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The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

<http://www.broyhillpark.org>

## GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 11, AT 7:30 P.M.

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### School Board Representative to Speak at Upcoming Meeting

The Mason District school board representative, Kaye Kory, will be the guest speaker at the May 11<sup>th</sup> civic association meeting. From 7:45 to 8:45, Ms. Kory will update the community about educational issues in our area. She will then open the floor to questions. This is an excellent opportunity to share your thoughts or express your concerns with the Fairfax County school system, and also to learn more about the county's educational system in general.

### Cutting back on Speedy Cut-throughs

How many times have you seen drivers zip through the streets of Broyhill Park? Drivers that do not necessarily live here, but find our streets convenient to reach their destination, the FASTER the better! Have you ever seen it, muttered not so nice comments under your breath, and wished SOMEONE would DO SOMETHING about it? Well, now is your chance.

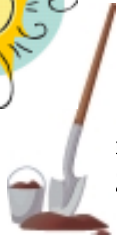
The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently approved a program to monitor the traffic on "cut-through" routes. These are routes through communities like ours, where traffic tends to move at speeds in excess of the posted limits. The program allows a community to nominate two streets it considers cut-through hazards. If approved by the county, these streets would then receive increased police attention and persons violating the speed limits would be subject to fines up to \$200.

Your civic association would like to nominate two roads from the community for consideration under this program. Marc Drive has been selected as a nominee. YOU will vote for the second street at the Broyhill Park general meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup>. After the civic association submits the nominations, the roads will go through further observations and studies to determine if they meet the county's criteria for increased fines. Come out and have your vote count on May 11<sup>th</sup>!

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# THE GREEN SCENE



Spring has definitely sprung in Broyhill Park. As I jog through the streets of our community on the weekends, or drive out to route 50 on weekday mornings, I am continually struck by the beauty of our neighborhood. Azalea bushes, whether formally clipped or free-form, startle the eyes with their vivid reds, purples, pinks and whites. The welcome spring rains have made their colors especially brilliant this year, and the azaleas provide a wonderful palette when combined with our dogwoods, tulips and redbuds and the now-gone forsythia and daffodils of March. I consider myself lucky to live in a neighborhood with well-established shrubs, trees and lawns, and with neighbors who so lovingly tend to their quarter acres.

As you have probably noticed, property values in our community are increasing overall. (Check your county tax assessments for this year if you question me!) And the realtors' cliché "curb appeal" is a reality! I would like to applaud those in Broyhill Park who work to keep their lawns clipped and yards neat; this provides a sort of horticultural "eye candy" for us all. Trite as it may sound, there is something relaxing and innately pleasing about the sight of a green expanse of lawn and the smell of freshly cut grass after a spring rain.

Every newsletter, I would like to randomly acknowledge a few houses and yards I notice as I make my way through Broyhill Park. They are probably not people I know, nor are any prizes awarded, other than a "thank you." Whether the accolades are for spring shrubs or summer daylilies, I have no specific criteria. My own zoysia grass goes dormant in the winter, so I have learned to love the sight of a yellow lawn! I have no committee or judges, other than my own eyes. Hopefully everyone will have an hour or two this spring to take a walk or a drive through our lovely community and appreciate the established beauty that is Broyhill Park.

*-Ellen Carpenter, newsletter editor*

Recycling yard debris will be easier when haulers can tell grass clippings from trash.



Effective April 1, a change in the Fairfax County Ordinance requires that all grass, clippings and/or leaves be set out in transparent plastic bags, re-usable containers or paper yard debris bags so haulers can identify re-usable yard materials.

A "green" alternative is composting. Please call (703) 802-3322 to learn about composting and how to get a free composting bin.

On the other hand, if you have a neighbor whose grass is over 12 inches high, you can call Fairfax County at (703) 324-1950, and the county will make sure that the lawn is cut.

## This quarter's Green Scene honorees:

- 7022 Lee Park Court
- 7323 Marc Drive
- All of Hewitt Street



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# CVS

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## Advertising

Advertising is available (per issue) for:

- \$5.00 for classified ad
- \$10.00 for business card ad (1/8-page)
- \$15.00 for 1/4-page ad
- \$25.00 for 1/2-page ad
- \$50.00 for a full-page ad

Please call Bob Bishop at 560-4315, or send your camera-ready ad and check (made out to Broyhill Park Civic Association) to Bob Bishop, 3215 Parkwood Terrace, 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.

## Attention --

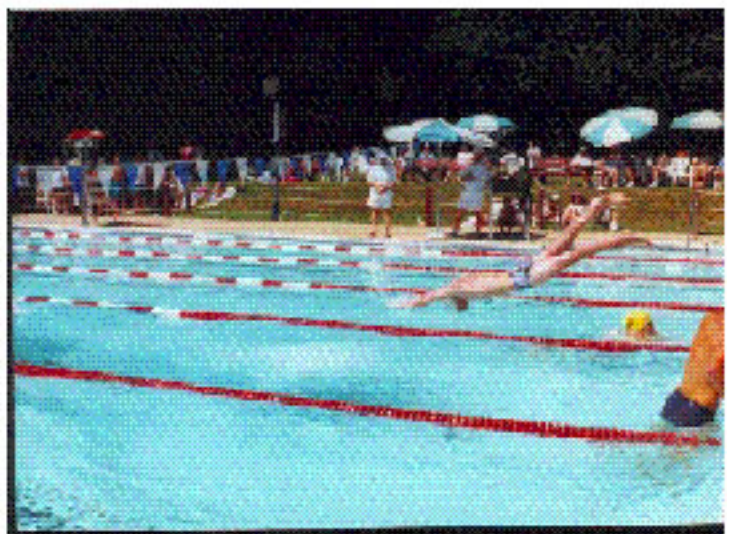
Broyhill Park Area Residents  
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May 27-28  
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# Neighborhood Watch Happenings

by Claire De Angioletti

The crimes that have come to my attention this quarter can be summarized as follows:

1. In March, a suspicious person was observed to be loitering at the corner of Kenfig Place and Gary Court. A member of the community called 911 and discovered that the car this suspicious person drove was a stolen vehicle.

2. Annandale experienced a crime of “opportunity” whereby a physically handicapped individual was robbed in her home after a forced entry from a solicitor who had been going door-to-door. The robber pushed the victim to the floor after the robbery. Neighbors thankfully came to the victim’s aid soon afterwards.

3. Some cell phones and money were stolen from area vehicles. Keep valuables out of your cars!

4. Scam artists are calling people, claiming to be Census workers and asking for Social Security Numbers. Do not convey the information!

We need volunteers! Please come to the next Civic Association meeting to find out more about how you can contribute to Neighborhood Watch. Thank you to all our new volunteers: Chico Rivera, Bob Bishop, Bill, Ellen and Dottie Carpenter, Janet and Mark Lewis and Betsey McNesby.



# X Graffiti Removal Update X

by Claire De Angioletti

As you may have noticed, graffiti markings tarnished some street signs along Marc Drive, Graham Road, and Camp Alger Avenue. Although some markings were removed, others remain at the time of this printing. Since the Mason District Police program on Graffiti Abatement is currently not active, we all need to stay on top of any future incidents and report them to the proper authorities. This will hasten the process of graffiti abatement. Please call the following numbers if you observe graffiti:

X *Traffic Signs* (with white sticker on back): V.D.O.T. (Smart Traffic-Dispatcher will take report) at (703) 383-2600

X *Residential Parking Signs*: Fairfax County Department of Public Works (“Frank” in Office of Transportation) at (703) 324-1189 or Fairfax County Department of Public Works (“Woody” in Sign Shop) at (703) 934-2840

X *Neighborhood Watch Signs*: Mason District Police (Officers Josh Brown or Paul Alexander) at (703) 354-5889

If you are not satisfied with the response you receive, you may also call:

X Supervisor Penny Gross (liaison Patricia Tran) at (703) 256-7717 or Lieutenant Jack Harden, Mason District Police Graffiti Abatement Coordinator, at (703) 256-8035 box 2374

If you observe someone vandalizing property with graffiti, call 911 immediately. Lastly, thank you to our volunteers who joined the upcoming Mason District Station Graffiti Abatement Team, Mr. Bob Grandon and Ms. Sandra Caple.

# Introducing the New Civic Association Board Members

by Stephen De Angioletti

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	<i>Vacant</i>	
Vice President	Stephen De Angioletti	876 - 2842
Treasurer	<i>Vacant</i>	
Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>	
Newsletter Editor	Ellen Carpenter	698 - 9598
Newsletter Delivery Coordinator	Michelle De Passe	573 - 8382
Advertising Coordinator	Bob Bishop	560 - 4315
Neighborhood Watch Coordinator	Claire De Angioletti	876 - 2842
Holiday Decorating Contest Coordinator	Mary Rodgers	560 - 8218
Webmaster	Stephen De Angioletti	876 - 2842
Dues Drive Coordinator	Tom Wetrich	573 - 6534
Garage Sale Coordinator	Nelson Rivera	573 - 4995
Transportation Committee Chairperson	Jeff Steinberg	698 - 7589
Graffiti Abatement Coordinator	Bob Grandon	698 - 9194
Halloween Parade Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>	
Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>	
Mason District Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Zoning Committee Chairperson	<i>Vacant</i>	
Phone Directory Editor	<i>Vacant</i>	
Triangle Beautification Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>	

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please call Stephen De Angioletti at 876-2842 or talk to him at the May 11<sup>th</sup> civic association meeting. The most critical needs are to fill the President and Treasurer positions. The Mason District Representative is the liaison between the civic association and the Fairfax County government.

On a parting note, former president Klara Miller and former treasurer Tom Wetrich will be leaving the Broyhill Park Civic Association board this month after many years of hard work. The community is grateful and thanks the two for all that they have done to make Broyhill Park a better place to live.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> is “National Night Out” for crime prevention.

Your participation will help guarantee a success! Look for upcoming details....





## Home Improvements Pay Off!

by Claire De Angioletti

If you have been “sitting on the fence” wondering whether or not to invest in improving on your real estate investment, JUMP OFF immediately and JUST DO IT! *Remodeling Magazine* recently reported on job costs versus resale values on home improvements in the D.C. area, and the news is GOOD! And, if you are investing in your home for your own enjoyment, your level of satisfaction when the work is complete can often not be measured in dollars. For those who are curious as to the estimated returns, however:

Before hiring a contractor, be aware of the following tips:

1. NEVER hire without checking the following:
  - a. License (703) 222-8234 county or (804) 367-8511 state
  - b. Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Record (703) 222-8435 or state (804) 367-8511
  - c. Better Business Bureau Record (202) 393-8000
  - d. Bonding Information (if applicable)
  - e. Insurance (company should willingly supply in writing)
  - f. local references

2. Find out if a permit is needed, and if so, place in writing in the contract who will obtain it.

Whomever pulls the permit is responsible for the work...if you hire a contractor, it would make sense for him/her to assume this responsibility.

- a. Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning (703) 222-1082

3. For do-it-yourselfers, always use proper safety equipment and procedures:

- a. goggles
- b. gloves
- c. earplugs
- d. back support brace for lifting
- e. mask
- f. assistant to secure ladders
- g. cut off utilities if needed, mark utilities if needed (“Miss Utility” (800) 257-7777)
- h. proper clean-up materials, properly disposed of, etc.

Recognize when you are in over your head and need to be rescued by a professional!

Although these lists are not exhaustive, at least they will get you started! And remember, when you get frustrated while in the middle of a project, and you will, it helps to close your eyes for a moment (put the power tools down first) and visualize the completed look you will soon obtain.

COMPARING REMODELING COSTS			
	JOB COST	RESALE VALUE	PERCENT RECOUPED
<b>Major Kitchen Remodeling:</b>			
National average	\$20,641	\$18,167	88%
D.C. area average	20,417	21,433	105%
<b>Minor Kitchen Remodeling:</b>			
National average	7,892	6,617	84%
D.C. area average	7,739	8,933	115%
<b>Family Room Addition:</b>			
National average	31,223	24,327	78%
D.C. area average	30,982	27,833	90%
<b>Bath Remodeling:</b>			
National average	7,568	5,499	73%
D.C. area average	7,368	5,967	81%
<b>Bath Addition:</b>			
National average	10,151	8,585	85%
D.C. area average	9,831	9,833	100%
<b>Master Suite:</b>			
National average	21,074	16,620	79%
D.C. area average	20,418	20,000	98%
<b>San Room Addition:</b>			
National average	15,368	9,389	61%
D.C. area average	15,150	12,000	59%
<b>Window Replacement:</b>			
National average	6,577	3,739	57%
D.C. area average	6,424	3,733	58%
<b>Door Replacement:</b>			
National average	1,541	655	42%
D.C. area average	1,549	775	50%
<b>Siding Replacement:</b>			
National average	7,789	5,776	74%
D.C. area average	7,562	7,900	104%
<b>Deck Addition:</b>			
National average	5,109	3,447	67%
D.C. area average	5,100	4,767	93%

SOURCE: Remodeling magazine THE NATIONAL POST

## Get Carried Away at the Library



“Get Carried Away with Books” is the theme for Summer Reading Game 2000 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Library. This reading program is designed to encourage young

people and their families to read and have fun at the library during the summer. The program runs from June 21 to September 4. Once children have read (or have been read to) the required number of books, they will receive coupons that can be redeemed for free and discounted services donated by local businesses and organizations. So stop by the library this summer to pick up your reading logs!

A variety of free activities at the library can be enjoyed all summer long. School-age children can explore such topics as: the rainforest, reader’s theater, multicultural games, amazing science tricks, cartooning, creepy crawlies and the Summer Olympics. The “Harry Potter Kick-off Party,” based on the popular books, will be held on June 21 at 2 p.m. Special events for the whole family include: Kaydee Puppets, the Noise Guy and musician Barbara Martin. As always, several times a month, storytimes will be presented for preschool-aged children. All programs are free, but registration is required. Contact the library at (703) 573-1060 for a complete schedule of activities and registration information.

## Easter Egg Hunt a Success!

*by Klara Miller*

The Broyhill Park Civic Association was proud to sponsor its second annual children’s easter egg hunt. Especially for children ages 1-3, 4-6 and 7-9, the hunt consisted of 1200 plastic eggs. Inside each egg was a variety of goodies—ranging from money, chocolate and candies, stickers, toys and a grand prize for each age group. We would like to congratulate Trey Dawkins, Yvonne Rocha and Breanne Hayes as our grand prize winners.

A special thanks goes to St. Patrick’s Church for the use of their grounds, CVS at Loehmann’s Plaza for their donation of eggs and chocolates, Tom Wetrich for judging and securing the grounds at the hunt, Wendy Kiwus for making the signs and Claire DeAngioletti, Maryann Germaine, Kathy and Breanne Hayes, Wendy Kiwus, Janet Lewis, Karen Nussbaum, Ken Sims and their families for filling and hiding the eggs.

Thank you all for participating; we hope to see you next year!

**Announcing**  
**www.broyhillpark.org**

*by Stephen De Angioletti*

<http://www.broyhillpark.org>. has arrived! Technical difficulties caused a delay in getting the web site migrated to the newer easier to remember address. A special thanks goes to the web committee members: Matt Anderson, Maryann Germaine, and Mary Rodgers. Please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Walnut Hill Administration Center.

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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 started February 17 and will end in October. We still need volunteers to collect on the 12 remaining routes in the neighborhood. Each route is comprised of about 12 to 15 houses. To volunteer and obtain a route, please contact Tom Wetrich at (703) 573-6534.

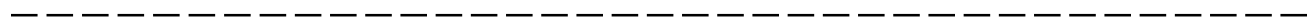
If you would like to join the Broyhill Park Civic Association, please help us in our quest! Just fill out the form below, detach it, and mail it, along with the annual dues rate of \$10.00 (please make checks payable to the Broyhill Park Civic Association, Inc.) to:

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**The next Broyhill Park Civic Association General Meeting  
is Thursday, May 11.**

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

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

**See you there!**

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