

HOLLIN HALL news

March 2019

Next HHVCA Meeting:
TUESDAY, MARCH 19
7:15 PM

Hollin Hall Senior Center
1500 Shenandoah Rd., 2nd Floor

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Minutes Review/Approval
3. Committee Reports
4. Community Initiatives

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IT'S YOUR VILLAGE!

Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association

Fiscal Year 2019 Budget: At the upcoming quarterly meeting on March 19, we will be voting to ratify the FY 2019 budget and yearly dues. A quorum is needed to vote on the budget, so please try to attend. We are grateful for your support and attendance.

Renew Your HHVCA Membership

New PayPal Account: As a new enhancement for 2019, we have established a PayPal account where you can immediately renew your membership or sign up as a new member. Visit HHVCA.org and click on the PayPal link on the homepage to pay your dues.

Don't worry, if you'd like to renew your membership the old-fashioned way, complete the accompanying form and mail it back in the attached envelope. Once again, we are proposing to keep dues minimal – only \$10 a year per household!

YELLOW LINE AT HUNTINGTON TO CLOSE THROUGH SUMMER



Platform
Improvement
Project

WMATA, which operates Metrorail, has announced that all stations south of the Ronald Reagan National Airport Station will be closed between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2019.

The extended closure is to address long-standing and extensive repairs needed for the continued safe operation of three outdoor station platforms.

Single-tracking and temporary work were considered but estimated to extend the repair timeline to several years. The Metro Board chose instead to enact the temporary closure.

Free shuttle service is planned, but no doubt, the service suspension will have a pronounced impact on our region.

More information: City of Alexandria 2019 Metrorail Summer Shutdown web page.

WMATA also announced that the Huntington Metrorail Station South Parking Garage on North Kings Highway, parts of which are already closed, will be closed indefinitely pending a decision on a major renovation or construction of a new garage. While WMATA information is sparse, they are supposed to provide "enhanced parking" to compensate for the loss of existing parking.

Reportedly WMATA is considering commercial development above Metrorail stations, but it is not yet known whether that is a possibility. This closure coincides with the closure of the Yellow Line this summer. The parking structure is scheduled for demolition in 2019.

SPEED BUMPS ON SHENANDOAH?

In case you have seen new spray paint along different sections on Shenandoah Road, those are markings where proposed speed humps would go. There is a second initiative underway by a group of Hollin Hall neighbors to have the bumps placed along the road to slow down traffic. As this initiative moves through the county process, stay tuned for additional updates and a community awareness meeting to discuss the traffic calming effort.

STORMWATER 101

Our own HHV weather station (on the Weather Underground site) shows over 10 inches of precipitation fell here between December 1 and February 28.

Recent abnormal precipitation - 2018 totals set a new record - has produced a recent spate of Nextdoor postings from HHV neighbors about flooded basements and crawl spaces. And more recently it has affected our streets.

Getting rid of the storm water before it gets into your home is an integrated process. It starts at your home's gutters/downspouts channeling water to the VDOT maintained storm drains and ditches lining our streets.

Once it gets into the VDOT system it flows into our local streams and creeks. If these conveyances aren't functioning the result is wet basements, soggy yards and flooded roads.

HHV got a first-hand look at this problem last month at the corner of Wellington and Baltimore. Named "Lake Baltimore" by nearby neighbors, storm water covered both roads at the intersection. As of today, it looks like VDOT fixed that problem, but the question is what to do if it happens again on your street.

But first a word about prevention; if the gutters or ditches along your street have an accumulation of debris - leaves, branches, litter - take a minute to pick it up and put it in the trash. And don't put yard debris along the curb or rake it into the storm drain opening.

If you see a water issue developing on your street, you want to contact VDOT immediately. VDOT has an on-line reporting page that is easy to use and typically results in an immediate response, as well as reports as work progress.
my.vdot.virginia.gov | 1-800-367-7623

Keep an eye out to dry out HHV!

IT'S TIME FOR A COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Getting organized, cutting the clutter, and serious downsizing are popular topics these days. Approaches vary to get it done, but one of the most fun (and profitable) is having a yard sale. We're looking for a volunteer (or group of volunteers) to plan and promote the event. If you are interested, contact Leo at hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@cox.net

MVCCA TO CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations will be celebrating 50 years of service to the community with special thanks to Mount Vernon's First Responders on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Our local elected officials have been invited, as well as our Police Chief, Fire Chief and School Superintendent. Visit the MVCCA website (www.mvcca.org) to learn more about the event, including sponsorship opportunities and how to purchase tickets.

GETTING COMMUNITY INFO TO YOU

We have recently updated our email list. The update reveals a big gap between the total HHV population and the email addresses on the list. We want to be able to reach everyone in HHV. If you are not receiving emails from HHVCA, please send a request to hollinhallvillagecitizensassn@cox.net, and we'll add you to the list.

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