



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Greetings  
Neighbors,



Happy Holidays! The temperature is dropping along with the leaves and the decorations are starting to appear. Maybe you noticed there was a lot of activity in the neighborhood recently as "Decorate a Vet" was busy bringing Christmas spirit to the home of a deserving veteran. Speaking of decorating, SHWCA is once again sponsoring the holiday decorations contest. An anonymous group of unbiased judges will be scouring the neighborhood in the evening sometime after next weekend (after December 15th) to find the winning displays. More information on the contest can be found in this issue of the Lamplighter in the article entitled **Deck the Halls and Your House Too**. Winners will be announced via Sleepynet, and on the community website. Don't forget to bookmark [www.sleepyhollowwoods.org](http://www.sleepyhollowwoods.org), if you haven't already done so.

In other news, Mason District-Supervisor Penny Gross, will attend our next community meeting, and will discuss what's

happening district and county-wide. There will be an opportunity for community members to bring up questions and concerns to Supervisor Gross.. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in St. Alban's Parish Hall, 6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Va. Doors open at 7 pm for a short reception, and the meeting will follow beginning at 7:30 PM. This is a great opportunity to have your voice heard by our elected official; please plan to attend. On behalf of the SHWCA Executive Committee, I wish everyone a joyous Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you around the Woods in the New Year.

**Charles Becker**  
SHWCA President

## Volunteers Needed for Top Committee Positions

Do you have the knack for entertaining? Are you the type that likes to organize and lead? Or do you prefer offering assistance but not overseeing a project? Are you more social or business minded? Whatever your talents might be, there are always opportunities to get involved with the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA). As we get closer to the New Year, why not make volunteering in the

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association one of your New Year's resolutions? We currently have openings for the following committees: Social/Hospitality, Communications, Neighborhood Watch, and Membership. To discuss participating on committees, or how to run for a leadership position on the SHWCA ExCom, contact Charles Becker at [beckerc58703@yahoo.com](mailto:beckerc58703@yahoo.com).

## Recycling Update—Glass Recycling and the Purple Can Club

Due to a change in Fairfax County policy, glass is no longer collected curbside as a recyclable material from recycle bins. The county is urging residents to either reuse glass containers or include glass in bagged household trash. Broken glass that is packaged carefully in a rigid container and labeled "GLASS" may be set out with trash (next to the trash bin) for disposal.

There is however, a way you can still recycle glass in Fairfax County, and that's by joining the Purple Can Club. Purple Cans have been strategically placed throughout the county and serve as dropoff points for glass recyclables. Our own Mason District Government Center has one of these Purple Cans, where you can take and recycle your glass.

Glass in these cans is collected weekly, crushed, and used in a variety of county projects. For more information on the Purple Cans or information regarding glass recycling, please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass), or call 703-324-5230; TTY 711.

## 7 Tips to Prevent Package Theft this Holiday Season

There are lots of online sales everywhere you look and we've all been clicking away to have holiday gifts sent to our homes. Unfortunately, every year our Police Department receives reports of stolen mail packages from around the county at apartments, townhomes and single family homes. Here are important safety tips to help ensure you receive everything you order this holiday season:

**#1: Signatures** -Require a signature upon delivery. If you can't be home, consider sending your item to a friend's home, if they can be available to sign.

**#2: Workplace Delivery**-Have the item delivered to your workplace.

**#3: Pick Up Packages**-Some vendors now have package pick-up locations; you have to go there to get your item but it is securely stored. Select in-store pickup versus shipping. You may save on shipping fees by picking up the item yourself! You also can have the package delivered or held at a carrier location, like a UPS or FedEx facility.

**#4: Track Deliveries**-Closely track your deliveries. Know exactly which day and around what time it'll arrive. Many carriers offer text and e-mail notifications.

**#5: High Tech Monitoring**- Use a wireless door monitor that allows you to see your porch. Many services include a wi-fi-enabled

camera and motion sensors so you can record video of any activity and speak remotely to visitors at your door

**#6: Provide Delivery Instructions**- Asking a driver to put your package in a more inconspicuous location around your home may reduce the likelihood of it being seen and stolen

**#7: Ask a Neighbor**-Keep an eye on your neighbor's home or ask a neighbor to watch for your deliveries. If you're acquainted enough, you could hold the package in your home; or notify your neighbor their package has arrived if you have their phone number or e-mail.

# *Seasons Greetings*

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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2019-2020)

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

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

Next SHWCA Meeting is  
January 22, 2020 at the  
St. Albans Parish Hall  
7:30 p.m.

## Deck the Halls and Your House Too!

As you search Christmas tree lots and visit the shopping malls looking for the perfect yuletide decorations this month, don't overlook the opportunity to help make Sleepy Hollow Woods a very festive-looking neighborhood through the holiday period. Again this year, the SHWCA will be sponsoring a contest for the most attractive outdoor decorations. An anonymous panel of judges comprised of SHWCA members appointed by our association's president will be cruising through the Woods some starlit night after December 15<sup>th</sup> to determine the winning displays. One criterion certainly will be creativity, others might be simplicity or subtlety, while yet another might be artistic

impression. The judges will also try not to select repeat winners, although the most outstanding displays definitely will not be ignored. In any case, consistent with our tradition, 1st place and 2nd place winners will be chosen, along with two honorable mention medalists. The prizes will be accordingly, gift certificates worth \$50, \$30, and (two) \$10.

Winners will be announced via Sleepynet before Christmas Eve. So, as the holiday spirit comes over you, let it be reflected in attractive exterior displays that will please your neighbors, our entire community, and, of course, our unbiased contest judges. Season's Greetings and Happy New Year to all!

## SHW News Briefs

**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 contact Beth Schreiner at bobeth@cox.net to get added.

**Lamplighter Newsletter**—Want to conserve paper and postage costs? please note that all issues of the newsletter are available on our community website ([www.sleepyhollowwoods.org](http://www.sleepyhollowwoods.org)). You can access current and past issues by clicking newsletter and clicking on current or past issues. If you are interested in receiving a link to the latest issue and **forgoing the paper copy**, please email [Tim.koczanski@gmail.com](mailto:Tim.koczanski@gmail.com) with "Lamplighter ecopy" in the Subject Line. You will no longer receive a mailed copy of the newsletter. Notifications with a link to the latest issue will be sent via Sleepynet when a new issue has been posted. Thanks for going green!

# Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



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We live in the Neighborhood

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
CLS	3809 Moss Dr	Split Level	\$610,000	\$610,000		25-Sep-19	3	3	8
CLS	6751 Fern Ln	Split Level	\$605,000	\$605,000		23-Sep-19	3	3	5
CLS	6723 Rosewood St	Split Level	\$688,000	\$688,000	\$550.00	25-Oct-19	4	3	3
PND	3927 Forest Grove Dr	Split Level	\$650,000			20-Dec-19	4	3	15

Data is for the  
Last 90 days

Source: Bright MLS. Information believed to be accurate but should not be relied upon without verification. Information obtained is not the exclusive listings of the agent. If your property is currently listed with a broker, this is not intended as 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.