



The Newsletter of the Hollin Hall Village
Citizens Association (HHVCA), with Information
for Association Members & Residents

Next HHVCA Meeting
TUESDAY, MARCH 21
@ 7:15 PM

AGENDA:

- Welcome
- Minutes Review/
Approval
- Committee reports
- Public Safety in HHV
- The HHV List

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OUR MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting will tackle two issues: public safety in HHV, and our list of priorities for the upcoming year. Concerning public safety, discussion will focus on traffic safety, pedestrian safety, and crime prevention, with an added bonus of hearing from two HHV residents whose vehicle was burglarized, their experience with the police, and the outcomes. We'll also discuss HHVCA's plans for the coming year. Please try to attend.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:
CRIME & CRIME
PREVENTION**

An HHVCA email on January 11 and 14 provided info on criminal activity in HHV on the evening and early morning of December 29/30. A vehicle was stolen on Jackson Road and other vehicles were rifled through on Jamestown, Jackson, Shenandoah, Bainbridge, New Market and Wellington Road, as well as Concord and Clark Place. Here's what we learned from the December incident:

- Several instances of suspicious activities on above dates were noticed, but were not called in immediately to the police.
- Many residents did not lock their vehicles.
- A number of residents did not call the police to report that their vehicles were entered, rummaged through, and whether or not items were taken.

Remember, these are crimes of opportunity. The more unlocked cars they find, the

more they keep coming back to Hollin Hall.

**WELCOME NEW HHVCA
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

We welcome two new committee chairs to HHVCA: Vincent Fusaro, who lives on Baltimore Road, and Patrick Kilbride, who lives on Kane Court. Vincent will lead the Transportation Committee and Patrick will lead the Budget Committee. They join our other Committee Chairs: Dorothy Keough – Environment & Recreation; Karen Hertel – Education; and Don Martin - Planning & Zoning. Thanks to all for your service to our neighborhood.

The Public Safety, Health & Human Services, and Consumer Affairs committee chairs are still vacant. A position is also open to engage with other neighborhoods on the aircraft noise issue. And as always, members are needed on all committees. We are also looking for a membership coordinator. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please

contact Leo Milanowski.

KEEPING HHV A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Our March 2016 newsletter presented *The HHV List* – issues, interests, and events to be pursued during the ensuing year.

The events on the list – National Night Out, the Annual Picnic, and the community yard sale – were successes thanks to the volunteers who made them happen. These events remain on *The List*, and we'll do each again this year with a look to increase neighborhood involvement.

We also made progress on revitalizing HHVCA's committees and increasing involvement in Neighborhood Watch, thanks to our neighbors who got involved. These areas remain on *The List* as items of continued attention.

Keeping our public spaces maintained, especially the Shenandoah Road median, has benefited from VDOT's web-based service request system, and as long as we keep posting needed action, VDOT will do its part.

And, although it has occurred on its own, *NextDoor* has become a real-time, neighborhood-wide source of information and platform for discussion.

We weren't as successful in addressing the remaining areas. While our eyes and ears are wide open, we still

seem to be caught off guard by actions and activities of government and utility providers. This is one of the hardest areas on which to get traction, but we're going to keep trying. Any ideas on how to pursue this are welcome.

What we've done and where we're heading are going to be topics at our March meeting. So don't be shy; tell us other issues, interests, and events we should consider.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING

FCPD Crime Prevention Officer Robert Urps will conduct NW training on March 15 at 7:00 pm at the Mount Vernon District Station Community Room, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306. Please try to attend.

You can register by emailing Officer Urps at: Robert.Urps@fairfaxcounty.gov or by calling 703-360-7518.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The County mailed its 2017 real estate assessments on February 14. While the Board decided there will be no increase to the tax rate, your taxes may rise if the County's assessment of your home's value increased. You may want to compare your assessment with other similar homes to ensure you're being treated fairly in the process. Challenges to assessments are due by April 3, 2017.

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