

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

NEXT GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL

◆ CHRISTMAS PARTY ◆

Thursday, December 8, 2011

7:30 PM

ALAN LEIS CENTER

- Bring the kids - Santa Claus will arrive at 8:00
 - Food will be provided by Vocelli's Pizza
 - Bring a dessert to share
- Holiday music will be provided by the high school band
 - All Broyhill Park residents invited!

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Several newsletters ago we made mention of the fact that a very small section of Broyhill Park was in Providence District, while all the rest was in Mason District. Due to this year's redistricting, that is no longer the case. Walnut Hill Precinct #2 was moved from Providence to Mason District, so now all of Broyhill Park is in Mason District.

A few thoughts from Neighborhood Watch: Crime is down in the area. This can continue, but only if neighbors look out for each other. If you see someone in your neighbor's yard that you don't recognize and is acting unusual, please call the Police Non-emergency number 703-691-2131 and ask to have an officer check it out. If a vehicle is cruising your street several times, get the license number, make and color. If you are watching your neighbor's house while they are out of town, keep the papers picked up and the mail taken in daily. Put the trash bins away after trash is picked up. If you are out in your yard raking leaves, don't leave the back door open and unlocked. If you see anything that really makes you feel uncomfortable, have it checked out by calling the Police Non-Emergency number, 703-691-2131.

The Broyhill Park Tree Committee has finished its fall street tree planting. Newly planted trees are marked with a stake on either side to help protect them from lawn mowers. Residents can help by being careful when mowing or weed wacking, pulling out any grass that grows up to the trunks, watering during dry spells, and lightly mulching around the trees. What residents shouldn't do is "lollipop" the trees by cutting off all the lower branches at once. Pruning should only be done when trees are dormant in January or February and then only a small number of branches should be removed at a time. If anyone wishes to have a tree planted in memory of a loved one, the Tree Committee will plant **memorial trees** upon request. We recently planted two sweetgum trees in front of 3226 Alice Court in memory of the original owners, Mr. & Mrs. Gingrich. We will only plant in the easement in front of your home (the grassy strip between the sidewalk and the street) and will accept donations towards the cost of the trees. The approximately cost for 3-4' seedlings runs from \$3 to \$6 each, depending on species. Please contact the Tree Committee if you would like to have us plant memorial trees for you.


Westlawn School - Here are two free and easy ways that you can support your neighborhood elementary school, Westlawn. First, you can collect Box Tops for Education. These are found on many General Mills products, including cereals, baking supplies, and lots more. Just cut out the box top and give them to a family you know with children at Westlawn, or bring them to a civic association meeting, or drop them off with Janet Mansfield, 7013 Kenfig Place. Each box top is worth 10 cents but they really add up--last year Westlawn made over \$500! Second, you can register your Giant card to earn points for Westlawn (you can designate up to 3 different schools). Giant totals up those points and gives the designated school cash. This costs you nothing, but greatly benefits the school. You can register your card at the customer service desk at Giant or register online at www.giantfood.com. Just click on "Our Stores" then click on "A+" and follow the directions to register your card. The ID numbers for Westlawn and the other schools in our pyramid are: Westlawn – 01923 • Luther Jackson – 01920 • Falls Church – 01916

Calling all kids who want to learn to swim – join Nadar Por Vida and swim on Saturdays. Nadar Por Vida is a program to help minority families become members of the swimming community. On Saturday evenings from 6:30– 8:30 at Providence Recreation Center, October through May, kids with a desire to learn how to swim can come and practice with volunteer coaches. You can contact the organization through their website www.nadarporvida.org or drop in on a practice session at Providence.

Broyhill Park Civic Association 2011 dues – There's still time to get your 2011 Civic Association dues in if you haven't paid yet. Dues are only \$10 per household and cover the cost of printing the newsletter, all the holiday events, and landscaping at the triangle, among other things. As an example of how your dues are spent, this month the Association has contracted with Rimple Landscaping (see their ad on page 4) to do a fall cleanup of the triangle that will include removing all the debris that has accumulated around the curb, mowing, edging, and some tree trimming. Mail check, money order, or cash to Dues Coordinator, 3227 Alice Court, Falls Church, VA 22042, or bring your payment to the December meeting. Some residents have been sending in dues without any name or address. Please be assured that all information is for our records only and is kept strictly confidential.

A tip from the Fairfax County Dept. of Recycling - What to do with discarded computers, printers, scanners, zip drives, keyboards, phones, cameras, television sets, fax machines, portable gaming devices, video equipment, audio equipment, etc. All of these items can be dropped off periodically at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax 22030 on so-called "Electric Sundays." The last Electric Sunday for 2011 was on Nov. 20th. They will start again in 2012 one day a month in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November. The 2012 schedule has not been finalized yet, but you can call the Dept. at 703-324-5230 early next year to get the dates. What happens to these items after they are collected? They are sent to a contractor in North Carolina where they are ground up, then the metal and plastics are separated and as much as possible is recycled into new products.

Upcoming Events:

The Falls Church High School Band, Orchestra, and Chorus Holiday Concert will be Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 in the auditorium. Free admission. 

Craft Fair Saturday, Dec. 10– As this newsletter goes to press, we have been informed that the annual craft show at Falls Church High School has been rescheduled from November 12 to Saturday, December 10th from 10am-4pm. Admission is free, but we suggest that you check with the school ahead of time to make sure it's still being held.

On Friday, January 27, 2012 at 7:30pm, children from Uganda will perform traditional African music and dance at Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church, 3241 Brush Drive, Falls Church. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the needs of some 1.7 million vulnerable children

who have lost one or both parents due to HIV/AIDS. Children of Uganda, the non-profit organization in the United States that sponsors this performance, seeks to raise funds to provide education and support to hundreds of children in need. Please come join us.

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Broyhill Park 4-month Real Estate Market Report as of 11/9/11				
Active Homes For Sale				
Address	Price	Bedrooms	Baths	Days on Market
3305 Dye Dr.	\$375,000	3	2	85
3240 Dye Dr.	\$384,900	3	2	70
7015 Lee Park Ct.	\$350,000	4	1	29
3162 Nealon Dr.	\$369,000	4	3	26
3303 Korte Ct.	\$399,000	6	2	6
Homes That Have Contracted				
3219 Korte Ct.	\$389,900	4	1	60
3227 Sherry Ct.	\$385,000	4	3	6
3167 Kenney Dr.	\$409,000	4	3	10
3248 Holly Hill Dr.	\$347,000	3	2	16
7336 Marc Dr.	\$399,900	3	2	8
Sold Homes				
Address	Sold Price			
7318 Camp Alger Ave.	\$382,000	3	2	165
7109 Hickory Hill Dr.	\$380,000	4	2	67
3305 Brush Dr.	\$322,000	3	2	39
3255 Holly Hill Dr.	\$385,000	3	2	9
3246 Norfolk Ln.	\$379,000	4	2	16
7122 Strathmore St.	\$370,000	3	1	27
7117 Camp Alger Ave.	\$530,000	5	4	141

- ✓ Average List Price is \$385,227
- ✓ Average Sold Price is \$378,250
- ✓ Average Days on market is 49

The Northern Virginia Real Estate Market is still very active. Interest rates have remained low and inventory is starting to diminish. As we get into the holiday season, activity may slow a little, but keep in mind this area has always been a transient location with individuals and corporations relocating. As a conglomerate, the Falls Church zip code 22042 showed a 15.2% average sale price increase in September 2011 over September of 2010.

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THE GREEN SCENE

Anyone who casually tosses an empty soda bottle, styrofoam cup, or other litter into the street should be aware that all these items end up in our creeks and streams, because they get swept into the storm sewers when it rains. The same goes for plastic bags, which are one of the commonest and most difficult to remove trash items found in our parks and streams. We homeowners need to check regularly around our property, especially at the street line, and pickup any trash we find there on a regular basis. Studies have shown that keeping property clean and well maintained is a deterrent to littering, because litter is tossed more often into areas that are already littered. One major way to cut down on litter is to say 'no' to plastic bags. Use canvas or polypropylene grocery bags—they're inexpensive, last for years, and they offset a huge amount of plastic that would otherwise be manufactured and then trashed. They can also be used to pickup books at the library and for other shopping besides groceries. ☺

