



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

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#### **Upcoming events:**

- **MARCH 2 - HHVCA Winter Meeting, 11 AM, Hollin Hall Senior Center**
- **MARCH 24 - FCPA's Ides of Bark Dog Festival, 1 PM, Grist Mill Park**
- **APRIL 27 - Supervisor Storck's Environmental Expo, 11 AM, Fort Hunt Park**
- **MAY 4 - Hollin Hall "Spring Thing" social event. Planning underway; volunteers needed. To help or sponsor, contact Leo Milanowski.**

#### **BOARD ELECTIONS**

We welcome Board nominees for President, Vice President and Treasurer. Interested? Contact Leo Milanowski for info.

## **WE'RE BACK**

HHVCA will hold its first post-COVID, in-person quarterly meeting on Saturday, March 2 at 11 AM at the Hollin Hall Senior Center. The agenda includes Board of Directors elections, HHVCA'S 2024 budget proposal and a discussion of real estate assessments.

Come out and meet your neighbors, learn about local projects and opportunities to get involved and become a member.

#### **NOT AN HHVCA MEMBER? YOU'RE MISSING OUT!**

Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association represents the residents of more than 700 homes in Hollin Hall Village.

We're an early alert system for County projects that affect our neighborhood, an active voice with local authorities and other neighborhood associations, a social hub for residents and the source for what's happening in and around our community. Join today and get all the benefits of living in Hollin Hall.

#### **REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS, TAX RATES & TAX BILLS**

In the next couple days, the County will be mailing out your 2024 *Notice of Real Estate Assessment*. The notice establishes the County's estimate of your home's value. Your home's valuation serves as the base for calculating your property tax bill.

The process used by the County to assess a property's value is not easily determined by the homeowner. The *Notice of Real Estate Assessment* provides a bottom-line number but no explanation of the process or calculations the County used to determine the assessed value. Without this

information, the homeowner cannot determine if the assessment is correct or not. At our March 2 meeting, our HHV neighbor John Spears will talk to us about what he has learned about the County's assessment process and its shortcomings. He'll provide insight into the process and data the County uses in their calculation. He will also discuss a formula that you can use to calculate what your assessment should be.

**FYI:** Over the past three years, the assessed values across the entire County have increased by an average of 4.25% in 2021, 9.57% in 2022, and 7% in 2023. In Hollin Hall Village, one home's assessed value increased by 10.23% in 2021, 6.11% in 2022, and 9.15% in 2023.

#### **KARL ROAD TO GET SPEED BUMPS**

Pending Board of Supervisors approval, Karl Road will soon be getting speed bumps. Fairfax County Dept. of Transportation (FCDOT) recently found routine speeding on the street, making it eligible for speed bumps. HHVCA is exploring traffic calming options for Shenandoah Road with FCDOT. If you are interested in

helping with this, send us an email.

### **VOLUNTEERS SAVE TREES IN PAUL SPRING PARK**

At three Saturday morning meet-ups this winter, more than 20 volunteers from Hollin Hall and nearby communities joined forces to remove ivy and other invasive vegetation from trees in Paul Spring Valley Park. The ivy spreads naturally when birds drop its seeds, but without this intervention, trees will eventually come down.

Working in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority's Invasive Management Program, volunteers have cleared ivy from trees along several hundred feet of Paul Spring Parkway already.

As future meet-ups are planned; notices will be published on our webpage and via our email list. For more information, contact Dorothy Keough at [dorothykeough77@gmail.com](mailto:dorothykeough77@gmail.com)

### **CAPITAL BIKE SHARE COMING TO MT. VERNON**

FCDOT has proposed adding 12 Capital Bikeshare stations in Mt. Vernon for e-bike rentals at Huntington Metro, Belle View, Belle Haven Park, Riverside Park, Fort Hunt Park and Mt. Vernon estate. Details at <https://publicinput.com/v6127>

### **PAUL SPRING STREAM RESTORATION DESIGN TO BEGIN**

The County plans to restart the design phase of its Paul Spring Stream Restoration Project this spring to restructure the Paul Spring stream bed along a 2.1 mile stretch from Mason Hill Drive to Collingwood Road.

The project's goal is to reduce pollution carried by stormwater through Paul Spring stream to the Bay. Design and permitting for the project are scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2025; construction is scheduled to begin summer of 2025 and be completed by the winter of 2026.

Dorothy Keough, HHVCA's Environment & Recreation Chairperson, will be our representative on the committee. HHVCA will continue to request updates to the community as the project progresses as well as advocate to minimize tree removal, maximize invasive plant removal, protect wildlife, include park-like features in the design to make the park a community asset and minimize disruption to the community during the construction process. The county will create a citizens advisory group once the design contract is in place and our environmental committee will keep residents advised.

If you'd like to know more, contact Dorothy at [dorothykeough77@gmail.com](mailto:dorothykeough77@gmail.com).

You can learn more about the project at the County's website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/paul-spring-branch-sherwood-hall-stream-restoration>

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

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.

### **HHVCA NEWSLETTER**

Produced quarterly and available to all residents by hard copy, email and on our web site. Between newsletter editions, HHV news is distributed via email.

If you're not receiving HHVCA emails, use the attached form to update your contact information.

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### **HHVCA BOARD/COMMITTEES**

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