

HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE

newsletter FEBRUARY 2021

Next HHVCA Meeting

March 23 @7:00 pm

Zoom details to follow

Renew your membership

Due to COVID-19, we took last year off, but we're back, so please remember to renew your membership for 2021.

See the attached membership letter for more details.

New HHVCA Website

We've modernized our website www.hhvca.org

See the new features and check back regularly to see what else has been added.

STAY VIGILANT—STAY SAFE

The health crisis has put a damper on personal interaction, but criminals are not taking a holiday. Since our last edition, HHV has had a home invasion/car theft, a mysterious death in the nearby woods, and a continued rash of car break-ins. With recent events, it is important that we remain alert and be ready to question anything that doesn't look right. If you see something suspicious, please REPORT it to Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Further, in light of recent events, HHVCA is making an urgent call for neighbors to join its Neighborhood Watch program to make it an effective tool to reduce crime. Please send an email to hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@outlook.com for more info. ■

RESTORING PAUL SPRING

At our November 2019 meeting, Fairfax County's Stormwater Planning Dept. briefed a preliminary plan to re-work the Paul Springs floodplain from Mason Hill to Collingwood Road. They cited severe stream bed erosion as the reason. The briefer also noted that due to the use of large machines, large swaths of trees and vegetation would be removed, but the end product would naturalize within two or three years. A similar project is now underway in Hollin Hills. Reports indicate it has caused

community pushback due to the extensive vegetation removal.

County staff briefed the MVCCA Environment Cmte. in January, and Dorothy Keough, HHVCA's Environment Chair, reports that the project is in the design phase. This is the time to make sure the neighborhood's interests are reflected in the final design.

Dorothy has agreed to monitor the project and represent our interests to the County. ■

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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TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Several roadway projects are on the drawing board or under study that could have an effect on our daily routes and routines. These include:

- (1) large-scale upgrades to Richmond Highway as it transforms to a multimodal transportation zone;
- (2) traffic flow and pedestrian safety improvements at the intersection of Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road;
- (3) a safety improvement study of the GW Parkway.

These efforts involve different groups often with different priorities. Citizen groups like ours, business interest, politicians and local/state/federal agencies all share a role in developing a plan and seeing it completed.

Our involvement in the process takes place through the MVCCA, and its Transportation Cmte. As a member of MVCCA's group, our Transportation Chair, Gary Drane, is involved in the process.

Several info sources are available to keep you up-to-date. An excellent overview of the Richmond

Highway Revitalization Plan can be found in Alexandria Living magazine's November 2020 issue (<https://alexandrialivingmagazine.com/news/north-gateway-area-of-richmond-highway-moves-one-step-closer/>) .

VDOT details its Route 1 plan at: virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/richmondhighway. Fairfax County plans fall under several offices. Search its site (fairfaxcounty.org) under EMBARK for a list of County's plans and actions.

Up-to-date info on Ft Hunt/Richmond Highway intersection can be found at MVCCA's site ([MVCCA.org](http://mvcca.org)). The Committee's Nov. 9, 2020, meeting minutes document its advocacy for improvements to visibility, crosswalk markings, and fixing confusing routes at the site. Fairfax County staff has produced a report on the subject, but it appears that VDOT is not on board yet.

As for the GW Parkway study, the National Park Service is behind schedule on releasing its report and website info is out of date. ■

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 can be a big help. 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.

And don't forget our local officer's advice:

- Crime prevention is everyone's business; a watchful eye is an effective weapon
- IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING
- Automobile related crime is largely preventable by simply locking your car
- Interrupting a criminal's risk/reward calculation is important to prevention

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER: (703) 691 2131

SPRING
is just around the corner...



...and so am I

Inventory and Interest Rates are still at historically low levels. If you're on the fence about selling, call me and let's have a conversation. 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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HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

February 1, 2021

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope you stay healthy and safe, as we move toward normalcy. Please continue to follow published best practices to keep you and those around you safe. A big shout out to those who have and continue to reach out to neighbors during the health crisis. It's folks like you that remind us of how lucky we are having you as our HHV neighbors.

Hollin Hall News and quarterly meetings went on hiatus last March with the expectation we would be back in July. We are now nearly a year past, and the health crisis has not slowed. Through the pause, HHVCA continued to track issues and events, participate virtually in larger community forums, and communicate items of interest through emails to those on our list. Unfortunately, our email list doesn't reach all HHV homes (more on this later), so to ensure that everyone stays informed, we are resuming our newsletter and planning to resume meetings as soon as possible.

Our February 2021 newsletter addresses current public safety, transportation and environmental impact issues. Face-to-face meetings are more problematic; the current plan is to start virtual neighborhood-wide meetings in March (e.g., ZOOM). Details are being worked out now. We'll notify everyone via email, so if you haven't been receiving messages from HHVCA in the past, let us know at hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@outlook.com, and we'll add you to the list.

It's been said before but bears repeating: Hollin Hall Village is a true gem! Where else can you walk to a neighborhood shopping center, have our children attend some of the best schools in the country, live close to historical treasures, and develop lifelong friendships with your neighbors—all with a small-town feel. We must continuously act to keep HHV the great place it is. We all have the right and responsibility to participate in what our community pursues, puts into practice and defends. If issues such as public safety, education, land use and environmental impacts are important to you, the best path toward a good result is to join with others to address it. And the more voices involved, the larger the impact.

HHVCA takes many single voices and amplifies them into a community force to the powers that be. That is HHVCA's purpose: working to involve the entire community in areas affecting our quality of life and pressing for decisions promoting our community's interests. We need your participation to get there—the more members we have, the more we can do for the community, so please join us.

I am happy to report that HHVCA dues are unchanged (and minimal)—only \$10 a year per household. Your contribution allows us to publish the newsletter, maintain our website, maintain common areas, fund membership in the MVCCA, participate in Fairfax County level forums, and sponsor community-wide events.

You may join or renew your HHVCA membership by completing the dues form (top of back page) and mailing it back in the attached envelope. You can also join/renew via our PayPal account. Visit HHVCA.org and look for the PayPal link on the homepage to pay your dues. If using PayPal please include your address, too. And either way, please don't forget to let us know your areas of interest and any improvements you'd like to see.

Your membership in HHVCA is greatly appreciated, but your active involvement in our Committees and Board go a long way in promoting/pursuing community initiatives. Our committees work on a variety of subjects, so you have the opportunity to work on something important to you. Several leadership roles are open, most importantly HHVCA Vice President position. Please consider taking the extra step to a Committee or Board role.

Questions? Please call me at 703-768-4692 or email me at hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@outlook.com.
For HHVCA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs,
Leo Milanowski
President, HHVCA

Please include your address and email address; it keeps you connected and easier to contact.

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Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association

Active participation in the HHVCA is a great way of making HHV a better place to live. Our Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Committee Members are your neighbors and friends who have volunteered to develop, foster, and promote community growth with a single focus: For all its residents, make HHV a safe, pleasant and enjoyable place to live and thrive.

The current Board and Committee chairs are listed below. We are always looking for new volunteers to join or lead these committees and help with our regular activities. In addition, we also have an active Neighborhood Watch program and encourage you to get involved. If you have a specific area of interest, please contact the appropriate Committee Chair, or anyone on the Board. We also welcome your ideas on potential activities or any neighborhood topics that may be on your mind. Contact info is on the website.

For regular updates, neighborhood announcements, past meeting minutes and other helpful information, please visit us online
Our website: www.hhvca.org
Hollin Hall Nextdoor feed: www.nextdoor.com/news_feed

HHVCA's 2021 Board of Directors:

President: Leo Milanowski

Secretary: Carrie Depoto

Vice President: vacant

Treasurer: Ted Godbout

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Education: Karen Hertel

Environment: Dorothy Keough

Membership: Gretchen Walzl

Newsletter Editor: Tammy Loverdos

Planning and Zoning: Don Martin

Public Safety: Leslie Atkinson

Transportation: Gary Drane

Neighborhood Watch: vacant