

The Hillandale Bulletin

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April Association Meeting

FDA Update

Come to this month's association meeting and get the latest skinny on the progress at the new Food and Drug Administration facility. A lot has happened in the past year. This is a great chance to learn about our newest neighbor. The meeting will feature many speakers from the FDA, county and Labquest who will update the community on the current status and plans for the future.

We will not only hear about the FDA facility but will also hear from the FDA Amenities group about other projects and changes in the Hillandale and White Oak area.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th of April at the CHI Centers on New Hampshire Ave. We will start at 7:30 PM-which is a half hour earlier than our normal meeting start. Come armed with your questions!

Hillandale Executive Committee

It is time to think about nominations for the Hillandale Citizens' Association Officers for next year.

A nomination committee has been formed. If you want to serve your community for the next year, call Greg Daniel at 301-408-2477.

The Hillandale Executive Board meets once a month to monitor events and plan for the future of our community. There is always a need for help with this process, and we are seeking new board members every year to fill vacancies. If you want to help, now is the time to get involved.

Cresthaven Kindergarten Orientation

Cresthaven ES will hold an orientation for new (September 2004) kindergartners and their parents on May 20 and 21, from 9 AM to 3 PM. In order to qualify to have your child attend Cresthaven's all-day program your child must be five years old on or before October 1, 2004. Please call Principal Kafi Berry at 301-431-7622 to schedule your appointment for the orientation.

HSTA's Annual Dinner

The Hillandale Swim and Tennis Association will have its annual Spring Dinner and Meeting. All Hillandalers and friends are invited. The dinner will be on Sunday April 18th at 6:30 PM at the Church of Our Savior (at the corner of New Hampshire Ave and Powder Mill Rd.).

Come and enjoy an Italian feast. The cost is just \$8 per person, \$16 for two, and \$30 maximum for a family and is payable at the door.

Reservations are required. Call 301-431-1474 or email: Claudiad55@hotmail.com. This is a great event to both find out about and support this fine community institution.

While we are on the subject of food, mark your calendars for May 27th when the HCA will hold its community dinner. The food will be from Baja Fresh and all are invited. Check next month's Bulletin for more details.

Crime Alert

We have had a few daytime break-ins and burglaries in the Old Hillandale section. The last took place on Friday April 2, on Sweetbriar Pkwy. (between Edgewater and Mitchell). There was another break-in in the same area on March 24th. Please keep an eye out for your neighbors and report any unusual activity that you may observe to the police.

CHI's Spring Flea Market

The Ladies League for the CHI Centers is sponsoring a Spring Flea Market this April 24th from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. The flea market will be held at the CHI Centers, Multi Purpose Room. The center is located at 10501 New Hampshire Ave.-next door to Hillandale Park. The sale will feature such items as; baked goods, books, videotapes, clothing, garden items, jewelry and toys.

If you have a donation, take it to the CHI during normal business hours. Only items that are clean and in good condition please!

**STATUS OF SCHOOL CIP PROJECTS:
BROOKVIEW & CRESTHAVEN & KEY**

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The Montgomery County Council held a worksession on March 23 on the public school's FY 05-10 Capital Improvement Program which includes the funds for our new Northeast Consortium Elementary School #16 and the modernizations of both Cresthaven and Key. Since the County Executive's CIP did not advance the funds necessary in the early years and the Maryland State funding level is in question, the Council will have to implement delays in a number of school construction projects — possibly two of our projects, Brookview and Cresthaven. Final decisions will await the April/May 'budget reconciliation' process. In the meantime, here's the status:

**NORTHEAST CONSORTIUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #16
(a.k.a. BROOKVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL):**

Originally contained in the Board of Educations's CIP for opening in September 2006, this project, adding capacity to our area, has been placed on a list of 23 projects to be delayed by one year. Brookview holds positions 22 and 23 (school and gym are separate items) on the list and will be the FIRST project to be put back on schedule *if* additional money is identified — and *if* no other projects are inserted into the BOE's priority-based list. To be kept on schedule, the Council needs to identify \$5.7M for FY05. (This could be possible if state funding is increased.)

Funding Brookview for opening in September 2006 **with** a gym is important since it gives long-sought relief for the over-used facility at Cresthaven. And, since the Brookview site is so space constrained, building the gym with the school eliminates the problem of on-going construction when the K-2 school opens; it also provides a savings of approximately \$200k for MCPS.

CRESTHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

The BOE's CIP passed last fall finally scheduled Cresthaven's modernization with a re-opening in September, 2009. However given the budget shortfall, **all** elementary school modernizations (in planning) are on the to-be-delayed-by-a-year list. Since the BOE's priority is to fund capacity projects followed by modernizations, getting these modernizations back to the proposed schedule is difficult, and would require the Council to identify an additional \$40+M for FY05. Cresthaven will most probably be rescheduled for re-opening in September 2010.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Funds for modernizing middle schools are not in question. Key is scheduled for re-opening in September 2009.

The Cresthaven PTA and the Hillandale Citizens Association continue to lobby to keep Brookview on track, and to modernize Cresthaven ASAP. Add your voice by contacting County Council at 240-777-7900, or e-mailing Council President Steve Silverman at county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov

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