



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PUBLIC MEETING: TOWN HALL and ELECTION**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025 / 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Place: We Achieve Center / 10501 New Hampshire Avenue**

Please plan to join us for this important town hall to share your thoughts on how HCA can help make our community a better place for everyone. During this meeting, we will also hold our biennial election for the HCA Board, and both current Board members and candidates will want to hear from you about how HCA can advance our mutual goals. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and explore how we can work together on the issues that matter to us all!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025 / 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Place: Hillandale Park / 10615 New Hampshire Avenue**

**Free Ice Cream!!**

The annual National Night Out is HCA's biggest event of the year and brings neighbors and First Responders together for the chance to meet and have some fun! HCA is once again hosting this event in the newly-renovated Hillandale Park on New Hampshire Avenue, and is once again providing free ice cream to our guests. Montgomery County District 5 Council Member Kristin Mink and Maryland District 20 State Senator Will Smith will also be joining us. Please stop by, relax with your neighbors, discuss your concerns with our elected representatives, and express your appreciation for our great first responders in Montgomery County!

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**Our Most Recent Public Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025**

**"Organic Lawn and Landscape Development"**

**Presenter: Mary Travaglini, Montgomery County Office of Environmental Protection**

Ms. Travaglini's presentation highlighted key aspects of organic yard management. She noted that the benefits of organic lawn care include contributing to climate resilience by improving air quality, absorbing stormwater, and storing carbon; in addition, organic practices can reduce reliance on chemicals and protect pollinators and soil health. She also discussed programs and resources available to the public, including [rainscapes.org](https://www.rainscapes.org) for conservation landscaping rebates, Tree Montgomery free shade tree planting, and Montgomery County composting and soil testing tools. Attendees asked a range of questions on:

- Tick prevention and safer alternatives to pesticides
- Best practices for managing invasive plants and vines
- How to safely convert lawns to meadows
- Understanding soil pH and nutrient balancing
- Use of flame weeders in non-lawn areas
- Importance of visual "cues to care" (e.g., clean lawn edges) to avoid code complaints

Do you know **what to do** if you see a **spotted lanternfly**? Find out more here:  
<https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/spotted-lantern-fly.aspx>

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE HILLANDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (HCA)**

- **Mission:** Making Hillandale a better, safer, and more enriching environment for you and your families.
- **Public Forum:** Providing information about community developments and addressing neighborhood issues that concern you--our public meetings are often attended by Montgomery County staff and representatives.
- **Advocacy:** Advocating for the Hillandale community before the Montgomery County Council and other venues.
- **Social Events:** Sponsoring Hillandale events such as National Night Out and the Holiday Party.

Hillandale Citizens Association (HCA)  
P.O. Box 4001  
Silver Spring, MD 20914

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Membership dues are virtually our sole source of income and support all these HCA activities and the HCA Bulletin, which is mailed free to all Hillandale households. Please join today by filling out this form and mailing a check to the address listed below. If you prefer, you can also pay your dues in person at the next public meeting.

**HILLANDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Membership Application** (please print clearly)

**Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Additional First Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hillandale Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues for HCA Household memberships are \$20 per year or \$40 for two years**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed \$20 for dues for the calendar year 2025

\_\_\_\_\_ I have enclosed \$40 for dues for the calendar years 2025 and 2026

**Please make checks payable to Hillandale Citizens Association, Inc. and send your check with this completed form to:**

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You can also use PayPal to pay dues: go to [www.PayPal.com](http://www.PayPal.com), or click on the link provided on the Hillandale website at [www.hillandale-md.org](http://www.hillandale-md.org).