

# BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:30 PM

**ALAN LEIS CENTER**

Our guest speaker will be Steve Wisemiller, CRS, a local realtor and Broyhill Park specialist. Steve will discuss local real estate market activity and trends and the 2010 Energy Tax Credits for homeowners.

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

After a long hard winter, spring is finally here! The weather is warm and the spring flowers are almost done blooming. Broyhill Park is always so pretty in the spring. I always enjoy driving around and seeing all the pretty yards. Let's keep our neighborhood looking good all year round by keeping our yards mowed and groomed. All the kids are outside more now also, so let's be careful and mindful of our speeds so we can keep everyone safe.

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt was a big success! We had a good turnout, and I want to thank everyone who helped me hide the eggs that morning. The weather was great, and the kids had a good time as they usually do. Before you know it, summer will be here. Our neighborhood pool, Woodley, opens up Memorial Day weekend. It is a great community pool, and I would strongly encourage everyone to check it out that is not already a member. It's a great way to keep the kids entertained for a really reasonable price. It is a nice getaway for the parents as well.

Our big neighborhood event for the summer is National Night Out in August. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and to remember to keep an eye out for each other to fight crime. An active neighborhood makes a big difference in crime rates. Please consider signing up for Neighborhood Watch. National Night Out is always held at the pool and everyone is welcome. Please keep a lookout for further information regarding this event as August gets closer. I hope to see many of you at our General Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely, *Patricia Rodgers Herrity*

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The Thomas Jefferson temporary library at St. Philip's Court will close after May 1<sup>st</sup>. The newly renovated Thomas Jefferson library on Route 50 is scheduled for grand opening on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Knox Presbyterian Church, located at the corner of Route 50 and Allen St., will have its **Spring Rummage Sale** on Saturday, May 22, from 9am to 3pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend a **Summer Festival** at Knox Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 26, from 10am-7pm. Music performances all day; food, and family fun activities for all ages. Free!

► Broyhill Park resident Pim VanWijngaarden is seeking World War II veterans for a new website he has created to preserve their memories of the war years. See his request below.

**LEST WE FORGET.... Calling all Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen who served in World War II.**

If you served in the U.S. Navy, Army, Marine Corps, Army Air Corps, or Coast Guard during WWII, I would like the opportunity to interview you about your service, in order to preserve eyewitness accounts for future generations. From the Stateside training facilities to the worldwide battlegrounds, it is my hope to record the events of this historic time as told by its most vital participants – the men and women who made the sacrifices to ensure our freedom. These interviews will be published on a new website I have created at <http://fcveteranstories.us>. I am also hoping you will share your pictures, documents, decorations, or other wartime memorabilia, to be photographed or scanned and included on the site.

Longtime Broyhill Park resident and WWII Navy veteran Edward Bower recently became the first one to be interviewed and featured on this site. Read his story and be next! I am a Broyhill resident, so I am starting with veterans in the Falls Church Area. If you are interested in taking part, please call me at 703-207-7227, or email me at [pim@vanwijngaarden.us](mailto:pim@vanwijngaarden.us).

**Illegal signs** – In accordance with Fairfax County zoning regulations, advertising signs are not permitted on residential property. If you run a business and wish to advertise it, you cannot post signs in your yard or in front of your home.

Would you like to advertise in the next issue of Broyhill Park News? The cost is only \$10 for a business-card size ad. Send your ad to the newsletter editor by email at [centaur@erols.com](mailto:centaur@erols.com) with “Broyhill Park Newsletter” in the subject line, and mail check payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association to Newsletter Editor, 3304 Dye Drive, Falls Church 22042. The next regular newsletter will be published in October.

### Broyhill Park Civic Association 2010 DUES

The Broyhill Park Civic Association dues are \$10 for one year. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. Mail check, money order, or cash to 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.

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### History of Broyhill Park continued....

In the last newsletter we asked for original owners to come forward and tell us their story of how they came to live in Broyhill Park. We received the following recollections from Mrs. Matilda H. Winkel, an original owner on Brandy Court. "I live on Brandy Court and am an original owner of a Broyhill Park house. I was 29 years young and my husband Dale was 30 years when we bought our house in 1954. Houses were selling like hotcakes at the time. If you didn't act soon enough, the house you wanted would be sold. Broyhill Park wasn't even built yet. You had to contact the builder. You selected the price of house you wanted (there were 3 or 4 different models at different prices) and you would be shown what was available for the price you selected and where it would be located on the plat map. The roads were not yet built, so you had to trudge through the neighborhood—and the mud—to see the approximate place where your house would sit. We selected an \$18,500 house and ordered several 'extras,' including larger windows throughout, a higher ceiling in the basement, and floor-to-ceiling brick surrounding the fireplace, which brought the cost to about \$20,000. We also changed the location of the basement door to accommodate the bathroom plumbing. The day before we signed the contract I didn't sleep all night; I was sure we would end up in the poorhouse owing all that money plus interest every month! But we never missed a payment and it surely was a great investment."

► Are you an original owner or do you know someone who is? If so, we would like to feature you in the next newsletter. Contact the newsletter editor at [centaur@erols.com](mailto:centaur@erols.com) or by phone at 703-641-0729 and give us your story.



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### A FRIENDLY REMINDER !



**We all love our dogs, but please remember to clean up after them when you take them for a walk! It is a law and your neighbors will thank you. And please don't toss your "poop bag" into your neighbor's trash can. The odor is unwelcome, so take it home and put it in your own trash bin.**

### THE GREEN SCENE

Although there's been a lot of interest in butterfly gardening, have you ever heard of bee gardening? Bee gardening is planting flowers, trees, and bushes that provide lots of nectar for bees. Some good "bee trees" are linden, or basswood, and holly. Good shrubs for bees include summersweet, vitex or chastetree, single-petaled roses and wild roses, buttonbush, and abelia. Many perennials provide nectar for bees, including anise hyssop, catnip, milkweed, mint, bee balm, sedum, asters, foxglove, trumpet vine, cosmos, marigolds, and various clovers. Bees also need a source of water, such as a birdbath, fountain, or pond. A barrel of water trickling onto pebbles can be attractive to bees. Bees need places to hide and a safe haven from insecticides. You can make a bee house for solitary native bees by drilling holes in scrap lumber and nailing these in protected places around your home. Or you can bundle plastic soda straws and glue them inside a milk carton or coffee can. Place these in a shaded, protected spot in early spring and bees will use them for nesting. Gardens with 10 or more species of flower, protected areas, and minimal or no pesticide use are best for bees.

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