

# BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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*Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042*

*Announcing Broyhill Park's annual*  
**HALLOWEEN PARADE and TRUNK & TREAT**  
**Saturday, October 29\* – 3:00 PM**

Parade starts and ends in the Woodley Pool parking lot at 7421 Camp Alger Avenue

- Meet by 3:00pm in the parking lot – Parade will begin shortly after 3:00
- Come in Halloween costume – kids, adults, pets too!
- All Broyhill Park residents welcome – Come and join the fun or watch the parade along the route\*\*
- Trunk & Treat will take place after the parade – Bring a container to hold treats
- Volunteers are needed to provide treats - A sign-up form to provide treats is online at this link: <https://signup.com/go/WhRqAOB>

\*Rain date Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3pm

\*\*From the parking lot, the parade will go up Camp Alger Avenue, turn right on Norfolk Lane, right on Carol Lane, right on Dye Drive down to Camp Alger and back into the parking lot for the Trunk & Treat.

*New Event – Announcing Broyhill Park's first*  
**HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST**  
**Halloween Evening, Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

- Decorate your front yard with a Halloween theme
- Displays will be judged on the basis of overall design and effect
- Judging will take place Halloween evening, October 31
- There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. Winners will receive a Giant Food gift card.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*by Carol Ofiesh*

Thank you to all who attended National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. For the first time ever, no police officers were able to attend due to several emergency calls that occurred that evening. However, we had perfect weather and a good turnout of Broyhill Park and Raymondale residents who enjoyed the hot dogs and other refreshments.

The annual Halloween Parade is probably our most fun-filled event. This year it's scheduled for Saturday, October 29, beginning at 3:00pm. Our local bagpipe player will be on hand to lead the parade, and after the long march around the block, the children can grab treats from each decorated trunk for a fun ending to a happy afternoon. We would like to have at least a dozen "treat trunks" to make this a successful event. If you can provide treats, please sign-up at this link shown in the announcement box above.


I'm pleased to announce a new event on the agenda – a Halloween decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 best displays as decided by the judges on the evening

of October 31. We hope to see many spooky displays in the neighborhood that evening! Keep in mind that biggest is not necessarily the best, as the judges will take into consideration overall design as well as visual impact and creativity. Lights should be included in your display since judging will take place in the evening.

This fall we were planning to have a general membership meeting at the Leis Center, but any such meeting is on hold for now, because FCPS has decided to enforce a regulation that requires civic associations to purchase liability insurance to hold a meeting at a school. At this time we are awaiting further information on the insurance requirement. This issue was completely unexpected, since we have always held meetings at the Leis Center and were never required to buy insurance until now. In the meantime if anyone has any issues that should be brought to our attention, please contact me.

If you have not yet paid your civic association dues for this year (still only \$10 per household), or if you're new to the neighborhood (welcome!) please pay now. Dues are

used to keep the association active and to pay for certain miscellaneous expenses such as mowing the Triangle (thank you Ken Sims). It is vital that we have an active civic association to advocate for our neighborhood in local affairs, to hold special community events, and to maintain a well-kept and welcoming image at the entryways to our community. Dues payment form below. ☺

 <b>BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 2022</b>
<p>All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to fund Civic Association events, expenses, 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. ***You can also pay online through the Broyhill Park website.</p>
<p>NAME: _____</p>
<p>ADDRESS: _____</p>
<p>PHONE # _____</p>
<p>DUES PAYMENT \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Addt'l. Donation \$ _____</p>

### BROYHILL PARK NEWS

With school back in session please use caution driving through The Park and especially on Marc Drive and Carol Lane. A large number of cars have been seen running through the stop signs both ways.

A reminder to all residents: When you put large items out on the curb, PLEASE call for special pickup. The County does not automatically pickup mattresses and other large trash. You must call **703-802-3322** and schedule a special pickup. Read the brochure that came in the mail from the Solid Waste Division on what they do and don't pick up.

Littering has become a bigger issue lately as the area gets more densely populated. If you spot litter that has been tossed along the curb or in the bushes, even though it may not be on your property, please pick it up and dispose of it in your trash or recycling bin. Leaving litter on the ground only encourages more of the same. Thank you to everyone who is already doing this – your efforts are appreciated. ☺

### THE GREEN SCENE

The Broyhill Park Tree Committee has seedling magnolia trees available free to Broyhill Park residents (limit 2 per household) for planting in your yard. These potted trees are 2 to 3 years old and ready to go into the ground this fall. They were grown from seed and carefully nurtured for several years, so we ask that you plant them promptly, mark them with stakes or a small fence so they don't get mowed down, and keep them watered if there is a dry spell. In 4 or 5 years you will have a growing sapling on its way to becoming a full size tree that will add beauty and fragrance to your yard for many years. Two varieties are available: Sweetbay magnolia and Bigleaf magnolia. Contact the Tree Committee if interested.

**What is the proper way to plant a tree?** Knock the tree out of its pot, or remove any burlap, twine or wire basket. Place the tree in a hole slightly bigger than the root ball and ensure that it is straight. Gently backfill the hole while keeping the tree level. Pack soil firmly to eliminate air pockets which can dry out roots. If the tree is in an area where wind is a concern, staking may be necessary. Add a layer of mulch around the base of the tree, but make sure

the mulch is not touching the trunk. Water the tree well and then once a week; water more frequently in hot weather. Fall is the best time to plant trees, starting in September after the weather has cooled down, up until when the ground freezes. **How should I prune my trees?** Using proper pruning techniques is extremely important to the long-term health and viability of trees. Always use clean, sharp tools when making cuts. Pruning is best done during the tree's dormant season before new growth begins. Pruning of young trees should be aimed at establishing a healthy growth pattern for the new tree. Pruning of mature trees is best limited to removal of dead or hazardous limbs. Topping a tree is not proper pruning and will eventually result in the slow death of the tree.



**Did you know?...** that vehicles kept in Fairfax County are required to be registered with the Virginia DMV and display Virginia license plates within 30 days of purchase or moving into Virginia. Vehicles are also required to be registered with Fairfax County within 60 days.

**Did you know?...** that there is a form on the Fairfax County website where you can report vehicles kept in Virginia with out-of-state license plates in order to evade personal property tax.

**Did you know?...** that County planners are proposing to reduce parking requirements for new developments. If you think this sounds like the overflow vehicles will end up on the closest residential streets, you may be on to something.

**Did you know?...** that due to soaring prices, vehicles in Fairfax County were assessed this year at 85% of their market value rather than the usual 100%.

	<p><b>LOOKING FOR A REAL ESTATE AGENT THAT KNOWS YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I'VE SOLD OVER 30 PROPERTIES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!</li> <li>- FULL TIME REALTOR WITH OVER 35 YEARS EXPERIENCE</li> <li>- BEST WASHINGTONIAN 2019, 2020, 2021</li> </ul> <p><i>"Gary was phenomenal - a class act, honest, driven, patient, read our needs and knew the area better than anyone."</i></p> <p>-- Recent client</p>
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**Civic Association Tidbits...** We still have 3 newsletter delivery routes without coverage – the Annandale Road/Brush Drive route, the Brush/Locker/Kenfig/Gary route, and Lee Park Court. We need 3 people who live in that section of Broyhill to take a route, otherwise, those homes may no longer receive the newsletter next year.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Broyhill Park Civic Association Executive Board</i></p> <p>President/Newsletter Editor/Tree Committee – Carol Ofresh, broyhillpark@gmail.com Vice President/Mason District Council Representative – Christopher Clark caclark30@gmail.com Treasurer – John Curle, curlejw@hotmail.com</p>
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