



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

Hello! My name is Steve Zarick. I am excited to introduce myself as the new president of SHWCA. My family moved to this neighborhood in the spring of 2018. My wife, Megan, and I have two children: Sawyer (8) and Molly (3). We have two energetic and playful dogs (Kuzy & Pepper) who love to greet everyone walking past our house on the corner of Sprucedale & Fern. Our house is easily identifiable this time of year because of the large azalea bush blooming on the corner where we often find neighbors stopping for a photo or just admiring the flowers. My family was drawn to Sleepy Hollow Woods because we could sense that this was a place to put down our roots and create a home. We wanted to live where we could know and trust our neighbors. Somewhere with a real sense of community. Spending the last few years "socially distanced" from each other has made that difficult. My primary goal in becoming involved with the civic association is to help restore that feeling of community and hopefully better connect those who have lived here for years with so many of our new neighbors who arrived when it was not easy to get out and meet new people.



There is an excellent opportunity coming up very soon for us to come together as a community. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 13th with the return of our annual picnic & yard sale. The association will provide advertising and signs for the yard sale. The picnic will follow at St Alban's beginning at 3PM. There will be games and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be covered at no cost to members. Please plan to bring a dish to share with your neighbors. It should be great time to see old friends and make new ones right here at Sleepy Hollow Woods.

This is all very new to me, and I am eager for input and support from others. If you are interested in helping out in any way or have any thoughts or input to share, please feel free to email me at [stevezarick82@gmail.com](mailto:stevezarick82@gmail.com). I hope you will consider volunteering and supporting SHWCA moving forward!

Steve Zarick  
SHWCA President

**SHW Annual  
Spring Picnic\***  
**Saturday, May 13, 2023**  
**3-7 p.m.**  
**St. Alban's Church**  
**6800 Columbia Pike**  
**\*see flier for more details**

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### It's Coming....

*clean out your closets,  
empty the attic, and  
hone your bartering skills*

*Are you ready?*

#yardsalereadiness

#shwyardsale2023



PHOTO: SHWCA Community Yard Sale will take place Saturday, May 13th from 8am -2pm

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## 2023 National Night Out

This year we recognize National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. 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 39 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, May 13th 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The SHW Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 8 am - 2 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 May 20th 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 13th and would like to be included on the Yard Sale Map, please email Mike Wisniewski at mikewisniewski9@gmail.com with your name, address, and list of items (please limit to 8 words or less). A Yard Sale Map will be emailed to those participating on Friday the 12th and each household participating can print copies to distribute to customers on the day of the sale.

## SHWCA Spring Picnic at St. Alban's Church, May 13th 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The Spring Picnic is also scheduled for Saturday May 13, 2023 from 3 pm - 7 pm and will be held at St. Alban's. Come out and meet your neighbors at this family friendly event! 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, moon bounces, and more. This is a lot of fun and all neighbors are welcome!

Please RSVP to <https://forms.gle/eWNad1LaWx4oS7wT9> 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 (setup begins at 2pm) or help cleanup after the picnic. More contact information see the flier in this newsletter for more information.

## 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 16 through Sunday, August 20, 2023 (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday morning children's concerts at 10 a.m., beginning June 17 to August 19). Enjoy in-person performances by artists, such as Tom Paxton and the Don Juans, performing on Sunday, June 18, and High Noon performing on Friday, July 7, 2023. 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 17 through August 19, 2023. For a complete concert schedule, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) performances after May 1, 2023. If inclement weather is in the forecast, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to scheduled performances for cancellation updates.

(Source: Mason District Newsletter 4/28/2023)



# SLEEPY HOLLOW WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO..

Join your neighbors in resuming two annual traditions! On Saturday, **May 13th**, the SHWCA will host a neighborhood **Yard Sale from 8 AM to 2 PM**. Following the yard sale will be the annual **picnic at St. Alban's from 3PM to 7PM**.

Please RSVP with the QR code. SHWCA will promote the Yard Sale with maps and advertisements for participating homes. Burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and fun for all ages will be provided at the picnic. We ask you to bring a side dish or dessert to share!

The picnic is open to registered 2023 members only. It's not too late to join! The \$30 per household dues can be paid at the picnic via cash or check.

Questions? Email [stevezarick82@gmail.com](mailto:stevezarick82@gmail.com)





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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2023-2024)

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## FOLLOW US



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Follow us on twitter  
(@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.

**SHWCA MEETING ST  
 ALBAN'S PARISH HALL  
 July 27th, 2023  
 7:30 pm -9:00 pm  
 Meet & Greet  
 7 pm-7:30pm**

## Annandale Farmers Market begins May 4th at Mason District Park

Fairfax County operates 10 farmers 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 Farmers 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets).

*(Source: Mason District Newsletter 4/28/2023)*

## 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 contact Beth Schreiner at [bobeth@cox.net](mailto:bobeth@cox.net) to get added.

**Lamplighters Needed** -Ever pass by the lantern entrances and notice that gas lamps are not lit? There are a couple of us in the community that tend to the lamps when they go out, however we could always use a hand (and a light). If you are interested in helping to keep the lamps lit and learning what's involved, please contact Tim Koczanski ([tkoczanski@gmail.com](mailto:tkoczanski@gmail.com))

**Spring Garden Day Plant Sale** - Green Spring Gardens will host its annual spring sale which will include annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. As in year's past, there will be local garden vendors, free gardening advice, a food truck, bake sale, book sale, tool sharpening (for a fee), and gardening tips from local vendors and master gardeners. This event will take place on May 20, 2023, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., 4063 Green Spring Rd. Alexandria, VA 22312 (more information available at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring))

**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



Falls Church 703.533.1500

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Your Neighborhood Expert!

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	Beds	Baths	DOM
CLS	3811 Ivydale Drive	Rambler	\$ 659,900	\$ 611,500	\$ 2,500	2/8/2023	4	2.5	43
CLS	3814 Ivydale Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 720,000	\$ 710,000	\$ 16,700	1/31/2023	4	2.5	31
PND	6808 Fern Ln	Split Level	\$ 729,000				3	2.5	3
PND	3903 Forest Grove Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 735,000				4	2.5	21
CLS	3802 Moss Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 699,900	\$ 735,000		3/24/2023	4	2.5	3
CLS	3915 Forest Grove Dr	Split Level	\$ 749,900	\$ 780,000		3/9/2023	4	2.5	3
CLS	4002 Moss Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 769,000	\$ 800,000		4/14/2023	4	3	5
T/O	3913 Oak Hill Dr	Split Level	\$ 975,000				5	3	19

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.