



The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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A Message from the President

Greetings
Neighbors,



Spring has sprung and the neighborhood is alive. So many people are out and about enjoying the wonderful Sleepy Hollow Woods. It is also the beginning of a new cycle for the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) and as incoming President, I sincerely thank Mike Wisniewski for his dedication as President the past two years. I also thank the former members of the Executive Committee (EXCOM): Todd Moulder (2nd Vice President), Beth Schreiner (Treasurer), and Jason Flynn/Debra Becker (Secretary). Thank you for your service to our wonderful neighborhood. Beth will stay on as Treasurer and no one is better for this job. Debra continues the role as Secretary. Finally, please give a warm welcome to our newest EXCOM member, Patricia Petersky, 1st Vice President. Exciting things are happening in the neighborhood. You may have noticed over the past year that several houses have been renovated, "For Sale" signs have gone up, and many new families have moved into our quiet haven inside the Beltway.

Please welcome our new residents this summer and invite them to community events. The EXCOM is also looking into new low/no-cost social activities to bring our neighbors together, and although SHWCA meetings and activities are winding down for the summer, they aren't over yet. It's time for our Spring Yard Sale and Picnic! Festivities kick off Saturday May 18th, 2019 with the Yard Sale from 8am-2pm (rain date 5/25) and the Picnic (rain or shine) beginning at 3pm in the St. Alban's Parish Hall. I hope to see many of you at the picnic and at our community meetings in the fall. More information is available on the SHWCA website and distributed via the Sleepynet, so make sure to bookmark www.sleepyhollowwoods.org. Also, don't forget to like and share our Facebook page, Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association. Enjoy the Spring and Summer in one of the best neighborhoods in Northern Virginia and I hope to see you around the Woods!

Charles Becker
SHWCA President

It's Coming....

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

Are you ready?

#yardsalereadiness #shwyardsale2019

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Lillie Tobash and Kim Grutzik pose for a photo in front of the 123 Junk Truck on March 16th- See story page 2

National Night Out

This year we recognize National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. 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 35 years ago as a way to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and to generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime 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.

SHWCA Fills Junk Truck Again!

Thank you to all the neighbors that took advantage of the recent 123 Junk Day Truck, sponsored by Lillie Tobash & Kim Grutzik. Neighbors, once again, came out in full force and the truck filled up very quickly. Those who participated enjoyed snacks and neighborly fun while enjoying the beautiful Saturday morning. If you missed the truck, 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 bulk collection.

Wine and Cheese Social a Smashing Success

Over 70 of our Sleepy Hollow Woods neighbors and friends gathered on Friday, April 12th for the Annual Wine and Cheese Social, at St. Alban's Church. The event—which was a smashing success—is our community's annual kick off to the spring/summer season. The event featured pairings of wine and cheese from all around the world. This year's cheese selections included: a Goat Gouda from Holland, a Tilsiter from Germany, a creamy St. Auger from France, and a Pecorina from Italy, just to name a few. Some of the white wines sampled included: a Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand, a Reisling from Australia, and a Chenin Blanc from South Africa. Some of the red wines sampled included: a Susumaniello from Italy, a Colossal Reserva from Portugal, a Zinfandel from California, and a Crianza from Spain.

BIG THANKS to Bob and Beth Schreiner for organizing such a great event.



PHOTO BY TIM KOZANSKI

A view from behind the table at this year's Wine and Cheese Social, held, Friday, April 12th.

SHW Annual Spring Picnic

Please RSVP to the Evite or Sleepynet message
Saturday, May 18, 2019 3-7 p.m.
St. Alban's Church
6800 Columbia Pike
Please bring a dish to share

Postal Carrier Comes to the Rescue

By Todd Moulder

Mr. Achiel Raweens, of Fern Lane, is most appreciative for the help he received from his mail-carrier Bernard. In March, Mr. Raweens had fallen going into his front door and couldn't get back up, even though his daughter was trying to help him. Bernard, who must have heard the commotion and seen the situation, immediately came to Mr. Raweens assistance in helping him up and taking him into the house. Fortunately, Mr. Raweens was not injured and just very thankful for the help and quick action of Bernard, who was impressively responsive and kind.

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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 Lillie Tobash for the deadline. Editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

Next SHWCA Meeting is
September 25, 2019 at
the Mason District
Government Center
7:30 p.m.

SHW Community Yard Sale Set for Saturday, May 18th 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The annual Sleepy Hollow Woods Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 18th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The civic association will advertise the yard sale in the Washington Post, Nextdoor.com, Yardsales.net, and on the community Facebook Page. If you plan to hold a yard sale on the 18th and want your home included on

this year's Yard Sale Map, please email mikewisniewski9@gmail.com with the following information: your name, address, and email. A Yard Sale Map will be emailed to those participating on May 17th. Each household may then print copies of the map for distribution to customers and neighbors. Happy Selling!

SHWCA Spring Picnic at St. Alban's Church, May 18th, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Come out and meet your neighbors at the Sleepy Hollow Woods Spring Picnic. 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! 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!

It takes a lot of energy to throw a party for 377 households! Please step up to help before, during, and after the picnic, email Charles Becker at becker58703@yahoo.com

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.

The Centinis leave for Green Springs – The SHWCA executive committee would like to commemorate Phil (Philippa) and Barry Centini for nearly 30 years of community involvement within Sleepy Hollow Woods. Phil and Barry recently moved away, but were extremely active in the neighborhood: serving as the welcoming committee, maintaining the neighborhood event signs, supporting the membership drive, and Barry even served as the civic association President in 1994-1995. We sincerely thank the Centinis for their past support and wish them well in their next chapter - you are missed!

Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



Lillie Tobash 703.625.4675
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We live in the Neighborhood



Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Close Date	DR	BA	DOM
Active	3/15 Moss Dr	Ranch/Rambler	\$619,900			3	3	31
Active	6718 Columbia Pike	Bi-Level	\$594,900			4	3	48
Closed	3717 Forest Grove Dr	Contemporary	\$674,900	\$700,000	21-Mar-19	4	3	7
Closed	6724 Fern Ln	Ranch/Rambler	\$645,000	\$645,000	25-Mar-19	4	3	5
Closed	6740 Fern Ln	Split Level	\$625,000	\$665,000	15-Apr-19	3	2.5	29
Pending	3907 Moss Dr	Ranch/Rambler	\$599,990		29-Apr-19	3	2.5	53

Data as for the
1st 90 days

Source: Trulia, MLS. Information believed to be accurate, but obtained from public sources without verification. All terms are defined as per the exclusive listings of the agent. If your property is currently listed with a broker, this report intended as a reference only, not a listing.



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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.