

# BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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*Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042*

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 17, 2009  
7:30 PM  
ALAN LEIS CENTER**

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Wow! That was a fast summer! I hope everyone had a safe and fun time with lots of relaxation this summer. It was nice that the majority of it was not quite as hot as usual. As a neighborhood we had a good summer. National Night Out was a success and I continue to encourage everyone to either sign up for Neighborhood Watch to help keep Broyhill Park safe, or if you can't do that, keep an eye out for your neighbors, especially if you know they will be away. If each of us do our part, we can limit crime in Broyhill Park.

This is my favorite time of year, and I am looking forward to a wonderful fall. Save the date for our annual Halloween Parade, which will be Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. We'll meet in the Woodley Pool parking lot and parade around the block in costume. Afterwards there will be candy for the kids and opportunities for group pictures. I know it 's early to be thinking about December, but we will be having our annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, with Santa again this year, so mark your calendars and plan on joining us. I look forward to seeing all of you this fall and winter.

**National Night Out** - On Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> Broyhill Park and Raymondale came together as a community at Woodley Pool to celebrate National Night Out. The weather was perfect; it wasn't 100 degrees like we've had in the past, and we had a great turnout. We served 80 hot dogs throughout the evening and had up to five police officers there at one point, including a K-9 officer with her doggy partner 'Elvis.' The kids loved him, and Elvis didn't mind the kids. The kids also enjoyed exploring the police cruisers and receiving coloring books and reflective slap bracelets. Thank you to the police for spending the time with us and making it so enjoyable for the kids. I want to thank everyone within Broyhill Park who helped make the night a success. I want to extend a special thank you to Bob Evinger, who helped me cook the hot dogs when Hannah, my 3-month old daughter, decided she was hungry, Carol Ofiesh who helped with set-up and at the sign-in table, all the people from Raymondale who also sat at the sign-in table and helped prepare the hot dogs. I also want to thank Pat Goff who held little Hannah for me while I got some things done. Thank you to everyone who came out that night, and let's remember the purpose of this event, which is to get to know our neighbors and fight crime in our neighborhood.

Sincerely, *Patricia Rodgers Herrity*

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Did you know....? That the section of Broyhill Park on the south side of Annandale Road comprised of Hickory Hill Road, Lee Park Court, and Slade Court was built first and is still known as "Old Broyhill

Park.” A lot of the homes in this section were built without basements. The washing machine was located in the kitchen. Eventually the neighborhood was expanded to include the rest of Broyhill Park, which was originally a wooded tract. Homes were built in 34’, 38’, and 45’ lengths. Starting prices ranged from \$14,000 to \$18,000 with unfinished basements. The 2-story homes with foyer entryways were considered the most upscale and started at \$20,000, a lot of money in the 1950s. For an extra fee you could get a garage, a walk-out basement, or a screened-in porch. Some of these old porches are still in existence, but many of them have been converted into an extra bedroom or a sunroom. The original “model homes” of the development included the house at the corner of Graham & Annandale Roads, the 2-story house right next to it, and the house across the street on the corner of Annandale Road and Brush Drive. The above information is courtesy of Rita Brocato, an original owner who lives on Norfolk Lane.

We are sorry to have to report the deaths of two of Broyhill Park’s long time residents this past year. They are Mrs. Mary Jones of 3215 Dye Drive, who passed away on January 18, and Mr. Walter Megaw who passed away on January 28. Mrs. Jones lived in The Park for more than 40 years. Mr. Megaw was the original owner of his home at 3204 Dye Drive.

Please help keep The Park clean by picking up any free newspapers that are delivered in your driveway. It only takes a moment to pick up, bag, and toss it in your recycle bin. Also please try to return your blue recycle bins back to the side of your house by Thursday evening or Friday morning at the latest. More and more are getting left out too long.

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, November 3**, when General Elections will be held for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and Members of the House of Delegates.

It’s not too late to pay your **Civic Association Dues** for 2009. Dues are only \$10/year per home. Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association and mail to Dues Coordinator, 3227 Alice Court, or bring your dues to the next Civic Association meeting. The Association needs your support to stay in operation. We still need a Vice President and a Secretary to complete our Executive Board and a Mason District Representative and a Community Relations person to head these committees. This is the third call for these positions with no response out of a neighborhood of 800 homes. Please call Patricia Herrity at 703-641-0097 if you can help.

The **Broyhill Park Tree Committee** will be giving free tree seedlings to any Broyhill residents with the stipulation that they be planted in the easement in front of their home. (The easement is the grassy strip between the sidewalk and the street.) We have a limited number of potted seedlings available on a first come, first served basis. Available varieties include redbud, chokecherry, wild cherry, and green ash, plus a few maple, dogwood, crape myrtle, and tupelo. Only the smaller varieties can be planted under power lines. Contact Carol Ofiesh at [centaur@erols.com](mailto:centaur@erols.com) if you’re interested.

## **THE GREEN SCENE**

In each newsletter the Green Scene recognizes homes that stand out for their interesting landscaping.

### ***Homes in the Spotlight***

**7313 Camp Alger Avenue** – The front yard of this home immediately captures interest with its symmetrical layout of miniature Japanese maple trees on either side of a central flower bed. Everything is neatly boxed in and mulched, including a long boxed-in terrace that runs the length of the driveway and is topped by a row of blue flowering hydrangea shrubs. A pair of matching crape myrtles flare out on either side of the front door, blooming in mid-August in shades of pink and rose, with small white rose-of-sharons providing a bright contrast. Even the street trees out front are surrounded by raised cedar planking. The whole effect is interesting and colorful, with a totally manicured look and nothing out of place.

**7022 Hickory Hill Road** – This is a corner lot at a “y” intersection, so the front, side, and back yards are all visible from the street. Flowers are the biggest feature in this yard, the most striking of which are huge red hibiscus flowers blazing with color in large clumps. Other features include low stone walls, brick paths, small flowering trees and shrubs, and numerous flower beds of many different types and colors laid out around an emerald green lawn. The entire yard is edged with a low fence made from 2x4s painted

white. This yard really stands out from the crowd and shows how much can be planted on a mid-size suburban lot.

**3228 Norfolk Lane** – At first glance this may not seem like a special yard, but look beyond the boundary hedge and you'll see a gleaming green lawn with a very pretty flower bed edged in pink brick, spread along the front of this expanded brick rambler. The flower bed in mid-August is sparking with pink and yellow blossoms, while a lush vegetable garden is discreetly tucked along the left side of the house. Yellow-orange canna lilies flank the front steps and more flowers grow in a circular bed in the middle of the sunny lawn. Check out this beautiful garden and get some ideas for your own front yard!

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### **Upcoming Local Events:**

Saturday, Sept. 26 - ST. PHILIP'S FALL FESTIVAL. St. Philip Catholic Church will hold its annual Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26th from 10am to 6pm. From 10-4 there will be carnival rides, carnival games, Bake Sale, White Elephant, Country Store, Bingo, Silent Auction and more. From 11-4 there will be pony rides. From 4-6 will be the popular International Dinner. All proceeds go to the general operating fund of the church.

Saturday, October 10 – FALL BAZAAR AT ST. PATRICK'S. St. Patrick's Episcopal Church on Brush Drive will have its annual Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 10, from 9am-2pm.

Saturday, October 17 - RUMMAGE SALE AT KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Knox Presbyterian Church will have its Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 17, from 9am-3pm. Knox is located at 7416 Arlington Blvd (on the corner of Allen Street and Route 50).

Announcing Broyhill Park's Annual

**H·A·L·L·O·W·E·E·N P·A·R·A·D·E**

- *Saturday, October 24* • *Come in costume – children, adults, pets*
- *Meet at 10am in the Woodley Pool parking lot* • *All are welcome!*

**CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES – *Mark your calendar!***

**Board Meetings**

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Board Meeting 7:30-8:30pm  
 Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Board Meeting 7:30-8:30pm

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

**General Membership Meetings**

Thurs., Sept. 17\* – General Meeting 7:30-9pm  
 Thurs., Dec. 17\*\* - General Meeting & Christmas Party 7:30-9pm

**\*Location:** Room 1, Leis Center

**\*\*Location:** Multipurpose room, Leis Center

**BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**

**Executive Board**

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

**Committee Chairpersons**

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Neighborhood Watch Coordinators.....	Bob Evinger and Mary Rodgers
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