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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, NOV. 18TH

7:15 p.m.: Meeting begins

Agenda: Welcome
Approval of September Minutes
Special presentations:
Doreen Jagodnik will discuss
Mount Vernon's activities
through the Holidays
Action Items: Follow Up
Committee Reports
New Business

8:15 p.m.: Cookies, coffee, & 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)

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Giving Thanks

The season's shorter days and longer nights give us an opportunity to reflect and be thankful for our community, family, and friends. Join us at our November meeting and thank our leadership for the past year's accomplishments.



Holidays Are Coming!

Take your family to see local holiday concerts (*more listings inside*):

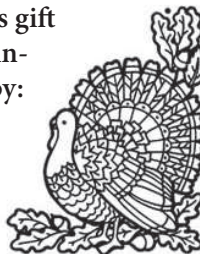
December 13 & 14, 2008, The Alexandria Choral Society presents: *'Tis the Season* on at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Alexandria. This annual family holiday concert features the Adult and Children's Choruses together with organ, harp, and brass.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 703-548-4734 or visit www.AlexChoralSociety.org Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Don't Miss TURKEY BINGO at the November Meeting

Come for a chance to win at HHVCA's Annual Turkey Bingo!! This year's gift certificate prizes include donations by: Safeway and Spill the Beans coffee house. Play and Win! 🍀



Habitat Restoration in Paul Spring Stream Valley

The date for our next cleanup along Paul Spring Parkway is Nov 15th, scheduled from 9 a.m. to Noon. Those interested in clearing English ivy from trees and brush should wear long sleeves and long pants; bring your favorite hand pruners or hand saw. Meet at Alexandria Avenue and Paul Spring Parkway. The cleanup is sponsored by FCPA and the IMA volunteer program. 🍀



With Appreciation

A big Hollin Hall thank you goes out to **Lou Kobus**, mower extraordinaire for keeping up appearances on the Shenandoah median. Additionally, much appreciation goes out to our neighbors who worked the polls on election day, thank you to: **John Schelleng, Bill Engvall, and Daniel Marsh.** 🍀

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Senior Citizens' Annual Triad Conference

If you are a senior citizen or are just caring for one, you may want to consider attending this conference, at no charge. The 2008 Northern Virginia Regional Triad Conference has these planned topics: elder abuse prevention, investment fraud awareness for seniors, Medicare issues, Triad: Keeping Seniors Safe, and many more.



Save the Date:

Thursday, November 20, 2008

8 a.m. check in, exhibitions, coffee

9 a.m.-2 p.m.: program and lunch

The Fairfax County Police Association Hall

5625 Revercomb Court

Fairfax, VA 22030

Seminars and complimentary lunch are provided at no charge. Local agencies, businesses, and organizations providing services to seniors will be on hand as exhibitors. The conference is open to any senior citizen or those interested in issues involving seniors.

Space is limited to 250; pre-registration is required and appreciated. For further information and to pre-register, contact:

Juanita Balenger

Community Outreach Coordinator

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Senior Center Activities, Open to All

Friday, November 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m. "Third Friday with the Mount Vernon Swing Band," \$4 per person.

Monday, December 8 and

Tuesday, December 9,

9 a.m.-1 p.m., AARP

Mature Driving Class,

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for the two-day session.



Check the next Adult and Community Education (A.C.E.) catalog. Hollin Hall Senior Center is one of their latest sites for evening acrylic/oil painting classes, paper quilling, water color classes, drawing classes and digital photo classes. Register through A.C.E. For-fee classes.

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. ☐



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Minutes from the September 16, 2008 General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Mark Welch. The thirty members attending constituted a quorum. Alanna Stribling acted as scribe.

After a correction of a typo in the minutes of the previous meeting (Jack Aills asks that we spell his name correctly), the motion to approve the minutes from last meeting was carried.

It was announced that the scheduled speaker, Julie Ellis, director of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, would not be available and Allan Knoch, from the Senior Center's Advisory Commission, came in her place to talk about education opportunities. Visitors over 55 years can attend the center and come to classes as long as they are self-sustaining and don't have to be residents. All ages are welcome to come in for a tour. The center is open in the evenings. Use of some of the infrastructure is being offered to adult education, with listings in the ACE Catalog for art and other classes, like computer instruction.

Excellent speakers come in regularly to present information to the groups. The Annual Holiday Bazaar is on Saturday the 18th of October, with a silent auction, lots of merchants and many craft vendors. This is the main fundraiser of the year for the center.

Allan was asked by an HHVCA member: "How do residents under 55 learn about activities that are open to younger people?" The answer was to check the Mount Vernon Voice, and ACE Catalog, which list activities for non-registered learners. Other ways that are used to get the word out are: newsletter publishing, signage, and more advertising. Julie will coordinate with the HH News editor, Alanna Stribling, to identify available classes. A DVD was shown, profiling the history of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. Contact Julie Ellis with any questions.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee: David Voorhees reported that the Board of Supervisors passed on a tax. Without alternate sources of revenue, they wanted to wait for a referendum on the November ballot. There will be a Budget meeting at Sherwood Hall Library, allowing public comment on the Fairfax County budget.

Zoning: Don Martin reported that the County approved the Hampton Inn Suites on Route 1 and are adding a Comfort Inn. The Architecture Review Board is complaining about stucco added to new construction. Fifty acres, plus thirty-three acres needed to add a Wegmans and retail area that has been an active landfill since 1978. Adding a town center will add tens of thousands of car traffic. Route 1 between Fairview and Penn Daw is being discussed to add a motel. Would like more square feet to make a higher-end conference space, opposed to just a motel.

Transportation: David Voorhees offered that no specifics were available. The intersection at the Wallgreens needs to be reevaluated so that drivers can get back to the neighborhoods.

Mark Welch went on to remark that the next meeting in November is not an election meeting. We plan to present the procedures for proxy voting and show how to implement. Doreen Jagodnik will talk about Mount Vernon as our main speaker. Turkey Bingo is a November tradition, so we will be holding games!

Further notes, add a BIG thank you to Lou Kobus for landscaping the median on Shenandoah. Also, the Dixon family has gotten permission to close off Wellington between Shenandoah and Baltimore and we may need some volunteers to staff a table for HHVCA.

A member asked if members can trade off providing desserts for the meetings. This suggestion was welcomed and a dessert sign up sheet was recommended for the next meeting.

Move to adjourn passed at 8:10 p.m. 🍷

Holiday Events List, continued

Saturday, November 22, 2008, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. *HSA Christmas Bazaar*, St. Mary's Catholic School Gym

November 28, 29 & 30, 2008, 5:00 –8:30 p.m. Colonial Singers quartets perform Candelight Tours, Mount Vernon Estate



Wednesday, December 10, 2008; 7 p.m. West Potomac High School: Strings Orchestra Holiday Concert. No charge.

December 9, 2008, 11 a.m. Colonial Singers perform at the Paul Spring Retirement Community

December 18, 2008, 7:30 p.m. **Double performance:** West Potomac HS Choral Department, *Winter Concert*, and Colonial Singers, *Handel's Messiah*. West Potomac High School Auditorium.

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Many Thanks!

We thank Spill the Beans and Safeway for supporting our community. It is much appreciated. 🍷

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Welcome Packets

We are looking for individuals willing to share their ideas and time to put together welcome packets to share with new neighbors.

Please contact *Gretchen Walzl* at 703-765-6231 if you're interested. 🍷



Halloween in Hollin Hall

Drew and Nicki Dixon's Halloween Pirate Extravaganza was a neighborhood jewel! Their display on Wellington (with a closed-off road this year) was attended by throngs of locals. Here's an excellently scary photo from their fantastic haunted "Pirates of Hollin Hall" event! We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. Kudos go to the Dixon Family (pirates are the rage), Kobus Family (excellent hotdogs); Driscoll-Blounts (brews and witches scared the lot of us) and the rest of the group on Wellington Road.

Congratulations to ALL for such a successful Hollin Hall Halloween! 🍁



New Baby!

Drew and Nicki Dixon are proud to announce the birth of their new baby boy, Noah Andrew.



Katelynn's (5 years) and Hannah's (3 years) little brother was born October 2nd at 6:55 a.m., and weighed a healthy 8lbs 2oz.

We congratulate and thank them for finding the time to celebrate Halloween so grandly with a newborn in the house!

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Become a Member of the Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association!

NAME: _____

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PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

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Dues paid now will be good through December 2010. 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

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

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Contact Gretchen Walzl at kwalz1@yahoo.com or Alanna Stribling, alannastribling@cox.net to get invited to our group. ■