

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Announcing Broyhill Park's
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 10:00AM

(Rain date April 4)

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Be sure to come on time. This event goes fast once it starts! Bring a basket or other container to collect eggs. Open to all Broyhill Park residents.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello neighbors – We think everyone can agree when we say, we are fortunate to live in this wonderful neighborhood! As co-presidents of the Broyhill Park Civic Association, Ann-Marie and I are delighted to preside over an association that strives to improve the quality of life for all of us who live in this neighborhood. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you, our neighbors, to get involved. First and foremost, please join the Broyhill Park Civic Association as a dues-paying member (see dues form on page 3). We deliberately keep our dues low at only \$10 a year per household, to ensure that financial barriers will not keep neighbors from joining. Aside from paying dues, we would love to see more neighbors actively participate. Come to our Board Meetings - they are open to all members of the association. It is a forum where one can share their concerns and ideas. Think about joining a committee. We have committees that do wonderful things for our community that are in need of volunteers. You do not need to commit a large amount of time to volunteer. You can volunteer as much time as you are able on a committee of your choice. The association only serves the neighborhood well if the individuals who are served by the Association participate in it. If you don't have the time or interest to get involved in a formal way, there are other things you can do to support the work of the Association. You can:

- ☞ Email us at broyhillpark@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or suggestions about the neighborhood.
- ☞ Take the time to pick up trash whenever you see it.
- ☞ Get to know your neighbors.

These may seem like small things, but they help to make our community a nicer place for all of us to live. We know everyone is looking forward to warmer weather, but first we'd like to congratulate the winners of our Holiday Lighting Contest and say thank you to everyone who participated. It was a delight to drive around the neighborhood and see so much creativity. We hope to see you at our upcoming spring events, including the annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt and the Spruce Up For Spring event. ☞

-- Ann-Marie Rosas and Theresa Tovar

Co-Presidents, Broyhill Park Civic Association

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Spruce Up For Spring: Date TBD

Once the snow and ice are gone and we get some warmer temperatures in the area, the Broyhill Park Civic Association would like to invite you to participate in a "Spruce Up For Spring" neighborhood clean-up activity. We will be starting off at the community triangle at Graham Road and Strathmore Street (where the Broyhill Park sign is located) and taking care of any weeding, hedge clipping, and litter pick-up. We'll also be doing some spring gardening. Let's keep our neighborhood looking great! If you know of any other Broyhill Park community areas that need a little spring cleaning, please let us know at broyhillpark@gmail.com.

☞ **Newsletter Deliverers Needed!** We could use more help delivering the Broyhill Park newsletter. At the present time there are FIVE OPEN ROUTES: Nealon Drive; Hewitt St. and part of Strathmore; Jack's Lane and part of Holly Hill Drive; Sherry Court and part of Carol



BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2015 DUES

All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to fund neighborhood activities, including the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parade, and Christmas/Holiday Party, triangle maintenance, and the newsletter. Mail check or cash to Dues Coordinator, 3227 Alice Court, Broyhill Park (Falls Church 22042) or bring payment to the next General Membership meeting. Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association.

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THE GREEN SCENE (continued from page 2)
 Milkweed used to be an abundant field and roadside plant. With its large dark glossy leaves, small pinkish flower clusters and silvery gray pods in fall, milkweed used to grow everywhere, its fluffy white seeds floating in the late summer breezes and replanting itself in open areas. Unfortunately, milkweed, the host of the monarch, is no longer abundant. Habitat loss, herbicides, and climate changes have drastically reduced its availability. The great news is that monarchs are resilient, and milkweed is easy to grow. Milkweed thrives in disturbed soil. It grows well in sunny dry spots. It is a lovely indigenous plant, and seeds and plants are available through a variety of sources.

Churches, schools, girls scouts, boy scouts, gardeners and civic leaders can make a huge difference in

protecting monarch butterflies by planting milkweed to provide food for monarch caterpillars. A concerted effort by a few people can make a big difference in the health of the monarch, by planting milkweed and protecting the caterpillars of the monarch. Milkweed can easily be incorporated into sunny flower gardens and common areas. Schools could plant butterfly gardens with milkweed, and churches with sunny spots could dedicate a little space to milkweed.

Great sources of information on monarch protection and milkweed plants can be found by checking the websites of USFWS, the Nature Conservancy and the Xerces Society. With a little effort we will see many monarchs in Broyhill Park this year and into the future. ☺
Robin Goree is a Broyhill Park resident and an avid gardener.