

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 3, 10:30am

- Meet at 10:30am on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church, 3241 Brush Drive in Broyhill Park
- Bring a basket to collect Easter eggs
- Plastic eggs will be scattered over the fields for plenty of hunting fun.
- All ages welcome to participate! • Open to all Broyhill Park residents!

Join with Neighbors for Broyhill Park's Annual

STREAM CLEANUP - Saturday, April 10, from 10:00am-1:00pm

- Meet at 10:00am at the park entrance on Camp Alger Avenue between Dye & Nealon Drives
- Come and help clean trash from the creek and park area
- Dress appropriately for working in brush and muddy conditions. Bring a trash grabber tool if you have one.
- Calling all scout and youth groups - great opportunity for community service!
- Refreshments will be provided

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TRIANGLE CLEANUP & PLANT EXCHANGE - Saturday, May 1, from 2-4pm

- Meet at the Broyhill Triangle at Graham Road & Strathmore Street starting at 2:00pm
- Come and help enlarge the butterfly garden, pull weeds from the flower garden, and pickup litter.
- Bring shovels or other garden tools to help spruce up the Triangle.
- **PLANT EXCHANGE:** Bring some divided perennials, rooted cuttings, seedlings, etc., and exchange them on a one-for-one basis & get something new for your garden.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Carol Ofiesh

Broyhill Park neighbors will by now have noticed the new Broyhill Park brick sign at the corner of Graham Road & Annandale Road. The sign, which was damaged by a wayward vehicle last August, has finally been reconstructed, with the cost entirely covered by the vehicle owner's car insurance. The job was done by Masonry Artisans Inc., a local company who did an outstanding job of rebuilding the sign to match the exact specifications of the original sign and look even better. I highly recommend Masonry Artisans to anyone looking for expert brickwork at a reasonable price. See their ad on Page 2.

Last year the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Stream Clean-up were canceled due to uncertainty about the pandemic, but this year we have decided to resume these two events (see details above) along with the Triangle Clean-up, since they are outdoor

activities. I hope that many neighbors will consider participating in some or all of these events. Mask wearing will be at your own discretion. There are no rain dates scheduled; if the weather is bad, the event will be canceled. At this time we will not be resuming Civic Association meetings. If anyone has any neighborhood issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Association, please contact me.

This spring we will get back to initiating the process of expanding the existing school Residential Permit Parking District in order to include the remaining eligible street sections of Marc Drive from Parkwood to Nealon, Carol Lane from Parkwood to Norfolk, and the upper sections of Parkwood (west side), Kenney, and Norfolk. We are presently awaiting instructions from FCDot about how the petition requirements can be fulfilled electronically so we don't have to go door-to-door to collect the required signatures and fees. Stay tuned for more information.☺

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It was almost exactly one year ago that bills were introduced into the Virginia House of Delegates that would have abolished the zoning of single-family neighborhoods by allowing second homes to be built in backyards and conversion of garages and sheds into living quarters. After much opposition from homeowners and neighborhood associations, the bill was eventually tabled. We are now facing a similar situation in which our county elected officials are proposing to remove the age-based and disable-based restrictions on accessory living units and to remove certain limitations on home-based business. This is being done under the guise of zoning modernization. Taken together these could result in a scenario of two businesses being run out of one house that is divided into a duplex with two families, multiple cars, and customers coming and going for business purposes, which could include barber shops, exercise facilities, retail sales and small-scale production. Permanent business advertising signage would be allowed in the front yard. County staff also want to eliminate the requirement for public hearings, so that a neighbor with nothing more than administrative approval could, for example, install a machine shop or a massage parlor next door. Broyhill Park Civic Association, along with scores of other civic and homeowner associations in the county, provided testimony to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors against these changes. As this newsletter goes to press, the issue is pending decision by the Planning Commission. If approved it will go to the Board of Supervisors in March for final approval.

Trash Service - Changes to the trash pickup system have recently been made. Beginning this year only one gray trash cart and one blue recycling cart per household will be picked up under basic service. Anyone who has or requests additional carts will be charged a fee of \$120 per year per cart beginning July 1. County inspectors will be on the lookout for additional carts and recording them so that they can be charged. If you currently have more than one gray and one blue county trash cart, or request additional carts prior to July 1, you will be billed \$50 per cart from now until July 1, and then \$120 per cart for the fiscal year beginning July 1 through June 30. All trash and recyclables must be placed in county-provided carts, except for bulk trash (see instructions in box below) and yard waste. *Trash will not be collected from non-county trash bins*, and miscellaneous trash items will not be picked up off the ground. Yard waste is OK in any type of container.

⇒ For **LARGE AMOUNTS** of Household Trash or Yard Waste
Call 703-802-3322 to schedule a Special Pickup

Did you know?... That the Virginia legislature recently changed state traffic laws, so that although the laws are still on the books, they can no longer be enforced as primary

offenses. Vehicles can no longer be stopped by police for having a single headlight, tail light or brake light out, or for having expired inspection or registration stickers until 4 months after the expiration date, or for driving without a muffler, having a broken or loud exhaust system, tinted windows, windshield stickers or decals, or objects that obstruct view dangling from a rearview mirror. Vehicles can no longer be stopped for having defective equipment, for having an adult smoking in a car with a minor present, or for not wearing a seatbelt in the front seat. These and other driving ordinances have been downgraded to secondary offenses; they can only be ticketed if a vehicle is stopped by police for a primary offense.



**BROYHILL PARK CIVIC
ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 2021**

All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to fund Civic Association events, activities, and the newsletter. Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association and mail check or cash to Dues Coordinator, 7317 Camp Alger Avenue, Broyhill Park.

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Easter Egg Hunt – Dan & Adrienne Shea
Earth Day Stream Clean-up – Chris Davis
Community Yard Sale – vacant – <i>Volunteer needed!</i>
National Night Out – vacant – <i>Volunteer needed!</i>
Halloween Parade – vacant – <i>Volunteer needed!</i>
Christmas Party – vacant – <i>Volunteer needed!</i>
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