

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

Announcing Broyhill Park's ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 10:00AM St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 3241 Brush Drive

Please be on time - this event goes fast once it starts! Bring a basket or other container to collect your eggs. Open to all Broyhill Park residents. Rain date will be April 19 in case of inclement weather.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After a cold and snowy winter, Broyhill Park will soon change from its drab winter aspect to become once again colorful with fresh green grass, spring flowers, and flowering trees. Our neighborhood is in the midst of a revival, with many young couples buying their first home in Broyhill Park and starting families. This has become an attractive area for a number of reasons, including relatively affordable home prices, a close-in location with easy access to major roads, shopping, bus lines, and metro stations, plus our own local library, churches, high school, and community pool, Woodley Recreation Association, which will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2014. Our first social event of the year is coming up very soon – the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please note the earlier start time, 10:00a.m. An email poll conducted in March revealed that the most numerous suggestions were for an earlier start time so as not to coincide with toddlers' afternoon nap time. I hope to see many more of you at the egg hunt this year! Be sure to have the kids bring their empty Easter baskets, and they will go home filled up with goodies! I also want to thank St. Patrick's for once again making available the use of their spacious fields for the egg hunt.

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Announcing Broyhill Park's Community Garage Sale!!!
Empty out your closets and join us for a Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 31, from 8am to 1pm. RSVP to BroyhillEvents@gmail.com. We'll take care of the advertising; you sell your items from your own yard, driveway, or garage. Is your home in an awkward place or you just don't have a lot of items? Notify us and we'll pair you up with a neighbor. Feeling entrepreneurial? Try

selling crafts, coffee, lemonade, or baked goods! Do you provide services like yard work, piano lessons, or childcare? Let us know and we'll put the information on the back of a map we're creating to hand out to buyers and other neighbors. Afraid you won't sell everything? We'll coordinate a trip to Goodwill for small, leftover items. We hope everyone takes this opportunity to walk around and meet your neighbors. Don't be afraid to introduce yourself! For questions, to RSVP, or for more information, please email BroyhillEvents@gmail.com.

Broyhill Park Events! If you have ideas for neighborhood events or like event planning, join our team at BroyhillEvents@gmail.com. Right now we're working on the Easter Egg Hunt, Community Garage Sale, and Welcome Packages for new residents. We're hoping to make 2014 a great year for Broyhill Park.

Broyhill Park Online!

We've created an online community for Broyhill Park at Nextdoor.com. It's a private online network that requires address verification. Once you join, you can post and read messages within Broyhill Park and our surrounding communities. There are 8 neighboring communities registered, including Holmes Run Valley with 106 registered residents, Broyhill Crest with 224 registered neighbors, and Jefferson Village with 231 neighbors. Neighbors share community events, recommendations, items for sale, crime reports, lost and found items, and ideas about how to improve our neighborhood and more. Join us by going to Nextdoor.com and searching for Broyhill Park. You can also find us online on Facebook or at the Civic Association website.

Neighborhood Cleanup – Now's the time to spruce up your yards, plant some flowers, maybe even plant a tree or two to replace any that may have been removed or fallen. Homeowners and renters alike should take pride in keeping their surroundings neat, clean, and free from trash. Junk left lying outside the home affects everyone and gives a poor impression to visitors and potential homebuyers. Trash should be bagged and placed in the gray rolling trash bin provided to each home by the County. Miscellaneous trash will not be picked up off the ground by the trash collectors. The same goes for recyclables, except that they don't need to be bagged and should be placed in the blue rolling bin. Recyclables include any clean paper that tears including old photographs and junk mail, all types of cardboard, glass bottles, plastic bottles and jugs, yogurt and

signs, especially on Marc Drive and of course on Carol Lane. If we call and ask for heavy enforcement, I am sure many of us will get a ticket. So let's all slow down and obey the speed limit and *at least slow down* as you blow thru the "stop" signs!

- The Mason District Parking Enforcement Officer appears to be making his appearance in our neighborhood regularly. I have seen numerous vehicles with tickets on them. Vehicles parking too close to the corner and parking on the wrong side of the street appear to be the main offenders.

SCHOOL NEWS

9th Annual Falls Church High School Jaguar 5K/1 Mile Fun Run – *When:* April 26th, 2014 / *Where:* Falls Church High School / *Time:* 8:00am – 1 Mile Fun Run; 8:30am – Jaguar 5K / *Entry Fee:* Register on or Before March 31 for the 5K for \$15, after April 1st the price goes up to \$25 1 Mile Fun Run for kids 13 and under: \$10

CALLING ALL BROYHILL TEENS! Are you interested in earning money as a babysitter, mowing lawns, or doing other small jobs in the neighborhood? Then let your neighbors know! Submit a small ad to the Broyhill newsletter or for posting on our website, broyhillpark.org. There are families in Broyhill Park looking for responsible teenagers who want to babysit. There are also neighbors looking to hire teens to mow lawns, do light yard work, or other small tasks. It is also a GREAT way to earn service hours for school or church. If you are interested, please send an email to broyhillpark@gmail.com.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Thomas Jefferson Library has many ongoing programs for kids and adults. **Adult Chess Group** – Thursdays at 7pm in Meeting Rooms 1&2. Learn to play chess or hone your chess skills. New players welcome. **Kids' Chess Group** – Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00 in Meeting Rooms 1&2. Drop in for as long as you like and learn to play chess. Age 6-14. **Paws to Read** – Mondays from 3:30-4:30 in the children's section. Get some reading practice with Jam-Jam, our trained therapy dog. Ages 5 and up. **Adult Book Group** – Monday April 7, Monday, May 12 at 7pm in Meeting Rooms 1&2. Each month we will read a book under 250 pages. **Make Your Own Earrings** – Monday April 14 at 4pm in Meeting Rooms 1&2. Beads and tools are provided. Age 12 and up. Registration required. **Afternoon Book Discussion Group** – Thursday April 17 at 1:30pm in Meeting Room 1. **Reptiles and Amphibeans of Fairfax County** – Saturday April 19 at 10:30am in Meeting Rooms 1&2. Join a naturalist from Hidden Oaks Nature Center and learn about live snakes, salamanders, turtles and frogs. Cosponsored by the Friends of Thomas Jefferson Library. Age 7 and up. Registration

required. **Beginner Yoga** – Monday April 28, Monday May 19 at 7:15pm. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Age 12 and up. Registration required. **Music and Movement with Miss Susan** – Wednesday May 21 at 10:30am. Music activity for toddlers. Age 9 mos-5 years.

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MASON DISTRICT NEWS

- In the last newsletter we reported on the proposed Residential Studio Unit (RSU) zoning amendment, which would allow homeowners to convert single family homes into multi-family efficiency apartments of 500 square feet or less. Due to the many objections raised by individuals as well as Civic and Homeowners' Associations, the RSU proposal is still under study and the Planning Commission has not scheduled any public hearings yet. County residents can comment on the proposal at a number of upcoming citizen advisory meetings that are scheduled at the Government Center. The next meetings will be April 9 and May 6 at 7:00pm in conference rooms 120-C and 4-5, respectively.

- This past fall and winter, from September 7 through February 15, the County expanded its deer control program from just the western part of the county to all parts. This was felt to be necessary because the deer population had grown too large to support itself on available land. Herds were culled at selected parks by managed groups of archers. No specific numbers were available from Mason District, but they did say the data will be evaluated and a decision will be made as to whether the program will be conducted next fall.

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THE SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ANNANDALE-SPRINGFIELD

❶ The Shepherd's Center of Annandale-Springfield is offering Spring Adventures In Learning classes each Wednesday starting April 9 through May 28 from 9:15am – 1:00pm at the United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Classes include "Easy Does it Yoga," "Up in Space, Around the World, and At Home," and "Sharing our Interests, Stories, and Talents." The cost for the 8-week program is \$45 or \$10 to drop in any Wednesday. For more information or to register call 703-941-1419. See our web site at shepherdscenter-annandale.org for a full schedule.

❷ Day Trip Monday April 28 to the National Arboretum for the Annual Azaleas Display. The trip includes a tour of acres of trees and plants. Tickets are \$20 for admission and bus transportation.

❸ The next Lunch N' Life will be held on Thursday, May 22 when we will hear the Harmony Heritage Singers in their distinctive Barbershop style. Join the fun from 11:30 – 1:00 at United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Cost is \$10 for lunch. All are welcome. --Barbara Gatorian, Office Director, Shepherd's Center 703-941-1419 and Broyhill Park resident 703-573-7158

Broyhill Park Civic Association 2014 DUES

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