

# BROYHILL PARK NEWS

The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

<http://www.broyhillpark.org>

## GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, AT 7:30 P.M.

Barbara J. Gill is a consumer advocate for health and safe choices, and will be the guest speaker at the February 21 general meeting. The topic of this presentation will be healthy living: things we all can do to improve our health for today and the future. She has done independent research on things that suppress good health and as a result, she says, she has become a de-facto consumer advocate, "particularly when it comes to the area of toxins in the home." Ms. Gill says, "All my research has been independent, and as a result, I have noticed some positive changes in my life and the lives of my family. As we age, our concerns (and there are many already) include diseases like diabetes, cancer, heart disease, blindness, arthritis, etc. While I don't have cures, I do have suggestions as to how to delay the onset of some of these all together. My presenta-

tion is meant to educate and enlighten, not to frighten. But, for those who desire a healthy, viable life today and in the future, you will not want to miss this presentation."

Please also note that with the start of the new year, the civic association is beginning our 2002 dues drive. You may bring your \$10 to the general meeting (cash or check), or use the enclosed flyer to mail in your payment.

Thank you!  
-Ellen Carpenter,  
newsletter editor



## Easter Egg Hunt Returns

## but Holiday Coordinator Needed: Hippy Hop for Easter!

by Claire De Angiol



All children are invited to participate in the 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt (weather permitting) on Saturday, March 30th, 10:30 a.m., at Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church on Brush Drive.

Broyhill Park needs a replacement Holiday Coordinator to plan and implement community event (the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parade, and Christmas Party). Unfortunately, I am no longer able to fill this role. The civic association has funds available for these events, and many supplies are already on hand. I would be happy to talk to anyone interested who wants to make a difference for the community's children, and who likes coordinating and running events. You'll meet a lot of great folks along the way. Please call Claire.

## The Green Scene

By Ellen Carpenter, Newsletter Editor



One of the things that attracted me to Broyhill Park when we were looking for a house three years ago was a new baby arrival sign on someone's lawn. To me, this signaled that the family wanted to share their good news with their Broyhill Park neighbors, and was one clue to the strong community we were lucky enough to move into. A close community doesn't just happen, though. It requires work from all sorts of people, not just a few adults. I like that young scouts come to my door selling me cookies and popcorn. I like that we have volunteers who drive or bike Neighborhood Watch patrols. I like that local merchants generously donate prizes for our holiday decorating contest.

Throughout this issue of the newsletter, you'll see evidence that our strong community continues to thrive. Even if you decide the civic association isn't something for which you would like to volunteer, there are other ways you can support our community. Patronize the businesses who support our holiday contest and who advertise with us. Mention you heard about them in our newsletter or on our website. And as our president, Michele Depasse, says in her article, take some time to get to know your neighbors. A smile and "hello" (or "hola" in Spanish) while you're mowing the lawn or walking the dog is a good way to break the ice.

My Green Scene honorees will return next issue, so get your yards and houses ready! Meanwhile, please see the article about our holiday decorating contest winners. So many houses looked great this time, the committee had a hard time picking winners. I hope to see many of you at our general meeting, until then, Happy Valentine's Day, and remember to spread a little love in your community this year!

## Santa Transported by Firetrucks to Holiday Gathering (So Rudolph Could Rest!)

by Claire De Angioletti

Santa surprised all the children of Broyhill Park by arriving to the second annual holiday party via firetruck! A wind-swept Santa greeted the crowd of 40 children and their families, read goodnight stories, and listened to wish lists. Every child received a candy cane from Old Saint Nick, who was especially amazed that one boy typed his list to facilitate an easy read. The reindeer were able to get plenty of rest in time for Christmas! We hope everyone had a chance to take a picture with Santa, and had a good time meeting neighbors and friends!

Very special thank yous are extended to: Jim Livengood and family, Bill Herbert and family, Tom and Jean Wetrich, Michele Depasse and Sandra Caple, Mary Rodgers, and Reverend Tinh of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

Santa entertains children and adults alike at the 2001 Holiday Party.

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## Broyhill Park is having a Community Yard Sale!

on Saturday, June 1, 2002 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Rain date: Sunday, June 2, 2002)

All families are welcome to participate! We will be advertising locally and in the *Washington Post* and the *Fairfax Journal*. Watch for posters going up in your area.

To participate, simply write to: Nelson Rivera, 7023 Kenfig Place, Falls Church, Va 22042, of the Broyhill Park Civic Association, before May 28, 2002 or send an e-mail to: [garage@broyhillpark.org](mailto:garage@broyhillpark.org)

When you write or e-mail us, we need the following information:

Your name, address, telephone number, and types of items you will have for sale.

Remember, the more participants we have the more "customers" we will attract, and the more items we will sell!

Suggested items sold at yard sales: Baby and children items including clothing; household items such as dishes, linens, curtains; decorative items; books, old records, cassettes and CDs; tools; collectibles toys; bicycles; clothes; furniture, etc.

Your items should be clearly marked with prices and displayed in your front yard, driveway, or garage on the morning of the sale. Keep in mind that some people may want to negotiate prices with you.

Note: We will be distributing maps of the various homes having yard sales.

**Write or e-mail us today to reserve your spot in our Community Sale!**

## B.P. Women's Book Club Update

by Claire De Angioletti

The Book Club is one year old and going strong! We welcome new members for an evening of lively discussion and friendship. We meet from 7:30 to 9:15 at the Walnut Hill Administration Center on Camp Alger Avenue. All of the following meetings will take place in room 21 (upstairs). The member who selected the book brings a snack to share and prepares questions for discussion. Bring your own beverage (there are vending machines available).

2/28 *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (chosen by Lois C.)

3/21 *Corelli's Mandolin* by Louis De Bernieres (Janet L.)

4/25 *Sea Biscuit* by Laura Hillebrand (Diana H.)

5/23 *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison (Stacey B.)

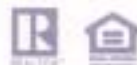
6/27 *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood (Donna B.)

We will schedule through the rest of the year later in the spring. Selections/dates may change; please check either the Broyhill Park website OR call me to confirm. Happy reading!

## Web Site Celebrates Third Anniversary

By Stephen De Angioletti

Special thanks to Matt Anderson, Maryann Germaine, and Mary Rodgers for all of the hard work they have put into the web site. Thank you to all residents who have signed up for the Broyhill Park Civic Association e-mail list. A special thanks goes to Dick Yates of Remax Horizons for sponsoring the web site for another year. The next web meeting is Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Walnut Hill Administrative Center on Camp Alger Avenue. All are welcome.



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## With a Little Help from My Neighborhood Watch

*By Michele Depasse*

This is a true story of what transpired when a call came into Neighborhood Watch on a Sunday evening at the end of last year.

Sandy Caple and I were at home watching TV when we received a call from a resident asking for help locating a missing resident's father. We learned that the missing person was an elderly gentleman who had recently arrived from either Cambodia or Vietnam and could not speak any English. He had just wandered off and could not be found.

Sandy and I jumped in her Ford Explorer to canvas the neighborhood in the hopes of locating him. Using our usual Neighborhood Watch route, we started at Falls Church High School. I noticed a softball game going on in the back of the school. I got out of the car and went to the bleachers where I introduced myself as being with the Broyhill Park Civic Association and asked for any information on our missing resident. I asked the people if they saw anyone resembling the description to please call 911. During our continued travels, we actually ran across the daughter who had called us an hour or two earlier. She had already made up flyers. She was still frantic, but we told her not to worry: her father would soon be found. We continued our travels with the new flyers to St. Phillip's Church, where we left copies to be distributed to the Church and Rectory. We then proceeded to Providence Recreation Center and the staff there was nice enough to put our flyer right on the front door. After a couple hours of looking, we arrived home and called our resident.

Unfortunately, her father hadn't been found yet.

Frustrated, Sandy and I turned in for the night. At approximately 11:00 p.m. that night, another call came in. It was our resident apologizing for the late call. Her father had just been found and he was a little shaken, but okay. We were delighted for her family. Your Broyhill Park Civic Association and Neighborhood Watch really do care about you. Our community is reaching out to help you in your time of need.

## Neighborhood Watch Update

*By Michele Depasse and Mary Rodgers*

Many of you have asked what becoming a Neighborhood Watch Volunteer entails, so we thought we'd give you a brief overview. When you become a "Watcher" (our nickname for our volunteers), you will first be asked to attend a one-hour training session offered by the Police Department. After completing the session, we will take you out on an actual patrol to let you see the route our Watchers take. Then you sign up for a patrol week. During that week, you are asked to go out on patrol at least once during that time. It could be a daylight patrol or night-time patrol. The crime reports that have been circulated suggested that most crime occurs during the daytime hours. Accordingly, we need more patrols during that time. Driving a patrol takes less than an hour. With more volunteers, we could have each member doing a week a year and we would be covered for the whole year! Won't you consider and join us? We are updating our Neighborhood Watch Volunteer List for 2002. If you would become a member of our Watch List, please email or call Michele Depasse or Mary Rodgers at the numbers below. The more volunteers, the better. If we can maintain our present two patrols per week, we will continue to deter crime in our neighborhood.

We wish to thank the following volunteers for the period December 2001 – February 2002: Sandy Caple; Ellen & Bill Carpenter; Juan Cornejo; Bob & Jackie Dilley; Maryanne Germaine; Susan & Jim Hunt; Janet & Mark Lewis; Karen Nussbaum; Chico Rivera; Mary Rodgers; Molly & John Salamon; and Tom Wetrich.

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!

# Mason District Council of Civic Associations

By Jackie Dilley, Broyhill Park Representative

The November 28, 2001 meeting was a forum for members of the Council to interact with the newly elected and current members of the General Assembly prior to the session. Since many community groups were holding the same type of meetings the same night, several of the legislators arrived late or had to leave early.

Present at this meeting were the following:

Senator Dick Saslaw, Senator Leslie Byrne, Delegate Karen Darner, Delegate Chap Petersen, Delegate Vivian Watts

After an opening statement informing the group of the budget shortfall of \$1.2 billion dollars, items of priority were discussed.

Main priorities were education, transportation, medical care, and security. Others included nursing home staffing, tightening up of requirements for drivers' licenses, "Do Not Call" list for telemarketing, and permission for local authorities to curtail cell phone use while driving. Several legislators mentioned the need for tax reform by a special session to find ways for taxing other than depending only on real-estate-based taxes.

Delegate Watts explained the reason for the shortfall as the budget assumed a 7 1/2 % revenue increase, but realized a -2.4%. This meant no salary increases for state employees,

no overtime for safety workers, no extra money to localities for education, and no construction money for higher education.

A referendum to allow localities to raise the sales tax by 1cent (1/2 for transportation and 1/2 for education) was foremost. This money would remain in localities and language in the legislation would preclude the state from reducing its portion of support for these projects if the referendum was passed.

When asked about giving local school boards taxing authority, most approved, with Senator Saslaw stating that 37 of 49 states with elected school boards have this authority.

Other items discussed were: making mass transit more available during problem times, prioritization of the transportation infrastructure, and recognizing that better land-use planning is critical.

A lengthy discussion developed on the need for change to the Board of Zoning appeals process to allow more public involvement, more accountability, more regress, and more enforcement. Decisions should be based on local ordinance, not on the opinion of the board. Legislated criteria must be met. A resolution dealing with proffers is being drafted by members of the council for presentation to the legislation with hope of action in the current session.

## Attention --

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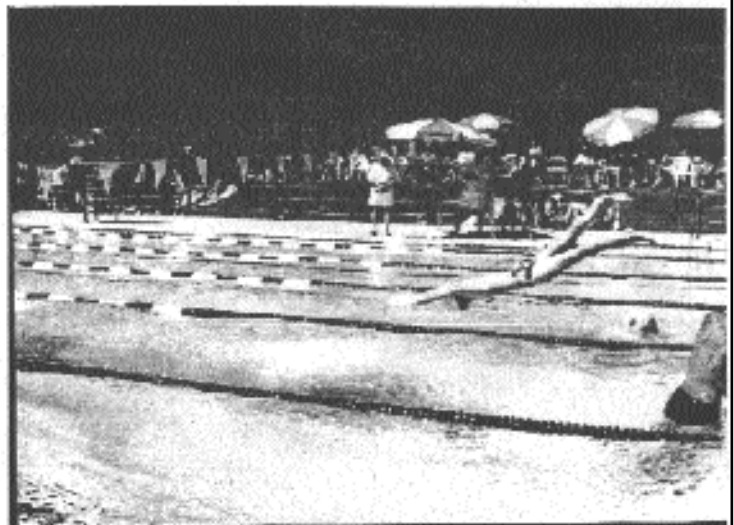
**For membership information**

**Call Eric Chancellor at**

**(703) 533-7814**

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Woodley Recreation Association  
7421 Camp Alger Ave.



## Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

On December 26<sup>th</sup>, four 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. Finally, we made our decisions. The prizes are as follows:

*First place* went to the **Jim Barker**, 3152 Norfolk Lane. He received a certificate for Sign of the Whale.

*Second place* went to **Hien Tran**, 3256 Brandy Court. A certificate for Silver Diner was awarded.

*Third place* went to **Eric and Sara Judy**, 3163 Nealon Drive. They chose a certificate for Grevey's.

*Best window* went to **Walter Stryker** at 7429 Carol Lane. This house won last year, too, but this shows just how impressive the window is! A certificate for Old Hickory Grille was awarded.

*Best Door* went to **Paul and Peggy Stanley**, 3250 Holly Hill Drive. They received a certificate for IHOP.

This project was fun to do. 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. When you dine at these establishments, mention that you appreciate their support of our community!

This year there so many pretty decorated houses that we wanted to do something special. We came up with an Honorable Mention, since we couldn't give everyone a prize:

Donald Lyndal, 7222 Carol Ln.; Hoa Bui, 3308 Graham Rd.; Tricia Rodgers (helped by Sean Herriety), 7009 Kenfig Dr.; Deniece Cheri, 7051 Jacks Ln.; Burnell Bennings, 3242 Kenney Dr.; Jorge Navario, 3332 Slade Ct.; the residents at 7021 Lee Park Ct.; Clara Gonzalez, 7014 Strathmore St.; Kindra Lakes, 7102 Strathmore St.


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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 February 21 civic association meeting. The most critical need is to fill the holiday event coordinator position. We'd like to welcome Janet Mansfield as the new secretary!

## Being a Good Neighbor

*By Michele Depasse, Broyhill Park Civic Association President*

2002 is a new year, full of hopes and dreams for a better year than the last. It is also a good time to reflect on ways we can improve on being a good neighbor. I have learned that in order to have good neighbors, we have to make sure we are good neighbors ourselves. We must not forget how our neighbors perceive us. Being a good neighbor includes:

1) Helping out our elderly residents. If you have an elderly neighbor, take the time to check up on them; they may not ask for the help, but may need it. Don't forget that one day we may need others' help too. If you know that your elderly neighbor isn't feeling well, bring them over one of your home-cooked meals, or bring them a dessert. I'd like to be able to count on my neighbors when I am in need.

2) Keeping your yard clean. All of us want to ensure that our property values continue to rise. Leaving trash around really makes our neighbors angry. If you have a special pick up requirement, it is important to call Fairfax County Special Pick Up at 703-802-3322 on Monday before your trash day schedule. It's sanitary and makes for good relations with our neighbor. As springtime is just around the corner, also think about getting your lawn mower ready for your yard's upcoming growing season.

3) Pets. If you have a dog, we have a leash law effective in our community. Do not let your dog run loose. It is also important that you clean up after your dog when walking them.

4) Volunteering in the Community. It only takes a few hours a year to donate time to your community. Consider joining the Board of Directors of our Association or performing Neighborhood Watch. The community needs everyone help.

*Did you know?*

*Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Station 18* Did you know our neighborhood Fire Department (Station 18) is located right up at Loehmann's Plaza? We want to thank Station 18 for bringing Santa to our Christmas Party. We hope that you won't need the station's assistance, but it's very comforting knowing that they are here to help our community. It might be nice to visit the station and bring a "thank you" dessert.

*Fairfax County Police Department* Our local Police Department is the Mason District Police Station on Columbia Pike. The Police Dept. is grateful to all our Neighborhood Watch volunteers who donate their time to help protect our community. The department also holds Citizen Advisory Committee meetings that are open to all residents.

**The next Broyhill Park Civic Association General Meeting  
is Thursday, February 21  
Time: 7:30 p.m.**

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

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