

HOLLIN HALL news



December 2018

Next HHVCA Meeting:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:15 PM

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

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Minutes Review/Approval
3. Committee Reports
4. Traffic Safety in HHV

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Hollin Hall 75th Anniversary Booklet



We hope everyone enjoyed our 75th anniversary celebration held Oct. 7 at the Mount Vernon Park, as well as our commemorative booklet, A History of Hollin Hall Village, filled with stories and photos from our neighbors detailing HHV's history and citizens. As a reminder, each HHVCA member is entitled to receive one copy. If you have not yet received your booklet, please contact Leo (milanowski@msn.com).

We also still have copies available to purchase for \$15 each, but you better act fast, because we have only a few remaining.



TRAFFIC SAFETY CONCERNS

Make no mistake, traffic safety in Hollin Hall is a big issue. It's hard to miss the lawn signs encouraging drivers to slow down or watch for children.

Efforts to improve traffic safety have been a priority for the association. Beginning in 2016, HHVCA's Transportation Committee engaged both the Virginia and Fairfax County Departments of Transportation (VDOT & FCDOT) seeking safety improvements for pedestrians and drivers in HHV, resulting in positive improvements on our busiest streets.

More recently, several of our neighbors have independently approached the authorities about their individual concerns. These include speed bumps on Wellington between Fort Hunt/ Shenandoah, and a four-way stop at Wellington/Fort Hunt.

We all want to make HHV a better and safer place to live. As our

neighborhood changes, both pedestrian and motor traffic are sure to increase, with the potential to make matters worse.

Continued interest and action by the entire neighborhood is required to insure the traffic safety solutions we need are planned and implemented in a way that best serves the entire neighborhood. Please join your neighbors to discuss these issues at our upcoming meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

A community-wide group can gather and examine a broad span of ideas and prioritize our needs. There is also strength in numbers – a neighborhood of our size, united in purpose and voice, is a combination that's hard to beat.

If you are unable to make the Dec. 11 meeting, but would like to join with your neighbors to pursue improved traffic safety measures, please contact Leo

REZONING OF LAFAYETTE BUILDING DEFERRED

The application (RZ-2018-MV-007) to rezone the property located at 1300-1302 Lafayette Road from its current C2 classification to C5 has been indefinitely deferred. The HHVCA Board and several neighbors were prepared to testify at the Nov. 20 Board of Supervisors hearing, but we were informed that the owner requested the deferral.

On Oct. 11, The Fairfax County Planning Commission held a hearing on the application, where the HHVCA Board and several neighbors testified in opposition, and on Oct. 25 the Commission voted to not recommend approval. In addition, the MVCCA supported a resolution opposing the application and neighbors wrote letters and organized a community petition that was delivered to Supervisor Storck. The petition contained approximately 150 signatures of neighbors.

HHVCA Board members met with the applicant during the summer where we raised concerns over parking, traffic, safety, potential crime and the proposed usage types. HHVCA requested several changes to address our concerns, but the applicant rejected our requests. We understand the application does not expire and the owner could attempt to revive it. We will continue to monitor any future developments with the application.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

As a reminder, every holiday season there seems to be an uptick in criminal activity in HHV and surrounding neighborhoods involving stolen packages, car break-ins and vehicles being rummaged through.

And most crime is due to unlocked car doors and lack of house lights. Please try to remember to lock your doors, keep your front AND back lights on all night and be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

Fairfax County Police ask that we call their non-emergency number if you see anything suspicious or have been subject to one of these incidents.

The non-emergency number is 703-691-2131. You can also file a report here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/citizensreportingsystem>

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HHVCA VICE PRESIDENT VACANCY

Thank you Vinny Fusaro for your work this past year as Vice President - and for your earlier work on transportation issues for the community.

Vinny was recently appointed by Supervisor Storck to serve as the new Mt. Vernon District Representative for the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's Advisory Commission.

Consequently, HHVCA's Vice President slot is currently vacant, as are the Budget and Transportation Committee team leaders. We also need back-up team members in all areas to ensure positive neighborhood-wide outcomes. HHVCA exists to promote the common good of our neighborhood, including interests in county budgets, education, environment, planning and zoning, safety and transportation.

Action and results in these areas require neighbors to help lead or serve on teams to explore and develop solutions. If you are interested in pursuing the Vice President slot or joining one of these groups, please contact Ted Godbout (tgodbout@aol.com) for more information.

MVCCA ENVIRONMENT & REC CHAIR NEEDED

We understand the Environment & Recreation chair of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) is stepping down. This Committee is involved in environmental care across the Mount Vernon District and its activities touch nearly every aspect of life in our area. If care of the environment is on your list, please consider stepping up to lead this team. Please contact Leo (milanowski@msn.com) for more information.