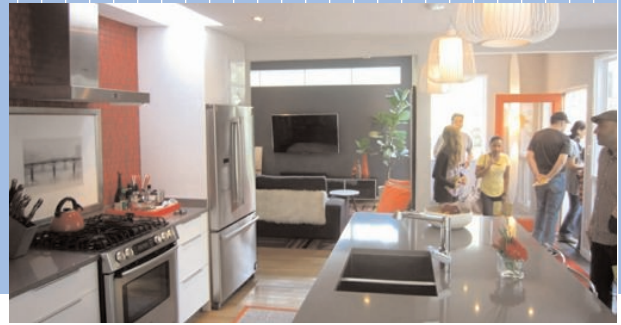


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HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN



PROGRESS REPORT ON THE 2016 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

In support of the upcoming Hollin Hills Home & Garden Tour, the furniture store Room & Board has graciously offered to host a discussion about modern interior design at its 14th Street showroom, on the evening of Thursday, April 21, 2016. The showroom is located at the corner of 14th & T Streets NW in Washington, DC. More information about this event will be forthcoming. The Hollin Hills House & Garden Tour will be nine days later, on Saturday, April 30. Please keep these two dates in mind.

The tour committee is busy putting together the tour brochure and other

advertising materials, so you may well see photographers in the neighborhood.

Finally, if you can, please look kindly on our upcoming fund-raising appeal to cover the costs that are associated with running the tour.

Tickets will soon go on sale at www.hollinhills.net. Pre-tour price for a ticket is \$25, and tickets purchased the day of the tour will be \$30 each.

—Barbara Ward & Tyger Latham, Co-chairs
Hollin Hills House & Garden Tour

The 2012 and 2014 Hollin Hills House & Garden Tours (shown above) were both aesthetic and financial successes, and the 2016 tour promises to be their equal. It is eagerly anticipated by Hollin Hillers, as well as by the many other mid-century modern enthusiasts who come from near and far to attend.

EVERYONE JOIN THE FUN—IT'S WINTER POTLUCK TIME AGAIN!

Our twenty-first annual Winter Potluck Party, is scheduled for Sunday, February 28, from 5 to 7pm. It will be held at the historic Hollin Hall of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church.

This year's winter weather, although late in arriving, has now settled in, and this will be an evening that is perfectly timed as an antidote for the winter doldrums. The Potluck has always been a

favorite gathering of Hollin Hillers, where we have an opportunity to talk with old friends and neighbors, meet newcomers, and just relax and enjoy ourselves.

Kids are welcome to attend with their parents, but there will not be any planned children's activities.

Wine and soft drinks will be provided by the Civic Association, and each household is asked to bring an appetizer to share. This

always results in a wonderful assortment of delicious finger foods.

If you can give a hand with setup, cleanup, or other aspects of preparing for this event, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please get in touch with Susmita Dastidar, the CAHH social chair, at 703-660-5988 or dustbin114@gmail.com.

See you at the Potluck!

President's message: DRC DECISIONS AND A MEMORABLE PARTY

DRC Outreach

The Design Revue Committee (DRC) met in January, despite having no proposals to review. I attended and had an excellent adventure exchanging ideas with the committee members. I was surprised at the depth of knowledge about design, architecture, and Hollin Hills history that those committee members possess. At times, the

geek talk was a little thick, but as the evening went on, a number of suggestions emerged that I thought we should pursue. One idea was to find a way to explain what mid-century modern is all about. What defines it? What are the design principles on which it is based? Since this neighborhood is all about this form of contemporary housing, maybe we should

deal with it more regularly. Another idea was to have articles with pictures either here in the Bulletin or on the Hollin Hills web site about various practical aspects of the homes in which we live.

On checking through past issues of the Bulletin, I have rediscovered some relevant material including an excellent article, "Hollin Hills in (Continued on page 2)

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If you cannot produce computerized copy, please find someone to submit it for you. As a last resort, type or print it clearly, leave in basket to right of front door, 1820 Drury Lane, and inform editor at 703-660-6543.

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



President's message *from page 1*

Perspective: Its Place in Modern American Architecture," written by former DRC Chair Mike McGill in the summer of 2013, at the time our community made the National Register of Historic Places. Helpful articles by Robert Fina and others on maintaining a Hollin Hills house have also appeared in the Bulletin. This sort of material could be made available again on the website.

The website is undergoing an overhaul, so it will take a little while to implement some of this. Beginning next month, however, watch the Bulletin for new design and home related information that I hope will be interesting and useful. With a little effort, we can accumulate a library of good information for solving problems and helping to plan future projects.

Since assuming my current CAHH duties, I have heard a lot about the DRC, and its role in the community, some of it good, some not so good. The DRC members and I would like to promote the DRC as a resource to help homeowners achieve their project goals through consultation with the DRC closer to the inception of projects. Working together, perhaps we can make the process easier AND maintain the design integrity of our neighborhood.

The Christmas Party

As we plan our annual Potluck Party (last year it was a blast—make sure you don't miss it this year), I'd like to tell about another memorable party I attended during the holidays.

My mother-in-law, Nelle (pronounced Nell), is ninety-seven years old and she suffers from severe memory problems. Conversations with Nelle have to concern the immediate, and be limited to what's right there in front of her, or possibly things that happened in the 1940s. Don't ask what she had for lunch.

She lives with seven other residents, mostly women, in a group home about a twenty minute drive from Hollin Hills. The place is in a residential home on a residential street with a beautiful garden in front and a well-used deck in back, and gives no hint of being an institution. A woman named Emily owns the place, and she has an amazing staff of women, mostly from Ghana, a country with a rich tradition of care for their elders. It shows. Jackie is the house manager; she is always joyfully loud, positive, magnetic. She says 'Welcome home' to everybody visiting. Everyone there—residents, staff, owner—is considered family. It is truly amazing to see.

Each year, they have a Christmas party. Attendees include the families of residents and staff, as well as families of former residents. There is an elaborate spread of food, punch, and soft drinks. Peggy, the music therapist, plays her guitar, and everybody fumbles through 'Silver Bells,' 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town,' and other chestnuts. Jackie sings and dances. There is a lot of laughter. Nelle, my mother-in-law, wears red, including a Christmas-tree-light necklace, and a Santa hat. She sings with gusto. She is genuinely happy. All of the residents beam their approval.

Toward the end of the party, I sit with Emily, and we talk about the future of the home. She worries that when she retires (now in the foreseeable future), the place could fall apart—so much maintenance, so much paperwork. I remind her how special this place is. She agrees. Emily confides it is not a good candidate for sale, because it's not really a business, more like a mission. We are quiet for a minute. She looks around at all the families, and she smiles. "You know, it's really all about the relationships," Emily says. "In the end, what else is there?"

—Gus Matson

FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare, and love we can spare. In return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. —M. Acklam

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise. —Unknown

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket, and then, give your dog only two of them. —Phil Pastoret

Quick Takes



SEEKING NEW PARKS CHAIR

The Hollin Hills Parks Committee is seeking a new chairperson. For the past year, John and Claudia Crowder, serving as joint chairs, succeeded in enlivening the community's parks maintenance activities. Increased educational endeavors caused them to resign recently. We are looking for someone to carry on their good works. The job qualification is a strong interest in the well-being of Hollin Hills' wonderful park system. Anyone interested should call Bob Kinzer (703 768 4048).

—Bob Kinzer, CAHH Parks Liaison

2016 PRIMARY DATES TO NOTE

Monday, February 8, 2016: Deadline to register to vote in the primaries.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 5pm: Deadline for mail application for absentee ballot for the primaries.

Saturday, February 27, 2016, 5pm: Deadline for obtaining absentee ballot for the primaries by appearing in person. For Hollin Hills residents, in-person absentee voting is at the Mount Vernon. Government Center, 2511 Parker's Lane.

Tuesday, March 1, 2016: Presidential Primary Election Day.



SOUPER SATURDAY

On SOUPer Saturday, (9am-1pm, February 13), a \$20 donation will get you a handsome one-of-a-kind ceramic bowl of your choice, and a bowlful of delicious clam chowder. The soup is being donated by Chart House, and the bowls have been crafted and donated by the ceramic artists of The Torpedo Factory Art Center in Old Town Alexandria, where the event will take place. All of the proceeds of SOUPer Saturday will benefit UCM to help local families who are struggling to make ends meet.

DESIGN REVIEW

The DRC (Design Review Committee) did not receive any projects for review prior to its scheduled January meeting, and therefore, no regular meeting was held. The DRC approved one project through administrative review since its December 9, 2015 meeting:

- Kirby/Ha, 2303 Kimbro Street: Approval was given for the construction of a low-profile deck at the front of their home.

The next DRC meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10, at 7:30pm, at the Sherwood Regional Library (2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria) in Conference Room #3.

—Chris McNamara, CAHH/DRC Liaison



LET'S START A HOLLIN HILLS RUNNING GROUP

Spring is around the corner, and we love the idea of running with our Hollin Hills neighbors and new friends.

We invite you to come to our initial HH Group Run, which will take place Saturday morning, February 20, at 8.30am., rain or shine. We will meet up at the Hollin Hills Pool parking lot and run down to the GW Parkway together.

We welcome newcomers to the sport and seasoned veterans alike. This will be a group of runners of all abilities.

*If you run, you are a runner.
It doesn't matter how fast or how far.
It doesn't matter if today is your first day or
If you've been running for twenty years.
There is no test to pass, no license to earn,
No membership card to get. You just run.*

— John "The Penguin" Bingham

In addition to the informal casual Saturday runs, we might pick various races around the area to train for together as a group, the first race being "The Parkway Classic" on April 24, 2016.

Please feel free to contact us (stine_riis@hotmail.com) if you are thinking of joining.

Hope to see you out there!
—Stine Riis Svenningsen, Zachary Mowers,
and little Peter (in jogging stroller),
2102 Martha's Road

A REMEMBRANCE

Kathryn "Kay" Detreux Halpern passed away at her home in southern Maryland on January 10, 2016. Kay moved from her hometown of Philadelphia to Washington, DC during the last years of WWII, where she worked at the Office of Strategic Services. It was there she met Samuel Halpern (who died in 2005), a career intelligence officer with the CIA. They were married in June 1948. Daughter Anne was born in 1951, and son Michael in 1955. The Halperns moved to 1217 (later 2202) Popkins Lane in Hollin Hills in December 1952, and, except for a posting to Japan from September 1959 through June 1961, this was their family residence until May 2013.

After returning from Tokyo, Kay went back to school

and received her Master of Library Science degree from Catholic University in 1964. She then worked happily as a cataloger for the Fairfax County Public Library system for the next 48 years, until she retired, reluctantly in October 2012, at the age of ninety.

In May 2013 she moved to a newly-built apartment attached to her daughter's house in the woods of southern Maryland. She kept up regularly with her former library colleagues, walked nearly every day with one of the three resident labrador retrievers who had become her constant companions, and enjoyed going to the theater, museums, and art galleries in Washington. She treasured her many years as a Hollin Hills resident.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO UTILITY POLES FOR IMPROVED CELL SERVICE

Verizon Wireless has hired an Illinois company called ExteNet Systems to design and build a distributed antenna system (DAS) network to improve cellular phone service in the Mount Vernon area. Here's what I learned when ExteNet did a presentation before the Environment Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations.

DAS consists of a local hub in an existing building (in this case the Verizon substation on Popkins Road near Bryant School) and a series of small antennas placed on top of existing utility poles (in this case Dominion Power poles, which already include Verizon equipment as well as streetlights). This design is believed to be less objectionable than the much taller microwave towers, up to 100 feet in height, that were soundly rejected by Hollin Hills and other neighborhoods several years ago. Our local tower would have been near the pool and tennis courts on Fort Hunt Road.

Instead, ExteNet will fasten a 15-foot "mast" to the top of selected utility poles, with the antenna at the top (the extra height is needed to give greater range). This would push the height of the pole from the present 40 feet to about 55 feet, and Dominion has indicated that it would prefer to install new, taller poles rather than splice extensions onto existing poles. In addition, an equipment box would be attached about 8 feet up each pole. The size of this node would depend on the number of carriers using the antenna, but only Verizon has committed to doing so thus far.

Where will the nodes be installed?

The current proposal, now under review by the county, calls for an initial network of 32 "nodes" in the Mount Vernon District, which might be installed as soon as this spring or summer. Another 38 nodes will be submitted for review in the near future, and a final 11 nodes are still being reviewed by Dominion Power.

The final 81-node network will provide us with excellent wireless connectivity, and the occasional taller utility pole will be far less intrusive than a 100-foot tower.

Excellent wireless connectivity isn't the only goal of a worthy life, however, and just how intrusive those taller poles will be depends on

whether they're in your front yard, or in the view from your back garden. As currently planned, phase one of the network includes only one node in Hollin Hills, on utility pole FH-VZW-057 at the corner of Popkins Lane and Rebecca Road. Phase two will bring six additional nodes:

- FH-VZW-147 – corner of Paul Spring and Rebecca Roads;
- FH-VZW-155 – 1900 block of Martha's Road, in the loop;
- FH-VZW-156 – on Martha's Road near Recard Lane;
- FH-VZW-157 – corner of Range Road and Hopa Court;
- FH-VZW-159 – 2100 block of Whiteoaks Drive, right on the edge of Hollindale; and
- FH-VZW-160 – 7600 block of Elba Road, near school crossing.

Phase three, which is still under review by Dominion, would add two more nodes on Paul Spring Road and one on Rippon Road. Additional nodes will be installed in locations just outside Hollin Hills.

Planning ahead

I do think we should ask ExteNet to wait until after our 2016 House and Garden Tour to pull up and replace the first utility pole in Hollin Hills. In the longer term, I think we should ensure that each node serves several wireless carriers, so we don't get future proposals from Sprint, T-Mobile, AT&T, and the dozen smaller companies who are clamoring to provide our cellular service. I'm not sure we have enough utility poles to accommodate them all.

—Paul B. Phelps

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WHAT SHOULD DRIVERS DO IF STOPPED BY THE POLICE?

What should you do if you are pulled over by the police? At the January meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee, members of our Mount Vernon Police offered the following information to familiarize drivers with what to expect:

Police officers will introduce themselves, explain why you've been stopped, and provide directions throughout to make the interaction as smooth and as brief as possible. Everyone's safety is the primary goal.

Traffic stops are potentially dangerous situations for police officers. Have they stopped a mom going to soccer practice, someone just trying to get to work, or have they perhaps stopped a wanted felon?

When you see those flashing blue lights behind you, pull over to a safe location. It could be the nearest shoulder, turn lane, or

parking lot. Try to get completely out of the travel lanes.

The officer may approach from either side, depending on the location and other safety considerations.

Remain in your vehicle. Keep your hands in view and minimize your movements. An officer may become alarmed if you or a passenger shifts or moves around a lot. You might be just looking for your license and registration. Or are you hiding/reaching for something illegal?

Police impersonators are out there. If you have doubts, find a bright and/or populated place to pull over. Turn on your four-way hazard lights to acknowledge the officer as you look for a safe and public location. You can also call 911 to report the stop or verify the person is actually a police officer.

Don't be alarmed if you see another police car pull up. Officers often show up to

If you are issued a summons you are required to sign it. This is not an admission of guilt, and you have the right to contest the charge in court.

check on each other, especially at night.

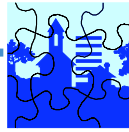
If you are issued a summons, you are required by law to sign it. This is not an admission of guilt, and you have the right to contest the charge in court. Instructions are provided on the summons. Failure to sign could result in you being arrested and brought before a magistrate.

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Our Mount Vernon District crime prevention officer, Officer Robert Urps, can be reached at 703-360-8400 or at Robert.Urps@FairfaxCounty.gov.

—Laura Wirkkala

MVCCA



There was no January meeting of the Planning & Zoning Committee of the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA); however, the Transportation Committee did meet to discuss the topic of traffic congestion that occurs near the Mount Vernon Estate.

Increased employment at Fort Belvoir has resulted in congestion where Mount Vernon Memorial Highway joins George Washington Memorial Parkway near the traffic circle at the Mount Vernon Estate. A few improvements may be possible, but the National Park Service is not inclined to encourage flow of traffic along the Potomac River into Alexandria.

Earl Flanagan, the planning commissioner for the Mount Vernon District, noted that many of the new employees at Fort Belvoir commute from Maryland across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. The main alternate route, Richmond Highway, is already overburdened, but traffic light synchronization has improved. Increased traffic on Fort Hunt Road, which affects Hollin Hills residents, was not mentioned.

Extending the Metro Yellow Line from Huntington to Hybla Valley via Beacon Hill would provide traffic relief, but this suggestion was followed by the comment, "Not in our lifetime!"

—Burt Kronstedt

BOOK REPORT



All in our group liked the book *Sycamore Row*, by John Grisham, "who is America's most famous story teller" and "writes good stories" with "engaging characters and clever plots," as it says on the jacket of this book.

In this particular story, we find ourselves in the courtroom of a small Mississippi town. There are good and not so good lawyers, a smart, strong-willed judge, and a jury that has to decide if a rich white man, Seth Hubbard, was in his right mind when he made a handwritten will leaving everything to his black housekeeper before committing suicide by hanging himself from a sycamore tree.

At the end of this exciting trial, Seth's long missing brother is tracked down in Alaska and, as a surprise witness, reveals an event he and his brother witnessed as boys. His testimony makes clear to everybody that Seth Hubbard had good reasons to leave his considerable estate to this black woman and why he chose this particular sycamore tree to hang himself.

For the February meeting we will read *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout. We will meet at Ann Klunder's home on February 10. New members and visitors are welcome.

—Elisabeth Egghart

MUSICMAN

For chilly February, here are musical events to warm your heart. Free except as noted. Web address links may be to venue, musical group or sponsoring organization. Where tickets are required you may be able to secure them online or find phone numbers and addresses.

• **Fri., 2/5, 8pm**, The Carlyle Club, 2058 Ballanger Ave., Alexandria: The Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet. \$20 www.uptownvocaljazzquartet.com

• **Sat., 2/6, 7pm**, Lyceum: Ars Nova Chamber Orchestra, Dvorak: Symphony No. 8, Ravel: Pavane pour une infante defunte; Corigliano: Elegy for Orchestra; Beethoven: Fidelio Overture. \$15 advance, \$20 at door www.ancoselfconducted.org

• **Sun., 2/7, 2pm**, Schlesinger Arts Center: US Marine Chamber Orchestra, Hayden: Symphony No. 96 in D; Nielsen: Flute Concerto; Mozart: Symphony No. 41 in G (Jupiter) www.marineband.marines.mil

• **Sun. 2/7, 3pm**, Church of the Epiphany, DC: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic; Walton: "Touch her soft lips and part"; Gershwin: Piano Concerto in F; Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances, op. 45; Rossini: Largo from Barber of Saville. \$20 www.wmpmusic.org

• **Sat. 2/13, 3pm**, GW Masonic Memorial: Washington Metropolitan

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REMEMBERING THE CHALLENGER

"I think about the Challenger every year at this time."



On the evening of January 28, 1986, my Thai teaching colleague knocked on the door of my dorm apartment.

She said in English, with hesitations, "Wendy, your president is on TV," and invited me to watch in her apartment.

Ronald Reagan was announcing the crash of the space shuttle Challenger, and I saw its sudden arc downward.

"Oh, no," I gasped, "This is terrible, I can't believe it." My colleague could only watch me without reacting. I was teaching in a tiny teachers' college in Kamphangpet, five hours north of Bangkok. I was a guest there, and my hosts, and Thai people in general, did not like to see guests upset. She didn't want to tell me about the catastrophe, so had asked me to come up to see my president tell me instead.

The next morning at dawn, the campus bus driver arrived to take me to the town bus station. I was going to visit another American teacher in southern Thailand for her birthday.

"Your plane fell," the bus driver said in Thai, avoiding my eye. There were no words like 'space shuttle,' and 'crash.' And in Thailand, 'I'm sorry' wouldn't enter into this kind of conversation. Nor was the situation appropriate for me to say 'thank you.'

Bus tickets in Thailand included several meals at roadside stands. All the way down the remote village-country spine of Thailand to Surat Thani, people young and old stopped to offer their condolences in the only way they could express to me, the occasional foreigner who crossed their path: "Your plane fell."

I could only acknowledge their implication of sympathy by saying, "Yes, I'm sad."

—Wendy Montanari

Music Man *from page 5*

Philharmonic, see 2/7 program

• **Sat. 2/13, 7:30pm**, GW Masonic Memorial: Wash. Metropolitan Youth Orchestra: Dvorak, Mozart, Bruch. Free concert. www.wmpamusic.org/youth-wmyo.html

• **Sat. 2/13, 7:30pm**, National Museum of American History Coulter Performance Plaza: Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra, A Big Band Love Affair. Table seats \$40 (sold out), standard seat \$25 www.americanhistory.si.edu/smithsonian-jazz/smithsonian-jazz-masterworks-orchestra

• **Sat. 2/13, 7:30pm**, Falls Church Episcopal Church, 115 E. Fairfax St.: Austin Piazzolla Quintet (tango). Adults \$20, seniors and students \$10. www.apqtango.com

• **Sun., 2/14, 6pm**, Fryling Pan Park, 2709 W. Ox Rd., Herndon: Danny Paisley & Southern Grass (bluegrass) www.dannypaisley.com

• **Fri., 2/19, 6-11pm**, NVCC Ernst Cultural Center: Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation, "The Harlem Renaissance Fair" An Evening of Jazz and Poetry, Thad Wilson Jazz Big Band. \$20-\$50 www.tinnerhill.org

• **Sat. 2/20, 7-10pm**, Christ Congregational Church, 9525 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring: Big Band Tradition (concert/dance). www.bigbandtradition.com

• **Sat. 2/20, 8pm**, Library of Congress Coolidge Auditorium: Handel and Haydn Society. www.loc.gov/concerts/handeland-haydnsociety.html

• **Sun., 2/21, 3:30pm**, National Gallery of Art, West Garden Court: Bennewitz Quartet (string quartet), music by Czech composers. www.bennewitzquartet.com

• **Mon., 2/22, 8pm**, GMU Center for the Arts: George Mason Symphony Orchestra with Virginia Chamber Orchestra, Stravinsky, music from The Firebird, Adults \$12, seniors \$8, students (to grade 12) \$5 www.virginiachamberorchestra.org

• **Wed., 2/24, noon -1pm**, Heurich House Museum, 1307 New Hampshire Ave. NW: Quarterity Flute Quartet. www.fmmc.org

• **Thu., 2/25, noon and 2pm**, National Gallery of Art, West Garden Court: Members of Inscape, various Beethoven string and woodwind trios. www.nga.gov

• **Sat. 2/27, 2pm**, (12:30 pre-concert discussion) Library of Congress Coolidge Auditorium: Juilliard String Quartet, Schubert: Quartettsatz in C minor; Carter: String Quartet no. 1; Beethoven: String Quartet in F major op. 135. www.loc.gov/concerts/juilliardstringquartet.html

• **Sat. 2/27, dance lesson, 8pm, music, 9pm**, Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom: Tom Cunningham Orchestra (swing band). \$18. www.tomcunningham.com

• **Sun., 2/28, 2pm**, Schlesinger Arts Center: Marine Band, Holst, The Planets; Mackey, The Frozen Cathedral; Polcom, Concerto Grosso with Saxophone Quartet. www.marineband.marines.mil

—Tony Jordan

NEWS OF OUR SCHOOLS



Whether or not you have kids at Hollin Meadows Elementary School, you are invited to participate in these two programs:

Hollin Meadows PTA Meeting Thursday, Feb. 18, 7:30pm

Our new school board representative, Karen Corbett Sanders, will speak about the Fairfax County Public School budget and other issues of interest to our whole community. Hollin Hills neighbors are invited and encouraged to attend.

Hollin Meadows Multicultural Fair Saturday, Feb. 20, 11am-2pm

Join us for a cultural tour of exhibits, displays, performances, and food from many different countries. It's a great way to learn more about our school and the many cultures represented.

Share *your* school's news, too

The Bulletin seeks news of activities and achievements in all our local schools. We hope our own HH kids will send in some of this news.