

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

Join with Neighbors for Broyhill Park's Annual

BROYHILL PARK STREAM CLEANUP - Saturday, April 2, 10:00am-1:00pm*

- Meet at 10:00am at the park entrance on Camp Alger Avenue between Dye & Nealon Drives
- Come and help pickup trash from the creek and surrounding park trail
- Dress appropriately for working in brush and muddy conditions. Work gloves and waterproof boots, too.
- Bring a trash grabber tool if you have one.
- Calling all Scouts, students, and youth groups - This is a great opportunity for community service!
- Refreshments will be provided • All neighbors welcome!

*** Rain date April 3, 10:00am**

Calling all Broyhill Park families - Come to the Annual

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 9, 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 • Come on time - the hunt goes fast once it starts!
- Plastic eggs will be scattered over the fields for plenty of hunting fun.
- All ages welcome to participate! • Open to all Broyhill Park residents!

*** Rain date April 16, 10:30am**

Announcing Broyhill Park's Annual

TRIANGLE CLEANUP & PLANT EXCHANGE - Saturday, May 7, from 2-4pm*

- Meet at the Broyhill Triangle at Graham Road & Strathmore Street starting at 2:00pm
- Come and help weed the butterfly garden, plant flowers, and pickup litter.
- Bring shovels or other garden tools to help spruce up the Triangle.
- **PLANT EXCHANGE:** Bring divided perennials, rooted cuttings, seedlings, etc., and exchange with others to get something new for your garden.

*** Rain date May 8, 2:00pm**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy spring, everyone! It's time to break the winter blues with our annual spring events starting with the Broyhill Park Stream Clean-Up on April 2. If you're new to the neighborhood, or if you're a longtime resident, I hope you will take part in some or all of these fun activities that bring us together as a community. The date of the stream clean-up has been moved up to the first Saturday in April in hopes of beating the rampant growth of brush that can impede access to the stream. Many hands and all ages are needed to help with this worthwhile endeavor, so please come for an hour or two or three; whatever time you can spare will be appreciated. On the following Saturday, April 9, we'll have the Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church. Bring the family for this happy occasion, or just come and watch the fun and chat with neighbors.

And finally, on May 7, will be the Triangle Clean-up and Plant Exchange. All of these events have rain dates that will be invoked if necessary. If you're not already signed up for the Broyhill Park blog, be sure to sign up now so that you will be notified of postponements, changes, and neighborhood news bulletins. And don't forget to pay your Civic Association dues for 2022 (see form on next page).

As always, the Civic Association is in need of volunteers to help with events, and almost every time the call for help goes out, it is met with silence. Hopefully this year will be different. I am once again calling for volunteers to organize National Night Out in August and the Halloween Parade in October. We have detailed records from past years that will make it easy to fill these vacancies. New activities are also welcome - possibilities could be a summer block party, pet parade, community yard sale, tree planting, or neighbor-

hood clean-up. This year we would also like to begin a storm sewer labeling project. The goal would be to mark all the storm sewers in Broyhill Park with "No Dumping" labels. It would be done under the direction of the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District, which provides the materials and training. This is a great opportunity for a scout or other youth group. Please contact the Civic Association Board if you are interested in organizing or helping with any of these activities. ☺

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The final hurdle towards expanding Broyhill Park's Residential Permit Parking District (RPPD) was met when the Board of Supervisors granted approval at their January 25 board meeting. Thank you to Broyhill Park residents Jamie Cramer and Don McNair for speaking in person at the BoS meeting and to all who sent testimony by email. Although none of the emailed testimony was read at the meeting, it has been entered into the permanent record for future reference. "No Parking" signs will soon be going up on the affected streets, and residents of those streets should have already received letters explaining how to apply for parking permits. If you can't find the letter (or if you live on one of the blocks that already had RPPD signs and don't have permit stickers for your cars), go to the Fairfax County website and search for "RPPD permit" to get the online application form. Cars lacking a permit sticker can be ticketed during the hours of 8:00am to 3:00pm, and residents can call the police non-emergency number to report violations during these hours. The fine is \$75. This is a "school hours" RPPD. It cannot be "negotiated" into a 24-hour RPPD, which involves different and very specific requirements that we would not be able to meet at this time. There are two short blocks on Carol Lane--the north side of Carol Lane between Kenney and Norfolk and the south side of Carol Lane between Norfolk and Nealon--that will not be included in the RPPD, because one of the two homes on each of those blocks chose not to sign the petition. ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ * ◆ *

✂ **BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 2022**
 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.
 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE # _____
 EMAIL: _____
 DUES PAYMENT \$10 Add'tl. Donation \$ _____

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FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF HOUSEHOLD TRASH OR YARD WASTE, CALL 703-802-3322 TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL PICKUP

*Did you know?...*that we get 5 free special pickups a year from July 1 to June 30. *Did you know?...*that size limits for free special pickups have been reduced from 12 cubic

yards to 2 cubic yards (approx. 6'x3'x3'). If a pile exceeds the new size limit, the driver will tag it, after which a route supervisor will come out and measure the pile and price it. The resident must then pay in advance (Mastercard or Visa only) by calling 703-802-3322.

Did you know?... that only rainwater should go down the storm sewers. If you see anyone dumping chemicals, paint, motor oil or other hazardous wastes down a storm drain, report it to Fairfax County Stormwater Planning at 703-324-5500 or email swpdmil@fairfaxcounty.gov

THE GREEN SCENE

Are we keeping our yards too clean? The answer is likely yes, and that leaf raking, leaf-blowing, and bagging & tossing grass clippings may be responsible for the sparse foliage and general tree decline that is so prevalent in suburban neighborhoods. Fallen leaves, sticks, twigs, and grass clippings are nature's way of feeding the soil, which in turn nourishes our lawns, shrubs, and trees. Yard debris also provides habitat for microbes, bugs and small animals that, whether we like them or not, are essential links in the environmental chain. Leaves can be shredded in place with a lawn mower or left as is under shrubbery and trees. Either way they will quickly decompose and fertilize the soil, rather than consuming huge amounts of energy being hauled away by the truckload and shredded into large piles where they generate greenhouse gases. *** ☺ ☺ ☺ ***

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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>

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