

HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE

newsletter MARCH 2022

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

TUESDAY MARCH 29 @ 7 PM via ZOOM

HHVCA's by-laws require Board of Director elections every two years. Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to conduct the election in December, so the election will be held at the March meeting. If you are receiving HHVCA emails, we'll send you the ZOOM invitation. If not, contact us via email or through the website to get the ZOOM invite.

At this time, nominees for the Board positions are:

President: Leo Milanowski Vice President: Ryan Battle
Treasurer: Ted Godbout General Director: Jen Hanks
Secretary: Candidate needed

Additional nominees will be accepted up until the election. Job duties and responsibilities are listed in HHVCA's bylaws that can be found on the website (HHVCA.org). Or you can contact one of the current directors for info.

We will review and vote on the proposed budget for 2022. A quorum is needed to conduct the election and consider the budget. Please try to attend. ■

PAUL SPRING STREAM RENOVATION

In November 2019, County staff briefed us on its plan to renovate and restore Paul Spring stream from Mason Hill to Collingwood Road. The project is in the design phase and as a result of issues raised by our Hollindale neighbors - extreme stream bank erosion along their properties - Supervisor Storck formed a Citizens Advisory Group to partner with County staff in final plan development. Our Environment Committee Chair, Dorothy Keough, is a member of this group, and is leading HHVCA's interaction with the County Staff and neighboring communities.

As the project approaches its final design phase, it is important that HHV establish what it wants to see in the project and work to include it in the final plan. Dorothy has done some deep digging on the preliminary design, and provided comments to the County on the project's environmental and construction impacts. We have also suggested transforming the stream valley into a more park-like setting.

Please consider joining the team - you can reach Dorothy through the HHVCA webpage under "Contact Us". ■

HOLLIN HALL COMMUNITY

-- ACTS OF SERVICE --

In our December newsletter, we unveiled the Community Acts of Service (CAS) initiative. We asked neighbors to suggest activities across all aspects of HHV life - social, environmental, charitable, etc. - that would benefit our neighborhood. The goal was to collect those ideas and bring them to life through a volunteer corp of neighbors. And the hope was that, over time, CAS would generate a continuing stream of suggestions and projects to make HHV an even better place to live.

Looking for Volunteers

We received several great ideas. If you would like to contribute to CAS projects, please contact us.

Suggested projects include (but not limited to):

Environmental: Tree planting & care, Removal of invasive species, Neighborhood sign area, Common areas & parks

Sports: Organize family sporting events, Adult 5K (Turkey Trot), kids fun run, bicycle races (Tour de HHV), volleyball league, Volksmarch, etc. ■

The Newsletter of the Hollin Hall Village Citizens' Association (HHVCA) with information for Association Members and Residents of our Pleasant Little Community



Time To Renew Your Membership

see the attached letter for details

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Join our email list by joining HHVCA:
see details in attached letter

Yard Waste Collection

Broken limbs and branches and leaves in large paper bags started showing up on HHV curbs soon after our early January snowstorm. But the yard waste wasn't picked up following Monday, or the Monday after, or weeks following. What happened?

As it turns out, the County only collects yard waste on our normal Monday schedule between March 1 and December 24. During that time, put yard waste in County issued trash carts.

Here's a brief summary of the County's yard waste guidelines:

- Yard waste is organic waste generated by yard and lawn care to include leaves, grass trimmings, shrubs and tree trimmings.
- Soil, mulch, sod, stumps, whole trees, large branches or limbs or clean-up from storm damage will NOT be collected.
 - must be placed at the curb separately from trash and recycling.
 - must be placed in compostable paper bags/rigid containers. [No plastic bags.
 - small quantities should be tied in bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds; pieces should be no longer than 4 feet in length and 6 inches in diameter.
- More than 4 bundles should be scheduled for a Special Pickup. A "special pick-up" option is available all year long and can be scheduled through the website. Each household is limited to no more than 4 pick-ups per year.

There are other rules about waste collection in the County. Please visit the County's Recycling and Trash Customers webpage. You can also sign up to receive e-mail updates through Trash Collection E-Updates. And you can report service issues through the Solid Waste Feedback Form; by calling 703-802-3322; or emailing DPWESTrashCS@fairfaxcounty.gov. ■

ERADICATING INVASIVES



Our neighborhood and surrounding areas have seen a dramatic decline in tree canopy due to various reasons, but a big cause is competition from invasive species. Vines like English Ivy, Porcelain Berry, Asian Wisteria, and Japanese Honeysuckle smother and strangle trees.

The Friends of Dyke Marsh have approached HHVCA with an offer to train HHV residents on the identification and removal of invasive species in our neighborhood. The training will take less than an hour to complete. Contact us through the website if you are interested in the training. If we have enough interest, we'll set something up with the Friends of Dyke Marsh.

And if you are interested in joining a group of neighbors to fight the invasives, please contact us through the HHVCA webpage under "Contact Us." ■

2022 Real Estate Assessments

The 2022 real estate assessment notices were mailed last month. Based on market-driven values, countywide residential real estate assessments are up an average of 9.57% this time around and nearly 20% since 2020. In 2021, residential housing prices increased in most areas due to low interest rates, low inventory and high demand. Retail, apartment, hotel and industrial properties also increased in value, but high-rise offices declined in value as remote work continues.

The estimated tax levy shown on your assessment notice is only an estimate and your actual tax payment will depend on the tax rate established by the Board of Supervisors during the budget process now underway. The tax is derived from a combination of the 2022 assessment and the tax rate established during the budget process.

If you believe your real estate is incorrectly assessed, you can file an appeal. For more information how to talk to a County appraiser about your home's assessment and the appeal process, visit the County website: <https://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/ffxcare/main/home.aspx>. ■



Lifeguards needed at Mount Vernon Park
- adults and ages 15+
- from Memorial Day to Labor Day

Contact Cheryl Kirby
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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 23 years I know the value of our amazing neighborhood.

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