

HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

SUMMER 2014



GLORIOUS WEATHER FOR A GLORIOUS FOURTH

Under gorgeous skies, we came together for one of our most treasured community days—the Fourth of July. Our Fourth of July Parade was led by a Fairfax County fire truck and ambulance. Bikes, wagons, scooters, and strollers followed. Cheers were heard all along the parade route to Voigt Park from neighbors lined up on Paul Spring Road waving flags.

Preparations for the picnic started in earnest early on the Fourth. Anxious volunteers set up Voigt Park as Hurricane Arthur churned up the Atlantic seaboard. Many hands raised tents, hung banners and flags, and set up food and drink tables. At noon, Patrick Kelly, CAHH vice-president, led 300 plus CAHH members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. The Mount Vernon Community Band accompanied the singing of the National Anthem and played rousing music over the next two hours.

More than 650 hot dogs, including a dozen tofu dogs, were consumed. CAHH members brought delicious salads and desserts to share. Volunteers staffed an ice cream cart and distributed fudge bars, nutty bars, ice cream sandwiches, and the like. Judges in the Blueberry Bake-off tasted the variety of desserts, engaged in heated discussions on the merits of each one, and issued their prize decisions. Many thirsty attendees lined up for carefully selected craft beers.

Our picnic would not be complete without our time-honored games—the wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, and egg toss. In addition, two ponies provided entertainment to our younger generation in neighboring McCalley Park.

Months of planning go into our July Fourth activities. Special thanks to Judy Beelaert, last year's social chair, who provided valuable

notes and assistance. And thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who made these Fourth of July activities possible:

Set-up: Mike and Betsy Damitz, Judy Beelaert, Ron McCallum, Michael Hentges, Chris Tatem, Robert Fina, Peter and Ginny Kinzler, David Rivera, Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Marianne and Peter Martz, Patrick Kelly

Decorations: Debra, Lily, and Celia Lane

Loan of tents and equipment: Robert Fina, Bryan and Debra Lane

Membership: Betsy Damitz, Peter and Marianne Martz, Ginny Kinzler, Caroline Altmann

Parade: Judy Beelaert, Katy Weidenfeller

Ice Cream Cart: Bryan Jacobs, Laura Jacobs, Joann Hersh, Jodie Peyton, Ava Burns

Games: Frank Collins, John Valceanu

Bakeoff Judges: Michael and Milly Stanges, Ginny Wallace, Marianne Martz

Bike Judge: Judy Beelaert

Hot Dogs, Buns and Condiments: Jere Gibber and J.G. Harrington

Master Grillers: Bryan Lane, Steve Labas, Andrew and Lynn Cheng, Steve Polo, Mike Damitz, Chris McNamara, Jon Totaro, Jeff Jenkins

Beer Hand-Stamping: Bailey Spencer, Gretchen Spencer, Peter Jacobs, Monique McNamara, David Rivera

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Trash Removal: Peter Jacobs, Jim Davidson

Clean-up: David Rivera, Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Barbara Liggett, Peter Jacobs, Ron McCallum, Patrick Kelly, Caroline Altmann

The CAHH Board, whose members were on hand whenever and wherever needed.

My apologies and sincere thanks to anyone whose name may have been inadvertently omitted.

—Barbara Jacobs, Social Chair



Above: The huge crowd of kids parading on decorated bikes, trikes and wagons give wonderful proof of Hollin Hills' burgeoning youngest set; At left: Bake-off Grand Prize winner Maxell Burns; Anderson Wexler's parade "ride" won 2nd Place.

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- For a general description of the Hollin Hills archives contents, go to http://sca.gmu.edu/finding_aids/hollinhills.html.
- For questions regarding collections, hours, usage, duplications, or directions go to http://sca.gmu.edu/using_sc&a.html.
- Other contacts: phone 703-993-2220, fax inquiries 703-993-8911, email speccoll@gmu.edu.

WWW.HOLLINHILLS.NET

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

Quick Takes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO FILL THESE VACANCIES

• **PARKS LIAISON:** The person filling this position serves as a voting member-at-large on the Association's nine member Board of Directors. As such, the position provides an opportunity to view the entire breadth of the Association's activities and to meet and work with many of your neighbors. The chief liaison responsibilities are to serve as an a means of effective communication between the Parks Committee and the Board of Directors.

• **PARKS CHAIR:** This person heads up the Parks Committee comprised of the Association's Parks Wardens. The Parks Chair helps develop a maintenance-and-improvements budget for Parks for ultimate submission to, and approval by, the Board of Directors. In addition, the Parks Chair oversees contracts for the upkeep of Parks. Although professional or good amateur knowledge of, or interest in, plants and the natural environment are highly desirable, the main quality needed is the ability to work with the wardens and contractors in administering maintenance contracts, and with the wardens and the Board in budgeting.

• **WEBSITE MAINTENANCE:** A person is needed to update content in selected portions of the website. Content will be provided by others.

Please contact Ron McCallum, CAHH president, for inquiries relating to the vacancies. ron_mcc@verizon.net, 703-765-9134.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

• Although both were born in the Alexandria area, David and Johana Nichols, new owners at 2104 Pickwick Lane, have spent most of their recent years in Georgia, Colorado, and DC. David is director of a software office, and Johana is a former chef. With them are Julie, 6, Oliver, 3, and 15-month-old Graham.

• Congratulations to Becky and York Murray on the June 6th birth of their son, Harrison. Becky and York moved to 7307 Stafford Road earlier this year, and

Enjoyed our 4th of July celebration? You'll also love our 2nd Annual

Oktoberfest!

Mark your calendar for Sat., September 27, 3-7pm
HH Pool Pavilion & Parking Lot
Fun for all ages!

Your help is needed. Please volunteer by contacting Barbara Jacobs (pnbjacobs@verizon.net)



we wish them a belated welcome to Hollin Hills.

• We first met Emily Koster and Dan Shelton in April at the Meet n' Greet for new residents. On June 28, their daughter Charlotte was born. The whole family watched the parade from their home at 1909 Paul Spring Rd. and then popped down to the picnic, too. Maybe Charlotte will be next year's youngest contestant in the bike/trike decorating contest.

• A fond farewell to Stan and Lynn Falk, who have left Hollin Hills for Porto Vecchio in Old Town. Strangers won't be taking over their Kimbro Street home, however, as Marielle and John Reading and their three sons Agustin, Jasper, Desmond, and baby daughter Mauve, are moving there from 2311 Glasgow. Good luck to both families in their new locations.

• Vera Evans died peacefully at the age of 94 on Sunday, June 22, at Greenspring. Longtime Hollin Hillers fondly remember Vera and her husband, A.J., also deceased, as a friendly, hospitable couple whose yearly Christmas Eve parties at their Drury Lane home brought together three generations of past and present neighbors.

Thanks to the greeters and others who sent in items for this section. Keep them coming!

and the **WINNERS** are:



Second Prize: Celia Lane, Debra Lane, *Blueberry Whoopee Pies with Lemon Creme*
 Third Prize: Cathy Hersh, *Blueberry Bundt Cake w/blueberries and raspberries to garnish*

Honorable Mentions:
 Marinka Tellier, *Blueberry Buckle with whipped cream topping*
 Caroline Keit & Lena Cromley, *Cupcakes with Blueberries and Strawberries*

Desert names were given to assist judging. Contestants might use other names.



BIKE DECORATING

MOST PATRIOTIC

- 1st - Clair Trombley
- 2nd - Natalie Avrit
- 3rd - Gavin & Isabella Young
- 4th - Amina Wilbur
- 5th - Zak Lokmanhakim, Isabel Vizgaitis, Lizy Harmon

BEST DECORATED

- 1st - Eva Medic
- 2nd - Sopjia Six, Anderson Wexler
- 3rd - Max McNamara, Laila Dixon
- 4th - Jonathan Lawhead
- 5th - George Six

Thank you to the remaining entries that were awarded Honorable Mention.

BAKE-OFF

- Grand Prize: Maxwell Burns, *Lemon/Blueberry Cream Pie w/Graham Cracker Crust*
- First Prize: Laura & Bryan Jacobs, *Blueberry/Strawberry Flag Shortcake*

GAMES

THREE-LEGGED RACE

- First Heat:* 1st Laura & Bryan Jacobs; 2nd Celia Lane & Hannah Gwartney; 3rd Woods & Jesse Floyd.
- Second Heat:* 1st Lilly Lane & David Russell; 2nd Carrie & Gracie Alexander; 3rd Claire McCarthy & Sayla Runnels.
- Third Heat:* 1st Haskew Pearson & Finn Calfo.

WHEELBARROW RACE

- Lone Heat:* 1st Laura & Bryan Jacobs; 2nd Woods & Jesse Floyd; 3rd Claire McCarthy & Sayla Runnels, who tied with Celia Lane & David Russell.

EGG TOSS

- First Heat:* 1st Genny & Steve Polo; 2nd Mark Bobotek & Jamie Bobotek; 3rd Woods & Jesse Floyd.



- Second Heat:* 1st Laura & Bryan Jacobs; 2nd Sam Pearson & Patrick Kelly; 3rd Jovi Medic & Lynne Munson.
- Third Heat:* 1st Woods & Jesse Floyd.

Note; Due to the very enthusiastic competition and resulting happy confusion, the judges cannot guarantee the absolute accuracy of the results listed here for the game and races. We apologize for any errors and omissions.

DEAR HOLLIN HILLS FRIENDS,

It felt odd to wake up on July 4th and not be scrambling to help kids decorate bikes while finishing a potluck dish. After enjoying a peaceful morning of journaling and a workout at the gym, I scoured Facebook with the kids looking for some photos of HH Friends at the parade and picnic. It seems somehow fitting that the first decorated wagon photo we saw was of Julia (6), Ollie (3 ?) and Grahme (16 months) Nichols parked near a familiar red door.

One month in and already embracing neighborhood traditions, the Nichols family who recently purchased our beloved home at 2104 Pickwick Lane is clearly a wonderful addition to the Hollin Hills community. It is gratifying to see a family enjoying our former home and appreciat-

ing everything that makes Hollin Hills such a special place to live.

Chances are you have already crossed paths with Johanna, Dave and their three lovely children at the pool or the 4th of July celebration. Please join us in wishing them endless joy in their new home.



After traveling to California for a fellowship at Stanford in July 2012, Bill accepted a job on the maps team at Google and we settled in Bonny Doon (a lovely community in the mountains above Santa Cruz). Drop us an email if you ever travel out this way. Friends are always welcome!

The seven memorable years we spent in Hollin Hills will always hold a special place in our hearts.

—Gail, Bill, Evie, Jack, and Henry McNulty

There's a satisfying symmetry in the Nichols kids (older sister and two younger brothers) having moved into the former home of the McNulty kids (older sister and two younger brothers). The Nichols are shown at left.

getting your **GARDEN** to Labor Day

The best strategy for gardening in August is to undertake the least work possible. Let sleeping lawns lie, water only what's absolutely necessary, and spend your time in the shade (or better yet indoors) planning for Labor Day.

Northern Virginia lies in the dreaded "transitional zone," not quite hot enough for warm-season grasses (Bermuda, centipede, zoysia), but a little too hot for cool-season grasses (bluegrass, fescue, ryegrass). Cool-season grasses don't turn brown in the winter, but they do their best growing in the spring and fall, when temperature is between 65 and 80 degrees. They don't respond well to extreme heat and drought, however. As a result, they often experience "summer dormancy" in late July and August, when average temperatures here are highest and average rainfall is lowest.

The causes of summer dormancy aren't completely understood—it may involve day length and soil temperature, independent of soil moisture—but as a rule, your lawn is likely to go dormant when the overnight low temperature stays above 70 degrees. Dormant doesn't mean dead, however. The roots and rhizomes stop growing and refuse to take up water and nutrients, even when they're present in the soil, so the crowns and blades stop growing as well. The plant is still alive, but it doesn't want to be fed, and it certainly doesn't want a big drink of water. The same cool-season lawn that required an inch of water per week in May will need only half an inch every two weeks to stay hydrated in August, and only a quarter of an inch every month to stay alive until Labor Day, when the temperature drops and the rain

returns. For now you should save the water for more important things, like ice cubes and cold showers.

Since the grass isn't growing in August, you don't need to mow it either. In fact, July and August are the best time of year to let the grass grow as tall as your mower allows (four inches or better). Longer grass blades shade the soil and keep down the soil temperature that triggers summer dormancy. Inversely, July and August are the worst possible time to scalp the lawn, which exposes the soil to baking sun and drying winds. (I define "scalping" as anything less than two inches.) If you were mowing twice a week in May, and once a week in June, you can probably get by with twice in July and once (if at all) in August. But mow it high!

If you absolutely must be out and about in the garden in the dog days of August, better you should limit yourself to the jobs that will really make a difference. Get out early in the day, for your own sake, and limit your watering to the plants that will benefit the most. This means the perennials, shrubs, and trees that got planted this spring, since they haven't had time to develop much of a root system. Soaker hoses will save you a lot of standing-around time. Water deeply, and the roots will follow the water deeper into the soil. Older plants will need water only if they start to droop—what botanists call "loss of turgor pressure," which happens when water evaporates from the top of the plant faster than the roots can replace it.

Keep an eye on weeds, since they don't take August off. In fact, hot weather presents a prime opportunity for weeds to outgrow inten-

tional plants, particularly if the gardener is inattentive. Mulch helps to keep the weeds down, once they're pulled, and will also help both new and established plants make the most of the water you give them. Two or three inches of compost or leaf mold will do the trick, but spread it all over the bed, not just next to the plants. If you don't have a compost bin, you can pick up free bark mulch at Grist Mill Park on Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.

This will leave you lots of time to wander through the garden in the evening with a glass of tart lemonade or dry white wine, considering which of your plant experiments have worked and what new projects you might want to undertake, once the weather's cooler.

Next time: *Labor Day means lawn renewal.*

—Paul B. Phelps

HOUSE TOUR REVISITED

We would like to thank all the committee members and homeowners who participated in the 2014 Hollin Hills House & Garden Tour as well as the sponsors and neighbors who were all so gracious in their efforts on May 3 to make the day a resounding success. As a committee, we were charged with hosting the tour to raise funds to be spent at the Civic Association's discretion. In this regard, the Civic Association did not provide us with a fund-raising goal and was very appreciative of any funds raised. This was important for two reasons: 1) it was the most realistic approach because of the numerous unknowns regarding the event, and 2) it provided the committee with a less stressful environment in which to navigate the house tour.

We believe the House and Garden Tour is a very worthwhile event for our community. Given the increased interest in mid-century modern architecture nationwide, the event has spread to a wider population as evidenced by its listing in the *New York Times*, its attendance by organized mid-century modern aficionados, and the interest expressed by larger corporate sponsors to be part of the event. Our recommendation is that the community continue to host this event biannually and that it be co-chaired. We are happy to provide the next co-chairs with our guidelines and recommendations. Thank you, again, for your continued support of this very important community building effort.

—Steven Costoff and Tania, Ryan,
2014 House Tour Co-Chairs

DESIGN REVIEW ACTIONS

The DRC met on July 9. Members in attendance were Mike McGill, Christine Kelly, Roger Miller, and Frank Collins.

Prior to the meeting, the following projects were approved by administrative review:

- Molly Cook, 2200 Glasgow Rd., received approval to replace a three-sided wood screen fence surrounding her air conditioning unit with a two-sided, L-shaped fence. Proposal agreed upon unanimously.
- Robert Armstrong and Christine Gray, 7216 Stafford Road, received unanimous approval for the replacement of casements and fixed windows on their home.
- Jay Pascoe and Tim Day, 2201 Martha's Rd., received approval to replace aluminum horizontal siding on exterior of their studio with vertical T1-11 siding to match rest of house. The proposal was agreed upon unanimously.

These decisions were made at the meeting:

- David and Barbara Shear, 1820 Drury Ln., received unanimous approval to replace the balcony railing on the second floor deck at the rear of their home.
- Michael Winstanley, 2112 Mason Hill Dr., received unanimous approval to replace siding and windows on the side and rear of his house.
- Mark Kauppi and Kathleen Murphy, 2111 Popkins Ln., received approval to replace a window on rear bedroom. Approved 3-0 with Christine Kelly, project architect, abstaining.

The Design Review Committee is looking to fill an architect position on the committee. Please contact Mike McGill (703-718-2090) if you know of an architect in the community who would be interested in the position.

—Patrick Kelly, DRC/CAHH Liaison

MUSIC MAN

Summer is hot but there's lots of cool music for all ages. I've focused on free nearby events within about a half hour drive.

- **Friday, 7/25, 7:30-8:30**, Grist Mill Park: Billy Coulter (original roots rock). www.billycoulter.com
- **Friday, 7/25, 7:30-8:30**, Mason District Park: Tom Principato (blues) www.tomprincipato.com
- **Saturday 7/26, 10-11am**, Mason District Park: The Grandson, Jr. (kid's rock)
- **Saturday 7/26, 7:30-8:30**, Workhouse Arts Center at Lorton: Alexandria Klezmer (klezmer) www.klezmer.com
- **Sunday 7/27, 3pm**, Lyceum: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association, - Pianists Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector: Both Chopin Piano Concerti www.wmpa-music.org
- **Thursday 7/31, 7-8:30**, Cherry Hill Park, Falls Church: Concerts in the Parks: Bob Gibson Big Band (jazz) www.bobgibsonbigband.com
- **Friday 8/1, 7:30-8:30**, Lake Accotink Park: The Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra - Tribute to Charlie Parker with Strings. www.reunionmusic.org/jazz.html
- **Saturday 8/2, 10-11am**, Burke Lake Park: Rocknoceros (kid's rock)
- **Wednesday-Sunday, 7/6-7/10**, Thos. Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd St. South: Arlington County Fair (music, rides, vendors, etc.) www.arlingtoncountyfair.us
- **Friday 8/8, 7:30-8:30**, Lake Accotink Park: The Beltway Balalaikas (Russian folk music) www.beltwaybalalaikas.org
- **Sunday 8/10, 7-8pm**, Fort Hunt Park: Mt. Vernon Concert Band www.mvbands.com
- **Saturday 8/16, 7:30pm**, Schlesinger Concert Hall: U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra www.marineband.marines.mil
- **Sunday 8/17, 3pm**, Lyceum: WMPA Clarinetist Kristen Sheridan: Music of Bernstein, Gershwin, Kovacs, Copeland wmpamusic.org
- **Wednesday 8/20, 7:30-8:30**, Lee District Park: U.S. Navy Commodores (jazz)
- **Friday 8/22, 7:30-8:30pm**, Lake Accotink Park: U.S. Army Blues (jazz) www.usarmyband.com
- **Saturday 8/23, 10-11am**, Mason District Park: Rocknoceros (kid's rock) www.rocknoceros.com
- **Wednesday 8/27, 7:30-8:30** Lee Dist.Park: The Nighthawks (blues)

- **Friday 8/29, 7:30-8:30**, Grist Mill Park: Seldom Scene (bluegrass)
- **Saturday 8/30, noon-7:30pm**, Carter Barron Amphitheater: 26th Annual DC Blues Festival www.dcb Blues.org/index.php?pageRequest=Festival
- **Saturday 8/30, 7-8**, Workhouse Arts Center at Lorton: Chaise Lounge Band (lounge jazz)
—Tony Jordan

POLICE-COMMUNITY MEETING

We should all be aware of our responsibility to lock our car and house doors, especially since there are more robberies in the summer than in other seasons. Captain Day has added three more officers at the Mt. Vernon Station and will add four more in August.

Classes will begin in August at West Potomac High School for 14- to 21-year-olds covering all forms of criminal justice. Get details at post2252@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Regarding the resurfacing of Sherwood Hall Lane, we were told that that road was originally developed for 8,000 vehicles per day. Would you believe we now have 23,000 per day!

Our Crime Prevention Officer Greg Kottemann will soon be retiring. His replacement is Robert Urps.

August 5 is the official National Night Out. Enjoy it getting together with your neighbors—getting to know them can help prevent crime.

The non-emergency number for the Mt. Vernon Police is 703-360-8400.

PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning & Zoning Committee of the MVCCA discussed these issues in July:

- **FORT BELVOIR EXPANSION** has left both problems and opportunities in the surrounding areas. Traveling south on Richmond Highway, it is apparent that both the Woodlawn and Sacramento shopping centers have stagnated. Revitalization is unlikely without the creation of a larger pool of residential units with higher disposable income. Better dining and retail options would attract more visitors to the Mt. Vernon and Woodlawn Plantations.

The re-opening of Mulligan Road should provide an added benefit with mixed use properties in the Woodlawn area and certain areas east of Richmond Highway.

The Urban Land Institute and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute both recommended retail and residential development in these Richmond Highway subsections several years ago. The draft resolution was designed to facilitate an out-of-turn plan amendment designed to get early action by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The Committee authorized the chair to revise the resolution for clarity before the next MVCCA meeting.

- **NORTH HILL.** A presentation by the staff of the Office of Community Revitalization indicated that some development of the North Hill property on a nearby section of Richmond Highway is still under consideration—after almost fifty years. This has been a priority for Supervisor Hyland.

- **LORTON LANDFILL.** There was a brief announcement about the continuing Lorton landfill problem. Supervisors in the western portion of the County have a plan for more recycling.
—Burt Kronstedt

CLASSIFIED

SEEKING FOSTER HOME for a month for 10-yr.-old cat Juliet is a very nice grey tabby lap cat whose elderly owner went into a retirement center. Neighbors can't keep her and abandoned her at the vet. I will provide food until I can get a slot in the no-kill shelter. —Wendy Montanari, 703-765-7163

NOTICES

STILL NOT CLAIMED from picnic:

- Round Pyrex container. no lid
- White plastic square serving bowl
- Rectangular plastic container, used for potato salad
- Serving utensil for pie/cake
- 1 knife
- Large plastic red/white fork
- Plastic container marked "gluten/dairy free"

Contact Barbara Jacobs, 703-660-6342 or pnbjacobs@verizon.net.

MEMBERSHIP: This is the first issue of the *Bulletin* following the 2014 CAHH membership drive. It has been sent only to current, paid-up CAHH members. If any neighbors mention that they haven't received their *Bulletin*, remind them to make sure they paid their dues. *Questions about membership should go to Membership Chair Betsy Damitz at 703-721-2002 or bmdyard@hotmail.com.*

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club is on summer vacation and will resume meeting in September with *The Ambassadors*, by Henry James. We will meet at Louise Weiner's home, at 2pm, Wednesday, September 24. This date change is so members can get back from summer vacations. The October meeting will follow soon after on our regular second Wednesday of the month, October 8. Our selection will be *Washington: A Life*, by Ron Chernow. Newcomers and visitors are welcome. May and June reviews follow.

• *A Hologram for the King*, by Dave Eggers, is a novel about a middle-aged salesman, Alan Clay. Eggers, in his acknowledgements, notes that it "benefited greatly from *No Hands: The Rise and Fall of the Schwinn Bicycle Company, An American Institution*. Schwinn reached its apex in the 1950s and started declining in the 1970s. The owners didn't notice or understand new trends in bicycle use and preferences and didn't provide what the 1970s customer wanted. The fictitious Alan worked for many years for Schwinn, which blamed him for their failures in Eastern Europe and fired him. Subsequently, Alan held a series of jobs, each a little worse than the last. When the novel opens, in 2010, he works for Reliant, apparently a telecommunications company. He seems on thin ice there, too.

Alan finds himself in the King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC—pronounced "cake"), on the Red Sea coast of Saudi Arabia. Although hardly anything has been completed, the project is being actively promoted to international businesses and development firms. Alan is there to sell a massive IT system to the Saudis. The high point of his presen-

tation is to be a holographic demonstration of a man actually in London who appears to stride out from the wings of the stage in KAEC, welcomes the audience, and appears to converse with one of the presenters. It becomes apparent that the king wasn't really interested in Reliant's system. Alan has misread what the Saudis want, and a team of Chinese entrepreneurs gets the contract. —*Louise Weiner*

• *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson, was our June selection. Wilkerson is a native of Washington DC, and a graduate of Howard University, with a major in journalism. She received the Pulitzer Prize in journalism in 1994 when she was the Chicago bureau chief for the *New York Times*. Our book is a work that took fifteen years of research for a study of the Great Migration of Blacks from the segregated South to the North, covering the period from 1915 to 1970. The book was a labor of love, a tribute to her parents who

came north and settled in Washington, but it is also objective in its exploration of the great migration. Ms. Wilkerson disproves many of the assumptions made about the migration—its participants, its effects, and its results. It is also a living history, using three migrant families coming to three big cities, Chicago, New York, and Los Angeles. A mesmerizing book—historic, emotional, and wide ranging. There are harrowing examples of how segregation in the Jim Crow South worked.

Tragedy entered when experiences of the migrants challenged their new freedom. Comparisons with white immigrants show the difficulty caused by racial discrimination that followed blacks north. American blacks, already citizens, were left behind. They could not assimilate because of race.

We liked and were fascinated by this book, and highly recommend it. —*Sandy Kabat*



Parading along Paul Spring Road to the picnic. Thanks to Katy Weidenfeller, Blair and Rebecca Bostic, and Mattox Photography for parade and picnic photos. Bulletin file limitation prevented us from using all of the terrific photos that were submitted.

Corrections

In the June issue, Christine Kelly's name was inadvertently left off the House Tour committee list. Christine put together the pre-tour lecture and also organized the "Ask The Expert" table. In addition, we got Enrique Villa's wife's name wrong—it's Catherine.