



The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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Greetings Neighbors,

It is starting to look and feel like spring here in Sleepy Hollow Woods. As the temperatures rise and flowers bloom, we look forward to some upcoming events in our neighborhood. Our next civic association meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th at the St. Albans Parish Hall. There will be a Meet & Greet beginning at 6:30 pm with the meeting following at 7:00pm. All residents are encouraged to attend. This is a very important meeting as we will be announcing nominees and holding a vote to fill leadership positions for 2024. It marks our first official in-person event since the BINGO Night held in March. There was a lot of positive feedback from the night, and we hope to do more in the future. Thank you very much to Chelsea Bigos, Megan Zarick, Patrick Myers, and everyone else who helped plan and execute the civic association's first ever BINGO night. Looking forward on the calendar, the annual picnic and community yard sale are quickly approaching. The yard sale is the perfect time to clear out clothes, toys, and household items you no longer need and to go treasure hunting for something special that speaks uniquely to you. The neighborhood picnic returned last year and proved to be a big hit with residents and kids. We look forward to again making this an annual tradition for



our residents. More information on those events will be coming soon from our social committee. You can always stay up to date by following the Facebook page or through our SleepyNet emails. Everything done by the civic association is made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers as well as the annual dues paid by each household. It is not too late to join and show your support. Each household pays \$30 annually and it really does make a big impact. Please let us know at shwcivassoc-@gmail.com if you want to join or if you know of a neighbor who we can reach out to for their support.

Steve Zarick
SHWCA President

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Committee Members Sought to Help Plan May Picnic and Yard Sale

Planning is currently underway for this year's annual Picnic and Community Yard Sale, and we are currently looking for volunteers to help plan both activities to ensure success. Both events are free to SHWCA Members and both the yard sale and picnic will occur on the same Saturday in May (TBD). The Yard Sale runs from 8 am to 12 noon and is advertised on Next Door, the Community Facebook Page, the Washington Post and Yardsales.net. The picnic, which is held later that afternoon at St. Albans, is a family friendly event. The picnic runs from 3 pm to 7 pm. We'll have Bounce houses, games and events for the children, and hot dogs and ham-

burgers, beer and soda are provided, and as is tradition, the Civic Association requests each family bring a side dish to share. In years past, the planning and execution of both the yard sale and picnic have fallen on the ExCOM. This year we are hoping to garner support from Association Members to assist. The more hands that help lift, the easier the job can be. If you can lend a hand, please attend the next SHWCA Meeting, on April 16th where the committee will be assembled and tasked to begin planning the event. If you can't make the meeting, Please email your interest to Steve Zarick at SHWCivAssoc@gmail.com.

Solar Lamps Installed at Moss Drive

As a result of the Moss Dr. Lanterns being susceptible to outages due to wind and needing to be relit on an almost weekly basis, the ExCOM at its July 27th Meeting, passed a motion to change out the gas lanterns with solar at the Moss Drive entrance. During the fall, the ExCOM went to work developing requirements and doing an analysis on lanterns which would work based on location and requirements set forth by the ExCOM. Many of you may have noticed as you passed through that entrance, that the lanterns had been turn off. About a month or so ago, new solar lanterns were installed, and the Moss entrance is once again shining bright! The cost to the Association was \$335 for the two lanterns, and the switch to solar will save the association approximately \$400 per year in gas costs for that entrance. The new lanterns needed no electrical wiring or gas line, and only need 6 hours of direct, unfiltered sunlight on the integrated solar panels produce a full charge to the lithium battery which is included. The bulbs have a ten year life span, and the bulbs create an abundance of light that is similar to the 360 light spread of a customary incandescent bulb. Unlike the previous gas lanterns, these solar lanterns remain off during the day and light from dusk till dawn when the battery pack is fully charged.

SHWCA Looking to Fill ExCOM and Committee Positions

The Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) will hold elections this year to vote for several positions on the Executive Committee (ExCOM) whose terms are coming to an end, as well as committee positions which will either be, or are already vacant. 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. At the April 16th Meeting, we will be voting for the following leadership positions: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We also have several committee positions available including: Social Committee Chair, Newsletter/ Communications, Membership/ Directory, and website. Pertaining to officers, SHWCA bylaws state, "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 Steve Zarick at SHWCivicAssoc@gmail.com detailing your interest. We look forward to seeing everyone at the April Meeting!

NEXT SHWCA MEETING APRIL 16, 2024
Meet & Greet 6:30 pm
Meeting 7:00 pm
ST. ALBANS PARISH HALL

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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.

Buy Local—Annandale Farmers Market Opens May 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: FairfaxCounty.gov)

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, April 18 through Sunday, April 21, 2024**, 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: [Georgemasonfriends.blogspot.com](https://georgemasonfriends.blogspot.com/))

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.

Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



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Your Neighborhood Expert!

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	Beds	Baths	DOM
CLS	6830 Murray Ln	Split Level	\$605,000	\$ 628,000		1/12/2024	4	2.5	7
CLS	3715 Forest Grove Dr	Bi-Level	\$700,000	\$ 675,000		11/14/2023	5	2.5	13
C/S	6714 Fern Ln	Rambler	\$850,000				3	3	
CLS	6808 Murray Lane	Bi-Level	\$900,000	\$ 850,000		3/15/2024	4	3.5	29
ACT	3923 Forest Grove Dr	Split Level	\$1,195,000				5	4	12

Data is for the last 180 days

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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.