

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

BROYHILL PARK CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY PARTY

Friday, December 7, 2018 – 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Alan Leis Center – Main Meeting Room
7423 Camp Alger Avenue

Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship with friends and neighbors to celebrate the December holidays. We'll have live holiday music, a visit from Santa Claus for the kids, and free pizza for all, provided by Vocelli's. Please bring a dessert, side dish, or snack item to share. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! All Broyhill Park residents welcome!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carol Ofiesh

At our October 4th General Membership Meeting, we learned about recycling from a representative of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works. Recycling guidelines have become more specific, because the main customer for most of the items collected (China) has narrowed their preferences and no longer wants certain materials. Below is a summary of what we learned at the presentation.

Items that are currently NOT recycleable in Fairfax County:

- 1) Pizza boxes (because of grease & food debris)
- 2) Plastic clamshell, deli, and carryout food containers unless they're marked #1 or #2 on the bottom
- 3) Black plastic food trays (because the black dye interferes with the coloring of new products)
- 4) Plastic fast-food drinking cups
- 5) Lids & pull tabs from milk jugs
- 6) Rigid clear plastic from sealed items such as electronics and tools, as well as any oddly shaped plastic packaging material such as used on miscellaneous items or toiletries.
- 7) Plastic bags or any type of plastic sheeting (because the plastic gets caught in the machinery)
- 8) Styrofoam in any shape or form
- 9) Deodorant, toothpaste & dental floss containers
- 10) Juice pouches
- 11) Plastic straws
- 12) Shredded paper (because it gets all over everything)
- 13) Foil gift wrap and plasticized gift wrap
- 14) Diapers, clothing, candy wrappers, food

Items that are recycleable in County recycling bins include:

- 1) Clear or white plastic food and beverage containers such as water, soda, juice and oil bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, most yogurt and cottage cheese-type containers, peanut butter jars, household cleaning bottles, and some cosmetics. Clear plastic clamshell containers from fruits & berries are acceptable if marked #1 or #2 on bottom.
- 2) Coated cardboard milk & juice cartons (do not include lids or straws)
- 3) Soda cans, tin cans, empty aerosol spray cans including spray paint as long as the can is empty.
- 4) Aluminum foil, pie plates & foil trays. Foil is acceptable even with small amounts of food stains or cooking debris
- 5) Cardboard, paper, and junk mail
- 6) Glass bottles and jars

► Reusable full or near full cans of latex paint can be taken to the household hazardous waste site at the I-66 Transfer Station for donation to Habitat for Humanity.

All food and liquid containers should be emptied and rinsed out before placing in the recycling bin. If in doubt as to whether something is really cardboard, try tearing it. If it tears, it's cardboard, if not, throw it in the trash. Plastic bags of all kinds, not just grocery bags, can be recycled in the drop bins at Giant. Plastic bags that have an inner foil coating should be trashed. All of our non-recycleable garbage is taken to the Lorton waste-to-energy facility where it's burned to produce electricity. Metal is removed from the ash, and the remaining ash (about 10% of the initial garbage) is trucked to a landfill.

To wrap-up 2018, I'd like to recognize neighbors who organized or helped with this year's Civic Association events. The annual Easter Egg Hunt was managed by Dan & Adrienne Shea, who stuffed several hundred plastic eggs and hid them in the fields at St. Patrick's Church. Volunteers for the annual Earth Day stream clean-up were Chris Davis, Molly Wassman, Donald McNair, Ryan Healy, Alejandrina Bachelor, Dan Shea, Suzanne Hughes, John Curle, Mary Rodgers, Kathy Koutze, and Andre Koutze. Our National Night Out grillmaster was Ken Sims, ably assisted by Janet Sims. Chair of the Halloween Parade was Julie Crowder. Henry Crowder provided a tasty assortment of food for the Halloween Parade. Many thanks to everyone who helped in one way or another in 2018. *Help is always needed!* As you can see from the box on the right, there are two vacant and very important committee positions: Newsletter Delivery Coordinator and Dues Drive Coordinator. Sign-ups for these positions will be held at the December 7th holiday party.

As we move into the holiday season, remember that crime tends to increase at this time of year. Always be cautious of your surroundings when out shopping. Let's keep an eye out for our neighbors as well, as many people travel out of town for the holidays. And finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at the December 7 holiday party and wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy New Year.

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The annual Halloween Parade, which was held on October 20, was a huge success. Approximately 60 adults and children attended and had a great time marching in the parade led by bagpiper Eric Rice-Johnston. Afterwards the children gathered treats from about a dozen trunks that were decorated for Trunk & Treat, and everyone enjoyed chatting with neighbors, taking pictures, and having a bite to eat. Pictures from the Halloween Parade have been posted to our website, broyhillpark.org.

Over the course of the past year, our neighborhood has lost two former Board members and long-time Broyhill Park residents. Tom Wetrich passed away in September of 2017 and was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in September 2018. Patricia "Pat" Goff passed away on September 23, 2018. Both will be remembered for their faithful support of the Civic Association and the Broyhill Park community. ☺

Earlier this year the County approved Short Term Lodging (STL) of homes for periods of less than 30 days. The new regulations went into effect October 1, but so far only 13 permits have been issued out of more than 800 STL's reportedly operating in the County. The regulations include a limit on the number of occupants, and they also prohibit parties and other such activities. If you suspect that an STL is operating without a permit, you can look up the address here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fido/permits/search.aspx?pgmcat=permit&pgmtype=address>.

To read the regulations go here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/zoning/short-term-property-rentals>.

To report violations, concerns or complaints, call the Department of Code Compliance at **703-324-1300**.

THE GREEN SCENE

By Terri Harley, a resident of Marc Drive

Our ravaged yard is a complex ecosystem. But ravaged is the earmark of a naturalized garden each fall. Naturalizing is planting native plants, not disturbing them, and allowing nature to move in. Naturalizing upped the success in my own yard immeasurably. I saw more varieties and larger numbers of bees, flies, spiders, moths, butterflies, dragonflies, damselflies, birds, and hummingbirds. I've got about 80% native plants to 20% non-native. Using non-native plants is controversial. But some, like butterfly bush, are critical for end of season pollinators, especially Monarch butterflies that need intense nourishment to migrate soon after eclosion. My philosophy is do no harm to the environment. So, in conjunction with other efforts, I only plant non-aggressive non-natives that cannot escape to damage local ecosystems. Another component of naturalizing is overwintering flower stems and tall grasses, where bees and other pollinators hibernate. Once cold weather arrives, I clean up the yard but, instead of recycling grasses and flower stems, I lay them on the ground to decompose. More important, doing so allows the creatures within a safe home from which to emerge in spring. Ultimately, naturalized yards and healthy ecosystems must be chemical free. Buy untreated plants. Learn effective nontoxic substitutes for herbicides that will evaporate, not kill pollinators or enter the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Ultimately, reward yourself and help the environment: Plant a garden!

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Did you know....? that trail cameras are not permitted in County parks. *Did you know....?* that metal detectors are not permitted in County parks. *Did you know....?* that bicycles can be dropped off at the I-66 Transfer Station where they will be donated to Bikes for the World.
SPECIAL PICKUP BULK TRASH: 703-802-3322