

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 30 - 7:00pm at the Thomas Jefferson Library Meeting Room

- General Membership Meeting open to all Broyhill Park residents
- Come and discuss any neighborhood issues and hear Board member reports
- Pay your Civic Association dues • Bring forward new ideas • Volunteer to help with an event

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

- Meet at 10:00am at the park entrance on Camp Alger Avenue between Dye & Nealon Drives
- We will be cleaning litter and trash from the creek and surrounding park area
- Dress appropriately for working in brushy, thorny and muddy conditions.
- Wear work gloves and bring a trash grabber tool if you have one.
- This is an opportunity for anyone needing community service hours • Refreshments will be provided
- All neighbors welcome • Please come and help with this worthwhile endeavor!

*** Rain date April 2, 10:00am**

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 8, 10:30am

- Meet at 10:30am on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church, 3241 Brush Drive
- 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.
- Kids of all ages welcome to participate • Open to all Broyhill Park residents
- No rain date. If there is a steady rain, the hunt will be canceled.

TRIANGLE GARDEN DAY & PLANT EXCHANGE - Saturday, May 6, 2-4pm

- Meet at the Broyhill Triangle at Graham Road & Strathmore Street starting at 2:00pm
- Come and help tend the butterfly garden and plant flowers.
- Bring shovels, pruners or other garden tools for digging and trimming
- Bring divided perennials, transplants, rooted cuttings, seedlings or houseplants and exchange with others to get something new for your garden. • **Rain date** will be May 7 at 2:00pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that many neighbors will be able to attend the lineup of meetings and events that are planned for this spring. Mark your calendars now for the activities shown above! Our first Civic Association General Membership Meeting in two years is scheduled for March 30th at the Thomas Jefferson Library meeting room. We can no longer meet at the Leis Center, because FCPS is now requiring the purchase of "event insurance" for each meeting, which would run into hundreds of dollars, and we are not willing to waste our members' dues on this needless expense. Next on the agenda is the annual Stream Clean-up on April 1. This is a great time to enjoy some outdoor time while

helping to clean litter from the county parklet that runs between Nealon and Dye Drives. Kids can help with this too, and any groups seeking community service hours. Waterproof boots will come in handy if you plan to walk in the stream to retrieve trash. The following Saturday is the annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Patrick's Church. Since this is the day before Easter, there is no rain date, so let's hope for good weather. We'll plan to have lots of Easter eggs to hunt and even some real live bunnies on hand for petting. Thank you to St. Patrick's for once again allowing us to use their fields for the egg hunt. Saturday, May 6, starting at 2:00pm will be Garden Day and Plant Exchange at the Broyhill Triangle. Calling all gardeners or anyone who

would like to help plant flowers and weed the butterfly garden: Come to this event! If you'll be participating in the Plant Exchange, bring some of your own garden plants to exchange for others. Many thanks to Meadows Farms for donating a \$30 gift certificate that will be used to purchase more perennials for the butterfly garden.

Block Parties – At our planning meeting in January, it was suggested that we have block parties in each of the cul-de-sacs, or “courts” in Broyhill Park this summer. This would be a great way for neighbors to get together and promote community spirit. With that idea in mind, I'm throwing out a challenge to Broyhill Park residents who live in or near a court to organize a block party this summer. You pick the date, notify neighbors in the court, and decide what the arrangements will be. You would also notify the Civic Association so that we can announce it through the Broyhill blog. In each instance, the block party will be open to the entire neighborhood, so plan accordingly (potluck, bring your own chairs, etc.). There are eleven courts in Broyhill Park: Zenith, Sherry, Brandy, Korte, Alice, Gary, Lee Park, Slade, and Hickory, plus the courts at the end of Holly Hill Drive and Siron Street. Please contact me through the Broyhill Park website if you're willing to take up the “Block Party Challenge” in your court!

-- Carol Ofiesh, President

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Fairfax County is proposing to reduce the number of parking spaces required for new and renovated residential and commercial developments. The idea is to put pressure on people to use public transportation rather than to drive. But without convenient and adequate public transportation options, most people will still need to own a vehicle, and if they can't find a space in their parking lot, they will look to nearby streets for parking. This proposal will enable developers to build larger structures with smaller parking lots, while negatively impacting residential streets with overflow parking. The so-called “Parking Reimagined” initiative will be heard before the Planning Commission on April 19 and before the Board of Supervisors on June 6. Comments and concerns can be sent, prior to the hearing dates, to Plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov and to ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov. Be sure to reference “Parking Reimagined” and ask that your messages be distributed to all planning commissioners and all supervisors. You can also sign-up to testify at the hearings.

◆ **More on Parking:** Broyhill Park residents can report parking violations by calling the non-emergency number and telling the dispatcher *which Ordinance to enforce* per the following instructions provided by Mason District:

✓ For vehicles parked within the RPPD during school hours without a permit (a sticker on the front or back windshield), call the non-emergency number 703-691-2131 and tell the dispatcher that you're reporting a violation of **Ordinance 82-5A**, give them the address where the vehicle is parked, and request an officer to come out to enforce that ordinance. The dispatchers are not police officers, they don't know the codes, and the police might not respond

without being given the specific ordinance number. A list of other common parking Ordinances is shown below.

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✂ **BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**
2023 DUES
All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to fund Civic Association events and other expenses. Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association and mail check or cash to the Dues Coordinator, 7317 Camp Alger Avenue, Broyhill Park.
☞ You can also pay dues online through the Broyhill Park website
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE # _____
EMAIL _____
DUES PAYMENT \$10 **Add'l. Donation \$** _____
 Yes, sign me up for the Broyhill Blog

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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 parking is not allowed within 10ft. of a driveway – Ordinance #82-5-1(a)(2)
 ...parking is not allowed within 20ft. of an intersection measured from where the pavement begins to curve for the cross street – Ordinance #82-5-1(a)(3)
 ...parking is not allowed within 15ft. of a fire hydrant – Ordinance #82-5-1(a)(4)
 ...parking is not allowed within 20ft. of a marked crosswalk – Ordinance #82-5-1(a)(5)
 ...parking is not allowed within 30ft. of a stop sign – Ordinance #82-5-1(a)(7)

Did you know?... that all of Mason District is designated as a Community Parking District, which means that boats, motor homes, trailers, vehicles with 3 axles or more, vehicles weighing 12,000 lbs. or more, and vehicles capable of 16 or more passengers (except for school buses) are not permitted to be parked on residentially zoned public streets. To report a violation, call the non-emergency number, give the address of the parked vehicle, and request enforcement of our Community Parking District.

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THE GREEN SCENE

Let's put the “Park” back in Broyhill Park! Early spring is a good time to plant trees. Many of our front yards are lawn deserts with no trees at all, and more trees in the neighborhood are cut down each year than are being replanted. Existing trees are not taken care of and are improperly pruned. If you cut off all of a tree's limbs and leave only a small tuft of branches at the top, or if you “top off” a tree in an attempt to reduce its height, you will eventually have a dead tree and a large expense for tree removal. You don't have to pay hundreds of dollars to buy a tree from a nursery. Inexpensive seedlings can be purchased from catalogs, or look around your property for seedlings that may have sprouted around the perimeter where they didn't get mowed down and transplant them to a better spot. The Falls Church Garden Club usually has a spring plant sale that includes tree seedlings, as well. ☺☺