

HILLBROOK HILITES

Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association

October 2026



Downtown Annandale Parade Oct. 24

The 76th Annandale Parade takes place on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 AM to Noon along Columbia Pike in Annandale. A favorite tradition since 1950, this parade promotes community involvement and celebrates the cultural diversity of Annandale.

This parade has got it all: Marching bands, fire engines and ambulances, dancing groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, sports teams, business floats, politicians hungry for votes, charitable organizations, military contingents, and state and Fairfax County police representatives.

Mark your calendar and bring your family to view this Annandale tradition. Children are invited to wear their Halloween Costumes, to cheer the participants, and to marvel at the exhibits. Kids standing along the parade route may get showered with candy.

Sponsored by the Annandale Chamber of Commerce, the parade starts at the white wooden church on Columbia Pike near Gallows Road and proceeds west through downtown Annandale to the Safeway shopping center.

Paving on Select Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Streets

The Fairfax County Water Authority, having completed its water pipe replacement work at the west end of the neighborhood, will start repaving streets that were torn up. This work is being done on Cherry Lane, Cindy Lane, Exeter St., Hillbrook Drive, Monterey Drive, Oak Court and Pacific Lane. **Do not park vehicles** on these streets until paving work is complete - around October 31, weather permitting.

Leaf, Yard Waste Pickup Timelines Set

Gravity shows no mercy. Like it or not millions of leaves are floating to the ground covering lawns and driveways in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks. Get out your rakes, blowers and tarps to move leaves to the edge of your yards near the street.

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) will commence leaf vacuum service in Hillbrook-Tall Oaks and other Mason District neighborhoods on or about October 31. Our neighborhood (collection district 8A -) gets a total of three leaf collections each year, a service paid for by an annual fee that residents pay through their property tax bill.

Residents will be informed of 2nd and 3rd round vacuum truck leaf collection dates in the weeks ahead after county crews assess their progress (see "Subscribe to Vacuum Leaf Collection Email Updates" at [Vacuum Leaf Announcements for Area](#)). DPWES halts 2026 collection of general yard wastes on December 24, 2026. Service resumes in the spring. Got questions? Call Fairfax County DPWES staff at 703-802-3322.

It's a Scary Gathering Not to be Missed

BOO !

Creepy creatures, ghosts and goblins, monsters, oddballs and normal people are expected to wander through Hillbrook-Tall Oaks on Sunday, **October 25**, to join a **HALLOWEEN PARADE** that starts marching at 3 PM up Colburn Drive.

This scary collection of folks will start strutting their stuff at the intersection of Dodson Drive and Colburn Drive. Persons wanting to take part in the parade should meet at Joanna Edie's house at 5101 Dodson Drive no later than **2:45 pm**.

Bagpiper David Brundage (an Oak Court resident) will lead this motley crew to the Oktoberfest site under the direction of Ms. Marly Parra, an HTOCA director. She will guide participants (kids and parents) across Dodson Drive up to the Colburn cul-de-sac where festivities will take place.

This free neighborhood celebration is *open to all residents*. This is a great chance to catch up with your neighbors, meet newcomers to the community, and enable your children to make some new ghostly friends.

HTOCA's Oktoberfest = FOOD & FUN!

Hot dogs, bratwurst, sauerkraut, baked beans, and other tasty delicacies await residents who make their way through the Hillbrook-Tall Oaks woods past goblins, trolls, vampires, dragons and other creatures to Colburn Drive.

To wash it all down, the Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association will provide water, soft drinks, beer and wine (only for persons 21 years or older). HTOCA provides plates, plastic ware, napkins and drinking cups. Families should bring side dishes (salads, vegetables, desserts) for this pot luck event.

There is going to be a lot going on that you won't want to miss! There will be prizes for those persons judged to be wearing the best costumes. Guess how much the pumpkin weighs and you may win a prize! Calculate most closely how many candy corns are in the jar and you'll be rewarded, too!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Parking: Walk to this event to the extent possible. No parking on the Colburn Drive cul-de-sac. Watch out for walkers, especially children. Bring foldable chairs or blankets to sit on.

Pets: Please keep your pets at home for their safety and for the safety of neighbors.

Trash: Do not leave litter on neighbors' lawns.

Calling All Bookworms!

So Much to Read and So Little Time

Want something to read, but you don't want to hoof it to George Mason Library (which will soon close for two years) Check out Hillbrook-Tall Oak's two little libraries. A second "little library" has just been donated by Absolon and Thuraya Kent.

Located at 6832 Pacific Lane, this new library is a double decker, stuffed with interesting reading material. It is dedicated to the memory of Patricia Kent and Malcolm Kent and their love of learning and people. This facility has official Little Free Library status (Charter #234818) issued on October 1, 2026. Visit absolonkent.net/little-free-library, to learn more.

This new library unit compliments the existing HTOCA little library situated on Cindy Lane at the Hillbrook Drive cul-de-sac. It was erected by and is managed by Jackie McCarthy who resides at 7035 Cindy Lane. Check them out.

The idea behind the Little Free Library program is simple: take a book, leave a book. There is no sign-up, no due date, and no fee. The shelves hold books for readers of all ages. Remember, when done, return the book to the little library so others may enjoy it.



Located on Pacific Lane, this is the newest Little Library

HTOCA Helps Launch

Poe Middle School Food Pantry Open

The parent teacher organization (PTA) of Poe Middle school is calling on families to support the newly established food pantry, which will assist students in need of food. The food pantry is part of the Ravens Nest program operated by Poe's Parent Liaison office.

The Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Assn. is contributing the program by sponsoring a neighborhood drive for donations that will run from October 25 through November 8, 2026.

HTOCA's community goal is to collect 250 items to help stock the Poe Middle School pantry for students and their families. "We are asking for unopened, unexpired, shelf-stable items (*see table below*), explains Absolon Kent, HTOCA's Fall Food Drive Coordinator.

Priority Items – Poe Middle School Food Pantry Needs	
Dry beans (black and red)	Canned Foods
Rice	Cereal
Sugar	Powdered Milk
Salt	Pasta
Flour	Detergent
Maseca	Toilet paper
Oil	

Hillbrook-Tall Oaks residents can bring their donations to the community's Oktoberfest event on October 25, or to one of the drop-off locations in the neighborhood, including 6832 Pacific Lane. You can find the current list of homes online at htoca.org/food-drive/.

Residents may contribute to the Poe food pantry any time of year by bringing donations directly to the school's front office entrance during school hours.

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Annual Block Party Draws Crowd



More than 100 residents showed up for the Annual Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association's BLOCK PARTY-Pot Luck dinner held September 20. The event featured the Paper Airplanes band, a fire truck from the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department, games, and lots of food.



VOTE

November 3, 2026 - General
and Special Elections

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