

The Hillandale Bulletin

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General Meeting

For this month's general meeting our guest will be Ike Leggett-former Montgomery County Council member and now a candidate for the office of County Executive being vacated by Doug Duncan. Mr. Leggett served four terms on the Montgomery County Council from 1986 through 2002. He served as the Council's president three times and was vice president another three times. From 2002 through 2004, Mr. Leggett was president of the Maryland Democratic Party.

In addition to our speaker, the HCA Board will report on recent activities and community-related issues. Please bring your questions or input for the association to this gathering.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. with Ike Leggett. The Board report will follow at approximately 8:30 p.m. HCA meetings are held at CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue.

Community Outreach Program

Like any community, Hillandale is always a neighborhood in flux. Every year residents move away and new residents arrive to take their place. It is the goal of the HCA's Community Outreach Program to visit all new residents to welcome them to Hillandale and let them know about the great things that we have going on in this area.

We try to keep abreast of all new households but if we missed yours or if you know of a household that is new to the neighborhood, please let us know.

In addition, the Community Outreach Program is always looking for Hillandale residents to help out with greeting new neighbors and invite all that are interested to contact us.

If you are new to the area or want to help out, you can get in touch with the Outreach Program by calling Barbara Patterson at: 301-445-0498

Lost Cat – Please Help

Cleo is lost and has been spotted in the vicinity of Cresthaven Elementary. She is blind and needs help getting home. She is a lovely, long-haired medium size

cat best described as tortoise shell. She has a white chest and white feet and a dark face. Cleo is also very vocal and seems to be hiding. So, if you hear a cat crying, please pay attention. If you see her, please call (301) 434-7510 immediately. Thank you!

Coming Events at the White Oak Library

Date: Tuesday, 4/25/06 **Time:** 10:30 AM

Program: WHITE OAK MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Description: The book for discussion is TRUTH & BEAUTY: A FRIENDSHIP by Ann Patchett. Sign up for the discussion and receive a copy of the book at the library's information desk. The discussion is one hour.

Date: Tuesday, 5/9/06 **Time:** 7:00 PM

Program: AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK GROUP

Description: Please join us for a discussion of MOZART AND LEADBELLY by Ernest J. Gaines. Copies of the book will be available at the library.

Date: Wednesday, 5/17/06 **Time:** 7:30 PM

Program: WHITE OAK EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Description: The book for discussion is ONE THOUSAND WHITE WOMEN by Jim Fergus. Sign up for the discussion and receive a copy of the book at the library's information desk. The book discussion is one hour. For more information, call the library at 301-622-2492.

Take a day off to enjoy the outdoors at the Audubon Nature Fair. The Washington area's largest family nature fair takes place at the 40-acre Woodend preserve of the Audubon Naturalist Society.

The fair offers a food court, crafts & garden marketplace, native plant sale & organic farmer's market, entertainment, and hands-on nature activities.

Free parking & shuttle bus service.

Sunday, May 7th from 11 am-5 pm

Adults: \$6

Ages 2 –12: \$2

Under 2: FREE

A few tips to help you find a lost animal

When your beloved dog or cat strays from home, it can be a traumatic experience for both of you. Here are some tips that we hope will help you find your pet.

Contact local animal shelters and animal control agencies. File a lost pet report with every shelter within a 60-mile radius of your home and visit the nearest shelters daily, if possible. Three in the area are: the Montgomery County Humane Society, the PG County Shelter and The Washington Humane Society. Provide these agencies with an accurate description and a recent photograph of your pet. Notify the police if you believe your pet was stolen.

Search the neighborhood. Walk and drive through your neighborhood several times each day. Ask neighbors, letter carriers, and delivery people if they have seen your pet. Hand out a recent photograph of your pet and information on how you can be reached if your pet is found. Visit local vets and the firehouse. People often drop off found animals at these locations.

Advertise. Post notices at grocery stores, community centers, veterinary offices, traffic intersections, online at www.pets911.com, and other locations. Also, place advertisements in local newspaper. Include your pet's sex, age, weight, breed, color, and any special markings. When describing your pet, leave out one identifying characteristic and ask the person who finds your pet to describe it.

Be wary of pet-recovery scams. When talking to a stranger who claims to have found your pet, ask him to describe the pet thoroughly before you offer any information. If he does not include the identifying characteristic you left out of the advertisements, he may not really have your pet. Be particularly wary of people who insist that you give or wire them money for the return of your pet.

Don't give up your search. Animals who have been lost for months have been reunited with their owners.

A pet—even an indoor pet—has a better chance of being returned if she always wears a collar and an ID tag with your name, address, and telephone number. Ask your local animal shelter or veterinarian if permanent methods of identification (such as microchips) are available in your area.

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