

The Hillandale Bulletin

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HCA Invites You to Participate

Wednesday, November 18

CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue

7:00-7:30 p.m.: "New" Neighborhood Crime Watch Organizational Meeting

Neighborhood Watch Chair Lynda Williams is hosting an introduction/organizational meeting for all residents interested in joining with her to rejuvenate the decades-old Hillandale Crime Watch. Please read her letter to the community on the back of this issue, and come to see how you can help your neighborhood.

7:30-9:00 p.m.: HCA General Meeting

Hear what's happening in the community and discuss the organization's efforts on behalf of Hillandale. Bring your enthusiasm, concerns and questions.

Come for one or both!

Tip of the Month: Please make sure your house number is clearly marked on your home and your street-side mailbox. Nothing is more frustrating for an emergency responder than to arrive at a location and not be able to find the exact house because house numbers are not visible. House numbers should be seen from the street at night.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE COMING HERE

10230 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 304

Hours of operation: Monday--Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Anticipated opening: November 18, 2009

WEST HILLANDALE WOMAN'S CLUB

Our speaker on November 18, will be Diana Post, President of the Rachel Carson Council. Ms. Post will speak about Rachel Carson's life, her contributions to the world environment, tips on safety issues and the Council's Annual Open House. The Rachel Carson House is right in our backyard in Quaint Acres. Refreshments are served at 1:00 P.M. in the large downstairs room of the White Oak Library. The program starts at 1:30 P.M. All are welcome. For further information call May Savage, Woman's Club President at 301-445-1630.

Hillandale's Fall Home and Garden Awards

1021 Devere Drive- lovely landscaping, very eye-catching

10416 Rodney Road - lovely landscaping, eerie window-eyes and a coffin to boot!

1914 Forest Dale Drive- sweet, lovely and simple

10507 Greenacres Drive - great landscaping and many monsters - scary even in daylight

Next Award: Spring 2010

Hillandale's Annual Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue

This is a neighborhood tradition with great food and great company. Sarah Croke and Pam Reid have planned a wonderful party and hope that EVERYBODY comes. **The party is open to all residents, old, young, new, long-time, HCA member or not.** Just Come and Enjoy!! You will meet friends old and new.

Dinner, consisting of beef barbecue, hotdogs and the more traditional fare of turkey and trimmings, will be provided. You can also expect pie for dessert. Since this is a "pot-luck," you are invited to bring a dish to share, but it is not necessary.

This year, the Shaw Tree will be newly decorated and will be lit for the season. Sarah will be bringing her renowned gingerbread cookies for the children to decorate. And, that famous North Pole visitor has been invited and is expected to attend.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, the serving line and clean-up. Please contact Kristine Manlove at kmmmanlove@hotmail.com or 202-607-3131 to volunteer.



From our new Neighborhood Crime Watch Chair---

To all neighbors of Hillandale, past and present Crime Watch District Organizers, Block Captains and team members, pool members, dog walkers, walkers, joggers, and National Night Out participants, I am Lynda Williams and I **need your Help in making Hillandale a safer place to live for our children, seniors and ourselves.**

I have volunteered to take on the task of rejuvenating our Hillandale Neighborhood Crime Watch with the help of everyone who lives in the community. First, we need to update e-mail addresses for the entire community so we can get important and timely information out when neighborhood activities or situations warrant such an immediate basis.

To increase the effectiveness of our crime watch program, based on nationally available crime watch advisories and published articles, there are several steps we can easily take as active and diligent neighbors. These are noted below and represent effective actions each of us can implement:

- **Increase our awareness of the potential for criminal activity in our neighborhood.**
- **Keep our porch and walkway lights on after sunset,**
- **Trim and cut our bushes back obscuring windows and doors,**
- **Lock our cars, and out building – garden sheds, etc.**
- **Keep our streets clean and clear of abandoned vehicles.**
- **Report crime no matter how insignificant it may seem.**
- **Report the presence of potholes and streetlight outages.**
- **Lend a helping hand to seniors in the community — remember they do “watch our neighborhood” during the day.**

To accomplish these goals and further strengthen our community, Neighborhood Crime Watch Volunteers are needed for the following tasks:

- District Organizers; Hillandale has 14 individual districts
- Block Captains; each district has 5 to 15 smaller “blocks” with Captains helping the District Organizer and communicating with a their nearby neighbors.
- Team Members for each district to help with the Block Captains
- National Night Out Volunteers: for HCA’s Annual *Ice Cream at the Pool* parties.
- General crime watch activity volunteers

If you can not make the meeting on November 18th and would like to join in the effort of rejuvenating the Neighborhood Crime Watch, or help in any other way, please email **watch@hillandale-md.org** or call me, Lynda Williams at 301-439-8812. Please be sure to provide your name and telephone number if leaving a message. I will have sign up sheets available at the meeting along with maps of the community’s 14 districts.

Please ask your neighbors to join us for this quick organizational meeting prior to the general HCA meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope that you will join with me in this important project.

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