



The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



March 2020 VOL. 5, NO. 4

WWW.SLEEPYHOLLOWWOODS.ORG

A Message from the President

Greetings
Neighbors,



It's the middle of winter, but Spring is right around the corner. So far, the weather has been mild, and I expect we'll see early blooms before our next community meeting on March 26th. Our guest speaker will be Officer Eduardo J. Azcarate, Fairfax County Police Crime Prevention Specialist, and his presentation will focus on criminal activity trends and scams affecting our community. He'll also offer detailed information about how we can better protect ourselves and remain safe. A question and answer session will follow his presentation. While I'm talking about safety and security, I'd also like to give a shout out to our Neighborhood Watch Program! This year marks the 30th Anniversary of the Sleepy Hollow Woods Neighborhood Watch Program. During this meeting, the ExCOM and Officer Azcarate will recognize our neighborhood watch members for their years of service volunteering in helping keep our community safe. Don't forget, this meeting is on a Thursday evening—at our new location in the Parish Hall in St. Albans— so please mark your calendars now, and plan to at-

tend! At our last meeting, Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, addressed the community, discussing some of the projects and activities underway in Mason District and Fairfax County. Some of her biggest news was regarding the construction underway at the Kmart site, and the Chick-fil-A coming to Annandale. She was also happy to report that free concerts will return to Mason District Park this summer. She also spent time answering questions and taking concerns of the Sleepy Hollow Woods community; everything from sewers to speeding and crime. Finally, on a different note, look for announcements for our Annual Wine and Cheese event on April 17th and our Community Yard Sale and Picnic, slated for on May 16th. On behalf of the SHWCA Executive Committee, I wish everyone a safe and happy 2020 and look forward to seeing you around as spring returns to the Woods!

Charles Becker
SHWCA President



Inside this Issue:

<i>Get Ready, Oenophiles and Turophiles!</i>	2
<i>SHW News Briefs</i>	3
<i>The Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report</i>	4

Volunteers Needed

Do you have the knack for entertaining? Are you the type that likes to organize and lead? Or do you prefer offering assistance but not overseeing a project? Are you more social or business minded? Whatever your talents might be, there are always opportunities to get involved with the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA). Why not make volunteering in the association one of your New Year's resolutions? We currently have openings for the following committees: Social/Hospitality, Communications, Neighborhood Watch, and Membership. To discuss participating on committees, or how to run for a leadership position on the SHWCA ExCom, contact Charles Becker at beckerc58703@yahoo.com.

Get Ready, Oenophiles and Turophiles

Save the date of 17 April, all wine and cheese lovers. That Friday evening, SHW will hold its annual (10 years already!) Wine & Cheese Social in St. Alban's Frizzel Hall. Last year's event was the best ever, with nearly 70 attendees enjoying nine exotic wines and eight international cheeses. Let's make this year's social even more special. This year, I again send a special welcome to the many new residents of Sleepy Hollow Woods. This is a perfect opportunity to meet fellow residents in a very convivial atmosphere. If you are a wine aficionado or even a connoisseur, I guarantee that you will not be disappointed in the varieties and quality of our 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. Very few folks don't like cheese. Here, you can enjoy some of the finest, and some you have never tasted before. Of course, Beth and I also welcome those loyal "old-timers" who grace us with their presence each and every year. While I normally like to surprise the attendees with wines and cheeses that may be unfamiliar to them, this year I thought I would let you know in advance what some, not all, of the offerings will be. For example, at the specific request of several of last year's attendees, after a several-year absence I again will be serving a Spanish Rioja red wine, the award-winning 2017 Bozeto de Exopto. I might pair with this spicy, full-bodied wine the famous Spanish Iberico cheese. Also on the groaning board this year will be a

rich Italian red, the 2018 Barbanera Ammone Primitivo Appassimento, which has garnered ratings as high as 98 from international wine critics. (Some of you may know that "appassimento" is an ancient process in which harvested wine grapes are air- and sun-dried on mats before being pressed. This results without fail in a more intensely flavored, more complex, and richer wine.) As you will see and taste, the perfect cheese match for this classic wine is a blue-veined Dolce Gorgonzola. Among the white wines being served this year is a gorgeous 2017 Sauvignon Blanc from the famous Chateau St. Jean winery in California's Sonoma County—rated 90 points by *Wine Spectator*. (After enjoying the first bottle of this wine, Beth asked me, "Why didn't you buy a case?") This delicious dry white will blend beautifully with a French Chevre (and probably also with a rich Provolone from Italy). Nearly every year, I select a dry white from France's Loire Valley. After Beth and I tasted our way through the Loire Valley—much more enjoyable than traipsing through castle after castle—this past June, I selected the 2018 Domaine Sauger Vieilles Vignes Cheverny for this year's social. This delicious wine, an unusual blend of Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc grapes, is extremely versatile with a variety of soft cheeses and fruits, as you will discover. "Serving any sparkling wines?" you may ask. Yes. In fact, there will be two. We'll start with a dry bubbly, a wine from a U.S. state that is better known for its natural wonders than for its winemaking but which was rated in the top 100

"smart buys" in 2019 by *Wine Spectator*. You will be pleasantly surprised. Arguably, last year's most popular wine (I ran out, I must embarrassingly admit) was the 2018 Rosa Regale Brachetto d'Acqui red sparkler from Italy's greatest wine region, the Piedmont. This is a crowd pleaser, and it pairs tastefully with strong cheeses, strawberries, and dark chocolate—all of which will be in good supply. Several of you in last year's crowd urged me to repeat this wine; I have—the first time I've served the same wine two years in a row. I hope the above six "teasers" will convince you that this year's Wine & Cheese Social will be another success. (The other three wines will remain surprises.) Per tradition, apple cider will be available for those who do not drink wine. As those of you who have traveled to Europe might recall, 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. Beth and I 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, I must emphasize that the \$15-per-person fee has not changed over the years. All of you know how much a single glass of (even ordinary) wine costs

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

SHWCA OFFICERS (2019-2020)

Charles Becker.....President
 Patricia Petersky.....1st Vice President
 Vacant.....2nd Vice President
 Beth Schreiner.....Treasurer
 Debra Becker.....Secretary
 Mike Wisniewski.....Past President
 Vacant.....Advertising
 Lou Wack.....Archivist
 Jim Councilor.....Covenants
 Vacant.....Directory
 Kim Grutzik.....Hospitality
 Tim Koczanski.....Lamplighter
 Tim Koczanski.....Website
 Don Johnson.....Neighborhood Watch
 Beth Schreiner.....SleepyNet
 Vacant.....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 Tim Koczanski for the deadline. Editor reserves the right to edit submissions.

Next SHWCA Meeting is
March 26, 2020 at the St.
Albans Parish Hall
7:30 p.m.

WINE FROM PAGE 2

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 17 on your calendars and plan now to join us that evening for a tasty, pleasant, and rewarding experience. Invitations will be sent later via SleepyNet and our SHW website. Cheers and *bon appetit!*

Bob Schreiner

SHW News Briefs

Save the Date: Neighborhood Realtors Kim Grutzik and Lillie Tobash are sponsoring a 123 Junk Truck at 6829 Murray Lane., on March 21, 2020, from 10 - 11 am. Residents can drop off items they no longer want or need that can be recycled and 123 Junk will donate the items that are dropped off. Bulk trash items will not be accepted at this event. More details to follow in Sleepynet.

Get Your Taxes Done for Free—Tax season will soon be here, and the AARP TaxAide program will again be available at Mason District Government Center (6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale) from January 30 through April 15. IRS-certified volunteers can prepare your Federal and State income tax returns. There is no age requirement, or income limit — but the focus is on those with low to moderate incomes. Your information remains confidential. All returns will be filed electronically, completely free to you. Tax counselors work to make sure you get every tax credit and deduction you've earned. Please bring your photo ID, Social Security card, tax documents, and last year's return. Hours are Monday & Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:30 am to 1:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 1 pm. For appointments (Tues., & Wed., only) call 571-281-8532. For information about the 11 other Northern Virginia tax sites, call 888-227-7669

Lamplighter Newsletter—Want to conserve paper and postage costs? Please note that all issues of the newsletter are available on our community website (www.sleepyhollowwoods.org). You can access current and past issues by clicking newsletter and clicking on current or past issues. If you are interested in receiving a link to the latest issue and forgoing the paper copy, please email Tim.koczanski@gmail.com with "Lamplighter ecopy" in the Subject Line. You will no longer receive a mailed copy of the newsletter. Notifications with a link to the latest issue will be sent via Sleepynet when a new issue has been posted. Thanks for going green!

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



Lillie Tobash 703.625.4675

Kim Grutzik 703.851.3942

We live in the Neighborhood

Status	Address	Style	List Price	Close Price	Subsidy	Close Date	Beds	Baths	DOM
PND	3620 Buckwood Ct	Split Level	\$599,900			2/17/2020	3	2/1	7
CLS	3806 Tall Oak Ct	Split Level	\$635,000	\$635,000	\$19,620	2/14/2020	3	3	2
CLS	3927 Forest Grove Dr	Split Level	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$5,000	1/3/2020	4	3	15
A/C	3704 Sprucedale Dr	Split Level	\$625,000			2/26/2020	6	3/1	20

Data is for the
last 90 days

Source: Bright MLS. 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 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.