

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009
7:30 PM
ALAN LEIS CENTER**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to thank everyone for their support of me as I become accustomed to my new role as President of Broyhill Park Civic Association. Things come up that you never anticipate prior to accepting the job. So thank you very much to the board members that have been able to help me out. I have enjoyed my first quarter as president. We had a successful General Meeting in February where a real estate agent, Bob Kenney, and a mortgage lender attended our meeting and talked about the housing market in general and in Broyhill Park specifically. It wasn't very uplifting, but at this point, things have nowhere to go but up!

Thanks to Janet Mansfield, we had another successful Easter Egg Hunt. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our next General Meeting will be on May 14th at 7:30 at the Alan Leis Center. I hope to see all of you there. The Board Meeting will be the Tuesday before, May 12, at 7:30pm. I am also including in this newsletter a list of local human service numbers that may be helpful to have on hand if you ever need them (see Page 6). I hope all of you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to meeting more of you as the year goes on.

Sincerely, *Patricia Rodgers Herrity*

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Board of Directors

There are still several important positions to fill on the Civic Association Board of Directors. Our new president needs everyone's support, and as this newsletter goes to press, she has just had a new baby, so filling the Vice President position is critical at this time. We are also still in need of a Recording Secretary, a Mason District Representative, and a Community Relations committee chair. Please call Patricia Herrity at 703-641-0097 if you can help.

Easter Egg Hunt by Janet Mansfield

Beautiful weather and a real live Easter bunny made the Annual Broyhill Park Easter Egg Hunt a big success. Many of our smallest residents turned out to find eggs filled with treats while

parents took photos and snuck chocolates. Thanks to everyone who turned out and to Mindy Cozart, who helped me stuff and hide the eggs. As always, we want to thank Station 18, who always show up to support our events, and let the kids climb all over the fire trucks. We are looking for a parent to run next year's hunt. It is not hard to do and it is a great way to meet other parents of young children in the neighborhood. Our children's events, including the egg hunt and the Halloween parade, have been a part of Broyhill Park for decades. Please email me at jkmansfield@yahoo.com if you are willing to help.

Protect your Property by Bob Evinger

The Fairfax County Public Information Office has reported a 48% increase in property stolen from vehicles in the County this year. Several arrests have been made. Global positioning systems are the most popular item stolen, followed by purses, cellular phones, tires, catalytic converters and air bags. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Lock your vehicle even in your driveway and garage. Call the police non-emergency number 703-691-2131 to report any stolen item. It may have already been recovered. ALSO please call 703-691-2131 to report anyone that is acting strange, walking along looking into cars, going into any unfinished/abandoned/ vacant house at any time of the day. Let the criminals know that neighbors are watching. It may be your house they break into next.-----

Thomas Jefferson Library Now Open In Broyhill Park by Janet Sims

Our local branch of the Fairfax County Public Library system, Thomas Jefferson, has been relocated to the parking lot of St. Phillips Church on St. Phillips Court in Broyhill Park, while its previous location is being renovated. The new site offers more than 12,000 items including books, audio books, magazines, and DVDs. Internet service and children's programs are also available. Please come and visit the new temporary library.

Welcome New Neighbors by Janet Sims

There are a number of houses on the market within the Broyhill Park community. Many of these are beginning to sell and new families are moving in. Please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves and welcome them to our neighborhood. Broyhill Park has a great deal to offer. Within walking distance, we can shop for food, eat out at restaurants, work the calories off at Woodley Pool or Providence Recreation Center, enjoy Luria Park's playground, wildlife and creek, attend inexpensive sporting events at Falls Church High School, or simply relax with a good book from Thomas Jefferson Library. What more could you want in a neighborhood?

Woodley Swim and Dive Teams – A Place Where Everyone Knows Your Name by Janet Sims

Summer swim season is almost here and that means Woodley Pool on Camp Alger Avenue. We are often asked why Woodley Pool means so much to us, especially the swim and dive teams. We can only describe it as a summer camp for families. It is one of the few sports that involves all ages, from 4 to 80 - swimmers, divers, coaches, officials, volunteers, and fans. Swim meets would not be possible without at least six boys and six girls in each age group, deck officials, at least nine timers, concession workers, and fans and that's just from one team. Dive meets require judges, announcers, concession workers, and of course, divers. There's a magical something at Woodley that consistently keeps our young athletes coming back – even after moving, while living overseas, post graduation, or after becoming parents themselves creating a whole new generation of swimmers. It's not all about swimming or diving. Yes, there's the competition, there's the hard work for the parents – planning, judging, etc. but there's also a sense of small town community in one of the most populated counties in the United States. It is the “Cheers” of our neighborhood – a place to go where everyone knows your name. We are looking forward to a successful 2009 season whether you are continuing or creating a tradition.

If you have any kids that are interested in joining the swim and/or dive team, please encourage them and come to the registration picnic at Woodley Pool, on Sunday, May 17, from 4-6 p.m. to obtain more information. It is a truly unique experience and you will be providing them with an opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime.

Expanded Recycling Program

Fairfax County has recently expanded its curbside recycling program and there are now many more items you can put out on the curb in your blue bins each week. This includes any plastic container that contained food or drink. So in addition to the usual cans, bottles, and narrow-necked plastic containers we can now recycle any of the following: The clear plastic containers from strawberries, salad greens, sliced fruit, etc., plastic vegetable trays, wide-mouthed containers such as yogurt cups and cottage cheese cartons, butter and margarine tubs, prescription medicine bottles, as well as the lids to all of these containers (in the past, the lids were separated and rejected). You can still include empty laundry detergent, chlorox, and other household cleaning supply bottles as long as they are from household usage only. And now you don't have to put newspaper, cardboard and junk mail in a separate bin. Everything is dumped into one truck and sold to recycling contractors who separate the items for various recycling markets. The County has not located a market for styrofoam or plastic bags, so styrofoam is still a no-no, but plastic bags can be taken to Giant Food and dropped in the recycling bins in the front entrance.

Tree Committee

The Broyhill Park Tree Committee will not be planting street trees this year. VDOT has denied the permit applications for Holly Hill, Strathmore, and the remaining portion of Camp Alger Avenue. It's unfortunate that attempts to beautify our neighborhood are thwarted by certain bureaucrats with no vested interest in our community. Residents are encouraged to plant on their own. Small flowering trees and fruit trees are available at reasonable costs from local nurseries.

Westlawn Shopping Center

Bill Page Honda, the owner of Westlawn Shopping Center, has filed a rezoning and special exception application with the county. The application as currently proposed calls for an increase in the land area of the Honda dealership, consolidation of the dealership facilities, an increase in building height, addition of a parking garage, and a completely rebuilt shopping center that would include the existing post office, a drive-through pharmacy, and two drive-through banks.

THE GREEN SCENE

Homes in the Spotlight

A grass lawn isn't the only thing you can plant in your front yard. For a welcome change from the usual high-maintenance grass monoculture, take a hint from the following homes who have replaced most, if not all, of their front lawns with more diverse cultivation.

3153 Siron Street – In place of a lawn in the front yard of this home is a tidy series of garden beds, each one producing a different vegetable. The garden is visually appealing and is framed by a wooden arbor as you walk in from the sidewalk. Even in a shady front yard like this one, the owners are able to put their ground to good use providing a large variety of edible greens, tomatoes, beans, herbs, and many other garden varieties.

3225 Kenney Drive – If you're not into vegetable gardening, why not try flowers? The homeowners here have planted their entire front yard with a cottage garden of rambling roses, flowering shrubs, and perennial flowers. Although not as well-tended as in past years, it provides habitat for birds, insects, and other small species, something that a grass lawn can't do.

Plant Sale

Coming up in May at Green Spring Gardens Park (located east on Little River Turnpike at 4603 Green Spring Road) will be their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 16, from 9am-3pm, featuring vendors from all over the region selling rare, unusual, and native plants in addition to familiar garden perennials and shrubs. Green Spring also has their own on-site plant shop where you can purchase plants directly from their greenhouse. The greenhouse is open Mon.-Sat. 9am-4pm and Sundays 12-4pm. Just be aware that the stock changes as things are moved from the greenhouse to the planting beds, so not everything will be available at all times.

WOODLEY POOL

Our neighborhood is fortunate to have a community pool located along one of our main streets with convenient parking and access. Woodley Pool has been a fixture in Broyhill Park almost from the very beginning when the Broyhill homes were first built in the early 1950s. We all assume that the pool will always be here for the enjoyment of our children and the enhancement of our neighborhood. However, for more than a decade, membership at the pool has slowly been declining, due to changes in demographics, two-parent working families, transience, and other reasons. If membership continues to decline, while expenses tend to go up, at some point the pool will reach a position where it can no longer stay in operation. We hope that point will never be reached and urge all residents to support Woodley by joining this summer, or if you're already a member, by maintaining your membership as long as you live in the area. Everyone is welcome at Woodley. Even if you don't swim, Woodley is a great place to spend a leisurely summer day relaxing by the pool, partaking in the many family events that are held each summer, or having your own special party under the covered pavilion. Use the discount coupon below to get \$25 off a summer membership.

Join Woodley Pool for 105 days of summer!

Conveniently located at 7421 Camp Alger Avenue, Falls Church • Tel. 703-573-9852

Join our Pool! Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. Enjoy outdoor swimming and diving for fitness or fun for children to adults of all ages. Enjoy our many amenities and activities throughout the summer for families or just the grownups. For questions or to join please call 703-573-9852 and visit our website at <http://www.woodleypool.org>.

Open House –Join the Woodley family for our annual Open House on Sunday, June 7, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Bring your family and cool down in the pool while getting to know your neighbors. Last year's open house was a huge success, so mark your calendar for June 7.

— WOODLEY POOL COUPON —

2009 New Member *Summer Special*

*****COUPON*****

\$25.00 off

New members save \$25 off total membership dues if you join by June 30, 2009. Coupon good for new members only. Pick up a membership form at the front desk and submit with this coupon for \$25 off your total membership dues. Or call 703-573-9852 and a membership form will be sent to you. Limit one coupon per family.

Coupon expires 6/30/09

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Saturday, May 16, 9am-3pm – Spring Rummage Sale at Knox Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Rt. 50 and Allen Street across from Monticello Garden Apartments

Saturday, May 23, 8am-2pm – Boy Scout Troop 140 Yard Sale at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Route 50 at Woodlawn Ave.

Saturday, May 23, 8am-2pm – Yard Sale at Graham Road United Methodist Church, 2929 Graham Road

Tuesday, August 4 - National Night Out, a chance to come together as a community and meet you neighbors. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information....

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Broyhill Park Civic Association 2009 DUES

The Broyhill Park Civic Association dues are \$10 for one year. All Broyhill Park residents are urged fill out this form as soon as possible and mail it with a check, money order, or cash to: Amy Pototsky, Dues Coordinator, 3227 Alice Court, Falls Church, VA 22042. You can also bring your dues payment to the next Civic Association meeting. **Checks should be made payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association.** 100% of your dues goes directly back into our community to fund the newsletter, directory, website, Broyhill Park Patrol, Easter egg hunt, Halloween parade, Christmas party, and other Civic Association activities.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE#: _____ AMOUNT PAID: ___\$10.00 Additional Donation \$ _____

____ Please add my name to the Broyhill Park e-mail list to receive frequent updates about community news and events. EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Note: All email addresses are kept strictly confidential.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES – *Mark your calendar!*

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 12 - Board Meeting 7:30-8:30pm

Location: Alan Leis Center, Room 20, top of the stairs on the right.

General Membership Meeting

Thurs., May 14* – General Meeting 7:30-9pm

Location: Alan Leis Center multipurpose room, on the left as you enter the building.

* The May 14 meeting is the last meeting for the summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.

**BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Executive Board:

President.....Patricia Rodgers Herrity
 Vice President.....vacant
 Secretary.....vacant
 Treasurer.....Mary VanWijngaarden

Committee Chairpersons:

Dues Drive Coordinator.....Amy Pototsky
 Neighborhood Watch Coordinators.....Bob Evinger and Mary Rodgers
 Community Yard Sale.....Chico Rivera
 Meeting Signs.....Jim Livengood
 Welcoming Committee.....Ken & Janet Sims
 Newsletter Printing.....Pim VanWijngaarden
 Newsletter Bagging.....Pat Hough
 Newsletter Delivery.....Amy Potosky
 Newsletter Editor.....Carol Ofiesh
 Mason District Representative.....vacant
 Community Relations.....vacant

Local Human Services Numbers

Emergency Police/Fire 911
 Non-emergency police/fire 703-691-2131

Hotlines

Adult Protective Services (APS) 703-324-7450
 Child Protective Services (CPS) 703-324-7400
 Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault 703-370-7273
 Women’s Crisis Shelter 703-435-4940
 Victims’ Assistance Program 703-535-6682
 Fairfax Witness/Victim Assistance 703-246-2141
 Coordinated Services Planning 703-222-0880

Other Services

Community Services Board 703-324-7000
 Dept. of Family Services 703-533-5300
 Systems Management for
 Human Services 703-5335701
 Women, Infants & Children (WIC) 703-237-6078
 Health Dept. 703-534-8343
 Alcohol & Drug Detox 703-502-7000
 Mental Health Woodburn Emer. 703-573-5679
 Animal Control 703-691-2131
 Mason District Supervisor
 Penny Gross 703-256-7717

Also, please remember that we have a number to request special pick-up for large trash items. Please use it and DO NOT dump large items in the dumpsters at the Alan Leis Center or any other dumpsters that are for specific buildings. The number for Special Pick Up is: 703-802-3322

Congratulations to Civic Association President Patricia Herrity and husband Sean on the birth of their new baby daughter, Hannah Rose Herrity, born April 23 and weighing 7 lb. 1 oz.