

HOLLIN HALL news

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

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Upcoming Events

- **HHVCA Winter Meeting**
Saturday, February 22, 10:00
am, Hollin Hall Senior Center
- **Tree Saver work day:**
Saturday, March 8, 10 am–1 pm,
Paul Springs Pkwy at Jackson
Road
- **Ice cream social, Saturday,**
May 3 from 2 -5 PM, at Hollin
Hall Senior Center

HHVCA COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Last year's community yard sale was popular! But to make it happen again, we need an organizer. If you'd like to help, contact Leo Milanowski at hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@outlook.com.

HHV WINTER MEETING

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 10:00 AM
HOLLIN HALL SENIOR CENTER

Our guest speaker will be Kathy Dismukes, Director of *Mount Vernon at Home*, a community non-profit serving local residents who are choosing to remain in their homes and communities as they age. We've also invited the Park Authority to brief us on the new Recreation Center, but they are unconfirmed at press time.

So come catch up with your neighbors, learn about local projects and discover opportunities to be involved.

SCHOOL BOUNDARY REVIEW MOVES FORWARD

As part of its effort to balance capacity and ensure equal access to educational opportunities, the County is conducting a comprehensive boundary review of its schools for the first time in four decades. The review will take place over a 16-month period ending January 31, 2026. During January and February, 2025, the County conducted six public meetings to solicit community feedback. FCPS will evaluate 1st round comments and then schedule a 2nd round of public meetings.

HHVCA will continue to monitor the review and alert residents to opportunities to voice your opinion. Register for updates from the County at <https://tinyurl.com/yckf3srx>.

MT. VERNON REC CENTER OPENS MAY, 2025

Work is progressing on schedule for the reopening of the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center in May 2025. Since its groundbreaking in 2023, the \$70 million, 75,000 square foot renovation has created a "first-class community center – maybe the best in the metro area," according to County Supervisor Dan Storck.

County Park Authority officials were on hand at a community information meeting last month to

answer questions and describe the many improvements, which include a more accessible entrance from the new parking lot behind the center, a renovated 25 yd/25 meter pool with an extra lane in the deep end and zero-entry area, a second ice rink with a separate, handicapped-accessible entrance, cardio fitness and strength training areas, an indoor track and climbing wall, and drop-in child care. The County will host an open house in late May. Registration for summer camps at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center are open now; camps begin in June. Registration for all summer programs begins April 22.

More information at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/reccenter/mount-vernon.

HHVCA IS ON FACEBOOK

HHVCA has established a private Facebook group for residents of the Hollin Hall Village neighborhood. The purpose of the group is to facilitate communication between neighbors and allow volunteers of the HHVCA to share important information, updates, and reminders. If you are interested in joining this Facebook group, search for "Hollin Hall Village Citizens Assn" and request access. Anyone attempting to join will be asked three questions to ensure they are part of the community and agree to follow the group rules. If you have any

questions, email
diane_frazier10@hotmail.com.

WELLS FARGO BRANCH TO CLOSE

Wells Fargo bank recently notified customers it will close its Hollin Hall branch in March, 2025. A representative for the bank cited the fact that more transactions are taking place online. Wells Fargo operates three other nearby branches in Hybla Valley, Belle View, and Old Town Alexandria.

Wells Fargo is the fourth vendor to leave the retail strip in the last year. HHVCA is in the process of reaching out to owners and merchants to stress how important Hollin Hall's commercial strip is to our community and to offer our support.

BEAVERS WREAK HAVOC ON AREA TREES

Extensive beaver damage is occurring in the woodlands and yards along both sides of Lafayette Drive and Fairfax Road, extending up to Yorktown and Wellington Roads. Many folks have wrapped trees with wire mesh with good outcomes, but the beavers tend to move on to other unprotected plants.

In response to HHVCA inquiries, Fairfax County's Wildlife Office responded it does not trap or remove nuisance beavers. HHVCA is looking for

other humane alternatives to trapping.

STALLED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PROMPT CONCERN

HHVCA President Leo Milanowski contacted Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck to highlight a number of stalled construction projects in the neighborhood. Two properties in particular – 2106 Shenandoah Road and 1600 Lafayette Drive – have languished with no discernable progress. Several complaints to the County's Code Compliance office have been lodged and marked "closed," with no indication of the outcome. "I ask for your help in moving these projects along and in removing dangerous conditions that exist at these sites," Milanowski wrote. We are waiting for a response from the Supervisor.

TREE SAVE VOLUNTEERS TO MEET MARCH 8 AT PAUL SPRING VALLEY PARK

A new workday to remove ivy and other invasive vegetation from trees in Paul Spring Valley Park will take place March 8, from 10AM to 1PM. Volunteers should meet on Paul Spring Parkway at Jackson Road.

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