



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Greetings  
Neighbors,

As my presidential tenure comes to a close, I would like to first commemorate the 60 years of the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA). Beginning in 1959, SHWCA has played a vital community role serving the 377 households in our neighborhood. Thank you to all former (and future) officers and residents who have helped build and sustain this valuable and enduring association!



ways catch up with old friends and we always encourage our new neighbors to attend. As with all events, we certainly appreciate volunteers and neighborhood participation to help make these events successful!

**Mike Wisniewski**  
**SHWCA President**

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wednesday March 6th**  
**7:30 p.m. Mason District**  
**Government Center**  
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As spring approaches, we look forward to several annual SHWCA events as reprieve from winter. The annual Wine and Cheese Social, hosted by Bob and Beth Schreiner, is scheduled for Friday, April 12th. You will find more information in this Lamplighter and available via the Sleepynet email list and our website - <https://www.sleepyhollowwoods.org>. Also, mark your calendars for the Neighborhood Yard Sale and Spring Picnic scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. These upcoming events are great

## Picking Up Dog Waste: Scoop the Poop

Pet owners who violate the County's pooper scooper law may incur a fine up to \$250. Unfortunately, since 1999 not one summons was issued for such violations. That means the only deterrents to leaving pet waste on the ground may be our individual conscience and societal mores. Pet waste left on the grass or in the woods makes its way to storm drains every time it rains. Storm drains lead to lakes or streams that ultimately lead to the Occoquan Reservoir and the Potomac Rivers, our drinking water supply. Pet waste may carry disease-causing organisms, which

make water unsafe for swimming and more costly to treat for drinking. Dog waste on the ground is ugly and messy. It pollutes our environment even if it is hidden in the bushes, under leaves or in the woods. Please pick up after your pets. Our health may depend on it.

**WHAT SHOULD FAIRFAX COUNTY RESIDENTS DO WITH ANIMAL WASTE?**  
*Scoop it up and bag it with the rest of your household garbage.*

*Source: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/dog-waste-scoop-poop>*

## SHW'S Wine & Cheese Social: Preview and Review

By Bob Schreiner

It's getting close to that time of year that I enjoy so much and plan for nearly an entire year: SHW's annual Wine & Cheese Social. The 2019 event will take place on April 12, a Friday evening, in St. Alban's Frizzell Hall. This article, perhaps a bit early, is written for three audiences: first, for the many new neighbors who have moved into "the Woods" over the past two years; second, for those SHW residents who enjoy wine and cheese but who have been unable to attend in the past; and third, for the 50-60 neighbors who year after year have patronized the social and enjoyed fine wine and exotic cheeses with Beth and me. To the newcomers, including long-time residents who haven't attended the social in the past: for many years the SHW Civic Association scheduled a social event in the spring. Usually, it was a dinner evening in a local restaurant. However, attendance at these restaurant outings started to wane. Wine appreciation and collection had been my hobby for almost 50 years, and Beth and I had hosted private wine and cheese parties for many years. Those loose credentials emboldened us sufficiently to volunteer to host a SHW wine and cheese party as an experiment. The SHW Civic Association gave us the go-ahead to host that first party, held in 2011. It obviously was a success, since we are now planning the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual SHW Wine and Cheese Social in April. Each year, we serve 7-9 different

wines, usually evenly divided between white and red. One wine always is a "bubbly" and one is a dessert wine. For those who do not drink wine, we always offer either sparkling or still apple cider, which is nearly as perfect a cheese partner as is wine. Our large serving tables also include baskets of crackers and bread, as well as plates of fresh fruit and a large bowl of wine-matching chocolates. All that should be enticing enough for you to mark, now, April 12 on your calendar for a very enjoyable and tasty social evening with your old and new Woods' neighbors. To our loyal returning attendees: we hope to see you again and, as always, thank you in advance for your help in setting up before and cleaning up after the social. I thought you might enjoy reminiscing a bit before the April 12 evening. Over the past eight years, you and we have enjoyed more than 60 different wines from 15 countries. Yes, France, Italy, the United States, and Spain have been represented often, but so have New Zealand, Australia, Greece, and Hungary and several other wine-producing nations in between. From the States, we've tasted marvelous wines from nearly every famous district in California, but also some delicious offerings from locations in Washington, Oregon, New York, and Virginia. As for cheeses—from mild to strong, soft to hard, creamy white to veiny blue—representatives from England, Ireland, Wales, France, Switzerland, Italy,

Germany, Holland, Austria, Spain, and Greece have adorned our cheeseboards. We do not overlook our domestic products, with artisanal cheeses from Wisconsin, California, New York, Virginia, Oregon, and Vermont represented every year. In total, we have served more than 40 various cheeses during the socials, some of the greatest and most popular more than once.

I feel obliged to emphasize that the \$15-per person fee for the event has not changed over the years. Equally notable is the fact that the event is totally funded by the attendance fees, with no cost to our Civic Association. In fact, most years have resulted in a slight profit, which goes to the Civic Association. So, once again, I urge you to save the date of April 12 and join us for what has proven to be a delightful and rewarding experience. Cheers, *Prost*, and *Bon Appetit!*

### SAVE THE DATE

SHW's annual Wine & Cheese Social will take place on Friday, April 12, 2019, beginning at 7pm, in St. Alban's Frizzell Hall.

The cost to attend this event is \$15 per person, and will be collected at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring friends, however please note, this is an adult only event. More details will be sent via Sleepynet as we get closer to the April date!

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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2018-2019)

Mike Wisniewski.....President  
 Charles Becker.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
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 Beth Schreiner.....Treasurer  
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 Koczanski/Suziedelis-Bogle.....Website  
 Don Johnson.....Neighborhood Watch  
 Beth Schreiner.....Sleepynet  
 Open.....Social

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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.

**APRIL MEETING/ELECTION**  
**Wednesday April 17th,**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Mason District Government Center**

## Sleepy Hollow Road Walkway Project

The Sleepy Hollow Road Walkway Project is a county-funded pedestrian project that will provide a continuous walkway from Columbia Pike to Leesburg Pike. The project includes upgrades to crossing locations and completion of missing walkway segments near Dearborn Drive, Valley Brook Drive, Malbrook Drive, and from Marlo Drive to Aspen Lane. The revised project plan is expected to be complete by early February 2019, and it incorporates

comments received from the public resulting in adjustments to some sidewalk and buffer sections, travel lane and parking lane widths, and removal of two retaining walls to preserve trees. A public information meeting will be scheduled in the coming months to present the revised project plan. For project updates, visit the website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/sleepy-hollow-walkway](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/sleepy-hollow-walkway), or contact the design team at 703-877-5745.

*Source: Mason Matters Newsletter*

## How to Dispose of Unused/Expired Medications

The Fairfax County Police Department has **NEW Prescription Medication Drug Take Back Boxes at its eight district stations** throughout Fairfax County, adding to the 12 other sites currently available in the county. Look for the big green box in the stations' lobbies. Guidance for the safe disposal of medicines is available at the Health Department's website [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/drug-disposal). Questions? Contact the Police Department's Property and Evidence Section, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 703-246-2786. Additional information and collection boxes statewide also can be found at <https://knowrx.org/>.

*Source: Mason Matters Newsletter*

## 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](mailto: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 16, 2019, from 10 - 11 am. Residents can drop off items they no longer want or need that can be recycled and 123 Junk will donate the items that are dropped off. Bulk trash items will not be accepted at this event. More details to follow in Sleepynet.

**AARP Tax Help to** -AARP volunteers are providing free tax assistance through Monday, April 15, 2019. AARP volunteers provide walk-in service on Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information about AARP Tax-Aide, visit [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide), or call 1-888-227-7669.

# 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
Active	3907 Moss	Raised Ranch/Rambler	\$610,000				3	2.5	13
Closed	3907 Forest Grove	Traditional	\$3,100	\$3,100		21-Feb-19	5	2.5	15
Closed	6720 Rosewood	Split Level	\$2,999	\$2,975		14-Feb-19	3	2.5	13
Closed	3906 Ivydale	Split Level	\$575,000	\$585,000		11-Feb-19	3	3	25
Expired	3906 Ivydale	Traditional	\$599,999			1-Feb-19	4	3	50
Pending	3717 Forest Grove	Contemporary	\$674,900			19-Mar-19	4	3	7
Pending	6724 Fern	Ranch/Rambler	\$645,000			25-Mar-19	4	3	21

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.