

# BROYHILL PARK NEWS

The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

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## GENERAL MEETING AND HOLIDAY PARTY IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, AT 7:00 P.M.

### Santa to Return to Broyhill Park's Holiday Party (note early start time)

*by Claire De Angioletti*

Children and adults are invited to attend this year's holiday party from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6th at the Walnut Hill Administrative Center on Camp Alger Avenue. Santa has been given directions, and since his reindeer will be resting to prepare for Christmas, a FIRE TRUCK will personally deliver Mr. Claus

to the event! In addition, Santa will read a bedtime story to all the children and listen to each child's wish list. Have your kids come in their pajamas, so they'll be ready for bed right after the party (feel free to dash out early if you must). Bring your camera! Adults also may come and enjoy some refreshments and socializing with our neighbors and friends. If your New Year's Resolution is to become more active in your community, don't wait, come to the party and have fun with us!



### Announcing the Broyhill Park Holiday Decorating Contest

*by Mary Rodgers*

The holidays are quickly approaching. What does this mean? This means that everywhere people are bustling about buying presents and getting the other necessities for the holidays. It also means that the people in Broyhill Park are thinking how they can decorate their homes. The civic association, as usual, is having its annual decorating contest. The area looks festive with the houses nicely decorated.

So put on your thinking caps; decorate so you can be eligible to compete in our contest! The prizes are from our local restaurants and merchants. Judging will take place on December 26th, with a rain/snow date of December 27th.

The categories for judging are as follows:

- First Place Overall
- Second Place Overall
- Third Place Overall
- Best Window
- Best Door



## The Green Scene

by Ellen Carpenter, newsletter editor

Happy fall everyone: I've something important to comment on this season, and only a small amount of space in which to do so. Many of you may have seen Marc Fisher's article in the Metro section of the *Washington Post* on Thursday, November 15. The headline alone, "The Worst Kind of Snake Lurks in Broyhill Park," was enough to get anyone's attention, regardless of where they live. The column related a sad incident of harassment against a Broyhill Park resident that sickened me when I read about it. I won't re-hash the situation here, but the point I want to make is a fundamental one. I believe a primary goal of the Broyhill Park Civic Association is to bring the community together. One way we strive to do this is by sponsoring a number of social events for children in our neighborhood, and we are currently brainstorming ideas for some more community events. If anyone has any ideas, please e-mail me at [editor@broyhillpark.org](mailto:editor@broyhillpark.org).

On a separate note, I'd like to once again post this season's Green Scene honorees. I forgot to do that last newsletter, and had a couple people ask me why! The houses I chose are not necessarily people I know, just ones I've noticed looking like they have caring owners. Thank you to the following homes for making our community a prettier place to live:

- 3214 Rollin Road
- 7021 Kenfig Place
- 3228 Sherry Court



Lastly, I'd like to wish everyone a happy holiday season: please try to come to our holiday party on December 6 at 7:00, even if you can only stay a few minutes. Come introduce yourself, have some refreshments, and meet your neighbors.



## Halloween Parade Stomps Through our Neighborhood

by Claire "Witchie-Poo" De Angioletti

Over 60 children and their parents enjoyed stomping through our streets to celebrate Halloween in our annual parade on October 27th. The children seemed to have a great time wearing their costumes and getting ready for Halloween. They also enjoyed decorating pumpkins, playing games, and collecting treat bags and prizes. Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross attended, as did Delegate of the 38th District of Virginia, Bob Hull, who also provided the kids with treats. We had a police escort at the front and end of the parade, and Thomas Jefferson Library handed out "Arthur" bags and treats. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers, without whom the event would not have been possible: Michele Depasse, Sandra Caple, Ellen Carpenter, Mary Rodgers, Tom Wetrich, Chico Rivera, Juan Cornejo, Gail Ayers and family, Janet Sims, Klara Miller, Dave Conway, Stephen De Angioletti, Maurice Stevens of Woodley Pool, Meadows Farms, Thomas Jefferson Library, and Mason District Police Auxiliary.



Children and adults assemble at Woodley Pool prior to marching in the Halloween Parade.

## Michele Depasse: Broyhill Park Civic Association's New President

by Ellen Carpenter

After searching for months to find a replacement for Klara Miller's vacancy as President, Michele Depasse has done what she asked all of us to do at numerous meetings – **Step Up to the Plate**. Yes, Michele has volunteered to lead our association into the year 2002! Michele was introduced at the September quarterly meeting and seems to have a heavy agenda. I had the chance to sit down with Michele to find out a little about her for our Broyhill residents.

Background: It seems Michele was born in Quantico, Virginia in 1955. Born into the home of a Marine Corps Master Sergeant, Michele seems adamant about "rounding the troops" of Broyhill and making our association "all that it can be!" Michele has been a resident of Broyhill Park since 1982, and a member of the Board of Directors since 1999, serving as co-chair of Neighborhood Watch with Mary Rodgers since January of 2001.

Goals: An immediate goal of Michele's is to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. The open positions have been there for too long.

Michele asks that you reconsider and **Step Up to the Plate** — call to volunteer and join the Board. Another goal of Michele's is the need of the association to take care of its older citizens. Be it asking your child to rake your older neighbor's leaves, or to shovel their driveway when it snows, Michele feels our older citizens have paid their way, and now the younger generation must **Step Up to the Plate** to help them out. A third goal of Michele's is to eventually have Street Captains again. It would be nice to have someone welcome new residents to their street and in so doing, present new residents will information about our community. This effort would benefit new and older residents. But again, more people will have to volunteer. A fourth goal of Michele's is to vastly increase the number of e-mail addresses of our residents. In case of an emergency, we would be able to send off an immediate alert to our residents. Michele feels all these goals can be accomplished if we have volunteers and is reiterating her plea of asking everyone to **Step Up to the Plate** and volunteer!

Career and Hobbies: Michele has been a legal secretary since 1976, an asset she feels in all she does. As far as hobbies, her two Yorkies seem to go wherever Michele goes – be it the Halloween Parade, or riding with her on Neighborhood Watch!

## Broyhill Park E-mail List

by Stephen De Angioletti

Come join the Broyhill Park Civic Association e-mail list by signing up at <http://www.broyhillpark.org>. If you have received an invite to join, you must click on the "join" link. Simply replying to the invitation e-mail will not subscribe you to the list. Members get reminders of events and late-breaking local Broyhill Park news.

Please feel free to join the next web meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Walnut Hill Administrative Center on Camp Alger Avenue.

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## Neighborhood Watch Update

by Michele Depasse and Mary Rodgers

We welcome John and Cindy Chewey to our growing list of Neighborhood Watch volunteers. John and Cindy recently completed their training at the Mason District Police Station and have volunteered for two weeks this quarter. Welcome John and Cindy! We are happy to report that we have two complete patrols going out each week. We thank the following volunteers for the third quarter of 2001: Patrick Budjenska; Sandy Caple; Ellen & Bill Carpenter; Cindy & John Chewey; Juan Cornejo; Bob Dilley; Bob Grandon; Jim Hathaway; Susan & Jim Hunt; Janet & Mark Lewis; Karen Nussbaum; Ed O'Malley; Chico Rivera; Mary Rodgers; Jeff Steinberg; Tom Wetrick; and Pim van Wijngaarden.

The next training date for new Neighborhood Watch volunteers is Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. The deadline to register for training is December 4. Please call Michele Depasse (e-mail: [mdepasse@kelleydrye.com](mailto:mdepasse@kelleydrye.com)) or Mary Rodgers (e-mail: [rodgersma@navsea.navy.mil](mailto:rodgersma@navsea.navy.mil)) if you want to volunteer with Neighborhood Watch!

**REMINDERS:** With the advent of the holidays, we would like to remind you to take extra care around your house. Remember to:

- Leave your house porch lights on,
- Leave a radio or TV on when you leave home,
- Lock your home when you leave,
- Close and lock your windows when you leave.

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Recent reports to police have included the following acts of vandalism. Fines are noted in parenthesis.

- Disorderly conduct (up to 1 year in jail/\$2500 fine).
- Keying cars (up to 5 years in jail/\$2,500 fine).
- Indecent exposure also carries a financial penalty.

Remember to report all suspicious acts to police. Call 911 if you see a suspicious act in progress. If we all get busy and volunteer we can keep our neighborhood safe!

## Mason District Council Meeting, October 17, 2001: Candidates' Forum

by Jackie Dilley

The October Mason District meeting was dedicated to a candidates' forum for the 37th, 38th, 39th, and 49th Virginia General Assembly House districts. There was no business meeting.

The forum was monitored by the League of Women Voters. All candidates were asked the same question: Would you favor a referendum by the voters of Northern Virginia to increase the sales tax, with 50% being spent on education and 50% spent on transportation, and would you include a moratorium on any increase on real estate taxes as a part of this referendum? Other questions were then presented by members of the audience.

-The candidates for the 37th district were: Chap Petersen, Democrat; and Jane Woods, representative for Jack Rust, Republican.

-Candidates for the 38th district were: Robert (Bob) Hull, Democrat; Danny Smith, Republican; and Donna Jean Audi, Independent.

-Candidates for the 39th district were: Vivian Watts, Democrat; Christopher Craig, Republican; and Bill Peabody, Independent.

-Candidates for the 49th district were: Karen Darner, Democrat; and Edgar Gonzales, Republican.

The longest debate centered around the 38th district because the majority of the audience seemed to be from that district. The moderating and timekeeping by the League of Women Voters was well done and the meeting was very informative.

(Editor's note: the next meeting, scheduled for November 28, will take place after this issue has gone to press.)

Any concerns or questions should be directed to Broyhill Park's Mason District representative, Jackie Dilley, or [jackiedilley@msn.com](mailto:jackiedilley@msn.com)

## Westlawn Elementary Soars Like an Eagle

by Janet Sims

Westlawn Elementary School has been awarded the Gold Medal for outstanding performance in raising student achievement during the 2000-2001 school year. Students and teachers have worked very hard and their test scores on the Standards of Learning (SOLs) and the Stanford Achievement Tests have increased dramatically over the past few years.

Westlawn students have also demonstrated a sense of community. They have participated in a Penny Drive (a student's idea), collecting \$1,300 to help families affected by September 11. This money will be presented to Congressman Tom Davis and Pentagon officials in November. Students also demonstrated their community and school spirit in a "Run for America" which included runners from both the local Fire and Police Departments.



## Book Club Nears One Year Anniversary

by Claire De Angioletti

The Women's Book Club, with 11 active members, is approaching its one year anniversary in January! Be a part of the fun. Bring yourself and a beverage to our next meeting Wednesday, December 12th, 7:30 p.m. at the Walnut Hill Administrative Center. We'll discuss *The Angel Doll: A Christmas Story* (Bledsoe). The following month we'll talk about *The Joy Luck Club* (Tan). See you there!



Happy Holidays!

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¡Feliz Navidad!



## Broyhill Park Split into Two Virginia House Districts

by Stephen De Angioletti

Broyhill Park was represented by the 38th Virginia House District during the 1990s. Unfortunately it was split into two districts as the result of the 2000 census. One-third of Broyhill Park remains in the 38th district. This includes homes north of Marc Drive, east of Graham Road, and east of Annandale Road. The other two-thirds of Broyhill Park is in the 53rd Virginia House District. Broyhill Park has a good working relationship with Representative Hull from the 38th district and looks forward to working with Representative Scott from the 53rd.

## House of Delegates Debate

by Michele Depasse

At our September meeting, we were honored to have the opportunity to hear first-hand the two candidates vying for the opportunity to represent the 38th District in Richmond. Bob Hull was the Democratic incumbent candidate and Danny Smith was the Republican challenger. Those in attendance can verify that the audience participation was both lively and spirited. For those of you who may have missed this discussion, please try and attend next year's debate. Our association is very fortunate to have had the chance to hear both candidates "up close and personal" and voice our concerns. Thank you again Bob and Danny for taking the time to visit us!



## Can You Dress for Pedestrian Safety? Does it Matter What You Wear?

from the Fairfax County Police Department

Light clothing will bring a driver's notice to a pedestrian much better than dark clothing. A driver travelling at 60 mph needs over 260 feet to stop: that's over three-quarters of a football field. Here are the distances for personal nighttime visibility with various colored clothes:

### Color of your Clothing

Black/blue  
Red  
Yellow  
White

*Distance needed to stop at 60 mph*  
Reflectors on clothes

### How close must a driver be to see you at 60 mph

55 feet  
80 feet  
120 feet  
180 feet  
260 feet  
500 feet



The police encourage you to wear the lightest colored clothing you own whenever you are going to be walking on any roadway.

Did you notice that you are safest when wearing reflectors? Think about adding reflectors or reflective tape to your clothing to pick up an automobile's headlamps and alert drivers that you are there. All emergency personnel wear reflective tape for nighttime visibility. Have you ever noticed a police officer directing traffic at night? Their orange vests are striped with reflector tape. They know the value of that added protection!

## Broyhill Park Civic Association Board Members

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>e-mail address</u>
President	Michele Depasse		nw@broyhillpark.org
Vice President	Sandra Caple		
Treasurer	Tom Wetrich		
Secretary	vacant		secretary@broyhillpark.org
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Neighborhood Watch Coordinator	Michele Depasse <i>and</i> Mary Rodgers		nw@broyhillpark.org
Holiday Decorating Contest Coordinator	Mary Rodgers		
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Garage Sale Coordinator	Nelson Rivera		garage@broyhillpark.org
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Holiday Event Coordinator	Claire De Angioletti		holiday@broyhillpark.org
Triangle Beautification Coordinator	Sara and Eric Judy		triangle@broyhillpark.org

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please call Michele Depasse, or talk to her at the December 6 civic association meeting. The most critical need is to fill the secretary position.

### . . . . Classified Ad . . . .

An experienced and reliable lady who has lived and worked in the Broyhill Park neighborhood since 1985 is seeking a position as an elderly care companion for Mondays through Fridays. Excellent references are available upon request.

Please call Zena at (703) 573-8602 or (703) 560-1913 and leave a message.

### . . . Civic Association Notes . . .

*from the Board of Directors*

#### 2001 Dues Drive Ends

The civic association's 2001 dues drive ended October 31. Thanks goes out to all the homes who paid their dues this year, as well as to our new Dues Drive Coordinator, Susan Perkins. The 2002 dues drive will start in February: details will follow in the February newsletter.

#### Triangle Maintenance

The civic association would like to extend a special thanks to Eric and Sara Judy and Sandra Caple for maintaining the Broyhill Park Triangle. They're doing a great job!

The next Broyhill Park Civic Association General Meeting  
(and Holiday Party!) is  
Thursday, December 6

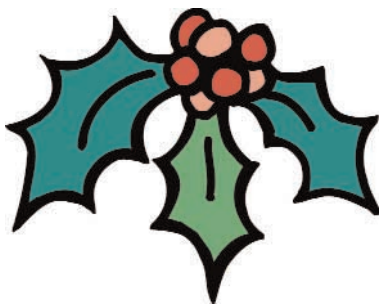
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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



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