

The Hillandale Bulletin

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General Meeting

There will be no general meeting of the HCA for the month of November. Instead we invite all of you to come to the annual Hillandale Holiday Party on Sunday, December 3rd. See the back of the Bulletin for details.

Beautiful Hillandale

It is official. We have winners for the October 2006 Halloween/ Fall Home and Gardens awards. The winners are, in no particular order:

Nora Reyes & Ernesto Portillo at 1102 Schindler Dr.
Eileen Dufton at 1016 Cresthaven Dr.
Howard Silcott at 1904 Powder Mill Rd.
Patty & Roger Henkell at 1120 Devere Dr.
Barb & Henry Thomas at 907 Crest Park Dr.

Congratulations to the winners. This year, it seemed that there were more houses decorated for Halloween than in the past few years. Great work everybody!

Zoning Appeal Legal Fund

Hillandale's Administrative Appeal of the various permits issued by the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services allowing the Unique Thrift Store and Bazaar to operate at the Hillandale Shopping Center was granted by the Board of Appeals in October. The Board's written decision is expected to be filed in December.

Legal fees incurred by HCA have been significant. Historically HCA has kept reserve funds for this type of situation. Because of the significance and expense of this appeal, community members have also contributed money over the past few months. We now need your help to replenish HCA's fund, both to complete the present case and to have reserves for any future need.

Please, make a contribution to the legal fund by sending your check made out to "The Hillandale Citizens Association," to HCA, c/o White Oak Systems, PO Box 10959, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Mark the memo line of your check "for legal fund." If you have any questions, please call Eileen Finnegan at 301-439-2263. Thank you.

Slow Down!

We have been approached lately by a few Hillandale residents voicing concern about the problem of drivers speeding on our streets. It seems like every year we have to discuss this issue and it is an ongoing problem. The important thing to remember is that the speeders are usually residents of Hillandale-not outsiders. Please bear this in mind, especially with school in session. It is time to take stock of your driving habits. Are you going too fast while driving the neighborhood? If you have young drivers in your family, it is time to talk with them about the issue. It does not matter who is in the right or wrong, accidents involving pedestrians can damage many lives.

Crime Watch

We have been experiencing some crimes in the neighborhood in the past few months. These have included acts of vandalism, burglary and other minor acts of theft. On the whole, Hillandale is a fairly secure neighborhood. We do not normally have a lot of crime. One reason is that the neighborhood has traditionally been very proactive about looking out for our neighbors. If you notice something irregular or are the least bit suspicious about something going on in the neighborhood, don't hesitate to call the police. It is better to have a false alarm than to ignore what could be a real crime, because you are not sure or don't want to get involved. Crime is an everyday problem in every neighborhood. Let's watch out for each other.

In and emergency call 911. In a non-emergency call:
Montgomery County: 301-279-8000
Prince George's County 301-333-4000

Something Different

Looking for a little diversion for the coming month? I suggest a trip to the historic B&O train station in downtown Silver Spring. The station will hold its monthly open house on Saturday, Dec 2nd between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. The open house is free and there is limited parking right in front of the station. The B&O station is located at 8100 Georgia Ave. It might be a nice break from your holiday shopping.



Come to the Holiday Party! On Sunday December 3rd

All Hillandale residents are invited to attend our holiday party this year. This year's event will be held at the CHI Centers located next to Hillandale Park on New Hampshire Ave. The event starts at 6:00 pm and goes until 8:00 pm. Come meet your neighbors and eat some excellent food. Dinner will be provided including, turkey and trimmings, plus barbecue and hot dogs for the less traditional minded. Expect to polish off dinner with a slice of Sarah Crooke's famous pie. Activities will include a gathering to light the Shaw Tree and caroling. Jazz music will be provided by the Ricky Alexander Quartet. We invite you to bring a dish of your own to share but this is not a must.

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