



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Hello Neighbors, I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of some of the terrific weather. As incoming Sleepy Hollow



Woods Civic Association President, I want to first give a heartfelt thank you to Tim Koczanski for serving as President the past two years. Among his many contributions, Tim organized several SHWCA events including the picnic and Oktoberfest, contributed to the Lamplighter newsletter, and recently revamped our community website "www.sleepyhollowwoods.org" - Thank you, Tim! I'd also like to thank the 2016-2017 members of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) - Beth Schreiner and Bob Breitbeil. Beth will remain as Treasurer, but I'm pleased to welcome three new members - Charles Becker (1st Vice President), Todd Moulder (2nd Vice President) and Jason Flynn (Secretary). Thank you for your service!

Reflecting on the past few years, it's no surprise there have been a tremendous number of new families moving into the neighborhood. As relatively new residents ourselves (my wife Jessica and I moved to Sleepy

Hollow Woods only four years ago), we were drawn to the quiet, quaint neighborhood as an ideal place to raise our two little ones. We have truly enjoyed our time here. For the past three years, I have served as a Vice President, organized the yard sales, and supported the summer picnic. During this time, the EXCOM has worked to increase participation at the SHWCA meetings and social events. I want to continue these efforts and encourage many of our new residents to become involved with our community meetings and events. These activities have been a great opportunity to meet new friends, learn about the neighborhood, and enjoy some great food and drinks. More information of these community activities and the calendar of events can be found at our website and will be distributed via sleepynet. If we all pitch in, no one has to do it all!

Mike Wisniewski  
SHWCA President

### SHW Annual Spring Picnic

Please RSVP to the Evite or Sleepynet message  
Saturday, May 13, 2017 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 #shwyardsale2017



PHOTO BY TIM KOCZANSKI

*Incoming SHWCA EXCOM- from L to R: Mike Wisniewski (President), Jason Flynn (Secretary), Beth Schreiner (Treasurer), and Charles Becker (1st Vice President). Not pictured Todd Moulder (2nd Vice President).*

## Annual National Night Out

This year we recognize National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. 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 33 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 Spring Picnic at St. Alban's Church, May 13<sup>th</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 13<sup>st</sup> 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The annual Sleepy Hollow Woods Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 2 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 13<sup>th</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 12<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! Hamburgers, hot dogs, 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. Email Mike Wisniewski at [mikewisniewski9@gmail.com](mailto:mikewisniewski9@gmail.com).

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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2017-2018)

Mike Wisniewski.....	President
Charles Becker.....	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Todd Moulder.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Beth Schreiner.....	Treasurer
Jason Flynn.....	Secretary
Tim Koczanski.....	Past President
Tom Boots.....	Advertising
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Jim Councilor.....	Covenants
Tobash/Lee.....	Directory
Barry & Phil Centini.....	Hospitality
Tobash/Koczanski.....	Lamplighter
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.

Next SHWCA Meeting is  
September 13, 2017 at  
the Mason District  
Government Center  
7:30 p.m.

## Residents Pour into St. Alban's for Wine and Cheese Social

About 60 of our Sleepy Hollow Woods neighbors and friends gathered on Friday, April 21<sup>st</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 sheep cheese (Etorki), and a dessert cheese from France, a cows milk cheese (Challerhocker) from Switzerland, a blue cheese from England, and goat cheese from Holland. White wines sampled included: a sparkling wine from Italy, and still wines

from France, South Africa, and Italy. Red wines included a Cotes du Rhone from France, a dry red from Portugal, a "Super Tuscan" from Italy, a powerful Zinfandel from California, and delicious Tawny Port from Portugal. Two cheeses were specifically chosen to match cider for the non-wine drinkers. BIG THANKS to Bob and Beth Schreiner for organizing such a great event.



PHOTO BY TIM KOZANSKI  
*The view from behind the tasting table at the 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.

**Passings**- Margaret "Maggie" Bloom of 3710 Moss Dr. passed away March 27, 2016 after fighting a valiant battle with cancer. For 15 years, Maggie and her daughter Holly lived in Sleepy Hollow Woods, moving to the neighborhood from Lake Barcroft. It was in Sleepy Hollow Woods where Maggie developed her passion for landscaping, and took great pride in her home and yard. She sincerely appreciated when neighbors would complement her on her beautiful yard and choice of plants and shrubs. An advocate for the community, Maggie enjoyed living in the "The Woods," and was active in the neighborhood, participating in association meetings and the annual garden show. She enjoyed taking walks in the community, visiting with neighbors and friends, and enjoyed the attractiveness of the area. Forever missed and fondly remembered, she is survived by her daughters Holly Bloom, Michelle Ponsart (Charles), and grandchildren, Chip and Beth Ponsart.

## Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report

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Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
Act	4005 Moss Dr	Colonial	\$645,000			4	2.5	3
Act	6838 Murray Ln	Bilevel	\$559,000			4	2.5	64
Sold	3902 Forest Grove Dr	Rambler	\$589,000	\$595,000	17-Apr-17	3	3	0
Sold	3915 Oak Hill Dr	Colonial	\$635,000	\$625,000	31-Mar-17	4	2.5	82
Wdrn	3811 Tall Oak Ct	Rambler	\$450,000		17-May-16	4	3	18
Rntd	3910 Forest Grove Dr	Rambler	\$2,400	\$2,300	23-Jul-20	4	3	39
Rntd	3721 Ivydale Dr	Split Level	\$2,500	\$2,600	12-Apr-17	4	3	16
CS	6743 Fern Ln	Split Level	\$599,000			3	2.5	0

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 resident 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.