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BROYHILL PARK NEWS

The Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

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GENERAL MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 16, AT 7:30 P.M.

Public Safety in Our Community

by Michele Depasse, President

The theme of our Thursday, May 16 quarterly meeting is "Public Safety in our Community." We have brought together important speakers for this event. Our Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross will be on hand to introduce presentations by Captain II Jerry Roussillon from our own Fire Station 18, and also a Lieutenant from the Mason District Police Station. Congressman Tom Davis has confirmed that he would like to come by and be on hand.

Captain Roussillon has been the Station Commander at Fire Station 18 for six years and has been with the Fire and Rescue Service for twenty years. He has B.S. degrees in Management and Fire Science from the University of Maryland. He is an Operations

Manager for Virginia Task Force 1, Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team. The team has responded to disasters since 1988. They have been to: Armenia (earthquake), the Philippines (earthquake), Charleston, SC (hurricane), Northridge, CA (earthquake), Oklahoma City, OK (bombing), Atlanta, GA (1996 Olympic Emergency Response Team), Topsail, NC (hurricane), Nairobi, Kenya (bombing), Izmit & Duzce, Turkey (earthquakes), and the Pentagon (Sept. 11 terrorist attack).

Most interesting is that these resources (specialized equipment and highly trained personnel) are right in your community's backyard. Of course, hopefully you will not have a need for them!

Westlawn Elementary Will Celebrate 50 Years

by Janet Sims

Westlawn Elementary School will celebrate its 50th anniversary this September. A mailing list is being developed for any past students or parents interested in attending this event.

Anyone interested in being on the mailing list or planning for this celebration should contact Janet Sims by e-mail at sms@erols.com, or by phone at (703) 207-3098.



Calendar of Upcoming Events:

May 16: Civic Association General Meeting

June 13: Nomination meeting for Board of Directors

June 1: Community Yard Sale (rain date June 2)

August : National Night Out (tentative: details to follow via signs in your neighborhood!)

The Green Scene

By Ellen Carpenter, Newsletter Editor



Happy spring, everyone. I'd thought I devote a little space this issue to tell you what I think are a few "community secrets:" good deals or fun things to do around our community. The first is Bon Air Park and Memorial Rose Garden. Actually this is in Arlington County, but just about a 15-minute drive from Broyhill Park. It's on Wilson Blvd., between Seven Corners and Ballston (formal address: 850 North Lexington Street, Arlington). When it's time for the roses to bloom, head on over here on a weekday evening. Last year I couldn't keep count of all the colors and varieties of roses, but their beauty and fragrance was simply amazing. Plus, the park is on the W&OD Trail, so you can even take a nice stroll while there! My second favorite "secret" is actually a table at a local restaurant. The Old Hickory Grille in Loehmann's Plaza (a long-time prize donor for our Holiday Decorating contest!) has what it calls a half-price table. It's a small table for two, right in the middle of the floor, but if you eat at this table, you get 50% off your entire dinner check! It's not private or quiet, and you can't reserve it, but if you like the food here (I do!) it is a good thing to keep in mind when your wallet is feeling the squeeze.

Do you have a favorite secret spot nearby? If so, email me at editor@broyhillpark.org, and I will try to check it out and print some in future columns!

With the advent of green grass and warmer days, I've once again selected some Green Scene honorees. For those of you new to the newsletter, these are homes that have caught my eye in the last few months for being particularly well-maintained, and in turn, help keep our community looking welcoming. I do not necessarily know the residents of homes I select, nor is any compensation involved other than to say, "Thanks for helping make Broyhill Park a nicer place to live."

The honorees for this spring are: 3236 Dye Drive, 7216 Carol Lane, and 7115 Camp Alger Avenue. Finally, I'd like to give an honorable mention to St. Patrick's Church, whose stately weeping cherry tree and allée of pink and white dogwoods make my spring every year.

Easter Egg Hunt Once Again a Success

by Ellen Carpenter

The Easter Egg Hunt was once again a big success this year, thanks to great weather, a good turnout of about 50 kids, and wonderful help from the community. In fact, I had such a good time organizing this event that I am going to do it again next year! I could not have had such a good time had it not been for the help of many people: Michele Depasse, Sandy Caple, Mary Rodgers and her mother, Michele and Sandy's friends Jerry and Dave (who don't even live in Broyhill Park, but helped stuff eggs!), Janet Mansfield, Maryann Germaine, Karen Nussbaum, and my husband Bill. I also need to thank Claire DeAngioletti and Klara Miller for establishing a great tradition in Broyhill Park. Lastly, a special thank-you is extended to Reverend Tinh and the St. Patrick's Church for once again allowing us to use their beautiful grounds for the hunt.

We still need a coordinator to organize the other two holiday events the civic association sponsors: the Halloween Parade and the Christmas party. Whoever steps up to fill this spot can count on a good group of volunteers, and will be contributing to a great cause: strengthening our community by encouraging fellowship. Please call or e-mail me or Michele Depasse if you are interested.

Special Thanks for Newsletter Delivery!

The civic association would like to extend a special thanks to Ralph Knotts and his daughter Jenny Douglass, as well as her husband Shawn and their son Shane, for helping to deliver the quarterly newsletter. Hand delivery to 800 homes is a BIG job, and we are thankful to have such helpful neighbors!

It's time to clean your closets, basements, attics & garages...

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 15, 2002** (note new RSVP date) or send an e-mail to: 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 Yard Sale!

Zoning Concerns in Broyhill Park

from Michele Depasse, President

The Civic Association has received numerous complaints in the past months regarding overcrowding of people and vehicles. The Board of Directors has formally passed these concerns on to our Mason District Supervisor, Penny Gross. Additionally, the Board intends to provide residents with the opportunity to voice these concerns to our elected officials at the September meeting. The Board encourages residents to familiarize themselves with the applicable zoning regulations and points of contact, all of which are available on the web at www.co.fairfax.va.us/dpz, or by calling the Zoning Enforcement Branch at (703) 324-1300. The Board encourages all residents to get involved in the civic association and local governing bodies, and most importantly, to get to know their neighbors. The most effective way to address these concerns is cooperatively, as a group.



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MASON MEMO

by Penny Gross, Mason District Supervisor

Special to the Broyhill Park Civic Association Newsletter

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has advertised public hearings on an issue that has vexed Broyhill Park neighbors for some time ñ paving over front yards to create a parking lot for additional vehicles. A proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment would limit the amount of paving or surfaced area that can occur in the front yards of single family detached dwellings, and would require that parking for vehicles or trailers in the front yard must be on a surfaced area.

Several years ago, I raised the issue of paving front yards and the de-stabilizing effect it has on established older neighborhoods like Broyhill Park. A number of other areas in the county have similar problems, and other Supervisors joined me in asking the Zoning Administrator to review the current ordinance and examine how other jurisdictions around the country handle the problem. The proposed ordinance change establishes a 25% limit in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts, and a 35% limit in the R-3 and R-4 districts (Broyhill Park is zoned R-4). The amendment does not apply to existing lots that already have paved front yards.

The Planning Commission public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 25, and will be aired live on cable Channel 16. To sign up to speak before the Planning Commission, call 703/324-2865. The Board of Supervisors' public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 3, at 3:30 p.m. To speak before the Board of Supervisors, call 703/324-3151.

The May edition of Mason Matters!, my television show that brings you news and information about our Mason District community, focuses on the future challenges for public education in Fairfax County. My guests are Robert Frye, Sr., at-large School Board member, and Dr. G. J. Tarazi, principal of Glasgow Middle School. The interview includes a discussion of the challenges facing our schools at a time when federal and state funding is decreasing, as well as growing technological needs, aging buildings, and a diverse student body in Mason District and Fairfax County. Mason Matters! airs on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., and Fridays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 16.

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Health and Safety Reminders

by Sandy Caple, Vice President

It is getting to be that time of year when the weather is warmer and spring housekeeping activities will begin. As our outside activities increase (either for work or pleasure), I thought of a few items that we should think about. Health-wise, we should remember to drink plenty of fluids on warm days and hydrate ourselves before going out to do strenuous activities. If you start to feel dizzy, light-headed or develop blurred vision while out in the heat, it is time to get some shade or air conditioning and cool down. Heat-related emergencies such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke can be avoided with proper precautions.

As everyone knows, spring and summer is the time of year for insects. For those of us with known allergies to insect stings (such as bees or wasps), please get a medical alert bracelet or necklace identifying your condition. If you have prescribed medications for allergies such as these,

make sure they are up to date and not expired.

Lawn mowing is underway for this season and many of us are using power tools to clean up our yards. As a safety reminder, you should wear the proper shoes and clothing to conduct these jobs. You also may need extra precautions such as safety glasses.

Spring housecleaning also brings up the issue of the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, such as driveway sealers, herbicides, insecticides, pool chemicals and automobile fluids. Fairfax County has dumpsites for these products; they should NOT be thrown out in our trash NOR flushed down the sewage drains. The Division of Solid Waste Disposal & Resource Recovery can be contacted at (703) 324-5230 for more information. These are just a few reminders to help us all have a safe and healthy summer. I hope these tips will benefit everyone.



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MAY 21, 2002: Call for Nominations for our Board of Directors

by Michele Depasse, President

In an effort to inform those of you what exactly our Board of Directors do, and, hopefully, to entice you to consider joining our Board, I thought I'd describe our responsibilities as members of Broyhill Park's Civic Association Board of Directors.

Joining the Board of Directors: The first step of volunteering could be joining the Board of Directors. The Broyhill Park Civic Association's Board of Directors meets four times a year, usually one month prior to the general meeting. The current Board consists of: President Michele Depasse, Vice President Sandy Caple, Secretary Janet Mansfield, Treasurer Tom Wetrich, Community Yard Sale Coordinator Chico Rivera, Dues Drive Coordinator Susan Perkins, Mason District Rep. Jackie Dilley, Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Mary Rodgers and Michele Depasse, Newsletter Editor Ellen Carpenter, Newsletter Delivery & Signs Coordinator Sandy Caple, Triangle Upkeep and Holiday Decorating Chairs Eric and Sara Judy, and acting Webmaster Maryann Germaine.

The role of President is an overseer. The President presides over all board and general meetings, and prepares an agenda and hopefully sticks to it. I try and attend almost all events of the association, as well as being co-chair of the Neighborhood Watch with Mary Rodgers.

Sandy Caple is my VP and helps out at all functions. She is my utility infielder.

Janet Mansfield is our new Secretary. Her role is to take notes at our quarterly board and general meetings. Janet also volunteers on Neighborhood Watch and is active in the book club.

Tom Wetrich is a true image of a volunteer. He never says no to volunteering. Tom is responsible for keeping our books straight and renders quarterly and annual reports for our association. Tom also has chaired the Holiday Decorating Committee and volunteers on Neighborhood Watch.

Susan Perkins is our dues guru. We insert flyers into our newsletter reminding residents to submit their dues for the year. This year, we kicked off our dues drive in February. Susan maintains all payment history for Broyhill Park.

Holiday Event Coordinator: at present, this position is vacant. We are hopeful that we can fill this position as soon as possible. This position requires the chair to organize volunteers for events at Easter, Halloween and Christmas. We always have lots of children at each event.

Jackie Dilley is perfect as our Mason District Representative. She represents our interests at Mason District meetings and reports back on issues of importance to our community.

Mary Rodgers and I co-chair the Neighborhood Watch program. We attend meetings at the Mason District Station and Citizen Advisory Committee meetings. We have most of our Watchers on an e-mail list and they sign up for at least one week each quarter to do a patrol. Those without e-mail are contacted by telephone.

Ellen Carpenter is the editor of our newsletter. She edits the articles and prepares the layout of the newsletter. Ellen also serves as the contact for advertising in our newsletter. Ellen and her husband Bill are also members of the Neighborhood Watch and she volunteered for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt this year.

Sandy Caple faithfully bags the newsletter and puts the meeting signs out each quarter. Ralph Knotts and his daughter Jenny Douglass, and her husband Shawn and son Shane, Broyhill residents, hand-deliver it to our residents.

Eric and Sara Judy are responsible for keeping our Triangle looking so neat and tidy. They have painted the Broyhill Park sign and maintain colorful flowers. They are also serving as coordinators for the Holiday Decorating Contest this year.

Webmaster: Stephen DeAngioletti maintained our website, but unfortunately, has recently moved. This important position is our link to the Internet. Stephen has done a terrific job. Until a new webmaster is elected, Maryann Germaine will maintain our site.

Even if you don't want to take on a specific position, being a member of the Board would be greatly appreciated. Won't you consider? If so, please contact me at mdepasse@kelleydrye.com or call 703-573-8382 or contact any current board member.

Broyhill Park Civic Association Board Members

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| Women's Book Club Coordinator | Diana Anderson | | bookclub@broyhillpark.org |
| Holiday Event Coordinator | vacant | | 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 May 16 civic association meeting. The most critical need is to fill the holiday event coordinator position.

A Special Thanks to Stephen & Claire DeAngioletti and Klara Miller

by Michele Depasse, President

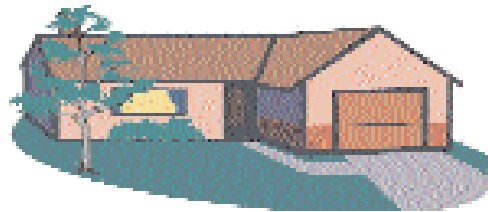
The Broyhill Park Civic Association has many little elves who have laid the cornerstones of our community. Three people who have really shaped Broyhill Park are Klara Miller and Stephen & Claire DeAngioletti.

Klara held the position of President for many years. Besides that responsibility, Klara also bagged the newsletter on more than a few occasions. However, with motherhood came added responsibilities and to our disappointment Klara wanted to devote more time to her family. Thank you Klara for giving your time and organizational skills to your community.

By the time you read this, many of you may already know that Stephen and Claire DeAngioletti departed our little community for the green grass of Leesburg. We though we'd let

you know just how much we will miss them by reflecting on their contributions to our association. Did you know that Stephen and Claire started their family here with Julie, followed by baby Kelly? Claire was Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for over five years, and also started Broyhill Park's Book Club. Stephen served as Vice President and also Webmaster.

The civic association is thankful and appreciative for the hard work that Klara, Stephen and Claire put into our community. We wish them all the luck and best wishes for the future.



Mature Operator's Driver Improvement Program (MODIP)

by Ed O'Carroll, Fairfax County Police Department

The Franconia District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department will be offering Virginia residents 55 and older enrollment in the Mature Operator's Driver Improvement Program (MODIP). This eight-hour class covers safe driving information for mature drivers. The course is sanctioned by the American Automobile Association (AAA) and is presented by certified Fairfax County Auxiliary Police Officers. Upon completion of this course, drivers are eligible for the Virginia State mandated insurance premium reduction (check with individual insurance carriers for the amount). Several MODIP classes have been scheduled at the Franconia District Station located at 6121 Franconia Rd., Alexandria in the coming months. Registration is required and can be done by contacting the Franconia Station Auxiliary Police at (703) 924-3029. The fee for this course is \$10 per person for books and materials.

More Than Just Dessert

from the George Mason Library

Brenda Rhodes Miller, a pastor's wife and the author of the recently published book *The Church Ladies' Divine Desserts*, will discuss how family and food are intertwined. The book is a tribute to African American women who make up the backbone of congregations throughout the U.S. through teaching, mentoring, preserving traditions and feeding the flock. A sampling of desserts also will be available.

1. Frozen Margarita Pie (pg. 71)
2. Angel Food Cake (pg. 11)
3. Sea Foam (pg. 114)
4. Apricot Nectarine Cake (pg. 38)
5. Molasses Crinkles (pg. 94)
6. Pecan Turtle Bars (pg. 100)
7. Butterscotch Bars (pg. 101)
8. Swiss Chocolate Dump Cake (pg. 41)
9. Gourmet Chocolate Chip Cookies (pg. 97)

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