

Happy New Year!

PREPARING FOR THE 2016 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

The Hollin Hills Home & Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The 2016 Committee has identified suitable houses and gardens located throughout the community and has assembled an outstanding group of homes and gardens for the tour.

Thank you to all who have agreed to share their homes or gardens, and to the many people throughout the community who have given us leads on houses and gardens to consider. Identifying homeowners willing to participate takes a lot of “mining” of information and people, to say nothing of

luck. You might have noticed us slowly and frequently driving or walking down your street while peering into homes, and we apologize if we caused any alarm or concern.

Now to a more mundane, but important part of the job. As in past years, we are seeking sponsors to cover the costs associated with running the tour—everything from tour day flowers to printing the brochures. During January, we are trying to reach as many community members as possible and hope that you will seriously consider being a sponsor of this major community fundraiser. The spon-

sorship levels are as follows:

Dogwood (\$1,000): 6 free tickets
Magnolia (\$500): 4 free tickets
Azalea (\$250): 4 free tickets
Supporter (\$125): 2 free tickets
Friend \$50

Even if you can't be a sponsor, we look forward to seeing you at the tour on April 30!

More details about the tour can be found at www.hollinhills.net. Beginning in late January, tickets will be available for purchase through the website. Pre-tour tickets are \$25, and tickets purchased on the day of the tour will cost \$30.

—Barbara Ward, Tour Chair

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

At the CAHH Fall Membership Meeting on December 7 the following business was conducted:

CAHH President Gus Matson opened with a moment of silence in memory of Pearl Harbor, then thanked outgoing board members Patrick Kelly, Betsy Damitz, and Barbara Jacobs for their service. He announced the slate of nominees to replace them, respectively: Chris McNamara (vice-president), Linda Benson (membership), and Susmita Dastidar (social). With no nominees from the floor, the slate was elected unanimously. Willing to continue for another term, Bob Kinzer, the current board member for parks, was also elected to that position unanimously.

Treasurer Susan Kuhbach presented the 2016 budget, noting a discrepancy in the parks number, because all the bills are still not in for mowing and tree work. She explained the projected amount for legal expenses is based on the amount spent this year. The budget was approved following brief questions and answers. Susan reported the CAHH current

balance is \$87,739.73.

Gus announced an amendment proposed by Mike Stanges to the report on the spring membership meeting and distributed copies of it and the original report (see proposed amendment on page 5). There was a lengthy discussion of the proposed changes, and many points were raised in objection. Among the points raised were:

- The original report was a record of what was actually said at the meeting, and the amendment seemed to relate more detail than the spring meeting included.
- The first bullet point was overly complicated. There were objections to the specificity of the amendments, or to adding more detail than necessary.
- Minutes of a meeting should only be amended if they are erroneous, which was not the case in this example.

It was noted that the amendment's evidentiary points go to one of the points in the lawsuit, but not all. One member, with parliamentary experience in four organizations, suggested that the minutes must

reflect what occurred at the meeting not what someone wishes had been said. A motion was made to amend the minutes as proposed and seconded, with 4 in favor, 26 opposed.

Another motion was made and seconded to amend the minutes as follows: simply delete the last sentence in the disputed paragraph quoted in the amendment (“Support for the litigation included offers to contribute funds, if necessary.”) and replace it with the last bullet point (“Gus called for a vote to measure support for proceeding with the lawsuit. The vote was 28 in favor and 4 opposed. Support for the litigation includes offers to contribute funds, if necessary.”) Thirty-two voted in favor of this amendment, no one opposed. The subsequent vote to approve the minutes as amended was 32 in favor, and none opposed.

Gus then asked us to take a brief break, to circulate and talk with new people.

Anne Parke noted that some streets in Hollin Hills have become part of the county's leaf collection program, and that a public hearing was *(continued on page 5)*

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- For a general description of the Hollin Hills archives contents, go to http://sca.gmu.edu/finding_aids/hollinhills.html.
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Calendar of community events and information about our parks, the Design Review Committee, the National Historic Registry, and more.

Quick Takes

A BULLETIN THANK YOU

As the new year begins, it's a good time to acknowledge those who have contributed to the Bulletin during 2015. Each month lots of you came through with articles, letters, news items, and photos—in fact, there were as many as 30 contributors to one issue! Thanks to all the occasional contributors and a special thanks to the reliable regulars, including the Book Club members, Tony Jordan, Patrick Kelly, Burt Kronstedt, Paul Phelps, Gus Matson, and Laura Wirkkala. Hurrah for those area greeters who regularly sent in “welcome” notices and for Barbara Jacobs who, after organizing so many activities, took the time to sum up each one in writing. Each month, Andrew Keegan did an eagle-eyed job of proofreading, so blame any remaining errors on my carelessness. Apologies to anyone I have forgotten to thank, and please keep the copy coming. If you have a community news item or an idea for an article, send it in (details at left). Remember, it's your newsletter and it can't happen without you.

—Barbara Shear

ANNUAL HH POOL MEETING

The Hollin Hills Pool had a great summer, and we are now planning our annual membership meeting for Sunday, January 17, at 2pm, in the Sherwood Hall Library meeting room. On the agenda are: the 2015 Survey results, elections for the 2016 Pool Committee, and upcoming projects. Pool members should have also received an

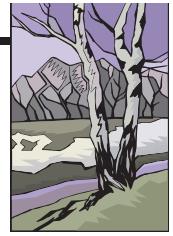
IN MEMORIAM

David Francis Byrne, age 62, died peacefully on Thanksgiving morning at the family home on Martha's Road. He will be missed.

Old-timers in Hollin Hills may have known David as he grew up in the neighborhood with his three brothers, Peter, John and Mike. Or perhaps you know his mom, Bev, and knew his dad, the late Jeb Byrne. While visiting their grandparents over the years, David's son, Devin, and Mike's son and daughter, Ryan and Hannah, played some mean wiffle ball games in the backyards of Martha's Road.

invitation and agenda thru the pool email. Contact Rebecca Bostick, rbarch@mindspring.com, with questions.

—Rebecca Bostick, Pool Chair



CRISIS INTERVENTION IS TOPIC OF POLICE-CITIZENS MEETING

Why not make a New Year's resolution to learn more about our local police? Attend the monthly meetings of their Mt. Vernon Citizens Advisory Committee on the second Tuesday of each month, 7pm, in the Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane.

In November, Camille Neuil spoke about the Crisis Intervention Team, the group that negotiates at the scene of altercations that might be hostage or barricade situations. The team works to protect all hostages, bystanders, police officers, and suspects and to facilitate apprehension.

Team members learn to be good listeners so as to establish trust and rapport with the suspect and thus diffuse emotional situations. They aim to find out what precipitated an event, and to determine the best options for negotiations while attempting to isolate the person via texting or cell phone. Recognizing when a person is in a crisis situation is necessary and stress relief is critical.

Our Mount Vernon district crime prevention officer, Officer Robert Urps, can be reached at 703-360-8400.

—Laura Wirkkala

If you are a more recent arrival, perhaps you noticed the flourishing garden in front of Bev's house this past summer. A mass of colors, a combination of his and his mother's gardening eyes, erupted along the front path, attracting hummingbirds and dog walkers alike. David kept count of the tomatoes he grew and distributed—in the hundreds was the last total I heard. David's gardening efforts were intertwined with his writing of powerful essays. The most recent one was just published in the November/December edition of the Boston Review.

—Elisabeth Lardner

News of Our Schools

KIDS' HARVEST BECOMES PART OF THEIR THANKSGIVING LUNCH

The annual Thanksgiving luncheon at Hollin Meadows School is a wonderful tradition for the kids, parents, and teachers, too. The meal includes salad made of lettuce that the children themselves have planted and harvested. This year the student-made decorations were especially attractive. The cafeteria's walls were brightened by murals of colorful autumn trees, each leaf labeled with something a child was thankful for (see mural at right). The Hollin Hills family duos also pictured are Marinka Tellier and Emmie Pereira (above) and Scott and Charlie Weidenfeller (below). Both families live on Whiteoaks Drive.

BINGO FUN FOR ALL AGES

Hollin Meadows Elementary School PTA is hosting its annual bingo night on Friday, January 22. This fun neighborhood event is great for kids, whether they attend Hollin

Meadows or not! There will be lots of prizes and bingo fun. A pizza dinner is available for \$5 per person, and bingo cards are \$1 each. There will also be a raffle for a special door prize. All the proceeds support programs at Hollin Meadows.

—Katie Weidenfeller

SHARE YOUR SCHOOL'S NEWS

Do you have news of activities and achievements in our middle school and high school? It would be great if some of the students themselves would be our reporters, but parents can join in, too.



Susan McCarthy



Meet Your Neighbors

You may have noticed that a book published in November about Senator Ted Kennedy was co-written by David Nexon, a resident of Glasgow Road since 2008. David and his wife, Lainey, moved to Hollin Hills from New York in 1977 with their 4-year-old son, Dan, renting a house on Martha's Circle, when David took a job at the Office of Management and Budget as an examiner of Medicare (and later also Medicaid) programs.

Two years into the first Reagan administration, in 1983, Ted Kennedy hired David as director of the Senate health subcommittee staff, a role that continued into the second Bush administration and led to his collaboration with a Senate colleague on the book, *Lion of the Senate: When Ted Kennedy Rallied the Democrats in a GOP Congress*.

David's co-author, Nick Littlefield, was Kennedy's chief of staff for the Senate Health, Education and Labor Committee from 1989 to 1998. After leaving his Senate job, Littlefield started writing the book, which focuses on Kennedy's role in blocking Newt Gingrich's Contract With America after the Republicans took over

both houses of Congress in the 1994 elections. After David also left the Senate, Littlefield asked him to help finish the book. The result has been hailed by the historian Doris Kearns Goodwin as "hands down, the best book I have read about the inner workings of the Senate."

By 2005, when David left his Senate health subcommittee job, Congress had passed the health insurance reform bill co-sponsored by Kennedy and the Kansas Republican Nancy Kassebaum, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and, in 2004, Medicare Part D, which added coverage for prescription drugs. David's post-Senate career has been as senior executive vice president of the Advanced Medical Technology Association, which represents manufacturers of medical devices. He still holds that position, although he had to cut back his role to three days a week to allow for his work on the Kennedy book.

Meanwhile, the Nexons had moved from Martha's Road in 1989, buying a house at 7219 Stafford Road, where they lived until the spring of 2008, when a 125-year-old oak



Lainey and David Nexon

tree fell on their roof, sending them to Glasgow Road. Their son Dan, who had gone to Burgundy Farm and Georgetown Day, two private schools where Lainey taught, now teaches international relations at Georgetown University and lives in Silver Spring with his wife and daughter.

—Al Horne

Do you know of other notable Hollin Hills residents who could be featured in this section? Please send in your suggestions.

LETTER TO THE BULLETIN

Buck Killed in Sutton Potter Park

During early November 2015, a deer buck was badly wounded within Sutton Potter Park by someone with a bow and arrow. The buck bled profusely, according to several neighbors, and had to be put down by the police. The deer buck was initially found, prior to police being called, in between two homes on upper Range Road with the arrow still embedded .

While Fairfax County has a program to control the deer population through use of qualified archers, it was my understanding that the program applies to only those county parks designated by the Deer Population Control office of the Fairfax County Animal Control Division. Sutton Potter Park is not part of the county park system, but in fact is

under control of the Hollin Hills Association for use as a community park by its residents. People can often be seen walking their dogs there as well as children playing and running within it. Under these circumstances, serious injury or even worse could result if such action proceeds unchecked.

I contacted a representative of the Fairfax County Animal Control Division on 12/9/2015 to obtain some background information surrounding the incident. I was informed they have a record on file of the event and that kill was legal, properly tagged and authorized as part of the County's deer population control effort. When I questioned who authorized the killing on Sutton Potter Park, he indicated that the Deer

Population Control Office has that authority. I haven't been able to contact that office. I would be curious whether authorization was simply based on a phone call from a disgruntled resident or some other source.

Personally, I think thinning the deer population by use of bow and arrows is inhumane, cruel, and dangerous under such circumstances. Many of us on Range Road watched that buck with its closely knit herd of about 8-10 roam this area for many years, and it will be sorely missed.

—Paul Bubernak

EDITOR'S NOTE: CAHH President Gus Matson states that it is the policy of CAHH to prohibit deer hunting in its parks.



BOOK REPORT

The Book Club met on December 9 at Louise Wiener's house to discuss *James Madison* by Richard Brookhiser.

Book Club members have recently become better informed about early American presidents. During the previous two summers, we read Ron Chernow's 2010 biography, *Washington: a Life*, and Jon Meacham's 2012 biography, *Thomas Jefferson: the Art of Power*. Earlier, we read John and Abigail Adams's letters, and a few years ago, we enjoyed Joseph Ellis's *The Founding Brothers*. The Chernow and Meacham books were particularly admirable. It took a summer to read each of them. They were quite long, and the various notes and references took up a third of at least one of them, not to mention the copious illustrations, including

portraits by America's greatest eighteenth century artists. I missed having portraits in *James Madison*, and several members were disappointed not to learn more details about Dolley Madison and the couple's courtship and marriage.

There are some advantages to Brookhiser's approach to biography. The shortness of *James Madison* (a tribute to its subject?) means that it would be a relatively reasonable book to buy. Not counting the 36 pages of notes, bibliography, and index, it has only 250 pages of text and no illustrations at all. This is a good book for the person who does not have much extra time or money, but wants to know more about our fourth president. The author makes the most important points clear: although Madison was only one among

many who attended the Convention and made essential contributions to the Constitution, he played a major role in every stage of its development, starting in 1786 at the Annapolis Convention, which called for the Philadelphia Convention of 1787. He was the first non-Philadelphian to arrive at that convention, never missed a session, and spoke the most of any delegate except for Gouverneur Morris and James Wilson. Concerned about leaving a historical record for posterity, he took voluminous notes every day. He was also a major, but not *the* major contributor to *The Federalist*.

On January 13, at 2pm, the club will meet at Elisabeth Egghart's house. As a change of pace, we will discuss John Grisham's 2013 thriller, *Sycamore Row*.

—Louise Wiener



DESIGN REVIEW

The Design Review Committee met on Wednesday, December 9, at Sherwood Hall Library. Members present included Frank Collins (chair), John Burns, Roger Miller, Ginny Wallace, and Ken Wilson.

The committee confirmed approval of two projects through administrative review during November:

• **Scott and Lucy Wilson** of 2115 Popkins Lane requested and received approval to move their kitchen door down one panel to

extend the kitchen on the interior of their home and to replace the existing door with a standard Hollin Hills window.

• **Sally and Charles Chadbourn** of 7601 Elba Road requested and received approval to modify the previously approved access ramp from a wooden walkway to a concrete, non-colored aggregate that has been washed to expose the aggregate.

The committee approved the following project at the meeting:

• **Jennifer Kirby and Nathan Ha** of 2303 Kimbro Street presented conceptual plans for a low profile deck at the front of their home. The committee approved the conceptual design unanimously and will consider approval of the final design when the plans are completed.

The next DRC meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 7:30, at Sherwood Hall Library, Conference Room 3.

—Patrick Kelly, CAHH/DRC Liaison.



Membership Meeting *from page 1*

announced in the Washington Times. Anne suggested that the county supervisor should be alerted that, in the future, the notice should appear in local papers, which people in Hollin Hills are more likely to read. It was explained that this vacuum leaf collection started because a homeowner-circulated petition determined that a majority of people on those certain streets was in favor. If approved by a majority of homeowners, a hearing is held. As a result, certain streets have been approved for leaf collection, and homeowners in those areas will be billed \$100. People may ask to get out of the program, but then there might not be another chance for them to be included.

There was another discussion about the legal proceedings, and Gus attempted to summarize key details, saying that if we lose, we might appeal. Mike Stanges had a different impression on the trial and asked about how to put his impression forward. Someone else said he does not want to have such a level of detail in discussion about the trial, and there seemed to be agreement that the membership meeting is not the forum to hash out trial details.

The judge wants the two parties to arrange to settle, and called for a schedule of briefs to be filed. The defendant has filed the first brief according to the schedule. Hollin Hills' response is due in January, and the defendant is to respond in February.

There will be a house tour on April 30, 2016. The House & Garden Tour Committee now has eight homes lined up and hopes to have a total of ten or eleven houses throughout the community. They are looking for a house along Elba Road. See page 1 for more details about the tour and how you can support it.

—Barbara Southworth, CAHH Secretary

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO MINUTES OF THE SPRING 2015 CAHH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As reported:

“Regarding litigation related to a non-DRC approved roof, Gus reported that a hearing held in January determined that, based on the language in the covenants, CAHH has standing to bring suit. Our attorney believes our evidence is compelling, and that the trial could be scheduled with six months, though we are hoping to settle in some way. Discussion about elements of the situation ensued, resulting in strong consensus that pursuing litigation is very worthwhile to preserve Goodman style and the value of HH homes. DRC guidelines must be defended, else why try to protect the architectural integrity we are so well known for. Support for the litigation included offers to contribute funds, if necessary.”

Proposed amendment to replace the above language:

“Gus reported on the CAHH lawsuit against a neighbor for construction of a roof without DRC approval:

- An evidentiary hearing (Plea in Bar) was held in Fairfax County Circuit Court (Case No. 2014-11503) on January 29, 2015. The hearing addressed several issues concerning the basis of Plaintiff’s claims set forth in the lawsuit. Arguments were presented by both sides about standing versus lack of standing. A substantial portion of the hearing involved argument and interpretation of the contract law principles of horizontal and vertical privity relative to the Deeds of Subdivision and Dedication filed by HH Developer Robrt [sic] Davenport. Plaintiff’s attorney conceded that CAHH is not a Home Owners’ Association (HOA) under Virginia law. The Court ruled that CAHH lacks the standing necessary under the Virginia Property Owners’ Association Act (POA Act) to request reimbursement of attorney’s fees. The Court further ruled that the Plaintiff bears the burden of proof in all other matters and may proceed to trial.
- Plaintiff’s attorney believes CAHH evidence is compelling, and that trial could be scheduled within six months, though CAHH is hoping to settle in some way.
- Gus explained elements of the situation. A vociferous discussion ensued where proponents of the lawsuit spoke strongly that pursuing litigation is very worthwhile to preserve Goodman style, and the values of HH homes. DRC guidelines must be defended, else why try to protect the architectural integrity we are so well known for?
- Gus called for a vote to measure support for proceeding with the lawsuit. The vote was 28 in favor and 4 opposed. Support for the litigation includes offers to contribute funds, if necessary.”

MUSIC MAN

It's a new year and lots of musical events are coming up. Be sure to look at websites from previous calendars and save some new ones you'll find here. As always, these events are free unless noted. There should be music for almost any taste.

• **Sat., 1/2, 7:30pm**, The Birchmere 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria: Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun with Commander Cody (roots, rockabilly) r\$29.50 + \$9.85 extra charges or sit in the bar/restaurant and

watch on Big Screen closed TV for free. www.birchmere.com

• **Sun., 1/3, 11:30am-2:30pm** Casa Luca ,1099 New York Ave. NW, DC: Laissez Foure (acoustic jazz of the 30's and 40's) <https://www.facebook.com/laissezfoure/>

• **Wed., 1/6, 7:30-8:30pm**, La Tasca, 607 King St. Alexandria: Flamenco, Richard Marlo, guitar w flamenco dancers. Recurs every Wednesday. www.latascausa.com

• **Fri., 1/8, Sat., 1/9, 7:30**, The Birchmere: Ricky Scaggs & Kentucky Thunder (bluegrass) \$39.50 + \$9.85 or closed circuit TV.

• **Sat., 1/9, 8pm**, Schlesinger Concert Hall: American Balalaika Symphony, Roots of Romanticism . \$20 advance \$25 at door, \$15 students and seniors www.balalaika.biz

• **Sun., 1/10, 8pm**, Wakefield HS Auditorium, Arlington: Arlington Philhar-



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monic, Gershwin: Cuban Overture, Bizet/Born: Fantaisie Brillante variations on a theme from Carmen, Moncayo: Huapango, Ginastera: Four Dances from Estancia www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org/

• **Tues., 1/12 7:30pm**, Episcopal HS Pendleton Hall: National Chamber Players J. S. Bach: Chaconne from Partita in D minor (arr. for 4 cellos by Laslo Varga), Avro Part: Frates for 4 cellos, Mendelssohn: Quintet No. 5 in D minor, Avro Part: Salve Regina (arr. for choir, celeste and 4 cellos) www.episcopalhighschool.org/arts/ncp_ehs/index.aspx

• **Wed. 1/13, noon-1pm**, Steinway Piano Gallery, 11611 Old Georgetown Rd., Rockville, MD: Program tba www.fmmc.org

• **Thur., 1/14, 11am**, Collington Aud., 10450 Lottsford Rd. Mitchellville, MD: Wolf: selected duets, Marjorie Coombs

Wellman, soprano, Ben Wallis, bass/baritone, Stravinsky: L'Histoire du Soldat - Marion Richter et al. www.fmmc.org

• **Sat., 1/16, 2pm**, Library of Congress: Allan Gerhardt, cello and Marie McDermott, piano, Barber: Cello Sonata, op 6; Foss: "Capricio", Bernstein: "Three Meditation" from Mass; Britton: Cello Sonata in C major for cello and piano, op 65; Gershwin/Heifetz/Gerhardt: "Three Preludes", Piazzolla: "La Grand Tango." www.loc.gov/today/pr/2015/15-137.htm

• **Sun., 1/17, 7:30pm**, St. Mary's Episcopal Church 8609 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington: Washington Saxophone Quartet www.wsaxq.com

• **Tues., 1/19, 7:15pm**, Amphora's Diner Deluxe, Folk Club of Reston-Herndon : Small Potatoes (folk duo) \$11 donation requested www.restonherndonfolkclub.com www.smallpotatoesmusic.com/

• **Wed., 1/20**, Library of Congress: Musicians from Marlboro, Beethoven: String Trio in C minor, op. 9, No3; Penderecki: Quartet for clarinet and string trio; Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B minor, op 115 www.loc.gov/today/pr/2015/15-137.html

• **Sat., 1/23, 6:30pm**, Yorktown HS., 5200 Yorktown Blvd. Arlington: U. S. Army Blues (big band jazz) Essentially Ellington www.usarmyband.com

• **Sun., 1/24, 3pm**, Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church 3401 Nebraska Ave. NW, DC: US Army String Quartet, "Beethoven and the Americans" works by Beethoven, Charles Ives, Elliott Carter and George Gershwin www.usarmyband.com

• **Thurs., 1/28, 7pm**, National Archives William G. McGowan Theater: U. S. Air Force Strings www.archives.gov/calendar/

—Tony Jordan