

The Hillandale Bulletin

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Council District 5 Candidates Forum

HCA General Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 7:30-9:00 PM

Refreshments, Meet & Greet at 7:00 PM

CHI, 10501 New Hampshire Ave.

The Montgomery County Council District 5 race has FIVE candidates vying for the seat vacated by Valerie Ervin and currently being filled by "caretaker," Cheri Branson. All five candidates, Christopher Barclay, Evan Glass, Terrill North, Tom Hucker and Jeff Thames have agreed to participate in Hillandale's forum on May 22.

So, how will you determine how to cast your vote in the primary on June 24? Come out and meet the candidates, hear what they have to say, and get a feel for how you may be represented in Council. We'll start with light refreshments at 7:00 with the forum beginning at 7:30. A short HCA business meeting complete with the election of officers will follow at 8:45. The meeting will conclude at 9:00.

A few questions will be prepared for the candidates. Additional, written questions will be taken from the floor as time permits. If you have a question, or would like to suggest a topic for the candidates to address, please send your query to finnegan20903@yahoo.com.

Please come early and give HCA your input on the artwork for the "reduce speeding" lawn signs (see page 2). Also, consider bringing your 2014 membership dues payment and receive a copy of the HCA Community Directory.

Thanks for Many Years of Service to HCA

Hall Crannell has served the Hillandale and West Hillandale communities for many years as a many-time HCA President, Crime Watch Captain, and most importantly, as our long-time and diligent Membership Chair.* It is hard to express the community's appreciation for the steadfast service given us. Thank you, Hall.

* Hall has turned over membership to Heather Thomas.



Spring Home and Garden Awards

It is again time for the Hillandale Home and Garden Awards. Our judges have been touring the community and have come up with three award winning homes from the nominations that we have received. Spring is always the most difficult time to judge as there are so many beautiful yards in Hillandale making it difficult to choose. Thanks to all of our hard working judges and the many gardeners!

The awards, listed below in no particular order are:

- **10311 Naglee Road:** Great summer flowers and some nice children's touches.
- **10410 Greenacres Drive:** Very neat yard with dazzling flowers.
- **1200 Harper Road:** Plenty of mature plantings and color.

Note: Many residents may not be aware that Harper is a small dead-end street off of Cresthaven on your right as you drive into the community from New Hampshire Ave. Make sure you take a look.

THE NATIONAL LABOR COLLEGE STATUS

In April, HCA was advised that the College approved an agreement for the sale of the campus to the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), an AFL-CIO affiliate. The sale will close in July.

Although details of ATU's plans are not yet available, it is anticipated that they will move their headquarters to the campus, reopen the Kirkland facility as a conference center and also develop the property with a mixed-use project. Stay tuned!

Making Hillandale Streets More Safe for Kids and Pedestrians

~~~Andrew Harris, HCA VP Programs

Many of our neighbors have consistently raised concerns over speeding on our neighborhood streets. We live in a family-oriented community with neighborhood schools and community pools. This means that with the warm weather, we have a lot of children, dog walkers, runners and bicycles on our streets. We do not have speed cameras or many speed bumps in Hillandale, and most community members would like to keep it that way. But more needs to be done to raise awareness of excessive speed on our streets and the responsibility we have in keeping streets safe by driving the speed limit. We care about speeding on our streets because:

- On average, over 90 deaths occur each day from speeding vehicles. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA))
- 500 children under 14-years old are killed each year while walking in what should be their safe haven — their neighborhood. (NHTSA)
- Each year over 4,000 sons, daughters, mothers & fathers are killed while walking in neighborhoods or crossing streets. (NHTSA)
- The death rate on residential streets is over twice that of highways — measured per miles driven. (NHTSA)
- A pedestrian hit in a 30 mph speed zone is 3 times more likely to die than one hit in a 25 mph zone. (General Estimates Database of Police Reported Accidents-NHTSA)

HCA is inviting all community members to assist us in making our communities streets safer for children and pedestrians. HCA is planning an initiative to have dozens of lawn signs printed to help raise awareness and concern for children and pedestrian safety, and help ensure people observe the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit on our streets. Our plan is to work with residents and place these signs along stretches of our streets and then periodically rotate these signs to raise awareness across the community. At the May 22 HCA meeting, we will present candidate sign designs for you to comment on as well as the overall plan of engagement through these signs; we encourage everyone to join in this important dialogue and initiative.

“Safe streets for our children and pedestrians” is long overdue and must be one of the guaranteed privileges of living in great community like Hillandale.

 Ask about our new member discounts! 

## West Hillandale Swim Club is accepting new members.

### 5 REASONS TO JOIN

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**915 Schindler Drive, Silver Spring, MD**

### *From the March HCA Meeting...*

#### **Plans for Hillandale Local Park**

Park Development staff and their consultants explained two proposed design options for the major renovation of the Hillandale Local Park. Because of the additional r-o-w required by the future BRT and environmental requirements, the available “usable area” for park amenities is constrained. Planning will continue over the coming weeks, with the sketches posted on-line at: <http://www.montgomeryparks.org/pdd/cip/hillandale.shtm>

The final concept will be presented to the Planning Commission in the fall for approval to be added to the Capital Improvements Program. Unfortunately, funding of the project will not be considered by Council until next spring, and actual construction will be years off.

In the interim, the old “rec” buildings will be demolished in the fall. Modest park improvements — a gazebo, port-a-potty, etc.— may be offered at that time.

#### **Report from MoCo Commander Johnson**

In his remarks, Commander Johnson indicated that undercover officers were being assigned to our area to address the spike in residential burglaries. He reiterated that the best deterrents to crime are residents that look out for their community/neighbors and call in all suspicious activity. **Since the March meeting, burglaries have significantly and thankfully declined!**

## UPDATE: White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan

~~Eileen Finnegan, HCA President

The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan, which has been in the works for years, will be before Council soon, most probably beginning in June. Passage of the plan will be this summer. The Planning Housing and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will hold work sessions (open to the public and broadcasted on the web) on the plan's transportation, zoning recommendations and other aspects of the plan such as environmental and park issues. Following PHED's evaluation and recommendations, the full Council will take action on the plan. For the current version of the plan and the background material see:

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/wosg/>

**Pending Transportation Analysis:** Following the public hearing on the plan earlier this year, it was determined that the transpiration analysis contained in the plan did not reflect the configurations of the recently adopted Bus Rapid Transit Master Plan. Planners have reset the regional modeling to reflect this lower vehicle capacity and are "running the traffic tests" using the plan's recommended density to determine the land-use/transportation balance of the plan. Results of this analysis will not be available for sometime. It is not clear whether individual intersections will be remodeled with this changed regional capacity.

**NLC's Zoning Modification Request:** The National Labor College requested a change in the zoning for the campus during the Council's public hearing. They requested an increase in the zoning on the "back 20 acres" from CRN .25 FAR to CRT 1.5 FAR. HCA does not support this request.

**HOC's Redevelopment Plans:** HOC has advised Council that Holly Hall will be redeveloped in a few years. (Holly Hall residents have been informed that the facility will be demolished, and they will be relocated to other facilities.) Under a federal program called RAD, older public housing is being turned over to local housing authorities with federal housing vouchers being provided going forward. To take advantage of this arrangement, HOC will redevelop the Holly Hall property at a higher density. HOC is also purchasing the corner property owned by Capital One. It is unclear how large the project will be, but with additional "affordable housing" bonus densities recently enacted in the Zoning Code ReWrite, the FAR and building height maximums specified in the master plan can be exceeded. (HOC estimated that NOT including the bonus density provision, the Holly Hall property could accommodate 325 apartment units.) HOC anticipates having a mixed-income project, which would include affordable housing for low-and-moderate-income families. It is unknown whether HOC will partner with any development proposed for the NLC property.

### ***More Local News Tidbits...***

#### **Additional FDA offices and labs coming to WO**

With the completion of the Southeast Quadrant facility, the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) and others will be moving from Bethesda and Rockville to the White Oak campus over the coming weeks. Additional laboratory operations will relocate over the summer. By the fall, FDA's White Oak campus population will increase from the 5,500 employees on site in the start of 2014 to about 9,000.

#### **MoCo DOT schedules Hillandale's road repairs**

Our residential roadways are in disrepair owing to age, a difficult winter and utility work. The Department of Transportation has advised HCA that Hillandale West of NH is now scheduled for the Full-Depth Permanent Patching program this construction season. DOT has also tentatively scheduled Hillandale East of NH for the Resurfacing program in FY15, pending Council approval of the requested budget increases later this month.

DOT newsletters describing all the work to be done and timeline of each program will be sent to all residents as work draws near in the respective areas. DOT's web site will be updated following budget approval.



### **Hillandale Swim and Tennis Association**

**Pool open May 24 through Labor Day  
10116 Green Forest Drive**

For details of how to join, please contact HSTA Membership Chair, Jennifer Garcia-Ruiz at (301) 744-9484 or [HSTAmembership@gmail.com](mailto:HSTAmembership@gmail.com)

See more on the web at:

<http://www.hillandalepool.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Hillandalepool>

**Check into HSTA's youth summer day camp, renting HSTA facilities for private parties, the Hillandale Hell Cats Swim Team, youth & adult swimming lessons and family & adult social events.**

**Join in the FUN. Join HSTA!**

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## HCA Membership Drive for Calendar Year 2014

The Hillandale Citizens Association exists to foster community/civic engagement, address neighborhood concerns, review development plans and protect our property values. Additionally, HCA holds regular meetings, mails the Bulletin newsletter to every home, welcomes new neighbors, maintains the corner at Powder Mill and New Hampshire Ave and sponsors social events, Crime Watch and [www.hillandale-md.org](http://www.hillandale-md.org) HCA maintains a reserve fund for legal, or extraordinary expenses. Your dues of \$20/year fund all HCA activities. All households receiving this Bulletin are eligible and encouraged to become active members of the Association.

**Have you paid your dues for this year? Look at the address label on this newsletter. If your 2014 dues have not been paid, it says "Owe 2014 dues." If you have paid, the label says "Paid for 2014," 2015, etc. To pay dues, please fill out and return the form below with your check, or to pay on-line through PayPal or credit card, visit our web site: <http://www.hillandale-md.org/membership.html> For more information on your membership, please e-mail Membership Chair Heather Thomas at [atlarge2@hillandale-md.org](mailto:atlarge2@hillandale-md.org)**

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### Hillandale Citizens Association, Inc. Membership Form *Please print clearly; it helps us keep our records straight*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  DO NOT list my name in the 2015 Directory

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Additional names at this home \_\_\_\_\_ (No additional cost for this service)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_  DO NOT list my phone number in the Directory

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**Invite me to join HCA's Yahoo Group**

Enclosed \$20 for dues for the year 2014

Enclosed \$40 for dues for the years 2014 & 2015

Please make checks payable to: **Hillandale Citizens Association, Inc.** and return check and form to:  
Hillandale Citizens Association Membership  
c/o Heather Thomas, 10202 Lariston Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20903