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November HCA Community Meeting

The next Community Meeting for the Hillandale Citizens Association will be held at CHI on Thursday, November, 16th. Our special guests will be Maryland State Delegates Jheanelle Wilkins and Sheila Hixon who will answer questions and respond to our concerns. There will be a meet and greet starting at 7 PM with light refreshments. The meeting will run from 7:30-9 PM. Please come and share this opportunity to participate in your community. CHI is located at 10501 New Hampshire Ave., just south of Hillandale Park.

Short-Term Rentals in MC

Effective July 1, 2018, Montgomery County will legalize the short-term rental (occupancy of fewer than 30 days) of rooms in all areas. Those wishing to rent rooms under this program will have to be licensed by the County, pay "hotel taxes," and abide by various requirements. The executive regulations providing the details will be written and approved in early 2018 with a licensing procedure launched before the effective date. Below is a summary of the basic points in the expected rules:

1. Only primary residents of a home can rent it out.
2. Short-term rentals are not allowed in accessory apartments.
3. If the owner is absent, residents can be rented out for a maximum of 120 days per calendar year.
4. The maximum number of adult overnight guests per short-term rental is six and the maximum number of adults per bedroom is two.
5. Property owners must apply for a license to use their homes as short-term rentals with the county's Department of Health and Human Services.
6. To obtain a license, owners must notify immediate

neighbors and their homeowner's association, if there are any, that they plan to rent out their home or unit.

7. Property owners have to post their license number on Airbnb or other short-term rental websites along with their listing to rent their home.

8. Prior to the regulations going into effect, short-term rentals are technically illegal in the county. However, the county is currently taxing them and not actively shutting down short-term rentals that are taking place.

Yard Sign Traffic Reminders

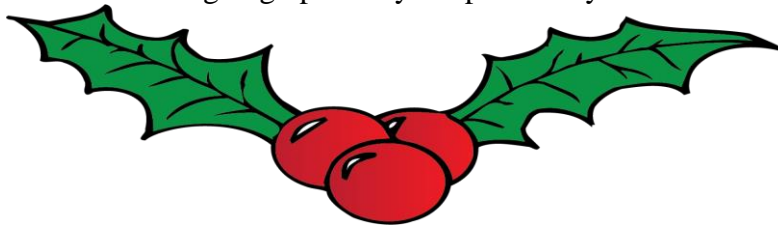
HCA has yard signs asking drivers to slow down. We are placing these signs on busy streets to remind drivers to drive with care. The idea is to rotate these signs on a periodic basis throughout the neighborhood. If you think your street needs to display some of these signs, contact Andrew Harris (andrew3harris@gmail.com) and make a request. In addition we are looking for volunteers to help us place and pick up the signs. This is not a difficult job but might involve a hour or two of work every few weeks. Please let Andrew know if you would like to help.

Nextdoor

Are you a member of "Nextdoor?" There are over 740 residents of Hillandale that are members of the site Nextdoor allows Hillandale residents to share information within the community. The HCA is using Nextdoor as another venue to get information and news out to our community. Another advantage is that many of our local representative are on Nextdoor and reading and participating in our conversations about the community. Many HCA board members are members and post timely information that can't wait for the Bulletin. In addition some county agencies are starting to post news items on Nextdoor. If you are interested in joining go to <https://nextdoor.com/>.

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Signing up is easy. Hope to see you there.



Reserve the date!

Hillandale's Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

At the CHI Centers building

Located at: 10501 New Hampshire Ave.

All Hillandale residents are welcome to attend the annual Hillandale Holiday Party. This is a pot luck event and we invite you to bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with all. The HCA will provide some items (turkey and barbecue) but we are looking for other main courses, salads or side dishes as well as desserts.

A craft project will be provided to entertain the children while parents have a chance to catch up with neighbors. And, that famous North Pole visitor has been invited and is expected to arrive with great fanfare and lights flashing. Make sure that your little ones are ready! Volunteers are needed to help with planning, the set-up, monitoring the children activities, working on the serving line, and clean up. To help out, please contact Andrew Harris at: programs@hillandale-md.org