

HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER 2014



THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

If you are reading this article, then you have already paid your 2014 dues to the Civic Association of Hollin Hills (CAHH). Thank you and thanks to the other 309 households that have joined as of this writing.

Why did you pay your dues? Was it to support the upkeep of the parks and common spaces? Or because you enjoy reading the monthly Bulletin and rely on your Directory for your neighbors' names and numbers? Or do you join in the fun of the July 4th picnic and other CAHH-sponsored social events? Maybe it was for all of these reasons, or maybe you joined simply because you felt it was the right thing to do.

Whatever your reason, with your membership in CAHH you become part of the community above and beyond just living here. As a member, you join with other members in shaping life in our neighborhood. One way this occurs is through the annual budget process. At the winter meeting each year, the CAHH Board proposes a budget for the coming year and the members vote upon it. This year, as in 2012 and 2013, the CAHH Board will face some difficult issues in proposing a budget. How do we want to spend the membership dues? Should we invest more in our parks, or more on social events to bring the community together? What role should the proceeds from the house and garden tour play in our budget? How much should we have in the bank as our "rainy day" fund? In this article (and another to follow in a subsequent Bulletin), I explore these questions from the perspective of someone who, as a CAHH Board member, has spent some time thinking about them. The views expressed here are mine and are not necessarily shared by other members of the CAHH Board.

How are my membership dues used?

Generally speaking, our operating expenses can be divided into three categories: maintenance of CAHH-owned property (other than the HH pool and tennis courts), overhead, and social events. The major maintenance expenses for CAHH-owned property are for grass cutting at the Paul Spring entrance, and along Paul Spring and Rippon Roads; removal of fallen (and soon to fall) trees; and park and trail maintenance. The major overhead expenses incurred by CAHH are for insurance, directory and membership printings, and online accounting and communications software. Finally, the major social expenses are for the 4th

CAHH ELECTIONS COMING UP

It is coming on that time of year again. The CAHH Nominating Committee has been established for the December 2014 election. Our charge is to find excellent candidates for a number of positions on the CAHH Board, per the cycle outlined in the CAHH Bylaws. Positions to be voted on this December include president, recording secretary, treasurer, and three members-at-large: MVCCA, pool liaison, and parks liaison.

The Nominating Committee is composed of Elisabeth Lardner (chair), Paige Totaro, Bob Blandford, Tom Voskuil, and Paul Krizek. To keep on schedule and in accordance with the Bylaws, we will put forward the slate of officers by October 1. Candidates' biographies and photos will appear in the November Bulletin. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the positions. Officers must be CAHH members.

—Elisabeth Lardner, 703-765-3023, eblardner@aol.com

of July Picnic, the Oktoberfest, and the Winter Potluck.

As the following chart demonstrates, the proportion of membership dues spent on the three categories varies from year to year.

WHERE YOUR MEMBERSHIP DOLLAR GOES:

2013 Actual



2014 Approved Budget



■ Maintenance ■ Overhead ■ Social

The relatively high level of spending on maintenance of CAHH-owned property in 2013 resulted from the community's decision to take down many trees in our parks that were identified by an arborist as likely to fall. Whether viewed as deferred maintenance or as an investment in our parks, the expenditure was expected to be a once-in-several-years cost. This is reflected in the 2014 budget, where the share accounted for by maintenance fell sharply. (Continued on page 2)

CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF HOLLIN HILLS (CAHH)

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| Parks | -Open- | |

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| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| ARCHIVIST | Judy Riggan | 765-3025 |
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| Chair | Rebecca Bostick | 768-2240 |
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HOLLIN HILLS ARCHIVES

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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.

The Value of Membership *continued from page 1*

One item that generated discussion at this year's spring membership meeting was the Oktoberfest, which took the place of the BBQ held in some recent years. Oktoberfest was initiated by the CAHH Board with the aim of providing more value for your membership dollar and, in turn, increasing the number of member households. Based on this year's numbers to date, it would be difficult to conclude that the Oktoberfest achieved its aim of increasing membership. Nevertheless, the event was well-attended, indicating that many would support its continuation in the future.

Can we sustain current expenditure levels for maintenance and social events?

It depends. Looking at current expenditure levels and only at income from membership dues and donations, the answer is, "no." But by using revenues from the house and garden tour or some other source, or by drawing down our savings, the answer becomes, "yes," at least so long as those sources exist. For example, as explained above, we decided to make a large expenditure in 2013 taking down trees on CAHH-owned property. This expenditure of \$21,800 could only be covered by drawing down our savings. Another "extraordinary" expense in 2013 was the final payment for the work done to place Hollin Hills on the National Register of Historic Places (\$10,516). Again, this was paid for from our savings. Based on the approved budget for 2014, we are anticipating a surplus of \$10,450. But this only occurs because we projected net income of \$18,000 from the house and garden tour. Without the house and garden tour, we expected to spend \$7,550 more than we took in.



So, among the questions facing the CAHH Board and CAHH members are:



- **Should we rely on future house and garden tours to supplement our operating budgets?** In last month's Bulletin, the co-chairs of this year's house and garden tour, Tania Ryan and Steve Costoff, recommended continuing the tour every other year, but also cautioned that we should not set revenue targets for these events. The amount of profit we earn depends on lots of factors including the weather and the number of houses on the tour. Thus, while the tours may provide a steady source of income, the amount will vary from tour to tour. This may lead us to question whether there are other revenue sources we could tap into.

This could occur by increasing the membership dues or by increasing the number of households that join, or both. To cover the projected expenditures for 2014 with the 2013 membership base of 320 households, dues would have to increase from \$125/year to \$147/year. Would this work? When the dues were increased from \$100 to \$125 in 2013, membership fell by 13 households. Alternatively, dues could be held at \$125/year and projected 2014 expenditures covered if the number of member households increased to 377. While not impossible—there are 486 houses in Hollin Hills—it seems unlikely. In the past five years (since 2009), membership has trended downwards from 346 to last year's 320.

- **What are our priorities in terms of future expenditures?** Back in November 2009, then-Parks Committee chair Jim Klein wrote in the Bulletin about the aging trees in our parks and the increasing stress they face from wind, water, disease, and construction activities. This year, five trees or large branches have already come down and been removed from the park trails, and another large rotted tree has to be taken down. Just walk along the Paul Spring creek and see all the trees that have fallen across and into the water. Given that the cost of taking down a single tree can exceed \$4000, we need to give serious consideration to budgeting (*continued on page 4*)

Quick Takes

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

- Christy Thomas and Erik Justen recently moved into 7527 Elba Road, joining us from Old Town Alexandria. Christy is an economic analyst, and Erik is an engineer. They are originally from Cleveland, Ohio, and shouting on football weekends can easily be explained as they are, sadly, Browns fans. They love their new Hollin Hills home and are amazed at how welcoming their neighbors have been.
- We welcome back Eric Stromayer, Susmita Dastidar, and their three daughters, Aditi, Antara, and Lalita, to 1908 Martha's Road. They've been gone nine years, serving three years in Budapest, Hungary; three in Antananarivo, Madagascar; and the last three in Amman, Jordan. Eric will be Executive Director in the Bureau of African Affairs at the State Department. The girls look forward to attending their first public schools in the US and Susmita to rediscovering the neighborhood. Their telephone number is 703-660-5938.
- Correction: The Readings' baby daughter is named Maeve, not Mauve. Our apologies for last month's error.



BOOK CLUB RECONVENES

After its summer hiatus, the Book Club will resume

meeting at 2pm, Wednesday, September 24, at Louise Wiener's home. Our book for discussion is *The Ambassadors*, by Henry James. Visitors and new members are invited. Contact Louise at 703-768-9522.

LOCAL THEATER STAGES PLAY BY HOLLIN HILL RESIDENT

Port City Playhouse in Alexandria is kicking off its 2014-2015 season on September 12-27, with a play written by HH resident Jean Koppen. An intense drama dealing with the themes of loss and grief, control and compulsion, love and forgiveness, *Black Hole* focuses on estranged family members coping with their mother's recent death, their father's hoarding, and their own feelings of resentment and the need for comfort.

The Playhouse is at the corner of Crestwood Drive and N. Quaker Lane, near the entrance to 395 (1819 N. Quaker Lane). Tickets at www.portcityplayhouse.org.

MOVING AWAY? YOU CAN STILL RECEIVE THE BULLETIN

In answer to queries from some ex-Hollin Hillers who have asked if they can still receive the Bulletin, the answer is "yes." A non-resident digital subscription is \$15, and a non-resident paper subscription is \$30. A form and additional information can be found by going to www.hollin hills.net and clicking on "Pay your dues here." Pass the word on to ex-neighbors who might be interested, but note that this subscription rate is *not* available to current residents.

EASIER ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

No more waiting for special electronics recycling events. Fairfax County residents can now e-cycle old or unwanted electronics any day of the week at both the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill Complex. Acceptable materials include computers (and related equipment), televisions, gaming systems, stereos, and other household electronic devices and cables. There are no fees associated with this service, but customers may be required to show proof of residency.

The closest facility is the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton. It's now open every day, 8am-4pm. For additional details, contact the Solid Waste Management Program at 703-324-5230.

NEXT GARDEN CLUB MEETING TO FEATURE JAPANESE GARDEN

The Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, September 9, 7pm, at Chris and Jean Koppen's home, 2003 Paul Spring Road. We will have an opportunity to walk through their patio and gardens, hear a short presentation about the inspiration for building their Japanese-style garden, and learn about what makes a Japanese-style garden unique.

—Paige Conner Totaro, 703-718-2172

STUCK BEHIND A SCHOOL BUS?

As our kids head back to school, and those yellow buses seem to pop up everywhere, here's a reminder reprinted from an earlier Bulletin.

- When a school bus stops and flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction must stop at least 20 feet from the bus unless separated from it by a median. These buses are easily identified by "School Bus"



**Fun for everyone!
3-6pm, Saturday
September 27
Our 2nd Annual
Oktoberfest!**

Hollin Hills Pool parking lot

- Enjoy an oompah band, bratwurst, and German beer
- Bring a side or dessert to share—theme-related (German potato salad, apple strudel, etc.) is ideal but not required
- Fun activities for children
- Beer stein raffle
- Bavarian style dress optional
- To volunteer, contact Barbara Jacobs (pnbjacobs@verizon.net)

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- signage and their yellow/orange color.
- Remain stopped until the red light stops flashing or until the bus driver or a police officer/traffic director signals you to proceed. Before proceeding, watch for children and drive cautiously until out of the drop-off area. Kids sometimes dart across the street not realizing cars are there.
- Be prepared to slow down and possibly stop whenever you see a school bus. They *always* stop prior to crossing railroad tracks, so don't follow too closely.
- Become familiar with your neighborhood school bus route. Don't assume the route and time will remain the same. Because of children's ages and needs, routes could change every year. If possible, avoid these routes at student pickup and drop-off times.



The Value of Membership *continued from page 2*



more than the \$1000 that was budgeted in 2014 for “unplanned” tree work. Even more money would need to be budgeted to pay for trail maintenance and removal of invasive plants.

While increased funding for maintenance of CAHH-owned property seems necessary to me, others have argued that CAHH’s relevance depends on the services it delivers to its members and that we should direct our spending to those ends. Should we pay a professional manager for our website? Should we offer more social events? Are there other activities the members would like to see (remembering, of course, that volunteers are likely necessary to support those activities)?

Finally, we face an issue with the CAHH-owned tennis courts. While the CAHH-owned pool is self-sustaining, i.e., it covers its operating and capital expenses with membership dues, the tennis courts are not. The Tennis Club has asked CAHH to pay for tree work, removing branches that overhang the courts and cause damage by dropping leaves and sap on them. Because this is a CAHH-owned property, should CAHH invest in the upkeep of the courts?

For me, there are no simple answers to these questions. Many of us, I suspect, would like to have both well-maintained common areas and lots of fun social events. Moreover, these questions don’t even touch on the issue of our savings—what we need to have in the bank to meet the unexpected—a question I will explore in a future article.

Your input on budget is important

Recognizing that we likely aren’t able to afford everything we want, we have to set priorities. And, while it is the CAHH Board’s responsibility to propose a budget that reflects those priorities, I don’t believe the Board should do this in a vacuum. As stated above, CAHH members have an important role to play in shaping our neighborhood through the budget process. This doesn’t happen when a budget is proposed by the Board in late fall and voted upon a few days later at the winter membership meeting with little or no debate. So this year, the Board is inviting comment in advance of proposing a budget. Submit your views to CAHHsecretary@gmail.com and, if there is sufficient interest, we will arrange for a special meeting in the fall to discuss these questions.

—Susan Kubach, CAHH Treasurer

A SUPER SUMMER AT THE POOL FOR ITS 60TH YEAR

It’s hard to believe the summer is winding down on the 60th anniversary year of the Hollin Hills pool—what a great summer we have had. The pool was in perfect condition, we had excellent weekend weather, and we had a great group of guards. And, in case you haven’t heard, the swim team won their division with a 5-0 record.

Beside the wins, our swim team records were dropping right and left: ten new records this summer! Never before have we seen so many in a single season. Michael Valceanu and Lena Cromley broke records in the 100m individual medley; Kylie Bostick broke her own record in 15-18 breaststroke; Lena Cromley set a new 11-12 girls butterfly record; Haskew Pearson, Will Carnell, Sam Pearson, Joseph Yap and Wilman Vlach set the new 8-and-under freestyle and medley relay; Jarod Worden, Sam Price, Immanuel Cromley, and Michael Valceanu set a new 15/18 relay record; and finally, Ella Fesler, Clara Corcoran, Lena Cromley and Bowman Shaughnessy set a 11/12 girls relay record, which they had been chasing for two years. Congratulations to all of these excellent swimmers!

In another first, we had six swimmers qualify for the prestigious All Star Meet. Only the top 18 swimmers in each stroke throughout the entire Northern Virginia swim league get to swim this meet. Congratulations to Joseph Yap (8-and-under freestyle), Haskew Pearson (8-and-under fly), Lena Cromley (11-12 fly), Beata Corcoran (13-14 fly), Kylie Bostick (15-18 breaststroke), and Michael Valceanu (15-18 freestyle and 15-18 fly).

In addition to the swim team, the water aerobics classes, early morning swims, yoga classes, catered dinners, and float days all contributed to make the Hollin Hills Pool the place to be for the summer. If you drove by on Thursday evenings, you saw that we had also started a food truck night. Every Thursday, 5/5:30pm until 7/7:30pm a different food truck visits the pool. This has been a huge success and a great way to enjoy another evening at the pool. If you missed them this summer, watch for them next summer. Even non-pool members are welcome to come and get some take-out.

A special thanks to our Pool Committee this summer—their hard work really showed: Rebecca Bostick, chair; Christine Kelly, vice-chair; Brandy Goldstein, secretary; John Worth, treasurer; Steve Labas, maintenance; Courtney Lombardi, social; Marielle and John Reading, membership; Barbara Bogue, gardens; Judy Rosen, member-at-large; Judy Beelaert, CAHH liaison; and Peter Kinzler, past chair.

If you didn’t join this summer and want to join next summer, send an email to admin@hhpool.org or watch for information in the March 2015 Bulletin.

—Rebecca Bostick, HH Pool Chair



Blair Bostick

Some of the amazing Bluefish gather around “Coach O.C.” aka Seamus O’Conner.

NOW THAT IT'S LABOR DAY. . .

"...our lawns are waking up from their summer slumber and—like teenagers rolling out of bed at noon—they're hungry."

September is the single best time of the year to improve your lawn. Whether you're just feeding the grass after summer dormancy, overseeding to thicken the turf, or totally remaking parts or all of the lawn, this is the ideal time to take action. No matter which course you follow, however, you'll want to mow the lawn fairly short—just this once—to get rid of thatch and other surface litter. You may also want to call your garden service to core-aerate the entire lawn. That will open airways and allow soil amendments to get down into the root zone.

Now that temperatures are dropping and the rains have returned, our lawns are waking up from their summer slumber and—like teenagers rolling out of bed at noon—they're hungry. The most basic breakfast is fertilizer, preferably an organic preparation that has a lot of slow-release nitrogen. EPA and state regulators have seen to it that commercial lawn fertilizers no longer contain excessive amounts of phosphorus, the major culprit in Chesapeake Bay "dead zones." But it's up to you to avoid excessive nitrogen: use a broadcast spreader, follow the label instructions, and be careful not to scatter fertilizer on sidewalks and driveways where it will wash directly into our streams. If you're serious about loosening clay soil and improving the "perk" of your lawn, follow up with pelletized gypsum (calcium sulfate). If you're worried about the pH of your lawn, you'll want to put down pelletized limestone (calcium carbonate), but wait until a couple of weeks after the fertilizer. Limestone and fertilizer interact to release nitrogen gas, and you want the nitrogen in the soil, not in the air. Use that two weeks to get a soil test (free kits at Sherwood Hall Library), which will tell you just how much limestone to put down. As a rule, if you have moss in your grass, you need both gypsum and limestone.

If your lawn hasn't come through the summer well, is showing thin patches or up

to 50 percent weeds, then you may want to overseed. Cut the lawn short as previously mentioned, but then rake the thin patches with a leaf rake, or the weedy patches with a turf rake. This will give the seed good soil contact. The resulting thatch is full of lignin, a woody polymer that won't break down readily in your compost bin, so bag it up and put it out with the trash. Choose an appropriate mix of cool-season grasses (bluegrass, fescue, rye, and/or bentgrass). For Hollin Hills, this will mean something labeled "sun and shade," "shady mix," or "heavy shade." Calibrate your broadcast spreader according to label instructions, which will vary according to seed size. The goal is 5 or 10 seeds per square inch, but that translates into 7 pounds of fescue or rye per 1,000 square feet, compared to only 2 pounds of tiny bluegrass seeds. If you can, cover the overseeded patches with 1/4 inch of screened compost, bagged humus, or peat moss, and rake gently to get the seed in contact with the soil. Then water thoroughly, at least an inch (or hope for a good thunderstorm), and gently mist the seeded areas morning and evening for two weeks.

Overseeding will rescue even the most ragged lawn, especially over a couple of seasons, and remaking a lawn is a big job that shouldn't be undertaken lightly. Ask yourself if the areas that show the most wear couldn't become patios and pathways instead of lawn. Can you reduce the size of your lawn by expanding your flower beds and shrub borders? Is there just too much shade in some parts of your garden for grass to survive? If you do decide to remake the lawn, start with the front yard this year and then do the back yard next year, or hire a professional service to do it right and all at once. That means scalping the lawn, cultivating and raking smooth the remaining dirt, putting down seed at the "new lawn rate" (roughly twice the reseeding rate), topdressing with compost or humus, and scattering straw to keep the seed and soil from washing away. And then watering—an inch to start with, to get the soil good and damp, then a light misting of the seeded areas every morning and evening that it doesn't rain. Keep that up for two weeks or even a month, until you have new grass sprouting everywhere.

Next time: *New trees and shrubs.*

—Paul B. Phelps

DESIGN REVIEW

The DRC 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.

The Design Review Committee (DRC) met on August 13 with the following members in attendance: Mike McGill, Christine Kelly, Roger Miller, and Frank Collins.

Prior to the meeting, the following project was approved by administrative review:

- Kevin Lindsey of 7720 Elba Road received approval for replacement of an existing deck.

At the meeting, the following decisions were made:

- Paul Trombley of 7503 Elba Road received unanimous approval for a new landscape plan, a new rear patio, a new shed, and the replacement of some existing windows.
- Andrew Cheng presented preliminary plans for the conversion of an attached storage room into a bedroom for the Stromayer house at 1908 Martha's Road. Plans and elevations were discussed for preliminary review. Andrew will return with final drawings. New pavers are proposed for the driveway.

—Patrick Kelly, CAHH/DRC Liaison

MUSIC MAN

Most of our outdoor concerts are over for now, with just two left. Everything listed below is free except where noted.

- **Saturday, 8/13:** noon-7:30, Carter Barron Amphitheater, 26th Annual DC Blues Festival: Stacy Brooks Band, Hardway Connection, Shirleta Settles and Friends, Eddie Turner Band, Selwyn Birchwood Band, Shakura S'Aida www.dcb Blues.org/index.php?pageRequest=Festival

- **Saturday 9/6:** 1-7pm, Gateway Park, Rosslyn, 24th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival; -Rebirth Brass Band, Red Baraat, Ghost Train Orchestra, Corey Wallace DUBtet www.rosslynva.org/do/24th-annual-rosslyn-jazz-festival (continued on page 6)



Music Man *continued from page 5*

- **Saturday 9/6:** 6pm, American University Katzen Art Center, Noah Getz & friends (saxophone quartet) Bicentenary of Adolph Sax
<https://t.e2ma.net/webview/73jni/55098d08bbe43890f401a1435370e267>
- **Sunday 9/7:** 3pm, Lyceum, pianist Haskell Small, program of Frederico Mompou - Musica Callada, www.wmpamusic.org
- **Fri. 9/12 and Sat. 9/13:** 7pm, National Harbor Waterfront Plaza Stage, Airmen of Note (big band) www.usafband.af.mil
- **Saturday 9/13:** 7pm, Hylton Performing Arts Center, Dailey & Vincent (Bluegrass) \$20, \$10 military, veterans and their families, youth-grade 12 www.daileyandvincent.bombplates.com
- **Sunday 9/14:** 3pm, Lyceum, guitarist Piotr Pakhomkin, music by Scarlatti, Mertz, Tarrega, Albeniz, Rodrigo and Paganini, www.wmpamusic.org
- **Friday 9/19:** 7:30-9:30pm, Hollin Hall Senior Center, Mt. Vernon Swing Band Dance Party, \$4, www.mvbands.com
- **Saturday 9/20:** 7pm, St. Albans Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria, Focus Concerts, Slaid Cleaves (singer/songwriter), \$15, www.slaidcleaves.com
- **Sunday 9/21:** 7:30pm, Birchmere, Bellydance Evolution presents "Alice in Wonderland" \$25 www.bellydanceevolution.com

In 1990, the Note started its popular Jazz Heritage Series. These concerts were held one Friday a month in October, November, and December and featured internationally acclaimed jazz musicians who joined forces with the Airmen of Note. Due to the government sequester, the Note was unable to present this series in 2013, but hopes to offer concerts again in 2014. The following link is to archive recordings of these concerts from 2007-2012. <http://www.usafband.af.mil/jazzheritageseries/index.asp>

—Tony Jordan

NOTICES

LAST CHANCE to claim the following items left at the July 4th 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"

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

SHERRY'S ARK, recommended by me for pet feeding, has a new number, 703-373-3925. —Wendy Montanari

RECOMMENDED

CLEANING SERVICE: Reliable, efficient, and trustworthy, J&W Cleaning Service is a family owned business that has worked in and around our area for 17 years. Highly recommended by Barbara and Jerry Kahan, 703-765-5467. Call Abertina Alvarado, 703- 635-5608.



Mark your calendar!

3-6pm, Saturday

September 27

Our 2nd Annual

Oktoberfest!

See page 3 for details