

# HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

JUNE 2020



## CAHH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm sure you are feeling the pull to return outdoors and to get out and about. Please continue to be safe and vigilant to protect our neighbors. And please continue to enjoy our parks and paths. They are becoming well-worn during this pandemic. We are grateful to our Parks Chair and all of our Park Wardens and helpers who volunteer their time and effort to improve our community!

### Good start on Membership Drive

The CAHH Membership Campaign is in full-swing with nearly 200 members having joined or renewed by mid-May. If you haven't done so yet, please do soon. Remember that if you are financially unable to renew at this time, please let us know so that we can continue to provide some member benefits to you until you are able.

### Chris to the Rescue

A huge thank you to Chris Kamsler, who responded to my plea for help in last month's Bulletin to provide support for the HH website. He jumped right in and created a new membership page on the site under the CAHH menu. You can visit this page to renew your membership online or update your contact information for our database. If you have other ideas for making the website more useful or appealing, please let me know.

### Board Business

The CAHH Board met via video conference in May and discussed the following.

- The Goodman & Brickelmaier Parks stormwater restoration project has moved from the county's stormwater planning division to the construction division where permits are being obtained and the project is being prepared for contract bids. Although the project may start this fall, it is more likely to begin early next year. Supervisor Dan Storck's May 5th letter of support to the community is greatly appreciated. If you didn't receive an emailed copy, there is a link on the homepage of our website.

- Alas, we are unable to gather for our traditional 4th of July Picnic and Parade this year. Let's hope we can resume our tradition next summer. (See page 2.)

- The Board approved the appointment of Paul Trombley to serve on the DRC. Paul was instrumental in drafting the current DRC Guidelines and has served on DRC previously. Thank you, Paul, for agreeing to serve again!

- The Board authorized the Chair of the Parks Committee to coordinate the removal of spring ephemeral plants from the future limits of disturbance areas of Goodman and Brickelmaier Parks to be re-planted in other CAHH parks since this is their last season before construction begins.

### HOD Meeting Schedule

The County Dept. of Planning & Development is working on the draft language for the potential Historic Overlay District (HOD) for Hollin Hills. They will conduct virtual meetings with the HOD working group in June, and with the Architectural Review Board, the History Commission, and with our community later this summer or early fall. Final approval of the HOD could occur this fall.

—Patrick Kelly, President, CAHH

## I DON'T EVEN BELONG TO THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. WHY DID YOU SEND ME THIS BULLETIN?

All Hollin Hills households get the Bulletin during the CAHH membership drive to remind everyone to join or renew. Why join? Keep reading....



## THE 2020-2021 CAHH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS JUST ABOUT COMPLETED.

We hope you have had a chance to join or renew your membership, as the CAHH serves your community in so many ways, and we want you to have a voice in Civic Association decisions. By being a member, you have a vote at any Association-wide meeting. If you haven't yet joined or renewed, your greeter will call on you soon to remind you and answer any questions.

Remember that your household's \$130 annual dues costs about the same as a moderately upscale dinner for two, or a back row balcony ticket at the Kennedy Center. Notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19, membership dues also make possible popular Hollin Hills activities such as the July 4th picnic, Oktoberfest, and the Winter Potluck.

In addition, along with receiving the monthly Bulletin, your membership also entitles you to the upcoming 2020 Hollin Hills Directory, due out later this summer. Paying your dues is easy. Here's how:

- **Join/renew online:** Go to our website, [www.hollin-hills.org](http://www.hollin-hills.org). Click on Civic Association and scroll down to "Membership." Complete online membership form and pay your dues online. A \$5 convenience fee is applied for processing an online payment.
- **Join/renew by mail:** Membership forms were sent to all households in early May. Complete the form and mail it in with your dues payment. There is also a printable form at [www.hollin-hills.org](http://www.hollin-hills.org). Click on Civic Association and scroll down to Membership.
- **Or, easiest of all, stop by our home,** 7507 Elba Road, with completed membership form and \$130 check. You can drop it into the plastic box outside our RED front door.

—Tony Morris & Gail Kropf  
Membership Co-chairs

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF HOLLIN HILLS (CAHH)

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Deadline is the 15th of the preceding month.  
Articles generally should not exceed 500 words. Send your submission in the body of an email or as an attachment to [barbshear@verizon.net](mailto:barbshear@verizon.net). If you cannot produce computerized copy, please find someone to submit it for you. No material will be accepted over the telephone.

#### Bulletin Distribution problems:

- To add/correct/change your mail or email address, or if you have not received your digital Bulletin, contact Tony Morris, 571-431-9711 or Gail Kropf, 240-418-0797
- To replace a missing paper Bulletin, contact Ellen Rydell at 703-768-3442.

## HOLLIN HILLS ARCHIVES

The Hollin Hills Archives are part of the Special Collections and Archives of George Mason University. To contact the SC&A staff with research questions, use the following:

- For general description of HH Archives contents, go to [http://sca.gmu.edu/finding\\_aids/hollinhills.html](http://sca.gmu.edu/finding_aids/hollinhills.html).
- For questions about collections, hours, usage, duplications, or directions go to [http://sca.gmu.edu/using\\_sc&a.html](http://sca.gmu.edu/using_sc&a.html).
- Other contacts: phone 703-993-2220, fax inquiries 703-993-8911, email [speccoll@gmu.edu](mailto:speccoll@gmu.edu).

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

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

# Around the Neighborhood



### Welcome, newcomers!

• Becky and Nathan (Nate) Skavdal are brand new to the DC area, having just moved to 2114 Mason Hill Road after living in northern Italy for the last four years. Nathan is an Air Force F-16 pilot and will be flying out of Andrews Air Force Base, while Becky works in global marketing for Lockheed Martin, based in Bethesda. They love to travel, play golf, and get outside and hike with their pup, Josie. Becky and Nathan met during college in St. Louis, but didn't start dating until many years later, when Nathan was living in South Korea and she was in San Francisco. Says Becky, "Not very convenient." They were married in Italy in 2017. They discovered Hollin Hills last December and were immediately drawn to the unique style of the homes, in particular how connected they felt to their natural surroundings. Becky: "It's clear that this is a special community full of welcoming, kind, open-minded individuals. We have about 400 bottles of Italian wine waiting to be shipped over, and we look forward to sharing it with our new friends and neighbors!" Becky's contact info: 571-214-2189 and [wallacrm@gmail.com](mailto:wallacrm@gmail.com); Nathan's email is [nathan.skavdal@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.skavdal@gmail.com).

—Isabell Fernandez

• Hollin Hills welcomes PJ Braun and his fiancé, Cecelia Leto, to 7504 Range Road. Cecelia, who is originally from the Charleston, South Carolina area, and PJ, who hails from Northern Virginia, met in college while attending the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss!). They moved

back to Northern Virginia after school, looking for a mid-century home to purchase. Cecelia works as a Trauma sales consultant in all of the area's major hospitals. PJ works in real estate as a member of the Poole Braun Team. They share a passion for mid-century modern homes and interior design, much of which they credit to their late neighbor and former business partner, Sandi Poole. PJ and Cecelia enjoy entertaining friends and family, spending time outdoors, and traveling the world. "We look forward to becoming active Hollin Hills members and meeting many new friends and neighbors. We can't wait to show everyone our house we've been fixing up and restoring to its original glory!" PJ can be reached at: [pj@poolbraunteam.com](mailto:pj@poolbraunteam.com) or 703-231-2230, Cecelia at 843-259-0466 or [ceciliarleto@gmail.com](mailto:ceciliarleto@gmail.com).

—Tony Morris

### A very new arrival

Evan Nelson and Cody Lanning of 2201 Paul Spring Road recently welcomed a new addition! Mackenzie Elise was born on March 7 just after 4 am and weighed in at 7 lbs 2 oz and 21 inches long! Evan Nelson's mom, Linda Nelson came from California to help out and because of COVID-19, will be staying for a while! Big sister, Rowan (2 years), has happily welcomed her little sister! Congratulations are certainly in order and soon you might see Mackenzie sporting the official Hollin Hills Green baby T-Shirt with pride!

—Pam Koger-Jesup

## NO PICNIC, BUT THERE WILL BE ICE CREAM

Due to Covid-19, the CAHH Annual 4th of July Picnic will not take place at Voigt Park this year. However, the Civic Association would still like to help the citizens of Hollin Hills to celebrate from the comfort of their own homes.

You are encouraged to decorate your lawns "Fourth of July Style." We hope you will set up lawn chairs, put up flags, play music, and even have the barbecue fired up for your family celebration.

A small motorcade of CAHH vehicles

will pass by your street between 12 noon and 2 pm, safely handing out individually wrapped popsicles and ice cream to anyone who would like one.

We will pass by every house in Hollin Hills, so watch out for us!

And please remember to join the CAHH if you haven't yet so we can continue to provide amazing events for our community! Stay safe and well!

— Gino Madrid, CAHH Social Chair

## in Memoriam



### Anne-Marie Carnemark

Anne-Marie Carnemark, a long time resident of Hollin Hills, passed away peacefully at her home on April 11, 2020, from complications due to Alzheimer's disease. She was born in 1936 in Norrköping, Sweden.

Anne-Marie received her master's degree in English and Literature from Uppsala University. She would later go on to receive a second master's degree in Linguistics from Georgetown University.

Anne-Marie married her high school sweetheart, Curt Carnemark of Norrköping, Sweden. In 1966, she and her husband and their then three children moved to the Washington area, finding and falling in love with Hollin Hills, where she and her husband raised their family and lived for 54 years. She often commented how lucky she was to have raised her family and to have met her closest friends there.

Anne-Marie's love of languages and teaching culminated in her position at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia, as an instructor to U.S. diplomatic and military embassy staff, from which

she retired after twenty years. During her tenure at the institute, Anne-Marie co-authored a Swedish textbook and recorded supplemental audio material on pronunciation in Swedish, both of which are still used today.

Anne-Marie was an avid gardener, and after retirement she could always be found working in her yard. Family, friends, and neighbors often referred to it as "Monet's Garden" due to the colors and beauty. But her true passion was her children and her grandchildren, spending every holiday, birthday, and summer vacation together. She is survived by her husband, Curt; her five children: Jonas (Wendy), Malin (Michael), Jakob (Kim), Johanna, and Fredrik (Karla), and her 13 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister Eva and her parents.

### Alice Lauthers

Alice Lauthers, 93, passed away in her sleep on Monday April 6, 2020. Charles and Alice Lauthers, and their children Johnathan and Susan, along with the family's Abyssinian cats, were original resi-

dents of Elba Road. Alice attended Oberlin College and George Washington University. She was a certified public accountant, and used her skills to benefit our community by serving as treasurer of the Civic Association.

Alice loved the fine arts and animals, and she was an avid supporter of the Kennedy Center and the Humane Society.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolence cards would be appreciated, sent to Susan Simmons, 7410 Brian Run Ct., Springfield, VA 22153.

### Henry Geller

Henry Geller, an original Hollin Hills resident of Pickwick Lane, died on April 7. You can read his fascinating bio at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/obituaries/henry-geller-who-helped-ban-cigarette-advertising-from-radio-and-tv-dies-at-96/2020/04>. Wendy Montanari has a hard copy of the April 20 Washington Post in which it appeared, if someone would like to have it.

## READING THROUGH THE QUARANTINE

What have you been reading during your Covid-19 home confinement? Quarantine reading and beach reading often fall into the same category—something distracting that lets you escape through a page of a book.

The last time I went to the beach, my sisters and pals offered me Agatha Christie, Stephen King, and biographies. To me, mysteries were not distracting; *The Shining* left me shaking even in broad daylight; and, although Chernow's *Grant* was riveting, I read it comfortably by the fire rather than heft it out into the sand, sun, and wind. I can, however, suggest a book that fits nicely as both quarantine and beach reading.

Hollin Hiller Carl Eifert, "long-retired newspaper hand," has written *To Err + To Smile*, a portable book of a novella and fifteen short stories. Carl has developed his characters and knows them well—and some of them know each other all too well. They live in a predominantly Catholic town that has the flavor of author Jan Karon's cottage town, but Carl's stories about them have a wry, adult edge and a twist at the end.

One parishioner takes a risk in his four-wheel-drive and breaks his neck. He sees his life pass before his eyes, but wakes up—or was he destined to live, and his flashes of memory are merely a reaction to a lifetime of unexpended guilt? In another, nobody

else but God could have intervened when Willard Stanley planned to steal the charity prize money. And how do the members of the church deal with a new name after someone points out that Saint Christopher was a fake saint?

The chapters and stories are two-to-three pages long, my idea of perfect quarantine/beach reading. Carl inscribed my copy to me, so I'm not lending it out, but you can get it from Amazon or other booksellers.

—Wendy Montanari

## ABOUT THE NEXT BULLETIN

- Please make a note that there is a new email address for all submissions to the Bulletin. It is [barbshear32@gmail.com](mailto:barbshear32@gmail.com). The old address will still work for a while, but not for long.
- As in previous years, the Bulletin will again take a summer vacation. The next Bulletin will be a combined July/August summer issue that will come out around August 1.
- Newcomers and non-members of the Civic Association (CAHH) have received free copies of the May and June issues of the Bulletin as part of the CAHH annual membership drive. However, starting with the next issue, only paid up members of the CAHH will receive the Bulletin.

—Barbara Shear

