

The Hillandale Bulletin

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September 28: HCA General Meeting

Town Hall: An Open Community Discussion

The kick-off meeting for the Hillandale Citizens Association's program year is a Town Hall Meeting, including discussion by invited representatives from Montgomery and Prince George's Police Departments.

Although Hillandale is known as a calm and safe area, criminal activity can and does happen. Here's an opportunity to have your questions answered and learn more about local efforts. Since HCA's Crime Watch is critical to ensuring safety and promotes neighborhood communications, all members of Crime Watch — Block Captains and District Organizers — are urged to attend. Joseph Branch, HCA's Vice President and Crime Watch Chair will lead the discussion.

HCA President John Thomas will report on recent HCA Executive Board activities. And, the community will be asked to approve HCA's budget (see below).

Come learn more about your community and your association by attending and participating in the meeting held at CHI, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, on Wednesday, September 28, refreshments at 7:15 p.m.; meeting: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come early or late, just please be part of your citizens association.

HCA'S 2005-2006 Budget

Income:

Memberships (~800)	\$10,800
Interest	462
Dinner Fees	1,500
TOTAL INCOME:	\$12,762

Expenses:

Community Activities	2,000
Bulletin	6,000
Crime Watch Program	200
Administrative	600
HCA Directory (bi-annual accrual)	750
Professional Fees (lawyer, etc.)	525
MC Civic Federation	65
Refreshments at General Meetings	450
CHI Room Fees	250
Beautiful Hillandale, WSSC	1,120
MCPS School Awards	300
Website Fees	502
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,762

Beautiful Hillandale: Schedule of Awards

Fall: The leaves will turn, mums are planted, and witches and goblins start creeping about. We will be looking for great fall gardens and Halloween displays.

Fall Judging: the week of October 16th - 22nd

Winter: Deck the yards with boughs of holly! We will be looking for spectacular holiday decorations.

Winter Judging: the week of December 12th - 17th

Spring: This category is all about azaleas, and beautiful spring gardens.

Spring Judging: the week of May 7th - 13th

Summer: After the azaleas fade the vibrant colors of summer start emerging. We will be looking for wonderful summer gardens.

Summer Judging: the week of June 11th - 17th

Is your garden or neighbors' garden a real standout? Please send the judging committee nomination e-mail at gardens@hillandale-md.org, so we will be sure to check it out.

West Hillandale Woman's Club

The West Hillandale Woman's Club now meets at 1:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the lower level of the White Oak library. Everyone is welcome. We begin with a short business meeting followed by a program and refreshments. For more information or if you need a ride, call May Savage at 301-445-1630

Women's Cancer Support

The Hillandale Hi-Hopes is a neighborhood women's cancer support group that meets monthly for conversation, information, and friendship. Any woman with a history of cancer is invited to attend. Last summer the Hi-Hopes joined the ACS Relay for Life event and came in second place through their fundraising efforts! If interested, please contact Cindi at 202-537-6488 or email cgibbs@cathedral.org

Beltway Widening Presentation Delayed

The State Highway Administration has postponed public meetings on the plans to widen the Beltway until additional data is available. HCA will schedule this for a General Meeting late fall or early winter.

The Department of Housing & Community Affairs

One of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs' most important responsibilities is the preservation and improvement of housing and property standards through the enforcement of the Montgomery County Code, Housing and Building Maintenance Standards, Solid Waste and Weeds.

To report any of the following conditions, call 240-777-3785.

Accessory Apartments- An accessory apartment is a private self-contained living area within an existing dwelling or within a subordinate building on the property. A Special Exception from the Montgomery County Board of Appeals is required before an accessory apartment can be constructed in a residential area.

Accumulations of Solid Waste- Examples of solid waste are: garbage, medical waste, debris from building construction, ashes, junk, dead animals, dead or felled trees, yard waste, abandoned vehicles, machinery, bottles, cans, paper products, containers, tires, appliances and or all which is in a state of disrepair or are not operational.

Grass and Weeds in Excess of 12 Inches- Generalized growth of any weed or any generalized plant growth more than 12 inches high within 15 feet of any property boundary is not permitted.

Deteriorated Structures- Examples of deteriorations are: gutters and downspouts that are loose or leaking; flaking and/or peeling paint on exterior wood trim; missing or dilapidated roof shingles, missing or damaged siding, cracked and chipped concrete walkways or steps.

Public Nuisance- Examples of public nuisances are: Vacant and unsecured buildings, abandoned wells, open shafts, open basement evacuations, and unsafe steps; Structures which are unsanitary, littered with rubbish or garbage, or equipment that poses a threat to injury or danger to life; Severely deteriorated, dilapidated or structurally unsafe buildings; Sanitary sewage and plumbing facilities that are not working properly; Any condition that results in substantial damage to another property; Any condition that is unsafe or dangerous to occupants, neighbors, employees, or visitors.

Storing of Inoperable and Unlicensed Vehicles on Residential Property- It is unlawful to store dysfunctional motor vehicles for more than 30 days or unregistered vehicles for more than 90 days on private property. To report a non-functional, abandoned or unregistered vehicle on **private property** contact DHCA at 240-777-3785. To report the same on a **public road or right-of-way**, contact the Police Department's Abandoned Auto Unit at 301-840-2454.

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