

HOLLIN HALL news

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

Next HHVCA Meeting TUESDAY, JAN 15TH

7:15 p.m.: Meeting begins

Agenda: *Welcome*
Approval of November Minutes
Action Items: Follow Up
Hobbyist presentations:
Planes, Trains, & Topiaries
Committee Reports
New Business

8:15 p.m.: Cookies, coffee, and
conversation

9:00 p.m.: *Conclusion*

Location: Hollin Hall Senior Center,
Shenandoah Rd at Fort Hunt Rd

*HHVCA meetings are scheduled on the third
Tuesday of every other month (January,
March, May, July, September, and November)*

2008 HHVCA Board

"Your Neighborhood Working for You"

PRESIDENT **Gretchen Walzl**
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GENERAL DIRECTOR **Stephanie Christie**



Happy New Year!

Make a resolution for our community: Become more active in your Citizen's Association! Your energy and enthusiasm are needed, so please make time to volunteer this year. Your ideas and time are highly valued by your neighbors. ☒

Congratulations to Our 2008 Board Officers and New General Director

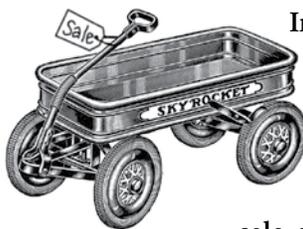
November Meeting Election Results:

President: Gretchen Walzl
Vice President: Mark Welch
Secretary: John Schelleng
Treasurer: Doreen Jagodnik
General Director: Stephanie Christie

For more details on the election,
please see the inside panels for
meeting minutes. ☒

Spring Yard Sale, Anyone?

Some of our neighbors have expressed interest in bringing back the Hollin Hall Community Yard Sale. If you want to participate, please let Gretchen Walzl [gretchen@hhvca.org] know by mid-February, so we can post details in the March Newsletter and advertise locally.



Interest generated now will determine whether we will have an April yard sale, so speak up! ☒

2008 Working Groups

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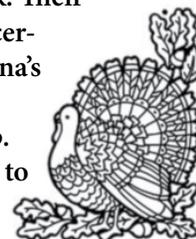
Neighborhood Watch

There have been several recent incidents involving pit bulls along Karl Road. The homeowner has been contacted and has agreed to erect a new fence to contain the dogs. We encourage anyone with animals to please make sure your animals are contained to prevent them from being harmed and from possibly being stolen or harming others

For more information on the Neighborhood Watch Committee, contact Nancy Hubbell [nickajack@cox.net]. ☒

Turkey Bingo Winners!

This year's prizewinners of our annual Turkey Bingo contest were Sherman Swenson, Louise Tiedemann, and Doreen Jagodnik. Their prizes were gift certificates to Roseina's and the Hollin Hall Pastry Shop. Congratulations to them all! ☒



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Minutes from the November 20, 2007 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. Mary Lee Stoll moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted, second by Margaret Higgins. They were unanimously accepted.

President Walzl presented three resolutions before the Mount Vernon Council (MVCCA) notice of which she had just received. She wished to have a sense of the opinion of HHVCA on these resolutions to inform the vote of our representatives to MVCCA. An objection was made to the effect that a vote on these resolutions could not be made as the resolutions had not been published for consideration of the membership before the meeting. President Walzl pointed out that this was not possible as she had just this day received the formal resolution and that the Council meeting was in just a few days. It was agreed that she would present the resolutions without having a formal vote, so that our MVCCA reps would at least have the benefit of any discussion that entailed. President Walzl suggested that a better procedure would be possible under the new Bylaws.

The summary of the resolutions were as follows:

1. The resolution concerns approval of Disapproval of Dominion Power's new transmission line from Meadowbrook substation in Warren Co. to Loudon substation in Loudon Co. There was some confusion in the discussion regarding what, if any, benefits or problems it might bring the Fairfax Co. and whether we should even be concerned. (Ed. note: In fact, it is intended to increase the transmission capacity between the Mt. Storm power plant and Northern Virginia.)
2. The resolution asking that the Route One Architectural Review board give better public notice of any meetings concerning approval of architectural plans for new buildings on Route 1.
3. The resolution concerns "out of-turn" amendments to the master

plan in regard to proposed "Green Buildings". It is felt that such amendments are used often by developers to get around the master plan without sufficient public scrutiny.

At this point, our membership chairman announced that we had only 29 attending members making us two shy of the required 10% attendance (of 309 total members) for a quorum. Volunteers phoned absent members to bring them in for the scheduled votes. Meanwhile, our treasurer, Doreen Jagodnik presented her proposed budget, hopefully for eventual vote. She explained that, due to our current membership, she proposed a "bare-bones" budget, largely based on the cost of our newsletter, which she recognized as the Association's main means of communicating with the community. Beyond that, the only expenses budgeted for were obligatory Dues and administrative fees. Nothing was proposed for programs or donations, especially as during the past years, our programs were self-supporting with no requests for donations. A request was made to include a donation to the Fort Hunt summer concert series.

An announcement was made that the Mt. Vernon at Home program was in operation. This program is designed to help seniors stay in their own homes by arranging in-home assistance and services. Call Jane Edwin for more information (703-765-8233).

A complaint was made from the floor regarding irregular delivery of the Mount Vernon Voice and Mount Vernon Gazette. President Walzl said she would look into it.

Officer Kottemann announced that he was being reassigned from the Mt. Vernon station to Main Police Headquarters, but that he would still act as the Association's police contact.

A complaint was made regarding the "children at play" cones and triangle that are sometime place right in the roadway. It was agreed that some drivers drove too quickly and needed to be reminded of our children, but that the cones should not be placed to be a traffic hazard. Legally, they should not be

in the street at all, but an attendee "in the know" stated that carefully placed cones would not incur complaints.

As sufficient added members had arrived to provide a quorum, the following votes were quickly taken.

1. Approval of the budget, amended so as to include the donation to the summer concert series.

Motion by Margaret Higgins, second by Mary Lee Stoll; for 31, against 0. The budget was passed.

2. Approval of the new HHVCA Bylaws Motion by Isabelle Boger, second by Roy Barnard; for 29, against 0, abstentions 2. The Bylaws were passed.

3. Officers for the coming year. With the exception of the Vice President, the previous years' officers all ran again. Nominations from the floor were first requested.

President - no floor nominations made
Gretchen Walzl (incumbent - 31 votes, abstaining - 0

Vice President - no incumbent
Mark Welch - floor nomination - 31 votes, abstaining - 0

Secretary - no floor nominations made
John Schelleng - incumbent - 31 votes, abstaining - 0

Treasurer - no floor nominations made
Doreen Jagodnik - incumbent - 31 votes, abstaining - 0

General Director - no incumbent
Stephanie Christie - floor nomination - 31 votes, abstaining - 0

Motion for adjournment by Mary Chadduck, seconded by Don Martin, passed unanimously.

The program consisted of our traditional Turkey Bingo. The prizes this year were donated by two of the fine Hollin Hall Shopping Center merchants (Roseina's and Hollin Hall Pastry Shop) that help make life in our community so pleasant. Officer Kottemann acted as caller.

- 1st prize - Sherman Swenson
- 2nd prize - Louise Tiedemann
- 3rd prize - Doreen Jagodnik

Respectively submitted by John Schelleng, Secretary. ☒

Personal/Community Safety – Everyone Must Play a Part

A message from Master Police Officer and our Public Safety Committee Chair, Greg Kottemann

As residents of Fairfax County, we are fortunate to be living in an extremely safe and low-crime community.

Don't Become a Victim. Presenting an inviting target, personally or community-wide, to criminals either through inattention, ignorance or abnegation that there is a threat at all, allows them to operate with less fear of being caught and brought to justice.

Make personal safety your priority. Remember, material possessions can be replaced, lives cannot. Please consider the following tips to use in the creation of good daily security habits:

PERSONAL SAFETY WHEN IN PUBLIC

- **Be Alert & Aware.** Be on the lookout for suspicious persons and dangerous situations. Be proactive about your personal safety.
- **Use Locks.** Lock your vehicle doors wherever you are, even at home!
- **Keep Hands Free.** Keep your hands as free as possible; be prepared for the unexpected, your hands are one of your best weapons.
- **Have a plan.** Be ready to react, know where your avenues of escape are, and consider how you can get help. Always carry a cell phone—even deactivated phones will call 911.

- **Know your location.** Be aware of where you are at all times – help can't arrive if you can't name your closest intersection, if not an exact address.
- **Purse Considerations.** If you carry a purse, keep it close to your body and always zipped or snapped shut. Limit the number of credit cards you carry, and when in a crowded shop, make sure you get all forms of identification and credit cards returned to you before you leave.
- **When Returning to Your Car:**
 - Check the parking lot when exiting the building
 - Have your keys in hand
 - Look your car over while approaching, looking for damage or suspicious persons
 - Place packages in the car or truck quickly and then enter your vehicle.
 - Scan the interior before getting in
 - Once in your car, lock the doors, put on your safety belt, and start the vehicle.

HOME SECURITY

- **Use Your Locks.** Make sure to lock your doors—even when you are at home.
- **Address Marking.** Make sure your home's address numbers are clearly visible from the street during all lighting conditions. This will aid emergency responders when trying to find your home.
- **Illuminate Exteriors.** Turn on your

home's exterior lights from dusk till dawn.

- **Be Aware.** Be a vigilant sentry for suspicious persons, vehicles and events and report them to the police immediately. (Do not feel like you are bothering the police)
- **Close Garage Doors.** Many thieves plunder open garages. Make sure the lock on your interior garage door is no less than a deadbolt (and is Locked).

Let's all be part of the solution. Be responsible for protecting yourself and reduce the opportunity for their community to fall victim to crime. Don't take it for granted that anyone else will come to your aid in time—your personal efforts are the first step in prevention and protection.

Have a Happy, Healthy, and Safe New Year, Greg

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Upcoming Senior Center Activities

Tuesday, Jan 22, 7:00– 9:30 p.m.

Jewelry Making Workshop—
Earrings: \$24

**Tuesdays, Jan 22–29, 7:00–
10:00 p.m.** Digital Point and
Shoot: \$59

**Tuesdays, Jan 22–Feb 26,
7:30–10:00 p.m.** Beginning
Drawing: \$127



Thursday, Jan 31, 1:30– 4:00 p.m.

Hollin Hall Senior Center 25th
Anniversary Celebration: free

All above programs/
events/classes take place at
Hollin Hall Senior Center,
Shenandoah Rd at Fort
Hunt Rd. Call Julie Ellis at
703-765-4573, TTY 711 for more
information. ☒

Local Activities Calendar

January 13, 2007

Cabaret Night

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Performances at 5:00 p.m.

February 9, 2008, six weeks.

“Why Christianity Makes Sense,”
a six-week, group-study program.
Aldersgate United Methodist Church,
1301 Collingwood Road. Go to www.aldersgate.net or phone 703-765-6555
for more information. ☒

In Memoriam: Lillian (Lilly) DuFrane



We will miss Lilly DuFrane, a long-time Hollin Hall resident.

Her husband, John DuFrane, wrote the following notice in her honor:

In memory of

Lillian W. DuFrane

Who died at home

December 4, 2007,

Resident of Hollin Hall

For 48 years,

May you rest in peace. ☒

Snow Cancellation Policy

If school is cancelled for the day, or there are no Fairfax County Public Schools evening activities due to snow, the senior center will be closed. In that case, an HHVCA meeting scheduled for that evening will be cancelled. ☒



25th Anniversary Mementos?

Do you have a special keepsake, story, or photo that would be perfect for the Hollin Hall Senior Center's 25th Anniversary celebration? Call Julie Ellis at 703-765-4573 and let her know before January 20th. ☒

Vacant Committee Posts:

Please volunteer! The following three committee positions are vacant: **Health & Human Services, Social, and Transportation.** Most activities only take about two hours a month of your time. Please contact Gretchen Walzl for more information [gretchen@hhvca.org]. ☒

Movies Anyone?

Feeling stir-crazy, stuck in the house on these short Winter days? Looking for a way to entertain the family? The Hollin Hall Senior Center is offering to host a movie night and wants input from the community on times, days of week, general interest! Please contact Gretchen Walzl and let her know your preferences [gretchen@hhvca.org]. ☒

Join HHVCA's Yahoo! Group

HHVCA's Yahoo! Group is your forum for email updates, neighborhood discussions and community calendar. Archived files such as bylaws, police ledgers, membership directory and updates, as well as issues of *Hollin Hall News* are all available on the HHVCA Group page.

Contact Gretchen Walzl at gretchen@hhvca.org or Alanna Stribling, alannastrubling@att.net to get invited to our private group. ☒



Advertise with HHNews!

Get more exposure locally! *Hollin Hall News* has a distribution of over 700 households. We are currently selling ad-space for 1/4-page and 1/8-page (business-card size) ads.

To get a copy of our rate sheet, please contact Gretchen Walzl [gretchen@hhvca.org] or Alanna Stribling [alannastrubling@att.net] for more information. ☒

*YOUR
BUSINESS
NAME
HERE*

Are You an HHVCA Member in Good Standing?

If your membership expired on 12/30/07 or before, or you have not yet joined the Hollin Hall Citizens Association, please consider becoming an active member. Mail in the membership slip below with your check. If you are not certain if your membership has expired, call Fran Mueller at (703) 765-7407. ☒

Become a Member of the Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association!

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____
EMAIL: _____

Dues paid now will be good through December 2009. Dues are \$10.00 per voting member for a two-year membership. Mail dues and this form to: HHVCA, P.O. Box 7022, Alexandria, VA 22307.

2008 Application

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

I wish to serve on a committee. I do not wish to be listed in the directory.

Emergent events within our community make it critical that we have a voice in the Mount Vernon Council. Our association works hard to represent us; join now and help HHVCA raise its voice.