

HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE

newsletter JUNE 2021

Next HHVCA Meeting : June 22 @7:00 pm

If you are receiving HHVCA emails, you'll get a ZOOM invite.
If not, contact us via email or through the website.

Paul Spring Project Information

At our June 22 meeting, County Staff will present an overview of their plan to re-work the Paul Spring floodplain from Mason Hill to Collingwood Road. We believe our early involvement in the project will help ensure that changes to one of the largest green spaces in our neighborhood reflects our interests and addresses our concerns.

FAREWELL! WE WILL MISS YOU.



By now you may have heard, but two long term HHV neighbors are moving. Tom Harvey recently announced that he and his wife, Judy, sold Hollin Hall Automotive, which has been run by the Harvey family for more than 60 years, and will be retiring to the Maryland's Eastern Shore. Tom and the Harvey family have been a cherished part of HHV since its founding. In addition to serving over 70 million gallons of gas, the Harvey family has hired hundreds of local high school kids for their first jobs, supported numerous Fort Hunt Youth Athletics teams, and has maintained a strong presence in our neighborhood.

And in another changing of the guard, Larry Gray and his wife, Janet, recently sold Village Hardware, and will retire to Sarasota, Florida. The Grays have owned Village Hardware since 1979, and which has been a testament to the golden age of "mom and pop" stores. It has served as one of the anchor stores in the shopping center and a go-to place for that home-improvement project or to stock up on barbecue supplies. Similar to HHA, the Grays throughout the years hired numerous local high school kids for their first jobs and supported numerous FHYA teams, as well as the community.

Congratulations again to the Harveys and the Grays on your well-earned retirements. We will miss you. ■

The Newsletter of the Hollin Hall Village Citizens' Association (HHVCA) with information for Association Members and Residents of our *Pleasant Little Community*

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CHANGES TO THE GW PARKWAY

With the Safety Improvement Study of the GW Parkway concluded, the National Park Service (NPS) announced it will begin to implement changes in the fall of 2021. Its intent is to make the road safer for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. You can access the study at: <https://www.nps.gov/gwmp/learn/management/south-parkway-safety-study.htm>

The initial steps include:

- Re-striping the roadway to implement a “road diet” while maintaining driving capacity; road markings between Tulane Drive and Stratford Lane will be changed to reduce travel lanes to two northbound and one southbound, with the remaining lane as a turn lane.
- Increasing visibility of lane markings.
- Removing vegetation at intersections to improve visibility.

Future work will install traffic circles(roundabouts) at all intersections from the Alexandria border to Stratford Lane. NPS will also continue to implement safety solutions through education, enforcement, and engineering approaches.

The intended changes have not received universal support from Mount Vernon District residents. Some predict drivers will divert to other roadways, e.g. Fort Hunt Road. Your opinions on the proposed change are important, and comments and criticisms can be directed to our local federal and state lawmakers. ■

AIRPLANE NOISE. ITS BACK.

As airplane traffic returns to its pre-pandemic level, noise will again impact HHV. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) Community Working Group (CWG) continues to advocate for departure paths that would decrease noise in HHV and neighboring communities. The FAA continues to study the noise problem, an activity interrupted by the pandemic and discovery that the data used was outdated. The CWG is seeking outside help to work on its behalf.

To issue a complaint about airplane traffic noise, please visit the DCA complaint dashboard: <https://www.flyreagan.com/dca/dca-reagan-national-complaint-dashboard> or FAA’s Noise Complaint site at <https://www.faa.gov/noise/inquiries/> ■

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WALKERS

A community with a working Neighborhood Watch (NW) program is a cost-effective crime prevention technique. Its basic elements are cooperation, education, and constant update. Passive observation is effective. Neighbors who are home during the day or walk the neighborhood can help the effort.

Our NW Team is asking for neighbors to be Neighborhood Watch Walkers, i.e. crime-fighting by simply walking around. Those out for a leisurely stroll, a fitness walk, or a dutiful dog walk can provide eyes on “unusual” activity, or even thwart a planned event. For more information, email us at HOLLINHALLVILLAGECITIZENSASSN@outlook.com. ■



3RD ANNUAL MOUNT VERNON ENVIRONMENT EXPO

Sat. June 26 | 8 am– 12 noon | Fort Hunt Park | FREE

In partnership with the National Park Service, this event informs residents on environmental challenges that we face daily, including those unique to our area. Exhibitors include Workshops, Live Music, Live Reptile and Owl Programs, Electric Vehicles, Nature Walks, Junior Ranger Program, Touch-a-Truck Recycling, History Tours, Purple Glass Monster (bring your glass recycling for drop off!), Food Trucks and more. ■

This event will adhere to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols in place on June 26. Pre-registration is recommended. If COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, walk-ups without registration will be permitted. Register here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/environment-expo-get-outdoors-learn-and-do> to reserve your FREE ticket today!

STAY VIGILANT—STAY SAFE

Our Community Police Officer - Marvin Goodley - will present at our June meeting on recent HHV incidents. In light of recent events in HHV, receiving real-time informations should be a priority.

Sign up for FAIRFAX’S ALERT system at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts>

You can sign up for “reverse 911” calls to receive additional information in the event of a prolonged law enforcement-type event. A voice call is only available on hard-wired landlines. However, there is a text message option for cellphones. ■

“Summertime is always the best of what might be”

- Charles Bowden

Help me help YOU take advantage of this year’s incredible summer market. I’ll provide a complimentary analysis of your home’s worth, and I’ll bring the coffee!

As a resident of Hollin Hall Village for 22 years I know the value of our amazing neighborhood.

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