

BROYHILL PARK NEWS

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Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, October 17 - 7:00pm at the Thomas Jefferson Library Meeting Room

- This is a General Membership Meeting open to all Broyhill Park residents
- Bring forward any neighborhood issues • Hear Board member reports • Volunteer to help with an event
- Pay your Civic Association dues • Come with new ideas for our neighborhood

HALLOWEEN PARADE and TRUNK & TREAT

Saturday, October 28 – 3:00 PM*

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

- Meet at 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.
- To provide treats please signup online at this link: <https://signup.com/go/UVJMaAr>

* Rain date Sunday, Oct. 29, at 3pm

PARADE ROUTE from the parking lot: Left on Camp Alger Avenue, right on Norfolk lane, right on Carol Lane, right on Dye Drive, right on Camp Alger, left into parking lot for the Trunk & Treat.

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Tuesday, October 31st

- Decorate your front yard or front of house with a Halloween theme
- Displays will be judged on the basis of overall design and visual impact
- Judging will take place the evening of Halloween, October 31
- There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes. Winners will receive a Giant Food gift card.
- Judges will be looking for new displays, so last year's winners are unlikely to win again with the same display.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – By Carol Ofiesh

Mark your calendars for our upcoming October events, starting with our fall General Membership Meeting on October 17 at the Thomas Jefferson Library. All Broyhill Park residents are welcome to come to discuss issues of common concern, to bring forward new ideas for our neighborhood, to organize a special event, or just to hear what's new. We are attempting to invite a speaker to discuss some timely information, but since this hasn't been finalized yet, it will be announced later via the Broyhill Park email list. If you're not on the list, please sign-up on the Broyhill Park website to receive occasional bulletins and updates.

The Halloween Parade is scheduled for the last Saturday in October. I look forward to seeing many Broyhill Park families and friends at this annual gathering. As usual we've invited our local bagpipe player to lead the parade, followed by trunk & treats for all the kids. We always need more "treat trunks"

at this popular event, so please sign-up at the link shown in the announcement box above so there will be enough goodies on hand. Anyone wishing to provide a snack table for the adults, please contact me through the Broyhill Park website. Three days after the parade will be judging of the Halloween Decorating Contest. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 best displays as decided by the judges on the evening of October 31. Judges will be looking for new displays this year, so last year's winners are unlikely to win again with the exact same display. Be creative and don't forget the spookiness factor!

❖ Please remember that if you have large trash items or yard waste that doesn't fit in a bin, you must order a Special Pickup. Large items such as furniture, mattresses, tree branches and stumps will not be taken by the regular garbage truck. Call **703-802-3322** for a Special Pickup. Our trash service includes 5 free special pickups per year (from July 1 through June 30), so there should not be piles of junk or yard

debris sitting on the curb for a long time – schedule a special pickup and it will be removed in a week or two. Make sure there is clearance from street trees and low-hanging branches when you set out bulk trash. Also a reminder that grass clippings will not be picked up if they are in plastic bags. Grass clippings must be in open bins or paper yard waste bags. Let's make an effort to keep our neighborhood looking neat and clean by following these simple procedures.

❖ Although we are nearing the end of a 5-year quest to have a children's playground installed on the grounds of the Leis Center, there is a glitch that we were not aware of until last month. The glitch is that it is taking 10 months between the time an order for playground equipment is placed to the time it is delivered. The reason is that the factories that produce the equipment are so far behind on orders that what used to take 2 or 3 months is now taking at least 10 months. The factories, which are located in the eastern U.S., consist of one plant that fabricates the metal parts and another plant in a different city that adds the vinyl coatings. We have just finalized our order with the FCPS project manager, after which we have no choice but to wait our turn in the production line. This means that installation should occur in late 2024.

❖ And finally I want to mention that we always need more helping hands to keep our Civic Association active. There are still vacant newsletter delivery routes; no one volunteered to have a block party this past summer, and elections for Board have not been held for years due to lack of candidates. Please consider getting involved, whether it be running for Board, chairing a committee, or organizing an event. Contact the Board through the Broyhill Park website, www.broyhillpark.org.

AND Don't forget to pay your civic association dues! 🗣️

BROYHILL PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES FOR 2023

All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to fund Civic Association 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.
*****You can also pay online through the Broyhill Park website.**

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE # _____
 DUES PAYMENT \$10 Add'l. Donation \$ _____

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As this newsletter goes to press, County officials are in the process of pushing through reduced parking lot sizes for new and renovated developments, in spite of vehement opposition from many residents who know that the end result will be overflow parking into residential neighborhoods. The main proponent of the reduced initiative is Planning Commissioner Andres Jimenez, who will be on the ballot in November for Mason District Supervisor. His only opponent will be Terry Modglin, who is running as an Independent. Choose whomever you will, but know the issues that are at stake.

Virginia State House and State Senate districts that cover Broyhill Park will change in November, and Broyhill Park will no longer be split between districts. The current districts for the main part of Broyhill Park are House District 53 represented by Marcus Simon and Senate District 35 represented by Dick Saslaw. The current districts for the

section of Broyhill Park south of Graham Road are House District 38 represented by Kaye Kory and Senate District 37 represented by Dave Marsden. Both Kory and Saslaw are retiring after this year. Beginning in November, all of Broyhill Park will change to House District 13 and Senate District 37. Representation will begin in January 2024 in accordance with the results of the November 7 elections.

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Did you know?... that the Fairfax County Code requires most door-to-door solicitors to obtain a solicitor's license. The only exceptions are sales of fresh farm produce, newspaper subscriptions, and real estate or insurance when the seller is already licensed by the state. Soliciting without a license is a criminal offense, and solicitors are required to show their license to any customer who requests it.

Did you know?... that solicitors are required to leave the premises when asked to leave; that they cannot solicit where "No Peddling" or "No Soliciting" signs are posted; and they can only operate between the hours of 9am and 8pm.

Did you know?... that you have 3 days from a transaction date to cancel a home solicitation contract of \$25 or more, and up to 30 days to cancel if the seller has misrepresented their offer.

Did you know?... that home improvement salesmen who say they "happen to be in the neighborhood doing other work" are best avoided, because they often do a shoddy job such as "repaving" a driveway with nothing but a coat of oil.

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Since Broyhill Park is part of Mason District's designated Community Parking District, certain types and sizes of vehicles cannot be parked on the streets. These include boats, motor homes, food trucks, vehicles over 21 feet long, more than 8 feet high including appurtenances, or 102 inches wide or more, or having a gross vehicle weight of 12,000 or more pounds, and any vehicle with 3 or more axles. You may park one such large vehicle in your driveway.

❖ Section 82-5-19 of the County Code prohibits the following:

- Parking a vehicle on a public road for the purpose of selling or renting that vehicle.
- Parking a vehicle on a public road for the purpose of selling merchandise from that vehicle.
- Parking or stopping a vehicle on a public road for advertising purposes.

Report violations to the police non-emergency number 703-691-2131, referencing the code number 82-5-19.



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