



# HILLBROOK HILITES

Hillbrook Tall Oaks Civic Association (HTOCA) Newsletter

Early Fall 2019

## NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 4-6 PM!

**One of the most anticipated neighborhood events** is almost upon us: It's Neighborhood Potluck time!

Join us this coming Sunday from 4-6 p.m. on Silver Lane (between Kingston and Dodson Drives) to socialize with your fellow neighbors and hear what's been happening in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks over the last few months.

We supply both adult- and kid-friendly beverages for all, which may be why this event is historically one of our most well-attended! In past years we have also hosted a DJ to spin tunes, asked local politicians to attend, and invited the local firehouse to show off their equipment to kids of all ages.

Please bring a potluck dish and/or large side to share. We will have tables set up as well as cups and utensils for all. Like all HTOCA neighborhood events, this one family- and dog-friendly, so bring the whole (furry) family. If you're new to the neighborhood, this is a great time to come out and meet everyone! If you know of any new neighbors who may not be on our email list yet, please invite them to join us.

Believe it or not, it's also annual dues time, so feel free to **bring your \$25** check or cash to the Potluck. We also accept PayPal payments, which you can do online at [www.htoca22003.org](http://www.htoca22003.org). **Your support helps us continue providing a great experience for all of our neighbors, including events like these.** See you soon!

## HTOCA BOARD ELECTIONS

Along with annual dues time, it's also that time of year to elect your HTOCA Board.

The all-volunteer Board, which we elect annually, helps plan the multiple social, fitness, and family-oriented events we hold throughout the year. We also help communicate the latest happenings to our 'hood via this newsletter and periodic emails.

Did you know we also advocate for you and your fellow neighbors on issues of interest to the neighborhood at Annandale and Fairfax County planning meetings? We also welcome new neighbors into Hillbrook-Tall Oaks with orientation materials and go-to resources to ensure everyone enjoys the best our community has to offer.

**Check your inbox for the 2019-20 ballot**, and please let us know if you have any questions.

**Interested in attending a Board meeting?** Held the second Wednesday evening of every month, they are open to all residents. We welcome you to listen in, ask questions, provide feedback, and make suggestions on how to continually improve our community. Please email us at [hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com) for info on the next meeting.



*Thanks to **Mark Crawford** for cleaning up and painting the Hillbrook sign this summer.*

### In This Issue...

- HTOCA Annual Elections and Dues Time
- Know Thy Neighbor: Steven & Hilary Lewis Boyd
- Oktoberfest & Halloween Parade: Sunday, October 27
- Little Library Coming Soon

#### HTOCA

PO Box 1112  
Annandale, VA  
22003-9112

[hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com)  
[www.HTOCA22003.org](http://www.HTOCA22003.org)

## KNOW THY NEIGHBORS: STEVEN & HILARY BOYD

From “firefly spectacles” to Baltimore baseball blues to wintertime moving advice (spoiler alert: don’t), **Steven and Hilary Lewis Boyd** break it down for us...



*Photo courtesy of Steven Boyd*

while living in Jamaica. Her family moved to Chevy Chase, MD, when she was 3. We are both lucky to still have our families living in the area.

### **How long have you lived in Hillbrook -Tall Oaks?**

We have lived here for 8 years. We moved in December of 2011. Recommendation: NEVER MOVE IN DECEMBER!

We don’t have any kids, but we do have an amazing dog named Jesse. She goes by “Jesse Monster” or “JM” for short.

### **Where are you originally from?**

I’m from Baltimore (moment of silence for the Orioles). My parents are retired and live in Southern Maryland. Hilary has a more colorful heritage. Her mom is from the UK; Dad is from New Zealand. They adopted her and her brother from Canada

### **Any interesting memories from living in the neighborhood?**

Every year we look forward to the “firefly spectacle” in the summer. The woods behind our house resembles a huge Christmas tree. It’s really amazing! We also look forward to the group of hummingbirds that migrate through our neighborhood.

### **What's your favorite part about living here?**

There are a few aspects of we like. It’s quiet. The people that live here are very friendly and there are lots of dogs! This is a very dog-friendly neighborhood. The location is great! It’s easy to get to Tysons, Arlington, etc.

### **What advice do you have for new residents?**

**Try to meet your neighbors! My wife is very good about chatting up folks in the neighborhood!**

# HALLOWEEN PARADE & OKTOBERFEST: SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 27

Hope you've started working on your silliest and spookiest costumes, since the annual Halloween & Oktoberfest event is coming soon!

This annual event, to be held this year on Sunday, October 27, starts with a Halloween Parade beginning at the corner of Kingston Drive and Silver Lane. We invite all neighborhood kids (and kids at heart) to join the procession down to Colburn Drive cul-de-sac, where the event is held in the mid-to-late afternoon..

This year we will have brats, sauerkraut and brews for all, plus kids' games and entertainment. If we are lucky (and **Gina Fishman** is in town), we may also get another accordion serenade this year.

Finally: Be sure to wear your costumes to win fabulous prizes, not to mention lifelong neighborhood bragging rights. Last year we gave out prizes to a magnificent Maleficent, complete with handmade feather wings, as well as an amazingly accurate Muppet Band family of adults and kids.



*"Maleficent" took the best kids' costume prize in 2018.*

**If you would like to help organize this - or any other - HTOCA event, please contact us at [hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com).**

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY COMING SOON!

Hillbrook Tall Oaks will soon have a little library to call its own. Thanks to the efforts of HTOCA Board Member **Dave Brundage and family**, we will announce the library's location at the Potluck.

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books.

Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share with neighbors. Popping up all over the country, Little Libraries have been called "mini-town squares."

Questions?

Need to Pay Your  
Dues?

Want to Get Involved?

**HTOCA**

PO Box 1112  
Annandale, VA

22003-9112

Email:

[hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com](mailto:hillbrooktalloaks@gmail.com)

Visit our website:

[www.HTOCA22003.org](http://www.HTOCA22003.org)