

# HOLLIN HALL *news*

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

**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR  
HHVCA MEETING ON  
FEBRUARY 28, @ 7:00 PM  
VIA ZOOM.**

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

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## **HHVCA'S WINTER MEETING**

A full agenda is planned for our ZOOM meeting on  
Tuesday February 28 At 7 PM.

**Time To Renew Your HHVCA Membership**  
see the attached letter for details

## **HHVCA NEWSLETTER**

We print and delivers the newsletter to every home in HHV four times a year. With over 750 homes and printing costs going up, we've been exploring other delivery methods. Some suggest we eliminate paper and make electronic distribution only. Others suggest a mix of paper and on-line distribution including email and social media. And still others suggest keeping the status quo.

Before we make a final decision on this we'd like try a test run. For our next cycle - the May/June newsletter - we will distribute through our email list, post to our website, and deliver paper copies only to those who request it.

Our overriding goal remains to get the newsletter to every HHV neighbors. This experiment will allow us to see what does or doesn't work.

We are also exploring social media as an avenue of communication. Participation would be limited to HHV residents only. It would also permit more timely distribution of news and events of interest.

We are looking a tech savvy individual to help us optimize our current digital products, choose the right new platforms, and insure wide distribution of the news that HHV neighbors

need. If you have these skills and want to help, contact Leo Milanowski.

## **COMMUNITY ACTS OF SERVICE SHENANDOAH ROAD ENTRY**

We are happy to announce that our first project under the CAS banner: Shenandoah Road common area improvements is entering the planning stage. Sarah Parker has volunteered to lead the planning effort and several other neighbors have also stepped forward to be a part of the team. There's always space for others, so if you are interested in helping with the project, email us.

## **HELP WANTED**

HHV does not have an HOA with mandatory membership and fees. Instead we have HHVCA, an association of HHV residents acting on matters of homeowner/community interest and presenting a community's voice to decision makers at all levels of government.

But while membership in HHVCA is optional, your participation in discussing/deciding community matters is absolutely necessary. Volunteers are needed to engage in matters that are important to HHV; bring an understanding of those issues to the entire neighborhood, and work to achieve the goals we establish for those issues.

Unfortunately, our ability to take up these matters is diminishing. Key committee leadership positions remain unfilled. And in the next election in November, all Board positions will be vacant. If no one steps up to these positions, our association becomes inactive, and our neighborhood will have no longer have the influence that a neighborhood with 750+ homes should have in matters of public safety, education, transportation and our environment.

Please give serious thought to stepping up to fill an open position and keep HHVCA a voice for all of HHV.

### **PAUL SPRING STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

Back in 2021 the County announced their plan to restructure the Paul Spring stream bed. This 2.1 mile construction project (from Mason Hill Drive to Collingwood Road) is intended to abate pollution carried by stormwater and to a lesser extent to prevent erosion.

The County recently announced that it has a new project design contractor and is pursuing a complete reassessment of the project. The new schedule has delivery of the Stream Assessment and Pre-Conceptual Design in Spring 2023 with community outreach beginning soon after. Community meetings are planned at the Concept Design, Preliminary Design, and at pre and post Final Design milestones.

We will schedule County staff to brief us after the conceptual design is completed in the Spring. We will continue to advocate for minimizing tree removal; maximizing invasive flora removal; identifying and protecting wildlife; and building park-like features, to make it a community asset. We also want

to minimize community disturbance during the construction process and secure suitable location of the construction entrances and staging areas.

It's been said before, but bears repeating. As this project progresses it will become increasingly difficult to change its course. Now is the time for HHV neighbors to get involved. Early involvement will help to mold the design to reflect our interests/address our concerns. Several neighbors have volunteered their time already, but there's always room for more. Contact Dorothy through HHVCA email to add your talent and voice to this effort.

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

### **FAIRFAX COUNTY YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

Broken limbs/branches and bagged leaves started showing up on HHV curbs soon after the high wind events last month. But the yard waste wasn't picked up on collection day, or the Monday after, or the weeks following. What happened?

The County does not collect yard waste between December 31 and March 1. If you have yard waste during this period of "no collection", the County recommends it be placed in the regular trash carts.

If you have large amounts of yard waste, a "special pick-up" can be scheduled through the County website. It is available throughout the year. Each household is limited to no more than 5 pick-ups per year.

When collection begins again in March, here are some things you should know:

- Yard waste is defined as organic waste generated by

yard and lawn care to include leaves, grass, and shrub/tree trimmings. It **DOES NOT INCLUDE** soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches or tree limbs

- Small quantities of limbs/branches should be tied in bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds with trimmings no longer than 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter.
- **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.** Yard waste must be in a county provided yard waste cart, a dedicated rigid container, or a compostable paper bag.

Other information about waste collection can be found at the County's *Recycling and Trash Customers* webpage. And you can report service issues through the Solid Waste Feedback Format the site; by calling 703-802-3322; or emailing DPWESTrashCS@fairfaxcounty.gov.

### **WATCHFUL EYES**

As the weather warms and more folks are out and about, please keep these crime prevention tips in mind.

- **If you see something, say something.** For emergency situations, call 911; for non-emergencies call 703-691-2131.
- **Report all criminal activity** no matter how petty, to the police.
- **Report suspicious activities**, too. Unusual behavior is often evident before a crime occurs.
- **Keep the Lights On.** An easy prevention measure is keeping an interior and a bright exterior light on after dark.
- **Lock your car**, the easiest way to prevent car break-ins. It is a crime; report it even if a theft did not occur.