

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

Join with Neighbors for

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Ice Cream Social - Tuesday, October 6

6:00-7:00pm in the Woodley Pool Parking Lot

- National Night Out is an opportunity to gather with neighbors and local police personnel to improve police/citizen relations and discuss issues of common concern. All Broyhill Park residents are invited!
- Frozen Dairy Bar ice cream will be available on-site

Announcing Broyhill Park's Annual

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 24 *

- Meet at 10:15am in the Woodley Pool parking lot
 - Parade will begin promptly at 10:30am
 - Parade will be led by a bagpiper
 - Come in costume - kids, adults, pets - all welcome!
 - Frozen Dairy Bar ice cream will be available on-site
- * Rain date Oct. 31

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carol Ofiesh

Six months ago when the March issue of Broyhill Park News came out, no one would have thought that all but one of the planned Civic Association events would be cancelled due to the sudden surge of a worldwide virus. The only event that we were able to have, since it was outdoors and not many people were expected to attend, was the Triangle clean-up & plant exchange on May 2. Only a handful of dedicated gardeners showed up for that event, so keeping far enough apart was not a problem. Afterward we were able to distribute about 30 tree seedlings that had been acquired from Fairfax ReLeaf to Broyhill residents for planting on their properties. At this time we have decided to forego the annual Community Trash & Treasure Trunk Sale, since participation will likely be very low, as well as the December Christmas party, because it's indoors and in close quarters. However, I'm pleased to announce that after much thought and discussion, we have decided to go ahead with National Night Out and the Halloween Parade since both are outdoor activities. As a special feature at both of these events, we've invited DC Steakholders, who will provide a pop-up tent with Frozen Dairy Bar's wonderful frozen custard ice cream (buy-your-own). National Night Out is an opportunity to join with neighbors and local police personnel for an early evening community gathering and to show support for our police department. The Halloween parade will give kids a chance to dress in costume and have some safe outdoor fun with friends and family. The parade will be led by a local bagpiper, so everyone can join the procession or just watch from the sidelines. Mark your calendars for both of these fun events, and don't forget to bring a chair and stay awhile.

If you're new to the area and not familiar with civic associations, I thought it might be helpful to give a brief

description of what we do. Mainly we provide a collective voice from our neighborhood to local government officials as well as within the community. We support local ordinances, such as parking and zoning code issues. We assign one Board position as our Mason District Representative, whose duty is to attend meetings of the Mason District Council of Community Associations, an important watchdog group that keeps an eye on legislation, land development, and other issues that may affect the Mason District. We also promote a sense of place and community by holding various social and volunteer events. Unlike Homeowners' Associations, civic associations do not have rules, covenants, or property maintenance fees, but they usually have dues. The Broyhill Park Civic Association has a voluntary dues system of \$10 per household, which pays for community activities, the printing of this newsletter, and other expenses we may incur as an organization. Dues can be paid at any time during the year (see dues form on reverse).

Our civic association welcomes volunteers to help with community events. Like everyone else, we hope to "get back to normal" next year and would love to have new hands take over some of the committee positions or just offer their help. As you can see from the table on page 2, many of the committee chair positions are vacant. We have records on most past activities that make it easy to follow a pattern while adding fresh touches of your own. We also need newsletter delivery people, an easy task since the newsletter comes out only 3 or 4 times a year. Please contact me if you are interested or would like more information (see Board contact list on reverse).

As Broyhill Park residents, we can take advantage of 5 free special pickups that we get every year as part of our County trash and recycling service. If you have bulky items that don't fit in a trash can, or large amounts of yard

