



Broyhill Park Civic Association • Falls Church, Virginia 22042

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 16, 10:30am

Location: St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 3241 Brush Drive

- Bring a basket to collect treat-filled eggs
- Fun activity for kids of all ages • All Broyhill Park and Saint Patrick's Church families welcome • Come on time – this event goes fast once it starts • Fun for the whole family!
- No rain date – hunt will be canceled if there is a steady rain

BROYHILL PARK STREAM CLEANUP

Saturday, April 13, 10:00am-1:00pm

Location: Park entrance on Camp Alger Avenue between Dye

- & Nealon Drives • Come and help clean litter from our park & stream • Dress appropriately for wet, thorny & brushy conditions • A pickup tool & waterproof boots will be helpful
- Need community service hours? We will sign off for you
- Refreshments will be provided • RAIN DATE April 20

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 11, 7:00pm

Location: Thomas Jefferson Library Meeting Room

- Pay your Civic Association dues of \$10 per household
- Volunteer to organize or help with a neighborhood event
- Discuss neighborhood issues • All residents welcome

TRIANGLE GARDEN DAY/PLANT EXCHANGE

Saturday, May 18, 2-4pm

Location: Grassy triangle at Graham Road & Strathmore Street

- Clean-up, plant, trim and weed the triangle and butterfly garden area • Bring your own gardening tools • Exchange plants – bring potted plants, seedlings or perennial divisions to exchange or to plant in the garden • No rain date

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our spring events will begin with the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 16 and end with the Triangle Garden Day & Plant Exchange on May 18. All Broyhill Park residents are invited to these fun events, and I hope to see many of you there. If you have ideas for new community events or activities, we would love to hear from you! And we always need volunteers to chair these and other events, some of which have been set aside due to lack of help such as National Night Out and the community yard sale.

➤ **Can you help** deliver this newsletter? We still have two open routes – 38 homes on Lee Park Court and 23 homes on part of Camp Alger Avenue & Brush Drive. Please contact me through the website if you can help.

We are keeping an eye on local issues that may affect our neighborhood or surrounding area. At present there is a proposal (SB-675) to have a referendum on building a casino in Tysons by State Senator Marsden – District 35 (Tysons is not even in his district) and a proposal (SB-304) by State Senator Salim – District 37 that would prohibit local jurisdictions from imposing restrictions on accessory dwelling units. A decision on SB-675 has been delayed until next year. SB-304 is active and if passed would strike down local jurisdictions' abilities to regulate secondary homes on the same lot. For the record, all of Broyhill Park is now in Virginia Senate District 37 represented by Saddam Salim and Virginia House District 13 represented by Marcus Simon. To voice your opinion on these and any other proposed bills, contact their sponsors on the Virginia General Assembly website. ☺

-- Carol Ofiesh, President



BROYHILL PARK NEWS

➤ **Parking** – Always park as straight and close to the curb as possible. Lately we've been seeing too many cars parked along the curb at an angle, which makes it difficult for other vehicles to pass by. This can also impede the passage of emergency vehicles. We're also seeing an increase in oversize vehicles parked along the street. To report oversize vehicles, call 703-691-2131 for police to check for violation of Community Parking District regulations. (See list of prohibited vehicles next page.)

➤ **Trash Pickup** – Curbside trash pickup in Broyhill Park is provided by county trash collection service. The yearly fee as of 2023 was \$490/year and is usually paid from your escrow account along with property taxes. Regular household trash should be in tie-close bags placed inside the trash cart. Only the gray rolling cart should be used for household trash, and all items must be inside the cart, not piled up or leaning against it. Certain items, such as syringes, needles and other sharp medical instruments, must be specially wrapped and labeled before placing in the garbage. Broken glass should be secured in a taped box and marked as glass. Animal waste must be double-bagged. Alkaline and carbon zinc batteries can go in the regular trash but should have both ends taped. *Non-acceptable* items that may *not* be placed at curbside include:

- Liquids, sewage and septic waste
- Hazardous waste including paint, oil, asbestos, chemical wastes, rechargeable batteries, Ni-Cd, Ni-MH, mercury and lithium batteries
- Compressed cylinders, propane tanks, fire extinguishers

- Car parts, car batteries & tires
- Construction debris, concrete, cement, rocks
- Animal carcasses • Bio-hazardous medical waste
- Electronics including computers and their adjuncts
- Fluorescent and LED bulbs

The non-acceptable items can be taken to the I-66 Transfer Station for recycling or hazardous waste disposal. This service is free for household (residential) hazardous waste. Glass bottles and jars may be dropped in one of the special purple dumpsters. The closest ones to Broyhill Park are at the Mason District Government Center and at Wakefield Park. The Home Depot store in Merrifield has drop-off boxes for used compact fluorescent bulbs, LED bulbs, and rechargeable batteries. Large items including electronics will need a Special Pickup (see below).

***** SPECIAL PICKUP *****

County trash service includes 5 free Special Pickups per year. Call 703-802-3322 (TTY 711) to schedule a Special Pickup. Special Pickup items can be any of the following:

- Large appliances that contain refrigerant
- Other metal appliances and large metal items
- Brush & Tree Limbs – NO lumber or bamboo!
- Bulk – Lumber, bamboo, furniture, carpet, mattresses
- Electronic Waste – TVs, computers, monitors

➤ **Special Pickup** items are to be placed on the curb away from trees and telephone poles, and you *must call 703-802-3322* to schedule a pickup. Size is limited to 2 cubic yards, or a pile 6 ft. long x 3 ft. wide x 3 ft. high. There is a charge to remove piles greater than 2 cubic yards.

➤ **Yard Waste** is NOT picked up during the months of January and February. Pickup of yard waste will resume on March 1 and continue through December 24. Yard waste must be placed in either rigid containers or paper yard waste bags. Small quantities of yard waste can be tied in bundles, branches not to exceed 6 inches in diameter. Yard waste includes grass, leaves, sticks, trimmings. Yard waste does not include soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches, limbs, invasives or bamboo.



✂ **Broyhill Park Civic Association 2024 Dues**

All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to fund Civic Association expenses. Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association and mail check or cash to the Dues Coordinator, 7317 Camp Alger Avenue in Broyhill Park. Or use PayPal on the Broyhill Park website.

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ADDRESS _____

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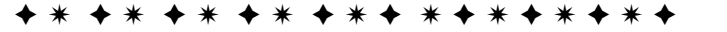
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Did you know?... that Graham Park Plaza was formerly called Loehmann's Plaza, named for the Loehmann's womens clothing store that was the plaza's anchor.

Did you know?... that before it was a shopping center, the area from Graham Road to where the Thomas Jefferson Library stands today was an airfield for private planes. The airfield was never paved, but was a pair of grass landing strips. The airfield property was owned by Eakin Properties Inc., which eventually developed it into a shopping center

in the early 1960s to take advantage of the retail sales market from growing residential development in the area. *Did you know?...* that one commercial vehicle may be parked on a residential lot provided that it is owned or operated by the occupant of the residence *and is not a specifically prohibited vehicle*. Prohibited vehicles that cannot be parked on a street or residential lot are: • Food trucks • Garbage trucks • Tractor-trailers • Semi-trailers • Cement mixers • Dump trucks • Construction equipment • Towing and recovery vehicles • Trailers used for transporting equipment whether attached or unattached to another vehicle • Vehicles (including any attachments) that are greater than 21 ft. long, 8 ft. high or 8-1/2 ft. wide • Vehicles carrying commercial freight in plain view • Vehicles with more than three axles.

Did you know?... that the following vehicles are considered non-commercial and *can* be parked on a street or residential lot: • Vehicles actively providing delivery, repair or moving services • Police and fire trucks • Boats, horse trailers and other recreational equipment • Vehicles used for ride sharing services like Uber or Lyft



THE GREEN SCENE

This year's buzzword in the Green Scene is "invasives," referring to the aggressive vines and non-native plants that have spread over our parks, woods and even in our yards. Almost everywhere can be seen trees heavily draped with English ivy, wintergreen, bittersweet and other vines as well as large swaths of parkland covered in lesser celandine, Japanese stiltgrass, wild rose, burning bush, bamboo, honeysuckle and privet. Homeowners can control invasives on their own property by cutting vines at the base of trees and avoiding planting invasive species, which are still sold by many nurseries. Volunteer opportunities are available with groups such as the county's Invasive Management Area (IMA) Volunteer Program. Search "IMA calendar" on the Fairfax County website for dates and locations of tree and park rescue sessions. 🐾



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