

# The Hillandale Bulletin

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See us at: [www.hillandale-md.org](http://www.hillandale-md.org) or Contact us at: [newsletter@hillandale-md.org](mailto:newsletter@hillandale-md.org)  
Ross Sutton: Editor

## Hillandale Town Hall Meeting

September 29, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

CHI Center

10501 New Hampshire Avenue

We, as a community, must commit to work together and make our community stronger.

Here are some items we need to discuss:

- **Crime Watch**
- **Budget Approval**
- **HCA Constitution, By-Laws Presentation**
- **Open Discussion**
- Guest Speaker, Elliott Fiedler & Peggy Kissell:  
Takoma Park Metaphysical Chapel's plan for  
1901 Powder Mill Road  
Hope to see you on the 29<sup>th</sup>

~Kristine Manlove

## Thanks and A Call for Volunteers

~~Roland Leimbach

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who volunteer to work on the beautification of the corner at New Hampshire and Powder Mill Road. The Hillandale Citizen's Association has taken over responsibility (and payments) for the grass cutting. HCA has contracted with a lawn service for the area.

In an effort to minimize the labor to seasonally change flowerbed plantings, we recently planted "Knock-Out Roses." These plants will flourish and bloom for a long time, with minimal effort. A special thanks also to Pablo Garcia-Ruiz for the painting he did on the top cap on the wall.

This corner is the gateway to our community, and we want to keep it attractive and trash & sign free. If you want to volunteer to help — trimming bushes, mulching and watering — please call Roland Leimbach at 301-434-3992. Thank you.

## HCA 2010-2011 Budget

For approval at September Meeting

<b>FY 10-11 Income;</b>		
2010 Membership Fees	\$6,000	
Account Interest	0	
Donations	100	
From reserves	3,785	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$9,885</b>
<b>FY 10-11 Expenses:</b>		
<b>Publications:</b>		<b>4,925</b>
The Bulletin, 6 issues	3,750	
USPS Bulk Mail Fee	185	
Directory Allocation	750	
Fridge Magnets	240	
<b>HCA Sponsored Events</b>		<b>1,175</b>
Annual Holiday Party	500	
National Night Out	300	
Site Fees	375	
<b>Beautification</b>		<b>870</b>
Corner WSSC Bill	95	
Corner Grass Cutting	600	
Shaw Tree at CHI	175	
<b>Membership Drive</b>		<b>700</b>
<b>Crime Watch Committee</b>		<b>250</b>
<b>Welcome Committee</b>		<b>250</b>
<b>School Community Support</b>		<b>300</b>
<b>HCA Board Expenses:</b>		<b>1,000</b>
Web Site	60	
Treasurer Supplies	70	
Misc. Copies/Expenses	100	
Entity Registration	170	
Tax Return Filing	300	
Liability Insurance	300	
<b>Montgomery County Civic Fed Fee</b>		<b>65</b>
<b>Slow-Down Street Signs</b>		<b>350</b>
<b>Total Expense:</b>		<b>\$9,885</b>

Notice: Please check the HCA web page for details on the proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. See: [www.hillandale-md.org](http://www.hillandale-md.org)

## Join HCA's E-Bulletin List-Serve

### Or, have you changed your e-mail address?

HCA's announcement-only e-mail group provides occasional community news and alerts. Keep in touch without being overloaded with e-mail.

Please join by sending an e-mail to:

*Hillandale-Bulletin-subscribe@yahoo.com* or, if you have questions, or need to update your e-address contact: *finnegan20903@yahoo.com*

## Hillandale Garden Awards

~Ross Sutton and Elizabeth St. John

We have three signs thus only three winners this time around. Please take a look at these great efforts by neighbors: Thanks to all the judges.

- **1712 Powder Mill Road:** A nice gem that is easy to overlook due to the busy road.
- **2013 Gatewood Place:** Crape myrtles and well kept flower gardens.
- **1100 La Grande Road:** Showy flowers all along the front.

If you have a nomination for the next Garden Award, please contact us at: 301-439-6217, or by e-mail to [newsletter@hillandale-md.org](mailto:newsletter@hillandale-md.org)

## Take Care with Your Out-Going USPS Mail

Unfortunately a neighbor reported recently that a payment check mailed from a street-side home mailbox was stolen, altered (from \$60 to \$600) and fraudulently cashed at a local bank. Upon hearing of this through the e-Bulletin List Serve, another resident reported that last spring a \$15 check became a \$9,000 fraudulent transaction.

Please take care with your out-going mail. If you do not have a secure mailbox, or if you are concerned, consider using a USPS blue "collection" box. Although blue boxes are no longer within our neighborhood, both the Hillandale and White Oak Shopping Centers have USPS collection boxes.

## News Tidbits: What's Happening?

**Army Laboratory Center:** The Co-Generation Power Plant has been green-lighted by the Maryland Department of the Environment for construction. Army officials expect commissioning of the facility to be sometime in November. The Army has indicated that they may take additional noise test data at that time.

**East County Science Center Master Plan:** Hillandale requested that the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor from White Oak to the Beltway, both east and west sides be included in this pending land-use planning project. Planning staff has heard our request and this area is now included. Final approval by the Planning Board and the County Council for the Scope of Work for this Master Plan will take place in the next several months. To see the new larger area map, and learn more about the process, please see:

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/ecsc/index.shtm>

**Montgomery County 311 Call System:** The County's "Call 3-1-1 and Get IT Done!" phone system is fully operational. So, for information, complaints, etc. **call 3 1 1.** **BUT** for many of our land lines in Hillandale, and some cell phones, 311 does not work. In that instance, please dial 240-777-0311. For more details on the system see:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/311)

Council's phone number did not change: 240-777-7900.

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