



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Hello Neighbors,

If you're like me, you are probably glad to see that winter is finally coming to a close. And like most of you, I am thrilled



to see the remnants of historic winter storm Jonas and our Presidents Day Storm, gone! 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. Please also don't forget our April General Membership Meeting, which will take place on April 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 7:30pm at the Mason District Government Center. This is an important meeting as this is when we elect our SHWCA Officers for the upcoming year. We will also have Mason District Supervisor, Penny Gross as our guest speaker at that meeting. Supervisor Gross will give her perspectives on issues currently affecting the Mason District Community and Fairfax County at large. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions regarding county budget, local redevelopment and schools, so please plan to attend. Our first community event this spring is the Annual Wine and Cheese Social. This event will take place April

15<sup>th</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 cheeseplings as you spend the evening socializing with your neighbors. Cost is \$15 per person and is collected at the door. Please look for the invite to RSVP. Looking unto May, the dates have also been set for our Community Yard Sale and Spring Picnic. The date for this event is Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, with the Yard Sale kicking off at 8AM. Like last year, the Yard Sale will be advertised in the Washington Post, our Facebook page, and on NextDoor.com. The Community Picnic will happen later that afternoon up at St. Albans, so plan to keep the 21<sup>st</sup> free. More about the Yard Sale and Picnic will be in next month's issue of the Lamplighter. And last but not least, the SHWCA Executive Committee (EXCOM) is looking for someone to serve as Secretary. The position—which was recently vacated—will require about 5 hours per a year. Our EXCOM should be fully staffed, so if you can spare an hour, 5 times in the upcoming year, please contact me directly at 703-941-0815 or Tim.Koczanski@gmail.com. As you can see, with so much going on, spring will most probably fly right by!

Tim Koczanski  
SHWCA President

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## Snowzilla Memories



PHOTO BY BOB COONS

*Steve Hershner of Lainey Ct, helping clear after the January 23rd historic storm.*

## **Wine & Cheese Social Date Set for April 15th**

### **New County Noise Ordinance Takes Effect**

There's a new noise ordinance on the books that will silence things like loud late night parties and early morning leaf blowing. The regulations—which became law on Feb. 17, 2016— replaces the previous noise ordinance, along with interim rules passed while a more comprehensive set was crafted. While the code is new, the regulation of noise isn't. Fairfax County has had similar rules in place before, but they had to be rewritten as a result of a Virginia Supreme Court decision. The rules also follow the principle that noise should be limited at night but allowed during the day. The new noise law also sets maximum decibel levels for residential, mixed use, commercial and industrial areas. Some noises are excluded from regulation, including generators used in emergencies, snow removal, cars on the road, Metro trains and police or fire sirens. To enforce the law, the county may seek civil and criminal penalties against violators, as well as court orders to prohibit current and future noise. Civil penalties start at \$250, rising to \$500 for subsequent offenses. Criminal convictions would be a misdemeanor. To find out what the law prohibits, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-noise-ordinance-passed/>

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 15, 2016, 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.

### **SHW Entrances at Fern Ln. and Moss Dr. to get Facelift in 2016**

The brick and lantern entrances at both Moss Dr. and Fern Ln. will get a facelift late spring or early summer. The entrances—which have not had work done for about two decades—will get a new coat of white paint on the brick, and black paint on the Sleepy Hollow Woods lettering. In addition to the painting, the contractor will assess the brick and mortar at each entrance, and any brick repointing that needs to be done in order to keep the solid integrity of the entrances, will be taken care of prior to any painting being done. The updated paint and brick repair will give the entrances a nice clean look for decades to come. While brick is generally maintenance free, at periodic intervals work needs to

commence to ensure joints and the brick itself are solid. The money being used to cover this expenditure will come from the SHWCA General Fund, which is supported by the yearly membership/directory drive. The fund is used to cover such costs as the gas bill for the lanterns, the costs from any lantern repair, and landscape and maintenance of the entrances year round. The additional expense was voted on at the March 9th General Membership Meeting and unanimously approved. The contract should be awarded in the late spring and work should take no more than a couple of weeks to complete.

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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2015-2016)

Tim Koczanski.....President  
Bob Breitbeil.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
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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  
April 13, 2016 at the  
Mason District  
Government Center  
7:30 p.m.

## Dinosaur Egg Hunt

Stomp over to Hidden Oaks Nature Center to enjoy a dinosaur-themed program and outdoor egg hunt. Visit “dinoland” in Nature Playce and make a dino craft. Special sessions for children age two to three will be held on March 25 from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:45 a.m. Egg hunts for children age two to eight will be held on March 25 at 1:30, 2:45, and 4 p.m.; on March 26 at 12:15, 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m.; and on March 27 at 1:30, 2:45 and 4 p.m. All programs last 45 minutes. The cost is \$7 per child. Hunts will be canceled if it rains. Call 703-941-1065. You can register for this event at <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov> and scroll to Hidden Oaks in the location box.

## SHW News Briefs

**Looking for Local Community News?** The Annandale Blog was created to promote dialogue about issues and events that affect the residents of Annandale, Va. – everything from community revitalization projects to new business openings. Since its inception, the Blog has expanded coverage to Seven Corners, Bailey’s Crossroads, and other areas in Mason District. The Annandale blog is managed by Ellie Ashford, a longtime Annandale resident, who believes Annandale could be totally transformed over the next few years and hopes the Blogsite will encourage local residents to become more engaged in community issues. [www.annandaleblog.com](http://www.annandaleblog.com)

**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.

### 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.

## Healthy Strides Community 5K & 10K Event

Register for the Healthy Strides 5K or 10K and enjoy a scenic run on the beautiful grounds of Burke Lake Park. Take home a commemorative race tech t-shirt, virtual race gift bag and giveaways. You’ll also qualify for special raffle prizes and top racer awards in each age group. The cost to register is \$35 through April 6 and \$40 from April 7 through April 19, space permitting. The run begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/take12/healthy-strides.htm>.

## Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report

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Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	BR	BA	DOM
ACTIVE	4001 MOSS DR	Rambler	\$579,700				4	3.5	1
ACTIVE	3904 MOSS DR	Split Level	\$2,600				4	3	21
ACTIVE	6712 FERN LN	Rambler	\$519,900				4	3	74
ACTIVE	6853 MURRAY LN	Bilevel	\$509,900				4	2.5	165
CNTG/NO KO	3725 IVYDALE DR	Rambler	\$490,000				4	3	37
CNTG/KO	3905 CHERRYWOOD LN	Split Level	\$560,000				3	3	75
SOLD	3711 MOSS DR	Split Level	\$544,900	\$517,500	\$9,000	4-Dec-15	4	2.5	45

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.

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## 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.