

HOLLIN HILLS BULLETIN

JUNE 2014

GET READY FOR A GREAT JULY 4 CELEBRATION!

11 am - Hollin Hills Parade

Decorate your bikes and wagons in red, white, and blue, design a family/neighborhood float, or organize your own marching drill team, and join our community parade down Paul Spring Road on July 4. It starts at 11 am at the corner of Rebecca and Paul Spring Roads and ends at Voigt Park, the picnic site. Contact Judy Beelaert (judybeelaert@gmail.com) if you wish to be in the parade or with any questions.

If you don't plan to walk in the parade, please cheer the participants along the parade route.

Please note that parts of Paul Spring Road will be closed to cars between 11 and noon to accommodate the parade.

Noon-2pm - The Annual Picnic

Our beloved community Fourth of July Picnic is a long-standing Hollin Hills tradition. Join us from 12 noon to 2pm at Voigt Park, which is located at the corner of Paul Spring and Rippon Roads behind the Hollin Hills Pool. The Civic Association provides hot dogs, beer, and soda. Attendees are asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts to share—enough for eight people.

As in prior years, the Mount Vernon Community Band will provide patriotic

music. We also will have pony rides, a bike decorating contest, the blueberry bake-off competition, games, and races.

This is the one community event that brings everyone together—new, current and former members. Newcomers who have not yet joined the Civic Association and residents who need to renew their memberships may do so at the picnic.

There will be no rain date for the picnic.

MEETING AND GREETING OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

A meet-and-greet gathering for newcomers was held on April 27, at the home of Marinka Tellier. It was organized by Membership Chair Betsy Damitz and co-hosted by Suzie Cohen and Marinka, both area greeters. Other greeters and CAHH Board members were also there to meet the sizeable crowd of new Hollin Hillers which included many *very* new ones—lots of babies and toddlers! All the infants received tiny Hollin Hills T-shirts.

Betsy Damitz welcomed the group, and Hannah Hershfeld, a former longtime resident, and Barbara Shear, the Bulletin editor, each spoke briefly about different aspects of life in our community.

It is exciting to see so many new residents—families, couples, and singles—who



*Gentlemen, start your grills—
it's hot dog time at the picnic!*

If you will be able to help with the event (and many hands are needed, including volunteers for set-up and clean-up), please contact Barbara Jacobs, our social chair, at 703-660-6342 or pnbjacobs@verizon.net.

are enthusiastic about Hollin Hills and anxious to be involved in the community.

Welcome, neighbors, we hope you enjoy living here as much as the rest of us do.

Photo on left: foreground, Brian and Christine Hooks and daughter Mackenzie of 7207 Rebecca Road and Betsy Damitz; back row, Jaelith Hall-Rivera and David Rivera, CAHH co-secretaries, Suzie Cohen, and Jim Kohler. Jim and his wife Amanda live at 7800 Davenport and have a son, 6-month-old Conrad.

Photo on right: Emily Koster and Dan Shelton, who live at 1909 Paul Spring Road on the corner of Stafford, and Dan, and Maura Fuller, holding their son Emmett, age 2, and daughter Mauve, 4 months. In April, the Fullers moved into 1944 Martha's Rd., formerly the Morduchs' home. Partially obscured are Mat and Jaemee Wenthe, who have a 2-1/2 month old daughter, Tily, and live at 7424 Hopa Court.



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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.

House & Garden Tour

Beautiful spring weather greeted the large crowd of visitors and residents who attended the 2014 Hollin Hills House and Garden Tour on May 3. The selection of houses and gardens showed the wide variety of decorating and gardening styles that are being used successfully in our community.

A pre-tour lecture was held at Hollin Meadows School to a capacity crowd. John Burns, a long time Hollin Hills resident and architect, and Patrick Collins, an architect with the State Department who grew up here and is Frank Collins' brother, spoke eloquently about Hollin Hills' designer Charles Goodman's early influences as well as the development and design of Hollin Hills itself.

The "Ask the Expert" table was a popular stop on the tour, where Hollin Hills architects, including Enrique Villa, Tracy Revis, and Christine Kelly, answered visitors' questions about roofs, windows, and insulation, etc., and discussed other Goodman communities with tour visitors from as far away as West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and even Texas.

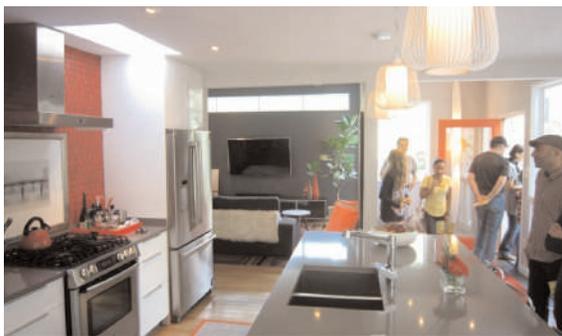
Special thanks to our tour sponsors, and to the following wonderful residents who opened up their homes and gardens to approximately 1,000 visitors: Barbara Katz and Lowell Curtis, Pam and Ken Williams, Derek and Pamela Norton, David Rivera and Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Jolande and Larry Goldberg,

Connie and Mike Thomasson, Heather Shuster and Jeff Borman, Alexandre Infingardi and Miguel Martins, Addison and Ron Ullrich, Judy Rosen, and Nila Patel. Their generosity, community spirit, and hard work made this a truly outstanding event.

Every tour requires a tremendous amount hard work and dedication by an army of volunteers, starting this year with the tour committee itself, headed by the indefatigable Tania Ryan and Steve Costoff and comprised of Becki Brady, Ginny Kinzler, Gus Matson, Alene McMahon, Mary Ann Rametta, Marielle Reading, David Rivera, Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Beth Ready, and Cathy Salerno. Ginny Kinzler recruited a long list of docents on 2-hour shifts at each house—do the math, that's a lot of volunteers—and there were many other unnamed helpers who pitched in to help in any number of ways.

Thank you to Dennis Carmichael for his beautiful drawings in the equally beautiful brochure and collateral material designed by Beth Ready. Thanks also to Nate Ha and Jennifer Kirby for hosting the North Carolina tour group on the 26th.

There will be a final summary in the next Bulletin. In the meantime, check out the tour's Facebook page for many more photographs of the event—we really look fabulous!



From top left: Visitors admire the sleek black, white, and red kitchen at the Infingardi-Martins home on Martha's Road; Nila Patel's little jewel of a house, one of the few remaining 'original' houses with no additions; Enrique Villa at the "Ask the Expert" table, shown here with his wife, Heather, and their daughter, (in stroller). Thanks to David Rivera, J.G. Harrington, Christine Kelley, and others for their tour photos. We wish we could have included more, but space was limited.

QuickTakes

WELCOME

• Welcome to Debbie Sallis, who moved into 7308 Stafford Road in May, after months of extensive renovations to her new home. Debbie has lived in Old Town for several years, but is originally from Northern Ireland. We are looking forward to having her as a neighbor.

—Ginny Kinzler

• Ziggy Pogoda (15 months old) and his parents, Jan Derevanik and Darren Pogoda, recently moved into 2105 Martha's Road. They join us from Old Town Alexandria and are excited about joining the pool this summer. Jan is a graphic designer and Darren an attorney.

—Dave Matthews

• Greetings to new arrivals at 1909 Paul Spring Road, Daniel Shelton and Emily Koster. Daniel is a patent attorney and Emily Koster works as an administrator with a Washington accounting firm. Their phone number is 703-768-3780.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING FEATURES SCHOOL GARDEN

At the May meeting, the group enjoyed a guided tour through Pam and Ken Williams' beautifully designed garden filled with native plants. Even their composting area is attractive!

After the tour, Jennifer Finnegan, outdoor education coordinator at Hollin Meadows Elementary, talked enthusiastically about the school's innovative garden program which has been successfully integrated into every subject—from science and math to literature, history, and art. If you haven't been there yet, be sure to visit the native plant garden in front, the woodland garden on the side, and the vegetable garden in back—all planted, tended, and harvested by the kids themselves. On every second Sunday, volunteers give a bit of extra help. More volunteers are always welcome, espe-

There were lots of bargains, fun, and games at this year's yard sale.



cially in the summer when school isn't in session but the weeds keep on growing anyway. Contact Jennifer at jfinnegan@fcps.edu.

TALLYING HH WILDLIFE HABITATS

Having learned that the Hollin Meadows Elementary School garden is a National Wildlife Federation-certified Schoolyard Habitat, Lee Ann Kinzler is curious to know of other certified Wildlife Habitats in Hollin Hills. If your yard is one, please contact her so she can add it to her list. Reach her at la8kinzler@cox.net or 703-768-4048.

SOLVEIG'S RETIREMENT SHOW

After 53 years in Hollin Hills and 40 years with the Hollin Hills Potters at the Torpedo Factory, Solveig Cox is leaving to start a new chapter in her life. She will be relocating to Massachusetts at the end of June to be near her daughter. The Hollin Hills Potters are honoring Solveig on her retirement with a reception and show at the Torpedo Factory. The reception is June 8, 1-4pm, with the show continuing through June 22. Solveig's many friends and neighbors (and admirers and owners of her wonderful cat-decorated art) are invited.

—Susan Cohen



THE WEATHER COOPERATES FOR THE YARD SALE

With eleven households participating, our second annual HH Community Yard Sale was a bit smaller than last year, but no less busy. You just can't beat that pool parking lot location!

The weather forecast did not look good at all good in the days leading up the sale, but we forged ahead with fingers crossed. Miraculously, the weather held, and rain

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will be a combined summer issue to be sent out in late July. The deadline will be July 10.

began just 15 minutes before the end.

The youngest generation had a strong showing, with a beverage/bake stand, a fishing game, and lots of toys for sale.

It was a fun neighborhood event that is sure to be repeated next spring. A big thanks to Friederike Ahrens for doing a great job of organizing it.

LOCAL SCHOOL TEAM EXCELS IN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND

A big round of applause for Magnolia Totaro, Celia Lane, and Debra Lane, all of Martha's Road. Magnolia and Celia are on the award-winning "Odyssey of the Mind" team from Carl Sandburg Middle School, and Debra is their coach.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition that attracts school teams from all over the world. (The group's "Buddy Team" this year is from Qingdao, China.)

This very impressive Sandburg team has been together four years, ever since fifth grade. After winning both regional and state competitions this year, they reached the next step—competing for the World Championship in Ames, Iowa, on May 28-31 (their second trip to the finals). The Bulletin goes to press too early to report on the outcome, but whatever the results, they are real champions.

BETTY DAVIS

Our good friend and neighbor, Betty Davis, died peacefully in her sleep on April 22. Although enduring the effects of a stroke, Betty had been able to stay in her own house, surrounded by her beautiful garden, with family and friends living nearby. She had lived in Hollin Hills since 1950, and was a friend to many, and a gracious neighbor, always on the lookout for opportunities to introduce new residents to others. She is remembered fondly for her warmth and keen and lively sense of humor. A memorial service is planned on May 31, 11am, at the Unitarian Church, with a reception to follow at the mansion house.

Design Review

The DRC met on May 14 with the following members in attendance: Mike McGill, Barbara Ward, Jennifer Kirby, Christine Kelly, and Roger Miller.

- **Stephen Vlach**, 1808 Drury Lane, received approval to replace all existing single pane windows with double pane, to replace a wood door with a glass lite door, to install a new kitchen exhaust vent through the roof of his home, and to insulate underneath the soffit of the second floor overhang in the rear of the home. The DRC voted unanimously to approve these renovations.

- **Lawrence Kim and Elizabeth Hamlin**, 2202 Popkins Lane, received approval for an addition, for installation of two 2' x 3' windows, and for moving a sliding glass door to

a different side of the house—all at the rear of their home. The homeowners agreed to use T1-11 siding on 4" grooves and to set the glass of the new windows into the frames in Hollin Hills style. The DRC voted unanimously to approve these renovations.

- **Robert Stem and Cindy Fassler**, 2001 Martha's Road, asked for guidance on materials they could use to replace siding on the back of their home. The DRC did not approve use of Hardie cement siding as a replacement because it is not manufactured in 4" vertical grooves. The board suggested using pressurized T1-11 grooved siding and/or flashing to prevent future water damage. Homeowners were informed that there are a variety of siding options as long as their selection complies with the spirit of the

Goodman design with a narrow, vertical style. They agreed to return for approval of their renovations once they have decided how they will proceed.

The DRC thanked Jennifer Kirby for the completion of four years of service on the DRC. Jennifer joined the board the same month that she moved into the community in April 2010 and has provided valuable insight and guidance throughout her time on the DRC while helping to maintain our community's design standards. Please thank Jennifer for her service when you see her.

Her position on the DRC will be filled by Sherry-Lea Bloodworth-Botop.

—Patrick Kelly



SPRING CAHH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On April 10, 2014, the spring CAHH Membership Meeting was held at Hollin Meadows School. A quorum (in person and via absentee ballot) was in attendance.

The meeting focused primarily on updates from Board members, as well as a vote to fill a vacant Board position. Judy Beelaert was confirmed by the membership as the Pool Liaison. An update on the House and Garden Tour was also provided, as well as some important facts about the Hollin Hills website. Community members also raised two issues: Sherwood Hall Road widening and deer management. A reading of the minutes from the prior membership meeting was waived by a vote of the members present.

Board members Susan Kuhbach and Betsy Damitz covered matters of note in their areas. Susan provided the financials, with a projected surplus for 2014 due to the House Tour. Betsy provided an overview of membership statistics—last year 60% of all qualified residents of Hollin Hills were members of the CAHH. With this year's membership drive just getting underway, we don't yet have numbers for 2014. Betsy has also organized a new member "meet and greet" for April 27, to which 32 new residents were invited. [Note: see page 1.]

Tania Ryan, Co-chair of the House and Garden Tour committee, gave members a status update of the Tour. There are 9 homes and 2 gardens on this year's Tour, which will take place on May 3. There will also be a smaller private Tour on April 26 for people who bought tickets from out of state for the original tour date. All of the signs for the Tour

have been placed in the neighborhood. A member raised the issue of the street repaving scheduled to take place in the neighborhood and how it might affect the Tour. Tania agreed to contact VDOT or Fairfax County to get more details. [Note: see pages 2 and 5.]

Steve Ryan provided an overview of the Hollin Hills website and a quick summary of its capabilities. He also discussed the benefits of the current site, including tying it closer to Google; direct access to Facebook and Twitter; and the ability to pay CAHH membership dues and to pay for Tour tickets with Paypal. He also let members know about the Hollin Hills House and Garden Tour Facebook page and urged CAHH Members to "like" it. Steve also provided information about the Hollin Hills Tennis club—how to join, benefits, etc.

CAHH member Bob Wachter expressed concern about a proposal to change the lane marking on Sherwood Hall Lane. As background, 20 years ago residents were told that the street would always be a two-lane road, and the marking would include street-side parking. There is now a new plan that threatens to eliminate all of the street-side parking for residents and in front of the library. The proposal is intended to accommodate the addition of bicycle lanes and permanent left turn lanes. Information collected in a study by VDOT showed minimal use of parking; however, Wachter and others criticized the study because it was done in the afternoon during the workweek, and, therefore, did not appear to be representative of actual use. This issue directly affects the three Hollin Hills

households whose property is located on Sherwood Hall Lane. Signatures on a petition in opposition to the proposal was gathered by Sherwood Hall Lane residents and sent to local and state officials. That petition was signed by all three of the Hollin Hills households directly affected by the proposal. Although the petition is no longer open for additional signatories, Wachter welcomed any additional support the community could provide. [Note: proposal was defeated.]

Ron McCallum updated the membership on various activities involving deer management. On March 5, the Environment & Recreation Committee of the MVCCA featured Jerry Peters, the Executive Director of Green Fire. Six Hollin Hills residents attended. On March 12, Suburban Whitetail Management of Northern Virginia gave a presentation attended by approximately 30 Hollin Hills residents—and sponsored by Tom Fina. Advance notice of both events had been given to CAHH members via email. Ron informed the membership that the Board had voted not to allow hunting in the Parks, but that the Board had voted to allow the retrieval of deer from the Parks if they had been lawfully hunted on a resident's property. However, no field dressing of deer or disposal of deer remains would be allowed in the Parks. Members briefly discussed the issue of deer culling and deer management in the neighborhood. No motions were offered for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

—David Rivera and Jaelith Hall-Rivera

THINGS I LEARNED ON THE **G**ARDEN **T**OUR

The Hollin Hills House & Garden Tour gave me a chance to explore other people's gardens, to see how they've dealt with problems that we all face and how they've achieved effects that the rest of us only dream about. It also gave me a chance to learn about gardening practices that I should, or should not, try to emulate in my own garden. Here are some of the lessons I learned in 2014:

- **There's no substitute for backing onto a park.** The average lot in Hollin Hills is about half an acre, with the front part dedicated to house and driveway and the back part dedicated to garden. No matter how skillfully you landscape that quarter acre, however, there's no way you can make it look like it falls off into ten acres of wooded stream valley. And the park doesn't even have to be behind you—it can be in your side yard or across the street in front of you. If you've got a park view, by all means exploit it.

- **Lawns can create that same park-like feeling.** One of the show houses was set far back on its lot, with a steep hillside behind it. The front yard achieved a park-like feeling with a few large hardwoods, their lowest branches well off the ground, set off by an unbroken expanse of lawn. To be fair, however, this lot also had parkland on one side and across the street. And it's not easy growing a proper lawn on our shady clay soil; many other gardens kept lawn to a minimum or dispensed with it entirely. Better no lawn than a lawn that's soggy and full of moss.

- **Hillsides are problematic.** Sharply rising land is a great place to display flowering shrubs, and some years the azaleas will cooperate by blooming just when the garden tour brings visitors. But hillsides also mean runoff, and several of the tour gardens included features to deal with all that water. One had a French drain behind a retaining wall at the bottom of the slope, directing all of the runoff around the house and patio and into a natural stream bed. Another had

a series of diagonal swales across the back yard, channeling excess surface water into a drain that led to a storm sewer. A third was so heavy wooded that runoff wasn't a problem until there were six inches of rain, and who among us can handle six inches of rain? Neighbors at the top of those hills can help their neighbors at the bottom by installing rain barrels and rain gardens that will reduce the amount of runoff going down the slope.

- **There's such a thing as too much hardscape.** I like a generous sidewalk to the front door, and a flagstone patio outside the back door as a graceful transition to the garden, but I quickly tire of fancy driveway pavers and endless gravel walks and multiple decks and stairs and conversation pits and outdoor kitchens and hot tubs and gazebos on and on. But maybe that's just me.

- **It's nice to include a vegetable patch.** Some of the gardens on the tour were on lots wide enough, or deep enough, to include a fenced-in vegetable garden. I try to do the same thing in large pots—no tomatoes, admittedly, but I can grow basil for fresh summer pesto. One garden included peonies as a row crop, which guarantees plentiful cut flowers. The gardens with vegetables were most likely to also have compost bins.

- **The best ivy is no ivy.** There was a notable lack of ivy in these show gardens—a few controlled patches as accents, but nothing running loose or climbing trees. For the most part the role of ground cover had been ceded to periwinkle, liriopse and ferns.

- **The catbird seal of approval.** I have a catbird who follows me around my garden every year, making sure that I take care of things that require human hands. In about half of the gardens on the tour this year I was also greeted by catbirds, eager to show me the little things that were important to them.

All in all, the tour was a great success. Neighbors supported the show gardens by grooming their own properties, setting off the showplaces to best advantage. The same went for the community at large – I noticed only two properties that looked a bit derelict, and most of the neighborhood was spruced-up and tour-ready. And I picked up a number of ideas to take back to my own garden.

—Paul B. Phelps



A riot of color greeted visitors to Judy Rosen's home, where her many azaleas were in full bloom.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Just in time for summer! VW roof mounted bike rack with lifting arms. Holds 2 bikes. Gently used. \$150 OBO. —M. Burns 703-718-0759 or studiodots@cox.net

SUMMER IMMERSIONS and CLASSES at Studio in the Woods: Our wide range of summer classes and camps feature art, yoga, dance, and sound. Partial list includes:

- Sunrise yoga at the HH Pool.
- Summer immersions for kids, all ages. Nature oriented, outdoor classroom, inspired teaching, small groups.
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Check out www.studiointhewoods.co (that's .CO), for a complete listing. To schedule a private session, special event (party, shower, workshop), performance, or other unique offering please contact me at info@zalya.com. —Jeneen Piccuiro

RECOMMENDED

HOUSECLEANER: Virginia Caero and her assistant who have been cleaning homes in Hollin Hills for 15 years, now have several places open in their schedule for new customers. Call Ms. Caero at 703-941-4888 or 703-399-6043 (cell). —Ann Horne, 765-0216. Donna Anderson, 765-8833, and Barbara Jacobs, 660-6342, also recommend her.

SPECIAL SOLSTICE EVENTS by guest teacher Triz Remedios, June 20-21. Friday night: At Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, a Community Chant featuring crystal bowls and voice to open you up to the sound of your own voice as a healing tool. Saturday afternoon: Yoga & Sound (all levels) pairs the yoga of Sri Karunamayi Ma with the sound healing of Triz. Later Saturday: Clearing with Sound & Movement and the evening Sound Healing Circle provide an opportunity to deepen the experience, as Triz combines many of her tools (drums, gongs, crystal bowls, singing bowls, bells, chant and the extraordinary Peruvian Whistling Vessels). Contact Jeneen Piccuiro www.studiointhewoods.com, 202-288-2370, info@zalya.com for more information 6

BOOK CLUB

In May, the Book Club discussed *A Hologram for the King* by Dave Eggers. The review will appear in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The next meeting will be at 2pm on Wednesday, June 11, at Sandy Kabat's home. We will discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson, an account of the great migration of nearly 6,000,000 African-Americans from the rural south to northern and western cities between 1915 and 1960. A prospective new member attended in May and we would be happy to welcome more.

—Louse Weiner

MUSIC MAN

Summer bring outdoor concerts to Fairfax Parks (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances), Ft. Hunt Park, (www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forhthuntconcerts.htm), Alexandria (apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/), and Arlington (www.arlingtonvirginia.com/experience/concerts). See websites for full calendars.

Free unless noted:

- **Sunday, 6/1**, 3pm, Church of the Epiphany 1317 G St. NW, DC: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic: Bartok, Benjamin, and Gershwin: \$20, 18 and under free. www.wmpamusic.org
- **Friday, 6/6**, 7:30, Grist Mill Park: Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin (blues)
- **Saturday, 6/7**, 7:30, Schlesinger Concert Hall: US. Marine Chamber Orchestra, program TBA www.marineband.marines.mil
- **Sun., 6/8**, 3pm, T.C Williams HS: Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic
- **Sunday, 6/8**, 6pm, The Lyceum: Fairfax

Chamber Ensemble: Mozart and Dvorak. \$20, students free www.fairfaxchamberensemble.com

- **Wednesday, 6/11**, 7:30-8:30, Lee District Park: The Pietasters (Ska, Reggae)
- **Friday, 6/13-Sunday 6/15** Falls Church: 20th annual Tinner Hill Blues Festival, ticketed and free events. <http://tinnerhill.org/blues-festival>
- **Friday, 6/13**, 8pm, Lubber Run, The Grandsons (roots rock) <http://grandsons.com/index.shtml>
- **Sunday 6/15**, 7-8pm Ft. Hunt Park: American Balalaika Orchestra www.absorchestra.org
- **Wed., 6/15**, 7:30-8:30, Lee Dist. Park: Jon Carroll Band (Grammy award winner/rock) www.reverbnation.com/joncarroll
- **Friday, 6/20**, 7:30-8:30, Grist Mill Park: Veronneau (acoustic-vocal jazz samba) 2013 and 2014 WAMMIE for Best Jazz Group www.veronneaumusic.com
- **Saturday, 6/21**, noon-8:30pm, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Alexandria: Del Ray Music Festival (music, crafts, food and fun) www.del-raymusicfestival.com
- **Sat., 6/21**, 7-8pm, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton: Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra www.bohemiancavernsjazzorchestra.com
- **Saturday, 6/28**, 7-8pm, Ft. Hunt Park: Hot Society Orchestra (vintage jazz)
- **Wednesday, 7/2**, 7:30-8:30, Lee Dist. Park: Washington Saxophone Quartet (classical and pop) www.wsaxq.com
- **Wednesday, 7/2**, Mason District Park: Swing Shift (big band jazz) www.swingshiftdc.com
- **Sunday 7/6**, 7-8pm Fort Hunt Park: Mandoleers www.mandoleers.org
- **Wednesday, 7/9**, noon-1pm, 88 Canal Park, Alexandria: Charles Bubeck (jazz vibraphone) www.youtube.com/watch?v=0l2PKENF8-c
- **Thurs., 7/10**, 7-8:30pm, Cherry Hill Park, Falls

Church: Veronneau www.veronneaumusic.com

- **Sunday, 7/13**, 7:30-8:30, Mason District Park: National Concert Band of America www.nationalconcertband.org
- **Friday, 7/18**, 7:30-8:30, Lake Accotink Park: The Thrillbillys (rockabilly) www.thethrillbillys.com
- **Sunday, 7/20**, 7:30-8:30, Mason District Park: Capitol Steps (musical political satire) www.capsteps.com

—Tony Jordan

POLICE-COMMUNITY REPORT

At the May meeting of the Police Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), the new district commander, Captain Day, was introduced. He has 22 years experience with the Fairfax County Police, much of it in the Mt. Vernon district. He pointed to a 9% decrease in major crime in this district, but cautioned that it may be related to the severe winter, and criminal activity may increase with warmer weather.

Major advice to residents was to lock your car. There have been twenty recent car entries in the district (not break-ins) with resulting loss of property including a handgun and ammunition.

A BSA Explorer Scout Post will begin activities soon. It will introduce boys and girls to police activities including Crime Scene Investigation (CSI). Leaders will be Mt. Vernon Police officers and activities will probably be based at West Potomac High School.

A community/police picnic will be held at the Mt. Vernon station the afternoon of June 10. Local residents are invited to drop by.

—Charles Manka