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SHCA Annual Fall Picnic

Sunday, Sept 27
(Rain Date Oct 4)

4:00 p.m.

Spring Terrace



Plan to Share:

- A-G: Dessert**
- H-N: Appetizer**
- O-Z: Salad**

Please bring enough for 6 - 8 servings

As always, the association will provide hot dogs, beverages, condiments and paper products.

Spring Picnic Recap

SHCA's annual "Spring Picnic" was held on Sunday, June 14th at Twin Oak Place. As always, friends gathered and spent time together talking, eating and drinking as we caught up with all that is new within our neighborhood. Although hot dogs were eaten, neighbors brought delicious foods to share and a feast was had by all.

Twin Oaks is the perfect location for the "kick off" to summer! Slightly shady, to give us a bit of relief from the sun and a lot of green yards to wander around and allow all the children to safely run around and still be within the watchful eyes of adults. Thank you neighbors for inviting us to share your special street.

A special thanks to Lisa and Howard Brown, Curtis Anderson, Kathy Gallo and Kathy Bellows for helping with the set up and clean up of this event.

SHCA Community Clean-up – Saturday, September 19

We will hold our next clean-up on June 20, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. (rain or shine). Participants should **meet at the corner of South Street and Sylvan Drive**. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes; safety vests and trash bags will be provided. Help keep Sleepy Hollow beautiful!

See page 6 for an article and photos of our last clean-up, which included much of the portion of Tripps Run that flows through Sleepy Hollow. Thanks to all who participated!

Fall Picnic – Sunday, September 27

Leaves are beginning to turn and the school buses are once again hitting the road! It is once again time to come to our annual **Fall Picnic** to be held on **Spring Terrace on Sunday, September 27th** (rain date Sunday, October 4th). Please bring a dish to share according to the chart below (6 to 8 servings, please):

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Mark your Calendar!!!!

Coming Soon!! Halloween Parade – Sunday, October 25

The annual Halloween Parade will take place – rain or shine – on Sunday, October 25th at 12 noon at the Triangle (Knoll, Sleepy Ridge and Beechwood). Look for the posted flyers to remind you of the fun.....

President's Letter

Things are changing in Greater Sleepy Hollow these days. The Bill Page Honda dealership and Westlawn Shopping Center will be completely renovated. If all goes well the project will start in late 2010. The good news is that the Page organization is trying to use "Green" design to improve the water runoff and conditions for Tripps Run. There will be a modification to the intersection at Annandale Road and Arlington Blvd. that should help traffic flow. The new retail spaces promise to provide us with new upscale businesses. However, there's also a bit of bad news: there won't be a grocery store in the new development. Worse, the Post Office will be moving. The rumor that the Post Office was planning to move to the old Chili's Restaurant site may have been premature. The USPS is in the process of downsizing and closing post offices. The requirements for the new site include parking for almost twice as many postal trucks as the current Westlawn facility. We will have to wait and see what happens.

On our side of Annandale Road, Black Tie Cleaners is planning an expansion to its existing facility. It appears that they plan to build up and not out. Finally, at the top of the hill approaching Seven Corners, the last patch of green space between AAMCO and the backyards of the Seven Oaks town homes will be developed. Based on current zoning, both the Black Tie and the vacant lot proposals can be done without County approval other than safety and code permits.

Speaking of zoning and land use, Mason District is included in the Area Plan Review (APR) that will begin this year. Every five years, the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning conducts an APR for each of the county's nine magisterial districts. The review process allows changes to the zoning or use of selected sites in the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. Nominations are reviewed by a citizen task force, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors. Nominations that are approved by these three governing bodies will become amendments to the Comprehensive Plan. Nominations close September 16, 2009. During the last APR cycle, SHCA opposed a nomination that would have changed the plan to permit more commercial development along Route 50 between Cedarwood and Seven Oaks. You may recall the "Keep Sleepy Hollow Residential" signs that dotted our neighbors' lawns and SHCA's call to action that resulted in a packed house at the County Center. It was a demonstration of the strong spirit of community that prevails in the Hollow.

In that same spirit of community, we hope that you will mark your calendars and participate in the community cleanup on September 19. I would also like to remind you of two neighborhood events that help make Sleepy Hollow the kind of place that we all love: the Fall Picnic on September 27 and the Halloween Parade on October 25. Finally, Anna Novak, in cooperation with other neighborhood associations, has worked hard to arrange a Candidate's Forum on October 13. I hope to see you there!

Cindy Fox
President 2009-2010
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SHCA Membership Drive and Directory Updates at Fall Picnic

Please plan to stop by the Membership table at the Fall Picnic to review your Directory listings and provide any updates for the next edition.

You may also pay your annual dues of just **\$15 per household** at the Picnic, which can save steps for members and Block Chairs. Here's the timeline for this year's drive:

Sept 27	Fall Picnic kicks off Early Renewal of dues for 2010 Membership Drive
Oct 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for receipt of all updates for the new Directory 2010 edition<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Neighbors should forward all changes to their Block Chairs (see page 64 of the 2009 Directory) or directly to the Drive Chair• Early Renewal of dues continues via Block Chairs
Oct 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2010 Directory available• Block Chairs continue dues collection and begin delivery of Directories
Dec 18	2010 Membership Drive complete

Jeanine Manley
Membership Drive Chair

Annandale Fall Festival and Parade (a non-SHCA event)

On Saturday, October 24th, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Annandale will sponsor a spectacular Fall Festival in the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike. From 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, dozens of merchants with handmade and fashion jewelry, art work, quality giftware from major manufacturers, exquisite crafts and so much more will unveil their treasures.

Costumed international dancers, local bands, a D.J. and "The Taste of Annandale" with food from many culinary cuisines will be featured at this festival. The Kid's Zone will delight and challenge with a Mechanical Bull, 24' Dual Slides, Bungee Basketball, Bungee Run, a Sticky Wall, an Obstacle Course, Moon Bounce, Face Painters, a Nature Exhibit, a Reading Tent with costumed characters, and interactive games for toddlers to teens. Mark your calendars for this day of Family Fun not to be missed.

The **Annual Annandale Parade** will be held along Columbia Pike from 10AM to Noon.

Applications for Commercial Vendors, Food Vendors, Musical Performers, and Parade Entry Forms can be found at www.annandalechamber.com Go to the announcements section, and click on Annandale Fall Festival.

Greater Sleepy Hollow Candidate Event – Tuesday, Oct 13

Over the past several years, SHCA has initiated a coalition of surrounding communities to share resources and address issues that affect our area. This coalition, known as the Communities of Greater Sleepy Hollow, is currently collaborating to provide community input into the Bill Page construction project and coordinate community-wide cleanup efforts. We are also inviting this coalition to bring their members to a candidate forum in preparation for elections in November.

This year's candidate forum will be held on the evening of **Tuesday October 13th, at 7:00, at the Congressional School**. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear from the campaigns for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and State Delegate. Our guests will describe their platforms and take your questions.

Please mark your calendars and try to attend this event. Your participation allows your concerns to be heard and addressed, and helps build an audience that reflects the over 2,000 households that make up our coalition. A good turnout for these types of events brings attention to our group and allows greater access to community and political leadership in the future. We hope to see you there!

Please Help Maintain our Community's Appearance and Safety!

Here's how you can help make Sleepy Hollow better for all of us:

- **Call 703-802-3322 to schedule Special Pickups of bulk or brush items.** Our tax dollars pay for this service, up to five per address per year at no charge. Let's use it!
- **Pick up litter and brush along your property's street front.** Team up with your neighbors to consolidate items requiring Special Pickup. Rotate addresses for Special Pickups if one address has exceeded its allotted four Special Pickups.
- **Remove trash and recycling containers from view between regularly scheduled Thursday pickups.** If your travel schedule or health condition interferes, ask a neighbor for help. This is good practice for home security, too.
- **Pick up your newspapers.** We have all received undesired newspaper deliveries from time to time. Even so, please pick them up regularly. Don't invite crime!
- **Pick up litter in the community regularly** as you stroll or exercise, especially along our boundary streets. Carry a small plastic bag with you for this purpose.

Book Sale by Friends of George Mason Regional Library – Oct 22-25

Sale will be held at the George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Proceeds will support the Children's Summer Reading Program for all Fairfax County Libraries as well as funding special needs at George Mason and other libraries. Shop Thursday Oct. 22 5-9 pm; Friday Oct. 23, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday Oct 24, 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday Oct 25, noon to 5 pm. Sorry no credit cards.

Community and Watershed Cleanup

As fall draws near, it's time to reflect back upon the great work that was done by many SHCA neighbors during the Community and Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 4th.

About a dozen neighbors gathered near the culvert on Holmes Run Road with gloves and safety vests, and grabbed either bright blue or green bags to journey into the watershed and tackle the mighty Tripps Run. Nearly 80 feet of the culvert on both sides of Holmes Run and over 200 feet along Tripps Run - north towards Annandale Rd. and south to Holloway Rd. – were cleaned completely of all types of litter.



As you can see in the “before” picture (above left) there was a substantial amount of litter in the watershed including plastic and paper materials of every size and color, clothes, soda cans, metal rods, and even a bike frame and a hubcap. Over 20 large plastic bags were filled with materials collected from the stream and its banks.

A few of the volunteers got quite a startle by three large fish (one easily over a foot long) that surfaced when we were wading through Tripps Run. One volunteer even got “baptized” in Tripps Run as the large fish went between her legs. We all had a good laugh at that moment – even the volunteer who took the plunge into the water.

Many thanks to all, but our special gratitude to Jeanine Manley who does a great job organizing the SHCA litter cleanups. She always has us prepared with everything we need for the cleanup activity. The other volunteers included Curtis and Julian Anderson, Karl Gerdes (Leader of Cub Scout Pack 1229), Kim Mydland, Jeanine’s husband William Manley (who got the “most prepared” award with the great boots he wore), Jim Flatness and Gus & Jeannette Rassam. A shout out also goes to several neighbors who stopped by to congratulate and cheer us on as we headed in or came out of the culvert and down into Tripps Run.

We all had a great time learning more about the watershed and got a close look at the water that flows through our neighborhood. We all have a clearer understanding of the impact litter has on the land and water the critters depend on and all of us enjoy. Again, thanks to all who participated, and we hope to see you at future clean-ups as well!

“Eye on the Hollow”

While “The Eye” tries to keep this article warm, neighborly and light-hearted, recent events prompt me to address more serious thoughts brought on by concern for our neighbors. While you may already be aware of these issues, please allow me to discuss them with you.

We have many young families in “Sleepy Hollow” and they are most welcome as they bring youth, activity and joy to the neighborhood. At the same time, we have many long-term, elder residents who have long been the backbone of “Sleepy Hollow”. They launched and developed the Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association and served on the Executive Committee for countless years. They are deserving of our respect and concern. An increasing number of our seniors now live alone. Our current Executive Committee asks that you be aware of these seniors and be in touch with them. Watch for lights in their homes, newspapers not picked up and no signs of activity. If you do observe these things, please call or ring the doorbell and check that these people are safe and well. In addition, it would be a great kindness to occasionally invite our elderly residents to share a meal with you and your family.

It has been observed that “the gypsies” are back in the neighborhood. It happens every summer and has been a problem for many years. Some time ago, “Sixty Minutes” did a long presentation on “the gypsies” and the dangers they present. It is almost always two men of late twenties to middle age in a pick-up truck. They roam the neighborhood stopping when they see an elderly resident out in his or her yard. They walk up to the resident and propose that they do some work in the yard or in the house. The resident often feels intimidated and agrees. A quick job of shoddy quality is done and the men then demand a huge price be paid. Very recently, a neighbor looked out of her window and saw her neighbor talking with two men in the driveway. Her neighbor looked uncomfortable so she went outside and walked up to the group. The neighbor looked very relieved and the two men quickly left. Several years ago, “The Eye’s” neighbor was taken in by two men. They proposed repairing the low brick wall along his driveway. When finished, our neighbor saw that all they had done was to paint whitewash between the bricks. They demanded five thousand dollars. He paid them and then came to our house, frightened and embarrassed. With the help of another neighbor, we were able to get to the bank, stop payment on the check and have the police in the neighborhood when the men returned to further intimidate our neighbor. The men were arrested and charged. It turned out that there was already a warrant in force for the two. Should you see two men (with a pick-up truck nearby) talking with a resident and it makes you uncomfortable, stop and watch for a minute and if you have doubts, call the **non-emergency police number (703-691-2131)** and notify them.

Helen B. Terrill, of Valley Court, died on May 28th. The Terrills have lived in “Sleepy Hollow” since the early 1960’s. Helen is survived by her husband of 65 years, Robert S. Terrill (Col. USAF Ret.). Mary Mattare of Holmes Run Road, died on August 2nd. She leaves her daughter of the home. The SHCA offers sympathies to Bob Terrill and to Mary’s daughter.

Happy wishes to Roberta Webb who celebrated her 95th birthday on the 29th of May. Roberta's children and grandchildren hosted a grand party for Roberta inviting family, friends and neighbors.

We welcome these new neighbors:

Dana and Nancy Kampshror
 Madison and Melanie Albrecht
 6432 Spring Terrace
 703-658-3041

John and Sharon Germany
 Sophia
 3156 Holmes Run Road
 703-241-2246

Bo Christenbury and Stacey Davidson
 3064 Holmes Run Road
 703-589-6131

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***Here is the SHCA event schedule through June 2010.
 Please mark your calendars!***

2009			
Sat	Sept 19	8:00 a.m.	Community Clean-up (Rain or Shine)
Tue	Sept 22	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Sun	Sept 27	4:00 p.m.	Fall Picnic (Rain Date Oct 4)/General Meeting (3 rd Qtr)
Tue	Oct 13	7:00 p.m.	Greater Sleepy Hollow Candidate Forum
Sun	Oct 25	Noon	Halloween Parade/General Meeting (4 th Qtr)
Tue	Nov 24	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Sat	Dec 5	8:00 a.m.	Community Clean-up (Rain or Shine)
2010			
Tue	Jan 26	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Tue	Feb 23	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Sat	Mar 13	7:00 p.m.	Wine & Cheese/General Meeting (1 st Qtr) & Elections
Sun	Mar 20	1:00 p.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sat	Mar 27	8:00 a.m.	Community Clean-up (Rain or Shine)
Tue	May 25	7:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
Sun	Jun 13	4:00 p.m.	Spring Picnic (Rain Date June 20)/General Mtg (2 nd qtr)
Sat	Jun 19	8:00 a.m.	Community Clean-up (Rain or Shine)

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SHCA Executive Committee for 2009-2010:

Cindy Fox – President
 Anna Novak – First VP
 Jeanine Manley–Second VP
 Abbey Ayanian - Treasurer
 Howard Brown - Secretary
 Chris Martin – Legend/Website

Sarah Shannon – Social Committee
 Paul Byrtus – Zoning and Land Use
 Jan Keyes – Mason District Council
 Joan Grimm – Fairfax Federation
 Anne Pendleton – Safety & Security
 Grant Mydland - Mason District (alt.)
 Steve Tillman –Fairfax Federation (alt.)

May 12 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to Order 7 PM

Secretary (Howard Brown) Minutes of Jan 27 meeting previously approved by email.

Treasurer's Report (Abbey Ayanian). Treasurer not present, but no activity reported.

First Vice President (Anna Novak). Reported on a meeting attended by board members of other associations to consider cooperation between the groups. The expectation is the "Greater Sleepy Hollow" group would provide the associations a stronger voice than they have now. Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association has a stronger presence than the other groups. One activity suggested to test cooperation was sponsoring a campaign event in the fall between the winner of the Kay Kory/Bob Hull primary election and expected Republican/other party candidates. Starting now gives sufficient run time for planning the event beginning with contacting Congressional School for space for the event. Anna will initiate that contact for the fall debate.

Second Vice President Report (Jeanine Manley). Reported that membership activities were quiet, with most activity focused on contacting new neighbors moving into Sleepy Hollow.

Fairfax Federation (Joan Grimm). Reported there was little activity with the Fairfax Federation group. The value of the group was discussed.

Mason District Council (Jan Keyes). Mason District Council also had little activity and low attendance at meetings. It was suggested the Greater Sleepy Hollow group, were it to grow, could surpass the influence of the Mason District Council. In conjunction with this it was reported that members of other civic associations had inquired about joining the Sleepy Hollow Yahoo Group, but their inclusion was rejected.

Zoning & Land Use (Paul Byrtus). The planned expansion of the Honda dealership to encompass much of the Westlawn Shopping Center was discussed. Concerns centered on the businesses that might occupy the smaller shopping center and the impact of the redesign on surrounding communities. Specific concerns noted include:

- Signage for a proposed 24 hour Walgreens Drugs with pharmacy drive through could be too bright at night.
- Drive through traffic could exacerbate expected traffic problems in the much smaller proposed center with parking lot backups at the South Street light.
- The smaller size of the retail space limits businesses who might be interested in the location.
- The location of the dealership's used car lot and rental car activities were questioned as was parking in general at the new shopping center and around the dealership.
- Questionable possibility of two financial institutions locating side by side where the dealership is now located opening up the possibility of a fast food restaurant moving in and using the drive through.
- Elimination of the service road (a VDOT and Bill Page proposal) and the impact on the community nearer the dealership and traffic in general around Annandale Road/Route 50.

A general meeting for the community, scheduled for May 21st at the dealership, is expected to be a forum to allow these and other concerns to be raised.

New Business. Increased traffic on neighborhood streets and the speed of that traffic, especially on Holmes Run Road, South Street and Aspen Lane was raised. It was suggested that the community do what is necessary to make itself heard by county and VDOT officials so the cut through traffic is better addressed and measures taken to effectively slow the speed of that traffic. Measures discussed included speed bumps on Holmes Run Road and significantly higher fines for speeding through the neighborhood.

A unanimously approved motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 PM.

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July 29 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

President (Cindy Fox). Reported on the various meetings about the Bill Page site. The Black Tie Cleaners proposal to expand on the current site and the appeal of the Shell Station to permit the sale of food from a truck in their parking lot were also discussed.

First Vice President (Anna Novak). Her email concerning a request from Vellie Dietrich Hall regarding the 2010 Census was discussed. Dietrich Hall is requesting that we help publicize the census by:

- 1) writing about it in our newsletter
- 2) allowing them to link to our website from theirs (as a "partner" organization) and vice-versa
- 3) allowing them to come to one of our meetings to hand out materials.

Secretary (Howard Brown). His email concerning the importance of the census was discussed. The board decided to ask if the Census Bureau has a press release that we could include in "The Legend" and recommended that the Census provide information that might be posted on the Yahoo group. Anna's suggestion that a Census representative should be allowed to attend the candidate forum on October was approved. Cindy Fox reported that Heidi Chapman is doing advance work for the Census.

Legend Editor (Chris Martin). Was not present but the board discussed the online posting of personal information in "The Legend" on our website. The posting of names of new neighbors along with the names of children is the most problematic. There was no opposition to the posting of this information in older newsletters. This creates a problem for the editor.

Safety & Security (Anne Pendleton). Reported on the recent flap over a teenaged Dominion Hospital "eloper" who walked away from the facility. He was never a threat to anyone and was returned almost immediately. There were two attempted break-ins. In both cases the would-be thieves left before getting into the occupied homes. The Neighborhood Watch is going well.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

If you haven't done so yet, **consider joining our Yahoo! group.** This is an online service (web site plus e-mail system) in which SHCA maintains an e-mail list to share information about association business and events, health and safety information, local government and police bulletins, and the neighborly exchange of ideas and resources.

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

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@yahoo.com

Also, check our web site any time for the latest news and the SHCA events calendar: www.sleepyhollowonline.com

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