

The Hillandale Bulletin

March, 2003

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March Association Meeting

This month's Hillandale Neighborhood Association meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 26, at 8 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at the CHI Centers. This month's meeting will focus on the progress and status of the **FDA Research Facility**. Representatives from all participating groups will be present.

Citizens' Association Officers

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

A nominating committee consisting of Kevin Balfe, Betsy Bretz and Greg Daniel has been formed to seek candidates for officers for the Hillandale Citizens' Association for next year, starting in June. If you want to have an input into the activities of the Association, or know someone who is interested, please call 301 434-1707 or leave a message on our web page.

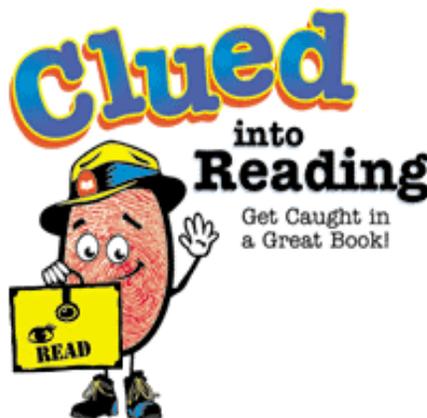
Hillandale Directory

In spite of our best efforts, not everyone has yet received the new directory. Problems with the printing delayed the directories, and then, on the weekend that most of the rest were to have been delivered, we had 18 inches of snow. With reasonably good weather we should have them all out before the end of March. We thank you for your patience.

Get in the Swim

COME OUT OF HIBERNATION AND EAT WITH YOUR FRIENDS. Calling all Hillandale Swim & Tennis Association members and guests for a full-course Mexican Fiesta on Sunday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m., featuring the terrific fresh food from downtown Silver Spring's very own Baja Fresh. \$8.50 per person, \$16 for two, \$30 maximum per family (under 5 is free). The fiesta will be held at the Episcopal Church (at the corner of N.H. & Powder Mill Rds). Make your reservation via email at: claudiad55@hotmail.com or call: 301-431-1474. You may pay at the door.

CRESTHAVE'S SPRING SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR Thursday-Saturday April 3-5



Come and support Cresthaven's PTA at this fundraiser for our neighborhood school. For additional information, or to volunteer to work at the book fair, please contact Liz Hartnett at 240-441-5427 or lizhartinmd@aol.com

EXCLUSIVE TO THE SPRING 2003 SCHOLASTIC FAIR

Pre-order a copy of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J. K. Rowling for the retail price of \$29.99 -- and receive not only a copy of the long-awaited book but also a **collectible Harry Potter baseball cap and scroll**.

Most importantly, Cresthaven Elementary School will receive \$9 for each pre-order sold.

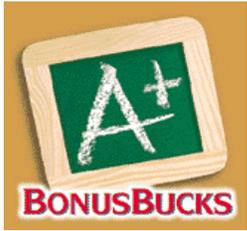
PLEASE NOTE: THE BOOK AND COLLECTIBLE ITEMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE SCHEDULED BOOK RELEASE DATE OF JUNE 21, 2003.

Check it out! You can now send an email to this address: Hillandale-Bulletin-suscribe@yahoogroups.com and get a monthly link emailed to your computer that will direct you to the latest Hillandale Bulletin. Free yourself from the fetters of snail mail and be the first on your block to see the Bulletin!

PLEASE, SIGN UP FOR SAFEWAY & GIANT RECEIPT PROGRAMS

Next time you go grocery shopping, stop by the service desk and sign up for these terrific programs.

The programs are ending in early April, so please do it soon.



Last year, Cresthaven Elementary School received a check for \$2,034.94 from Giant and over 147,000 purchase points from Safeway. School administrators were very pleased

to get additional equipment for the school.

Giant Food is making it easy for you to register on-line for their A+ BonusBucks program. Go to www.giantfood.com, select "A+BonusBucks" from the menu on the left, and follow the directions. Giant's 2002/2003 program began on October 6, 2002, and continues through April 5, 2003. Full credit for all your purchases dating back to October will be made to the schools when you sign up.

Safeway's program is run by e-scrip and registration can be done at the store or on-line at: www.escrip.com. The Safeway program ends on May 11, 2003.

CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME

At the January Hillandale Citizens Association meeting, MCPD's Officer Joy Patil discussed various safety issues of interest to the community. With the recent report of a stolen vehicle in our neighborhood, residents should review some of the basics provided by Officer Patil to avoid being a victim of a car theft



1. Do not leave your car running and unoccupied--even just to run inside for a minute or let it warm up.

2. Lock your car (especially if it holds the garage door opener) when parked, even in your driveway.

3. Consider joining the Watch Your Car Program. This voluntary program allows police to stop your car while being driven between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. Since this is the prime time for car thefts, thieves can be more easily caught. If you are interested in signing up, check the Montgomery County Police website and click on Auto Theft, or call the police non-emergency number at 301-279-8000.

4. Consider purchasing additional anti-theft devices, especially if you use large, unsecured parking lots.

Officer Patil explained that most residential car thefts occur in large parking areas like apartments or condos. Also, MCPD does not provide news reports of individual car thefts to the media on a regular basis because of the large number of car thefts. So, just because you don't read it in *The Gazette* doesn't mean it isn't happening.

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And as always, if you see anything suspicious, call: **301-279-8000**, or if you see a crime in progress, call **911**.

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