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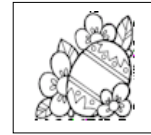
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Announcing Broyhill Park's

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 10:30am

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 March 31 in case of inclement weather.*



Broyhill Park's 2nd **Earth Day Stream Clean-up & Plant Exchange**

Saturday, April 28, from 10:00am-1:00pm

- Come and help clean the creek and park area that runs through Broyhill Park.
- Bring some of your garden plants or seeds to swap out with others
- Refreshments will be provided • Scout and youth groups welcome
- Great opportunity for community service! • Location and more information on page 2

NEXT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 7:30 PM

Alan Leis Center – Main Meeting Room

7423 Camp Alger Avenue

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carol Ofiesh

On Thursday, February 8th, we held our first General Membership Meeting of 2018. This was a business meeting to discuss neighborhood issues and upcoming events. At the meeting it was brought to my attention that many younger Broyhill Park residents don't know what a civic association is. Basically, civic associations give communities a collective voice in local affairs and provide a forum for discussion of important issues that might affect a neighborhood. In the past the Broyhill Park Civic Association was instrumental in making sure that Marc Drive would not be extended up to Fairview Park. We also testified successfully against an additional 6 stories that were proposed for the Monticello Garden Apartments. Recently, we've provided input on the Graham Park Plaza project. Civic associations also work to build a sense of community; that's why we have events such as the Easter Egg hunt and Halloween parade. Suggestions for new activities are welcome. We ask that each home in Broyhill Park pay dues of \$10 per year to keep the Association functioning and to pay for the activities. However, General Membership Meetings are open to all Broyhill Park residents, whether dues have been paid or not.

Last year at this time our attention was focused on how traffic would increase as a result of a large apartment complex to be built at Graham Park Plaza. Thanks to Civic Association and concerned citizen input over a period of many meetings and many months, the developers have scaled back on both the residential and retail parts of the plan. The main commercial tenant is proposed to be a fitness center to take the place of Stein Mart and adjacent storefronts. The apartment building has been slashed from 250 units to approximately 200 (the design has not been finalized); the building height has been reduced from 7 stories to 4, and the parking garage will be concealed behind and beneath the building. There will be approximately 10,000 square feet of "quick service" restaurant space (this is less than half the size of the Celebrity Deli wing), and there are plans for a green space with trees and seating. The developers have been working with VDOT to work out traffic congestion issues. A proposed vehicle exit straight out to Route 50 where the pedestrian crosslight is located has not yet been approved. Proposed restriping of traffic lanes at Graham Road & Route 50 and at Allen Street & Route 50 will help reduce backup time, if implemented. Traffic plans are still in the works, so things may ultimately change.

⇒ The Broyhill Park Civic Association has joined the Mason District Council of Community Associations and will be represented at MDC Council meetings by our vice president, who reports that the Council is closely monitoring a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would permit Short Term Rentals. The Council has concluded that Short Term Rentals have the potential to destabilize neighborhoods by adding to transient use and commercial activity. In addition the Council does not see where there is a need for Short Term Rentals, because under current law, rooms and entire homes can be lawfully rented, month-to-month. One family can take in up to two renters, or up to four unrelated people may live in one house.

⇒ I'm pleased to report that we had two very successful events this past fall and winter. The first was the annual Halloween Parade in October. The weather was warm and sunny and turnout was excellent, with a combined total of about 50 adults and children participating. The second event was our annual holiday party in December. Again we had an great turnout – almost all the tables were filled, we enjoyed a variety of pizzas catered by Vocelli's, and we had a wonderful Santa Claus who visited with the kids. I want to thank everyone who helped with both events, especially the neighbors who lent tables and chairs for the Halloween Parade and the families who helped with crafts, baked cookies, and bought supplies and candy. Thank you also to everyone who helped make the holiday party a success, especially Broyhill Park residents Sue Gause for playing the keyboard and Chris Davis for playing the flute and to Patricia Herrity for finding us a Santa Claus at the last minute when we couldn't find anyone in the neighborhood who was available. ☺

☛ I want to point out that all Civic Association activities are open to everyone who lives in Broyhill Park, not just families with kids. Singles, couples, empty-nesters, senior citizens, all are welcome and encouraged to attend, lend a hand, or just come and watch the fun.

☛ If anyone took pictures at the recent events and would like them posted to the Broyhill Park website, please forward them to our webmaster.

☛ I'd like to welcome Jennifer Abdelmalek, Jessica Lamb, and John Curle to the Civic Association Executive Board, Dawn Boulter and Rocky Kotania to the Newsletter Delivery Committee, Susan Gause for taking over the Meeting Signs, and Jessica Crowder as new chair of the Halloween Parade. Please consider joining the Board or a Committee! Here is a list of tasks that are still open. These are easy ways to get involved without too much commitment.

1) **Newsletter Deliverers**—deliver newsletters 3 or 4 times a year. Current open routes are:

- Sherry Court route
- Hickory Hill Road/Slade Court/Hickory Court route
- Holly Hill/Jacks Lane route

2) **Dues Coordinator** – dues money is mailed to your home for you to record and give to the treasurer for deposit.

3) **Newsletter Delivery Coordinator** – bundles up newsletters into routes and takes to delivery crew.

4) **Community Yard Sale Coordinator** – We're still looking for a neighbor or two to organize a Community Yard Sale this spring. We haven't had one for at least 5 years, so participation should be good. All you have to do is pick a date, compile a list of participating homes and their locations on a map, and publicize the sale.

5) **Tree Committee** – We're also looking for a neighbor or two to revive the Broyhill Park Tree Committee. VDot has been removing many of our older street trees, and it's up to us to replace them. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful and our streets shaded! If we can plant some trees on a continuing basis every spring and fall, it will make an improvement. If anyone would like to get a group together to plant trees, or organize a community yard sale, please contact the Board as soon as possible.

LOOKING AHEAD: Our main event for the summer is National Night Out, which is held in early August. We usually have it at Woodley Pool, but having a block party instead would be a great way to attract more neighbors to attend. If anyone would like to organize it this year as a block party, we would love to hear from you!

Finally, with summer approaching, please consider joining our community pool, Woodley. The pool has competitive teams where kids can learn how to swim and dive safely, and there's plenty of room for adults to bask in the sun and enjoy the pool, too. ☺

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► Coming up very soon is the Broyhill Park annual **Easter Egg Hunt** to be held Saturday, March 24th at St. Patrick's Church on Brush Drive. As always, we'll divide the hunt into three age groups: ages 3 & under, ages 4 – 6, and 7 – 9 year olds. There will be plenty of eggs to hunt and a special prize in each age group, so bring your baskets and join us on the hunt for Easter eggs! Thank you to St. Patrick's for allowing us to use their fields once again for this happy occasion.

► In April we will have our 2nd **Earth Day Stream Cleanup and Plant Exchange** to take place on April 28th from 10am-1pm. We'll meet at 10:00 on Camp Alger Avenue between Nealon Drive and Dye Drive. Come prepared by wearing sturdy shoes, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves. Heavy-duty picker-uppers are also great if you happen to have one. Anyone can help – stay all morning or just stay for a while, but many hands are needed to help keep our park and stream litter-free. And don't forget to bring some seeds, seedlings, transplants, perennial divisions, houseplants, or whatever you like to grow, and exchange each item for another item in turn.

► Always call **Special Pickup at 703-802-3322** promptly if you have large amounts of household trash or

yard trimmings. It's unsightly to leave broken glass, old furniture, mattresses, and other junk on the curb for longer than a week when we have free special trash pickup service. Broken plate glass or mirrors should be placed in a thick bag or rigid container and labeled as "glass." Glass window panes and mirrors must be taken to the I-66 transfer station. If you hire someone to walk your dog, or if you rent your house to tenants who have a dog, please make sure they understand that when walking the dog they must remove the dog's waste and take it back to your house for disposal – NO dropping the bags into the bushes or in the street and no dropping them into other people's trash bins, and certainly not into anyone's recycling bin!

► **The Shepherd's Center of Annandale Springfield** has an **Irish Dance Presentation** on tap for Saturday, March 24th from 4:00 -5:30 pm at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Join us for dinner and watch the performance of the lively dancers from the O'Neill School of Irish Dance. Cost is \$15 per person for dinner and entertainment. Call 703-941-1419 by March 19 to reserve your seat. Pre-payment is required as our meals are catered. The Shepherd's Center is for adults age 50+.

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THE GREEN SCENE

☺ Spring is right around the corner. Consider planting some native plants in your yard. Orders are now being accepted for Fairfax's County's **Native Seedling Sale**. This year's seedling sale features shrubs and trees that are tolerant of deer browse. While no plant is completely deer-proof, these species are less susceptible. They help clean our water and air, prevent soil erosion, provide valuable habitat, and add beauty and resilience to your landscape. The Shrub and Small Tree Package features 10 seedlings for \$16.95 (2 each of witch hazel, false indigo bush, serviceberry, silky dogwood, and spicebush) . The Tree Package includes 6 seedlings for \$11.95 (two each of redbud, pawpaw, and shortleaf pine) . A full, non-refundable payment must accompany your order by Wednesday, April 11, or until supplies run out. Orders may be picked up on Friday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., or Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.-noon at the Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale.

Order online at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/native-seedling-sale-now-accepting-orders>.

☺ The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District facilitates **Green Breakfasts**, which are bi-monthly gatherings to discuss environmental topics in a casual setting on a Saturday morning. Attendees include agency representatives, interested citizens and community members, students, lawmakers, members of the business community and representatives of local non-profits. Six Green Breakfasts are held each year on the second Saturday of every other month. This month's Green Breakfast will be on March 10 at Brion's Grille in Fairfax from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The schedule going forward is May 12, July 14, Sept. 8, and Nov. 10. All dates are subject to change, so check the website before you go.

Website link: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/green-breakfast>

☺ **Holmes Run** is a first-order tributary of the Potomac River in the Cameron Run Watershed of Northern Virginia. Its headwater is near the junction of I-495 and I-66, near the County's Jefferson District Park. The stream crosses the region in a southeasterly direction for ten and a half miles until it merges with Backlick Run to form Cameron Run. Cameron Run becomes Hunting Creek and empties into the Potomac River just south of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. In 1913–1915 the Alexandria Water Company built a dam on Holmes Run in order to create Lake Barcroft as a potable water reservoir for Alexandria. Residents of the Luria Park area, Raymondale, and Broyhill Park organize annual stream cleanup days to keep the stream free of debris and pollutants. Keep an eye out for these cleanup days and volunteer one of your Saturday mornings to keep our neighborhood and parks clean!

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We would love to have you visit! 😊😊😊

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Tidbits....Join the Broyhill Park email list to get advance notice of Civic Association meetings, events, and newsletter deadlines. Send a message to our webmaster requesting to be added, or include your email on the dues form above.We loved the lighted Valentine heart on the roof at 7428 Camp Alger Avenue in February! Did you know...that it's a criminal offense to solicit door-to-door in Fairfax County without a Fairfax County solicitor's license, and that solicitors are required to show their license to any prospective customer who requests it.