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Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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A Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

First and foremost, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for helping make this year's membership drive a success. The membership drive—which is our only source of revenue for the association—helps defray many of the costs we incur over the course of the year. Items such as landscape and entry maintenance, the SHWCA Website, and the publication of our newsletter *The Lamplighter*, are all paid for from funds that are received through the annual membership drive. But what is even more impressive is the amount of people within our community who get involved each year to ensure the membership drive and directory is a success. From the block captains who go door to door, getting those membership forms, to your neighbors who go out and follow up with those homes the block captains were unable to reach, to the dedicated directory volunteers who sell the advertising space, collate, proofread, and edit all the information, and last but not least, coordinate with the printer to ensure the directory is delivered in



a timely manner, this is no small task. And whether you're a block captain, one of our follow-up volunteers, part of the group that worked the "back office" responsibilities, or like many of us, supported those roles by renewing your membership—we thank you! I am happy to report that the source document for the directory was delivered to the printer and the directories should hopefully be delivered in time for New Years. When you get your directory, take some time to familiarize yourself with it. Aside from the directory of names, also provided are helpful phone numbers for community services, our community covenants and bylaws, as well as service providers who work in the community and have paid to advertise – Next time you need work done around your home, don't forget to give our advertisers a shot at completing your next job! In closing, as December continues on, and the days get shorter, I hope you will all take the time to enjoy this holiday season with friends and family. On behalf of the SHWCA Executive Committee, we wish you a joyous Holiday Season and a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Tim Koczanski
SHWCA President

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Oktoberfest Bliss...



PHOTO BY TIM KOCZANSKI

Jim, Katrina, and Max Lake take a moment to pose for a picture at the SHWCA Oktoberfest

Holiday Decorations Contest is Back

DMV plans to move to Mason District

The Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles is planning to relocate its South Four Mile Run office to Barcroft Plaza in Mason District. The new DMV Customer Service Center (CSC) will provide DMV-related services, but also include other state government transactions: Virginia birth certificates; marriage, divorce, and death records; hunting and fishing licenses; boat titling and registration; EZ Pass purchases; and voter registration services.

The Barcroft Plaza shopping center is zoned C-6 (Community Retail Commercial District), which permits a number of commercial and retail uses, including public uses, by right. It is neither DMV's practice nor a state requirement to notify the public or local elected officials, and DMV does not hold public forums prior to relocating a customer service center. The landlord is responsible for ensuring that tenants fit the business use for the space under lease. Renovations of the space are underway, and DMV staff have indicated that the new center will open in late spring.

Although the Board of Supervisors has no role in the siting of state facilities, Supervisor Gross has expressed concern about ingress and egress at the new DMV facility, and she will meet with DMV officials in December to discuss access, parking, and way-finding for the new facility, and how DMV can address and mitigate those issues.

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 11 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!

A Big Round of Applause Please.....

We owe a debt of gratitude to our block captains who tirelessly knocked on your doors to collect annual membership dues for our civic association and information for publication in our directory. The effort would not have been possible without the help of the following dedicated volunteers: Lesli Bailey, Barbara Boots, Mike Brady, Joe Burrus, Ann Cartright, Phil Centini, Jim Councilor, Nancy Donahue, Skip Dye, Lucia Francisco, John Gilmore, Rebecca Harrigal, Kathye Hamilton, Karen Hedlund, Carol Irons, Madeline Lawson, Carl Novak, Liza Pringle, Paul Przedpelski, Tara Rethore, Susan Ronkainen Beth Schreiner, Dara Singh, Mary Stapchuck, Sally Storr, Anne-Marie Toure, George Utting, Donna Vasilakos and Flora Wack. Some folks are new, some are veterans,

but their help provides the glue that holds the civic association together. We are also very grateful for the help of Robert and Annie Lee for being block captain coordinators who distributed and collected all 33 packets from the block captains, to Paul Przedpelski for printing and distribution assistance, to Bob Schreiner for painstakingly proofreading drafts, to Tom Boots for obtaining company sponsors for advertising, to Beth Schreiner for her capable handling of banking duties, and to Lillie Tobash for coordinating the publishing. The 2016 directory will be distributed between Christmas and New Years. If any children are interested in assisting with the delivery, please contact Lillie Tobash at LillieTobash@yahoo.com or 703-642-9120.

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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 13, 2016 at the
Mason District
Government Center
7:30 p.m.

It's not too late to Volunteer.....

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 association one of your New Years Resolutions. To discuss participating on committees, or how to run for a leadership position on the SHWCA ExCom, contact Tim Koczanski at Tim.Koczanski@gmail.com or call 703-941-0815.

Special Thanks...

On behalf of the SHWCA Executive Committee, thanks to all of you who volunteered to help make the SHWCA Oktoberfest a success. A special thanks goes to: **John and Pat Ihnat, Jane Sell, Don and De Ette Johnson, Phil and Barry Centini, Lillie Tobash and Mike Knapp, Steve Hershner, Walter Schlapkohl, Jessica Wisniewski, Cynthia and Lawson Bader, Bill Baer, and John and Kim Grutzik.**

SHW News Briefs

SleepyNet –Sleepynet, SHWCA's Listserv 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.

Need Documents Notarized?

Notary Services are available in the office of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about what you need to bring, or to schedule an appointment with one of the two notaries, please call the office at 703-256-7717, or send an e-mail to mason@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Speaker Series to continue in 2016

Guest speakers have been lined up to address a variety of topics and will speak at our general membership meetings. For our March 9th meeting, representatives from the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization and the Fairfax County Planning and Zoning Division will discuss some of the zoning changes that have been approved in order to encourage redevelopment in Annandale, Seven Corners, and Baileys Crossroads. Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross will speak at our April 13th meeting, giving her perspectives on issues currently affecting the Mason District Community and Fairfax County at Large. Both meetings take place at the Mason District Government Center and begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report

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Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
ACTIVE	4001 MOSS DR	Rambler	\$579,700				4	3.5	1
ACTIVE	3904 MOSS DR	Split Level	\$2,600				4	3	21
ACTIVE	6712 FERN LN	Rambler	\$519,900				4	3	74
ACTIVE	6853 MURRAY LN	Bilevel	\$509,900				4	2.5	165
CNTG/NO KO	3725 IVYDALE DR	Rambler	\$490,000				4	3	37
CNTG/KO	3905 CHERRYWOOD LN	Split Level	\$560,000				3	3	75
SOLD	3711 MOSS DR	Split Level	\$544,900	\$517,500	\$9,000	4-Dec-15	4	2.5	45

Data is for the Last 30 days

Source: Metropolitan Regional Information System, Inc. Information believed to be accurate but should not be relied up on 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 resident 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.