

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AT 7:30 P.M.

Candidates' Forum

The Broyhill Park Civic Association will be hosting a Candidates' Forum at the September 20th meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Come to the Walnut Hill Administrative Center on Camp Alger Drive and hear Bob Hull and Danny Smith talk about issues of interest to our neighborhood. Bob is seeking re-election as our delegate to the Virginia state legislature, and Danny is challenging him for the seat. This is a great opportunity to see and hear the two candidates together.

Bob Hull has represented this area in the Virginia House of Delegates for nine years, and

serves on the House Committees on Education; Finance; Counties, Cities, and Towns; and Labor and Commerce. Bob is the Chairman of the Unemployment Compensation Subcommittee.

Danny Smith worked as a U.S. Senate Page for then-Majority Leader Howard H. Baker. He served at the Republican National Committee for almost two years as a staff member of the Young Republican National Federation. From 1987 to 1992, he served as a presidential appointee in the administrations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. Since August 1992, he has worked in the nation's mortgage finance industry.

Halloween Parade: Volunteers Needed for October 27th Event

by Claire De Angioletti

Broyhill Park and Westlawn are hosting the 7th annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 27, from 3-5 p.m., starting and ending at Woodley Pool. The parade route is 1 mile; bring a stroller or wagon if needed. Activities and crafts will follow the event. I need VOLUNTEERS for the following responsibilities:

- Signs (making, posting, removing)
- Invite local elected officials
- Oversee a craft project following the parade
- Facilitate a group game after the parade
- Cleanup assistance

The rain date for the parade is set for Sunday, October 28 from 3-5 p.m.

Please call Claire De Angioletti or email me at deangiolet@cs.com. Look for signs posted in the community. I hope we can plan a fun event for our little ghosts and goblins!





The Green Scene

Ellen Carpenter, newsletter editor

Well, another summer has passed, and it's back-to-school time again. I'd like to address the issue of keeping our neighborhood clean. We recently returned from vacation to find a dead rodent in our yard. I've heard similar complaints from neighbors. In order to limit the number of rodents in our community, please:

-do not leave ANY food outside (human or pet food). If you like to feed birds or squirrels, use a seed-feeder.

-secure your garbage at all times. Rodents are very clever about getting into trash cans!

-keep your yard clear of brush. Yard debris is a perfect hiding place for rodents.

Another issue of concern in the county is mosquitos. The county currently has no plans to spray for the insect, yet there have been two confirmed cases of West Nile virus in Fairfax County this year: one in Annandale and one in Lorton. West Nile is spread by mosquito bite to mainly birds, although there have been documented cases of transmission to humans in other parts of the East Coast. The county recommends the following actions to help decrease the mosquito population, and thus, the risk of West Nile:

-make sure roof gutters drain properly. Standing water caused by leaf clogs is a perfect breeding ground for mosquito larvae.

-change the water in birdbaths at least once a week.

-turn over children's wading pools when not in use.

-eliminate any standing water that accumulates on your property (such as in flower pots and saucers, in unused containers, on boat or car tarp covers, or in old tires).

Please be sure to read the following two articles concerning trash collection in our neighborhood: together we can insure that Broyhill Park remains a pleasant place to live! On this note, I'd like to thank Sara and Eric Judy, and Sandy Caple, for volunteering to maintain our Broyhill Park Triangle. As a former resident recalls on page 6, for almost 50 years our community has been a great place to be.

Ten Pounds of Trash Collected in Our Neighborhood!

By Claire De Angioletti

On a recent morning walk with my dependents in tow, I brought along a bag in which to collect litter along the road. Imagine my surprise that within a mile and a-half, I had collected over 10 pounds of waste, including cigarette packs, soda cans, fast food containers, etc! Our community looks so beautiful when its cleanliness is maintained! We all need to be vigilant about cleaning waste along our curbs, especially in front of your own home. If you are also a walker, perhaps you can periodically do a similar "cleanup" from time-to-time. And remember, please do not put trash at the curb unless it is properly contained...it will otherwise just blow into your neighbor's yard. And, of course, clean up after your dog.

Women's Book Club: "We're Hooked on Great Books!"

by Claire De Angioletti

Our Book Club is enjoyed by 10 active members, and we're still growing! Please join us for an evening of lively conversation and good snacking. All meetings are at 7:30 at Walnut Hill Administration Center on Camp Alger Avenue. Verify room locations on meeting date at a sign posted in the lobby.

9/19 *Smart Women* by Judy Blume (Stacy B.), room 1

10/17 *Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver (Janet L.), room 20

11/14 *Portraits of Guilt* by Jeanne Boylan (Janet S.), Annex

12/12 *I Capture the Castle* by Dodi Smith (Karen N.), room 20

1/16 *Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan OR *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden (Claire D.), Annex

Trash Collection of Large Items

from the Fairfax County website

Special collections are only for those households (approximately 39,000) that receive trash collection service from Fairfax County's Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling.

Special collections are made for those items that are too heavy or bulky for regular collection crews to handle. These include brush (e.g., tree branches) and bulk loads (e.g., appliances, couches, mattresses). Please do not mix bulk loads and brush. They are collected separately.

Collection crews use a truck-mounted crane to collect bulk loads and brush. In order to pick up these materials, and lift them into the truck, the crane requires substantial clearance above and on each side of the collection material.

Please make sure that parked cars, overhead utility lines, tree limbs, utility boxes, fire hydrants or water meters will not obstruct the crane's path. (Note: Customers on pipestems and private roads must bring special collection materials to the state maintained street.)

As a County collection customer, you can schedule **special collections** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through our IVR (Interactive Voice Response) automated scheduling service. Just dial **703-802-3322**, from a touch-tone phone, and follow the instructions provided. Also, the IVR is now available through the County's Kiosk Information System. These Kiosk touch screen systems are located at the Mason Government Center (Columbia Pike), County Libraries, Tysons Corner Center, Springfield Mall, Fair Oaks Mall, Reston Towne Center Info Center, and in the Lobby at the Government Center.

In addition, you can access information about: brush and bulk preparation, severe weather do's and don'ts, and yard debris recycling. (Any call to report that your trash, recycling, brush or bulk pickup has been missed should be made during regular business hours.)

Special collections must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Requests are accepted until the maximum amount (that which can be collected in one day) is reached. As a result, it is possible that your brush and/or bulk items may be scheduled for the following week. Requests received after 3:45 p.m. the day before your regularly scheduled collection day will automatically be scheduled for the following week. To schedule a collection, or for more information, please call 703-802-3322.

Broyhill Park E-mail List

by Stephen De Angioletti

Please go to <http://www.broyhillpark.org> to sign up for the Broyhill Park Civic Association list. You will get reminders of upcoming events, meetings, crime updates, etc. No one will have access to your e-mail address and you may unsubscribe in the future if you feel these messages are no longer pertinent. Unfortunately the old e-mail list was stopped in August so all of the former members of that list will have to resubscribe to the new one.

The next web meeting is Thursday November 8th in the Walnut Hill Administration Center. New members are welcome.

Parking Issues in Broyhill Park

by Fairfax County Police Sgt. Alan Hanson and Officer Reggie Maclin

Parking Backward: Beginning in June, police began issuing citations in our area, instead of warnings, to people who park on the road facing the wrong direction. It is dangerous to park on the left side of the road, then pull into oncoming traffic and cross over to the right side of the road when leaving. Crowded streets, like those in our area, greatly increase the chance of an accident. Please obey the law.

Blocked Sidewalks: It is illegal to park on a sidewalk, including the part of the sidewalk at the end of your driveway. The Virginia Department of Transportation owns the sidewalks and the area between the sidewalks and the curb. The driveway ramp that extends from the street to the far side of the sidewalk is VDOT property, and cannot be parked on. The sidewalks are for everyone to use, including the segments that connect driveways to the street.

Blocked Driveways: When police respond to a call about a vehicle that is parked too close to (less than 10 feet) or blocking a driveway, they first check to see if the vehicle is registered to the address where the driveway is blocked. It is not a violation to block your own driveway. If the vehicle does not belong there, they can issue a parking ticket, or possibly have the vehicle towed.

Car Break-Ins: The most common thefts are thefts of opportunity. Whenever possible, leave nothing plainly visible in your car that could tempt a criminal passing by to smash a car window and make off with your property. This is also true at home. Remember to roll up car windows and lock doors when parked at home, even in a driveway.

Neighborhood Watch Update

by Michele Depasse and Mary Rodgers

First of all, many thanks to the Neighborhood Watch Volunteers for this quarter: Sandy Caple; Bill Carpenter; Ellen Carpenter; Juan Cornejo; Stephen DeAngioletti; Henry Lewis; Janet Lewis; Karen Nussbaum; Katie Pollack; Gillian Rivera; Nelson Rivera; Mary Rodgers; Molly Salamon; and John Salamon.

FIRST SEVEN MONTHS' REPORT STATISTICS ON YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PATROLS: We are happy to report that, for the first seven months of 2001, our patrols logged in 589 miles (or 84.16 per month) and over 43 hours (or 6.25 hours per month). The more volunteers we have, the larger those numbers will be. We are very pleased to report that we have increased our patrols to include bike patrols – a special thank you to Molly and John Salamon for orchestrating this effort.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!! Thanks to everyone who helped out at the August 7, 2001 National Night Out, which was held at Woodley Pool. For those who missed it, the night was not a Dieter's Delight due to the abundance of ice cream cones, brownies, and cakes. Thanks to great dessert donations by Broyhill Park's own Neighborhood Watch Volunteers! We would like to especially thank Ellen Carpenter, Sandy Caple, and Mary Curfman for serving the countless desserts to all those in attendance. The night was filled with visits by our Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Hanley, our Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, our State Senator Leslie Byrne, and State Delegate Bob Hull. It was especially impressive that Kate Hanley was escorted by our own Fairfax County Police and Sheriff's Department who came with lights flashing and sirens blowing and brought freeze pops for those in attendance. The Sheriff's Department even brought along badges to "deputize" our little members of Broyhill Park. Thanks again for everyone's help!

UPDATE ON VOLUNTEERS: In addition to having the great attendance at National Night Out, we are pleased to announce that we also signed up new volunteers – welcome Patrick Budjenska, Sara Sila, Judy Keefe-Massaró and Richard Baum. We will be sure to get you trained and on the streets keeping Broyhill Park safe! Remember the more we patrol our neighborhood, the safer we are. Please call Michele Depasse (email: mdepasse@kelleydrye.com) or Mary Rodgers if you want to volunteer with Neighborhood Watch!

VISIT TO PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL ("PSCC"): An added benefit to attending monthly Citizen Advisory Committee ("CAC") meetings, Mary Rodgers and I attended a tour of the Fairfax County PSCC headquarters off Woodburn Road. The PSCC is where all 911 calls are received and appropriate police and/or fire department personnel are dispatched. If you have an afternoon or evening to spare, the tour of this facility is really enlightening and worthwhile.

REMINDERS: We would like to take this opportunity to take extra care around your house. Don't:

- leave your cell phone where it would be easily stolen;
- leave your purse or wallet in your car;
- leave valuables in your car;
- leave your house unlocked even when you are home or your windows open when you're not home;
- hesitate to call the non-emergency number if you see something suspicious.



New Obstacles on South Street

by Dave Conway, Westlawn Civic Association

On 6 August 2001, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the installation of cut-through measures on South Street between Annandale Road and Route 50. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will install two speed tables, one of which will be painted as a pedestrian crosswalk. The speed tables are designed to reduce vehicular speed to 20 mph.

I testified against the proposal, and so did two residents from the Sleepy Hollow community, while more people spoke out in favor. The issue generated quite a few e-mails and phone calls to Supervisor Gross and other supervisors, a majority in opposition. The entire process of requesting, evaluating, and selecting traffic calming measures was discussed between the residents of the Sleepy Hollow community, the Supervisor, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) and VDOT. The residents from Westlawn and other neighborhoods were never consulted, and our opinions and ideas never solicited. This is the standard operating procedure for cut-through and traffic calming requests throughout the county.

Board members seemed to be persuaded by arguments of "people and children playing" and the high speed of traffic driving "through the neighborhood." VDOT traffic data that showed normal speed profiles were unpersuasive, and nobody noted that the road borders the neighborhood rather than goes through it. Also, the fact that VDOT granted waivers for certain requirements

under the cut-through program was not discussed.

The cut-through and traffic calming programs offered to residents by VDOT, and administered by FCDOT, are designed to help them address traffic concerns, such as speeding and cut-through traffic within their communities. Both programs have specific criteria that must be met to develop a plan to address the concerns of neighborhood residents because no two neighborhoods are alike. The cut-through and traffic calming programs are designed to address the traffic concerns of communities on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis, rather than a regional or multi-community basis.

At Westlawn's 2 October general meeting, we will discuss a proposal that we could present to the Fairfax County Supervisors for consideration to change the choice of which neighborhoods are included in deliberations of proposed cut-through or traffic calming measures. Under current practices, only one neighborhood is consulted. Neighborhoods that border on the ends of streets that are under consideration for changes to reduce traffic volume or speed are not consulted, and their interests not represented. It may be that a more regional or multi-community approach would provide a more balanced methodology to address traffic problems in our neighborhoods.

Editor's note: If this is an issue that interests any Broyhill Park resident, why not help the community out and volunteer to serve on the Broyhill Park Transportation Committee? See me, Ellen Carpenter, at the general meeting (September 20, 7:30 p.m.) or e-mail me at editor@broyhillpark.org.

FOR SALE

2 Pianos

-Kimball spinet with padded bench, cherry finish, good condition, approximately 35 years old, bright clear tone - \$650

-Baldwin spinet with wooden bench, dark cherry finish, very good condition, beautiful soft "Baldwin" tone - \$1,250

Please call 703-641-0729

(Located in Broyhill Park)

Remember When. . . .

My name is Gary Owens, I was born in 1953, in what is now known as “old Broyhill,” meaning the houses just east of Annandale Road, at the end of Graham Road. I remember little from there, as we moved to “new Broyhill” in 1956, and I spent the next 14 years there before going off to college.

My mother, Betty Evely, still lives in the same house. My father was a carpenter, and he worked for M. T. Broyhill, the home builder for whom Broyhill Park was named. He actually worked on the home we moved into, and I remember thinking that he literally “built” all of Broyhill Park.

I went to Walnut Hill Elementary School, was bussed to Whittier Intermediate School, then finally, the current Falls Church High School. Some current residents of Broyhill Park may not know that the original Falls Church High School was actually located in the center of downtown Falls Church, on Cherry and (something) Street, what is now all town homes. I believe I was in the first freshman class of Falls Church High School in its present location, which would have been 1967. In addition, I believe Walnut Hill Elementary is now a school administrative office.

I have many great memories of growing up in Broyhill Park, and wanted to share a few of them. The most consistent theme is that there were lots of kids my age. This makes sense as it was a new development and many young families moved in. So, it just seemed like the most perfect place to be. First of all, I remember walking to Walnut Hill Elementary School, which was probably only about 1/2 mile, but to a six or seven year old, it seemed like a long ways. The school was named after the Walnut Hill Mansion, which was on the “other side” of the woods that surrounded Parrots Creek., situated on the very top of a large lot, on Annandale Road, half way between Graham Road and Gallows Road. The mansion is now gone, replaced by very nice town homes. At that time, a young boy could spend all day on a Saturday in those woods, following Parrots Creek from the entrance to the woods, just outside the safe harbor of Woodley Pool, all the way to the Walnut Hill Mansion. Again, for a young boy, who would stop to pick up every stone, sure it was an “arrow head” from the Native American Indians, tadpoles, and sticks, etc, it could take all day to navigate there and back. I haven’t traversed it as an adult, but I might guess it is no more than a mile or two, but in those days, it was a big, big adventure. The moniker to your friends who could not join that day, “we made it all the way to Walnut Hill Mansion and back!” All things considered, it was very safe, as all one had to do was follow the creek there, and follow it back. As an adult, I read J.R.R. Tolkien’s books *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* series. I think back to my early childhood, and those woods felt like the woods in Tolkien’s books, huge, deep, and dark. The only difference was there was never a hint of danger, only fun and adventure.

Woodley Pool was the place to be in the summers. Every friend I had belonged to Woodley. Every day started and ended at the pool. I’d arrive when it opened, come home (maybe) for dinner, then head back till it closed. There was basketball, shuffle board, ping-pong, of course swimming, and games in the pool, card games, and best of all was that every

hour the pool was closed for 15 minutes for the “adults” only to swim, which meant 18 and older. This was the time for all of us “kids” to run to the concession stand to buy candy, or ice-cream. I think I spent all of my “grass cutting” money on these sugar breaks. Ah, it was idyllic. One summer, my brother had the concession stand contract, which meant, even though I was a squirt, I got to help him out, and therefore, I was the coolest kid around. I also remember the ping-pong tournaments on the last day of the summer each year, which was traditionally Labor Day. Numerous times I won my age group, even entering and winning the adult category as a 13 year old. That and \$3 will buy you a cup of Starbucks coffee today, but back then, that was big!

I remember big snows. Again, were they really that big, did we get a lot more snow in the 60s than we do now, or did it just seem so because I was so small? Who knows, but I remember that there were many snow days, when school was closed, and that meant sledding on Carol Lane, from the top of the hill on Camp Alger Street down Carol Lane, toward Annandale Road. It was very steep, even hard to get back up. No one had plastic sleds back then, rather we all had Red Arrows, good ole wooden sleds, and there was an art to keeping the blades waxed, for maximum speed. I remember long “sled trains,” as well as the many attempts to capsize your friends in front of you if you could catch them on the way down. I remember playing football in the “Triangle,” a small parcel of land just off Graham Road, where it bends north heading towards Loehmann’s Plaza (which of course was a small airfield before it was a shopping center). The Triangle is still there, with the brick “Broyhill Park” sign still proudly displayed. At the time, it seemed like a perfectly legitimate football field, worthy of future Washington Redskins learning the game. Sometimes, as many as 10-15 of us would be playing there. When I look at it now, I don’t know how we did it, but again, at the time, it seemed big enough. I remember many summer nights playing kick the can or flashlight tag until late at night, when Mom would force me to come in. I remember that Congressman Finley, who was in the House of Representatives for 22 years, representing the 10th District of Illinois, had a basketball court in his back yard, and he happened to live across the street from me. He was quite gracious, and allowed us kids to play whenever we wanted, without asking. That meant sometimes early, sometimes late, sometimes, for long periods of time. Looking back, I’m sure there were times that the bouncing of my basketball woke him up, or kept him awake (he even had an outside light). Yet, never did he make me aware of this, rather, whenever I saw him, he’d just smile and say something positive about “my game.”

Well, I could go on and on, but suffice it to say, Broyhill Park was (and hopefully still is) a tremendous place to grow up and live. I have nothing but fond memories of being there, and though I have not lived there since 1972, I visit my mother regularly, and everytime I come, I am full of warm thoughts from such memories as I have just shared with you.

Gary Owens
Downers Grove, IL

Broyhill Park Civic Association Board Members

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If you are interested in any of the above positions, please call Stephen DeAngioletti, or talk to him at the September 20 civic association meeting. The most critical need is to fill the President position.



A picture of pastoral Broyhill Park in the 1950s. The location is roughly the 3200 block of Annandale Road. (Photo courtesy of Gary Owens)

The next Broyhill Park Civic Association General Meeting
is Thursday, September 20
Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Walnut Hill Administrative Center
(on Camp Alger Ave.)
See you there!



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