

HOLLIN HALL news

March 2018



Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 20. 7:15 PM

Join us to contribute to planning Hollin Hall Village's **75th Anniversary Celebration**.

We meet at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd., on the 2nd Floor.

Also on the agenda: minutes review & approval and committee reports.

All residents are welcome.

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HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE'S

75th Anniversary

According to reports, the planning for HHV began in 1943, with construction beginning in 1948 and residents moving in around 1950. To help us commemorate the milestone, we plan to issue a "special edition" newsletter highlighting the history of HHV, and celebrate at our fall picnic.

But first, we need your help. We ask residents to help us reconstruct the history of Hollin Hall with stories, pictures, artifacts and other unique relics. If you have any of these items you would like to share or if you would be willing to write a story, we would appreciate your help.

If you'd like to help or if you have any questions, give me a call at 703-765-0553 or email us at:
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EMBARC is Fairfax County project to enhance Richmond Highway, from Huntington to Fort Belvoir, during four phases over the next 20 years. The main goal is to

update the quality of travel and permit multipurpose development that attracts more residents and businesses. The project will include road widenings, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), bike and walking paths, and plans for increased population density.

The BRT will travel on dedicated lanes in the middle of Richmond Highway from the Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir (and eventually beyond). There are currently nine planned stations, including at Penn Daw, Beacon Mall and Hybla Valley. Road widening will be necessary to implement BRT.

The cost is estimated at \$800 million, not including Metro expansion. The county is considering federal, state and local funding sources (such as contributions from contractors) for the BRT and other enhancements. Development is planned to begin in 2020.

Numerous public meetings have been held during the past year, with presentations led by the county. HHVCA has had representation at almost every meeting and contributed to proposed resolutions submitted by the MVCCA.

To learn more and view previous presentations, please visit:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway/presentations>.

Welcome New HHVCA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Welcome to three new committee chairs:

Gretchen Walzl, who lives on New Market Road and is a former President of HHVCA, will serve as Membership Coordinator; **Jeremy Sturchio**, who lives on Lafayette Drive, will lead the Transportation Committee, and **Leslie Atkinson**, who lives on Wellington Road, will lead the Public Safety Committee.

They join our other Committee Chairs: **Patrick Kilbride**, Budget; **Karen Hertel**, Education; **Dorothy Keough**, Environment & Recreation; and **Don Martin**, Planning & Zoning.

Thanks to all for your service to our neighborhood.

We are still looking for a Consumer Affairs committee chair, as well as co-chairs and additional members to help with each of the committees. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Ted Godbout.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

There continues to be criminal activity in HHV and surrounding neighborhoods involving car break-ins and vehicles being rummaged through. There also were reports of packages disappearing over the holidays. Not to sound like a broken record and we understand that people may forget, but please try to remember to lock your cars 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 break-ins.

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

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

The County mailed its 2018 real estate assessments on February 20. The Board of Supervisors has not yet adopted the tax rate for 2018, but the reassessed value of property for our area appears to have risen by nearly 5%, which will likely result in a higher tax bill. You may want to compare your assessment with other similar homes to ensure you're being treated fairly in the process. Challenges to assessments are due by May 1, 2018.

TRAFFIC STUDY

The National Park Service (NPS) is conducting a traffic safety study along the southern portion of the GW Memorial Parkway, between Belle Haven and Mount Vernon. Many residents have raised concerns about speeding, reckless driving, accidents and pedestrian safety.

The NPS indicated it is open to considering solutions such as automated traffic enforcement, speed reduction and enhancing safety at key intersections.

The MVCCA Transportation Committee recently developed a resolution to support the study and proposed suggestions for specific areas to be analyzed. HHVCA had representation at the MVCCA Transportation Committee meeting and supported the resolution.

SICK FOXES

Fairfax County Police recently reported that a man, a cat, and a dog were bit by a fox on William and Mary Drive. The fox ran and has not been located.

Incredibly, while investigating those attacks, another bite was reported on the same street, where a different person said his dog was in a fight with a fox, that also attempted to bite him. The man was not hurt, but his dog was quarantined due to possible exposure to rabies.

Animal Protection Police remind residents to make sure their pets are vaccinated against rabies every year. They are also asking owners to keep an extra eye on their pets. Residents should immediately report animal bites, as well as sick or injured animals.

Animal Protection Police at 703-691-2131.

It takes more than Luck to sell your home!



Top 5 reasons to sell your house this Spring:

- 1) Inventory is low and Buyers are ready to Purchase
- 2) Everyone wants to be Settled before Summer's End and the start of School (and we have great schools in 22308 that really help to sell homes!)
- 3) Homes are selling faster and for more right now
- 4) More Buyers means better Bidding wars
- 5) Millennials are ready and want to take advantage of current Low Interest Rates

**Call me today for a Complimentary Consultation
Hollin Hall neighborhood specialist -
I've lived in our Village for 18+ years!**

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