



Hollybrooke Newsletter

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The Annual Neighborhood Halloween Block Party will be held at 6pm on Halloween (10/31) at Moravia Court. In years past, this has been a parade but we are changing things up slightly to enjoy costumes, candy, and community!

If you would like to host a table or have questions/concerns, please email Denise Usher (denisedmon@gmail.com) and/or fill out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/n2CrvXvv3yv6VPdHA> (will be linked on website under Community News).

The event will be held rain or shine. We look forward to seeing you there!



Due to unforeseen weather-related expenses in 2025, there will be no single family home curbside leaf pickup this year. Further, due to planned budget commitments for landscape maintenance, there will be no leaf pickup in 2026. The board will revisit this community service in the future.



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Join the Email Alert List!!

200 of your neighbors already have joined!

Hollybrooke Email List and Web Site

All HOA members are encouraged to join the email list. This list is used occasionally to provide notifications of Hollybrooke events and neighborhood watch alerts.

**To sign up, send an email to:
hoa@hollybrookehoa.org**

To see the latest community information go to the community website –

www.hollybrookehoa.org

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held periodically during the year at the residence of a Board member. Meetings are open to all homeowners and you are encouraged to attend. All meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. Call a Board member or check www.hollybrookehoa.org to confirm times, dates, and locations.

***** Meetings are currently being held virtually**

**Send an email to hoa@hollybrookehoa.org
to request a Zoom invite.**

**Upcoming board meetings – Tuesday November 11 –
Annual Community Meeting**

Future meetings will be announced via email and on the community website.

Questions? Concerns?

Come to the next Board meeting!

**Please join the community Facebook page at
Derwood Station South HOA**



**This is your neighborhood
newsletter. Please send any
ideas, articles or comments to:
hoa@hollybrookehoa.org**

A Note from Dave Minier - DSS HOA Board President

Crisp fall like weather has arrived! Greetings to the Hollybrooke community, in particular, I wish to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors.

2025 continues to fly by:

- The Derwood Station HOA's combined Ice Cream Social was a sweet event. Gathers enjoyed treats, face painting and games. Many thanks to DS2 for tot lot area use and leading the project with expense support from DS1 and our HOA.
- What successful annual event is upon us: Our Halloween "Children's Costume Party and Parade!"
- Budget season is upon us: A reminder the community wide fall leaf collection will not occur this year – Due to landscape maintenance the 2026 budget will not include the service as well
- Changes to the voting process will take effect in 2026 by law. The board will work with MTM, our management company, to meet the upcoming requirements prior to member voting next year
- Please check out the Community News page for the Board meeting minutes and AERC page for guidance on home improvements at www.hollybrookehoa.org
- Please add your email to the community list-service; benefits include periodic notices, holiday trash pick changes and other communications from your board of directors or MTM our management company

As I have done in the past, I'm including a few general items of interest including community reminders:

1) The Board Directors:

- a) As a reminder, we are a self-managed HOA with a Board of Directors elected by the membership. In addition to the community board our neighborhood is supported by MTM, a property/association management company.
- b) Periodically we need members to serve on the Standing Committees and it is challenging to find new Board members. I ask each of you to consider whether you might be able to serve in some capacity. Please contact me or any Board member if you have questions about how you can help.

2) The Board currently holds periodic meetings on an as needed basis. The sessions are virtual, and we invite/encourage homeowners to attend. Time is allowed at the end of each meeting for comments. To attend, request the link via email to hoa@hollybrookehoa.org

3) Landscaping & Property Maintenance:

- a) Please seek HOA advice and approval for your maintenance and landscaping plans. The Architectural & Environmental Review Committee (AERC) Guidelines and application are available on our website listed above via the left banner under AERC and Maps link.
- b) If you rent your property, I encourage you to review your current landscaping with an eye toward removing, or at least minimizing, your landscape maintenance requirements.

4) Landscaping in the Common Areas:

- a) The landscaping service that maintains our Common Areas is supervised by the Board of Directors with support of MTM. If you have concerns or questions about work being done in the Common Areas, please contact me directly at 301-340-7537
- b) Homeowners should not plant in the Common Areas.
- c) Dumping of refuse and plant waste into the Common Areas is not allowed.

5) Pets:

- a) Most pet owners pick up their pet waste when walking their dogs; unfortunately, there have been exceptions. Please pick up your pet waste. Pet waste stations are in place along Indianola Drive near Monona Terrace and Bettendorf Drive.
- b) Out of respect for the laws and for the welfare of all, please observe the Montgomery County leash requirements.

Here's to a safe, wonderful season,

Dave Minier, Hollybrooke - DSS HOA president - podssouth5524@gmail.com



For neighbors who haven't already heard, my husband, Dan Markley, died on Monday, September 1st at the National Military Medical Center Bethesda following a month-long hospitalization for blood/bone cancer. Thatcher and I wish to thank all our friends and neighbors who have been so kind to us during this very difficult time. Your thoughts, good wishes, cards, calls, packages, food, treats, flowers, dog walks and support have proved to be invaluable. As original owners, we are so pleased to have watched our community grow, through the last 27+ years, to be so accepting, friendly and supportive. Thatcher and I are staying put and you will continue to see us walking throughout the community. At Dan's request, we will be hosting an Irish Wake for him on Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2025, from 1:00-4:00 pm at our home, 15505 Grinnell Terrace. All are welcome to join us for an afternoon to celebrate Dan's life, share some food and drink, meet and greet neighbors and remember those good times we have had here in Hollybrook. Please join us.

As a result of this experience and because of my lifelong work in end-of-life planning, I plan on offering some open programs to the community in the Spring. Death has become almost a "four letter" word these days, yet we will all die at some point as will our friends and family members so we should be prepared. Studies have shown that the best way to be prepared is to talk about it and plan ahead when we are healthy and well. Putting it off only increases people's anxiety and introduces challenges that are not necessary. When you see me around the community, feel free to ask me about it and we can begin the discussions now, in preparation for further discussions in the Spring. I have also added my email address below so feel free to communicate with me in the meantime. You will find that I am most passionate about preparing for the inevitable, and now that I too have experienced it personally, I feel even more compelled to help others. I will provide further information with dates and times in the Spring newsletter.

Thanks,

Jane and Thatcher Markley (mjanemarkley@comcast.net)

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Important County Phone Numbers

Emergencies (Fire/Rescue, Police)	911
Fire Non-Emergency	240-777-2400
Police Non-Emergency	301-279-8000
American Red Cross	301-588-2515
Center for Disease Control – Emergency Preparedness	888-246-2675
Comcast Customer Service	800-COMCAST
County 24-hour Crisis Center	240-777-4000
County Abandoned Vehicle Section	301-840-2454
County Bioterrorism Hotline	240-777-4200
County Community Services Division	240-840-2690
County Solid Waste	240-777-6410
County Department of Public Works and Transportation Call about: ▪ Potholes ▪ Maintenance of Trees in the County Right-of-Way ▪ Storm Drainage Operation & Maintenance ▪ Snow Removal/Ice Treatment	240-777-ROAD (7623)
County Executive Offices	240-777-2500
County Hazmat Hotline (24-hour number)	240-777-2341
County Housing and Community Affairs	240-777-3680
County Information and Referral Office	240-777-1000
County Office of Emergency Management (8:30 - 4:30 PM)	240-777-2300
Maryland State Police	301-424-2101
METRO Customer information [www.wmata.com]	202-637-7000
National Capital Poison Center	202-625-3333
National Poison Center	800-222-1222
PEPCO to Report Downed Wires	202-872-3432
PEPCO to Report Outages	877-737-2662
Street Light Repairs or Malfunction	311
Verizon (Telephone repair)	800-483-4000
Washington Gas	1-800-752-7520
WSSC (Maintenance)	1-800-828-6439 (x4002)

To send an email to a board member, please send it to hoa@hollybrookehoa.org

Please remember that the HOA Board and the AERC are not the neighborhood police force. If you have an issue with a neighbor, please talk to your neighbor about it. Thank you.



From the AERC Committee

The Architectural and Environmental Review Committee (AERC) is tasked with the responsibility of reviewing (as our name implies) applications from homeowners who wish to make material changes in construction such as fences and house finishes. It is the Committee's job to facilitate the homeowners' plans, while being mindful of maintaining the standards set out in the Homeowner's Covenants which help give our community a unified and appealing appearance.

Notes on Submitting an AERC Application

Please review the AERC Guidelines on the Hollybrooke web site (www.hollybrookehoa.org) before submitting an application. It is very important that all aspects of the project are outlined. This includes design drawings, color samples, location, and relevant brochures. The application **MUST** be typed or printed.

Please submit your application **WELL** before you want to begin the project. There are currently seven members of the committee and it requires some time for all of them to review your application. It is not necessary to call MTM or AERC members to check on your application. Applications are normally turned around in 1 week.

If you have any questions about any of the guidelines, or the application process, contact any member of the AERC listed below

AERC Members

Sally Hausman (chair)	15512 Grinnell Terrace	240-314-0528	sally.hausman@verizon.net
Paula Bawer	7210 Bettendorf Court	301-758-5076	bawercook1@verizon.net
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Jim Daniel	15617 Gold Ring Way	301-557-0425	jywilon@yahoo.com
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Carrie Jany	7228 Grinnell Dr.		carolinehopper@gmail.com
Dan Sushinsky	7309 Grinnell Dr.		dsushi@gmail.com

Applications received between June 2025 and October 2025

7228 Grinnell Dr.	Tree removal and yard grading	Approved
15625 Gold Ring Way	New roof, gutters	Approved
15517 Moravia Ct.	New Deck	Approved
7233 Wapello Dr.	New windows	Approved
15400 Indianola Dr.	New Mailbox	Approved
15521 Grinnell Terrace	New windows	Approved
7209 Dubuque Ct.	New roof, gutters	Approved
7213 Wapello Dr.	New roof	Approved

The Architectural and Environmental Review Committee (AERC) is looking for members. If you are interested in serving or finding out more about the committee's responsibilities, please contact the Chairperson at
hoa@hollybrookehoa.org

Just a reminder - If you pay your HOA fees via autopay, please make sure you are paying the correct fee amount.

Gude Landfill Update

Here is the latest update for the Gude Landfill project from Jamie Foster, Senior Engineer at the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection:

All remediation construction activities are completed. The passive reuse amenity installation is currently underway. The passive recreational park should be opened for public access in the Spring 2026.

All the Derwood HOAs will be invited to the ribbon cutting ceremony once we are able to finalize ceremony logistics and details.

Some Things to Think About...

After the leaves have fallen, it's a good time to have your roof gutters cleaned before winter sets in. You don't want the possibility of an ice dam forming. That could cause major damage.

In addition, please make sure the gutters along the curb are clear of leaves so that water can flow freely to the storm drains.

Please inspect the exterior of your house for mold and mildew. If you notice it, please consider getting your house powerwashed.

Information from WSSC about the water main replacement

The water main replacement on Titonka Way and part of Oskaloosa is starting now and should be completed by the beginning of November. The roads will have a temporary patch with final paving taking place in the spring.

Below is information in regards to the rest of Derwood Station.

The service lines to the houses will not be replaced, because they are made of a different material.

There will be additional community meetings with WSSC, as the project draws near.

Estimated Design Schedule



October 2025
Anticipated Design Start

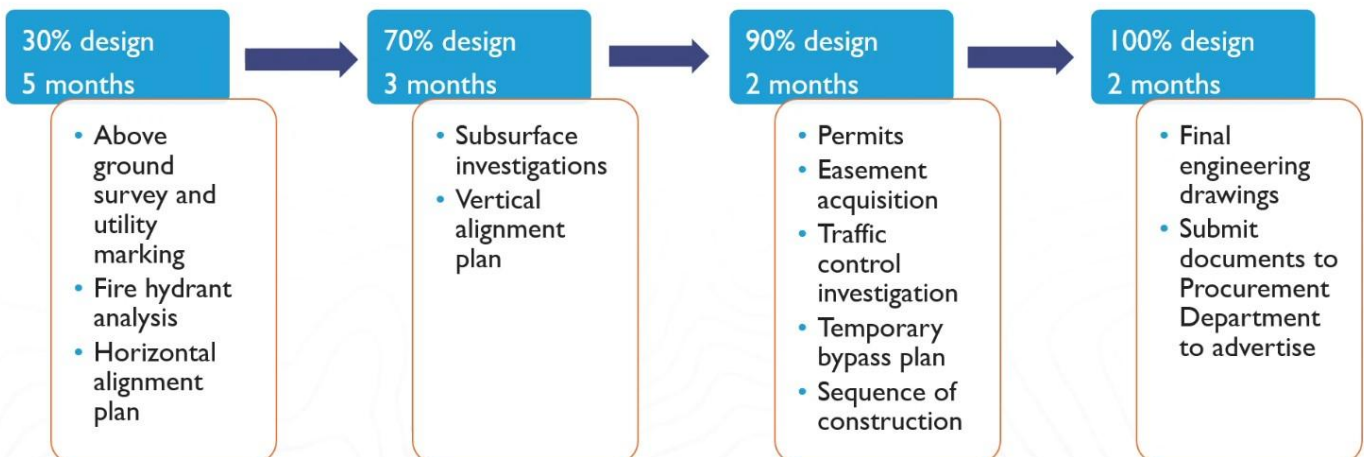


November 2026
Estimated Design
Completion

Estimated Construction Start: September 2027

*Design schedule is estimated and permit dependent
Construction schedule is estimated and weather dependent*

Design Stages



Did You Know.....

Wat Bowie and The Battle of Rickett's Run

From the Montgomeryghosts Website



Shady Grove Metro Station

If an armed posse of Quakers seems a contradiction, then you have to hear the story of the Battle of Rickett's Run.

When Dorothy and I were interviewed for the *Gazette* article, the reporter asked if any of the stories could have been a book all on its own. Of course, we thought of stories that told a good tale, those with more history. Now that I consider it, I think he might have meant stories with more haunting (you just can't take the history out of an historian). One that I think is tailor made to become an adventure story is the Battle of Rickett's Run. (Of course, in Montgomery County the term "battle," is misleading. While we were the site of a number of small skirmishes, the closest thing to an actual battle was the Battle at Ft. Stevens, on the district line.)



Walter "Wat" Bowie

But I digress...So why do I have an image of the METRO Station at Shady Grove? This station was built over Rickett's Run (a "run" is another name for a creek). It is here that Wat Bowie is said to walk, still perplexed at the events surrounding his death on October 7, 1864. And we are back to that odd posse of armed Quakers.

After an ill-planned attempt to kidnap the governor of Maryland, Bowie and his cohorts took a detour through Sandy Spring on their way to Poolesville. Thinking that a bunch of Quakers would do little to stop them, they decided to take a little time and loot Alpin Gilpin's general store. How wrong they were! Gilpin, along with his friends and family went after the gang.

Catching up with Bowie, at the site of the Shady Grove METRO Station, the posse shot. but against experienced soldiers they broke and ran. The Confederates were too surprised by the Quakers to fight back effectively. When the smoke cleared, the only casualties were Bowie and a horse. To paraphrase the *Annals of Sandy Spring*, truth is stranger than fiction.

Derwood Experimental Laboratory

Carnegie Institution of Washington Department of Terrestrial Magnetism

Two years after the Carnegie Institution of Washington was formed in 1902, Louis Bauer, a scientist studying the Earth's magnetic field, was selected by the board of trustees to form the Department of Terrestrial Magnetism. Bauer was a man with big ambitions: he wanted to map the geomagnetic field of the entire Earth. Under his direction, observers made worldwide expeditions to gather magnetic field data, trekking through some of the remotest regions of the planet.

The department also commissioned a ship, the Carnegie, fashioned primarily of nonmagnetic parts, to map the oceans' magnetic fields. The department managed a worldwide network of stations to monitor the condition of the ionosphere that allowed accurate prediction of the propagation of shortwave radio communications, an advance that was to become vitally important during World War II.

In 1947 Derwood Field Station established for ionospheric, cosmic-ray, and (later) radioastronomy work.

In 1960 an 18-meter radio astronomy dish installed at Derwood.



In 1964-65, a larger 30- meter radioastronomy dish was installed.

In 1971, the Carnegie Institution decommissioned the telescope and donated the dish to the State University of New York in Albany.

The Derwood Experimental Laboratory was located near what is now Ottenbrook Terrace and Carnegie Avenue.

