

The Hillandale Bulletin

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Neighborhood Meeting

The new Hillandale Citizen's Association (HCA) Board will sponsor its first Fall Public Meeting on Sept. 24th at the CHI Center, 10501 New Hampshire Ave., at 8pm. Featured guests and topics will include:

Commander Mitch Cunningham of the Montgomery County Police Department:

As a follow up to our National Night Out in August, MCPD's Silver Spring District Commander will discuss law enforcement in Hillandale and the White Oak/Lockwood neighborhood.

Linda Bird, Manager of Housing Code Enforcement for Montgomery County:

Ms. Bird will discuss proposals to make Accessory Apartments easier to obtain in single-family neighborhoods such as Hillandale. Possible changes include a proposal to end the requirement of obtaining a Special Exception for Accessory Apartments. Ms. Bird will also explain the county's coed enforcement process as well as general information about housing code issues.

HCA plans to focus the October 22 meeting on the local public school situation, especially funding for the proposed new elementary school and renovations for Cresthaven ES.

Have a suggestion for a topic or future speaker? Contact Kevin Balfe (balfe@mindspring.com or 301-439-5251) or any other board member with your ideas.

Some Caution Advised

A Hillandale resident called to alert us to a scam that is being worked in the area. The resident was in the parking lot at the local Sears when two men tried to fleece him by faking an accident while he was backing his vehicle out of a parking spot. One man backed a vehicle up to the resident's car while the other pounded on the car. The driver of the other car then claimed that his

vehicle was struck and demanded a cash payment. The other man claimed to be a witness. Needless to say, the resident did not hit the other vehicle and after the police were called, the two scam artists left the scene. It is our understanding that this scam is pretty common in the area, so be on the alert.

Traffic Light Out?

During the severe thunderstorms that rolled through Montgomery County the week of August 25th, many traffic signals were rendered inoperable due to power outages. Our fire and rescue units responded to many car accidents, with injuries, at intersections where the traffic lights were not working.

To help avoid preventable injuries to our citizens, the men and women of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Services would like to remind all motorists of the following rules of thumb when approaching an intersection where traffic lights are not working.

Slow down. Treat the intersections as a four way Stop Sign. Be courteous and advance slowly thorough the intersection only when it is your turn.

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Events at the White Oak Library

The White Oak Library has weekly events for small children running through the month of October. For adults, on Thursday, October 9th, there will be an Adult Book Discussion at 7:30 pm. The featured book will be "An Equal Music" by Vikram Seth. If you are interested, call 301-622-2492 to register.

You can always get a schedule of all Library events by going to www.mont.lib.md.us

School is back in session. Our kids are now walking to school and to the school bus stops. It is time to slow down and drive carefully.

Hillandale Citizens Association Membership Form

Have you missed your local Block Captain or forgotten to return your form? Don't worry, there is still time. Mail this form to the address listed below along with your check.

Please print clearly; it helps us keep our records straight

Last Name _____

Do NOT list my name in the Directory

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Dues for membership in the Association are \$10 per year or \$20 for two years.

I have enclosed \$10 for dues for the fiscal year 2003

I have enclosed \$20 for dues for the fiscal years 2003 and 2004.

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