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HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

THE KIMBRO STREET BLOCK PARTY: A TRADITION IN THE MAKING

There's nothing like roasting a pig for ten hours in 95+ degree weather, but that's exactly what was happening on Kimbro Street on Saturday, June 30!

The third consecutive Kimbro Street block party turned out to be a bit more elaborate than in prior years. David Rivera, Nate Ha, and Jennifer Kirby "cooked up" the idea a few months ago and it all came together—with the help of a lot of neighbors—on the hottest Saturday of the summer so far.

The pig, cooked Lechón, or Puerto Rican style, over an open pit, was kept turning by numerous volunteers throughout the day. A custom tent, contributed by George Bauer, protected party atten-



dees and their contributions of beautiful side dishes and desserts from the daunting sun. We welcomed new neighbors and celebrated with long-time residents.

You might not see as many old-fashioned block parties these days, unless you

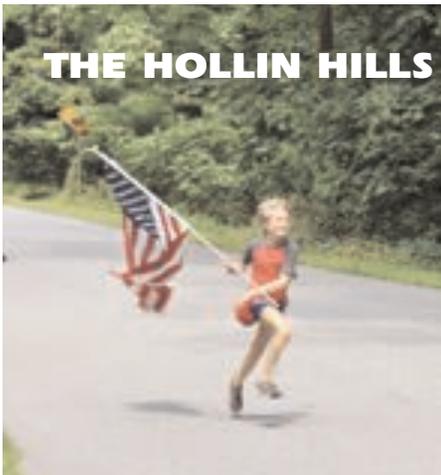
Left: Nate Ha and David Rivera make early morning preparations for the big day.

Right: Don Kirkley keeps the pig rotating.

happen to find yourself on Kimbro Street on a beautiful summer day, with a whiff of bar-b-q in the air. If so, stop on by!

—Jaelith Hall-Rivera

THE HOLLIN HILLS FOURTH: A TRADITION CONTINUES



Despite the scorching heat and wilting humidity, the Hollin Hills Fourth of July parade and picnic once again went off smoothly. The festivities were enjoyed by an enthusiastic crowd of friends and neighbors.

A lively parade of marchers, dogs, bikes, trikes, and skateboards—all decorated in red, white, and blue—headed down Paul Spring to Voigt Park. Music, pony rides, games, and races were waiting, along with great picnic food—hot dogs, drinks, ice cream, and a tentful of other delicious treats.

The many volunteers helped make this event a success. An especially big community "thank you!" goes to Social Chair Sasmita Dastidar, who led the way from the earliest prep until the final egg was tossed, the last soda can recycled, and the picnic tent folded away. A big thanks, too, to Elisabeth Lardner and her dedicated band of park volunteers, whose hard work on the weekend before resulted in the parks looking at their best for the celebration.

More Fourth photos and credits on page 6.



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Calendar of community events and information about our parks, the Design Review Committee, the National Historic Registry, and more.



Tom Voskuil and Lynn Umemoto (in center) with NVSWCD representatives.

Quick Takes

A RAIN GARDEN FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS

The recently constructed rain garden shown above was the collaborative effort of Lynn Umemoto and Tom Voskuil, and their neighbors, Ray Mims and Andrew Zalman, who helped build it. Located on their two adjoining Hollin Hills properties, it captures rainwater from the surrounding yards, slowing it down, and allowing it to soak into the ground rather than run into the sewer system.

Water flowing across landscapes, streets, and sidewalks picks up pollutants and then flows into sewer systems or directly into streams and rivers, where it can negatively impact the ecosystem. Here in the Mid-Atlantic region, stormwater runoff is one of the largest sources of pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and other waterways. Rain gardens, like this one, are part of the runoff solution by filtering rainwater through their vegetative and soil layers.

This project was funded in part by a grant from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWD). Members of the NVSWD made a site visit on July 9 to see the completed rain garden and to erect a sign identifying it as such. More information about the NVSWD rain garden program is available at fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation.

—Tom Voskuil

AT THE POOL: PIRATE GAMES, FOOD TRUCKS & MOVIE NIGHTS

More than forty little pirates (*some shown below*) invaded Hollin Hills Pool on a recent Saturday to solve math and logic problems, dive for coins, and participate in other games and contests. This annual event was designed by Jovi Medic of Drury Lane. Jovi is co-social director of the pool.

As the pool heads into the hazy, crazy days of mid-summer, watch for these upcoming events. As usual, Wednesday food trucks start at around 5:30pm, and are open to

all. They will include Miso Honey, Red Hook Lobster, Pho Wheels, and others to be announced.

Family movie nights are on the schedule for Saturdays, July 21 and August 8.

All Hollin Hills residents are eligible to join the pool without joining (*continued on page 3*)



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the waiting list if they are members of the Civic Association. Questions about membership or anything else concerning the pool may be directed to Barbara Bogue, barbarabogue@gmail.com.

—*Barbara Bogue, HH Pool Chair*

SAFETY REMINDERS

The Mount Vernon Police offered this useful advice to local residents at the most recent Citizens Advisory Council meeting:

- **Don't be a victim of car thieves.** The Mount Vernon Police estimate that some thieves collect \$800-\$1000 a night by simply taking advantage of unlocked vehicles as they wander through our neighborhoods while we are asleep. Always be sure your car is locked, especially after darkness falls.
- **Gun Disposal:** If you have a gun that you would like to dispose of, our local police will accommodate you. Take your gun/guns to their Parker Lane facility, but DO NOT carry them into the building. Instead, ask an police officer to join you at your vehicle to remove the weapon(s) safely and legally.
- **See something, say something.** Crime is down, calls for service are up. Report suspicious activity to 703-691-2131.

—*Laura Wirkkala, Community/Police Liaison*

BEECHWOOD ROAD ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Their neighbors didn't have to say good-bye to Carrie Friedman, Dan Blumenthal, Addison, Bramm, and Ollie the Dog, when they moved from 7218 Beechwood Road, because they will still be living close by. Instead, we Beechwood Roaders gave them a

pizza send-off and said, "See you soon!" The Friedmans are staying in the Mount Vernon area, and the kids will be going back to their own school in the fall.

Later, we welcomed the Dennig family into 7218 Beechwood: Louis, Stephanie, three-year-old daughter Everly, and Piccola

the cat, who moved here from the north part of Old Town Alexandria. Although the Dennigs had never heard of Hollin Hills, they came to see a house for sale on Brentwood and afterward, drove around the community. It was twilight, and they fell in love with the architecture. (They later read that twilight is the best time to see Hollin Hills' glass houses!)

They were also impressed by seeing people walking around the neighborhood together. Louis said, "It felt so different from anything else in the area; everything else seemed boring." Everly says that the best thing about Hollin Hills is the pool, Louis's "best thing" is discovering, running and walking the trails, and Everly is excited about her new Big Girl Bed. And, as gardeners, they are searching for the sunniest spot to make a garden.

—*Greeters Wendy Kilpatrick and Julie Curtis*

**New neighbors?
Old neighbors leaving?
New baby to welcome?**

We want to acknowledge changes, honor achievements, and offer congratulations to our Hollin Hills friends and neighbors—and you can help. Please share the news of your HH neighborhood by sending it in to barbshear@verizon.net for inclusion in the next Bulletin.

In Remembrance

ANN L. CITRON

Ann L. Citron, 87, passed away on May 29, 2018, peacefully, at home in Hollin Hills with family and friends, as a result of suffering a stroke. Ann and her husband, Bob, were long-time residents of Hollin Hills, having lived here since 1964, with long periods overseas in between, in France, Germany, Greece, Turkey, and Israel on assignments with the State Department.

Ann was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and grew up in Akron, Ohio. She attended the University of Wisconsin, Western Reserve University, and the Cleveland Art School. After her marriage to Bob Citron, Ann was an art teacher or head of the art department at the British Campion School, Athens, Greece; DOD School, Frankfurt, Germany; the Jusmatt School, Ankara, Turkey; and various schools on Long Island.

Ann maintained a studio at the Torpedo Factory for almost 30 years, and participated in numerous exhibitions, shows, and galleries, there and in the surrounding states. She also was an active member and prize winner at the Enamelists Gallery at the Torpedo Factory.

Ann was one of the leading artist/craftsmen in the area and highly productive. Many early Hollin Hillers will remember her personalized bulletin boards, as well as her imaginative finger puppets.

In addition to her husband, Bob, Ann leaves behind a son Andrew, a lawyer in New York; Elizabeth, a silversmith in London; and Zachary, a lawyer in London. All of her children grew up in Hollin Hills. She also leaves eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

IAN ROBERTS

Ian Roberts, a Rippon Road resident for the past 16 years, died suddenly in Oban, Scotland, on May 12, after suffering a heart attack while traveling with his wife, Kathy Seikel, and surrounded by friends and loved ones. At 85, Ian could no longer count himself as the intrepid world traveler he had been for most of his life, but a pilgrimage to Iona in the Hebrides with friends from St. Aidan's Episcopal Church was a journey that he and Kathy had planned and looked forward to eagerly.

During the many years he traveled the globe as an expert in team building and conflict resolution, Ian always photographed the places he visited. He was an excellent photographer and, in recent years, produced two books of beautiful photos and commentary, *Hidden in Plain Sight* and *My Vietnam*. The latter chronicled a family trip back to the homeland of his and Kathy's adopted son, Kevin.

Design Review

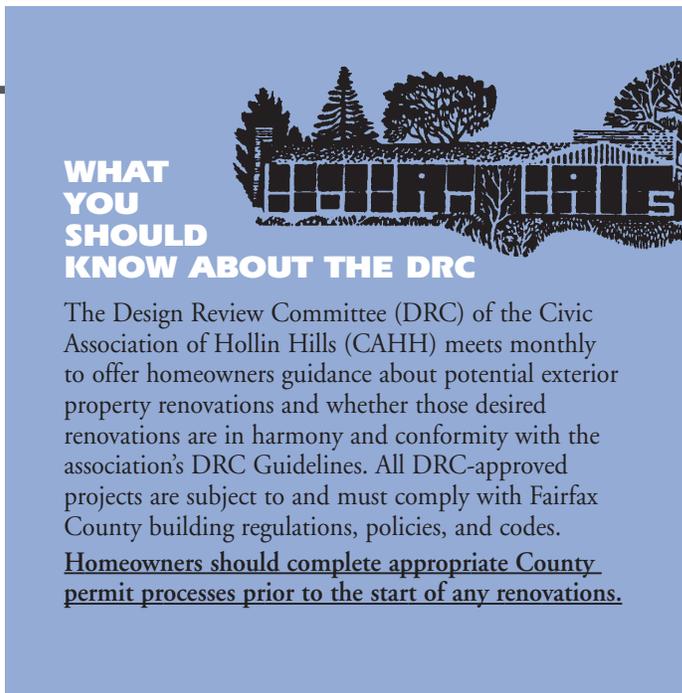
June and July 2018 Activities

The Design Review Committee (DRC) met on Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at Sherwood Regional Library. Members present included Pam Koger-Jesup (Chair), John Burns, John Nolan, Ginnie Wallace and Ken Wilson. The DRC addressed the following homeowner projects during the meeting:

- **7720 Elba Road, Lindsey residence:** The DRC gave conceptual approval for replacing several windows. The homeowners submitted plans to replace them using windows previously approved by DRC on a neighbor's house. The committee discussed the merits of their choice versus another vendor and asked the homeowners to submit information about their final choice before final approval.
- **72013 Pickwick, Miles-Lee residence:** The DRC reviewed and discussed preliminary design plans for a deck project, specifically the use of turnbuckled cabling for the deck walls and the use of a continuous top cap board design. The committee gave conceptual approval pending confirmation of final designs, which it deemed could be completed via email.

Meeting schedule

The scheduled July 11, 2018, DRC meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The committee has been working to find an alternate time before the end of the month to discuss the



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE DRC

The Design Review Committee (DRC) of the Civic Association of Hollin Hills (CAHH) meets monthly to offer homeowners guidance about potential exterior property renovations and whether those desired renovations are in harmony and conformity with the association's DRC Guidelines. All DRC-approved projects are subject to and must comply with Fairfax County building regulations, policies, and codes.

Homeowners should complete appropriate County permit processes prior to the start of any renovations.

projects that were submitted for discussion/review at the July meeting. Results will be reported in the September Bulletin.

The next regularly scheduled DRC meeting will be on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 7:00p.m., at the Sherwood Regional Library, Sherwood Conference Room 3, (2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306).

—Chris McNamara

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UPDATES ON ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PROJECTS

Following up on a successful series of three educational, community-oriented lectures on mid-century modern design and landscapes this spring, Friends of Hollin Hills has been hard at work this summer.

Here are some of the improvements Friends has made around our community as well as some current and future projects:

Improving the looks and safety of our parks

In addition to the two new benches installed in McCalley Park, Friends has repaired the balance beam support frame on the Voigt playground equipment and cleaned and refinished all the benches and picnic tables in *all* of the parks.



Helping to keep Voigt Park tidy

Friends of Hollin Hills has also installed two convenient new trash and recycling cans in Voigt Park and contracted for a year-round, bi-weekly collection service. Thanks to

artist Matt McMullen, of Martha's Circle, who volunteered to jazz up the cans with iconic images reflective of Hollin Hills.

Acknowledging our Historic District status

Still to come this year, Friends has obtained approval from the DRC and the CAHH Board for "Historic District" add-ons to our neighborhood entry signs. Look for these to be produced and installed soon.

Protecting our architectural integrity

In addition, Friends is funding the legal costs necessary to review and revise the neighborhood architectural covenants. Friends will partner with the CAHH to accomplish this important step in protecting the architectural integrity of our historic neighborhood for years to come.

Your comments are welcome

If you have comments on any of these new features and services, whether positive or negative, please contact us at friendsofhollinhills@gmail.com. Friends will continuously evaluate how well our projects are working for the neighborhood.

—Christine Hooks, Friends Chair

Notable Neighbors

STAN AND MANYA LEVIN

Hollin Hills is lucky to have attracted a very accomplished couple. They are Stanley (Stan) and Manya Levin who relocated from Hawaii in 2013.

A native of Baltimore, Stan enrolled at sixteen at the University of Maryland and at twenty he earned a scholarship to NYU Law. "I worked as a grocery bagger throughout college and as a building superintendent in law school in exchange for a basement apartment." Despite his year off from law school as a 5th grade teacher in Harlem, his draft number, "4", found him in the Army Reserve.

Manya came to the USA though Ellis Island from relocation camps in post-war Germany, and grew up in Haverhill, Massachusetts. "My father was a survivor of Dachau, and my mother, an orphan at seven, was a survivor of labor camps. They were taken as young people from Poland to Germany," she remembers.

She attended Wheaton College, in Massachusetts, and began working in public relations and advertising in Boston. "The nuances and impact of language, and an affinity for pop culture kept me in this field for twenty-five years."

Stan met Manya on a blind date in New York City. They moved to Hawaii so Stan could clerk for a Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

Upon moving to Hawaii, Manya worked as account executive for the islands' largest ad agency, focusing on tourism and hotel development. Ultimately, while raising two daughters, she opened her own boutique creative firm, offering marketing and creative services to clients. Her professional life also included serving as the executive Director of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Hawaii Chapter, raising awareness and funds for the cure for Type 1 Diabetes.

"Bringing up kids in the islands is almost dreamlike," she said. "Spectacular natural beauty abounds and an incredible multicultural community creates bonds that are like family."

After clerkship Stan joined the Model Cities Office of the Legal Aid Society. "That office was the birthplace of many ambitious approaches to providing legal services to Hawaii's most underserved populations." In 1975 Stan was appointed Director of Litigation that oversaw 45 attorneys. "As Director one of my principal goals was to provide legal protections to those dependent on public assistance."

Stan brought and won individual and class action cases establishing his clients rights and entitlements, resulting in real and lasting impact. "One of these cases was a class action that I argued in the United States Supreme Court, resulting in a unanimous decision on behalf of Hawaii's public assistance recipients." Manya remembers that day with such pride.

In 1980 he formed Davis & Levin, where he and his partner brought many high profile public interest cases and led the firm into disabilities law, targeting action on behalf of disabled adults and children, under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). "Many of these efforts were done pro bono."

One such litigation brought against the State of Hawaii was due to failure to provide ADA access on city and country streets, known as Curb Cut Litigation. "After winning that case, over 10,000 curb cuts were made at a cost of more than \$50 million."

Another case brought against the State was for failure to provide free and appropriate public education to students with learning disabilities. A family with two autistic daughters who had been denied appropriate services mandated by law were awarded a considerable settlement for their future care.

"Stan's exceptional service on behalf of the disabled is especially poignant in light of his diagnosis, at the age of 31, of early onset Parkinson's Disease," said Manya. "His presence in federal court as an advocate for the disabled, arguing his cases from a wheelchair and using voice assisted devices, stands as a remarkable exam-



ple of perseverance, courage and dignity."

Before retiring Stan increased his focus on educational injustices and created the Levin Educational Access Project or LEAP, a non profit organization, intended to advocate and litigate on behalf of Hawaii's special needs children.

Stan loves sports and is a diehard Orioles fan. "I also love any and every legal drama on television, playing Scrabble with my wife and trying to beat her at Jeopardy."

Manya loves food writing and trying out new recipes, crossword puzzles, and what she calls 'Trash TV.' Mostly she loves being so close to their children and grandson, Harrison.

Stan and Manya are happy knowing that after 42 years of a beautiful life in Hawaii, being willing to give it up to move to Hollin Hills, to a home they found online, relying on their daughters' phone videos assuring them it was the right fit, was all good! "It makes us happy to renew our appreciation for seasons, incredible cultural and entertainment options at every turn, and having easy access to our kids and grandson."

Hollin Hills had everything they needed. Stan can drive his scooter with easy access in and out of and all the way around the house. They also found adequate yard space to install an in-ground pool. "Best of all we have the greatest neighbors around us."

Stan and Manya have two daughters, Kazia, (Ben) and Stasia, and are doting grandparents to 3-year-old Harrison. They host them, along with neighbors and friends, to swimming and supper each Sunday.

"Though after 42 years, Hawaii will always be tattooed on our hearts, it was time to come home."

—*Mohra Gavankar with Manya Levin*



**LITTLE KIDS
BIG KIDS
AND
BEYOND
EVERYONE
HAD FUN
ON
THE FOURTH
OF JULY!**



Thanks for the Fourth pics here and on page 1 to: Piya Vlach, J.G.Harrington, Rebecca Ryburn, Link Nicoll, and Paige Totaro.