

decorations, get rid of junk and call for special pickup of bulk trash items and large amounts of yard waste.

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With a newly restructured executive board, the Broyhill Park Civic Association is exploring some new concepts, one of which will be scheduling general membership meetings on the same day as an activity. To launch this new approach, we've scheduled both the Stream Clean-up and the first General Membership Meeting of the year for April 5. We are hoping that this will boost attendance at both of these events. Also under consideration is a Board-organized block party for the entire neighborhood, since last year's idea to have block parties in the cul-de-sacs never materialized. In addition we would support any resident who might be willing to organize a community yard sale or other new activity that would bring neighbors together. There will also be opportunities to help at National Night Out in August. In December we hope to revive the annual Christmas party, possibly in a church hall instead of the Leis Center, due to the fact that FCPS now requires expensive insurance coverage from outside users that must be paid each time a school facility is used. One other item under consideration is changing from a printed newsletter to online format only, as this would allow for more frequent and timely updates and would eliminate printing expenses.

The Tysons casino bill, pushed for 2 years in a row now by Sen. Dave Marsden (D-Fairfax), has been shelved until 2025 while "more study" is done. This controversial bill will almost certainly be brought forward again next year. The County, meanwhile, is working on a complete overhaul of the Countywide Policy Plan which governs land use, transportation, housing, environment, economic development, heritage resources, public facilities, human services, parks and recreation, revitalization, and the visual and performing arts. Called "Plan Forward," the change process will take several years beginning with community outreach, consultant research, feedback and public hearings. The Policy Plan update will serve to guide future planning and development decisions throughout the county. 🍷

✂ Broyhill Park Civic Association 2025 Dues

All residents are asked to pay \$10 annual dues, which are used to support the Civic Association website, newsletter, seasonal events and other expenses. Make checks payable to Broyhill Park Civic Association & mail to Dues Coordinator, 7317 Camp Alger Avenue, Broyhill Park. You can also use the Donation link on the Broyhill Park website to pay by Paypal.

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THE GREEN SCENE

Is your yard in need of privacy screening, a border hedge or a natural barrier to keep people from shortcutting across your front yard? Want an alternative to the latest eyesore trend of horizontal plank privacy fencing that looks like a cattle pen? A better option is to plant a mixed border of evergreen and

deciduous shrubs. These can be bought in small, economic sizes from mail order nurseries or can be purchased from local nurseries in larger sizes to get quicker results. Either way, you will be helping the environment by providing shelter and food for birds and small animals while adding beauty and privacy to your property. The county's Urban Forestry Division has a list of suitable shrubs that work well for these purposes, including viburnum, camellia, blueberry, sumac, mountain laurel, juniper, elder, pieris, photinia, winterberry and yew. Many of these provide flowers, berries and fall color and are easy to maintain. To see the full list, search "shrubs for screening" on the Fairfax County website.

TIDBITS

Did you know... that the county noise ordinance is enforced through 3 different departments? They are (1) the Department of Code Compliance, which should be called for noises that occur on a regular basis. Code Compliance inspectors are not on call and will schedule an investigation within a few days after receiving a complaint. (2) The Police Department. The police will respond to complaints of noise from animals, people, motor vehicles and amplified devices (such as a radio) that can be heard in someone's home with doors and windows closed, and to noises that occur at night when the noise ordinance* is in effect. (3) The Department of Public Works & Environmental Services should be called for complaints of noise from trash trucks that is heard before 6am or after 9pm.

*Noise restricted hours are generally from 11pm to 7am, but there are specific times for certain types of noises. See the Fairfax County Noise Ordinance for details.

Did you know... that if you are hiring a contractor for a project valued at \$1,000 or more, the contractor must have a Virginia contractor's license issued from the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR). To verify a contractor, go to [DPOR license lookup](#) or call 804-367-8500. DPOR has many tips on their website for hiring a contractor and avoiding contractor scams.

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