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Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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A Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

Welcome to Spring! Our next meeting is on March 30th and will feature Mason District Supervisor, Penny Gross as our guest speaker. This is a great opportunity to hear about what is happening in the District, ask questions or express concerns. The meeting will begin at 7:30PM. I'm also happy to announce that we will be holding several social events this spring. The first event is our Wine and Cheese Social. This event takes place on Friday, April 14th, from 7 PM to 9 PM in the St. Albans Parish Hall. It's always a fun event and chance to try some great wine and cheese pairings (adults only, \$15 per person). On April 20th, we will hold our last meeting before we break for the summer. We will be holding elections for the Executive Committee candidates. If you are interested in being a part of the body that keeps our association and the neighborhood running, note that multiple positions are available, see the article on page 2 for more information. Lastly, mark your calendars now for our Community Yard Sale and Picnic May 13th. The Association will provide advertising and signs for



the neighborhood yard sale, and will provide the burgers, dogs, and drinks for the picnic (there's no charge and it's a great time to meet your fellow neighbors). In years past, we've had games and bounce houses for the kids, as well as other festive treats. The picnic takes place after the yard sale and is held at St. Alban's. More information will follow in the coming weeks in SleepyNet and on the Community Facebook Page. One last note, if you currently aren't a member, it's never too late to join—The small fee of \$30 per household annually makes a big impact. The association depends on the volunteer spirit and support of our neighbors—please consider joining and get involved!

Charles Becker
SHWCA President

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Annandale Featured in the WETA TV Series *If You Lived Here* By Kim Grutzik

The popular WETA series, "If You Lived Here," focuses on exploring neighborhoods and residential properties throughout the greater DC area as well as the *history, culture, notable places and flavor of that location*.* A recent episode featured Annandale! The show highlights what residents already know, that Annandale is conveniently located, has lots of great neighborhoods and many delicious restaurants and unique shops. The episode begins at The

Block, a popular Asian Food Hall and Bar, that is walkable from Sleepy Hollow Woods. The episode ends with a close look at Collector's World, a unique gathering and event space for fans of many types of collectibles and memorabilia. Please check out Season 3, Episode 9, of "If You Lived Here," (www.WETA.org) to learn more about your home, Annandale!

*excerpt from www.weta.org/watch/shows/if-you-lived-here

2023 Membership Drive Complete

Fall is often the busiest time on the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) calendar and it cannot be accomplished without the help of many contributors. Thank you to the extraordinary effort of our membership coordinators and all block captains for another completed Membership Drive! This year's membership remained steady to last year's collection, but lower than pre-pandemic levels. Within SHWCA there are 377 homes. Over the last several years we've been able to collect from approximately 220 homes, and while we're able to run the civic association and keep the gas lanterns lit, bear in mind costs continue to rise, so monies received through membership ensure the association can meet its minimal expenses. If you haven't contributed to the association, please consider it (it's only \$30 per year, which goes a long way in supporting our community). For more information on supporting the association, please contact Kim Grutzik at: <actiondalegal98@gmail.com>. Remember, membership is open to both renters and home owners alike, and by joining, you help in keeping Sleepy Hollow Woods one of the most desirable communities in all of Northern Virginia. (Directories are in process for final publication. Please keep an eye out for the 2023 Community Directory, which will be delivered in the coming weeks)

Hey Neighbor, Can You Spare Some Time?

While we haven't had elections due to the pandemic, the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) will hold elections this year to replace several positions on the Executive Committee (ExCOM) which will be vacated in April. This is a great opportunity for neighbors—those new to the "Woods" as well as those who have been here for a while—to get involved in the community. Several of us who have served on past ExCOMs stand ready to assist incoming members on getting oriented on running matters of the civic association. We invite those interested in becoming involved on the SHWCA ExCOM to reach out to President Charles Becker with interest no later than March 28th, 2023 and plan to attend the March 30th Meeting. We hope to have a candidate slate to be nominated at the March 30 meeting, which will be held at St. Albans Parish Hall located at 6800 Columbia Pike. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm, though there will be a meet and greet with refreshments provided beginning at 7 pm. The positions currently up for reelection are: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary. Per SHWCA bylaws, "nominations shall be made from the floor at the March Meeting" with the formal election being held at the April meeting. Once votes have been tallied, the newly elected officers will take office immediately and begin to determine priorities for the upcoming year. To be eligible to become an officer, the nominee must be a member in good standing (a member of the association who is current on dues) at the time of the nomination. Over the years, SHWCA and its dedicated residents have supported the civic association and its community events. Much of the work of the ExCOM is to plan for those community events, conduct outreach as necessary, and work with: the membership committee in expanding participation; the treasurer in developing the annual budget; community leaders on issues that affect our neighborhood; and planning and attending 5 meetings over the course of the year to report on the state of the association. If you have expressed interest via past membership forms, we will be reaching out. If you are interested and have not expressed interest on the membership form, please send an email to President Charles Becker at **beckerc58703@yahoo.com** detailing your interest. We look forward to seeing everyone at the March 30 Meeting!

**Supervisor Gross will be Guest Speaker
at the March 30th SHWCA Meeting
St. Alban's Parish Hall**

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SHWCA OFFICERS (2021-2022)

Charles Becker.....President
 Vacant.....1st Vice President
 Vacant.....2nd Vice President
 Beth Schreiner.....Treasurer
 Debra Becker.....Secretary
 Mike Wisniewski.....Past President
 Jessica Wisniewski.....Advertising
 Mike Wisniewski.....Archivist
 Jim Councilor.....Covenant
 Kim Grutzik.....Directory
 Renee Greenwell.....Hospitality
 Lukas/Rosenfeld/Koczanski.....Lamplighter
 Koczanski/Rosenfeld.....Website
 Don Johnson.....Neighborhood Watch
 Beth Schreiner.....Sleepynet
 Vacant.....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 Tim Koczanski for the deadline. Editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

**SHWCA MEETING ST
ALBAN'S PARISH HALL
MARCH 30, 2023
7:30 pm -9:00 pm
Meet & Greet
7 pm-7:30pm**

Wine and Cheese Social date set for Friday, April 14th 7pm-9pm at St. Alban's

Save the date all wine and cheese lovers. SHW will hold its annual Wine & Cheese Social in St. Alban's Frizzel Hall. The Sleepy Hollow Woods Community has come together for this event for over a decade (though we had a slight 3-year hiatus due to the pandemic). At the April 2020 event, we had nearly 70 attendees enjoying nine exotic wines and eight international cheeses. Let's make this year's social event the kick-off to many more for the community to enjoy! This year, we send a special welcome to the many new residents of Sleepy Hollow Woods. This is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow neighbors in a very convivial atmosphere. If you are a wine aficionado or even a connoisseur, you will not be disappointed in the varieties and quality of the wine offerings. If you have little knowledge of wine or only a basic appreciation, this is a wonderful opportunity to discover new taste sensations and learn about wine and cheese pairings. Per tradition, apple cider will be available for those who do not drink wine. In Europe, cider is a popular and excellent partner with cheeses. As implied above, plates of fresh fruit, baskets of bread and crackers, and a large bowl of wine matching chocolates will also please

your taste buds. So, whether you are new to our neighborhood or returning attendees, bring yourselves and your adult friends to this popular social event. We will need volunteers to help host this event, so accept our thanks in advance if you are able to assist in setting up before or cleaning up after the event. If you are new to Sleepy Hollow Woods, please note this is an adults-only event and the \$15-per-person fee has not changed over the years. I'm sure many of you are aware how much a single glass of (even ordinary) wine costs in any local restaurant, as well as how expensive cheeses are in our supermarkets and delicatessens. Our charge for this social is a rare bargain! It's also worthy of note that this event is totally funded by attendance fees, with no cost to our Civic Association. Some years have produced a slight profit, which goes directly into our Civic Association's account. Therefore, please mark April 14 on your calendars and plan to attend that evening for a tasty, pleasant, and rewarding experience. Invitations will be sent later via SleepyNet and Facebook Page, as well as a request for volunteers. Cheers and bon appetit!

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 Beth Schreiner at bobeth@cox.net to get added.

Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



Kim Grutzik 703.851.3942
Your Neighborhood Expert!

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	Beds	Baths	DOM
Pending	4002 Moss Dr	Bi-Level	\$769,000				4	3	5
Closed	3915 Forest Grove Dr	Split	\$749,900	\$ 780,000		3/9/2023	4	2 / 1	3
Pending	3802 Moss Dr	Bi-Level	\$699,900				4	2 / 1	2
Closed	3811 Ivydale Dr	Rambler	\$659,900	\$ 611,900		2/8/2023	4	2 / 1	43
Closed	3814 Ivydale Dr	Bi-Level	\$720,000	\$ 710,000	\$ 16,700	1/31/2023	4	2	31
Closed	3703 Sprucedale Dr	Rambler	\$659,000	\$ 644,000		11/3/2022	4	2 / 1	31
Closed	6715 Capstan Dr	Bi-Level	\$763,900	\$ 763,900			4	2 / 1	68
Closed	6721 Rosewood St	Bi-Level	\$824,900	\$ 789,900		11/2/2022	4	3	92
Closed	3915 Forest Grove Dr	Split Level	\$550,000	\$ 550,000		10/21/2022	4	2 / 1	3
Closed	3715 Ivydale Dr	Rambler	\$729,000	\$ 689,000		10/12/2022	5	3	32
Closed	3701 Ivydale Dr	Split Level	\$775,000	\$ 735,000	\$ 7,000	9/16/2022	4	2 / 1	76

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.