



The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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A Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

As the summer starts to come to a close, it is time to shift our focus to the fall. The civic association is very excited to be resuming a popular event from the past with our Oktoberfest party set for September 23rd. This is an event for adults to gather for beer, bratwursts, and socializing. More details will be coming soon but we hope to see many of you there.



The changing season also means the start of our annual Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association membership drive. We will soon be reaching out to all residents to either renew or join the civic association for 2024. The SHWCA is a volunteer organization, not an HOA, open to both owners and renters in the Sleepy Hollow Woods neighborhood. We rely on your support of only \$30 annually to maintain common areas and entrances, create the neighborhood directory, and provide community and social events like our annual picnic.

The pandemic took a major toll on participation in the civic association, but we are rebuilding and excited to welcome so many new neighbors who have moved here over the last

few years. As the membership grows, we can begin looking at new opportunities to host events and provide special opportunities to our members. Input and feedback from every neighbor are encouraged as we look forward to what we can do in 2024.

We depend on more than just the financial support. Volunteers are needed to operate the civic association and everything we do. The membership drive is where we can use the most help to ensure our entire neighborhood is included. If you can help by providing any amount of your time, please contact me directly at stevezarick82@gmail.com.

Steve Zarick
SHWCA President

SHWCA Membership Drive Begins September 1st

The annual membership drive for the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) will be underway soon. Our block captains, your fellow "Woods" neighbors, will be stopping by with a form with information to be published in our directory. When the block captains knock on your door, please review your information for accuracy. If they have left the form in your door, review and return to your block captain with the \$30 in dues.

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Paying your membership dues 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 for adults and children. For those of you who have been members in the past, we thank you for your continued support. For those just joining us, we welcome you!

Changes May be coming to County Leaf Collection

Vacuum leaf service will be provided through the upcoming 2023-2024 season; however, Fairfax County Dept of Public Works is proposing to discontinue service permanently after this winter. The agency reported that vacuum leaf collection has negatively impacted its ability to deliver core trash, recycling and yard waste collection services. After last years leaf collection, the agency produced an after action report, which described the root causes of service delays during the 2022-2023 winter season and provided information that supports its proposed service removal. The Board of Supervisors will decide the future of the service at a public hearing November 21st. For more information or to review the after action report, please go to <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/future-leaf-collection>

SHW Oktoberfest Celebration, Saturday, September 23rd 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Alle Willkommen

Munich comes to Sleepy Hollow Woods with the Oktoberfest Celebration-one of the Woods' most popular and highly attended events. The world's greatest celebration of beer, music, and autumn will take place on Saturday, September 23th, from 5pm - 9pm at St. Alban's Frizzell Hall. SHWCA will provide the brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, and beer and wine. There will be music and dancing for adults and activities for kids. The cost is \$10 per individual,

and \$20 per couple/family—please bring a side dish to share! It takes a lot of energy to throw a party for 377 households! Please step up to help before, during, and after the event. Email Steve Zarick at stevezarick82@gmail.com to assist.

SHWCA Oktoberfest Celebration
Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023
Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Place: St. Alban's Church, 6800 Columbia Pike

Fall is Membership Season

Don't Forget to pay your Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) Dues

ExCOM Discusses Plans to Go Solar for Moss Drive Entrance Lanterns

At its July 27th Meeting, the SHWCA ExCOM discussed changing the Moss Dr. entrance lanterns from natural gas to solar in the 2024 term. The lanterns, which were renovated in the early 1990's, had been shut off for many years prior due to an uptick in vandalism in the area, which included damage to the lanterns. Conditions changed and the ExCOM allocated money to repair and renovate the entrances and relight the lanterns. The current motion has been a topic of conversation as the Moss Dr. Lanterns are more susceptible outages due to wind and need to be relit almost on a weekly basis. The current motion was brought forward to discuss the condition of the Moss Dr. lanterns and to review possible alternatives. Solar lanterns at Moss Dr. would provide some cost savings to the civic association, as the cost of natural gas has been increasing over the last several years, and that trend is anticipated continue into the near future. As a pilot, the ExCOM feels changing the Moss entrance lanterns to solar will net a savings to the association of 50% per year in the associations gas bill. The lamps will look similar to the existing lanterns and the internal bulbs will flicker to give the illusion of flame. Over the next several months, the ExCOM will be putting together specifications and requirements and reviewing costs to replace the existing lamps. The lamps have been currently shut off by Washington Gas due to work done to the gas line at the intersection of Moss Dr. and Columbia Pike at the end of August. There are no plans to similarly replace the Fern Lane lanterns.

SLEEPY HOLLOW WOODS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Dues pay for the maintenance of the three entrances and more!
If you do not want your information published in the directory, please indicate this on the form.

Please return your annual dues of \$30 AND THIS FORM with any changes to:

- 1) By Mail: SHWCA P.O. Box 384, Annandale, VA 22003
- 2) In Person Drop-Off: 6722 Rosewood Street, Annandale
- 3) Payment via Zelle*: SHWPayments@gmail.com

*With Zelle payment, indicate your house number and street name in the memo field and follow-up by mailing or dropping off the form

**Please turn in your form and dues payment not later than October.
15, 2023**

Checks should be made payable to SHWCA

If you need a receipt, cut along this line and keep the top portion

Last Name: _____

First Names: _____

Address: _____

Children (name and year born): _____

Year you moved into the "Woods": _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ (Required to receive important email updates)

Indicate Payment Type:

Cash _____ Check # _____ Zelle* to SHWPayments@gmail.com _____

*Indicate your house number and street name in the memo field

Adults providing services on a volunteer basis and/or youth services that you or your family members would like to offer the community can be listed in the directory for free. **Services offered by Adults for a fee can be listed for \$5.00.** Please list them below.

Service description: _____

Offered by: _____

We need volunteers for our committees and to help with special events.

If you or one of your family members would be interested in helping, please let us know by checking an item below.

Block Captain _____ Neighborhood Watch (1 hour per month) _____ Officer _____

Membership Directory _____ Newsletter and Website _____ Social Events _____

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SHWCA OFFICERS (2023-2024)

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Follow us on X (formally
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.

Annandale Farmers Market runs through November 2nd 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.

(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 Steve Zarick at stevezarick82@gmail.com to get added.

George Mason Regional Library Semi-Annual Book Sale! — The Friends of the George Mason Regional Library will host the popular, semi-annual book sale from **Thursday, October 19 through Sunday, October 22, 2023**, from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily. The book sale will be held at the library located at 7001 Little River Turnpike in Annandale, and it will feature a wide variety of high-quality used books, CDs, and DVDs in various categories. For more information, visit <https://georgemasonfriends.blogspot.com/> or call 703-813-6616. *(Source: Mason District News and Updates 9/6/2023)*

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.

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	Beds	Baths	DOM
CLS	3802 Moss Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 699,900	\$ 735,000		3/24/2023	4	2.5	3
CLS	4002 Moss Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 769,000	\$ 800,000		4/14/2023	4	3	5
CLS	6808 Fern Ln	Split Level	\$ 729,000	\$ 782,500		5/5/2023	3	2.5	3
CLS	3903 Forest Grove Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 735,000	\$ 730,000		5/17/2023	4	2.5	21
CLS	6710 Capstan Dr	Rambler	\$ 779,888	\$ 735,000		6/13/2023	4	3	27
CLS	6810 Murray Ln	Bi-Level	\$ 789,000	\$ 759,000		6/13/2023	4	2.5	6
CLS	3907 Forest Grove Dr	Bi-Level	\$ 774,000	\$ 774,000		6/29/2023	5	2.5	4
CLS	3725 Ivydale Dr	Rambler	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,005,000		8/31/2023	4	3	4

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.