

The Hillandale Bulletin

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Neighborhood Meeting

In lieu of our regular monthly meeting, the HCA and Cresthaven PTA will be hosting a community wide dinner on Thursday May 27th. We would like to see everybody there. See the back page for full details.

Summer Means Swimming

Come experience the great times at HSTA

The Hillandale Swim and Tennis Association (HSTA) on Green Forest Drive features a 25-meter pool, high and low diving boards, baby pool, 2 lighted tennis courts, swim lessons, swim team and wonderful activities, all in a beautiful wooded setting.

Take advantage of the incredible new member discount. This year they are offering a one-time only, "get your feet wet" promotion of \$100 off dues and a permanent waiver of the initiation fee! Households with one adult pay only \$160 for the entire season and households with two adults pay only \$275! They are also offering a special promotion for members that are grandparents. Grandparents can bring grandkids for free as long as the children do not live in the greater Hillandale area!! Call Debbie McNally at 301-445-0113 or e-mail Charis83@hotmail.com to learn more and join.

White Oak Substation

It is hoped that Montgomery County Police will have a new substation in the White Oak area by this summer. As reported in the Gazette Newspaper, the management company for the Enclave Apartment Complex located at 11215 Oak Leaf Drive has offered a vacant apartment to the police for their use as a substation.

The substation will be a place where officers can drop in, write reports, store their bicycles or follow up on an investigation. The substation will also have limited hours when an officer will be present for neighbors to ask questions and speak about community concerns.

At The Library

On Tuesday May 18th at 7:00 PM the White Oak Library will feature Tuskegee Airman, William Hymes, discussing his experience with the famous African American flyers of World War II. No registration required. This is part of the AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE SERIES.

And... the WHITE OAK EVENING ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES invites you to join them for a discussion of NICKEL AND DIMED: ON (NOT) GETTING BY IN AMERICA by Barbara Ehrenrich. This event is on Weds, 5/19/2004 at 7:30 PM. Call 301-622-2492 for details. The discussion is for one hour.

West Hillandale Swim Club Pool Opens May 28th

The West Hillandale Swim Club, (WHSC) located at 915 Schindler Drive (directly across from Key Middle School) invites you to join our wonderful "Z" shaped pool! It's a great community pool that accommodates anyone's needs. You won't be sequestered in the baby pool if you have small children...the pool graduates from steps to 12 feet every 6 inches. Additionally, play basketball or ping pong; have your kids join the swim team or take swim lessons; relax in the sun, or in our many shady spots for those who are "sun sensitive"; play tennis on the courts across the street at Key; or just laze around in the crystal clear water of our pool.

Pool hours are extended, opening at 11 a.m. (once school is out) and closing at our usual 8:30 p.m. time.

WHSC is hosting an Open House on Sunday, June 13 from 2-5 p.m. It's free admission, free food and lots of fun! Come visit us and bring your friends! We offer full and trial memberships. Please call John Schorn, membership chair, at 301-445-8330 for a free visit to the pool and for an application and brochure, or send an email to westhillandale@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing you at the pool this summer!

FORGET COOKING ON THURSDAY, MAY 27!

(Plan instead on good food and conversation with neighbors)



Everyone is invited to help revive a Hillandale tradition. Mark **MAY 27** on your calendar for our first community-wide dinner in a long, long time. Hosted by the Hillandale Citizens Association (in conjunction with the Cresthaven Elementary PTA), the evening in the Cresthaven cafeteria and courtyard will feature the marvelous food of Baja Fresh and special children's fun (think face painting and other treats). And after we enjoy each other's company over tacos and burritos, we'll get a summary of our first community survey, to which many of you responded this spring.

Your answers to the survey will give us a chance to talk about Hillandale and its future. Here's a preview: Our community's greatest assets are, by easy consensus, its sense of family and friendly neighborhood, its diversity of people and housing, its trees and quiet. "An oasis in a busy urban area," one Hillandaler wrote.

Likewise, concerns about our neighborhood also are shared. The most pressing worries, according to the survey? By far, property upkeep and the commercial offerings of our local shopping areas. Many people mentioned the multiple vehicles, debris and other "junk" that occupy some yards and driveways, detracting from homes and streets. Many also cited limited offerings of restaurants and stores, with some complaining about poor quality, others about safety.

We can do something to strengthen the good and ameliorate the bad -- *but only if we work together.*

So join us on Thursday, May 27! And bring a neighbor. Bring two!

Dinner will be from 7-8:15 p.m., with our community discussion from 8:15-9:15 p.m. (The school is at 1234 Cresthaven Drive.)

Just \$6.50 a person, with a family maximum of \$25.

BUT ... We must have your reservation by Tuesday, May 25. RSVP to hillandaledinner04@yahoo.com, or call 301-439-3822 and leave your name, phone number and the number of people in your reservation.

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