

SUMMARY OF THE DECEMBER CAHH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Fall Membership Meeting of the Civic Association of Hollin Hills (CAHH) convened at 7:30pm, on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, in the Hollin Meadows Elementary School cafeteria. A summary of the topics discussed follows.

Litigation:

CAHH President Gus Matson opened the meeting by reporting the Board's decision not to appeal the adverse ruling in the Association's lawsuit against Velma Cutler. Matson explained that, based on several conversations, including conversations with appellate lawyers, he believed that while the Virginia Supreme Court might well hear the appeal and uphold the Association's standing to bring the suit, he had serious doubts that we would prevail on the second question (whether Cutler's roof was in "conformity and harmony") because the evidentiary record developed in the litigation did not favor us. Matson confirmed that the Cutler ruling was non-precedential.

Proposed Budget:

CAHH Treasurer Susan Kuhbach presented the budget proposed by the Board for 2017. She explained that the expected income figures might be optimistic because the expected donations (\$2800) might flow to the 501(c)(3), discussed below, rather than to CAHH. Regarding expected expenditures, Kuhbach pointed out that but for possible legal expenses, the budget was balanced. Although the decision was made not to appeal the Cutler ruling, the expected legal expenses can include funding the alternative remedies under consideration, discussed below. A vote was called, and the proposed budget was adopted unanimously.

Election of New Officers:

Before introducing the slate of nominees, Matson reported that no one had been found to stand for the treasurer's job. He asked that anyone interested or knowing of someone who might be interested to contact him. With that, Matson announced the following nominees: for President, Gus Matson; Secretary, Frederike Ahrens; MVCCA Representative, Kathy Seikel; and Pool Liaison, Laura Kistler. A vote was called and the slate was elected unanimously.

Status of the 501(c)(3):

Brian Hooks and David Shear reported that the paperwork had been filed for "Friends of Hollin Hills," a 501(c)(3) to raise funds for our community, in particular for the parks and for defending

our architectural guidelines. According to Hooks, "Friends" has been set up in a manner that does not impose any burden on the Civic Association. It will have five board members that include the CAHH Parks Chair and a member of the Design Review Committee. The relationship between the Friends and the CAHH will be one of cooperation. Shear added that there would be a memorandum laying out the basics of that relationship.

Several questions followed, mostly related to whether CAHH itself should become a 501(c)(3). It was explained that this raised potential IRS concerns because of CAHH's current status as a 501(c)(7) and because CAHH operations like the Hollin Hills pool would not likely be viewed as a "charitable" activity. Perhaps CAHH might be folded into Friends in the future, but for the meantime, Friends was meant to give the idea a try. For now, CAHH would remain responsible for the House and Garden Tour and, because it owns the land, our parks.

A motion was made that the Friends Board and the CAHH Board should begin a dialog to work out their relationship to one another. A second motion was made to table that proposal. The tabling motion failed by a vote of 13 ayes and 23 nays. Thus, the original motion (to begin a dialog) was voted upon and passed with three nays.

Matson stated that the results of the dialog between the two boards would be presented to the CAHH membership and voted upon by them.

Other Actions

Other actions to preserve the architectural integrity of Hollin Hill were discussed. Matson reminded attendees that several other options beyond the Cutler litigation had been put forward at the special meeting held in November. Committees have been set up to investigate three of these: an historic overlay district, easements granted to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and amendments to the covenants. Matson invited and encouraged anyone interested to join one or more of the committees and stated that any other ideas would be welcome. Barbara Bogue, who is overseeing the work of these committees, has proposed that they meet between now and January 13, with the goal of getting recommendations to the CAHH Board by January 16 and circulating the recommendations to the community by January 30. Matson stressed that work must progress, as we cannot sit and wait for the next crisis.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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NEW YEAR WISHES FROM GUS

Let's think about the new year for a minute or two. When I was young, I would go to lame New Year's Eve parties where everyone tried too hard to be festive and to be just as funny as they could be. I would drink too much, and by the time I woke up on New Year's Day, the Mummers Parade would be well underway. Ah, the Mummers Parade. Every year, thousands and thousands of dedicated Philadelphians, some with hangovers worse than any I ever had, spend a large portion of January 1 in the freezing cold all along Broad Street to watch the Mummers Parade—band after band of grown men in the 'Fancy' brigades, complete with giant feathered parasails attached to their backs, resembling entire flocks of 'alpha' peacocks strutting their glory. There are also a dozen comic clubs, performing acts that I usually didn't understand. And, of course, there are many, many string bands, with the chink-chink-chink of the banjos combining with the dominant tones of dozens of saxophones. When I was a kid, the mummers were men and boys only, so if women were needed in the shows, those characters would be men in women's clothing (very Shakespearean), which seemed fairly tame considering how over-the-top many mummers' costumes are. All of these mummers' groups are social clubs who make their own costumes, and who take extreme pride in their groups. Thousands of hours of work and millions of feathers, all expended to march up Broad Street and experience the once-a-year adulation of the crowd.

Who knows where traditions come from? In Philadelphia, this is a big one, and it is part of who I am. There was a time I thought the Mummers Parade was tacky, not nearly as smooth as the Tournament of Roses, with its extraordinary flower-covered floats, or Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with its enormous helium-filled balloons. But as I have gotten older, I appreciate the mummers a lot more. In real life, these folks are construction workers, plumbers, mailmen, accountants, short order cooks, and the like—all ordinary people, struggling to get by. But on New Year's Day, they are magnificent—dancing, singing, playing great tunes, and strutting in their finest notion of sartorial splendor. It goes on for hours. When finished, they laugh, congratulate each other, relish the feeling, and then go back to the humdrum, dreaming of next year.

I wish each of you the best for the new year. I hope that you, like the mummers, follow your dreams with gusto and optimism. Happy New Year.

—Gus Matson, CAHH President

IN MEMORIAM

We learned this week that our wonderful former neighbor and good friend, Betty Mark, passed away at the age of 89 on December 3. Betty and her husband, Al, lived at 7307 Stafford Road for more than forty years. Her obituary, which follows, was in the Washington Post on December 14. —Ginny Kinzler

Elizabeth Chadwick Mark passed away peacefully on December 3, 2016, at the Bayview Retirement Community in Seattle, WA, surrounded by her family. Her love and kindness touched all who knew her, and her commitment to knowledge, justice, tolerance, and peace was unflinching. Elizabeth was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, on September 8, 1927. She spent much of her childhood in Hawaii, where her father was stationed several times. She met and married Albert Mark, her lifetime love and companion, in Japan during the occupation. They lived most of their lives in the Washington, DC area where Elizabeth obtained a BA from George Washington University and a master's degree in history from the University of Maryland while raising four children. She taught high school history and government and worked as a children's librarian in Fairfax County, Virginia and a docent of East Asian Art at the Sackler Gallery in Washington, DC. In addition to being a lifetime learner, Elizabeth was passionate about social justice, marching for civil rights, gay rights, and for an end to war in Vietnam. Elizabeth is survived by her sister Katherine Edlin, her brother Henry Chadwick, her four children Charles Mark-Walker, Katharine Lee, Rebecca Mark, and Andrew Mark, and her five grandchildren: Alice Lee, Madeline Lee, Alex Mark, Samuel Mark, and Benjamin Mark. Elizabeth will be cremated in Seattle and then buried with her husband in Arlington Cemetery in the spring, where the family will hold a memorial service. Donations can be made in her name to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Quick Takes

VENUE CHANGE DIDN'T DAMPEN SPIRITS

Once again we have the Totaro family to thank for a successful caroling event on the Sunday evening before Christmas, although warnings of bad weather moved the event from McCalley Park to the dry and warmer shelter of the Hollin Hills Pool pavilion. The singing was again ably led by Tom Weiner and Chris Varela; Santa made his much anticipated visit (arranged by his good friend, Bob Hale); and the four Totaros, for the third (or is it fourth?) year in a row, pulled it all together into a wonderful community gathering.



Left: HMS kids line up for their Thanksgiving lunch. (Note combination feather headdresses-Pilgrim hats.) Right: First grader Bramm Friedman with his mom, Carrie. Bramm's sister, third-grader Addison, also participated.

HELLO, NEW NEIGHBORS

Welcome to Patti and Jeff Vandersal who have moved here from Dallas into 7307 Stafford Road with their dog Lucy. Jeff is an architect who is doing a project with a firm in DC but sadly they are only here for a year. —*Ginny Kinzler*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NOEL!

Appropriately named, Noel Hemmendinger was born on Christmas and just celebrated his 103rd birthday. Congratulations!

MVAH JANUARY PROGRAM FOCUSES ON VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS

Mount Vernon At Home invites you to hear Rear Admiral Moira Flanders, the Veterans Administration's Director of Survivors Assistance, speak on the continuing medical challenges faced by survivors of veterans and service members. Included will be a candid discussion of the vital program to reduce the number of active duty military members and veterans who commit suicide—an estimated twenty people every day.

It will be held January 15, 3-5pm, in the Mansion, left of the main Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church building. Call the MVAH office, 703-303-4060, to make reservations. —*Mary-Carroll Potter*

HAPPENINGS AT HOLLIN MEADOWS

The students of Hollin Meadows School supplied an important

part of their own Thanksgiving lunch again this year. The delicious salad was prepared using lettuce and greens that they had grown in their own school garden. The garden at this science- and math-focused school not only provides fun (and lunch), but is also well used as a teaching tool in almost every subject.

EASY AND CONVENIENT ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Did you know that Best Buy takes any type of used electronic equipment, no matter where you bought it or how old it is? They have collected and responsibly disposed of more than 1 billion pounds of electronics and appliances, making them the largest retail collection program in the U.S. Most stores accept items right inside the front door—it couldn't be easier!

CITIZEN-POLICE MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

Everyone is welcome at the monthly Citizens Advisory Council meetings held with members of the Mt. Vernon Police on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Officer Jimmy Cox of the Narcotics Division, who spoke at last month's meeting, recommended viewing "Chasing the Dragon," an on-line documentary on the subject of early narcotics usage. —*Laura Wirkkala*

LOOKING BACK

Oswald, with his deadpan delivery of unpredictable tag lines, was my favorite character on the comedy, "Drew Carey Show." (His last two names, Harvey Lee (!) were rarely heard.) He was played by Diedrich Bader, who later had a recurring role on the series, "Veep," as Bill Erickson, a scheming communications specialist—a complete turnabout from the comic Oswald character. Now, this versatile television actor can be seen in the ABC comedy, "American Housewife."

I recently learned that Diedrich Bader once lived in Hollin Hills, the youngest of the four children of Gretta and Bill Bader. The Baders first moved here to Glasgow Road in 1962. Diedrich was born on December 24, 1966, when the family lived on Saville Court. His name was Karl, but he uses his middle name professionally. Karl went to Groveton High School and later transferred to TC Williams. Besides Karl, the Bader offspring include John, Christopher, and Katharine.

Diedrich's mother, Gretta Bader, was a successful sculptor. In 1982, she made a portrait bust of Senator J. William Fulbright which is still in the National Portrait Gallery. In 1999, she won a commission over one hundred other artists, to make a full-body bronze statue of the senator. She went on to cast bronze statues of thirty more people, including Senators Frank Church and Claiborne Pell, and Washington Post executive Ben Bradlee. Bill Bader, Diedrich's father, was a member of Senator Fulbright's staff in 1967. He led the investigation of CIA's involvement in the Vietnam War, and was the first to cast doubt on reasons for the escalation of the war.

John Bader reports that, sadly, their mother Gretta died in 2014 and father Bill this past March. —*Wendy Kilpatrick*

Note: Help us catch up with other Hollin Hills alumni by sending the Bulletin your news of former residents.

News of Our Parks

Welcome to 2017! May our trees stand sturdy, our invasive plants tire of our woodlands, and our eroding soil remain untouched by torrents of raging storm water.

New? Newly interested?

The Parks Committee is looking forward to welcoming new and newly interested neighbors in our efforts to enjoy, cherish, and manage our thirty-plus acres of wild lands and sylvan streams, right in our very own back yards.

Visit our park trails this winter, when the leaves are off and the branches bare. There is a stark and understated beauty in our woods in the wintertime.

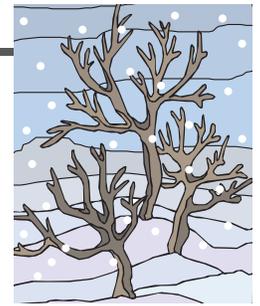
Wildlife Sanctuary benefits from a volunteer's action

A big thank you and shout out goes to Hollin Hills native Bryan Jacobs, who returned for a family visit this fall and immediately organized a Thanksgiving week clean up of our Wildlife Sanctuary. With such community oriented 20-somethings in our midst, who is worried about our future? Thank you, Bryan, for setting an example for all of us to emulate.

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Let's be like Bryan

Please do emulate Bryan and add 'Volunteer in our CAHH Parks' to your New Year's resolution list. Let me know what activity you'd like to tackle in 2017 and I will gratefully add you to our work group. We can



always use painters for park signs, clip-pers of ivy circumnavigating tree trunks, trail monitors (and water bar installers), grant writers (in the anticipation of a future 501c3 Friends of Hollin Hills), lobbyists with our Supervisor Dan Storck (to keep our streams at the top of the County's work

and funding queue), trash spotters, park warden assistants, the list goes on and on and on.

Thank you and best wishes for a very Happy New Year. And remember to volunteer, ask a question, give us your ideas. Please send them all to Parks Chair Elisabeth Lardner, eblardner@gmail.com, or 703-765-3023.

—Elisabeth Lardner

Our Yards and Gardens

VACUUM TRUCKS VS. COMPOST BINS

Compost bins may not be the perfect solution to autumn leaf cleanup, but the county's vacuum truck has its drawbacks, as well. That makes me wonder if it's a good investment.

The first vacuum collection came and went on the last day of October. Not many leaves were down yet, and not many of my neighbors on Martha's Road had raked them into piles along the street. As a result, the truck didn't do much good. A big wind storm a few days later brought down more leaves in one night as had fallen prior to that date, and we wound up further behind than before the truck showed up.

The second collection didn't come until the last day of November, and by that time many of the neighbors—or their gardening crews—had already bagged up most of the season's leaves and put them out for the ordinary yard waste collection. Again, the vacuum truck didn't do most people much good.

The third collection has yet to be scheduled, as I write this on December 15, but we can guess that it will come on the last day of December. Thanks to another wind storm, however, the last of the leaves are already on the ground. Once again, I'm seeing rows of 20 or 30 or 40 bags full of leaves in front of neighbor houses, waiting for regular pickup, but not many windrows of leaves raked to the curb for the vacuum truck.

In my own yard, I followed the strategy I outlined in previous editions the Bulletin. In October, when the grass was still grow-

ing and I was still mowing every week, I just ran the mower over the few leaves that were falling and left them in place. That's a good topdressing for the soil over the winter, and a welcome supply of organic matter come spring.

In early November, as more leaves began to accumulate, I put the bagging attachment on the mower. In mid-to-late November, when the leaves were most numerous (and as my wife blew leaves out of the gutters, off of the roof, and across the patios onto the lawn), I pre-mowed the deepest drifts to chop them up, then mowed again with the bagging attachment. I need to make one more pass over the lawn to get the stragglers, and when I do I'll lower the cutting deck to give the lawn a good crewcut, as recommended to prevent snow mold over the winter.

This doesn't mean that I've filled up my compost bins. Quite the contrary, I emptied out one bin to improve the soil in a bed along the street, the new home of some bright yellow daylilies that will be spectacular next June. But although this made room for a lot of new leaves, I wound up spreading everything from the bagging attachment on other beds, in and around the hellebores and azaleas and other perennial plantings.

I suppose I could refill that empty compost bin by scavenging bags of leaves from my neighbors, but I no (continued on page 5)



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longer have access to a chipper-shredder to chop them up. It would be painfully ironic to spread someone else's leaves on my clean lawn, just to chop them up for my compost bin. Instead, I'll probably turn the half-finished compost from the other bins into the empty one, adding water to support the composting process. (Adding water was the one thing I skimmed on when I made these piles last year, and the result has been some very slow compost. Slow compost is better than no compost, but it is no better than fast compost.)

Another change that argues against scavenging new leaves is a shortage of manure. I've always gotten my manure from the horse

stables on Parker's Lane, near Mount Vernon Hospital, but that property is now embroiled in an ugly rezoning fight. In the long term, that means no more stables; in the short term, it means a lock on the gate; in any event, it means no more manure. Fortunately, I can get almost as good a "starter" by using the well-rotted leaves from the bottom of a pile to inject the rest of the pile with the bacteria, fungi and other microbes that do the actual composting. Or I could accomplish the same thing with a few shovelfuls of garden soil, or a packet of brewer's yeast dissolved in warm water.

NEXT TIME: Dormant overseeding.

—Paul B. Phelps

Home Maintenance

WINTER WEATHER PREPARATION

Below are some pointers for avoiding frozen pipes and other winter weather disasters and for keeping our homes warm and comfortable when the temperature dips. Some of these suggestions have appeared in slightly different form on the Forum.

Winterize outside water sources

- Make sure all outside water faucets are turned off and hoses are disconnected from the outside water faucets so all water can drain from the pipes. The shut-off valves for outside water are generally in the utility space or under the kitchen sink. Once the shut-off valve is closed, open the outside faucet so it can drain. If you have a lever type handle on a faucet, open it half way, so the handle is 45 degrees to hydrant body.
- So called "frost-free faucets" only work if the hose is disconnected and the faucet is allowed to drain. Frost-free faucets are usually identifiable by a plastic handle rather than a metal one. If hose is left connected, the faucet can freeze and split inside the wall, but you won't know it until the next time you turn on the faucet. So, the first time you turn on outside faucets in the spring, make sure to monitor for water coming out inside the wall.
- Remove timers, hose splitters, and all other devices from exterior faucets.
- Drain garden hoses so they don't freeze and split.

Avoid frozen pipes inside your home

- Leave doors and drawers open on any vanity cabinet or kitchen sink base cabinet that's on an outside wall so heat from the room can get into the cabinet and keep pipes warm.
- Kitchen or bath faucets that are on outside walls of the house can be left at a trickle, just make sure the drain is not closed or blocked. Make sure you run both hot and cold sides. Moving water is less likely to freeze.
- In unheated spaces that have pipes, run an electric heater or fan to circulate air from the heated part of the house.
- If you have pipes that run through an unheated crawl space or attic, let whichever fixtures those pipes supply run at a trickle.



- Locate your water main shut off and make sure it works, so you can turn it off quickly in case of trouble.

Keep comfortable inside when it's freezing outside

- Turn up the heat so the entire house is warmer.
- To conserve heat, close blinds, drapes, and shades at night.
- If you have a whole house fan, tape plastic over the louver, or make and attach a cover panel. The fan louver is a huge heat loser in the winter.
- Replace furnace filters so the system operates more efficiently.
- Test your kitchen hood fan to see if the damper is closing. If you feel cold air gushing out of the fan, then the damper is stuck open and needs to be repaired.
- When you are not using the fireplace, make sure the flue is closed and air tight.
- If power goes out and you have no heat for a prolonged period and temperature in house drops close to freezing, open all taps to a trickle.
- Remember to never run a generator, propane, or kerosene heater inside the house or garage. The exhaust is lethal.

—Robert Fina, robert@fina-co.com

BULLETIN BUSINESS

A big year-end thank you to all who make the Bulletin possible—regular monthly writers and occasional contributors as well. Thanks also, to Andrew Keegan, our eagle-eyed proofreader (any errors that remain are mine). Please keep on writing, taking pictures, and offering suggestions. If you have an idea for a feature or an interview, want to recommend a service, have written a poem, drawn a cartoon—whatever it is—send it on. It makes my task easier and the Bulletin better when lots of us are involved.

—Barbara Shear

PLANNING & ZONING

North Hill dominates discussions

North Hill, the long-undeveloped parcel on Richmond Highway north of Dart Drive, dominated the last four meetings of the P&Z Committee of the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. Both November and December meetings were well attended, with County staff, private advisors, and contractors well represented. Parts of Hollin Hills are only about a mile from North Hill.

North Hill has been owned by Fairfax County since 1981. Because the northeast portion is on a steep slope with marine clay, only 35 acres are proposed for development. A

recently modified plan shows 454 housing units, including 279 units oriented toward Richmond Highway. These would be comprised of 219 affordable multi-family units and 60 units for senior housing. Garage parking would be provided for these units. The remaining 175 units, "for sale" townhouses, would be oriented toward the Dart Drive, which feeds into the highway across from Lockheed Boulevard. At both meetings, a number of objections were made regarding (1) inadequate bus stops along the highway, (2) too few plans to save trees or to plant new ones, (3) inadequate space for moving vans and emergency vehicles, and (4) uncertain school capacity to accommodate additional

students. It was remarked that most problems could be solved if the number of housing units was sharply reduced.

Other planning issues noted

Earl Flannagan, the planning commissioner for the Mt. Vernon area, closed both meetings with observations about (1) upgrades to wireless communications being undertaken by Verizon, (2) underground wiring alternatives that would cut costs well below the current estimate of \$80 million, and (3) pressing for Metro service to Beacon Hill well before extending service to Hybla Valley. Budget considerations make "half-a-loaf" better than nothing.

—Burt Kronstedt

DESIGN REVIEW

The Design Review Committee (DRC) met on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at the Sherwood Regional Library. Members present included Frank Collins (Chair), John Burns, Ginnie Wallace and Ken Wilson.

No homeowner project review requests were submitted in December. As a result, the DRC used the meeting to discuss developing the Design Review section of a

new Hollin Hills website. The DRC also heard a presentation on the Friends of Hollin Hills 501c3 initiative from Elisabeth Lardner and discussed strategies for engaging the DRC in that effort.

The DRC 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 Design Review 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.

The next DRC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at 7:30pm, at the Sherwood Regional Library (2501 Sherwood Hall Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306).

—Chris McNamara

CLASSIFIED

RECOMMENDED: 1) Carpentry: Jim Mayer, 703-283-6884, did a beautiful job building a trash can enclosure and drilled larger holes to install new door locks. Excellent work at reasonable prices, but he is a sole practitioner so you may need to be patient while he finishes another job first. 2) Gas log installa-

tion and repair: Jim Hoskins, 571-284-7380, installed our new gas fireplace. He is creative, highly competent, and is also very reasonably priced as he is a one-man shop (although he can and does reach out to others when necessary). —Peter and Ginny Kinzler

HH HOUSE FOR RENT: Newly and completely redone house at 2103 Paul Spring Rd.

(the "McKenna House"). Four bedrooms (one a master bedroom), two baths (new), new kitchen, large living/dining room, screened porch, and good sized family room or office adjoining the master bedroom. It also has a largish basement room for storage and a large basement room equipped for, e.g., a shop.

—Kinzer. 703-768-2397/703-303-8329