormous **THANK YOU!** to all the residents who paid their 1999 membership dues. Without you we would be forced to become one of those unactive civic associations.

A grand total of **274 homes** (out of almost 800 homes) paid their dues by the close of our 1999 Annual Membership Dues Drive. However, this response has still left the treasury with an extremely low balance. Funds go to maintain activities, social events (such as the ice cream social, the Halloween parade, and the Easter egg roll), community maintenance, Neighborhood Watch, the newsletter and its delivery, administrative (meeting spaces and state dues), and our web site. The Broyhill Park Civic Association's board met on January 27, 2000 to discuss possible options and to determine a course of action for the future. In conclusion, to help keep up with existing expenses, yet still continue to provide services to the community, it was voted that the membership dues per household will be increased to \$10.00 per year.

Below is a diagram illustrating where and how your dues are used.

## 1999 BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION EXPENSES



**Broyhill Park Civic Association, Inc.**  
**2000 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The Broyhill Park Civic Association's largest source of income is from the \$10.00 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, as well as the care of the Broyhill Park triangle. The civic association is the liaison between you and the county on many issues. We hope to go further and do more for this community, but we cannot do this without your support.

The 2000 Annual Membership dues collection will start February 17 and will end in October. We are in dire need of volunteers to collect on various routes. Each route is comprised of about 12 to 15 houses. To volunteer and obtain a route, please contact Klara Miller at (703) 560-2132.

If you would like to join the Broyhill Park Civic Association, please help us in our quest! Just fill out the form below, detach it, and mail it, along with the annual dues rate of \$10.00 (please make checks payable to the Broyhill Park Civic Association, Inc.) to:

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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## How to Save Money on Your Life Insurance

### **If You**

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- Have Someone Depending on Your Income
- Have a Large Estate

**Then You** may need life insurance.

Please read this message about how to save money on your policy.

You owe it to yourself to find out how much you can save.

### **Why People Overpay**

Do you know why most people overpay for their life insurance?

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### **What People Do Wrong**

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They think all insurance companies are alike. In fact, there are many quality insurance companies that specialize in offering level-premium policies.

Some even have rates that are guaranteed to remain the same for 5, 10, 15, or 20 years.

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So even if you spent hours of your valuable time researching, you would probably drive yourself crazy trying to make sense of it all.

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**The next Broyhill Park Civic Association General Meeting  
is Thursday, February 17.**

**Time: 7:30 p.m.**

**Place: Walnut Hill Administrative Center  
(on Camp Alger Avenue)**

**See you there!**

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