



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



March 2017 VOL. 2, NO. 4

WWW.SLEEPYHOLLOWWOODS.ORG

## A Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

Hard to believe we are already here in March, and just as the flowers and trees were beginning to bloom, Mother Nature decided to play one last trick with our mid-March snow and extremely cold temperatures. While the snow is still on the ground as I write this message, the temps are a balmy 50 degrees, which means spring can't be all that far away. So, as we enter this period of longer days and warmer temps, keep in mind that the Association has much going on as we head into spring. Don't forget about our April General Membership Meeting, which will take place on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Mason District Government Center. This is an important meeting as this is when we elect our SHWCA Officers for the upcoming year. If you only make one SHWCA Meeting this year, please make an effort to make this one!



Our first community event for the spring is also just around the corner. The SHWCA Annual Wine and Cheese Social will take place April 21<sup>st</sup>, at St. Albans in the Parish Hall beginning at 7pm. This event is a community favorite. Come learn about wines from various regions and try cheese pairings as you spend the evening socializing with your neighbors. More information can be found on page two of this issue. Also, the dates for the SHWCA Yard Sale and Spring Picnic have been set. Both will take place on Saturday, May 13th. More information will be in the May Issue of the Lamplighter, which should be out at the end of April. Please plan to participate and see you around the Woods!

Tim Koczanski  
SHWCA President

## Columbia Pike up for Adoption

There is currently an opportunity to adopt the stretch of Columbia Pike between Gallows Road and Sleepy Hollow Road as part of *(Adoption Continued page 2)*

## Inside this Issue:

<i>Columbia Pike up for Adoption</i>	1
<i>Spring Wine and Cheese Social, April 21st</i>	2
<i>2017 Real Estate Assessments Available</i>	2
<i>Save the Date: Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens</i>	3
<i>Culmore Cleanup Scheduled for end of April</i>	3
<i>SHW News Briefs</i>	3
<i>The Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report</i>	4

Next SHWCA Meeting is  
April 12, 2017 at the  
Mason District Government  
Center  
7:30 p.m.

Check out our new website:  
[www.sleepyhollowwoods.org](http://www.sleepyhollowwoods.org)



## Spring Wine & Cheese Social, April 21st

*(Adoption Continued from page 1)*  
Virginia's Adopt a Highway Program. Longtime resident George Hyder presented a proposal at the March meeting seeking community interest in adopting the stretch of Columbia Pike that runs parallel to our community. In Mr. Hyder's assessment, there is an abundance of trash on Columbia Pike between Gallows and Sleepy Hollow Roads. There are several rules the community would have to follow if interested in "adopting" this section of Columbia Pike. The EXCOM is currently trying to gauge interest to see if the community would be interested in adopting the roadway. The commitment for this activity is two cleanups a year, for a total of three years. Supplies, including Clean Up Crew Signs, Orange Safety Vests, and Bags would be provided, and children 10 years and older may participate, however adult supervision is required for every six children. This may be a great opportunity for service projects as part of scouting, or just good community involvement. Please respond to the Sleepynet message if interested. Once we can gauge community interest, an informational meeting will be planned.

Remember to mark your calendars now for the Sleepy Hollow Woods Wine and Cheese Social. This event—which has become a Wood's favorite—will kick off on Friday, April 21, 2017, beginning at 7pm, at St. Alban's, in Frizzell Hall. Come celebrate the beginning of spring with many of your friends and neighbors while sipping wines from all around the world and enjoying cheese pairings to go with your wine. Selections of both wine and cheese vary, however in years past, wines from Italy, Portugal, France, and United States have been represented. Past cheese pairings have included stilton, chevre, cambozola, and vintage cheddars just to name a few. For anyone new to the

Woods, this is a great opportunity to unwind, learn about wines and various pairings, and meet your neighbors. You will also have the opportunity to take notes on what you liked and be able to ask our resident sommeliers any questions you might have. The cost to attend this event is \$15 per person, and will be collected at the door. This is a self-supporting event and each year money collected covers costs. Attendees are encouraged to bring friends, however please note that this is an adult only event. Look for the evite in order to RSVP. More details on the event will be sent via Sleepynet as we get closer to the April date.

## 2017 Real Estate Assessments Available

Countywide residential assessments are up an average of only 0.68 percent for 2017, with the average assessment for all homes at \$533,168. By comparison in 2016, the countywide average was \$527,648, with an average increase of 1.64 percent. More than 350,000 updated real estate assessments for 2017 are available online (and are being mailed to all property owners). Approximately 45 percent of residential property in the county increased in value during the past year due to equalization. Non-residential real estate values (commercial, industrial and rental apartments) increased 1.85 percent on average due to equalization.

Of the 353,695 taxable parcels in Fairfax County:

\*232,280 have an assessment change  
\*121,415 have no assessment change

Here's the breakdown of average home property assessments (averages are not necessarily indicative of individual properties or neighborhoods):

\*Countywide average for all homes \$533,168  
\*Single family-detached homes – \$639,468, up 1.10 percent  
\*Townhouse/duplex properties – \$398,166, up 1.37 percent  
\*Condominiums – \$260,617, down 0.32 percent

For additional information about real estate assessments and to view your assessment online, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/real-estate-assessments.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/real-estate-assessments.htm)

\*Source Mason District News

The Lamplighter is published by the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA)

## 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



Like us on Facebook  
([SleepyHollowWoods](#))



Follow us on twitter  
([@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  
April 12, 2017 at the  
Mason District  
Government Center  
7:30 p.m.

## Save the Date: Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens

The Big Plant Sale at Green Spring Gardens will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 40 local garden vendors descend on Green Spring Gardens with beautiful and unusual plants to fill your spring gardening needs. Growers and Master Gardeners are on hand to help with plant selections and gardening advice. FROGS members receive 10 percent off plants in the Garden Gate Plant Shop. Admission is free. For more information, call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, VA 22312 ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring))

\* Source Mason District News

## Culmore Cleanup Scheduled for end of April

Every year a spring and fall cleanup of the Culmore area in Falls Church is organized. The objective of the cleanup is simple - to rid the streets of litter and bring awareness to keeping the community clean. The spring 2017 Culmore Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to noon. Help out by cleaning up, picking up trash on cleanup day, and keeping our community clean all year long. For more information please visit Culmore Cleanup Day on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/culmorecleanupday](http://www.facebook.com/culmorecleanupday). You also may contact the Mason District Supervisor's office at 703-256-7717, or email: [mason@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mason@fairfaxcounty.gov)

\* Source Mason District News

## 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](mailto:bobeth@cox.net) to get added.

**Mason News and Updates** – If you would like to receive news and updates about Fairfax County services and events in Mason District, send an e-mail to [masonbosinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:masonbosinfo@fairfaxcounty.gov) to subscribe. To remove yourself from the Mason District Newsletter, send an e-mail and include unsubscribe in the subject line to remove your e-mail address from the subscription list.

### Need Documents Notarized?

Notary Services are available in the office of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about what you need to bring, or to schedule an appointment with one of the two notaries, please call the office at 703-256-7717, or send an e-mail to [mason@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:mason@fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report

Lillie Tobash, Realtor  
703.625.4675 LTobash@KW.com

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
Act	3721 Ivydale Dr	Split Level	\$2,500			4	3	3
Act	6838 Murray Ln	Split Level	\$574,845			4	2.5	28
Cnko	3902 Forest Grove Dr	Rambler	\$589,000		21-Apr-17	3	3	0
Cont	3915 Oak Hill Dr	Colonial	\$635,000		31-Mar-17	4	2.5	82
Cnko	3811 Tall Oak Ct	Rambler	\$450,000		17-May-17	4	3	18
Sold	6716 Lainey Ct	Rambler	\$505,000	\$510,000	3-Mar-17	4	3	7
Sold	3710 Moss Dr	Rambler	\$650,000	\$650,000	17-Feb-17	3	3.5	41
Rntd	3802 Ivydale Dr	Colonial	\$2,600	\$2,600	1-Mar-17	4	2.5	18
Rntd	3907 Moss Dr	Raised Rambler	\$2,500	\$2,600	22-Feb-17	3	2	86

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.