

HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE

newsletter SEPTEMBER 2021

Next HHVCA Meeting: SEPT 21 @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 to get the invitation.

PEDESTRIAN & TRAFFIC SAFETY IN HHV

As we move back to normalcy, traffic volume is increasing; speeding remains a persistent problem; aggressive driving is on the rise; and complying with basic traffic safety rules appears hit or miss. These trends put our neighbors - drivers and pedestrians alike - in peril, especially on our major thoroughfares: Shenandoah, Wellington, and Karl Roads.

To address these issues, HHVCA's VP, Ryan Battle is leading a team of neighbors to pursue prevention/mitigation solutions with state and local officials. Safe streets is the aim, with particular attention to safety in and

around school bus stops and eliminating speeding. All of the imagined solutions have their pro's and con's and any changes pursued - stop signs, traffic calming, speed limit reduction, or increased enforcement - will require consensus and active support of the entire neighborhood.

We all want HHV to be a safe neighborhood and it's clear something needs to be done. The team needs the community's active involvement and support to its efforts. Contact Ryan Battle to get involved in helping HHV become a safer place. ■

BACK-TO-SCHOOL REMINDER

With many neighbors returning to their offices and their daily commutes, everyone should be on the lookout for kids heading back to school. There are several bus-stops located throughout Hollin Hall, and as we lose daylight and with the time changing soon, many kids will be walking to their stops in the dark. Please be careful out there!

HHVCA ELECTIONS

Now's your chance to be more involved in our neighborhood's civic association!

HHVCA's by-laws require Board election every two years. Accordingly, we will hold the next election at the November meeting. The by-laws impose term limits, so all five positions are up for election.

HHVCA's purpose is to promote our neighborhood's wellbeing and protect HHV from initiatives that do not serve our interests. The Board's role is to

provide a critical link between HHV neighbors and others—individuals, groups, and local government—in pursuit of matters affecting HHV.

Job descriptions for the positions can be found in the by-laws, which are posted on the HHVCA website, or you can contact one of the current directors for info. If interested in running or serving as a volunteer on one of our committees, please contact Leo Milanowski. ■

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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We've modernized our website!
www.hhvca.org

See the new features and check back regularly to see what else has been added. If you haven't been getting emails from us, you may not be on our list. To get on the list, send us an email with your name and address. We don't share your info.

Email:
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PAUL SPRING STREAM RENOVATION

On August 8, HHVCA's Paul Spring Project (PSP) team, led by Dorothy Keough, had its first meeting with County's Project Manager, Justin Pistore, to review the project's pre-conceptual design. This project spans over 2 miles, between Mason Hill Drive and Collingwood Road, and is divided into 17 segments, 12 of which border HHV. Much of the stream bed is owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority, but easements will be required where private property is involved.

The schedule estimates easement acquisition will be completed by January 2022, giving us about 6 months to review the plans, and make our positions clear to the County.

At the meeting, HHVCA's team voiced its areas of interests, among those being minimizing tree removal; maximizing invasive flora removal; identifying and protecting wildlife; and building features, e.g. trails and bridges, to make it a community asset. We also discussed minimizing community disturbance

during the construction process, and location of the construction entrances and staging areas.

As the project moves along, it will become increasingly difficult to change its course. So now is the time for HHV neighbors to get involved. We hope our early involvement will help improve its design/construction, reflect our interests, and address our concerns. Contact Dorothy through the website to add your voice to our discussions.

We will add a page to our website to gather all information for the project. Paper copies of the plan and drawings can be found in the reference section at Sherwood Hall Library. ■

Further information can be found at:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/paul-spring-branch-sherwood-hall-stream-restoration..>

STAY VIGILANT — STAY SAFE

In light of recent events in HHV, receiving real-time informations should be a priority. One way is to sign up for FAIRFAX'S ALERT system at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts>

You can also sign up for "reverse 911" calls to receive additional direction and information in the event of a prolonged law enforcement-type event. A voice call is only available on hard-wired landlines, not on cellphones. However, there is a text message option for cellphones. ■

"CARS AND COFFEE" MEET-UP

New to the neighborhood? Then you may not be aware that twice a month on Sunday mornings a local car-enthusiast group gets together at the Hollin Hall Shopping Center to showcase their eclectic mix of classic, sports, hot rod and exotic cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Everyone is welcome to stop by or even bring your own car if you think it's cool. More info about the group can be found here: <https://www.meetup.com/Alexandria-Cars-Coffee..> ■

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH WALKERS

A community with a working Neighborhood Watch (NW) 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 also 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. ■

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye"

- Unknown

Prices in our neighborhood are certainly not falling!
Here are some statistics I hope you find interesting:

Hollin Hall Village (year-to-date)
Homes Sold: 36
Median List Price: \$715,000.00
Median Days on Market: 12

If you'd like help determining the best time to Sell your home, let's talk. 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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