

Spring Meeting Agenda

22 Apr 2026

- Treasurer's Report - John
- Crime Report – Jim
- Saturday's Stream Valley Pick-Up – Debbie
- White Gardens Ongoing Renovation – Debbie
- Invasive Plant Removal – Debbie
- Neighborhood Watch Signs Renewal – Jacke
- Our New Web Site – Josiah
- Join Facebook! - John
- Spring Meet-Up & PlayDate, - John
- Plans for Neighborhood Picnic - John
- Westcott Substation Expansion – Clyde
- Casino Legislation Post Mortem – Clyde
- **Other agenda items??**

How to Pay Dues

- By Zelle: please pay *hrvca36@gmail.com*
 - In “Memo” line, please provide your first and last names
- By Venmo: pay *@HRVCA*
 - In “What’s this for” box, provide first and last names
- By check: make check payable to *HRVCA*
 - In “For” line provide your first and last names if not printed on check
 - Mail to HRVCA, c/o John Edwards, 3447 Skyview Terrace, Falls Church, VA 22042
- Please pay via Zelle if you have it. It’s the easiest for the treasurer.

Crime Report



Last Saturday's Stream Valley Pick-Up



White Gardens Park (6711 Princess Anne Lane)

- At one time, a celebrated, private rhododendron garden
 - Article at <http://www.arspvc.org/articles/mwhite.html>
 - By Donald W. Hyatt, *Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. 2022*
- Now being redeveloped as a woodland park by Fairfax County Park Authority
- A fabulous community resource - 13 acres of sylvan enchantment in our midst for our enjoyment
- Volunteers gather at park on 3rd Wednesday of every month to push project forward, 9:00 am – Noon.
- To participate, simply show up on a 3rd Wednesday morning or contact our FCPA POC: Adam.Bucher@fairfaxcountygov

White Gardens Project Last Wednesday

Removing Garlic Mustard



Before



After

Fairfax Invasive Removal Alliance (FIRA)

- Homeowners and civic associations advocating removing invasive plants and planting natives
- Principal threats to the variety of flora and fauna in our environment are habitat loss and invasion of foreign species (“**invasives**”).
- FIRA advocates for:
 - Vigorous public education campaign
 - Grants for county and communities to treat their open spaces
 - Needed legislation at state level
 - Nurseries promoting native plants
 - And more
- firaadvocacy.com

Renewing Our Neighborhood Watch Signs

- Visual deterrents: The signs notify potential criminals that the community is vigilant.
- Neighborhood Watch Program in three parts:
 - Residents alert to suspicious activity
 - Secure home sites
 - Property identification measures
- Next NW training (1 hour): Thursday, 21 May, Mason FCPD Station



Register Your Doorbell Camera with FCPD

Help Keep Fairfax County Safe

Connect Fairfax County is a new public safety program enabling the people of Fairfax County to help keep their community safe.

Your participation will greatly enhance emergency preparedness by enabling police, fire, and public safety professionals to better assess and rapidly respond to criminal activity and emergency situations. It will also enable investigators to easily gather evidence in case of an incident.

LEVEL 1: Register Your Cameras

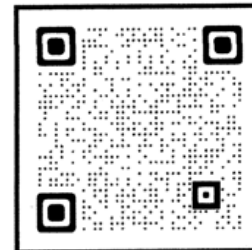
Let's work together to fight crime! Register your security cameras with Connect Fairfax County today to help identify area cameras in case of an incident. An investigator from the Fairfax County Police Department will contact you via email if they need your assistance solving a crime near you.

Camera registration takes less than one minute via our secure online portal. Registering your cameras does not allow the Fairfax County Police Department access to your live video stream - it only enables investigators to know a camera is present at your location and easily request video evidence should an incident occur.

LEVEL 2: Integrate Your Cameras

Businesses and residents can take community security one step further by giving the Fairfax County Police Department direct access to your camera feed in case of a nearby emergency.

All you need is a small CORE device that you plug into your camera system.



**TO GET STARTED SCAN HERE
OR VISIT:
<https://connectfairfaxcounty.org/>**

Website Update

Launching Today!

hrvca.org

- Calendar for events
 - National Night Out, Meetings, etc
- Resources for the neighborhood
 - Schools, Parks, Public Safety, Utilities
- Contact Form for reaching out to the Board
 - Questions or comments are always welcome
- Past meeting details coming next
 - Continuing our efforts to communicate to the neighborhood



Since you live here, you are invited to join this hyper-local Facebook group!

This group is for the **residents of the Holmes Run Valley neighborhood.**

The mission is to meet neighbors, build community, share information on local events, give help or ask for help and just generally be social!

We aim to keep posts friendly and positive in the spirit of building a safe, helpful and welcoming community for all residents.

We hope you join (and tell your neighbors, too)!

SPRING

*Meet Up
& Playdate*

Saturday, May 16 | 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Cookies & Company

Rose Lane Park Playground

Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association

H R V C A

Since 1974



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE



Get Involved

There has been interest expressed in having a Neighborhood Picnic, but a great party takes a village (or at least a few organized neighbors).

We're looking for a few folks to join our "Picnic Planning Committee" to help get this event from concept to celebration!

EMAIL GILLIAN: GMGINTER@GMAIL.COM

How You Can Help

You don't need a huge time commitment; we just need a hand with:

- **Logistics & Setup:** Mapping out the location and time, as well as helping with set up/take down.
- **The Food Crew:** Coordinating a menu and managing the potluck sign-up list.
- **Games & Fun:** Organizing some low-stress activities for the kids (and the young at heart).
- **The Hype Team:** Helping spread the word and ensuring everyone feels welcome :)

Westcott Power Substation Upgrade (In stream valley at Rose & Slade Run)



Completion expected 1st Qtr 2028

Questions: natalia.giraud@dominionenergy.com

Casino Bill Vetoed!!

- Gov. Spanberger vetoed SB 756 on 9 April noting that:
 - Bill violates local autonomy re proposing casino development.
 - Fairfax BoS and overwhelming majority of Fairfax County General Assembly members opposed the bill.
- Bill would have:
 - Allowed Board of Supervisors to call referendum on development of casino in Tysons.
 - Split casino revenue 70% state, 30% county.
- Bill sponsored by Sen. Scott Surovell (Mt. Vernon)
 - Surovell promised to try again.
- Sen. Dave Marsden (Burke) proposed similar bills in 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- A few supervisors reportedly called for the veto:
 - Walter Alcorn (Hunter Mill)
 - Jimmy Bierman (Dranesville)
 - Dalia Palchik (Providence)
 - Jeff McKay (BoS Chairman)