

HRVCA Spring Meeting Agenda

1 May 2024

- Introductions and Agenda
- Treasurer's Report – Mike Paup
- Crime Report – Jim Robinson
- Concerns re Casino at Tysons – Sally Horn
- Advancing Community – Jacke Zeiher
- New Holmes Run Valley Facebook – Tina Kamalanathan
- Status of Power Station Upgrade – Tricia Beecher
- 13 April MEGA Stream Valley Clean UP – Debbie Rosse
- Status of County Vacuum Leaf Collection Service
- National Night Out – Opportunity to Meet Neighbors
- **Question: Any Additional Topic to Discuss This Evening?**

NO FAIRFAX CASINO

TAKE ACTION

The Problem

Comstock Companies and Clemente Development Company are seeking to build a casino in Fairfax County that is unwelcome and unwanted



- ❖ In January, Sen. Dave Marsden (Burke) introduced state legislation to build a casino in Fairfax County
- ❖ In February, VA Senate Finance & Appropriations Committee voted to continue the legislation to 2025 and recommended a study regarding impacts
- ❖ Marsden has vowed to reintroduce legislation in January 2025

Why Does It Matter?

A casino will hurt local businesses, increase gridlock and public safety problems, lower property values, and encourage risky behaviors, while forever changing the character of our community

Casinos:

- ✓ Cannibalize local businesses, resulting in job loss at other entertainment, food, and retail venues
- ✓ Lead to increased crime: human trafficking, armed assault, burglary and more
- ✓ Decrease home property values
- ✓ Encourage gambling addiction, bankruptcy, drinking and driving
- ✓ Increase traffic congestion and adversely impact neighborhood streets due to cut-through traffic
- ✓ Deter large corporations from locating nearby as they don't want a presence near a casino – image, safety, surveillance, temptations



What Needs to Happen?

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Virginia State legislature should publicly oppose casino development given the overwhelming opposition.



Call to Action

1. Join us!

- ❖ Join the 'NoFairfaxCasino' private Facebook group
- ❖ Invite your friends and neighbors to join

2. Get involved

- ❖ Write letters to your Virginia State Senator and Delegate, your Fairfax County Supervisor, and the Chair of the Supervisors (Jeff McKay)
- ❖ Help at outreach events like summer festivals, farmers' markets, etc.
- ❖ Attend and speak at Town Halls hosted by elected officials

3. Be ready to quickly activate at key times

- ❖ Attend BoS meetings at the Government Center
- ❖ Speak at BoS meetings

4. Put up a yard sign

5. Talk to your friends, neighbors, and local businesses

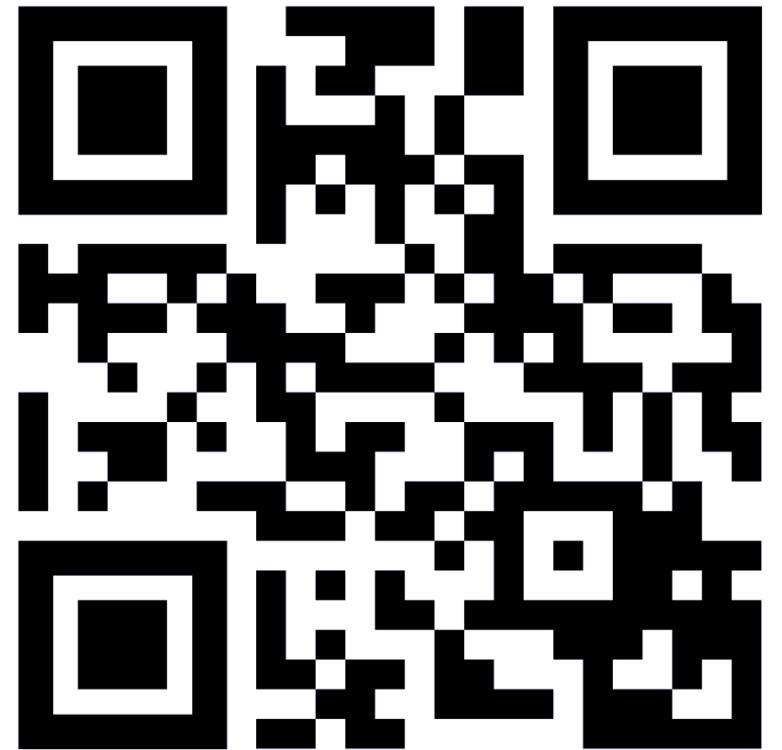
Where to Find Us

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For General Assembly legislators outside our neighborhood:
<https://whosmy.virginiageneralassembly.gov>

Advancing Our Sense of Community - Belonging

- Neighborhood wide events – all 630 families are welcome
 - HRVCA semi-annual membership meetings
 - Spring stream valley cleanup
 - Summer National Night Out gathering with FCPD and first responders
- Many streets sponsor gatherings: cookouts, fireworks, picnics, etc.
- Responses to our fall-meeting request for potential neighborhood activities included providing a place where we can find services such as babysitting, pet sitting, tool lending, lawn mowing, mulching, firewood stacking, and help moving a piece of furniture or two.
- Neighbors also recommended a place to find fellow walkers, and holiday fun like pumpkin carving, cookie making, sharing recipes....
- Now a new Holmes Run Valley Neighbors Facebook page

Holmes Run Valley Neighbors

A PLACE FOR COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

— FALLS CHURCH, VA —

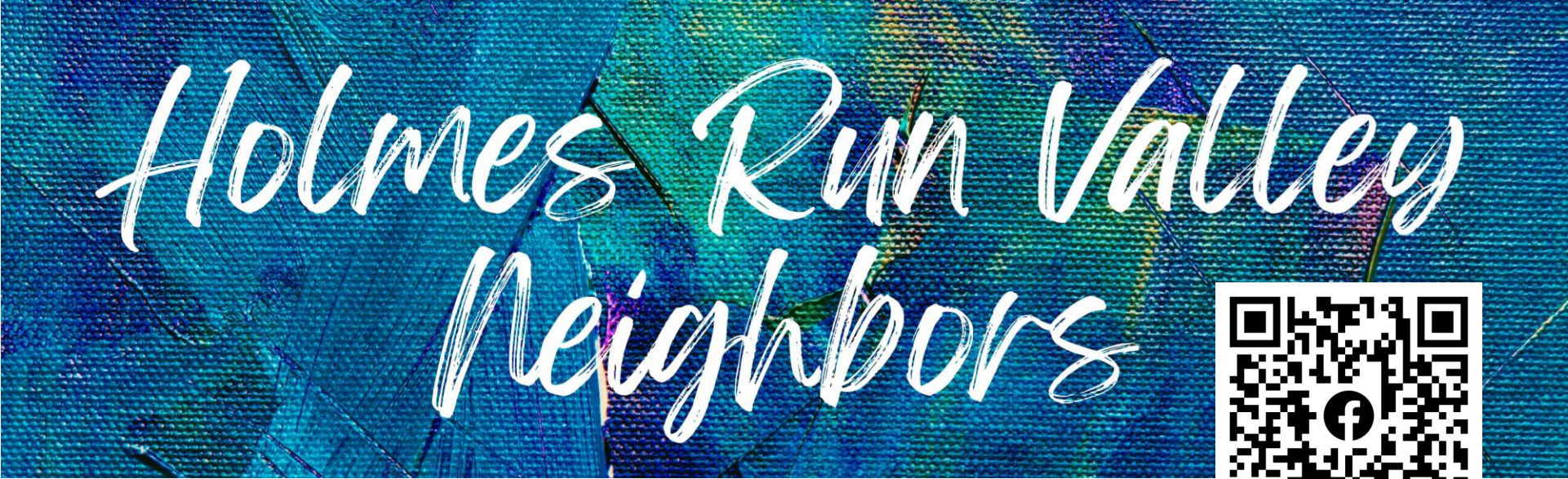


Since you live here, you are invited to join this hyper-local Facebook group!

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)!



Group Boundaries

This group specifically includes the area of Falls Church that extends south of Annandale Road, between Slade Run Drive and Sleepy Hollow Road, all the way down to the Holmes Run stream park/area.

The western side of the community boundary includes Princess Anne Lane, Rolfs Road, Nicholson Road, Kennedy Lane, Van Winkle Drive, Tansey Drive and Valley Brook Drive (and adjacent streets Hawthorne Lane, Wraywood Place and Horseman Lane).

The eastern community boundary includes Vagabond Drive, Roundtree Road, Ted Drive and Mildred Drive (and adjacent streets (Slade Court and Siesta Drive south of Vagabond Drive).

Holmes Run Valley Neighbors



Group Rules

The purpose of this group is to build community, ask/give help, share tips/recommendations, be neighborly and get to know one another better!

This is NOT a platform for neighbor complaints, disparaging remarks, political or religious discussion (non-partisan voting dates and location info is OK), or sharing others' private information.

We take the safety of our residents very seriously and you will be asked for your home address ONLY to verify you are a resident. Violating these rules will result in removal from this group.



Holmes Run Valley Neighbors



Group Admins

- Gillian, Rachel, & Tina

Need Help?

Tina Kamalanathan
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Socialize Online & IRL!

- Block Parties
- Book Clubs
- Food Trains
- New Baby Arrivals
- Welcome Wagon

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Join Now

Scan the QR code with
your phone's camera



Westcott Power Station Update

Substation Expansion



April 13 MEGA Stream Valley Clean Up









Status of County's Vacuum Leaf Collection Service

- July 2023: DPWES proposed to discontinue service after 2022-2023 season
- Oct 2023: In response to online survey results, DPWES temporarily extended service thru 2025-26 season
- DPWES concerns: Collection:
 - Not necessary to maintain healthy trees
 - Has negative environmental impacts
 - Detracts from county's core trash collection service
 - Creates public safety challenges
- More to follow.....



National Night Out - August 6

- Annual community-building event promoting police-community partnership and neighborhood spirit.
- Celebrated nationwide and sponsored by police and neighborhood watch assoc.
- An ice cream social with music.
- Police, and first responders on-site to meet and greet.
- Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church, 3435 Sleepy Hollow Road, Tues, Aug 6, 6-8 PM.

