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NEXT GENERAL MEETING AND ◆ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ◆ Thursday, December 6, 2012 8:00 PM at the Alan Leis Center, 7423 Camp Alger Ave.

- Bring the kids to meet Santa Claus. Santa will arrive at 8:30
- Food will be provided by Vocelli's Pizza
- Bring a dessert to share
- Live holiday music by the Falls Church High School Band
- All Broyhill Park residents invited!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Another year is coming to a close! Where does the time go? 2012 has been a good year in Broyhill Park. All of our annual events were held, including the Easter Egg Hunt, National Night Out, and the Halloween Parade. They were well attended and enjoyed by all. Our Christmas Party is fast approaching and will be held on December 6th this year. We will have the FCHS band that will perform, the event will be catered by Vocelli's, and of course our guest of honor will be Santa himself! I hope to see many of you come out that night for the festivities. If you are interested in assisting with the event, please let me know. We would like people to bring a dessert and it would be great to have some assistance with decorating.

As the holidays approach and everyone is celebrating and having much fun, it is also unfortunately, a time when an increase in crime is possible. Please keep an eye out for anything suspicious and notify the police if anything is seen out of the ordinary. People frequently travel during the holidays, so let's look out for our neighbors when they are away. An increase in Neighborhood Watch could also assist with keeping crime down. We need neighbors in Broyhill Park to volunteer for this. Please notify our Neighborhood Watch Chair, Bob Evinger, if you are interested in volunteering any time toward this. Even just a few drive-through patrols each month would be a deterrent to crime.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite any new or existing neighbors to come join the Civic Association Board. We have many vacant positions and "new blood" is always welcome because it can lead to new ideas. Having a strong and active Civic Association is one of the best ways to have a prominent voice in local government. It does make a difference! Please feel free to contact me via phone or email, or you can come meet me and the other current board members at the Christmas Party in December. I wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

--Patricia Rodgers Herrity

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If you were surprised and inconvenienced by the long lines at the voting booths this past election day, send your comments to the Mason District Supervisor's office at their general email: mason@fairfaxcounty.gov with cc to chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov. You can also call the Mason District office at 703-256-7717, but a written statement is preferred, so if you don't use email, a mailed letter is advisable. The long lines were not necessarily because of increased voter turnout. An inquiry to the Fairfax County Office of Elections about conditions at the Walnut Hill precinct at the Leis Center received the following explanation: "We changed the polling place from Falls Church High School [to the Leis Center] at the request of Fairfax County Supervisor Penny Gross. Supervisor Gross noted that the traffic

pattern at the high school was difficult to maneuver, especially for elections held on school days, and that the rooms which the school assigned for use as polling places were not ideal. Additionally, as part of the decennial redistricting process, we consolidated several precincts in order to save resources, and Supervisor Gross suggested that this be one of them due to the problems at the High School.” The long lines were not limited to our area. The last voter in line at 7:00 at the Skyline location didn’t get to vote until 10:30pm. Chairman Bulova’s office is aware of the situation and has put together a committee to look for solutions.

Get in the Loop! Fairfax County’s Community Emergency Alert Network lets you receive weather, traffic, crime, and emergency alerts via email, cell phone, or text message. Sign-up at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean/.

Support our Local Schools - Westlawn School continues to collect Box Tops for Education as a fundraiser for the school. These specially marked box tops appear on all General Mills cereals and many other brands, including Betty Crocker, Gold Medal, Nature Valley, Scott paper products, Juicy Juice, Fruit Rollups, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Land O Lakes, and more. If you buy any of these products, please save the box tops and take them either to Westlawn School or drop them off at Janet Mansfield’s house, 7013 Kenfig Place. Your help is appreciated!

Corpus Christi School also collects Box Tops for Education (see above) as well as Labels for Education, which are the UPC codes from brand names such as Campbell’s, Pepperidge Farm (including goldfish crackers), Swanson, Post cereals, Bic (pens and markers), Dannon kids’ yogurt, Pace salsas, Spaghettios, and caps from Prego and V8 products. Drop off your labels directly at the school (7506 St. Philip’s Court) or at Patricia Herrity’s house, 7009 Kenfig Place. Corpus Christi School also collects used printer ink cartridges. There is a collection box inside the main door to the school.

Also, be sure to register your Giant card to earn points for Westlawn, Corpus Christi, Luther Jackson, or Falls Church High School (you can designate 2 different schools). Register your card at the customer service desk at Giant or register online at www.giantfood.com. The ID numbers for our schools are: Westlawn – 01923, Corpus Christi – 02449, Luther Jackson – 01920, FCHS – 01916. Giant cards must be re-registered every school year.

St. Philip’s Church runs a food pantry for needy families in the area and will gladly accept donations of canned and dry foods, such as cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soups, stews, rice, beans, canned meats, and canned fruits & vegetables. These can be dropped off at the church rectory (separate building directly up from the entrance drive).

Nadar por Vida Swim – Affecting Lives One Bubble at a Time

The mission of the Nadar por Vida swim program is to assist minority, low-income and at-risk families in reaching the American dream through swimming. Participation with Nadar por Vida teaches swimming as a life skill, fights childhood obesity, and provides children an alternative to gangs and violence, while encouraging confidence and academic excellence. Nadar por Vida accepts non-swimmers from 4th grade through high school. It is not a drop off program, but instead, a supporting community. Practice is on Saturday evenings at Providence Recreation Center from October – May. For a schedule and more information please see the website: www.nadarporvida.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6, 7 & 8 – FCHS Drama Department will present “Almost, Maine,” a romantic comedy. Contact the high school for ticket prices and show times.

Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:30pm - FCHS Holiday Concert featuring the Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and piano and guitar students. Free to the public; located in the FCHS auditorium. During the concert, the orchestra will be selling Virginia peanuts in the lobby, and the chorus will be selling White House Christmas ornaments. In addition, the Music Department is having its 3rd annual canned food drive and will receive donations that evening.

Broyhill Park Holiday Lighting Contest – Winter is almost here and along with it the holidays. That means it’s time to start decorating and light up the neighborhood with festive outdoor displays. The Broyhill Park Civic Association will once again have a holiday decorating/lighting contest with judging held the week of Dec. 24. There are 3 categories that you can vie for: Best Door, Best Window, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in Overall Display. First place winners will receive a gift certificate. If you’d like to participate as a judge, please contact Mary Rodgers (see page 4 for contact information). Time commitment is minimal; only about an hour’s leisurely drive through the neighborhood.

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THE GREEN SCENE

The Broyhill Park Tree Committee completed its fall planting schedule by planting redbud, dogwood, and sweetgum trees along portions of Marc Drive and Parkwood Terrace. Here are some tips on how to care for newly planted trees. Staking should only be done to provide minimal support for a short time. Otherwise it can cause a tree to become weak and top heavy. Pull out any grass that's growing right up against the trunk and spread mulch. Mulch should not touch the tree trunk, but rather should be laid in a ring around the tree and not so deep as to prevent rainwater from reaching the soil. Pruning should only be done when the tree is in winter dormancy, and limbs should be removed all the way to the trunk, leaving a stub of about 1/2", which will allow the bark to naturally seal the wound. Do not remove too many limbs at once. And finally, take care not to injure the bark with a string trimmer or lawn mower. This can cause a tree to slowly decline from lack of nutrients, borers, or disease.

NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM

Be sure to check out the neighborhood forum posted on the Broyhill Park website. On this forum you can ask

questions about neighborhood services or local events, find a babysitter or pet sitter, get feedback on local businesses, vendors, contractors, or handyman services, chat about school issues, and so on.

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Civic Association welcomes all residents who want to get involved. There are plenty of events that could be realized with a few extra helping hands. Examples that have been suggested include a New Neighbor Meet & Greet, a Neighborhood Clean-up Day, reviving the long-defunct Community Yard Sale, a Spring Plant & Seed Exchange, a Pet Parade, and many other possibilities. Openings on the Board include Recording Secretary and Vice President. There are also 2 Committee Chair openings-- Mason District Representative and Community Relations. Some committees consist of only the chairperson and would welcome some helpers. We are especially in need of newsletter deliverers for the Old Broyhill Park section and the Hewitt/Kenfig/Brush Drive area. Please contact any of the Board members or Committee Chairs on Page 4. ☺

It's not too late to pay you're 2012 dues!

Broyhill Park Civic Association 2012 DUES

The Broyhill Park Civic Association dues are \$10 for one year. All residents are asked to pay these dues, which are used to fund neighborhood activities, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parade, and Holiday Lighting Contest. Your dues also pay for publication of the quarterly newsletter. 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. **Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association.**

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.



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Happy Holidays!



