



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

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Upcoming Events

- Hollin Hall Fall Fest, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2 – 5 pm, Mt. Vernon Park
- School Boundary Review Saturday, Oct. 25, 9:30 – 11 AM, Carl Sandburg Middle School
- Early Voting: Sept. 19 – Nov. 1, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center. Election Day, Nov. 4, 6 am – 7 pm, Hollin Hall Senior Center
- Paper Shredding Sat., Oct. 25, 9am – noon, Walt Whitman Middle School
- First Fall Tree Savers Work Day Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 am – 1 pm Location announced by email.

HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2 – 5 pm

Mt. Vernon Park (8042 Fairfax Rd)

An event for the whole neighborhood to promote fellowship, community, and conversation. A light fare will be served including cookies and apple cider donuts, along with apple cider. There'll also be children activities including a pie-eating contest, pumpkin relays, and cookie decorating. Neighbors are welcome to bring other dishes and adult beverages.

HHVCA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 am – 12:00 pm @ Senior Center

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gift. Saturday special events feature wine and cheese tastings and butchering demonstrations. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 – 7 pm. Check the store window or [instagram.com/TheCutButchery](https://www.instagram.com/TheCutButchery) for Saturday special events.

NEWEST VILLAGE STORE FEATURES PRIME MEATS, SEAFOOD AND MORE

Recent visitors to The Cut, located next to River Bend Bistro in the Hollin Hall shopping center, know it's much more than a butcher. The Cut is a full-service market featuring dry-aged cuts of beef, quality pork, sausage, chicken and fresh seafood. Owner Alex Kilroy has reimagined the former Top it Off space with a European market vibe and wide assortment of cheeses and condiments, fresh local produce, fruit, wine and gift items. The Cut makes it easy to assemble a special meal, bountiful picnic or epicurean



VILLAGE CELEBRATES FIRST RESPONDERS

Hollin Hall Village residents joined members of the Fairfax County Police, Firefighters and Ambulance services to celebrate National Night Out on August 5 at Mount Vernon Park. Our own Porch Pirates band provided a lively playlist, while neighbors visited and enjoyed food truck offerings and frozen

treats. Thanks to Supervisor Dan Storck and our first responders for coming out!

ELECTION UNDERWAY FOR STATE CANDIDATES, SCHOOL BOND

This year Virginia will elect a new Governor as well as Lt. Gov., Attorney General and House of Delegates representative. An education bond referendum for building and capital improvements for Fairfax County schools will also be on the ballot.

Voting Deadlines:

Early voting: Sept. 19 – Nov. 1: Mt. Vernon Governmental Ctr

Voter registration: Oct. 14, 5 p.m.

Request absentee ballot: Oct. 24, 5 pm. Return Absentee ballot to Fairfax County Office of Elections: November 4, 7 p.m.

Election Day: Nov. 4, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hollin Hall Senior Center

Election, registration and absentee ballot info:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections>

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/index.html>; 703-222-0776

SCHOOL BOUNDARY REVIEW CONTINUES

The Superintendent's Boundary Review Advisory Committee will hold a community meeting on Saturday October 25, from 9:30 – 11 am at Carl Sandburg Middle School to receive community feedback on the current boundary plans. At this point, no change has been

recommended for Hollin Hall Village children who attend Waynewood Elementary.

In the spring, the community provided feedback on three draft scenarios to address school attendance islands, split feeders to the middle and high schools, and overcrowding. Following this feedback, the Committee developed a new draft map, which will be shared with the community at the October 25 meeting at Sandburg. Final recommendations will be implemented in the fall of 2026.

More information is available at https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/maps/2024-2026-boundary-review/phase-2-part-2-community-meetings?utm_campaign+=&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdeliverly#october-meetings

TREE SAVERS FALL WORK DAYS SCHEDULE

Join the Tree Savers to remove invasive weeds from trees along Paul Spring Parkway and keep our park healthy. Our first meet-up is scheduled for Saturday November 1. Look for a follow-up email from HHVCA to nail down the location. We plan to meet monthly during the fall and winter months to carry on the work, and are aiming for first Saturday of each month. But, as this depends on the availability of the County-certified Invasive Management expert, notification of future meet-ups will be sent via email.

For more information, contact Dorothy Keough at dorothy.keough77@gmail.com.

BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

Are you the type of person who knows your neighbors or would like to get to know them better? Are you part of a text chain that includes the folks living nearby? If so, please consider stepping up to be a Block Captain for your immediate area within our larger neighborhood. Street Captains help a neighborhood thrive by reaching out to new neighbors, welcoming new babies, organizing food chains for sick neighbors, or delivering newsletters. They are the glue that brings a neighborhood like ours together – something we can all use more of these days! Please consider being a Block Captain to help Hollin Hall thrive. If you are interested, please email hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@outlook.com or diane_frazier10@hotmail.com.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

Are you dividing plants in your garden this fall? HHVCA could use perennials and small evergreen shrubs to fill in empty spots around the Hollin Hall Village entrance sign. If you'd like to help or have a donation in mind, please contact Mary Jane Guffey at maryjaneguffey@gmail.com.

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT SATURDAY, OCT. 25

The Mt. Vernon Supervisor's office is holding a paper shredding event on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 am – noon at Walt Whitman High School. More details at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/paper-shredding-event>

ADDING BELTWAY TOLL LANES UPDATE

After a series of public meetings, VDOT has decided on its preferred alternative for adding toll lanes from Springfield to the Wilson Bridge. The next step is the Environmental Assessment phase, which includes establishing the purpose and need for the project as well as improvement alternatives, determining natural and human environmental impacts, preliminary design concepts, public involvement, and obtaining federal approval. More public forums (not yet scheduled) and a review by VA's Commonwealth Transportation Board will also be scheduled. More detailed information on VDOT's decision can be found at:

https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/media/vdotvirginiagov/projects/northernvirginia/i-495-southside-express-lane-study/495-Southside-June-2025-PH-VDOT-Responses_acc08272025_PM.pdf.

FRIENDS OF DYKE MARSH TO HOST BEAVER TUTORIAL

While HHV's beaver issue has temporarily abated, the reappearance of nature's lumberjacks is a distinct possibility. The Friends of Dyke Marsh are sponsoring "Beaver Business," a Zoom presentation on Oct. 22, 7 pm, with guest speaker Alison Zak from the Human-Beaver Coexistence Fund. Alison will discuss beaver ecology, behavior and human interactions. Sign up for the presentation at www.fodm.org.

NEIGHBOR NEWS

We'd like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to a dedicated neighbor whose ongoing efforts help our community look beautiful and feel welcoming.

Greg Harper deserves our special thanks for bringing color and joy to the community with the sunflower garden he plants and maintains at the intersection of Lafayette Drive and Wellington Road. Greg's thoughtful gesture has turned a simple stretch of median into a delightful neighborhood landmark. His cheerful blooms never fail to bring a smile to passersby and serve as a reminder of how one person's efforts can brighten the day of many. Greg, thank you for helping make our neighborhood a more beautiful and uplifting place to live.

Is there a neighbor that you would like to recognize? Or do you have some good news you would like to share? If so, please send it to Joy Bird at jumpforjoy357@gmail.com.

RAKE OR LEAVE YOUR LEAVES?

A growing chorus of natural gardeners and entomologists is urging homeowners to "leave the leaves" to protect overwintering insects and reduce the amount of mulch and fertilizer you'll need next season. "When we treat leaves like trash, we're tossing out the beautiful moths and butterflies that we'll surely miss and work so hard to attract," according to the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. These experts advise against shredding or mowing leaves because

doing so destroys the insects overwintering in them.

Instead, they offer these tips:

- Leave a thin layer of leaves on lawns and rake the rest into garden beds, around tree bases, or into a leaf pile out of sight that can slowly decompose.
- Leaves are great for soil quality and suppress weeds, retain moisture and boost nutrition. They also offer perennial plants extra insulation through the winter.
- When it's time for the first spring mow, most insects will have emerged and it's safe to remove excess leaves.

Learn more at xerces.org/blog.

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