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September HCA Community Meeting

The next Community Meeting for the Hillandale Citizens Association will be held at CHI on Wednesday, September 27th from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. We will explore the issue of traffic and speeding on neighborhood streets and hope to have representation from the local Department of Transportation and Police force to talk with us about realistic expectations for traffic calming, speed bumps and/or speed cameras. The last half hour of the meeting will be devoted to community business. We will introduce the board members for the this term. Please come for a chance to meet your neighbors and give voice to your concerns. CHI is located at 10531 New Hampshire Ave., just south of Hillandale Park.

Hillandale Community Directory

The new Hillandale Neighborhood Directory is near completion and is due to go to the printer. We hope to have it out on the streets before the community meeting on the 27th. All households in the community will be listed in the directory though only households that are current with their dues are entitled to a copy.

Hillandale Garden Awards

It is our pleasure to announce the Hillandale Garden Awards for late summer. We have four winners this time around and they are listed below in no particular order.

1223 Devere Drive
907 Burnt Crest Lane
2131 Edgewater Parkway
2130 Edgewater Parkway

Our next selection for the awards will be in the spring of 2018. We are always looking for nominations (even your own home). If you would

like to make a nomination you can contact us at Ross@rosssutton.com. Once again we would like to thank our judges for their help.

A Reminder

September brings the beginning of the new school year. We would like to remind all Hillandale drivers to be aware that our kids will be on their way to and from school and bus stops for the next nine months. Please be aware of this when you are driving through Hillandale and other neighborhoods. And, know and OBEY the rules regarding stopping for school buses! Keeping all children safe is our top priority.

New Park Pavilion

The HCA tried to hold an event to celebrate the newly built picnic pavilion in Hillandale Park this past spring. Unfortunately bad weather and events prevented us from doing so. We are hoping to hold the event sometime this fall and are working on a new date now. The pavilion and the trails cut in the woods to the rear of the park are the first steps toward the complete overhaul that is planned for Hillandale Park. Stay tuned for the announcement of the celebration.

White Oak Library Renovation

Most of you are aware that our local library branch is undergoing modernization. We look forward to this as the White Oak Branch was sorely in need of a spruce up. Originally it was announced that the library project was to be completed in the fall of 2017. However, due to the discovery of additional issues when the work started (asbestos abatement), the expected date for reopening has been pushed back to early 2018. It will be worth the wait. Those of you who have visited the new downtown Silver Spring Branch know the benefits of a library with modern amenities.

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Short-Term Residential Rental Legislation

Montgomery County Council is currently considering a substantial change to the residential zoning code to allow for “short-term rentals” in all zones, single-family and multi-family. This change, Zoning Text Amendment ZTA 03-17, has been underway for over a year, and will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Spurred on by the “sharing economy” the change is commonly thought of as the AirBnB legislation, but it is not restricted solely to that internet platform. This ZTA will allow MoCo homeowners and renters to rent out rooms, or their entire residence, on a per night basis. Currently room rentals are only allowed for a longer term - a month or more.

Council is considering a range of rules for these nightly rentals, but at a minimum there will be a licensing requirement, and possibly a notification given to surrounding residents. Other restrictions such as the number of guests and restrictions on the number of nights, or rooms have not been finalized.

Should you wish to make comments on this legislation, contact Council, including District 5 Councilmember, Tom Hucker at 240-777-7900, councilmember.hucker@montgomerycountymd.gov
Here is a link for all the Council contacts:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/contact.html>

Hillandale Citizens Association: 80 Years

As noted in an August 1937 issue of The Washington Post, HCA was "recently formed with standing committees including membership, public utilities, traffic control programs and publicity."

To see the brief article and more Hillandale history, see: <http://www.hillandale-md.org/>

Deer on the Roadway? Take Care!

We see a lot of deer in Hillandale, but with mating season about to start, you may see more, especially in early morning and at dusk. Accidents involving deer always increase this time of year.

Here are a few driving tips if you see deer:

- Give your car horn a long steady blast
- Flash your high beams; deer can become mesmerized by steady bright lights.
- Slow down. Take your foot off the brake before impact, to minimize the chance the animal will penetrate windshield.
- If impact appears imminent, keep your steering wheel steady — do not swerve.
- If you see one deer, realize others likely are nearby.
- If you hit a deer, don't touch it; the animal could still hurt you.
- Stay alert. In a deer crossing area, keep both hands on the wheel

If you see a deer carcass on the road, please report it:
On MoCo residential streets, call 240-777-0311
On PG Co residential streets, call 301-780-7200
On a MD State Road:
http://marylandsha.force.com/customer-care/request_for_service