

JUNE 2018

# HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

## GOODMAN PARK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT AT 35%



*Severe erosion of Goodman Park stream*

Fairfax County, with its design contractor, Stantec, has completed the 35% design and construction documents for the stream restoration work in Goodman Park. The review period is open, with comments due back to the County by June 15. A walk in the park will be held on Saturday, June 9,

at 10am (starting from Paul Spring Road), and a public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 7pm, at Sherwood Public Library.

### This is the time—at 35%—to speak up!

Construction drawings, often called blueprints, are used to solicit bids for construction and guide the completion of the design concept to build a project. Requests to adjust the design concept are most effective in the early design stages of a project. The County and its design contractor are much more likely to respond positively to our requests for design changes, to save specific trees, or to consider a different stream restoration technique if we make those requests NOW rather than later in the project stage.

Although 35% complete does not sound very complete, this is the best time to ask questions and express our concerns. After that, whatever concept and design (based on the 35% drawings) is approved—that will be *it!* From that point on, 36% to 100%, the design team will be focused on explaining in words and drawings how a contractor can build what the 35% design concept illustrates.

### Good news on Brickelmaier

Supervisor Storck has approved the County's proceeding with work in Brickelmaier Park. The County staff are currently scoping the project with a design contractor. In a perfect world (which this is not) both projects would go to construction at the same time. Brickelmaier's stream issues are similar to Goodman's, although not as visible from its path.

—*Elisabeth Lardner, Parks Chair*

### KEY DATES IN JUNE

The 35% design stage is when we as Hollin Hillers can have the most productive input.

**Comments on the stream restoration proposal are due to Fairfax County by June 15.**

#### **JUNE 9, 10AM: WALK**

Walk in Goodman Park with County staff. Meet at Paul Spring Rd. at the lower end of park.

#### **JUNE 12, 7PM: TALK**

Public meeting at Sherwood Library to discuss 35% drawings.

#### **JUNE 15: DELIVER COMMENTS**

Comments due to County Staff on 35% design complete construction drawings.

### VIEW THE PLANS

Want a guided plan tour?

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Plans for our fabulous Hollin Hills Fourth are underway! See page 6

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## [www.hollin-hills.org](http://www.hollin-hills.org)

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

## Quick Takes

### IS YOUR NAME AMONG THE MISSING?

If you've been putting off sending in your Civic Association dues, this is a reminder to do it now, or, if you are a newcomer who hasn't yet joined, it's an invitation to become a member. The CAHH (Civic Association of Hollin Hills) serves in so many ways as the glue that holds our wonderful neighborhood together: our dues help to support the architectural integrity of this unique community, maintain our 37plus acres of parks, and make possible our many community events, such as the Fourth of July festivities, the Oktoberfest, and the Winter Potluck. CAHH member benefits also include receiving the Bulletin and the Directory. For about the price of a moderately upscale dinner for two, or a single mediocre second balcony ticket to "Hamilton," you can be a voting member of this essential organization. Here's how:

- **Join/renew online:** Go to our official website [www.hollin-hills.org/civicasociation](http://www.hollin-hills.org/civicasociation). Scroll down to "Membership," complete the online membership form, and pay your dues online. A \$5 convenience fee applies for processing an online payment.
- **Join/renew by mail:** Membership forms were sent to all HH households. Complete the form and mail it in with your dues payment. Misplaced the form? There is a printable form at [www.hollin-hills.org/civicasociation](http://www.hollin-hills.org/civicasociation) (scroll down to "Membership"). A form is also inserted in the paper version of this issue of the Bulletin.

If you have questions, please contact Membership Chair Marinka Tellier at 703-401-9736 or [tellim@hotmail.com](mailto:tellim@hotmail.com).

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THE ANNUAL YARD SALE

This year, Kim and Corey English were the organizers of the annual community yard sale, taking over from Friederike Ahrens, who initiated the sale back in 2013 and had chaired it ever since. Thanks to them and to all the others who participated, the event has continued its very successful and enjoyable run.

Here is Corey and Kim's report on the event: More than twenty groups participated in the sixth annual Hollin Hills Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 12.

There were electronics, toys, baked goods and cold drinks, art-works, clothing, and other valuable items for sale. It was a great time to socialize with neighbors and salvage unwanted items. It truly has become a much anticipated (and participated in) event. *(Continued on page 3)*

### Summer Bulletin Schedule

As usual, there will be no regular July Bulletin. The next Bulletin will be the combined summer issue with a deadline of July 10. We will return to the regular schedule for the September issue (deadline August 15).

**Please note that, starting with the summer issue, only paid up CAHH members will receive the Bulletin.**



**Quick Takes** *from page 2*

*Pool members pitched in to get the grounds ready and looking good for the 2018 season.*

**HH POOL OPENS, WEEKLY FOOD TRUCKS START**

The Hollin Hills Pool is open for the 2018 Season. Almost 50 members showed up on two work days to dedicate almost 150 hours to getting the pool and grounds ready to go.

Again this year, Hollin Hills Pool will host regular food trucks on Wednesdays beginning around 5pm. Located in the pool parking lot along Paul Spring Road, the trucks are available to all comers.

June trucks are: June 6, Red Bone and Cookie Man; June 13, DC Empanada; June 20 Pho Wheels and Lattimores Funnel Cake; and June 27, Red Hook Lobster.

For information on food trucks and all pool activities, go to: <http://www.hollinhillspool.org/calendar-of-events/>.

—*Barbara Bogue, Pool Chair*

**BEECHWOOD'S SECOND GENERATION SINGER-SONGWRITERS**

Janie Barnett, a second generation Hollin Hiller, daughter of Jeanne and David Barnett, original owners of 7218 Beechwood Road, will be the opening act for the Bacon Brothers at the Birchmere, July 20, 21, and 22. Her songs were submitted to this year's Grammy Awards under American Roots/Folk, but her writing style covers other genres as well—and she puts on a great show! She will be singing songs from her latest album, “You See This River.” Visit her website at <https://janiebarnett.com/>.

Emily Kaitz, daughter of Hy and Naomi Kaitz, original owners of 7216 Beechwood, is a singer/songwriter, too, with her own unique style. Her songs are all humor and social satire. My favorite from her latest CD, “Do The Math,” is written and sung in Spanish: “Yo No Tengo Tiempo Para Ti.” (“I don't have time for you, I only have time for my cats.”) Contact me for information about obtaining her CD.

—*Wendy M Kilpatrick*

**THE 2018 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR: A HUGE EFFORT, A HUGE SUCCESS**

A call came from Barbara Shear recently saying that she needed an article for the Bulletin about the House and Garden Tour—500 words would be good, perhaps describing the crowds of delighted tourists, and acknowledging the volunteers. I thought to myself, “This should be easy. Say a few words and a lot of thank-yous and presto! Done!” But when I collected the information, it began to dawn on me that I really needed more than 500 words simply to list the names. There were 127 homeowners, committee people, and docents involved, not to mention presenting partners, sponsors, supporters, advertisers. There were artists, graphic designers, photographers, architects, printers, food trucks, donators of floor protector booties and food. There was much volunteered social media marketing and fund-raising. There were the cat-herders who found and organized volunteers—and the list just goes on and on. The effort wasn't large; it was mind-boggling! So, instead of trying to do the impossible here, I will say that I will publish an extensive (if not full) list of people in an email blast to the community. All these folks need to be recognized.

I would like, especially, to say how incredibly proud I am of Chris Kitzmiller and Heidi Hess. They organized this entire flying circus, finding houses and gardens, the committee, the sponsors, the supporters, the docents, etc., and organized it all into a successful whole. Can you imagine how many frogs one must kiss to pull this off? They did have some guidance from former

HHHGT Chairs including 2016 Co-Chairs Barbara Ward and Tyger Latham, and the incomparable multiple tour veteran, Tanya Ryan. Those were wonderful shoulders to stand on. So, Heidi and Chris, a million times thank you!

The tour itself was a big hit. It completely sold out, and a small black market for tickets formed. I know: I was running it. More than 1500 tickets were sold and distributed. Everyone I asked said they enjoyed themselves. Afterwards, I got a few emails asking about certain houses and certain furniture, another indicator that people liked what they saw.

For those of you who wonder why we do this, I can give this summary. (1) This is huge community participation event. It builds neighborhood pride and a sense of community. A lot of the neighborhood spruced up just for the tour. (2) It helps maintain land values. If people, in addition to just us, think Hollin Hills is a ‘destination location’, it is good for all of us. (3) It encourages the preservation of Hollin Hills’ architecture, and mid-century modern architecture in general. (4) It helps with the CAHH finances, because we make money to help cover CAHH expenses, especially the costs of maintaining the parks. Otherwise, we would have to increase membership dues, which is not universally popular.

If you see Chris or Heidi on the street, please throw your cloak in the puddle in front of them. Let them know you appreciate the enormous effort they put in. They really do deserve it.

—*Gus Matson, CAHH President*

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## in Our Parks

### Getting ready for the picnic!

**June 23 and 30, 9-12 noon, Voigt and McCalley Parks:** Come join fellow park stewards on two days in June to prepare for the Fourth of July festivities. Meet in the parks to help us tidy up in advance of the picnic. Bring clippers, gloves, rakes, brooms, and gumball sweepers.

### Sprucing Up the Paul Spring Entrance

A belated thanks to Bailey and Gretchen Spencer, Barbara Liggett, Cory English, Ginnie Wallace, and Joe Hineman for thinning out the crepe myrtles along Paul Spring Road, collecting storm debris from the pedestrian bridge and culverts, and pulling vines from trees along Paul Spring.

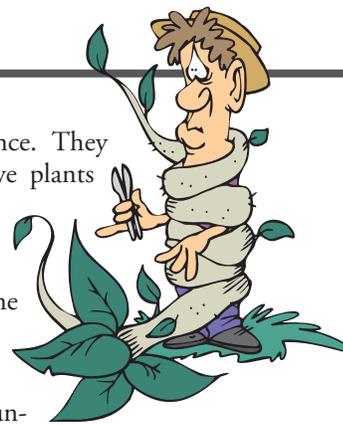
In addition, five Hollin Hills Garden Club members, Barbara Liggett, Pam Williams, Jamie Agnew, Mary Tracy, and Gretchen Spencer, recently spruced up the area around the Hollin Hills

sign at the Paul Spring entrance. They pulled all the ivy, planted native plants including white wood aster, lyre-leaf sage, and hairy beardtongue (penstemon), and mulched the area with mulch provided by the Hollin Hills Pool.

### Goodman Park Stewards

And thanks as well to these volunteers who worked hard in Goodman Park in early May: Lee Ann and Bob Kinzer, Scott Wilson, Patty Vandersall, Andrew Keegan, JoAnn Hersh, and park co-wardens Barry Pearson and Rebecca Bostick. They spent their morning clearing bamboo and wisteria away from the path.

—*Elisabeth Lardner, Parks Chair*  
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## REMEMBERING JEANETTE MORROW

During her 41 years in Hollin Hills, Jeanette Morrow earned the title of the Mayor of Recard Lane. She passed away this April at age 91. Among the original residents of Hollin Hills, Jeanette and her husband, Chris, settled here in 1952. They raised their three children, Chris Todd, Glenn, and Elizabeth (known as Sug) in the community, attending Hollin Hills Elementary and Groveton High School.

Jeanette was a vibrant and welcoming presence in the neighborhood and beyond. She knew everyone because she introduced herself to every stranger; and her introductions were unforgettable. She was known for her wit, her forthright, no-nonsense manner, and her ability to organize anything. She was treasured for her unflinching kindness and loyalty.

In the early years of Hollin Hills, Chris and Jeanette embraced the idea of this community, from the July 4th decorated bicycle parade and fireworks to Christmas caroling around the community tree. Their dedication to their Recard Lane neighbors brought forth the successful Babysitting Pool, and the less-successful Shared Neighborhood Lawn Mower. They watched their children grow up around the Hollin Hills Swimming Pool and at the horse barn at Popkins Farm.

For a number of years Jeanette took an active role in producing the Hollin Hills Bulletin, back when it was stapled paper with a Mid-Century modern masthead. But her sense of community went well beyond these streets to embrace the causes of civil rights and economic justice. Jeanette didn't care about your race or religion or upbringing, nor your job title, awards, or credentials. She valued people solely by their character.

Her husband, Chris, worked his entire career as an electrical engineer at Naval Research Laboratory designing radar systems. Jeanette raised her children at home, then had a twenty-year second career at the General Services Administration (GSA), where she was the contact person and analyst for salespeople wanting to bid for a contract to sell their pens and bedpans to the Federal government.

They all knew that the gregarious and unforgettable Mrs. Morrow would remember them and give them the straight dope.

The Alexandria Harmonizers barbershop chorus was a major beneficiary of the Morrow's shared commitment. Chris sang in the chorus and was the lauded chapter secretary for decades as the Harmonizers sang their way to several international championships. Jeanette was no less active, organizing countless events and fundraisers that made possible the Harmonizers' elaborately staged and costumed annual musicals locally, and their far-flung travels to conventions and competitions. Jeanette was always front and center when the boys took the stage.

Chris lived his entire adult life in Hollin Hills. He passed away peacefully at home in 1992. In 1994 Jeanette and her dog, Sassy, moved to Annapolis to be closer to her eldest son Chris Todd and grandchildren Mary Claire and Christo. In 2009 she moved again, this time to Denver, close to daughter Elizabeth and her children Andrew, Jono, and Sarah. This world got a bit less vivid when Jeanette left it on April 5, 2018.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Chris Todd and his wife Terri live in Littlestown, PA. Chris is an emergency room physician in nearby MD. Glenn lives with his wife Deborah in Carlisle MA, in a Deck house that echoes many of the features of Hollin Hills. He works as a software technical writer and as a creative writer. They are doting grandparents. Elizabeth calls a modernist house in Englewood, CO, home where she and her late husband Rick Waldorf carried on the legacy of our community as architects. Jeanette was a very active grandmother who adored and indulged her grandchildren, who, in turn, called her "Gromet." She lived long enough to brag about her great-grandchildren. Her only regret in leaving this world was missing the rest of their story.

To receive notification about a future memorial ceremony, or to send your remembrances, contact [morrow@intersystems.com](mailto:morrow@intersystems.com)

—*Glenn Morrow*

## Notable Neighbors

### TOM VOSKUIL

Drive down Lisbon/Elba and you will probably see a slew of parked cars. Tom Voskuil and Lynn Umemoto are surely having one of their famous dinner parties!

"I've always loved cooking, and entertaining," said Tom, president of Interim Management Team. (Lynn's story will be in a future article)

His company advises restaurants on profit maximization, operational efficiency, menu development, managerial training and market potential. "With our guidance, you'll never lose sight of your ultimate goal—happy customers."

Tom grew up in a modest house in Minneapolis, where his father worked for Ernst & Young. "We basically had two separate lifestyles. One before Dad became a partner, and one after." When his father was promoted, his income went up ten-fold. "I was 11. Suddenly we 'needed' to move to an 'appropriate' neighborhood, join country clubs, and host parties at our much larger home."

Tom found changing schools and entering this new life of upper middle class difficult. "We ate at great Country Clubs, but it was more about the 'who's who,' than the dining experience."

He acknowledges it did allow him to play hockey at his best level with a great team on their own rink. This afforded him a scholarship to Ohio State, to earn a Bachelors of Science in Marketing and Hotel/Restaurant management.

Tom's love of good food came from being exposed to it. "My father worked long hours, and we often met him for dinner downtown."

He started cooking at an early age, because, "I wanted to eat rack of lamb not hamburger casserole, that I totally dislike. I found myself constantly wanting to grill and perfect home cooked meals."

Tom's first job was as a bus-boy at Big Boy, and he said he could never get the love for high energy and people interaction out of his system. "I knew I was too hyperactive to sit behind a desk." He also knew he was smart enough to make these businesses better.

In college, while he was working at a restaurant, the general manager was fired and the assistant was completely overwhelmed. Tom helped him by hiring his friends and basically taking over. He knew then, he had found his passion.

Tom's style is to implement a unique managerial outline, eliminating an expensive manager in favor of rotating senior managers, which leads to less stress and a happier management team.

Tom's career has taken him to famous restaurants/venues, including in Napa Valley with Tim Mondavi. The uniqueness of these restaurants often attract celebrities and he has many hilarious stories to share.

While Tina Turner was staying at the Ritz-Carlton in Buckhead Atlanta, where Tom was beverage manager, she celebrated a birthday with a big party. He was opening wine for her, when Mick Jagger snuck under the banquet table and popped out in front of her with his big tongue sticking out. "She squealed and toppled over backwards. I laughed so hard, I dropped the bottle."

According to Tom, hospitality as a whole has not changed. "People still want to feel cared for and taken care of." He admits the technology aspect has changed. Managing social media was something he never thought would be part of his job. "People used to choose where to dine based on word of mouth or restaurant reviews.

Now it is Yelp. We hate this aspect that can make or break a business with one or two bad reviews."

Tom's deep entrepreneurial spirit has lead him onto his next project, Taco Chilo, "a fast casual Mexican Taqueria, using old world techniques and authentic ingredients that we call chef-created street food."

It's been a while since he owned a restaurant. "There's a reason: it's extremely difficult," and it took him four years to act upon this one. Tom plans to open Taco Chilos in the Mark Center and in the Belleview Shopping Center.

"When I was younger, risk taking was easier, because you just blindly jumped in." Now, a bit older, he feels the stars need to align in just the right way to dive back into the pool.

After a ton of research he is confident they will out-cook others in the field. "This includes making our own masa, (corn meal) for tortillas, and the special salsas that are the best part of a taqueria." They will use black salsa, which he has yet to see in the US. "We use roasted peppers to give the black color and a smokey rich flavor." They will also make a deep fried shrimp taco. "The combination of crispy shrimp and peppers with cheese oozing out makes for an unbelievable taco."

This imagination and desire to produce new culinary delights is why Tom earned a well-deserved complement from Dana Cowin, previous editor of Food & Wine Magazine, who said, "I've seen a lot, but I've never seen one person be partners in two different 'Best New Chefs Award' restaurants." To which Tom answered, "Well if nothing else happens in my life, I still have something I can put on my gravestone."

Tom and Lynn are the happiest when they have friends and family over and it involves cooking, either for six or a hundred and six. "Being a supreme host has always been the most satisfying."

—*Mohra Gavankar*



### 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.**



**GET READY! GET SET! GO! Join the fun as Hollin Hills celebrates**



### **THE PARADE**

- Decorate your bikes and wagons in red, white, and blue, or put on your walking shoes and join our festive community parade down Paul Spring Road. If you don't plan to be in the parade, please come out along the parade route and cheer for the participants.
- Gather on Paul Spring Road at the corner of Rebecca Drive between 11:15 and 11:30 to march to Voigt Park, the picnic site. Please note that parts of Paul Spring Road will be closed to cars between 11am and 12 noon to accommodate the parade. Children with decorated bikes, strollers, wagons, scooters, etc., will get small goody bags.



### **THE PICNIC**

- Join the fun from 12 noon to 2pm at Voigt Park, at the corner of Paul Spring and Rippon Roads, for our Fourth of July Picnic, a long-standing Hollin Hills tradition. The Civic Association provides hot dogs, beer, sodas, and ice cream. Attendees are asked to bring salads, side dishes, or desserts to share (enough for eight people).
- The Mount Vernon Community Band will provide rousing patriotic music. We also will have the traditional pony rides, games, and races.
- Newcomers who have not yet joined the Civic Association as well as residents who need to renew their membership can do so at the membership table at the picnic. Please note that there will be no rain date for the picnic.



### **BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER**

- Lots of volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Jobs include but are not limited to: set-up, clean-up, organizing games, and cooking hotdogs. If you are able to help, please contact Susmita Dastidar, Social Chair, at 703-660-5938 or [dustbin114@gmail.com](mailto:dustbin114@gmail.com), or be on the lookout for a sign-up email in June.