



Hollybrooke Newsletter

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The Annual Halloween Parade will be held at 5:30 pm on Halloween (Tuesday, 10/31) at Moravia Court.

Feel free to set up your own table with games, candy, or toys on the parade route. Or just come out to see your neighbors and enjoy the costumes!

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



There is a neighborhood-wide leaf collection scheduled this fall for the weeks of November 20 & December 18.

One leaf pile per house, placed curbside will be picked up. Piles with yard debris, grass clippings, prunings and branches will not be removed.

Please don't place your leaves into a pile until the weekend before the scheduled pickup.



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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.hoa@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 21
Future meetings will be announced via email and on the community website.

**Questions? Concerns?
Come to the next Board meeting!**

Join the Email Alert List!!

150 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

**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

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

2023 continues to fly by:

- Thank you for voting in the recent board of directors election – your participation is appreciated.
- Our community wide fall leaf collection occurs once in November and once in December
- Our combined HOA “Pumpkin painted event” planned for October is another great outing for families to reunite with neighbors.
- The new Hollybrooke – DSS HOA website is active. Please check out the information and AERC section at www.hollybrookehoa.org

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

1) The Board of 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. Meeting dates are announced on the community website. To attend, send an email to hoa@hollybrookehoa.org requesting the link.

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

 **Notes From Neighbors** 

I walk my dogs around the neighborhood and I've noticed a few things besides trash that I would love to have addressed by homeowners.

1. On trash and recycle days it would be extremely responsible and helpful for owners to look around the area where their cans are and pick up trash or garbage, especially if there is broken glass or metal that the recyclers have allowed to go to the ground. It is dangerous to be walking and see glass shards. And I think it's the homeowner's responsibility to sweep it up.

2. When homeowners employ contractors to do work at their house, the contractors typically leave screws and nails and pieces of wood around where they have the truck or they're doing the work and nobody picks it up. I have now had two different situations where homeowners on my street had work done, and the contractors did not pick up screws or nails which I have done when I walk by. Please get this out to the community because I think it's something easy to do and would make a big difference.

From a neighbor on Grinnell Dr - I just wrote a lengthy email describing a disturbing and distressing experience I have had with Boy Scouts (apparently working with or on behest of the park police) dumping somebody's disgusting sofa plus some rods on my front lawn — apparently for pickup at some time. The trash was not in the park behind my house so why dump it on my property. Can a notice be placed in the next issue of the newsletter that dumping trash (bulk or otherwise) in the park and then moving it onto an unsuspecting owner's property is just not ok? I also noticed a water bottle tossed under a bush behind my house and damaged ornamental bush branches which must have happened while they were lugging the sofa onto my property.

Attention Pet Owners

This is from the Montgomery County Animal Services website, Montgomery County Animal Services & Adoption Center (montgomerycountymd.gov):

“By law, dogs and cats over 4 months of age must wear current rabies and pet license tags. It can save your pet's life. An immediately visible license tag on your pet's collar is the fastest way to be reunited with your lost pet and is only issued with proof of regular vaccination against the deadly rabies virus. The rabies tag issued by your veterinarian is *not* your county license.”

You can consult the website for free rabies vaccine clinics offered by the county.

Board Contact Information

<p>Dave Minier - '25 President 15524 Indianola Dr. 240-912-6877</p>
<p>George Wolohojian '25 Treasurer 15448 Indianola Dr. H 301-738-7148</p>
<p>Eli Nadel, '24 Secretary Communications and Newsletter 15512 Grinnell Terrace H 240-314-0528</p>
<p>Sharon Rifkin '24 6 Grinnell Ct H 301-512-5105</p>
<p>Jim Griffin '25 15525 Villisca Terrace 301-424-0306</p>
<p>Sabrina Delgado Arias '25 7218 Bettendorf Ct</p>
<p>Jody Eccleston '25 7205 Wapello Dr H 301-762-8908</p>
<p>Jonathan Tubman '24 7128 Grinnell Dr. 954-804-8230</p>
<p>Denise Usher '24 7119 Grinnell Dr. 240-481-8520</p>

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:	240-777-ROAD (7623)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Potholes ▪ Maintenance of Trees in the County Right-of-Way ▪ Storm Drainage Operation & Maintenance ▪ Snow Removal/Ice Treatment 	
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	240-217-2190
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 five 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 1/2 to 2 weeks.

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
Martin Benavides	7304 Gold Ring Terrace	301-424-0306	martin_benavides@hotmail.com
Jim Daniel	15617 Gold Ring Way	301-557-0425	jywilon@yahoo.com
Gary Strand	7204 Grinnell Dr.	301-340-7731	grstrand@sgb.com

Applications received between June 2023 and October 2023

7329 Gold Ring Terrace	New Fence	Approved
7329 Gold Ring Terrace	Installation of Solar Panels	Approved
15520 Grinnell Terrace	Installation of Concrete Pad	Approved
1517 Gold Ring Way	New Roof	Approved
7100 Grinnell Dr.	Installation of Solar Panels	Approved
15524 Indianola Dr.	New Driveway	Approved
15533 Grinnell Terrace	New Deck	Approved
7434 Monona Terrace	New Windows	Approved
7239 Grinnell Dr.	Installation of Flagstone Walk	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@hollybrookhoa.org

Did you know that there are multiple ways to pay your HOA fees?

This information is available on the community website at www.hollybrookehoa.org under the more/management company tab.

Check:

Check, money order or bank draft payable to: Derwood Station South

Send along with coupon to:

Derwood Station South
c/o MTM Management
#460, P.O. Box 1457
Commerce, Ga 30529.

No Cash payments accepted.

If you are using online bill pay from your bank, please include your account number in the memo field.

Online:

Register and pay online at www.mtm.cinweb.com

You can pay by e-check or credit card

There is a 3.25% processing fee for any credit card payment

There is no processing fee if you pay by e-check

Use your account number (on billing statement) and follow the directions

ACH (Direct Debit):

You can download and print the ACH form from the community website at www.hollybrookehoa.org under the more/management company tab.

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. Phases I and II are closest to Derwood Station:

- Phase I and II– MDE inspection completed and subgrade approved for liner. Geosynthetic liner is currently being installed

After the geosynthetic liner is installed, the next step is to install the vegetative support soil for the passive reuse amenities. The construction activities for Phases I and II near Derwood Station should be completed by the end of the year. The construction activities for the remaining Phases III-VII should be completed within the next two years. All construction activities for the landfill cap are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2025. The passive reuse amenity installation will begin immediately after MDE issues the final acceptance and approval for the landfill cap construction. Hopefully, the entire project will be completed and open for public access by the fall of 2026.

Liner being installed



Liner capped with dirt



Did you know where some local street names came from...

Muncaster Saw & Grist Mill 1760s

Joseph Elgar built saw and grist mill on Rock Creek, later known as Muncaster Mill. Muncaster Mill was built in the early 1800s and closed in 1925 due to competition from modern milling practices. It was burned to its foundation in 1935. At one time, as many as 12 other mills operated along Rock Creek but most disappeared before the Civil War. Muncaster Mill was the last mill to operate in what is now Rock Creek Park. During its lifetime, the mill served 30–50 farmers in the area. There were three millstones, each designed for a specific grinding job. One ground unshelled corn for animal feed; one coarsely ground wheat, barley, and oats; and one ground fine flour. For many years, there was also a sawmill, operated by a water turbine. The sawmill foundation was about 75 feet west of the grist mill site. The old miller's house stood on Emory Lane near Muncaster Mill Road.



Veirs Mill

The original Veirs Mill was built by Samuel Clark Veirs sometime after 1838 on the 400 acre farm which Veirs acquired in that year about two miles south of Rockville, on Rock Creek; the farm was part of an original land grant called "Prevention". The sixth mill to be built on Rock Creek, Veirs Mill operated for approximately 80 years. The mill is identified as "Rock Creek Mills" and was located to what is now the intersection of Aspen Hill and Veirs Mill Roads. There are no above-ground remains of the Veirs Mill.



*This information is from Reed Brother's Dodge History 1915-2012

The new community website is live!

**The new, fresh and updated website is hollybrookehoa.org
It replaces derwoodstationhoa.org.**

What's new:

- **The new website was created using a common commercial platform making the site easier to maintain and update.**
- **All email communications will now go to one email address – hoa@hollybrookehoa.org. Please be sure to use an accurate subject line in your email.**
- **Do you want to send an email to the neighborhood via the community listserv? Just send an email to: hoa@hollybrookehoa.org. Be sure to put your complete contact information in the email.**

What's the same:

- **If you're currently signed up for the listserv you don't need to do a thing because your email address has been transferred to the new site.**
- **Use the site to apply to the AERC for maintenance or change requests.**

Action you may consider:

- **Join the community listserv. To do so send an email requesting inclusion to: hoa@hollybrookehoa.org and your email address will be added to the list.**
- **Check out the new website content. Comments and suggestions are welcome.**

Thanks to Nick Radonic for being our webmaster and maintaining our website for many years. Thanks to Denise Usher & Dave Minier for taking the lead in developing the new website.