

Welcome to Hillandale, Neighbor!

On behalf of the entire community, we're glad to have you here and hope this greeting makes you feel at home even quicker.

Hillandale, which spans both sides of Powder Mill Road and New Hampshire Avenue, was farms and woods and the Golden Rule Dairy only 75 years ago. Many of the trees still stand, but some 1,385 houses, two pools, two schools, one shopping center (plus another just up New Hampshire) and wonderfully diverse neighborhoods have replaced the cows and farms.

The following pages contain information from what to do with your piles of leaves in the fall, to where you can cool off in the summertime, to how you can be involved year-round. We look forward to getting to know you.

The Hillandale Citizens Association
Visit us on the web at: www.hillandale-md.org

Join HCA's List Serve:
Hillandale-Bulletin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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A little background...

Hillandale encompasses the streets on both sides of New Hampshire Avenue north of the Beltway to just past the Federal Research Center with the Food and Drug Administration's new headquarters. Riggs Road and the Northwest Branch are the respective east and west boundaries.

The community divides into three basic areas: Hillandale Forest (which includes streets in Prince George's County), Old Hillandale and West Hillandale (identified in some map books with the old subdivision names of Hillandale Heights, Cresthaven, Crest Park and Burnt Mills Knolls). Deer and rabbits abound throughout -- to most gardeners' frustration -- and don't be surprised if one day you see a raccoon or even a fox or opossum.

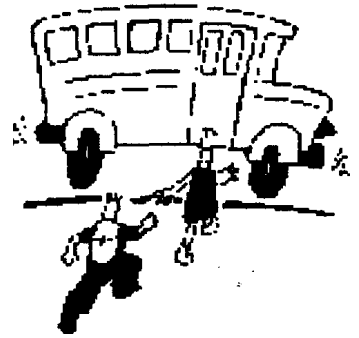
For those in Montgomery County, our local schools are:

- Roscoe Nix Elementary (K-2)
- Cresthaven Elementary (3-5)
- Francis Scott Key Middle (6-8)
- Springbrook High (9-12)

However, through the Northeast Consortium, high school students may apply to be placed to a specialized, signature program at these schools:

- Springbrook
- Paint Branch
- James Hubert Blake

For more on Montgomery Schools, including links to each school and PTAs, see their web site at: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org



In Prince George's County, our local schools are

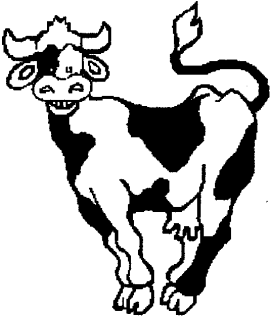
- Cherokee Lane Elementary (K-6)
- Buck Lodge Middle (7-8)
- High Point High (9-12)

For more on Prince George's County Schools, see: www.pgcps.org

While on the subject of schools, you need to know that many students do walk to their neighborhood school. In fact, walking is a favorite activity of Hillandalers of all ages. So.....

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

The speed limit on neighborhood streets is 25mph. Powder Mill Road is posted at 35mph and New Hampshire is posted at 40mph. (And just a little heads-up for those unfamiliar, Powder Mill does have automatic speed camera enforcement, \$40 fine for speeding!)



A little history...

Special Hillandale moments

1716-- Alexander Beall is deeded a 920-acre tract between Northwest and Paint Branches. Upon his death, the estate is parceled among heirs. One parcel, in what is now East Silver Spring, is called "Hills and Dales."

Turn of the 20th Century-- The local area contains small farms, two country churches and three large country estate-farms owned by wealthy Washingtonians. Horse breeding and racing is popular for the estate owners. A large part of Hillandale is known as Sitka Farm owned by a Civil War entrepreneur who made a vast fortune in the seal fur trade of early Alaska. From 1916 through the 1920s, Sitka Farm becomes Carmandale, a commercial racehorse breeding operation, featuring Meridian, the 1911 Kentucky Derby winner. Another estate, in what is now Oakview, is named Avenel, the country home of the owner of the National Theater and sees frequent visits by performers and artists. A third estate boasts an early golf course and a dam on the Northwest Branch that provides both boating and terrapins.

1930s -- The large country homes are giving way to other uses, with the Xaverian Brothers establishing a seminary and college, and a developer, Merritt Lockwood, planning residential development. Lockwood reaches back to use the forgotten name of the Beall tract for his new subdivision, Hillandale. The main thoroughfare, such as it was, is called Bladensburg-Colesville Road by old timers, Avenel Road by some maps and eventually renamed "Piney Branch Road--Extended." Just off Cresthaven Drive goats graze in the fields. On both sides of the main road, houses are being built. Residents form the Hillandale Citizens Association (HCA) in 1937.

1940s -- The volunteer fire department is incorporated, with its firehouse in the old Sitka Farm barn. The Golden Rule Dairy (later bisected by the Capital Beltway) supplies milk to local residents. But the big news is the construction of the Naval Ordnance Laboratory (NOL) and the arrival of scientists and workers to the area.

1950s -- Hillandale gets its first elementary school (now CHI Centers). The Hillandale Swim and Tennis Club opens in 1957. New houses (advertised for \$8,450, all brick) touted as "beautiful country life in beautiful Hillandale." And that main road is renamed New Hampshire Ave.

1960s -- The Hillandale Shopping Center develops, with a big Tower Department Store and a drug store with a lunch counter. More homes are constructed, some in Crest Park known for "mid-century" architecture. A second pool, West Hillandale Swim Club, opens in 1962 and a second elementary school, Cresthaven, opens. The Hillandale Recreation Center hosts square dancing cotillions. Construction of the Capital Beltway is completed with opening ceremonies in Hillandale. The Golden Rule Dairy succumbs to development pressure, closes and the land becomes a mix of uses, including the Coca-Cola bottling plant. The community builds the Hillandale welcome wall.

1970s, 80s, 90s -- The Xaverian College, facing financial challenges, sells the property to the AFL-CIO for the George Meany Center for Labor Studies which later becomes the National Labor College. The West Hillandale Citizens Association merges with HCA to unite area homeowners. The Naval Surface Warfare Center (a.k.a. Naval Ordnance Laboratory, NOL) grows and then closes with the federal government holding on to the property for future use.

Turn of the 21st Century -- Much of the community remains the same---houses, pools, shopping--but investments are made in two new elementary schools and a new middle school. Our biggest new neighbor is the Food and Drug Administration, which by 2015 will consolidate on a 130-acre tract of the 660-acre White Oak Federal Research Center (the new name for the old Navy property). Nine thousand, or more, FDA employees will work at the agency's New Hampshire Avenue campus when completed. For the latest FDA development plans see:

<http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/BuildingsandFacilities/WhiteOakCampusInformation/default.htm>

How to settle in ...

Both counties have excellent web sites with tons of information for new residents.

Montgomery County: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/>

Prince George's County: <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/>

AND—Montgomery County has a County information number as the gateway to all questions and complaints. Call 311, or 240-777-0311, or visit <http://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/> to get an answer or log a complaint.

Trash pickup/recycling -- Find everything you need or want to know about when to put trash out, what to recycle, how to get blue recycling bins, holiday schedules, etc.

- In Montgomery, call the County's information number 311, or 240-777-0311
- In Prince George's, call Refuse Collection at 301-952-7630.

Leaf removal -- All these trees drop LOTS of leaves every fall, and Hillandale is in the leaf vacuum collection district in Montgomery County. The program usually begins in November, and residents are informed of the two pick-ups by notices posted on utility poles (first is Green, second is Red) several days ahead of time. **Put leaves in piles on the grass at the curb. Please, do not pile leaves in the streets.**

Due to budget issues, Prince George's County curtailed their leaf program in 2009. Residents should bag their leaves in paper lawn bags for regular recycling pick-up

Utilities:

- Pepco (electricity) -- 202-833-7500
- Washington Gas -- 703-750-1000
- Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC)
(Water/sewer) -- 301-206-4003



Fire services: In an Emergency Call 911

Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department/Montgomery County #12,
10617 New Hampshire Ave., 301-434-2400.
Prince George's Beltsville Fire Co. #41,
3939 Powder Mill Road, 301-883-7741

Police services: In an Emergency Call 911; non-emergencies call:

- Montgomery County: **301-279-8000**
- Prince George's County: **301-352-1200**

(FYI: Montgomery County area is in the Silver Spring Third District and Prince George's County area is in the Beltsville Sixth District.)



Pets -- Both counties require all dogs and cats to be licensed. You can download the pet license applications off both county web sites. All dogs must also be **leashed** or **fenced** at all times. County regulations require dog walkers to "**pick-up**" after pets.

Fences, decks, and home improvements -- Both counties require various permits for work done on and to your property and home. Check the county web sites

To change your driver's license and car registration -- See details on the web at: <http://www.mva.state.md.us/> or visit the full service White Oak MVA Office at 2131 Industrial Parkway, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Getting connected...

Hillandale Citizens Association (HCA) -- Our neighborhood's collective voice; publisher of the Hillandale (telephone) Directory every other year and the bi-monthly HCA Hillandale Bulletin; sponsor of the local Crime Watch and an annual holiday party in December. The Association is a resource for information and issues

General Meetings are usually held on the fourth Wednesday of the month in September, November, January, March and May, at CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue, with speakers of community interest. Yearly dues: Just \$20. Find us at <http://www.hillandale-md.org>. And join us -- our strength is in numbers! All residents are invited to join and participate. For your convenience, a membership form is inserted with this packet.



HCA's Crime Watch -- Our program, one of the first and most successful in Montgomery or Prince George's counties, keeps neighbors connected to the police and promotes community spirit. The Crime Watch sponsor's Hillandale's National Night Out each August. For more information on how you can participate, e-mail to: watch@hillandale-md.org

HCA's Yahoo Group (list serve) -- HCA has a Yahoo Group **announcement-only** list serve to get information out to the community in a timely manner (and inexpensively). To join, send an e-mail to Hillandale-Bulletin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

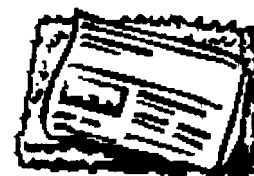
West Hillandale Women's Club -- This "informal group" meets on the second Thursday of each month, for a program, refreshments and friendship. Contributions are collected monthly for the Shepherd's Table homeless shelter. For more info, call May Savage, 301-445-1630.

PIX -- The Parent's Information Exchange offers families with young children a chance to get to know each other through play dates, mothers-only events and family get-togethers. The group organizes a family camping party each fall along with a Halloween extravaganza. For membership information, see: <http://www.pix-hillandale.com>

Local Newspapers--

Burtonsville Gazette -- Appears free of charge on your driveway every Wednesday.

The Washington Post -- Seven days a week, the paper that's one of the nation's best. For home delivery, call 202-334-6100.



Civic participation...

Elected officials

Voting -- First, if you are eligible to vote as a US citizen, please register to vote with your new Hillandale home address. If you change your driver's license, you can automatically register through the Motor-Voter option. You can also register or check on your voter registration on-line at: <http://elections.state.md.us/>



Polling places -- Hillandale is divided (along the County line) between two polling precincts, with voting taking place at these poll locations:

- Montgomery County Voters: Key Middle School, 910 Schindler Drive
- Prince George's Voters: Hillandale Baptist Church, 2601 Powder Mill Road

With each election, every registered voter receives a sample ballot in the mail with the details of the election contests and the location of their specific polling place.

Elected Officials--

United States Congressional representation for Hillandale areas --

Senate: Senator Barbara Mikulski and Senator Ben Cardin represent both Montgomery and Prince George's residents.

House of Representatives: Montgomery County will be in the 3rd Congressional District following the 2012 election. For now, the area is represented by U.S Representative Donna Edwards (MD 4th). Prince George's County is in the 5th represented by U.S Representative Steny Hoyer for now, but will be in the 4th.

State of Maryland Legislative Districts for Hillandale areas --

Montgomery County is in the Maryland 20th District and is represented by Senator Jamie Raskin, Delegates Sheila Hixson, Heather Mizeur and Thomas Hucker.

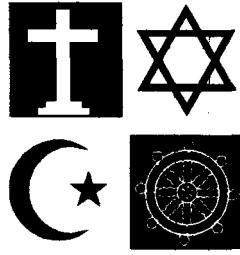
Prince George's County is in the Maryland 21st District and is represented by Senator James Rosapepe, Delegates Barbara Frush, Benjamin Barnes and Joseline Pena-Melnyk

Montgomery County Officials representing Hillandale area --Of course the County Executive, At-Large Council members and Board of Education members represent all of Montgomery County, but Hillandale is also represented by District 5 Councilmember Valerie Ervin and Board of Education District 5 Board member Michael A. Durso. The phone number to Council is 240-777-7900.

Prince George's County Officials representing Hillandale area -- The County Executive represents the residents, as does District 1 Councilmember Mary Lehman, 301-952-3887. The School Board is appointed in Prince George's.

Planning and development issues --The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission is a bi-county agency with county-specific organizations and Planning Boards. Each group has specific duties under state law and are large organizations tasked with reviewing and approving development. These Commissions and offices are County-funded and oversight is by the respective County Council.

In Montgomery County, M-NCPPC includes operations of County Parks. In Prince George's County, Parks and Recreation falls under M-NCPPC control. For more on the services provided by these organizations, see: <http://www.mncppc.org/>



Area Worship

No matter what your religious affiliation or lack thereof, you'll enjoy seeing the architectural and denominational richness of the "Highway to Heaven," as the 10-mile stretch of New Hampshire Avenue that begins in Hillandale often is called.

Start with the Church of Our Saviour at New Hampshire and Powder Mill Road and go north. You'll see houses of worship from Vietnamese Catholic to Cambodian Buddhist to Ukrainian Orthodox and more.

And in the immediate Hillandale vicinity:

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour -- 1700 Powder Mill Road 301-439-5900

Good Shepherd United Methodist -- 9701 New Hampshire Ave. 301-434-3331

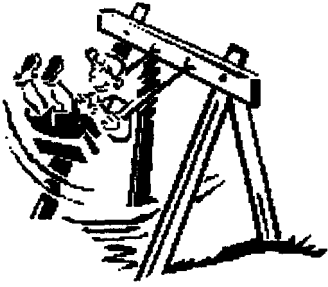
Hillandale Baptist - 2601 Powder Mill Road 301-434-6033

Mangalarama Vihara -- 1708 Powder Mill Road 301-439-4035
(Burma-America Buddhist Association)

St. Camillus Church (Catholic) -- 1600 St. Camillus Drive 301-434-8400

Southeast Hebrew Congregation -- 10900 Lockwood Drive 301-593-2120

Unitarian Universalist Church of Silver Spring -- 10309 New Hampshire Avenue
301-434-4051



Time to relax...

Where to play and explore

Close to home...

Hillandale Swim and Tennis Association -- 10116 Green Forest Drive. Swim from Memorial Day to Labor Day, play all-season tennis. Activities include a youth swim team and instruction, tennis camp, volley ball and weekend potlucks. Memberships are available. See: www.hillandalepool.com

West Hillandale Swim Club -- 915 Schindler Drive. Swim from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Activities include a youth swim team and swim instruction and social events. Memberships are available. See: <http://www.westhillandaleswimclub.org/>



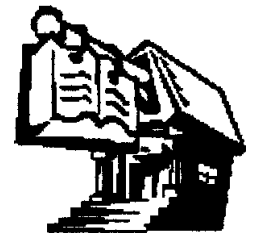
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, MLK Swim Center -- 1201 Jackson Road (north on New Hampshire past White Oak, right at the light at Jackson Road). Public park and ball fields, Public swim center with indoor and outdoor pools 301-989-1206. Facility is operated by Montgomery County.

White Oak Community Recreation Center—1700 April Lane (off Stewart Lane) in White Oak. Opened in 2012, this 30k ft² center offers a myriad of programs for adults, seniors and children. The facility is also available for rental. Call 240-777-6940, or see: <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/where/centers/whiteoak.asp>

Hillandale Park - 10615 New Hampshire Avenue, by the fire station. Baseball diamond, soccer field, tennis courts, basketball blacktop, playground for casual and team use. Facility will be undergoing renewal in several years. www.montgomeryparks.org

White Oak Bowling Lanes -- 11207 New Hampshire Avenue (in the White Oak Shopping Center) on weekends and late-night cosmic bowling is especially popular with teenagers. This is a “duck pin” facility; see: <http://www.whiteoaklanes.com/>

White Oak Library -- 11701 New Hampshire Avenue, 301-622-2492
Find this and all county libraries on-line (even check for, or renew books)



Beltsville Library -- 4319 Sellman Road, 301-937-0294.

[Note: Montgomery and Prince George's residents can use each others' libraries with minimal effort. Montgomery residents simply get a bar code on their card at a Prince George's library; Prince George's residents register at White Oak (to name the closest site) and then can check out books.]



Silver Spring Stage -- Woodmoor Shopping Center, 10145 Colesville Road. Local talent provides entertaining live theater at this community institution. For information on this season's presentations see: www.ssstage.org or call 301-593-6036.

And a little farther afield...

Hiking on the Northwest Branch -- Park at the small Burnt Mills Park lot on the west side of Columbia Pike (Rt. 29) just south of Lockwood Drive and hike along the Northwest Branch to Wheaton Regional Park. Or park on the east side, go south, and enjoy the spectacular fall line of the branch. Teddy Roosevelt enjoyed this rocky section of "Burnt Mills" when he was in the White House, and there was a mill at Burnt Mills for over 150 yrs

The Northwest Branch Trail, now dedicated to environmentalist Rachael Carson, can also be accessed by the paths at the west end of Devere or Robroy in West Hillandale. If you head south instead of north, crossing under the Capital Beltway, you can walk to Adelphi Mill on Riggs Road and even further to the Bladensburg Waterfront Park— both in Prince George's County. See the trail network at:

http://www.montgomeryparks.org/PPSD/ParkTrails/trails_MAPS/trailmap_pdfs/NWbranch_trail.pdf

Wheaton Regional Park -- A treasure! Includes Brookside Gardens, Brookside Nature Center, a carousel and train (summers), picnic pavilions and a huge playground, indoor tennis, ice skating, and horseback riding.

From Hillandale, it's easiest to get to the gardens, nature center and horse stable by heading north on New Hampshire, west on Randolph Road and south on Kemp Mill Road. For the park itself, continue on Randolph to Georgia Avenue, south on Georgia and left on Shorefield Road. For the tennis and ice skating, go west on University Boulevard, right on Arcola and right on Orebaugh (look for the sign).

Bladensburg Waterfront Park: Kayak, canoe or take a river cruise on the Anacostia River and see the remarkable wildlife or stop at the (downriver) National Arboretum. The Bladensburg Park has a nature center and summer concerts. Our two local streams join with others to form the Anacostia. For information on boat rentals, call 301-779-0371 or see http://www.pgparks.com/Things_To_Do/Nature/Bladensburg_Waterfront_Park.htm

More County Parks with lots to do and trail maps for our area:

Prince George's County -- <http://www.pgparks.com/>

Montgomery County -- <http://www.montgomeryparks.org>

The Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Maryland, University Blvd. & Stadium Dr.

www.Claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405 -ARTS There's a host of low cost and even free musical and cultural performances.

AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center -- 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring Recorded information, 301- 495-6700. This historic 1938 movie theater, meticulously restored to its former glory, offers vintage and art films, documentaries from around the world and premiere screenings. For schedules or to become a member: <http://www.afi.com/silver/new/>

DOWNTOWN SILVER SPRING -- With the redevelopment of the core of Silver Spring, you should check out the free concerts, art exhibits, restaurants and events at: www.downtownsilverspring.com/



Good Neighbor Considerations...

Special tips from your neighbors

We love our trees...

The many mature trees in Hillandale are a key part of the fabric of the community. They not only add beauty and stability to the neighborhood, but also serve as a baffle to the noise generated by the traffic on the nearby Beltway and on our streets. Preserving as many of our trees as possible is therefore one of the community's primary goals.

Parking ...

Parking on the street works best when each neighbor parks in front of his or her home. When parking in a driveway, your vehicle should never block the sidewalk. This defeats full wheelchair access to our community and makes it difficult for walkers and it is against the law. And, Montgomery County residential parking restrictions prohibit boats and oversized commercial vehicles from (generally) parking on Hillandale streets.

Speed Limits...

There are many young children in our community. Observing the official speed limit is vital for their safety — along with the safety of walkers, bicyclists and runners — everyone. Thank you and please slow down. The limit on residential streets is 25mph.

Snow Removal...

Although a bit of a hassle, Montgomery County code requires that snow or ice be removed from our sidewalks 24 hours after a snowfall ends. Your friends and neighbors appreciate your efforts to clear sidewalks of snow and ice. It keeps folks out of the roadway and safely walking on the sidewalks.

Hillandale Garden Award...

The Hillandale Citizens Association has a Garden Award program that recognizes residents' efforts in gardening and seasonal decorations. Three homes are awarded for each of the seasonal competitions. Look for announcement of the winners in The Bulletin. To nominate a home for the award, email to gardenawards@hillandale-md.org.