



# The Lamplighter

Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association



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## A Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors,

Please read this message in its entirety and please don't just drop it in the recycling bin—WE NEED YOU!



Another year has come and gone, and it is once again time for our Annual Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) Membership Drive. While the past couple years have presented challenges for the association in collecting dues, we are hopeful participation will increase as the pandemic wanes and we once again collect dues door to door. The pandemic coupled with turnover of several long-time active residents has deeply impacted our membership and our ability to thrive as a Civic Association. We are hopeful that with a renewed push for participation, we can once again resume our community events that help make Sleepy Hollow Woods a special place.

Therefore, I ask you to consider supporting SHWCA. If you aren't aware, the association is a volunteer organization (open to both owners and renters alike) and not an HOA. Thus, we count on you—our neighbors—to

support this effort with a small donation of just \$30 annually. This allows us to maintain the community entrances and keep the gas lamps lit. It also allows us to publicize community yard sales, publish the Lamplighter Newsletter and our neighborhood directory, maintain the website, and provide for community events, such as the annual spring picnic, Oktoberfest, and other social events throughout the year.

With the pandemic behind us, we're hoping to bring back our community events in the coming year, but we need your financial support. See the article on the Membership Drive for more information. Also, if you are interested in volunteering as a block captain—to canvass your street—or social events coordinator, please let us know. If you have questions about membership, feel free to email me at [beckerc58703@yahoo.com](mailto:beckerc58703@yahoo.com). We all care about our neighborhood, so hope you will join the Association soon, if you haven't already. Thank you!

Charles Becker  
**SHWCA President**



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## Vacuum Leaf Collection to Begin at End of Month

It's leaf season in the Woods, and the Fairfax County Sanitation District will be coming around for Vacuum Leaf Collection beginning Oct. 31, 2022. Periodic leaf collections will run through mid-January 2023. Households should have received a pink flyer with guidelines, collection schedule, and collection areas.

Vacuum Leaf Collection is for leaves only. Leaves that are mixed with brush, rocks, tree trimmings, sticks, trash, and other unacceptable

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materials cannot be vacuumed. For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/leaf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/leaf) Yellow signs with start dates will be placed at the Fern Lane and Moss Drive neighborhood entrances.



## SHWCA Membership Drive Begins

The annual membership drive for the Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association (SHWCA) is underway. Our block captains, your fellow “Woods” neighbors, will be stopping by with a form containing information to be published in our directory. When the block captains knock on your door, please review your information for accuracy. If new to the community, please fill out the form to join the civic association. If block captains stopped by while you were out and left the form on your door, please review and return to your block captain with

the \$30 in dues. Payments can be paid by cash, check, or via Zelle. Membership dues provide revenue for many expenses and activities of the civic association throughout the year, including our Neighborhood Watch program, the Lamplighter newsletter, the gas bill for our brick and lantern entrances, entrance ground maintenance, our yard sale and picnic, and other social activities for adults and children.

For returning civic association members, we thank you for your continued support. For new members, we welcome you!

## Committee Spotlight: Architectural Control Committee Remind Residents of Covenant Rules

Recently, the pressure accompanying rising real estate prices and high turnover of homes in our community has brought new neighbors to Sleepy Hollow Woods. The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) would like to remind residents there is a covenant attached to the land title for our homes that places local constraints on construction. If you are considering a construction project that will affect the overall footprint of your house, overall appearance, or

height, the ACC recommends you first review the covenants. All residents wanting to make such changes must submit four copies of concept plans and elevation drawings, along with a marked up plat, for ACC review. The Covenants can be found on the community website at: <https://www.sleepyhollowwoods.org/covenants/>.

Each year, the ACC reviews up to five projects and there is a legal fund sustained by the Civic

Association for enforcement proceedings. The ACC stands ready to review plans and meet with individuals and their contractors in advance of any project. For more information on the ACC or its members, please consult the Sleepy Hollow Woods directory (delivered to all residents) or reach out via the contact form on the Sleepy Hollow Woods website: <https://www.sleepyhollowwoods.org/contacts/>. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

***Don't Forget, October is Membership Month***

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## SHWCA OFFICERS (2021-2022)

- Charles Becker.....President
- Vacant.....1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Vacant.....2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Beth Schreiner.....Treasurer
- Debra Becker.....Secretary
- Mike Wisniewski.....Past President
- Jessica Wisniewski.....Advertising
- Mike Wisniewski.....Archivist
- Jim Councilor.....Covenants
- Kim Grutzik.....Directory
- Renee Greenwell.....Hospitality
- Lukas/Rosenfeld/Koczanski.....Lamplighter
- Koczanski/Rosenfeld.....Website
- Don Johnson.....Neighborhood Watch
- Beth Schreiner.....Sleepynet
- Vacant.....Social

## FOLLOW US



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(@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.

## Sleepy Hollow Road Sidewalk Construction Update

Construction for 4,800 linear feet of new concrete sidewalk will begin in late fall and be completed by Spring 2024. This county-funded project will extend the amount of concrete sidewalk along Sleepy Hollow Road between Bay Tree Lane and Castle Hill Place. According to the Mason Matters newsletter, the project includes upgrading several pedestrian crossings. Other infrastructure improvements include curb and gutter improvements, ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveway entrances, retaining walls, and other roadway and pedestrian improvements. Once construction begins, work zones may impact travel on Sleepy Hollow Road. For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/sleepy-hollow-walkway](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/sleepy-hollow-walkway)

## Extra Trash or Yard Waste? Use a Free ‘Special Collection’

Keep our neighborhood beautiful and avoid lingering piles of trash or yard waste along curbs—take advantage of free "special collections" as part of your Fairfax County trash and recycling service. Whether you are doing some fall cleaning or additional yard work, please consider scheduling a special pickup to haul away excess rubbish during the normal trash day.

**Five FREE "Special Collections"** are permitted for every residence per year (July 1–June 30) and can be easily scheduled online at [specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://specialpickup.fairfaxcounty.gov) or by calling 703-802-3322, TTY 711. Pick-ups can be scheduled one day in advance with options including brush, bulk, metal, or refrigerant (coolant).

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

**SHWCA Social Media Channels**-Follow Sleepy Hollow Woods on Twitter @SHW\_CA for the latest community information or upcoming events. Join neighborhood discussions on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/groups/SHWCA](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SHWCA).

### **www.SleepyHollowWoods.org**

You can find a wealth of information on the Sleepy Hollow Woods website, such as updated postings of upcoming events, membership forms to join the civic association, information on joining the Sleepynet listserv, and current and previous copies of the Lamplighter Newsletter. The community website also provides links to SHW social media accounts, such as twitter and Facebook.

# Sleepy Hollow Woods Market Report



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Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Close Date	DOM	Sale Price
C/S	3814 Ivydale Drive	4	2			
A/C	3703 Sprucedale Dr	4	2.5			
A/C	6715 Capstan Dr	4	2.5			
A/C	6721 Rosewood St	4	3			
PND	3915 Forest Grove Dr	4	2.5			
CLS	6747 Fern Ln	4	3	8/26/2022	25	\$ 650,000
CLS	3719 Forest Grove Dr	4	2.5	8/4/2022	52	\$ 650,000
CLS	3715 Forest Grove Dr	5	3	10/12/2022	32	\$ 689,000
CLS	3802 Ivydale Dr	4	2.5	8/30/2022	15	\$ 699,000
CLS	3701 Ivydale Dr	4	2.5	9/16/2022	76	\$ 735,000
CLS	6745 Fern Ln	4	3	7/15/2022	14	\$ 826,000

Data is for  
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.