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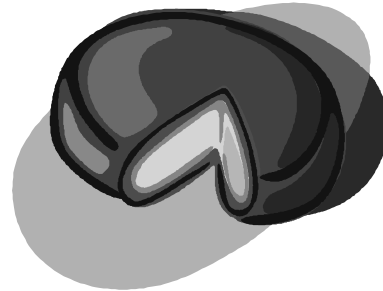
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Annual Wine & Cheese Social

Saturday, March 21

7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

6800 Columbia Pike

Sleepy Hollow's Annual Spring Social - March 21st!

The Hollow's Annual **Wine and Cheese Spring Social** has been scheduled for **Saturday, March 21th** at St. Albans Episcopal Church (**6800 Columbia Pike, Annandale**). The fun will begin **at 7:00pm** and last until 10:00-10:30pm. The cost for this event is **\$12.00** per person and is the best bargain in town!

For the benefit of those new to Sleepy Hollow, each year our neighbors/friends gather to eat, drink and socialize at the Spring Social. We also get around to electing new board members and finish off the evening with door-prizes generously donated by area merchants.

As always, all volunteers are welcomed and encouraged as we accept anyone willing and able to "cut up" and arrange food items for this event. Please **call Sarah Shannon at 703.532.1660** No experience needed for this fun job. We hope to see everyone there!

Easter Egg Hunt on Crane Drive!!!!

Please note that the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on **Crane Drive** on **Saturday, March 28th from 1:00 to 2:30p.m.** (this event will take place rain or shine - hopefully no snow!) Please plan to bring the kids and cameras and enjoy the afternoon. Egg hunting and crafts for the kids! Light refreshments will be served.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations

At the January meeting, Richard Moniusko, Deputy Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools, and Susan Quinn, Chief Financial Officer, FCPS, spoke and noted the difficulties the school system will face in 2010 due to budget constraints and other developments.

The school system currently includes 200 schools and is the 12th largest system in the country, with projected enrollment of 174,365 students in 2010. The proposed school budget for 2010 is \$2.2 billion, which represents a 5% reduction from 2009. Achievement levels remain high, with 93% of graduates going on to post-secondary education. Mr. Moniusko listed several other national honors the system has received, and noted expanded participation in both the AP (advanced placement) and IB (international baccalaureate) programs.

Highlighting the expected difficulties, he said, "Fairfax is facing a perfect storm." Enrollment was flat for 2005-2007, but has since increased and is accelerating. In addition, people can't sell their homes, and others are moving into the area and parents are transferring students from private to public schools. This has created increased demand for reduced-prices lunches and ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, while state funding has been reduced by about 7%.

As a results of all these factors, the county may be forced to reduce clinic room aids, resource offices, and after-school and middle-school extracurricular programs.

SHCA Calendar of Events through June 2009 ***Please mark your calendars!***

Sat	Mar 21	Wine & Cheese/General Meeting (1 st Qtr) & Elections
Sun	Mar 28	Easter Egg Hunt
Sat	4-Apr	Community Clean-up (Rain or Shine)
Tue	May 12	Executive Committee Meeting
Sun	Jun 14	Spring Picnic/General Meeting (2 nd qtr)
Sat	Jun 20	Community Clean-up (Rain or Shine)
Sun	Jun 21	Rain Date for Spring Picnic

President's Letter

Spring Message from the SHCA President:

Well, I think Spring is here. At least I know that the **Wine and Cheese** Reception is coming up on **Saturday, March 21, 2009, at 7:00 pm** at St. Alban's Episcopal Church off of Columbia Pike. I hope everyone will come and enjoy the great food that Sarah Shannon prepares, and the wines selected by George Quadrino and his aficionados. Of course, it is also the annual meeting for the association and your time to **elect your new officers** for the next year.

Jeanine Manley has arranged for us to take part in an Earth Day-related activity to benefit our neighborhood. This **community cleanup on April 4** replaces the one originally scheduled for the same date as the Wine and Cheese. We would like to see some Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Brownie troops help out too; so if you have any connections, contact Jeanine or Grant Mydland.

Laurie Brown and Chris Martin have worked hard to finalize the updates to the **Sleepy Hollow website**, www.sleepyhollowonline.org, so please take a look. It centralizes a lot of good content and contact information, and we will begin posting photos of Sleepy Hollow events there in the near future. Along with the sleepyhollowneighborhoods@yahoogroups.com messaging system, we will be able to keep everyone apprised of what is going on in and around our neighborhood. Joni Foerter has even started up a **Facebook group** "Sleepy Hollow Folks" which will allow you to post your own pictures about "The Hollow" and keep in touch with people even as they move to other places. Chris Martin has continued the tradition of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, and is prepared to send it electronically to anyone who wants it (saving association funds).

Anna Novak continues to work on bringing together the **other neighborhood associations** along Sleepy Hollow Road. This effort is really filling a void due to the low activity of the Mason District Council and the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations. I look forward to seeing which political candidates will be debating before the neighborhood this fall.

As I end my term as President, let me say **thank you to the board and the many volunteers** who have helped continue the tradition of Sleepy Hollow being a real neighborhood. I particularly want to thank Anne Pendleton who has done such a great job with the Sleepy Hollow Neighborhood Watch, which helps all of us to feel just a little more secure.

In closing, I set out to use my two years to increase communications in the neighborhood and not have anything unusual happen. I think we have accomplished both of those goals while, thanks to Cindy Fox, staying within budget. Best wishes for a wonderful spring in the Hollow.

Curtis M. Anderson
President 2007-2009
beechclub@cox.net

SHCA Executive Committee Nominees for 2009-2010:

Cindy Fox – President	Sarah Shannon – Social Committee
Anna Novak – First VP	Paul Byrtus – Zoning and Land Use
Jeanine Manley–Second VP	Jan Keyes – Mason District Council
Abbey Ayanian - Treasurer	Joan Grimm – Fairfax Federation
Howard Brown - Secretary	Anne Pendleton – Safety & Security
Chris Martin – Legend/Website	Grant Mydland - Mason District (alt.)
	Steve Tillman –Fairfax Federation (alt.)

SHCA Community Cleanup and 21st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

**Saturday, April 4
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon**

SHCA's next Community Cleanup date, previously planned for March 21st, will be held this year on **Saturday, April 4** (rain date Sunday, April 5) to coincide with the 21st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup in recognition of our community's waterways and especially the culverts which flow directly to Tripps Run.

Volunteers are invited to join us for the morning or any portion at either of our meeting places:

Community Cleanup	--	Corner of Sylvan & South Street
Tripps Run Cleanup	--	3100 Holmes Run Road

Gloves, trash bags and safety vests will be provided courtesy of the Alice Ferguson Foundation and VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program.

Contacts for more information:

Jeanine Manley	703-532-2865	2jmanley@gmail.com
Grant Mydland	703-533-3553	grant3100@gmail.com

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Document Shredding Returns to Mason District!

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, May 2, 2009, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** when the Fairfax County Division of Solid Waste will provide for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Document Shredding at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Residents can bring items such as acid, gasoline, fluorescent bulbs, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, mercury products, oil-based paint, paint thinner, pesticides, poisons, pool chemicals, and Nickel Cadmium, Lithium, and Mercury batteries. For Document Shredding, residents can bring up to five reasonable-sized boxes of paper per household (please remove paper from binders and remove binder clips).

This FREE event is hosted by the *Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program* in partnership with *Covanta Energy*. For more information about this event and other upcoming environmental events in 2009, log-on to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm, or call the Fairfax County Recycling Infoline at 703-324-5052.

Fairfax County Announces Enhanced Recycling Program

In case you missed the recent announcement, Fairfax County has expanded the curbside recycling service in our area. There are two changes, both of which are already in effect:

- **Expanded plastics recycling** - The County now accepts all plastic bottles, containers and lids (such as yogurt, cottage cheese and margarine tubs) as well as food-grade cups, and their lids. This eliminates the old "check the neck" rule which previously prohibited any container without a neck narrower than the container itself.
- **Single stream recycling** - The County also now accepts all materials in the same container, meaning you no longer have to separate paper and cardboard from plastic, glass and metal. This change is possible because the county now uses a single truck to collect the materials and they are sorted later, at the recycling facility.

“Eye on the Hollow”

As there is a first time for everything, “The Eye”, after 13 years of writing this column, is reaching back to offer an edited “re-print” of an article ... this one from the March 2003 issue. It also appears that the snow of last week is to be the best we’ll have for this winter so “The Eye” looks back on a wonderful one when we had an eighteen inch snowfall.

THAT WAS IT! I LOVE IT! THANK YOU KINDLY!

The three sentences above were sent as my column for this issue. The editor quickly sent me a rejection slip claiming that after many years of harping on my wish for a huge snowfall, he expects a long article. I am so busy enjoying the snow and the happy news that we can expect more tomorrow and more on the day following. No longer new, the snow is sooty with fallen twigs and branches. Another snowfall, however small, will bring us back to clean, white glistening fluff.

The editor wants to know what “The Eye” did during the days of unplowed streets and no school. With good advance notice of the coming snow, “The Eye” was fully prepared for any situation. I did what I always do ... cooked, baked, stoked the fire and played in the snow. I looked out of windows and loved every minute ... loved watching children sledding down our driveway.

Was there a down-side? Perhaps one or two small issues ... four days without the New York papers were manageable but one day without any newspaper can cause “news junkies” great harm. Next was the regular lawn service company who plowed our driveway and ruined the view. Add to that a spouse who found the shovels I’d hidden and shoveled the porch and walkway. In despair, I repaired to the back of the house where the beauty is undisturbed.

The most fun? Goose stepping down a street with no tire tread, no foot print, no mark of any kind, carrying soup to a neighbor and seeing the neighbor’s warm smile (caused by pity and the belief that one of her neighbors is unhinged). Trudging in snow way up over the tops of one’s boots isn’t easy but it sure is fun.

Hosting the birds and squirrels when their food is buried under snow brought the happy surprise of “Guess who’s coming to dinner?” Sitting up on one deck railing was a very large, happy black-masked raccoon enjoying the left-overs. A short time later a beautiful, glossy, bright red Fox strolled across the back lawn. Can deer, bears and elephants be far behind?

Yes, this was “The Big One” and “The Eye” is enjoying every minute.

Returning to the present ... The Association offers its sympathies to the families of:

Ethel Ballve, of Spring Terrace, who died on September 26th. Ethel is survived by four sons, William of the home, Juan and his family next door on Spring Terrace, and two others. Ethel lived in “The Hollow” for 38 years.

Charlie Daley, of Beechwood Lane, who died on January 10th. Charlie was 93 years old. He and Florence have lived in “The Hollow” for well over thirty years. The Association offers its sympathies to Charlie’s family. He will be missed by his neighbors.

Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association Executive Committee Meeting January 27, 2009

NOTE: These are abbreviated minutes. See the web site for the complete, official minutes.

Secretary (Howard Brown). Minutes of Nov 18, 2008 meeting were approved by email.

Treasurer's Report (Cindy Fox). We have a balance of \$17,351.33 in the combined association accounts; income is on target and expenditures have been below budget.

Social Chair (Sarah Shannon). The annual Wine & Cheese is set for March 21st at St. Albans Episcopal Church. Tickets will be \$15 per person, the same as last year. The Executive Committee decided to forego the live music used last year and replace it with low key recorded music to ensure an appropriate environment for conversation. We will also have many door prizes from local businesses thanks to Jan Keyes and Joan Grimm. Block Chairs will receive free admission be recognized there for their participation in collecting annual dues and other activities supporting the community.

Fairfax Federation (Joan Grimm). Not much activity has occurred recently. Joan has suggested the federation could be reinvigorated if other associations participated more actively, and she has volunteered to help recruit associations within Mason District.

Mason District Council (Jan Keyes). The Council has not met for several months due to holidays and other activities. Next general membership meeting is February 18th.

Neighborhood Watch (Anne Pendleton). No report.


Zoning & Land Use (Paul Byrtus). Bill Page Honda has not progressed expansion of the auto dealership, though the deterioration of Westlawn Shopping Center has been noted. The former Chili's restaurant site has been renovated and is for lease. There are no signs of Black Tie Cleaners pursuing the planned expansion of their operations. There was discussion of contacting owners of Sleepy Hollow properties along US Route 50 to begin exploring redevelopment ideas that SHCA would find acceptable. Paul Byrtus and Jeanine Manley agreed to contact the property owners to see if they were open to such a discussion.

Second Vice President Report (Jeanine Manley). The annual membership drive has been running very well to date with one resident making a donation of \$200 for association activities. One suggested use of the donation was to use it as seed money for a signage fund to begin reworking the various entrances to the community as was done at Holmes Run Road and South Street last year. The directory has been distributed and has been well received. The community cleanup scheduled for March 21st has been moved to April 4th so it can be combined with the more comprehensive Potomac Watershed cleanup.

First Vice President (Anna Novak). No report this meeting.

Legend and Website updates (Chris Martin). The Legend newsletter deadline is set for March 7. Approximately 20 residents have requested opted out of the hard copy Legend, electing to receive only the electronic version, to save Association funds for printing and mailing. The neighborhood website is making real progress; a test site will be made available for board members prior to formal rollout.

President Report (Curtis Anderson). Curtis reported that Treasurer Cindy Fox has agreed to stand for association president. Abby Ayanian of Holmes Run Road has agreed to run for Treasurer. All other board members and committee chairs have agreed to remain in their current positions for another year.




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To join, simply send an email including your name and address to the group moderator (see details inside).

Here are some key points about how it works:

- *Only verified Sleepy Hollow residents are invited to join. The moderator verifies that each applicant is a resident.*
- *Yahoo! will not use your e-mail address for other purposes, although neighbors in the group will be able to see it.*
- *You may elect to receive each message as it is posted, or a digest of those posted each day.*

Over 80 neighbors have found this to be a very useful "real-time" communication tool for sharing notices about community events, providing neighbors with information about service providers, helping locate lost pets, and other items of community interest. Just send an email to sleepyhollowneighborhood-subscribe@yahogroups.com

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