



The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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A Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

My name is Daniel Letchev, and I will be serving as President for the upcoming SHWCA Executive Committee (ExCOM) term. I moved into the neighborhood in 2017 with my wife to get her and our soon-to-be-born daughter their forever home. There are three things I love about our neighborhood: the number of families with young kids which solidifies us as a family friendly community; the nature, especially the morning dew which we get from being surrounded by so much greenery; and finally the amount of effort people put into decorating their houses for Halloween and Christmas which makes our community feel that much more alive. The two things I want to accomplish as president are to increase participation in the Civic Association so that more people are aware of the events we have and secondly to give more opportunities for neighbors to meet each other through new shared interest clubs and civic association events.



Speaking of Association events, we moved our annual yard sale and picnic to June. More on the Yard Sale can be found on page 2. In terms of the picnic, this year we are changing things up and having a Block Party instead. This event will take place on June 8th in the Murray cul-de-sac located at the end of Murray Lane. The Board wanted to have the event be inside our neighborhood to promote neighbors meeting each other and having fun. The event will be held between 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and will also be attended by the Mason County Supervisor between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. We will have bounce houses, snocones, cotton candy, and bubble machines for kids. Additionally, there will be a tent set up for people to pay their past association dues and provide feedback on upcoming clubs and events. We strongly encourage folks to walk to the event, but if you do end up driving, please don't park in the cul-de-sac to reduce congestion and to keep all participants safe. And as always hot dogs, burgers and drinks will be provided for free for all members of the association. If the weather doesn't hold up, we plan to hold the block party and yard sale the next day on June 9th. Hope to see everyone there!

Daniel Letchev
SHWCA President

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It's Coming....

clean out your closets,

empty the attic, and

hone your bartering skills

Are you ready?

#shwyardsale2024

#yardsalereadiness

2024 National Night Out

This year we recognize National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Neighbors are invited to turn on their outdoor lights and hold front porch vigils as a way to show neighborhood spirit and recognize police-community partnerships. NNO was started 40 years ago as a way to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs. NNO is also an opportunity to meet those new folks down the street and renew acquaintances. The more people we know by face and name, the stronger our community will be. Our partnership with Fairfax County Police is best known by our Neighborhood Watch Teams, which conduct citizen patrols throughout our neighborhood each and every day. A short training session is all you need to join one of our Neighborhood Watch Teams. Contact Don Johnson (703-750-3448) for more information.

SHW Community Yard Sale Set for Saturday, June 8th 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The SHW Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 8 am - 12 pm. Once again, we will post general advertisements on the SHW website and Facebook, Yardsales.net, and Nextdoor.com. Individuals are encouraged to post on Facebook or other social media regarding specific sale items. In the event of bad weather, a rain date of June 9th will be advertised. This is a great opportunity to clear out those unwanted items and make some money in the process (you will also have the added benefit of free advertising). If you plan on holding a yard sale on the 8th, please sign up using the following link: <https://forms.gle/C3ZvJB3G7Gi33QJe7>. This year we are going to promote the yard sale by posting signs a week in advance and providing a map of the houses participating in an email to all neighbors on Wednesday before the event.

SHWCA Block Party, Murray Cul-de-sac June 8th 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.

As stated in the Presidents Message, this year we are changing our annual Picnic into a Block Party on June 8th in the Murray cul-de-sac located at the end of Murray Lane. The Board wanted to have the event be inside our neighborhood to promote neighbors meeting each other and having fun. This is our annual get-together for everyone—kids & parents, young & old, if you've lived here since the neighborhood began or just moved in yesterday, EVERYONE is welcome (free to SHWCA Members, \$30 per household-non-member-see flier for more details). Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips & drinks will be provided. Please fill in the rest of the menu by bringing something to share—appetizers, salads, desserts, etc. We'll enjoy music, dancing, games, and more. This event is a lot of fun and all neighbors are welcome! Please RSVP to <https://forms.gle/C3ZvJB3G7Gi33QJe7> so we can get an accurate count for food. It takes a lot of energy to throw a party for 377 households! Please step up to help setup or help breakdown after the picnic. For more information, see the flier in this newsletter, and information in the link above for more details.

Spotlight by Starlight returns to Mason District Park

Spotlight by Starlight summer concerts return to Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike in Annandale, on Friday, June 14 through Sunday, August 18, 2024 (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning children's concerts at 10 a.m., beginning June 15 to August 17). Enjoy in person performances by artists, such as Tom Paxton and the Don Juans, performing on Sunday, June 16, and the Porch Delights performing on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Enjoy cultural music and dance performances at Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive in Annandale, on Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., from June 15 through August 3, 2024. For a complete concert schedule, visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/performance-search> If inclement weather is in the forecast, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to scheduled performances for cancellation updates.

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NEIGHBORHOOD YARDSALE

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Pre-register to be added to the map.

BLOCK PARTY

Join us in the Murray Ln. Cul de sac for our first ever block party!

SAT
08

1-7PM

BURGERS/DOGS/ BREWS

Bring a side or dessert to share!

RSVP HERE

Bouncy House and other kid-friendly activities to enjoy! Use the QR to RSVP!



**FREE FOR
MEMBERS**

**NEW NEIGHBORS CAN JOIN AT THE
EVENT**

2023 SLEEPY HOLLOW WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Dues pay for the maintenance of the three entrances and more!
If you do not want your information published in the directory, please indicate this on the form.

**Please return your annual dues of \$30
AND THIS FORM with any changes to:**

- 1) By Mail: SHWCA P.O. Box 384, Annandale, VA 22003
- 2) In Person Drop-Off: June 8th, at the SHW Block Party (Murray Ln. Cul-de-sac)
- 3) Payment via Zelle*: SHWPayments@gmail.com

*With Zelle payment, indicate your house number and street name in the memo field and follow-up by mailing or dropping off the form

If you need a receipt, cut along this line and keep the top portion

Last Name: _____

First Names: _____

Address: _____

Children (name and year born): _____

Year you moved into the "Woods": _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Required to receive important email updates)

Indicate Payment Type:

Cash ___ Check # _____ Zelle* to SHWPayments@gmail.com _____

*Indicate your house number and street name in the memo field

Adults providing services on a volunteer basis and/or youth services that you or your family members would like to offer the community can be listed in the directory for free. **Services offered by Adults for a fee can be listed for \$5.00.** Please list them below.

Service description:	Offered by:

We need volunteers for our committees and to help with special events.
If you or one of your family members would be interested in helping, please let us know by checking an item below.

Block Captain _____ Neighborhood Watch (1 hour per month) _____ Officer _____
Membership Directory _____ Newsletter and Website _____ Social Events _____

Please Welcome our incoming SHWCA Executive Committee (ExCOM) Members for the 2024-2025

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Summer 2024

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Xavier McCaig, 1st Vice President. Hello! I'm Xavier McCaig, 1st Vice President of the SHWCA. My wife, Claire, and I moved to the neighborhood a bit less than a year ago with our two corgis. We love how peaceful and green the neighborhood is, and especially love seeing the gorgeous azaleas and rhododendrons during our walks. I look forward to helping the neighborhood continue to strengthen our sense of community - please feel free to reach out any time!

John Gilmore, 2nd Vice President. I moved into Sleepy Hollow Woods just over a decade ago. I really enjoy speaking with the residents of the neighborhood and I like the natural aspects of the area. The paths through the forest are unique to this area and the mature trees are majestic; not every neighborhood has that! My goal with the civic association is to contribute whenever I can and where I am needed.

John Vasilakos, Treasurer. John and Donna moved into the Woods in the Fall of 1984. We love the close knit community here, the relative calm of the neighborhood and the proximity to many cultural and social centers. John volunteered to take over as Treasurer as a way to support our community.

Selby Redman, Co-Secretary. My husband and I moved to Sleepy Hollow in 2019. I love the walkability and the mature flowers and trees in the neighborhood. I am hopeful that during this year, the community association is able to build more connectiveness in the neighborhood. Sleepy Hollow has over 400 homes and we've had a lot of new families move in. I'm looking forward to meeting everyone.

Carey Alford, Co-Secretary. I grew up in Sleepy Hollow Woods, and absolutely love the neighborhood. I purchased my home in 2018, but grew up 3 houses away where my dad still lives. I hope to help grow participation in the neighborhood civic association and get to know more of the neighbors.

Chelsea Bigos, Social Co-Chair. My husband, daughter, pup, and I moved into the neighborhood in December 2022. I love how welcomed we've felt since moving here! It's a wonderful neighborhood to stay active and meet other families. I would like to continue the social events that have been successful over the years and also introduce new ones. I'm hoping we can continue to build our neighborly relationships while having some fun!

Megan Zarick, Social Co-Chair. I've been a resident of SHW since 2018. My family and I have loved living here amongst warm and friendly neighbors. Everyone knows our home for the azalea wall on the corner of our lot, and you can usually find us gardening with our two loud dogs. I'm looking forward to expanding our social offerings and getting to know more of you!

Drew Sarracino, Membership Chair. I live in the cul de sac on Sprucedale Dr with my wife Nikki, our daughter Tala, our dogs Rocco & Sonny, and our cat Charlie. We moved here in 2022 just before Tala was born, and it's been an absolute dream. We are so grateful for the community. We look forward to raising our family here, and becoming more involved.

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SHWCA OFFICERS (2024-2025)

Daniel Letchev.....President
Xavier McCaig.....1st Vice President
John Gilmore.....2nd Vice President
John Vasilakos.....Treasurer
Selby Redman/Carey Alford.....Secretary
Steve Zarick.....Past President
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Jim Councilor.....Covenants
Kim Grutzik.....Directory
Renee Greenwell.....Hospitality
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Koczanski/Rosenfeld.....Website
Don Johnson.....Neighborhood Watch
Daniel Letchev.....Sleepynet
Chelsea Bigos/Megan Zarick.....Social
Drew Sarracino.....Membership Chair

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(@SHW_CA)

Like to write? Have something you want to share with the community?

Comments, articles, and letters are welcome. Please contact Tim Koczanski for the deadline. Editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

Annandale Farmer's Market Every Thursday, 8 a.m. to Noon at Mason District Park

Fairfax County operates 10 farmer's markets across the county under the Fairfax County Park Authority. Its mission is to provide residents access to locally grown products and create market opportunities for area farmers and food producers. These markets are strictly producer-only, meaning that all of the farmers and producers may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch. The county encourages vendors to use local ingredients in the creation of their products as much as possible. Market farmers

and producers come from within a 125-mile radius of Fairfax County. As such, we're very lucky to have a farmers market in our own back yard. Mason District has its own Farmer's Market in Annandale, at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike and it runs every Thursday, from 8am to Noon. For a complete schedule of Farmer's Markets hosted by the Fairfax County Park Authority, call 703-642-0128; TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

SHW Community Notes

SleepyNet –SleepyNet, SHWCA's email distribution list, is one of the best ways to get information on community happenings as well as notifications. If you are not currently receiving Sleepynet emails and would like to receive them, please send an email to shwcivicassoc@gmail.com to get added.

Green Spring Gardens Family Fun - Native Bee Hotel - Saturday, June 1, 2024 1:00 p.m. Learn about our native bees and why they are so important before going on a walk through the gardens to see them in action. See how many different bee species you can find at Green Spring Gardens. Make your very own bee hotel to take home to your garden that will attract native solitary bees, which are small and gentle bees that rarely sting. All attendees, including parents, must be registered for the program., 4063 Green Spring Rd. Alexandria, VA 22312 (more information available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring/native-bee-hotel/060124>)

Did you know? There is an easy option for unloading your unwanted items via Fairfax County Special Trash Pick-Up. County residents are allowed five collections per fiscal year (July 1 -June 30) as part of your annual trash service. The County website has guidelines for what is permitted and how to prepare for pick-up. Go to <https://specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov> or call (703) 802-3322, TTY 771 to schedule a brush, bulk, metal or refrigerant (coolant) collection.

Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



Kim Grutzik 703.851.3942
Your Neighborhood Expert!

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	Beds	Baths	DOM
CLS	6830 Murray Ln	Split Level	\$ 605,000	\$ 628,000	0	1/12/2024	4	2.5	7
CLS	6808 Murray Ln	Bi-Level	\$ 900,000	\$ 850,000	0	3/15/2024	4	3.5	29
ACT	3715 Forest Grove Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 899,990				5	2.5	8
CLS	6748 Fern Ln	Rambler	\$ 850,000	\$ 959,000		5/21/2021	3	3	5
ACT	3923 Forest Grove Dr	Split Level	\$ 1,195,000				5	4	54
ACT	6800 Capstan	Rambler	\$ 890,000				5	4	28

Data is for the last 180 days. Source: Bright MLS. Information believed to be accurate but should not be relied upon without verification. Information obtained is not exclusive listings of the agent. If your property is currently listed with a broker, this is not intended to be a solicitation of that listing.



Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA)

The Civic Association is a successful and worthwhile activity. If you are not a member, please join! If you are a member, come to the meetings, meet your neighbors, volunteer a little time, and help make Sleepy Hollow Woods an even better place to live.

The Civic Association is a volunteer organization. It was established to protect and benefit the residents of Sleepy Hollow Woods. For a small annual fee, residents can join the association. The association prints an annual directory of members and additionally provides a wealth of other useful information. In order to help defray the cost of publishing the directory, advertisements in the directory are accepted.

Our main functions: Represent the community in various Fairfax County related matters; Publish and distribute the annual directory; Sponsor various community and social activities; Coordinate and provide information to residents through newsletters and other means; Maintain the entrances and sponsor neighborhood improvement projects; Provide a forum for discussion of local issues; Sponsor the Neighborhood Watch Program; and Encourage compliance with the covenant.