

# The Hillandale Bulletin

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### January General Meeting

This Hillandale Neighborhood Association meeting will take place on January 23. As usual, the meeting will take place at 7:30 pm. at the CHI Centers building located at 10501 New Hampshire Ave.

This month our guest will be our own Montgomery County District 5 council member Valerie Ervin. There are many issues affecting Hillandale before the County Council. We encourage all of you to come to the meeting and bring your questions and concerns.

### HCA Nomination Committee To Form

The Association needs to form a Nomination Committee to fill the unexpired term of President and a complete slate for the June 2008 to May 2009 term.

According to the HCA Constitution, a nomination committee of at least 3, not more than 5, is to be formed in March. Owing to the need to fill the President's slot now, it has been proposed that the committee be formed now to nominate that position for election at the March general meeting. The same committee will then nominate the full slate for election at the spring general meeting.

If you are interested in participating in the nomination committee, please volunteer at the January 23 meeting, or by e-mail to [webmaster@hillandale-md.org](mailto:webmaster@hillandale-md.org)

### Radon in Hillandale

A resident of Hillandale contacted us to let us know that radon was discovered in their recently purchased home. While Hillandale is only considered to be at moderate risk for radon, there are homes in the neighborhood that have tested for radon levels higher than the EPA recommendation. If you have never done a radon test on your home, we urge you to consider testing as soon as possible.

High levels of radon are known to be linked with lung cancer. Usually if excessive levels of radon are detected in your home the problem can be easily corrected.

### Mortgage Pitfalls

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center will host a free workshop designed to assist those faced with possible mortgage stress. The workshop will provide an overview of the current foreclosure situation in America, discuss how to prevent mortgage foreclosure, and answer questions. Individual consultations will be conducted following the presentation

The workshop is being presented by the **Howard University School of Law, Fair Housing Clinic, on Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00pm.** For more information call 240-777-8400.

### Free English Language Classes

English Languages Classes will be held at the Regional Services Center, beginning February 15<sup>th</sup>. Two ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes are currently open for enrollment at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. One class for beginners and one class is intended for intermediate skill levels.

The classes will meet on Friday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and are open to all who wish to learn or improve their English skills. A refundable deposit and book fees are requested. Classes are offered in partnership with the Chinese Culture and Community Center. For information call 240-777-8400.

### New Speed Cameras

You asked for them and now you got em! Montgomery County has installed new speed monitoring cameras on Powder Mill Rd-near Kinloch Rd. And now that we have them, it is best to remember that the speed limit along there is 35 mile per hour. We would like to hear from the first Hillandale resident that gets nailed by these new cameras. Let's hope it is not your Bulletin editor.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 7 SEC A, E.**

Brought to the Membership by Ken Harringer, Treasurer.

Below is Article 7, Section E of The HCA's constitution:

**Section E. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all monies due to the Association and to deposit the same in a depository approved by the Association. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the Association only by the direction of the Association, except that in the event of an (an) emergency any such disbursement may be made at the direction of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall make a report at each regular meeting and when called upon by the President. The accounts of the Treasure(r) shall be audited prior to the May meeting by a committee of two members appointed by the President.**

1.Regarding the second sentence, there need not be a distinction of "in emergency," since the Executive Committee has sole authority to take all actions on any matter for the Association by Article 6, emergency or routine. Resolve to strike from "except that..." to the end of that sentence.

2 Regarding the last sentence, an audit describes a certain standard of review which may be undesired in any given year. Resolve to change "audited" to "reviewed."

3. The last sentence is a duty of the President, so resolve to strike from section E and move to sections A which describes the Presidents duties.

Below is the proposed change to the text of Section E.

**Section E. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to ensure collection of all accounts receivable and debts due the Association, and to safeguard all monies received within depositories approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall also have the duty of satisfying all accounts payable and debts for which the Association is rightly liable, as determined by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall also disburse funds as directed by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall deliver a report of the Treasury's accounts to the President at each regular meeting and when otherwise called to do so by the President. The Treasurer shall support the special committee convened by the President to review the Associations accounts and financial controls.**

.And Add to Section A, duties of President:

**Once each year, the President may convene a special committee of two members to review the Association's accounts and financial controls and then make a report to the Executive Committee thereof.**

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