

### CAHH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Fall: A Time for Renewal and Change

I've been a high school social studies teacher for half of my life, so it's probably natural for me to look at September as a time of excitement, renewal, and change. I don't get the same first-day-of-school butterflies that I used to feel in early September (or late August for FCPS), but I still love seeing, meeting, and learning from my new students each year. I hope that all of you are looking forward to cooler temperatures, new beginnings, changing colors, and new friendships this fall.

#### What's Going On in the 'Hood'?

- John Nolan has agreed to take on the responsibilities as DRC Chair from Andy Hight. Andy's work and school commitments prevent him from continuing as chair, but he will remain on the DRC.
- An advisory committee to recommend ideas for the future of the Hollin Hills Tennis Club courts is being formed. More information will be provided in subsequent Bulletins and ideas will be solicited from the community in the near future.
- A committee is forming to seek nominees to fill four positions on the CAHH Board of Directors. Elections will be held at the Fall Membership meeting in early December.
- Our 7th Annual Oktoberfest is coming on October 12. Thanks to Gino Madrid and David Rivera for organizing this year's event.
- The comment period for the 65% design plans for Goodman and Brickelmaier Parks has ended. The next step will be the 95% design, which will establish landscaping and re-seeding plans after the construction portions of the projects are complete.
- The Hollin Hills Potential Historic Overlay District Work Group continues to make progress with monthly meetings to review County staff progress. A staff report with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors is anticipated later this fall.

*Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas, comments, concerns, or questions at [cahh@hollin-hills.org](mailto:cahh@hollin-hills.org)*

*—Patrick Kelly, CAHH President*

### HOLLIN HILLS HOUSE+GARDEN TOUR IS SET FOR 2020

It's once again time to start preparations for the Hollin Hills House+Garden Tour. It will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2020, from 12noon to 6pm.

The Hollin Hills House+Garden Tour is an opportunity for our neighborhood to showcase the unique design, progressive development concepts, and modernist community that we all

enjoy every day. It is also an opportunity to engage with one another and celebrate the special relationship we hold with our history, our future, and each other.

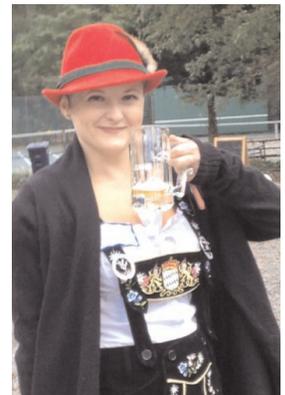
As we commence planning, we must first thank several homeowners who have already agreed to feature their homes and gardens on the tour. The fund-raising from this event is critical to many Hollin Hills initiatives.

We have received some exciting ideas to enhance the event to make 2020's tour the best ever. We will be sharing updates over the next 10 months in this newsletter. For now, please mark the date, share suggestions, and please sign up to volunteer by sending an email to [shuheather@gmail.com](mailto:shuheather@gmail.com) with "HHHGT Volunteer" in the subject line. Thank you.

*—Heather Shuster and John Crowder  
2020 Hollin Hills House + Garden Tour Co-Chairs*

### GET OUT YOUR LEDERHOSEN: OKTOBERFEST IS COMING!

Hollin Hills' seventh annual Oktoberfest is on the way, sponsored once again by the Civic Association (CAHH). This annual family event will take place on Saturday, October 12, 3pm-6pm, at the Hollin Hills Pool parking lot. There will be lots of beer and bratwurst. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Social Chair Regino Madrid at [ginomadrid@gmail.com](mailto:ginomadrid@gmail.com).



### BACK TO SCHOOL AND BUSY

A lot is happening at our neighborhood elementary school, Hollin Meadows. News of other local schools is always welcome, too. Please send news items to [barbshear@verizon.net](mailto:barbshear@verizon.net). for the next Bulletin.

• **A warm welcome with cold popsicles.** The new school year began officially on August 26, but new kids and their families were greeted a day earlier at Hollin Meadows School (HMES) with "Popsicles on the Playground." The happy event was organized by Hollin Hills moms Melissa Edmiston and Amy Owens.

• **"Farm 2 School" Grant.** Hollin Meadows School will play an important role in the utilization of the *(continued on page 2)*

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

## Back to school *from page 1*

\$50,000 Farm 2 School planning grant that the Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) has received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

FNS plans to collaborate with Hollin Meadows toward the goal of combining meaningful educational programs with providing fresh and locally-sourced food to students. Based on the school's 12-year proven commitment to successful outdoor garden spaces, this project will develop methods for greater cooperation between classroom learning, growing spaces, and the school cafeteria that will eventually benefit all schools.

- **Outdoor Education Program is expanding.** The school gardens at HMES have been redesigned following the school's three-year renovation project. Plans to expand the Outdoor Education Program include the construction of an urban farm on an acre behind HMES.

On October 4, the Hollin Meadows Partnership for Outdoor Education will celebrate the program's first harvest with a Harvest Gala—a night of food, drink, music, and community. Tickets are available at the school, on the Partnership's website, or at the door.

- **HMES PTA receives double recognition.** The school's PTA had already won a Family Engagement Award on the county level, when it again received recognition in that category—this time on a state-wide level. Congratulations to them on receiving the 2019 Virginia PTA Diversity & Inclusion Award for “meaningful activities and programs that support diversity and inclusion within the school and community.”

## Quick Takes

### THE POOL SEASON WINDS DOWN

#### Thanks, Saskia

Saskia Jansen, the beloved representative of the Bluefish, the Hollin Hills Pool swim team, is ending her long career as a volunteer for the team. She was honored at the annual Bluefish awards ceremony. The swim team and pool has installed a plaque that commemorates Saskia's service and dedicates the team record board to her.

Saskia's involvement with the Bluefish has spanned nearly five decades—as team rep, coach, parent and, earlier, as a swim team member herself. She has also been a pool manager and a lifeguard.

She continues to hold team records that she set forty years ago! Her husband, Bill Cromley, and their son and daughter, Immanuel and Lena Cromley, are also represented on the record board. The children took records that their parents had held.

The team appreciates both Saskia's amazing spirit, which *(continued on pg.3)*



*At the pool: (top) Saskia as a Bluefish swimmer and with her commemorative plaque. (Below, l-r): Enjoying the HH Pool Adult Swim on July 20 were Jerome Gordon, Andy Hight, Rick Heffner, Gino Madrid, Steve Obenski, Edward Murphy, and Christine Kitzmiller.*

## Quick Takes

she credits to her own experiences as a swimmer, and how she has inspired both the parents and the swimmers to be their best.

Brooke Lombardi, also a former Bluefish and the daughter of a former coach, is the new Bluefish Team representative. Saskia, Bill, and Brooke all grew up here in Hollin Hills.

—Jane Pearson

### Final Food Truck Schedule at the Pool

The following food trucks will make their final appearances of the summer season at the Paul Spring parking lot next to the Hollin Hills Pool, 5:30-7:30pm, on the following days:

Thursday, August 29, Rocklands Barbeque

Sunday, September 1, Pho Wheels

Sunday, September 8, Bangkok House

As always, the food trucks are open to non-pool members, too.

### HARMONIZERS PRESENT “CIRCLE OF LIFE”

The Alexandria Harmonizers, 2018 Choralis Foundation winner as best a cappella ensemble in the Washington area, will present “Circle of Life” on Saturday, September 14, at 4pm, in the Schlesinger Concert Hall in Alexandria. Hollin Hills residents Bob Wachter and Dean Rust are members of the Harmonizers.

The 80-man chorus will perform high-energy production numbers and ballads from Broadway hits including *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Les Miserables*, and *Anything Goes*. Also featured will be the award-winning Sweet Adelines Quartet, “GQ,” and 2015 Barbershop Harmony Society champions, “Instant Classic.” Tickets are \$35 and are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/circle-of-life-tickets-60667121995>.

—Dean Rust

## STREAM RESTORATION IN PERSPECTIVE

After hiking the parks and streambeds of Hollin Hills for the past 30 years, I’ve become increasingly concerned with the condition of two local watersheds. Goodman and Brickelmaier didn’t start out as carefully planned and landscaped parklands—they were second-growth land left over as “unbuildable” when Goodman and company laid out the roads and building lots for our neighborhood. They became jewels only through decades of growth, guided by the efforts of neighbors and volunteers. Unfortunately, these efforts have not been enough to keep up with continued development and emerging climate change. The time for shovels and wheelbarrows has passed; the time has come for more vigorous and focused measures.

Hydrological studies in the 1970s predicted that stormwater runoff from Richmond Highway could be expected to overtop Paul Spring Road only once a century. My own experience has been that it happens about once every summer. That’s why the county condemned the flood-prone house at the corner of Rippon, which has since become McCalley Park. When I was walking the length of Paul Spring Branch for my Bulletin series in 1999-2000, I noted the flooding, erosion, and treefall in Brickelmaier and Goodman. Fairfax County’s Stream Assessment Study (2001) didn’t address our tributaries specifically, but it did note the poor stream condition and habitat integrity throughout the Paul Spring watershed,

along with rising imperviousness.

The Stream Physical Assessment (2002) inspected the full length of every perennial stream and tributary in the county, including Brickelmaier and Goodman. It called for stormwater retention features at the bottom of each tributary, as well as stream restoration and new wetlands along Paul Stream Branch. These recommendations were further refined by the Little Hunting Creek Watershed Management Plan (2004), which also called for the widespread installation of rain barrels and rain gardens in the parts of Hollin Hills uphill from the two tributaries.

The preliminary plan for Goodman Park called for compact equipment (Bobcats and other small machines) to enter from the top of the park, on Martha’s Road. That plan was abandoned in 2012 because of a private sewer line, exposed by erosion, that later leaked directly into the stream. The sewer line has been repaired, but after seven more years of rain and erosion, the original low-impact approach is no longer feasible. Even before the record-setting events of July 8 and 11, the damage in Goodman was so severe that remediation now requires larger equipment and more aggressive techniques. The same has happened in Brickelmaier. In addition, the community has repeatedly expressed a preference for restoring the length of both hillsides, rather than simply digging retention ponds at the bottom.

The county will of course keep tree loss to a minimum, and in any event there are extensive reforestation plans that could

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**Paul Phelps knows our local streams as well as—and perhaps better than—anyone else in the area. Twenty years ago, he began studying the Paul Spring Branch, tracing its path step-by-step. He then wrote about his findings in a 13-part Bulletin series and in many subsequent articles. His keen interest and involvement continue today.**

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conceivably leave the parks more beautiful, and in better ecological balance, than they were before. We’ll have a chance to comment on those plans as the design work reaches the 95 percent stage, including an opportunity to nominate particular species for replanting. (I’ve already offered to buy a dozen hickory saplings for the two parks, to help restore diversity to the forest. I’ll also volunteer to help plant them, if they’ll have me.)

It does take a little imagination to visualize the finished results, but you can get a good comparison by visiting an older project near the north parking lot at Mount Vernon that’s had a decade to recover. After all, it took decades for our parks to fill in, and decades for erosion to hollow them out; it’s only fair to wait a while before passing judgment on the restoration. As the ancient Greeks wrote, “A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit.”

—Paul B. Phelps



## MEET TOM WEINER, A NOTABLE NEIGHBOR

The great, great nephew of THE Sigmund Freud, is your neighbor.

Now I have your attention! Hollin Hills neighbor, Thomas Freud Wiener, was named after him but his life may be more interesting than Uncle Sigmund's.

"Life is full of challenges, conflicts, disappointments, and rewards. I live in the present and

plan for the future. The past is unchangeable; I ignore it as well as I can." He softens his words with a huge smile that makes his eyes disappear.

Tom attended The Western High School in Georgetown, currently called Duke Ellington School, and joined the Washington High School Cadets, a Junior ROTC version of the organization unique to the District. He adds with a twinkle in his eye, "I met my future wife, Louise Ladd, there."

Tom went on to study electrical engineering at Brown University. "I joined the Naval ROTC, a choice resulting from my father's insistence that everyone owed his country a term of military service."

His primary extra-curricular activity at Brown was the Brown Glee Club. "On a whim during Freshman Week, I joined the Chorus and the Chapel Choir." He ended his college career as President of the Glee Club and Student Conductor of both choirs.

Coincidentally, Louise, who was a year behind him, attended Pembroke College in Brown University. "We started dating early in her freshman year and we both graduated on June 2nd, 1958, and were married two days later."

"Because I was in the NROTC, I was commissioned with orders."

The Navy also selected Tom as part of a group of newly commissioned officers to spend a year at sea, and then attend graduate school to earn a doctoral degree. Tom chose M.I.T. and earned a Doctor of Science degree in Instrumentation. "My thesis, the first substantial work on strap-down inertial navigation, was the basis for Apollo's navigation system."

The jovial Tom describes himself as an Aerospace Engineer, "with a great deal of success in managing high tech, high payoff research, and development programs."

Even with all this experience, he did not have enough schooling, so went into the Navy's Nuclear Power program and then onto submarines just because, "It seemed like more of an adventure."

His first submarine was the USS Skipjack, the first nuclear-powered submarine with the whale-shaped hull. Later he was transferred to the pre-commissioning crew of the George Bancroft, a Polaris submarine, as Engineer Officer. "I also commanded the USS Jack and then returned to the Pentagon, with responsibility for managing the modernization of submarines, and for managing overhauls of all Navy ships."

The final assignment in Tom's naval career was as a program manager at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

(DARPA). His projects included infrared sensors, laser communications, cruise missile guidance, and cruise missile defense. "That job was the springboard for the second half of my working life."

After retiring from the Navy in 1980 as a Commander, Tom went to work for The Analytic Sciences Corporation. "After 15 years, at TASC, I got tired of taking orders from dumb government program managers so managed to get hired again by DARPA, again as a dumb government program manager, working mostly on advanced air defense systems."

Tom says the most exciting changes he has seen in his career are the advancement of technologies, that allow us to accomplish many things that were unimaginable sixty years ago.

"The most disturbing changes show up as the devaluation of people (we have Human Resources, not Personnel.) and the monetization of almost everything. I am particularly unhappy with the idea that "maximizing shareholder value" means achieving the highest price for a share."

Tom feels apparently there is no value in "being the most reliable and trustworthy firm" and "having the most competent staff" or "being the workplace with the most contented workers."

But Tom says he particularly enjoys working with people and helping make innovations. "I particularly enjoy offering and encouraging new ideas and then influencing/leading a team as we realize success." This carries over into his hobbies as well.

"So now I'm retired and living the life of the idle rich. Except I'm not very rich, nor am I particularly idle," staying busy with his hobbies that include spending time with Louise, barbershop singing, cooking, genealogy, and reading.

"Everything I agree to do is important because I agreed to do it. Life being full of conflicting demands, one has to choose how close to perfect you can afford the time to be."

He adds, "I generally get my kicks from doing things rather than watching things, and most things I do or have done seem to be opportunistic. When something grabs me, I tend to engage and rise to positions of leadership."

All his life experiences lent itself to his many leadership roles in all organizations he belonged to. "Management by laziness," he laughs. "I'd rather direct than do it."

Tom says his involvement in barbershop arose from a random encounter. "I mentioned it to a colleague at work who was the baritone in a quartet, and he invited me to come and sing with the chorus. I did, and joined immediately."

Tom loves singing barbershop and has been doing in now for 42 years. "I love how harmony works. I love the feel of singing a perfectly tuned chord. I love the fellowship and camaraderie of my quartet and my chorus."

"I have been the Music Director of the Arlingtones for 19 years. The quartet I sing in is called Four Directions, because we come at music from four different directions: classical, pop, funk, country."

He enjoys Barbershop the best because "most vocal music focuses on the soloist while with Barbershop the importance is to make a single tone or perfect chord, together."

In retirement Tom especially enjoys his time with Louise and friends, singing, reading or studying, and practicing alone. He also loves living in Hollin Hills among, as he calls us, "fuzzy liberals."

—Mohra Gavankar

# Design Review

## June Meeting

The Design Review Committee (DRC) met on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Sherwood Regional Library. Members present included Andy Hight (Chair), John Burns, John Nolan and Virginia Wallace, and Ken Wilson. The DRC addressed the following homeowner projects during the meeting:

- **7801 Elba Road, Braun Residence**

**Project:** Bathroom addition to existing master bedroom

**Purpose:** To create a private bathroom for the master bedroom

**Action:** Conceptual approval.

The homeowners discussed their overall plans to rehab the unique ALCOA house. Homeowners and their architect also discussed drawings and build-out details for a bathroom addition. The committee raised some concerns about how the new bathroom will bump out the existing back wall, which the homeowners explained was not ideal, but the best solution.

The homeowners plan to complete rehab work in time to be on the 2020 House and Garden Tour.

- **7712 Elba, Davis Residence**

**Project:** Backyard fence

**Purpose:** To create a safe area for homeowners' daughter to play.

**Action:** Homeowner will return to the DRC with a revised siting plan to replace the existing chain-link fence.

The homeowner discussed plans to replace and expand an existing chain-link fence. A next-door neighbor objected to the plan and asked that the homeowner change the location of the fence so that it is not viewed immediately outside her front windows.

## July Meeting

The Design Review Committee (DRC) met on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at the Sherwood Regional Library. Members present included John Nolan (Acting Chair), Jennifer Kirby, Piya Vlach, and Virginia Wallace. The DRC addressed the following homeowner projects during the meeting:

- **7205 Beechwood, Chang Residence**

**Project:** In-kind deck replacement

**Purpose:** Replacement due to tree damage of deck

**Action:** Unanimous approval.

The homeowner presented plans to replace a damaged deck on the back of his house. The deck will be rebuilt in-kind but with a higher railing required by Fairfax County regulations.

- **2104 Martha's Road, Cornelius Residence**

**Project:** Rear fence

**Purpose:** Privacy area

**Action:** Approved pending neighbor notification

The homeowner presented plans for a rear property fence. The DRC commented on location, encouraged homeowner to be aware of County regulations and discussed recommended fencing materials. The homeowner will complete neighbor notification. DRC approved fence if no neighbor objections after 10 days.

- **7508 Range Road, Curley Residence**

**Project:** Shed replacement

**Purpose:** Storage

**Action:** Conceptual approval

The homeowner presented revisions to plans submitted in June. The DRC had raised concerns about shed height. The DRC

## ABOUT THE DRC

The Civic Association of Hollin Hills Design Review Committee (DRC) meets monthly to offer guidance to homeowners 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.**

requested that, prior to approval, the homeowner submit product information about the window that will be installed .

- **7322 Rebecca Drive, Sydow Residence**

**Project:** Patio and landscaping

**Purpose:** Recreation area

**Action:** None

The DRC conceptually approved the plans in July 2017 and is waiting for updated plans prior to final approval. The DRC asked the homeowners to complete neighbor notification.

## August Meeting

The Design Review Committee (DRC) met on Wednesday Aug. 14, 2019 at home of Mohra Gavankar, 7702 Elba Road. Members present included Andy Hight (Chair), John Nolan, and Virginia Wallace. The DRC addressed the following homeowner project during the meeting:

- **7702 Elba Road, Gavankar Residence**

**Project:** Integrated Carport and Shed addition

**Purpose:** Car protection and storage

**Action:** None (Quorum not met)

The DRC reviewed plans and design renderings for a proposed integrated carport and storage shed to be sited at the front of the house presented by the homeowner and her architect. Three neighbors also attended the presentation and asked questions. The DRC made several questions about lighting, finish details, water drainage, and driveway materials. The homeowner will submit final revised architectural drawings and materials information prior to receiving a DRC approval decision.

## Next Meeting

The next DRC meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 7:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, Sherwood Meeting Room, 2501 Sherwood Hall Ln, Alexandria, VA 22306.

—Chris McNamara

## CLASSIFIED ADS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES abound at the new Democratic headquarters of The Mount Vernon and Lee Joint Campaign, located at 6821 Richmond Highway. Coordinated by Delegate Krizek and his team, the office is also open for allied Democratic groups to utilize for meetings, canvass organizing, postcard writing, phone calling, etc. Email aaron@paulkrizek.com if you are interested in helping.

—Paul Krizek

## LETTER TO THE BULLETIN

### Regarding Goodman and Brickelmaier Parks

I think my views about the proposed projects in Goodman and Brickelmaier Parks are generally known. In short, I favor a less destructive approach, one that will preserve our old forests. I think many Hollin Hillers like those old forests the way they are, recognizing that some erosion repair is necessary. A less damaging solution is within reach. Why must Hollin Hills have to fit our parks to the County's boilerplate solution? We are told that the bidders require very large equipment, and the large access roads needed to accommodate it. Shouldn't the contractors and equipment be chosen to provide the best result?

In 2008 we had a vigorous discussion about whether to accept an AT&T offer to build a cell tower at the Paul Spring Road entrance to Hollin Hills. A giant cell tower would have been plunked in a stockade-fenced yard cleared of all trees and vegetation. It would have been horrible. It was defeated by a vote at a CAHH meeting. The currently proposed work would be far more injurious to our trees and parkland. I call on the CAHH to again hold a vote on whether to accept this proposed plan, or have it modified to fit the actual needs of the parks.

And, after all, at this point the proposals are only at 65% completion. Why the

rush? The County should work with Hollin Hills to get it right.

There has been some discussion recently about requests for design modifications that have been made at this point in the process. Many say it is too late, that the right time has passed. The fact is, the first actual plans, the 35% plans for Goodman Park, were headlined in the June 2018 Bulletin. That is barely more than a year ago. Objections to the widespread tree destruction were raised immediately upon presentation of the plans. Reassurance was given that the design team was listening. The community was told that the 35% stage was when significant alterations to the plan could be made. I suggested putting the Martha's culvert underground. The reply from the planners was that they were listening to everyone and we should all patiently await their deliberations; we were told the 65% plan set would reflect neighborhood concerns. When the 65% set was released July 29th, barely 2 weeks ago, it was substantially unchanged.

So, what is 'too late'? We have only just seen the 65% plan set. It was just released! The planned tree destruction is essentially unchanged. I challenge Hollin Hills to gratefully accept a different plan from Fairfax County, one that is tailored to our delicate old forest parks, NOT tailored to the ease and profit of contractors who would see this job as just another industrial-strength project. We should challenge

Fairfax County to produce a genuine, low-impact, alternative plan.

For those of us not enamored of these plans, we have seen again the heavy-handed approach that we feared at the 35% planning level, confirmed in the 65% plan set.

PS: I just came back from a walk down Goodman and up Brickelmaier. I saw a great many understory trees thriving; many among them were beech, a real favorite.

—Marc Shapiro

*Editor's note: Another view of the stream restoration projects can be found in Paul Phelps' article, "Stream Restoration in Perspective," on page 3.*

**JOIN THESE  
FALL WORK  
PARTIES  
IN OUR PARKS**



**SUTTON  
POTTER PARK**

(access from Range Road)

Saturdays, September 14, 21, 28,  
10:30-12 noon

Please bring clippers, gloves,  
and rakes for vine removal.

**PAUL SPRING PARK**

Saturday, October 5, 10-12 noon

Please bring clippers, gloves,  
and rakes for ivy removal and  
boots for trash pickup.