

HOLLIN HALL news



June 2018

Next HHVCA Meeting:

Tuesday, June 19, 7:15 pm
Hollin Hall Senior Center
1500 Shenandoah Rd., 2nd Floor

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Rezoning Proposal
3. Minutes Review/Approval
4. Committee Reports
5. 75th Anniversary Planning

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Tuesday, August 7
6 - 8 pm | Mt. Vernon Park 8042 Fairfax Rd

Join us for National Night Out, the annual neighborhood-based crime and drug prevention event, hosted by Mount Vernon Park and HHVCA's Neighborhood Watch

Promote neighborhood spirit and citizen-police partnerships to uphold our safe community.

Meet our county's first responders and tour their vehicles.

Entrance to the park for this event is free and all HHV residents are invited. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy live music, fire and police vehicles, face painting, Rocklands food truck, frozen treats and family activities.

Contact **Margaret Keagle** to help or with questions: 571-332-5264 , margaret.keagle@longandfoster.com

Be part of HOLLIN HALL HISTORY



It is our 75th anniversary of Hollin Hall Village!

Stay tuned for details of our community celebration planned for early October.

We are creating a booklet about the history of our neighborhood, with input from the community. **We are seeking contributions: pictures, stories and memories, and so on.**

We are also fundraising - so let us know if you would like a sponsorship position!

Please see the associated brochure delivered with this newsletter for info on how to help (or contact TED).

*Deadline for contributions:
July 20.*

Former HHVCA President laid to rest at Arlington

Bertram (Bert) Knitter was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on June 7, 2018.

Bert was an active member of the Hollin Hall Village community and served as President of HHVCA.

He served his country during the Vietnam War as a paratrooper and weapons specialist with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Bert led and implemented fitness and wellness programs for multiple federal agencies and private firms, saving them millions of dollars by reducing absenteeism and medical claims. In 1975, Apollo 13 Astronaut James Lovell presented Bert with the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Honor Award at the White House.

Our condolences go to Mr. Knitter's family.

PROPOSED REZONING ON LAFAYETTE DRIVE

Our June 19 quarterly meeting will feature a presentation about proposed rezoning at 1300-1302 Lafayette Drive (the building next to Rite Aid). Frank Stearns of Donohue & Stearns, PLC, who's representing the building owners, will brief HHVCA on what they would like to do and answer any questions.

The application calls for changing the zoning from C-2 to C-5 to allow small retail and personal service uses that are not available in the C-2 zone. Mr. Stearns indicates that there will be no new construction or exterior alterations of the site. Please plan on attending the June meeting to learn about what's happening in your neighborhood.

RICHMOND HIGHWAY EMBARK PROPOSAL APPROVED BY BOS

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on March 20 approved a sweeping new land-use plan that supports walking, biking and a bus rapid transit system on Richmond Highway. The update to the 7.5-mile corridor's land-use plan is the first step needed to build a future bus rapid transit, running primarily in the median from Huntington Metro to Fort Belvoir. The revised land-use plan also supports two future Metro stations along the highway, extending the Yellow line to Hybla Valley.

Yet, as demonstrated by recent updates from State Senator Surovell and Supervisor Storck, funding these projects will be an uphill climb. The Northern Virginia Transportation

Authority has been considering how to spend \$1.2 billion of Northern Virginia transportation money over the next six years, but funding for the Route 1 road widening and BRT appeared to be in jeopardy, as other jurisdictions want their projects funded first.

To learn more about the Embark project, visit here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/embark-richmond-highway>

To learn more about the transportation funding process, visit here: <http://thenovaauthority.org/programming/fy2018-fy2023-six-year-program/>

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

As you may have seen on Nextdoor, vandalism occurred at the houses under construction on Bunker Hill Road in Hollin Hall, one of which resulted in several thousand dollars in damage. These incidents are under investigation by the police.

If you have any tips that you believe may assist in this investigation or should you see any suspicious activity, please contact the Fairfax Police non-emergency number: **703-691-2131**.

You can also file a report here: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/howdoi/citizensreportingsystem

In addition, our neighbors on Collingwood Road recently reported that a potential home break-in was thwarted. Some also witnessed an individual possibly casing a home in that area, which included a suspicious person jumping fences into back yards.

While there is no perfect formula to eliminate the possibility of a break-in, now is a good time to examine your home to address any vulnerabilities. Remember to lock your doors, windows and vehicles, and set a home alarm if you have one, even if only leaving for a short time. A home break in can happen any time of day.

Top 10 things to do when selling your home

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