

The Hillandale Bulletin

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September Neighborhood Meeting

HCA is holding the first meeting of the 2004-05 year on Monday evening, September 13, at the CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue. Community residents are invited to come for refreshments beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the program to begin at 8:00 p.m. Meet your neighbors, discuss community issues and get to know HCA's Executive Board Members.

The meeting topic is "Zoning: By Right, or By Special Exception." County Council is considering changes to the Montgomery County zoning code, which would eliminate the special exception requirement on eating and drinking establishments (includes: fast-food, casual-fast, sit-down and full-service) in commercial office buildings near and adjacent to our residential areas.

In a separate action, the County Council is considering ending special exceptions for accessory apartments.

The HCA board is very concerned about both of these proposed zoning changes and think that it is important that the community be alerted to the possible negative impact of both actions. We would like to share our views and gain your input. There are serious quality of life issues involved with these proposed changes (traffic, parking, overcrowded school and neighborhood density could all be adversely affected) and all Hillandale residents need to be informed and involved. We hope to see you at the meeting.

West Hillandale Woman's Club

The West Hillandale Women's Club invites you to attend their next meeting on Thursday, October 14, 2004 at Cresthaven Elementary School. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

The special topic for the night will be "The Current Real Estate Market" and the speaker will be Hillandale resident Betsy Bretz-of Long and Foster.

Come armed with your real estate questions and meet your friends and neighbors in the West Hillandale Women's Club.

Call May Savage at: 301-445-1630 for more information or if you need a ride.

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The "Beautiful Hillandale" winners of this month's category "specialty gardens" are:

1732 Overlook Dr.--Raymond & Inez Jackson-- This garden amplifies the French country look of the house itself.

1932 Kimberly Rd-Christine O'Connell & Tom Bowers—A beautiful garden on challenging steep slope.

10106 Green Forest Dr-Robert and Martha Knoss. Two giant shade trees in front challenged the owners to make maximum use of both shade and sun. The back yard features a fish pond and waterfall.

10419 Rodney Rd-Abdin & Migdalia (Susie) Noboa--In this wooded garden, paths wind through trellised archways to secluded nooks with quaint benches, charming little statues and urns of curious design mellowed with age.

1925 Pagebrook Rd---Jim & Mary Cantrill—Newly planted beds along the street (outerbanks garden) compliment the mature evergreens in this yard.

Have a nomination? Call 301-439-8655 (Betsy Bretz).

A reminder that School is now back in session and far too many Hillandale residents are driving fast through the neighborhood and on surrounding roads. Kids are out and about-especially near school bus stops. Take the time to remind your teenage drivers (or your parents) to slow down a bit and watch for children when driving through Hillandale or any other neighborhood.

Giant Foods Bonus Bucks

Giant food is kicking off its Bonus Bucks program for the year. The program will run from October 3rd, 2004 through April 2, 2005. If you are interested, you can register at your local Giant or on line. You will be able to select up to three local schools as participants in the program and then a percentage of your purchases at Giant will go back to the school. This successful program is in its 15th year and Giant expects to provide up to two million dollars in cash contributions to local schools this year.

White Oak Library this Month

There are two book discussion groups scheduled for the Library this month. They are:

WHITE OAK AFRICAN AMERICAN BOOK GROUP. Featuring a discussion of "Bombingham" by Anthony Grooms on Tuesday September 14th at 7 PM.

WHITE OAK EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION. Featuring a discussion of "Daisy Miller" and "Washington Square" by Henry James on Wednesday September 22nd at 7:30 PM.

For information call: 301-622-2492

Voter Registration

Montgomery County residents who wish to vote in the November 2 Presidential General Election are reminded that the deadline for voter registration is 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12.

Applications for the General Election may be obtained by calling the Voter Information Service at 240-777-VOTE until Tuesday, October 5th. Applications are also available in County libraries and regional service centers, and all offices of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration and U. S. Post Offices.

Zoning and Code Violations

Lately members of the Board have gotten a lot of calls about zoning violations and illegal use of homes in Hillandale. While we try to monitor this activity and follow up with the County, your call to the County is just as important.

If you have a complaint about illegal construction activity, right of way usage, or improper signs, you can call the Department of Permitting Services at: 240-777-6259.

If you have a complaint about improper maintenance, overgrown weeds, trash, abandoned cars, illegal occupancy or business use you can call the Department of Housing and Community Affairs at: 240-777-3785

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