

The Holmes Runner

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HRACA BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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Upcoming 2016 Meetings

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April 6 - TBD

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Upcoming Issue

Next issue: Spring 2016. The theme for the Spring issue is "Car Talk." Share any car-related story you might have, from a favorite car you or a relative once owned, to that Nascar or Indy race you attended, to that time your car broke down in the most inconvenient of places. What happened, and how did it all end up? We want to hear about it!

Due date for submissions is April 14, 2016.

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TWO MEMORABLE GIFTS

BY ANN JORDAN

Two gifts come to mind at once. A very funny gift from Phil this past Christmas and the emotional one that my mother gave to me when she was dying of lung cancer.

First the funny one:

Does anyone remember the old song “Ain’t No Woman Like the One I’ve Got?” Dave Berry, the humorist, came up with “Ain’t No Woman Like A One-Eyed Got.” The visual that comes to mind was hysterical to us both. Phil thought that this would be a good email address for me when we had to make a change. NO one would have that address but me.

While in Alexandria last October, we looked in on some of the artists and artwork at the Torpedo Factory. One artist in particular, Lisa Shumaier, grabbed our attention. She makes the most creative and funny little sculptures of animals and imaginary things. She was delightful to talk with and her work is unique. You can see her work at www.keenthings.com.



On Christmas Day, I opened a small package from Phil. Inside the tissue was a little sculpture of a "One-Eyed Got" made by Lisa Shumaier – so, so funny. The things Phil comes up with to please me are beyond thoughtful. His humor is one of his greatest gifts to me.

I added the dried hydrangea blossoms for fun.

The second, emotional gift, from my mother:

My mother had been a heavy smoker all of her life. At 80, she was diagnosed with lung cancer and the doctor told her she had about 6 months to live. She turned to me and said, “You see, I beat the odds, and I never wanted to be an old lady anyway.” My father had died 2 years before, and I think she was done. The doctor told me that her time would be more like 4 months, but that you never knew. I sensed this great feeling of relief from her on the way home. She had always been phobic and miserable in any sort of car travel, hated doctor appointments, had stopped swimming – a favorite activity for her – and she missed my father terribly. As we drove home she said, “I want to have Hospice so that I never have to get into another damned car again, go to another doctor appointment, or worry about any hospital stays.” She had become a little agoraphobic over the years and was always happy to get home from any outing.

Mother lived in Arlington, about 8 miles from here, and so I moved in with her for the duration. She decided to have all of the fun that she could. She bought a filet mignon roast, cut it into steaks, and froze them. She had one at least 2-3 times a week. She also continued to smoke and drink to her hearts content, and enjoyed a hot fudge sundae every night. Her friends, some who went way back to when I was an infant, came by to visit with treats. She wanted her last months to be a party.

Every afternoon she closed her bedroom door for a nap. I found out later she was taping “All Creatures Great and Small” for me. Phil and I didn’t have cable at the time, and she knew how

much I loved that series. My mother even then was thinking of me, and giving me gifts. She ordered some wonderful things that came for me that Christmas, about a month after she died. The whole last 4 months of her life she made me think she was happy and content with the situation. We actually had fun, and some wonderful talks. We were always very close. In my teens, I never spoke about my mother in the hateful, hurtful ways I heard my friends talk about their mothers. Many of my best friends would hang out at our house because they liked her so much. She was fun, and gave the best advice, in the most outlandish way, and you could not put anything past her.

In retrospect I realized that she was sheltering me, knowing how devastated I was to be losing her. A generous heart, always, and especially at the end.

p.s. Once she said that the booze opened up the veins and the smoking constricted them, and so she was keeping them exercised.

BABY XAVIER

BY AMANDA PALDAO

You may remember that the theme of the winter Holmes Runner last year was “Children of the Acres.” My husband and I submitted a picture for the issue of our firstborn, our pup, Kairo. When the Runner came in, we took it to my in-laws’ house, to show off Kairo’s big neighborhood debut. When my mother-in-law flipped to the page with Kairo, she burst into tears of joy as another picture fell out of the Runner—our first sonogram. We had just found out that we were expecting our first human child, and we used the Runner to announce the news to my in-laws.

They say good things come to those who wait and, wow, did this little one make us wait! At one point, I looked up the world record for the longest pregnancy, as I was fairly certain I was going to beat it. Nearly two weeks after my due date, on September 23, 2015, we received the greatest gift of our lives, baby Xavier.

As news spread that our baby had arrived, neighbors reached out to show support in so many ways. As new parents who were vacillating between being overwhelmed, overjoyed, sleep-deprived, and madly in love, we were blown away by all of the thoughtfulness. Neighbors dropped off cozy gifts for Xavier—handmade blankets and stuffed animals. Others offered up their skills to help us around the house—meals brought over to help in the early days (and even one meal pre-baby, in an effort to kick-start labor), offers to pick up items from the store, to babysit, and even to help with electrical work. Neighbors brought adorable clothes and books and the always-useful Target gift cards (because: diapers). Some neighbors sent cards and flowers to brighten our day. Others were there with a hug or to share their experience in moments when what we needed was an encouraging word.



We are truly thankful for all of the ways that neighbors showed their support. They say it takes a village. What a gift to be a part of such an incredible one!

THE GIFT OF PHOTOGRAPHS

BY MIA GARDINER

My favorite kind of gift is photographs – receiving photographs of family, of friends, of a place I have been to visit, or even some place I have not been to. For me, photographs are a “gift that keeps on giving.” They bring me joy (and sometimes sadness), beauty, memories, and history. When I read what the topic for this issue of the Holmes Runner was, one of those photographic gifts immediately came to mind.

Our granddaughter, Lyndsea, was on her junior semester abroad program in Switzerland. She wrote to us that she was going to Berlin, Germany, for the weekend. I had an instant image of a photograph from an old family album where I was a baby, sitting on my Grandmother’s lap on a bench in the park near the Berlin Brandenburg Gate. Years later I had found that bench when we were in Berlin – one of those return-to-your-birthplace trips that many immigrants find themselves taking later in life. On a whim, I emailed Lyndsea a copy of the photo and told her where the bench was located. “Just walk under the Brandenburg Gate and follow the path to the left. You will almost immediately get to a curve to the right, and just before that curve is a bench where we think that this photo was taken,” I wrote to her.

When the Holidays came around that year, there was a beautifully wrapped gift for me from Lyndsea. What a gift it was! There in the frame were two photos: one of my grandmother holding a baby (me!) and one of Lyndsea sitting on the same bench. Side by side, the photos are joy, sadness, memories, history – all right there. My granddaughter had found the bench! In spite of the separations that wars bring, and the passing of the years, there still is a continuum, and it is there to see and feel forever in this wonderful gift.



BUDGET-MINDED GIFTS

BY CHRIS VERHOFF

I've always been a planner and a saver when it comes to my personal finances. "Save, save, save" is a phrase that has graced my wife's ears many a time. But this has, at times, forced me to be a little more creative when it comes to gift giving. More often than not, my wife has been on the butt end of that creativity.

Many moons ago, while still in college, I had a gift in mind I had wanted to get for my wife. But it was a little expensive (what with my somewhat meager-paying college job) and so required a stricter budget for several months. This was a gift that I was planning to put under the tree at Christmas. But I had to give more than one gift, so it wasn't obvious that the one gift might be a little "nicer." I had to come up with at least one other gift that didn't cost much (preferably) or was very cheap, since most of my Christmas money was going towards the one.

It took some serious thinking on my part. What could it be? Should I go to the store and get a small item that was pretty much worthless? I didn't like this option, as that was just wasting money. So I had to find something that was free. This took several weeks of thinking. You could even say this would have been a very thoughtful gift, though as you read on you'll probably think otherwise.

With weeks having passed and Christmas coming in a couple days, I was thumbing through the Yellow Pages (the Internet wasn't the go-to that it is now) looking for something when it dawned on me. I quickly grabbed a small piece of cardboard

and some wrapping paper and ran to my room. So with the tape, wrapping paper, small piece of cardboard – and the Yellow Pages – I began to wrap. Yes, stunned (possibly appalled) reader, I was going to give her the Yellow Pages. The cardboard was stuck in the middle to make it a little sturdier, so it wasn't too obvious what the wrapping covered. Not that she was expecting the Yellow Pages, of all things.

Come the big day, I had to tell her that the larger gift was to be opened first, lest she not appreciate the joke. As I watched her open the gift, I didn't get the response I was looking for. It was confusion at first, followed by a look of sadness on her face. I remember feeling a terrible sense of guilt, as this definitely didn't go over like I had planned. I had to quickly tell her to open the other gift. That one, thankfully, more than made up for my gaffe. There were some good laughs had after all the gift opening was over. I guess I didn't put enough thought into the presentation of the book – something like adding a note making it more obvious it was a joke would have been smart. But as Mike Birbiglia says, "I know, I'm in the future also."

Many years later we still occasionally reference that gift. If you think about it, it was actually a great gift, as it's a gift that keeps on giving. And it also probably ties with the worst gift I've given. A few years later, I made a gift out of a half-eaten can of soup. In time, when he is older and can appreciate a good ribbing, our son will be in for a treat!

ON TURNING 90: THE QUEST

Now that I've reached this venerable age,
I'm expected, of course, to be quite sage.

I'm no longer pressured to appear to be young,
Alas! Much worse, each word from my tongue
Must be a pearl, a jewel, a gem,
A memorable infallible stratagem,
Creating unduly unbearable stress,
Wondering which question will someone ask next?

I ignore them all. The one at the peak,
Is the Question of Questions, whose answer all seek,
The answer that I am supposed to provide:
Longevity's Secret? How to stay on This Side??

"To what do you owe your incredible longevity?
Answer us, please, with quotable levity.
In just a few words, brief and concise,
How can we reach your age? We need your advice."

And so I set forth on this Solomon quest:
In ten more years, I might know what to suggest.

Vivian Douglas Smith, 2015



SARAH LAHR'S FINAL GIFT

BY KEITH PETERSON



Photo by Paul Fetters

Some of you might remember Sarah Lahr, formerly of Laurel Court, who passed away in 2011 at the age of 96. Sarah was an original Holmes Run Acres resident. She was a regular contributor to The Runner for decades. She served on the Fairfax County School Board and supported many educational projects, both locally and at the University of Nebraska. Most HRA residents will remember Sarah from her sponsorship of the outdoor classroom at Woodburn Elementary School. It held a special place in her heart.

Sarah had no direct family when she died but did have a large birdhouse collection. Her friends tried unsuccessfully to find a home for the birdhouses but their sheer number made donating them as a single collection impossible; so over 100 birdhouses remained in a friend's basement in Burke. Finally my wife (full disclosure – she is one of the editors of The Runner) got the idea of relocating the houses as Sarah might have wanted...in Holmes Run Acres. Neighbors could donate money for the birdhouses and the proceeds would go to the Woodburn PTA. Sarah's birdhouses would stay in the Acres and her last gift would be to Woodburn Elementary School.

I was skeptical.

But being the good husband I borrowed a truck in December and delivered over 100 birdhouses to our small Holmes Run house where they covered every square inch of our living room...and guest room...and dining room. I looked at the mountain of birdhouses and was worried. "What if no one wants them! I'll be 96 years old and birdhouses will cover every square inch of my house!"



But I shouldn't have worried. My wife's timing [at Christmas] was perfect. She put a birdhouse sale notice on the HRA listserv for the coming weekend. Requests rolled in. People couldn't wait for the weekend. They must come immediately. We were thrilled, shocked really. The first buyers arrived and after a cocktail (maybe two) they walked out with 15 birdhouses! Another buyer returned three times. We couldn't keep them on the shelves and by Friday we were sold out. The weekend sale never took place. Acreites donated over \$1,200

for the Woodburn PTA.

Sarah's final gift. I think she'd be proud.



TIME IS RELATIVE

Longtime HRA resident Vivian Smith crafted this whimsical New Year's card as a way to present her solution to slowing down time: just convert it to Celsius! Created before computers became part of everyday life, the background wallpaper of dates was tapped out number by number, slowly and meticulously, on a typewriter. Says Vivian, "Another reason to be glad you live in the computer age!" Can you figure out what year it was made?

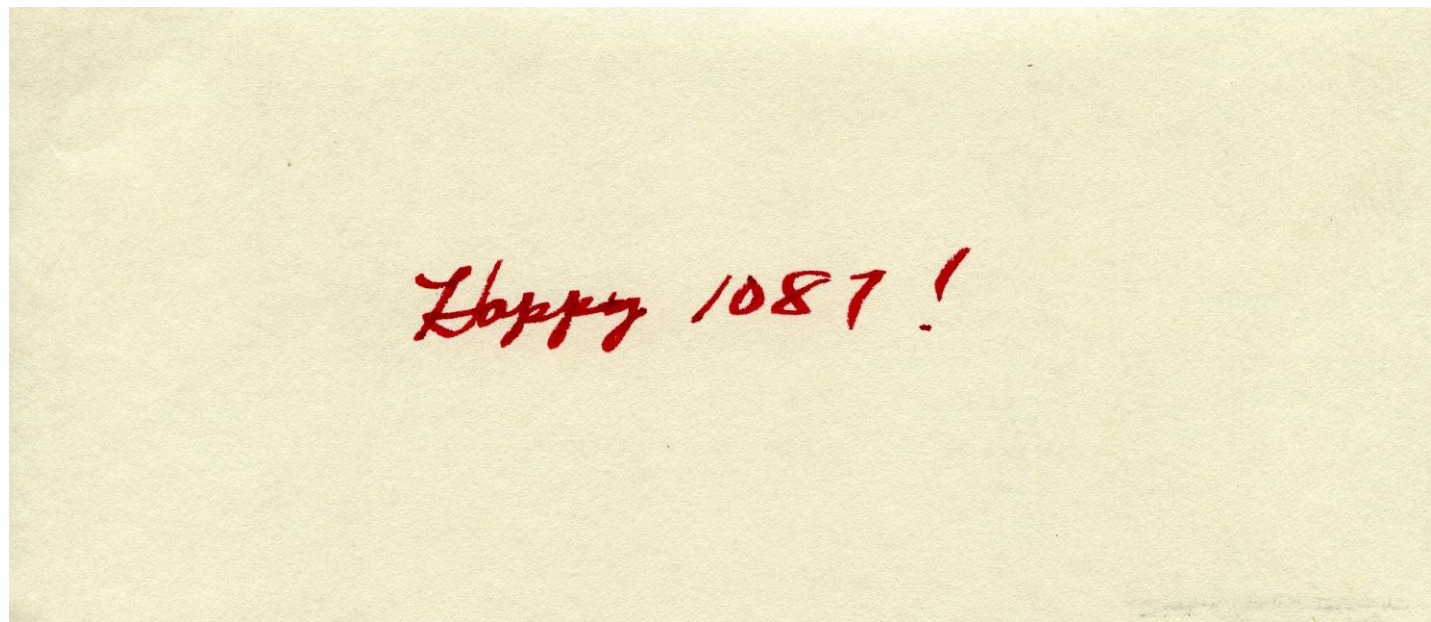
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New Years come and New Years go,
And constant change surrounds us:
Quarts to liters, miles to meters,
The math sometimes confounds us.

How can we use this trend, we asked,
To slow the slipping years?
How can we find some extra time
To rev our rusting gears?

It isn't fair that we not share
The secret as it fell to us;
We pass along some New Year's joy:
Just change all Time to Celsius! →

Subtract 32
Multiply by 5
Divide by 9



*Answer on page 35

DEMOTION FOR SANTA

BY ROBERT BERRY

Mr. LeBlanc was determined that this year the holiday was to be a special time of celebration. This would not be, as in prior years, a repeat of the suffering and calamities experienced before on this very occasion.

His five children, all less than eight years of age, had high hopes of exciting gifts to come. The middle boy Andre, was concerned that Papa Noel would have a problem in negotiating the small chimney vent, as this looked inadequate for someone of substantial girth. Though Christmas was one week away he insisted on leaving his bedroom window open at night to allow easy entrance. He considered it worth the low temperatures since this route would be noted on any pre delivery schedule. Perhaps, for this reason he was currently experiencing symptoms of a heavy cold and the rest of the household were affected with sore throats and runny noses. However he was not to be dissuaded, despite complaints from his younger brother who shared the bedroom.

Mr. LeBlanc was, he alleged, descended directly from one of the Mayflower pilgrims though his ancestral name apparently did not appear on the passenger manifest. However since he was the owner of the largest (and only) bank in town and was physically robust, having been a noted amateur boxer, those who doubted his genealogical background were reluctant to express this in his presence.

When the Christmas tree arrived it was found to be too tall for installation in the dining room. Rather than chopping off top or bottom or even bending it over, it was positioned in the hallway. There were fewer electric power outlets in this area but Mr. L had a solution for this problem, by running a series of cables from other rooms. These ran under the carpets and

were a source of wonder for the dogs who repeatedly tried to dig them up in a quest for buried bones.

Last year's decorative lights no longer functioned as mice had nibbled away at the plastic when they were stored outside in the garden shed. The newly purchased items were of different types, manufactured by skilled craftsmen in Shenzhen and Tampico but not truly compatible.

The master of the house resolved this issue by combining them, stripping of the plastic insulation, twisting the bare wires together and sealing with scotch tape. When power was supplied there was occasional sparking and a slight smell of burning pine needles, more pronounced when the tree was hung with metallic objects. Otherwise the plan was satisfactory in every way.

The children entertained visions of doll houses, bicycles, stuffed toys and ponies though Andre still indicated his concerns regarding access for the large presents on order. In accordance with Dickensian principles Mr. L. provided his employees at the bank with one free turkey each (in lieu of a goose) keeping the two largest for himself. Arrangements were made to allow the cost of the birds to be deducted from the salaries of the recipients, promoted as a voluntary charitable gift for the poor.

Just in case Father Christmas had forgotten to bring a pony Rachel wanted to intercept him in the early morning so that she could reason with him and maybe arrange a part exchange, trading whatever items he had brought for a pony. Since one of her friends had obtained one last Christmas it must be something readily available so a few would be in hand for an emergency like this. For that reason she had deliberately gone to sleep early on

Christmas eve. On the alert downstairs, well before daylight, she detected a strong burning smell from the hallway.

Both front and back doors were wide open, courtesy of Andre, to be on the safe side, and the through draught had encouraged the electrical connections on the tree to start a conflagration. The tree and carpet were both on fire and the hall rapidly filling with smoke.

She summoned her parents and the blaze was swiftly contained. The two buckets of water used triggered an explosion in the kitchen circuit breaker and darkness descended on the group.

The presents that had been under the tree had contributed to the blaze and were dispatched to the trash bin.

There was much lamentation from the children and self-directed anger from the parents well aware that Mr. L's botched electrics had been the real cause. Father was reluctant to admit that it was his fault and placed the blame where it rightly belonged. On his earlier night visit Father Christmas had triggered the fire and that is where the responsibility lay.

The walls, ceiling, fixtures and furniture were coated with a fine coating of soot and

complete redecoration would be required. After concealing all his electric circuitry Mr. L. placed a call to his insurer advising of a substantial claim to come.

For the local farmers and resident households the bank would now be implementing a slight decrease in the interest rate on deposits and an adjustment to future mortgage rates and loans.

As a gesture of goodwill and to reduce the tears father resolved to replace the presents with new identical items. In their relief the children did not enquire how he knew what these had originally been.

In the opinions circulated by the children Papa Noel's prestige suffered a blow after this incident. Future requests were limited to smaller items and there was a lack of confidence that requests would be honored. Doors and windows were closed so the poor fellow would need to struggle with the chimney vent on his future calls.

Reports on his incompetence were quickly circulated to other neighborhood children, who were advised to be careful in their negotiations with Santa.

For the senior LeBlancs this had proved to be a fairly routine Christmas holiday.



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ON SNOW AND GOOD NEIGHBORS

FROM THE HRA LISTSERV — JANUARY 26, 2016

The January 2016 snowstorm hit the DC area, dumped over 2 feet of snow and closed the Fairfax County schools for a week. Caroline Alvarez and Aslan Ettehadieh, new HRA neighbors, graciously organized a volunteer crew to help shovel out neighbors in need. The small but dedicated crew, shoveled around 20 driveways. Thank you Caroline and Aslan for the suggestion and your hard work.

Below you will find two letters written by longtime residents who remind us how lucky we are to live in HRA.



Dear Neighbors,

I have lived in Holmes Run for 50+ years and still have a pretty good memory of snowstorms past! Each and every storm since 1965 has had its own memories. In the beginning (1960s and 70s) when we were in our twenties, it was always great fun to dig ourselves and others out. Then we gathered at someone's home for hot chocolate (or something a little stronger) and organized sledding events on Executive Avenue. It was tremendous fun and those were the days when the snowplows didn't get to us for days! Sometime in the 80s a state senator moved into Holmes Run, and all of a sudden the plows arrived much faster. Nevertheless, we all helped to dig out! There was a minor storm in February of 1995...maybe 6-8 inches...and my husband was in the hospital when it struck. I couldn't do much shoveling and I just needed to be at the hospital with George. That time neighbors with four-wheel drive cars arrived, dug me out, and drove me back and forth to the hospital. With every snow "event" since then, neighbors have come to dig me out, and make sure of my safety.

Here's the incredible part of the story...our neighbors ALWAYS COME! There is something about Holmes Run Acres that is miraculous...a goodness and a kindness that is almost impossible to explain because other people have a hard time believing that such a place and such a spirit exists. But it does, and that's why so many of us who were here in 1965 feel lucky to still be able to live here. This adventure with the "Snowmageddon of Snowmageddons" had my unbelievable neighbors, Jack Underhill, Peter Von Elling and his young sons Caden and Reese, Mitch Toda, and Syl Mathis, all digging me out. It took me a while to even know they were here. They didn't leave until my driveway and walkway were clean down to the pavement. There are not enough "thank you's" in the world.

I wrote an article about my feelings for the Acres and the support I received in 1995 when I needed it the most. My husband and I always looked at new developments and bigger houses...we could always find bigger but we could never ever find better...and never seriously considered moving because there is no place better than Holmes Run. This community, I have always said, must be the prototype for "Brigadoon." Those of us who have lived here forever are quite convinced that there is magic here. Thank you again.

Liz Lawson
Executive Avenue

We moved to the Acres in October of 1963. We bought the Olivolas's house on HRD. The Olivolas moved to the "higher rent" district on Surrey Lane. I can't recall whose house they bought. Back then, practically everybody lived in someone else's house. Since 1972 we have been living in the Darden house. There even was a song about who lived in whose house. Vivian Smith probably could dig it out from the archives. That "track" of "house succession" now has been pretty much lost.

When it snowed, we, and our kids, sledged down Holmes Run Drive on our Flexible Fliers. Some enterprising soul (I think, it may have been Frank Baptista, who, kind of, did not go much for the rules) set up wooden horses across HRD, so no cars could make a turn from Gallows, and undisturbed, we could sled practically all the way to Sycamore. Then the cops got wind of the scheme and made us take the horses down. OK, officer. No harm, no foul.

Back then, there was no leaf pick up in the Fall and it was OK to burn the leaves at the curb. The whole village would be engulfed in low-lying, not very dense smoke for a few days. Just enough to give it some atmosphere. That was another reason for getting together in the driveways with a beer or a cup of hot chocolate.

It took a few days to get a phone connected and the pay-phone booth at the Exxon station on the other side of the Beltway excavation was handy, although it was a bit of a hike. The Beltway was being built, but the two-lane Gallows Road bridge had already been constructed. After we moved in, I took the poorly functioning washing machine out of the kitchen in our single-level house and there were exposed wires dangling where the machine had been. It dawned on me that our one-year-old son would crawl around and get into those wires, so, not being able to call Daiva, I sent a telegram to her from my office in Georgetown. Then we got a phone. Still have the same number.

It would be impossible to count the times that someone in the Acres helped with one thing or another, whether it was tuning those recalcitrant Stromberg carburetors of my 1967 Volvo, lending a needed tool (Dick Stevens had every tool imaginable) or a hand, pitching in every Spring to rebuild the Orville Lee Memorial railroad-tie steps from the parking lot to the pool (Orville was an architect who took charge of building those stairs; we had some 19 architects living in the Acres in those days), and helping one another in innumerable ways. That tradition lives to this day.

Our son, who grew up in the Acres and who has an incredible job and lives in a big house off Coldwater Canyon in Los Angeles, keeps saying that one day he hopes, again, to live in Holmes Run Acres. I can see why.

Arvydas Barzdukas
Hartwell Court



SANTA COMES TO THE ACRES

PHOTOS BY PAUL FETTERS





SNOWZILLA IN THE ACRES



Pablo Paldao



Kevin McGunnigle



Michael Jaworek
No texas holdem poker on the Jaworek back porch till further notice



Jeff Douglass



Keith Peterson



Keith Peterson



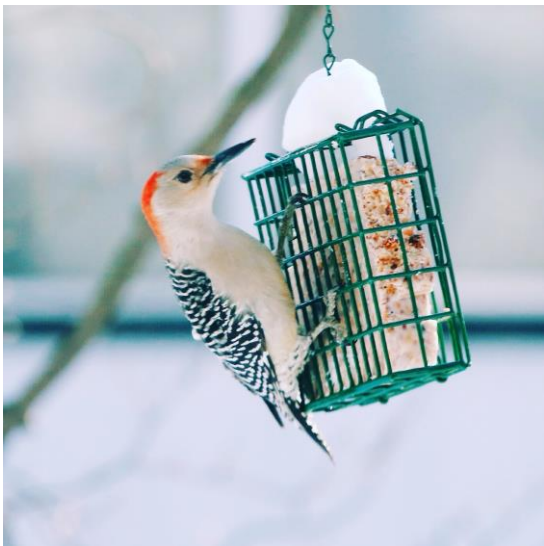
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Caroline Horn



Ann Marie Cunningham



Larry Morris



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Phil Jordan



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Peggy Daley

CHILI FEST 2015

BY EMILY H. GREEN, PHOTOS BY PAUL GILLIS

On Saturday, October 24th, the residents of Friar Tuck Court started a new tradition in the Acres: the first ever Chili Fest. While gathering neighbors to celebrate the fine art of cooking chili through friendly competition, we also used the occasion to say goodbye to a beloved tree on the corner of Friar Tuck and Surrey. We couldn't have been happier with the day: perfect weather, a great and hungry crowd, and a variety of yummy chilis to sample from across the neighborhood. Many kiddies, and some adults, had fun coasting on the wide arc of the tree swing. We had been told that our sick tree and its swing went back several generations in the Acres, and, though we were very sad to see it go a bit later in the fall, we were glad to give it a nice, spicy send-off.

Out of the field of 10 chilis, the awards, by secret ballot of those in attendance, were voted as follows:

Blue Ribbon Prizes:

Best in Show: Leah DeWolf

Awarded a certificate

Deadliest: Karin Sweet

Awarded a certificate

Merit Awards:

Sui Generis: Tom Schultz

Awarded Chilvester the Silly Chili Can

I'm-worried-about-what-will-happen-later: Karin Sweet

Awarded A Roll of Toilet Paper

Event organizers:

Stephen Gorbos, Emily Green, Dave Grimes, Molly Grimes (with a little help from the wee ones: Lev Gorbos and Wes Grimes). A big giant thank you to: Hazel Bellerjeau for her aesthetic sensibilities and help with setup/tear down; the HRARA for use of their tables and chairs; and the various cooks and sous chefs that made for an amazingly delicious day.



Leah DeWolf's recipe: Best in Show

Leah says: My chili recipe was based on Martha Stewart's Texas Red Chili (<http://www.marthastewart.com/315350/texas-red-chili>), but I used a pound each of ground beef and turkey, and a lot of bell peppers from our CSA.

Ingredients:

- 6-8 whole dried chiles (combination of ancho and guajillo or all ancho; about 2 ounces) - I bought mine at Penzey's Spices on Broad Street in Falls Church.
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. ground turkey
- Olive oil or other oil as needed for browning meat and veggies
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 4 to 5 garlic cloves, finely minced
- 3 to 4 green or red bell peppers, finely chopped
- 2 ½ teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 ½ teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 can (28 ounces) whole peeled plum tomatoes, pureed with their juice (3 ½ cups)
- 1 bottle hard apple cider (or beer)
- 2 to 3 teaspoons white vinegar, to taste

Recipe:

- Toast dried chiles in a dry skillet over medium-high heat until fragrant and blistered, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Remove stem and seeds; discard. Transfer chiles to a large measuring cup or bowl, and cover with hot water. Keep chiles submerged with a small bowl, and let soak for 30 minutes. Remove from water, and puree in a blender with ½ cup soaking liquid.
- Heat a large heavy pot over high heat. Add 2 tablespoons oil. Season beef and turkey with 2 ½ teaspoons salt and ½ teaspoon pepper. Brown in batches, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a plate or bowl.
- Add a tablespoon of oil to the pot. Add the onions, garlic, minced bell peppers, and cook over medium-high heat until onions are translucent, about 5 minutes. (If the pan gets too dark, add a little water, and scrape up browned bits with a wooden spoon to deglaze.) Add cumin and oregano, and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant, 30 seconds to 1 minute.
- Stir in browned beef and chile puree. Add tomato puree, cider, and additional salt to taste. Bring to a boil. (If you are using a slow cooker, at this point you can dump everything into the slow cooker and let it go on low heat for several hours.) Reduce heat, and simmer gently, partially covered, until meat is very tender and juices are thick, 2 ½ to 3 hours. (Check pot once an hour for excessive evaporation; if chili seems dry, add a little water.) Season chili with salt, and stir in vinegar right before serving. Serve immediately (or refrigerate for up to 3 days, or freeze for up to 3 months; reheat in a pot over medium heat, stirring occasionally).



HALLOWEEN PARADE

PHOTOS — BY PAUL GILLIS & KEITH PETERSON





ARTIST IN THE ACRES

INTERVIEW AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY PAUL FETTERS

Nicholas Moushey

What is your art?

Short narrative films. My brother and I are putting finishing touches on a 40-minute short that we will premiere in late February, back in Ohio.

How did you get started?

I was always around it as a kid. My father was an Emmy-award winning cameraman for the NBC affiliate in Columbus. As he taught himself different camera techniques, I was his favorite subject. When I was in high school, we were given the option of making short videos instead of writing papers, and a group of us became young filmmakers. In college at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh, I made videos of musician friends performing live around town while earning my degree in filmmaking.

What are you trying to accomplish with your work?

Telling stories that I care about, sharing things I find funny and interesting.

What role does your art play in your life?

As long as I can remember I have loved movies. When I was younger, part of the allure was seeing things that others thought were a bit mature for my young eyes, such as *The Exorcist* or *The French Connection*. Today the making of films is a challenge I embrace: how to best express what I'm thinking and feeling. And of course, I document the growth of my son, Miles. Now that he is running around, it's great. I can't wait until he starts talking.



GIFTS THAT I HAVE RECEIVED

JACK A. UNDERHILL

When I was young
On a sheep ranch in California
We had few material things.
I was happy with one small Christmas present
From my parents.

But I got many more important
Intangible ethereal gifts
That came with no wrapping or ribbons.

From my parents I received uncritical love.
From my Dad, who had one year's high school education,
I received the gift of grit and hard work.
From my Mom, a teacher,
I received the gift of love of learning and curiosity.
From my sister
I received a bump on the head with a hoe.

Gifts from Mother Nature were abundant.
She gave us venison, milk, butter and eggs
Corn on the cob and vegetable gardens,
And the grass on the green and brown California hills
For the sheep to eat.

From an Anonymous Donor
I received a small bit of artistic talent
(The donor could have given me a gift of song, but didn't).

From the State of California
I received a free education at a great university.
From the federal government I received the GI bill
And the great opportunity for public service for 41 years.

From my wife of 54 years
I received the gift of love and support
And tolerance for my imperfections.

I pass on the gifts that I am able to give
To our nine grandchildren
So as not to break the magic chain
Of giving.

To you I give this poem.

AUTUMN DIRGE

SUBMITTED BY JIM REEVES

Time's Breath

*Who hasn't felt
time's breath on them
when the years
are scarcely counted
before they are behind us
and the season's cycle
spins more madly
with every passing breath*

*I can see
time's breath on my mirror
as my hair
forgets its color
and my skin
slowly gives in*

*who can find
the source of time
not to turn her back
but to slow her
just a while
why must time blow
more quickly
the longer
we have known her?*

*I feel time's breath
in the wind of events
that are past
before I understand them
as if life rides a mare
who is ever more spooked
by time's breath*

*who can tame
the wind of time
that we may ride
at leisure
breathe in concert
with her
and leave our fears
behind
who hasn't felt
the breath of time.*

*Mari Gurri Reeves
4/16/83*

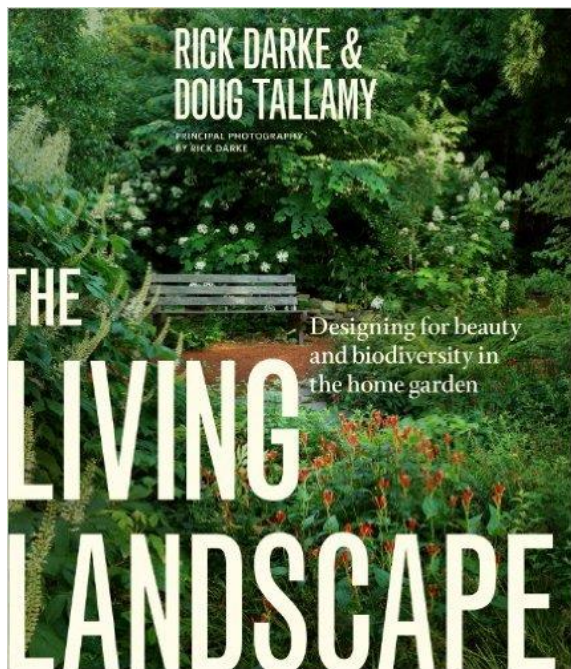
THE GRAINETHUMB

HAVING IT ALL IN THE LIVING LANDSCAPE

By George Graine, Fairfax County Master Gardeners

Plans should be made on the ground to fit the place, and not the place made to suit some plan out of a book.

--- William Robinson in *The Garden Beautiful* (1907)



Sometimes when you come across a sizeable gardening book – say, about 10x9x1 inches – on a bookstore remainder shelf, you might think that would make a nice gift for Aunt Maude. This notion belies the contents of a large book entitled *The Living Landscape: Designing for Beauty and Biodiversity in the Home Garden* (Timber Press, 2014). Authors Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy, both recognized horticultural experts, collaborated extensively, although each from different perspectives of thought. They provide information that shows how to use your own landscape for a variety of purposes, such as play, privacy, entertaining, bringing in wildlife, creating a vegetable patch, etc., while at the same time employing sound ecological space that can also be beautiful. You can do it too! This book is not another how-to-design text; rather, it provides superb guidance that goes beyond basic horticulture information. In addition, the authors embrace the aforementioned ecology, and when entomology, biological diversity, and landscape design are included, all between the covers of one book, this becomes a powerful

and useful message.

Let's stop here for a moment, because skipping to the back of the book is an invaluable resource. Here you will find 77 pages of charts indicating landscape and ecological functions for all of the plants featured in the book. Of these, about 40% are Mid-Atlantic plants. The chart headings include botanical and common name, ecological and landscape functions (using purposeful multiple symbols), and some additional notes. This section alone is "worth the price of admission."

The Living Landscape is perhaps the best-written work for horticultural nirvana available today. The more than 700 color photos, mostly by Rick Darke, help illustrate the written word in a truly outstanding manner. Most importantly, the book clearly recognizes the ecological movement that is taking place alongside more traditional horticultural teachings.

Initially you might think of this book as a shill for native plants. Not so! Rather, it indicates how natives can and should be combined with a carefully balanced mix of non-native plants. Do you really care where a plant originated? The botanical Latin name often gives away the location – as an example, does the large number of plants that include *japonica* come to your mind? Instead, think diversity and how plants will be able to function in an ecological environment. In essence, and at this point, this becomes your own living landscape, one that can be teeming with beauty and diversity all at the same time. As Tallamy writes, "Creating beautiful landscapes that are also functional is the point of this book."

In sum, as previously noted, *The Living Landscape* is not a how-to-design landscape text. What it does is provide and show and teach an inspirational and strategic way for making and maintaining your landscape so that just being pretty is not enough.

IMPORTANT WINTER SAFETY TIPS

FROM LINDA SMYTH'S PROVIDENCE DISTRICT OFFICE

- Fire Hydrants: Depending on how much snow we get, there may be a need to dig out fire hydrants. Please note their location near your home now. If you're able and if we get enough snow, please help dig out fire hydrants when the snow ends.
- Fill Your Car: If you have a car, fill your gas tank before the snow flies. Keep space heaters at least three feet from other objects. Never leave space heaters unattended.
- In case of power outages, use flashlights instead of candles for light.
- Charge mobile devices.
- Use generators only outdoors and only in well ventilated areas. Follow manufacturer's instructions exactly.
- Driving is most dangerous when the temperature is at or under 32° F. If the road is wet, patches of ice are possible, especially on bridges and curves. Avoid using cruise control in winter weather conditions.
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles and snowplows. Don't pass a snowplow or spreader.
- Motorists who must travel should check current weather, road conditions and traffic cameras before traveling at www.511Virginia.org or by calling 511 or using the free 511 mobile app.
- If your household includes someone with special needs (has a disability, requires electricity to operate home medical equipment, needs to go to dialysis, etc.), register in advance at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/specialneeds/medicalneedsregistry.htm>
- Drivers should keep an emergency winter kit in vehicles. Include bottles of water and granola bars or other non-perishable food; bags of sand or cat litter to provide traction under tires; hats, gloves and blankets; and cell phone chargers.
- Prepare at home with emergency supplies that include three days' food and water; a battery-powered and/or hand-crank radio with extra batteries to hear local information if the power is out; a first aid kit and necessary medications; blankets and warm clothing, supplies for special members of your household, and pet items.

Look Out for Those Who May Be In Need

Residents who know individuals needing special attention are encouraged to take a few minutes to check in on them to ensure their well-being. If residents need immediate, life-saving help, call 9-1-1. For other safety help, call the public safety non-emergency phone number at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Residents who need immediate help with utility bills or other urgent human services assistance can call the county's Coordinated Services Planning staff at 703-222-0880, TTY 711. County staff can connect residents with a network of services provided by public, private and community-based organizations, as well as appropriate county government resources.

For Property

- Protect your pipes from freezing or bursting. If the pipe breaks, quickly shut off the water valve, if you haven't already done so, and then call a plumber. They have the know-how to correctly fix the break. Call the fire department ONLY if the water gets in or near electrical outlets or panels, or if the water threatens a pilot light or power to a water heater or furnace.
- For information about protecting your pipes from freezing or dealing with pipes that have burst, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/winter/freezing-pipes-plumbing.htm>
- Fill up your car gas tanks – there's less of a chance of gas lines freezing (and it takes longer idling to get the cars warm before traveling).
- If you plan to use alternative heating sources such as fireplaces or portable heaters, please make sure you and your family will be safe by taking a quick minute to review the safety tips at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/news/2010archive/2010_098.htm

Shovel Safely

Shoveling snow or picking up large debris such as fallen branches can be physically demanding and can lead to injuries such as sprains and strains.

Please follow these safety tips when you go out in today's wintery weather:

- Shovel small amounts of snow at a time.
- Push the snow instead of lifting where possible.
- Use proper form if lifting is necessary: keep your back straight and lift with your legs.
- If you have a history of heart disease, do not shovel without your doctor's okay.
- Avoid shoveling under snow- and ice-covered trees and roof lines due to possible falling limbs, ice, and snow.
- Take breaks while shoveling and do not overexert yourself, especially if you are inactive or over 40.
- Dress in layers and wear warm clothing and appropriate footwear.
- Watch where you are walking, even a little bit of snow can hide curbs and uneven walkways.
- Take off your boots or use a floor mat when you go back inside to avoid making floors slippery and hazardous.

More winter preparedness information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/hazards/winter-storm-snow-cold.htm.

Be careful on walkways and roads, which can be dangerous despite appearances.

A MESSAGE FROM HRA EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP (EPG)

SUBMITTED BY MIA GARDINER

Snow Safety

The following EMERGENCY INFORMATION is a summary taken from a memo sent out by the office of Linda Smyth (Providence District Supervisor). The entire 7-page article was forwarded to the HRA listserv, and is well worth reading in its entirety. If you did not receive it, and would like to have a copy, please contact Mia Gardiner at (703) 573-8111 and she will send it to you or bring you a paper copy.

Linda Smyth's office is open for calls or messages (703-560-6946) and emails (Provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov), but you will receive faster response by contacting the appropriate phone numbers below when the office is closed.

The Fairfax County Emergency Information Blog is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog>

Fairfax County Government Radio broadcasts timely information, protective guidance and life-saving recommendations during emergencies. Please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/radio to listen.

If you haven't already, sign up for **Fairfax Alerts** at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts>. You can sign up for alerts to be sent to your home phone, email, mobile phone, text message, and more. You can also sign up for email updates from Fairfax County at <https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wordpress.com>.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Police, Fire, Ambulance: 9-1-1, TTY 911 or Text to 9-1-1

Public Safety Non-Emergency: 703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264

Fairfax County Emergency Information Line: 703-817-7771, TTY 711

Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222, TTY 711

Roads: VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation): 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623), TTY 711

Weather - National Weather Service Updates: 703-652-1210, TTY 711

Fairfax County Main Phone Number: 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711

24-Hour Emergency Mental Health Services: 703-573-5679, TTY 711

Basic Needs

If you see someone who is unsheltered and could be at risk of hypothermia, call the police non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711. Learn more about the Hypothermia Prevention Program <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/hypothermia-prevention/>.

- Coordinated Services Planning (Human Services): 703-222-0880, TTY 703-803-7914
- Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450, TTY 711
- Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400, TTY 711

Roads

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is responsible for plowing most roads in Fairfax County.

- To report a problem or street needing plowing to VDOT, call 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623), TTY 711 or email at novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov.
- You can check the status of plowing in your neighborhood at <http://vdotplows.org/>
- For real-time updates on road conditions check <http://www.511virginia.org/>
- To report a road problem visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>

Sewer Breaks or Back-Ups

- Department of Public Works and Environmental Services: 703-323-1211 or 703-250-2003, TTY 703-239-8489
- Septic System - Health Department: 703-246-2201, TTY 711

Tree Removal

In all cases, stay away from downed wires near downed trees. Electricity can travel through tree limbs. Never remove tree limbs or other items that are touching or near a downed wire.

Responsibility for downed tree removal is based on the tree's location:

- Adjacent to Public Roads - Contact Virginia Department of Transportation at 1-800-FOR-ROAD, TTY 711.
- On County Parkland - Contact Fairfax County Park Authority at 703-324-8594, TTY 703-324-3988.
- Posing Hazard to Public Areas - Contact Fairfax County Urban Forestry at 703-324-1770, TTY 703-324-1877.
- Private Property - Removal is the property owner's responsibility. Be aware of the risk of chain saw injury during tree removal. Use a chain saw safely to clear debris.
- Illegal Tree Removal - If you suspect illegal tree removal or land clearing, contact the county's Department of Code Compliance at 703-324-1300, TTY 711

Natural Gas

- Washington Gas: 1-800-752-7520 or 703-750-1400, TTY 711

Power

- Dominion Virginia Power: 1-866-DOM-HELP (1-866-366-4357), TTY 711; view outage map at <http://outagemap.dom.com.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/external/default.html>

Water

- Fairfax Water: 703-698-5800, TTY 703-698-7025; after hours: 703-698-5613, TTY 711

Cable Television and Telephone Service

- Cox of Northern Virginia - Customer Service: 703-378-8422, TTY 703-378-3924 (24 hours) Technical Assistance: 703-378-8422 (24 hours)
- Verizon Cable Television - Customer Service: 1-888-553-1555 (24 hours) Technical Assistance: 1-888-553-1555
- Verizon Telephone - Customer Service: 703-954-6222 or 1-800-VERIZON (837-4966) (Mon-Fri 8 am to 6 pm), TTY 1-800-974-6006 (Mon-Fri 8:30 am to 5 pm) Technical Assistance: 1-800-VERIZON (837-4966)

FREE OR REDUCED FARE TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA KARRO

Congestion in Northern Virginia makes driving difficult for everyone and often especially difficult for senior citizens. Transportation resources for senior citizens are few and far between and complicated to find as they are not all under one umbrella. The following is an attempt to explain the various resources that exist.

Taxicab Coupon Books

Seniors-On-The-Go! is for those seniors 65 years of age or older who meet certain income criteria and live in selected Fairfax County zip code areas which include 22042.

Seniors may purchase taxicab coupon booklets worth \$33 at a cost of only \$20 per booklet, which means that one-third of the cost of the taxicab rides will be subsidized ...(paid for) by Fairfax County. Once registered, a senior may then call one of the three approved taxicab companies and schedule a ride (the telephone numbers of the approved vendors are on the inside front cover of the coupon booklets.)

This program is limited to individuals with an annual income of \$40,000 or less for a family of one and \$50,000 or less for a married family of two.

Once your application has been processed, you may purchase up to \$528 worth of taxicab coupons (16 coupon books) within a 12-month period. Your actual cost for the maximum number of books is only \$320 per year! Once enrolled in the program, qualified riders make their own arrangements directly with the taxicab companies. There are no restrictions on where a rider may go.

The Seniors-On-The-Go application

(<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/pdfs/seniorsapplication.pdf>) is posted in PDF format.

Call the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services at 703-877-5800 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or use the SENIORS-ON-THE-GO! (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/contact/mailform.aspx?ref=3066>)

Discounted fares on Public Transportation

Senior citizens pay one-half of the regular fare on Metrobus and Metrorail at all times. To receive the discounted fare on Metrobus, senior citizens show proof of age by displaying a valid government issued photo ID or passport with date of birth to the bus operator or use a Senior SmarTrip® card.

To receive the discounted fare on Metrorail, senior citizens must purchase a Senior SmarTrip® card or a reduced farecard at Metro sales offices, commuter stores and retail outlets with a valid government issued photo ID or passport with date of birth.

People who are 65 years or older automatically qualify for reduced fares on metro and busses. They should NOT apply for the Reduced Fare Program for People with Disabilities, even if they have a disability.

NV Rides

NV Rides is a network of service providers aiming to enhance and improve volunteer assisted transportation throughout Northern Virginia. This community-wide initiative aims to serve more non-driving older adults so that they can get where they need to go at no cost. Having accessible and dependable transportation readily available will help our community's older adults remain independent, and ensure that they can age in place for as long as possible.

HRA seems to be in between two Shephard Centers:

Shepherd's Center of Annandale-Springfield.

Contact: Barbara Gatorian

Phone: 703.941.1419

Shepherdschas@vacoxmail.com

Shepherdscenter-Annandale.org

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church

Contact: Tom Eversole

Phone: 703.506.2199

info@scmafc.org

(Shephard senior centers are interfaith organizations sponsored by area congregations, community groups and businesses to serve older persons dedicated to assisting senior adults in maintaining an independent and safe lifestyle. A thought is that people who are interested in being volunteer drivers might do so for one of these centers and ask that they be utilized to drive HRA neighbors when possible. This way, volunteers are likely covered by their insurance and Shephard does the work of coordinating which would be a great help)

Paratransit Metro Access

Door-to-door, shared-ride, paratransit service for people with a disability who cannot use bus or rail service.(Mandated by The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Any health care professional can verify your disability and help you fill out the application. This can be used for any trips, from Kennedy Center to grocery stores to doctor visits.

There is also a required in-person interview and functional assessment to evaluate the applicant's functional ability to use this program which provides door to door transit at a low cost. There are **no income requirements** with this program since it is an ADA program.

They will provide transportation to the site used for the assessment and once approved, it is easy to access the transportation. Customers can reserve trips seven days a week, 24 hours a day online or from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by phone. Trips must be reserved between one and seven days in advance of travel. Metro Access does not provide same-day trips. Call for the current fares and any other information you may desire. For other information and assistance, call **703-324-7948**. [Aging, Disability and Caregiver Resources Line](#) Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call Metro Access call center **301-562-5360**.

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Look for more info on this in the next issue of The Runner.

TALK OF THE ACRES

Chris and Rachel Yau, of Surrey Lane, recently welcomed a new addition to their family. **Phoebe Victoria Yau** was born on November 16, 2015. Big brother **Theo** is clearly delighted by the arrival of his baby sister!



Mia and Keith Gardiner are very proud of their two daughter-in-laws who are published authors. They write in totally different styles and genres and both have books available on Amazon -- available in paperback or on kindle. If interested, see www.Jennygardiner.net and www.marthabrettschneider.com. A book signing for Martha's book will occur on March 8th, 7pm at the *One More Page* bookstore in Arlington. Jenny is based in Charlottesville.

*Answer to Time is Relative

The year was 1989

RECIPE BOX: MARK BITTMAN'S SHRIMP IN GREEN SAUCE

PUBLISHED IN NYT COOKING, THE NEW YORK TIMES



Photo by Suzi Allman for The New York Times

- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 scallions, trimmed and chopped
- 1 cup parsley, leaves and thin stems
- 1 pound shrimp, peeled
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 dried chilis or a few pinches of crushed red chili flakes, or to taste
- 1/3 cup stock (shrimp, fish, or chicken) or white wine or water

Step 1

Heat oven to 500 degrees. Combine garlic and oil in a small food processor and blend until smooth, scraping down sides as necessary. Add scallions and parsley and pulse until mixture is minced. Toss with shrimp, salt, pepper, and chilis.

Step 2

Put shrimp in a large roasting pan. Add liquid and place pan in oven. Roast, stirring once, until mixture is bubbly and hot, and shrimp are all pink, 10-15 minutes. Serve.

HRA 65TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK: RECIPES WANTED

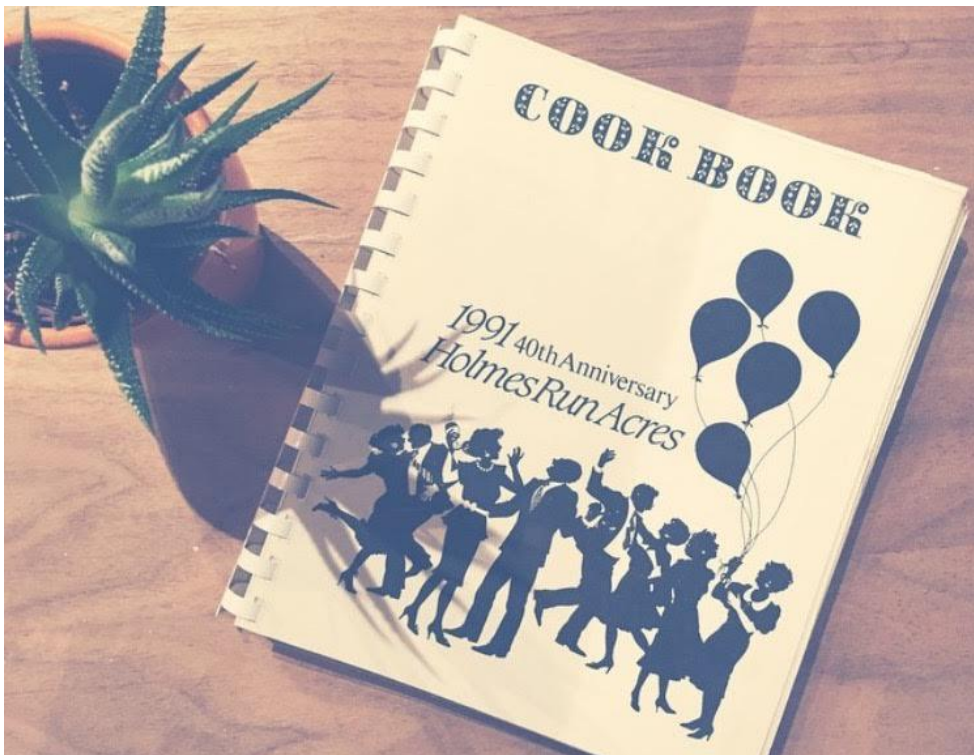
I am still collecting recipes for the HRA 65th Anniversary Cookbook! The last published copy of the neighborhood cookbook was in 1991, for the Acres' 40th anniversary. This anniversary's cookbook will be a compilation of tried and true classics, Open Holmes party favorites, ethnic cuisines, traditional holiday dishes, and more. If you plan on making a dish for the International Dinner, this is a great time to submit that recipe for the cookbook! You can email me the recipe directly or, for those who'd like to submit a paper copy, we will also collect recipes at the event. These can be given to Mia Gardiner or Carrie Darke.

If you are not attending the International Dinner, you are still urged to send in any recipe (or a few!) with a short description, story, or photo to go along with it. This might be a paragraph of history about the recipe, a funny memory about the dish, etc. It is my goal to help make this cookbook very personalized to this fantastic neighborhood and residents, so whip out those recipe cards, ladies and gents!

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted recipes. Keep them coming! The deadline has been extended until March 31, with the debut of the cookbook planned for late summer or early fall.

Carrie Darke

7703 Holmes Run Drive



HOLMES RUN ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2015

Host: Mitch Toda, 3313 Executive Ave.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

Attending: Mia Gardiner, Francine Ronis, Mitch Toda, Dave Smith, Lindy Tagliaferri, Chris Verhoff, Darryl Drevna, Edith Forde, and Peggy Daley

Not Attending: Karin Sweet, Erik Ulmen, Norm Atkins, Jay Liwanag, Amanda Paldao, Pablo Paldao, Janet Schreiber, Scott Birkhead, and Carrie Schori

Alternate: Wilson Rowe

Historian: Vivian Smith

President's Report: (Chris Verhoff) No report.

Secretary: (Peggy Daley) Lindy made a motion and Mitch seconded to accept the August 2015 minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Treasurer: (Carrie Schori, absent) Report via Chris. There is \$4,461.65 in the checking account.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs: (Scott Birkhead, absent) No report.

Community Facilities: (Dave Smith) HRA streets look better now that potholes have been filled. But it still doesn't look good for paving HRA streets this year.

- There is a pile of cigarette butts at the Hartwell Ct. entrance to the park that looks untidy. Otherwise the park is looking good. The bees threatening visitors to the park have departed now that tree sap has dried up.
- Coyotes have been sighted in the area.
- FCPA (Fairfax County Park Authority) came out and reset and sanded the benches in Luria Park.

Historic Preservation: (Janet Schreiber, absent) No report.

Membership and Hospitality: (Mitch Toda/Carrie Schori, absent) The new online Membership form was reviewed. There was discussion about the need for a password to access the online form. There will be a Membership form in the Fall Runner. Carrie will meet with Block Heads September 19th to discuss distribution of the Runner forms.

Programs and Social: (Darryl Drevna/ Carrie Schori, absent) Preparations for the September 26th Day in the Park have been finalized. Vendors are lined up and deposits have been sent in. A flier will be posted on the list serve and signs posted at the entrances to HRA. Raymondale wants to be involved again. A request for workers for the event will be posted on the list serve. A Sign Up Genius form will be on the website.

- Oktoberfest is October 3rd.

Youth Activities: (Francine Ronis/ Amanda Paldao, absent) The next ice cream social will be held after school starts. The Halloween Parade is Saturday October 31. Movie Night is October 17th at Darryl Drevna's house, 3316 Hartwell Court. The time is not determined yet.

- The Halloween Parade is Saturday, October 31.
- The Easter Egg Hunt is March 26, 2016.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Emergency Preparedness Group: (Mia Gardiner) Old and unused medications can be taken to Masonville Police Department for destruction on Saturday, September 26. Sharps will not be accepted.

- The flu vaccine is available now.
- Please remember to sign up for Fairfax Alerts.

Neighborhood Enhancement: (Carrie Schori, absent) Report via Chris. One of the shrubs at the entrance sign on Surrey Lane did not survive. It will be replaced. Mums and pumpkins and maybe corn stalks will be placed at the entrance signs to celebrate fall.

Other Reports:

Directory: (Norm Atkins, absent/Catherine Fort, absent) This year the plan is to start early in October and hit hard in the quest for ads.

Federation of Civic Associations: (Peggy Daley) No report.

Historian: (Vivian Smith) Seventy years ago WWII ended. Vivian passed around a *New York Times* article from October 8, 1941, announcing the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese. Three residents of HRA were posted to Pearl Harbor at that time. Vivian also had an album of life during the war. Many military families moved to HRA.

- During the Cold War there was discussion of atomic bomb fallout and how far out from DC would it go. Many people were building bomb shelters. The split-level Bodor homes had shelters built in.
- Vivian had information on the Cuban Crisis and the Vietnam War.
- During the 1976 Bicentennial, 2 buses of residents from HRA went to the Mall to celebrate the event.

Providence District Council: (Lindy) There was no meeting in August but the October 7th meeting will be a chance to meet the candidates for the November elections.

Holmes Runner: (Mary Beth Gardiner, absent/Haleh Peterson, absent) The theme for the next Runner is Adventures In and Out of the Acres. Photos are welcome. Deadline for submission is September 13th. A flier for Day in the Park and a Membership form will be included in the magazine.

Website: (Mitch Toda) Mitch wants to talk with Mary Beth about putting the Runners online. They would be password protected.

- He needs information on dates and times for upcoming events for the website.

Old Business: Traditionally local politicians have been invited to Day in the Park. Invitations will be extended to Linda Smyth and Gerry Connolly.

New Business: Norm Gottlieb will have a table at Day in the Park with the reflective vests that are designed to make residents out after dark more visible.

- There was a discussion about how to make HRA more involved in community giving at holiday time.

Peggy made a motion to adjourn and Wilson seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Daley, Secretary.

Next board meeting: 8 p.m. October 7, 2015 Host: Lindy Tagliaferri, 3411 Hartwell Ct.

October 7, 2015

Host: Lindy Tagliaferri - 3411 Hartwell Ct.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

Attending: Carrie Schori, Jay Liwanag, Amanda Paldao, Pablo Paldao, Mia Gardiner, Francine Ronis, Mitch Toda, Dave Smith, Lindy Tagliaferri, Chris Verhoff, Scott Birkhead, Norm Atkins, Edith Forde, and Peggy Daley

Not Attending: Darryl Drevna, Karin Sweet, Erik Ulmen, and Janet Schreiber

Alternate: Wilson Rowe, absent

Historian: Vivian Smith

President's Report: (Chris Verhoff) No report.

Secretary: (Peggy Daley) Norm made a motion and Mitch seconded to accept the September 2015 minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Treasurer: (Carrie Schori) There is \$3,294.28 in the checking account. Day in the Park ran over budget. Oktober Fest was cancelled due to inclement weather and that helped to balance out the overrun on Day in the Park. Discussion of expenses for Day in the Park is tabled until the November meeting.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs: (Scott Birkhead) About 20 people attended a training session for the new Walk and Watch Program. Kat O'Leary, the Crime Prevention Officer for the Fairfax County Police, addressed attendees. If participants notice something questionable when they are with their dogs or walking after dusk, they are to call the police non-emergency number 703-691-2131 or emergency 911. Participants will wear lime green reflective vests to increase safety and visibility after dusk. Thanks to Norm Gottlieb for getting the program off the ground and for obtaining the vests.

- Follow up on Millennial Estates on Gallows Rd: Only one custom home is listed on the permit application for the 3441 Gallows Road site. The owners wish to have two houses on the lot and continue to work on the permits.
- All permits for the house on Executive have been granted. Demolition and construction are to begin soon.

Community Facilities: (Dave Smith) An empty fuel can was left at Luria Park. The county will pick it up.

- Road work has finally started on Annandale and Backlick Rds.
- Frank Spielberg and Dave report that Crime Prevention Officer, Kat O'Leary will get them new Neighborhood Watch signs. A thank-you note will be sent to Officer O'Leary for her help with projects in HRA.

Historic Preservation: (Janet Schreiber, absent) Janet's report via Chris. Interest in historic plaques was noted at Day in the Park. The issue of buying more plaques and their cost will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Membership and Hospitality: (Mitch Toda/Carrie Schori) Carrie and Mitch met with the Block Heads re: the membership drive and distribution of the fall Runner with the membership form enclosed. An online membership form is also available. The membership drive ends November 1. Forms should be returned to the Block Leader.

Programs and Social: (Darryl Drevna, absent/Carrie Schori) Day in the Park was a great day for those who attended. The fire truck as usual was very popular. The children were thrilled when the firemen came out to play with them. There were more games this year. The popcorn and cotton candy machines were a big hit. Two women from Raymondale did a really nice job at their table. Day in the Park had a new format this year. There will be a learning curve about what worked and what needs to be worked on.

Youth Activities: (Francine Ronis/Amanda Paldao) The Halloween Parade is October 31 at 10 a.m. The parade will begin at the Holmes Run Dr. entrance to Luria Park. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic for the safety of the participants and to guide them on the parade route.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Emergency Preparedness Group: (Mia Gardiner) There will be an article in the Runner about flu season and reminders to get the flu vaccine. Readers will be encouraged to sign up for Fairfax Alerts.

Neighborhood Enhancement: (Carrie Schori) Mums and pumpkins and maybe corn stalks will be placed at the entrance signs to celebrate fall. The possibility of purchasing fall foliage was discussed.

Other Reports:

Directory: (Norm Atkins/Catherine Fort, absent) Vendors are already asking when the new Directory will come out. It was suggested that focused sections appear in the Directory, like restaurants, plumbers etc. A new person is needed to get the Directory ready. Carrie will look into a paid consultant taking over this job.

Federation of Civic Associations: (Peggy Daley) The Federation is working on the legislative package to be presented to the Commonwealth Legislature.

Historian: (Vivian Smith) Vivian continued her narration of this year being the 70th anniversary of the ending of WWII and the changes in lives of residents of HRA through the ensuing years. Some early social issues were the hanging of clothes in carports and potholes—there is a photo in an album showing Cypress Dr. in 1957 with potholes. There were morning coffee klatches, as most women stayed at home, and a new convenience—diaper service—appeared. The Board contributed their memories of where they were on 9/11. A memorial and candlelight service was held in Luria Park. Vivian had an album with photos of “where you were” and reactions to 9/11.

Providence District Council: (Lindy) There was a meet and greet with the candidates for the November election, but no speeches.

Holmes Runner: (Mary Beth Gardiner, absent/Haleh Peterson, absent) The Runner, with the membership form inside, is ready to be delivered to all residents in HRA.

Website: (Mitch Toda) The membership form is online. There are photos from Day in the Park and some images from old Runners.

Old Business: Mia had pictures of what the Little Free Library will look like when finished by Keith Gardiner. It will be two levels and double-insulated to make it rainproof. Joan and Norm Gottlieb have offered a corner of their property by the steps on Elm Terrace as a location for the Little Library. Mia made a motion, and Lindy seconded, to place the Little Free Library on the designated location at the foot of the steps on Elm Terrace. The motion passed unanimously. Mia suggested making a bookmark- like item with information about use of the library and its location.

New Business: The popcorn machine at Day in the Park cost \$150 to rent. There was a discussion of whether it would make sense to purchase one. The discussion was tabled until a later date.

- Mia reports people have been requesting volumes I and II of HRA History. More need to be printed. Chris made a motion, and Lindy seconded, to reprint volumes I and II at a cost not to exceed \$100. The vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Norm made a motion to adjourn and Carrie seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 10:05 p.m. Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Daley, Secretary.

Next board meeting: 8 p.m. November 4, 2015 Host: Scott Birkhead, 3402 Sherwood Ct.

November 4, 2015

Host: Scott Birkhead - 3402 Sherwood Ct.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m.

Attending: Darryl Drevna, Karin Sweet, Wilson Rowe, Carrie Schori, Jay Liwanag, Pablo Paldao, Mia Gardiner, Mitch Toda, Dave Smith, Lindy Tagliaferri, Chris Verhoff, Scott Birkhead, Norm Atkins, Edith Forde, and Peggy Daley

Not Attending: Francine Ronis, Amanda Paldao, and Janet Schreiber

Historian: Vivian Smith

President's Report: (Chris Verhoff) Erik Ulmen stepped down from the board. He and his family are moving. Wilson Rowe becomes a full time Board member.

- The Directory's ad drive starts this week. Chris asked each Board member to bring in at least one ad.

- Atomic Ranch magazine would like to feature HRA mid-century modern houses. The representative is asking permission to take photos in the houses that are selected.

Secretary: (Peggy Daley) Scott made a motion and Edith seconded to accept the October 2015 minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes.

Treasurer: (Carrie Schori) A check for \$5,675 from the membership drive was added to the \$3,948.36 already in the checking account for a total of \$9,623.36. Peggy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Norm seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the Treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports:

Civic Affairs: (Scott Birkhead) Scott reported that Fairfax County managed 1,100 deer so far this year. The most used method was bow and arrow, 20% were sharp shooters, and the rest might be attributed to collisions with cars.

- The Millennial Estate project variance has not been finalized by the county and construction has not begun.

Community Facilities: (Dave Smith) The Neighborhood Watch sign at Woodburn Elementary School has deteriorated badly and needs to be replaced. Kat O'Leary, the Crime Prevention Officer for the Fairfax County Police, said she would look into replacing the sign.

- No damage in HRA was reported from Halloween activities.

Historic Preservation: (Janet Schreiber, absent) No report.

Membership and Hospitality: (Mitch Toda/Carrie Schori) Two hundred twenty-seven homes (63%) in HRA have signed up for membership. The deadline for membership applications is November 15.

Programs and Social: (Darryl Drevna / Carrie Schori) The next event will be the International Dinner.

Youth Activities: (Francine Ronis/ Amanda Paldao, absent) The Halloween Parade was a huge success. Blocks of costumed participants paraded through HRA, bringing delight to those in the parade and those who were watching. Many thanks go out to the volunteers who served to direct traffic away from the parade route.

- A popcorn maker was purchased for use at Board events.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Emergency Preparedness Group: (Mia Gardiner) Mia reported that flu season has begun and it is time to get your flu shot. Mia is seeking suggestions for committee projects.

Neighborhood Enhancement: (Carrie Schori) No report.

Other Reports:

Directory: (Norm Atkins/Catherine Fort, absent) The ad campaign is taking off already. Norm would welcome volunteers who might want to help him re-contacting previous vendors. Haleh Peterson has agreed to do the Directory. The ads must be print-ready and without changes or updates.

Federation of Civic Associations: (Peggy Daley) There was discussion of rapid development in Fairfax County.

- The legislative package that is to be presented to the Commonwealth Legislature was reviewed. The package consists of issues of concern brought to representatives of HOAs and Civic Associations.

Historian: (Vivian Smith) Vivian pointed out how Directories can tell you a lot about the past. She passed around a 1954 Directory. At that time, a lot of military personnel lived in HRA. There were dial phones and two-party lines. All ads were printed, no artwork. Di-dee Diaper Wash and Thompson's Dairy delivered to your door. In the 1967 Directory 20 churches, 95 baby sitters, and military addresses were listed. In 1966, Fairfax County changed the house numbers in HRA. By 2001, nine families participated in a baby-sitter co-op. No military were listed that year. No email addresses were yet included in the Directory.

- Vivian spoke of the 3 volumes of HRA History. The 25th anniversary volume went back to a 1654 land grant for this area. The 60th Anniversary volume traced the area back 13,000 years ago. The last page of that volume asked readers to speculate what it would be like in 50 years.

Providence District Council: (Lindy) A representative from CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) reviewed their mission. The training is for a catastrophe before first responders can be on site. There will be neither triage nor CPR because the emphasis is on community response to an event, not to an individual. CERT will put you in contact with other members in your neighborhood. Fifty hours of training for CERT is available to interested individuals. If there are 12 people interested, the trainers will come to your neighborhood; otherwise, the training is offered at the Fire Training Station in Fairfax County. If any resident of HRA is interested in this training, please get in touch with Mia Gardiner. Once a year there is an exercise at the Fire Center in Lorton. Darryl Drevna completed the CERT training.

- Proposed tolling in the HOT lanes on I-66 provoked vibrant discussion. One issue was the continuing problem of 4 lanes being reduced to 2, creating a bottleneck that the HOT lanes are supposed to relieve.

Holmes Runner: (Mary Beth Gardiner, absent/Haleh Peterson, absent) The Fall issue of the Runner with the theme of goings-on in HRA was a rousing success.

Website: (Mitch Toda) Mitch put a photo of the Little Lending Library on the website. He is in the process of obtaining photos from the Halloween parade.

Old Business: Darryl reviewed the expenses for Day in the Park. The event in a new format went over budget. The loss was evened out by the cancellation of Oktober Fest due to inclement weather. The board reviewed which games were successful and which weren't well attended. More money should be allocated for advertising. The flat donation for as much food as you could eat worked out well. The donation helped to cover rental of the games, too, as food is not a big expense.

New Business:

- Mia and Scott met with Mark Frazier, public relations director for Brightview Assisted Living at Woodburn. Mia had photos of what the completed building would look like and the attention to mid-century modern design. The 6.5-acre site is 70% green; the other 30% is for the facility. It is closer to Gallows than originally thought necessary because the green area at the back had to be leveled off. Most of the 100 apartments are studios. Fifteen have been rented already. They are ahead of schedule. They expect to receive their certificate of occupancy by March and occupation by May. In December, they will advertise for jobs. One of the biggest issues at the meeting was the expected increase in traffic and how it would be handled. Mark reiterated that the facility is serious about good community relationships. He asked what they could do for HRA.
- Now that the Little Free Library is place, Mia plans to put a flier on the Luria Park bulletin board and put an article in the next Holmes Runner.

Norm made a motion to adjourn and Lindy seconded. The vote was unanimous to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Daley, Secretary.

Next board meeting: 8 p.m. December 2, 2015 Host: Chris Verhoff, 3322 Laurel Ct.



HRA CIVIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTS THE **INTERNATIONAL DINNER**

MARCH 5, 2016
6-9PM

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CORNER OF GALLOWS AND SURREY

For the potluck dinner, if your last name begins with A-L, please bring an entrée. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

After dinner entertainment TBD.

This event is open to HRA residents and guests, children too!

Please RSVP to dmdrevna@gmail.com with number of adults and children (with ages) that will be attending.

RSVP: DMDREVNA@GMAIL.COM

TICKETS: \$5 PER PERSON