



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

Hard to believe that a year has passed! New officers for the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



Executive Committee (EXCOM) were elected by unanimous vote at the April 13th General Membership Meeting. For the 2016-2017 term, the EXCOM will remain generally in place with the exception of the secretary position, which is now vacant. Anyone with interest in serving as secretary, please contact any one of the EXCOM Members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob Breitbeil, Mike Wisniewski, Beth Schreiner, and Scott Smith for their service on the EXCOM. We are truly fortunate to have such a dedicated group overseeing our community! On behalf of the EXCOM, I would also like to thank the following people for their service throughout the year: Barry and Phil Centini (Hospitality), Lillie Tobash (Directory, Lamplighter), Robert and Annie Lee (Directory Captains), Don Johnson (Neighborhood Watch), Tom Boots (Directory Advertisements), Jim Councilor (Covenants), Lou

Wack (Archivist), Paul Przedpelski (Webmaster), Nancy Donohue and John Schofield (Audit), Sally Storr and Jim Ihnat (Ad hoc Nominating Committee), and the members of the SHW Garden Club (Holiday Display Contest). Special thanks also goes to our block captains for their work with the membership drive, because without their hard work and dedication, our civic association would not be able to do the things we do! Finally, I would like to give a big thank you to all the members of our community who participated in the membership drive and became members and participated and helped with all our events. Active participation in the community benefits all of us and continues to make Sleepy Hollow Woods one of the best places to live in Northern Virginia. Enjoy the Spring and Summer and see you around the Woods!

Tim Koczanski  
SHWCA President

**SHW Annual Spring Picnic**  
Please RSVP to the Evite or Sleepynet message  
Saturday, May 21, 2016  
3-7 p.m.  
St. Alban's Church  
6800 Columbia Pike  
Please bring a dish to share

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### It's Coming....

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

*Are you ready?*

*#yardsalereadiness #shwyardsale2016*



PHOTO BY TIM KOCZANSKI

*Mason District Supervisor Gross addresses SHW Residents at the SHWCA General Membership Meeting April 13th.*

## Annual National Night Out

This year we recognize National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. 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 32 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.

## SHW Spring Picnic at St. Alban's Church, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## SHW Community Yard Sale Set for Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The annual Sleepy Hollow Woods Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> and want your home included on this year's Yard Sale Map, please email [mikewisniewski9@gmail.com](mailto:mikewisniewski9@gmail.com) with the following information: your name, address, and email.

A Yard Sale Map will be emailed to those participating on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Each household may then print copies of the map for distribution to customers and neighbors. Some tips to ensure a successful sale are listed in the paragraphs below.

**Clean out your closets:** Anything that is useless to you or you don't want-put in the sale. Have plenty of change on hand both in coins and dollar bills.

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

**Display your wares attractively:** String up a clothes line to display any clothing you may have. Set up card tables or ping-pong tables to display small merchandise. Be sure they are clean, usable, and priced temptingly. Take advantage of the space under the tables if you need more display room. You will be amazed how many buyers spot the smallest item under the table. Colorful table covers draw a lot of attention to your items.

**Pricing:** People are looking for bargains. Don't disappoint them. You will save yourself a lot of time answering questions if you show a price on all merchandise. Use a heavy black felt marking pen for lettering.

**Be Ready!** Be ready to meet any customer as soon as the paper hits the street (some may come before the sale and before you even get ready to start the day.)

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. Call Tim Koczanski at 703-941-0815 or email him at [tkoczanski@gmail.com](mailto:tkoczanski@gmail.com)

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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2016-2017)

Tim Koczanski.....President  
Mike Wisniewski.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bob Breitbeil.....2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Beth Schreiner.....Treasurer  
Vacant.....Secretary  
Jim Stepka.....Past President  
Tom Boots.....Advertising  
Lou Wack.....Archivist  
Jim Councilor.....Covenants  
Tobash/Lee.....Directory  
Barry & Phil Centini.....Hospitality  
Tobash/Koczanski.....Lamplighter  
Paul Przedpelski.....SHW Website  
Don Johnson.....Neighborhood Watch  
Beth Schreiner.....Sleepynet  
Open.....Social

## FOLLOW US



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(@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 7, 2016 at the  
Mason District  
Government Center  
7:30 p.m.

## Wine and Cheese Social Brings Out Thirsty Residents

About 50 of our Sleepy Hollow Woods neighbors and friends gathered on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 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 blue cheese from France, a cows milk cheese from the United States, a Gouda from Holland, and a Cheddar from Ireland. White wines sampled included: a Pinot Gris from Oregon, an Albarino from Spain, and a Viognier from Virginia.

Red wines included a Shiraz from Australia, Tempranillo from Spain, a Cabernet Sauvignon from Chile and Petit Sirah from California just to name a few. BIG THANKS to Bob and Beth Schreiner for organizing such a great event.



PHOTO BY TIM KOZANSKI

*SHW Wine Experts Bob and Beth Schreiner at the SHW Wine and Cheese Social*

## SHW News Briefs

**SleepyNet**—Sleepynet, SHWCA's Listserv 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.

**Fairfax County Farmers Markets Open in Early May**—The Fairfax County Farmers Markets operate 11 farmers markets across Fairfax County, under the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Annandale Farmers Market opens the first week of May and is held on Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike.

**Spring Garden Day Plant Sale, May 14, 2016, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Green Spring Gardens, Green Spring Rd.

**Annandale Hospital Bed Race, May 14, 2016, 10 a.m.-noon.** This event is hosted by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce, and will take place in the Magill's parking lot, 7201 Little River Turnpike.

## Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report

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Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
Act	3712 Moss Dr	Colonial	\$549,900				4	2.5	72
Act	3910 Oak Hill Dr	Colonial	\$649,000				4	2.5	6
Cnko	3807 Ivydale Dr	Rambler	\$575,000			12-May-16	4	3	4

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.