



The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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A Message from the President

Greetings
Neighbors,

Well, it seems as though Fall has certainly flown by the past couple of weeks. Since our last newsletter, there have been several Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) events I wish to highlight. The SHWCA community meetings reconvened in September and November, and the 2017 Membership Drive is complete, and this year we had over 79% participation. Thank you to Lillie Tobash and all the block captains for a very successful Membership Drive! The membership drive provides revenue for many expenses and activities, including: our Neighborhood Watch Program, The Lamplighter newsletter, our yard sale and picnic, entrance maintenance, and social activities. Please look out for the 2018 Community Directory in the coming weeks.

Although this is a busy time of year, we certainly appreciate all those who supported and participated in the Fall Yard Sale and Oktoberfest. A special thank you to Charles and Debra Becker for preparing and cooking all of



the bratwursts – They were delicious!

The growing piles of leaves and shorter days are a daily reminder of one thing – Winter is coming. Although we can never predict what Mother Nature may bring, I hope you can enjoy the time leading into the New Year to share with friends and family. On behalf of the SHWCA Executive Committee and Officers, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Mike Wisniewski
SHWCA President

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Holiday Decorations Contest is Back

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

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A Big Round of Applause Please.....

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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!



PHOTO BY TIM KOCZANSKI

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: Alicia Abarca, Lesli Bailey, Barbara Boots, Mike Brady, Joe Burrus, Ann Cartright, Phil Centini, Jim Councilor, Nancy Donahue, Skip Dye, Christy Fase, Lucia Francisco, Laura Hinshaw, John Gilmore, , Kathye Hamilton, Courtenay Pekkala, Carol Irons, Madeline Lawson, Tara Rethore, Susan Ronkainen, Beth Schreiner, Dara Singh, Mary Stapchuck, Sally Storr, Kim Stephens, George Utting, Donna Vasilakos, Flora Wack, Raquel Wampouille and Jessica

Wisnewiski. 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 Patricia Petersky for being the block captain coordinator 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 2018 directory will be delivered to each home right before Christmas.

6 Tips to Prevent Holiday Package Theft

During the holiday season, the Fairfax County Police Department receives numerous reports of stolen mail packages from around the county at apartments, townhomes, and single family homes. Please consider the following safety tips to help ensure you receive all the online gifts and goodies 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, if permitted.

#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: 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.

#6: 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.

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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 10, 2018 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 Year's resolutions. To discuss participating on committees, or how to run for a leadership position on the SHWCA ExCom, contact Mike Wisniewski at mikewisniewski9@gmail.com or call 703-967-0096

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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.

SAVE THE DATE – Neighborhood Realtors Lillie Tobash and Kim Grutzik are sponsoring a 123 Junk Truck at 3908 Forest Grove Dr., on March 17, 2018, from 10 am to 1 pm. Residents can drop off items they no longer want or need, and 123 Junk will donate or recycle over 50% of the items dropped off. More details to follow in Sleepynet.

Passings – Long time Sleepy Hollow Woods resident Kent Rogers passed away suddenly on November 13, 2017. During her many years of living in the Woods, she was dedicated to serving the SHW community, serving as president and, along with husband Steve, producing the Lamplighter for many years. According to the family, a memorial service will be held in early January at the Little River United Church of Christ. More information will follow on Sleepynet.



Kent Rogers

VDOT is Ready for Snow this Winter – The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is ready for snow season with plow-tracking technology, expanded monitor program, and a one-stop shop for online resources that is available for residents to use. Visit www.virginiadot.org/novaemergency to access all of VDOT's online information resources, including important messages and updates, news releases, and links to the customer service center, 511, and vdotplows.org.

Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



Lillie Tobash & Kim Grutzik
Your Neighborhood Realtors



Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
ACTIVE	3704 Sprucedale Dr	Split Level	\$650,000			6	3.5	35
ACTIVE	3924 Forest Grove Dr	Rambler	\$618,500			4	3	36
ACTIVE	3712 Moss Dr	Split Level	\$2,595			4	2.5	39
ACTIVE	6814 Maplecrest Dr	Bilevel	\$595,000			4	2.5	48
ACTIVE	3809 Ivydale Dr	Rambler	\$575,000			4	3	53
ACTIVE	3705 Moss Dr	Rambler	\$599,000			4	2.5	84
CNTG/NO KO	3817 Forest Grove Dr	Bilevel	\$545,000		10-Jan-18	4	2.5	42
CNTG/NO KO	6711 Capstan Dr	Split Level	\$564,900		8-Dec-17	3	2.5	7
CONTRACT	6815 Murray Ln	Contemporary	\$625,000		4-Dec-17	5	4.5	79
SOLD	3908 Moss Dr	Split Level	\$500,000	\$450,000	20-Nov-17	3	2.5	27
SOLD	3811 Tall Oak Ct	Rancher	\$599,900	\$580,000	17-Nov-17	4	3	23
SOLD	6732 Fern Ln	Rambler	\$519,990	\$519,000	31-Oct-17	4	2.5	12
TEMPOFF	6821 Murray Ln	Rambler	\$589,000		29-Nov-17	4	3	35

Data is for the
Last 30 days

Source: Metropolitan Regional Information System, Inc. 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.