

The Hillandale Bulletin

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April Association Meeting

Tired of seeing an empty Ames store at the Hillandale Shopping Center? Wondering what is happening with this vacant store space? The next Hillandale's Citizens Association meeting will be on Wednesday, April 23 at 8 pm and the topic will be the Hillandale Shopping Center. Come learn about the efforts of the Greater Hillandale Area Shopping Center Citizens Coalition to secure a high-quality business or businesses in the old Ames store space, as well as improve the Hillandale shopping center overall! Hear about steps your fellow citizens have taken thus far to improve the shopping center and learn how you can get involved in the progress. Bring a neighbor.

Visit the new FDA site

The Hillandale Citizens Association is sponsoring a special opportunity for Association members to tour the site of the construction of the new Food and Drug Association laboratories and office complex being built at the Federal Research Center. This opportunity is open to all paid members of the Association (those that received their copy of the Hillandale Directory). The tour will take place Thursday, April 24 at 3:30 pm. The tour will cover much of the construction site, so be sure to wear shoes that are comfortable and that can stand to get muddy. To reserve a slot on the tour contact Betsy Bretz via e-mail at bretz@us.net or call 301 439-8655.

Swim and Tennis

The Summer Tennis Camp for Kids at the Hillandale Swim & Tennis Club is now taking reservations. Open to all community members, the camp offers one week sessions from June 23-August 3 from 9 a.m -12 noon, Monday through Friday. Cost is \$90 per session for all ages and skill levels. For more information, contact Coach Pitts via email or phone: RJPitts3@aol.com or 301-219-3422. Club Membership is not required, but information is available via email or phone to D. McNally: charis83@hotmail.com or 301-445-0133.

Free mulch for PG residents

Hillandale residents who live in Prince Georges County can take advantage of the County's free mulch give away scheduled for Saturday April 26 and Sunday April 27.

Mulch will be available for pickup from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Western Branch Facility located at 6601 S.E. Crain Highway in Upper Marlboro.

Free mulch is restricted to non-commercial vehicles, ¾ ton maximum weight. A front loader will be available to load mulch into pick up trucks. Residents who don't have a truck should bring their own containers and loading tools. Last year, nearly 400 people drove off with 1,190 cubic yards of mulch.

Residents may also tour the facility's Visitor Center to learn about the composting and other recycling programs. For additional tour information, contact the Waste Reduction Section at: 301-883-5045

Poison Help 1-800-222-1222

- Child resistant caps are not child proof
- Large quantities of vitamins can be dangerous
- Keep syrup of Ipecac in your home-read the directions first.
- Call the help line before taking action on your own.

Did you know that you could now go on line and register your bike or child's bike with the Montgomery County Police? This information will establish a record of your bikes and their serial numbers with the county in case they are stolen. This is especially helpful if your bike is eventually recovered as the police will have instant access to your name and address and you can get your bike back. Go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/police/enterbicycle.asp

**HILLANDALE PRIORITIES FOR THE
FY04 MONTGOMERY COUNTY BUDGET**

Adopted by the Hillandale Citizens Association Executive Committee, March 31, 2003

1. Plan and Build Northeast Consortium Elementary School #16:

Proposed to relieve the serious overcrowding at Cresthaven and Burnt Mills Elementary Schools, this facility, originally promised to open in September '05, has been rescheduled to September '06. Please do not delay this much-needed facility any further.

2. Provide Public-Safety Measures for Cresthaven Elementary School:

Parents are concerned for their children's safety to/from the 17 portable classrooms.

- a. Please fund additional security at the "core-school" doors, and the exterior walk ways.
- b. Please fund an additional crossing guard to handle the high levels of traffic at the school.

3. Increase the Police Presence for the White Oak/Hillandale Commercial Areas:

Funding for increased police presence in the commercial areas and/or a community outreach office in White Oak is requested.

4. Keep the White Oak Community Recreation Center on Schedule:

The White Oak community—with high-density housing, broad economic and cultural diversity, and overcrowded schools—needs the recreation center which has been promised for over 30 years.

- a. The proposed one-year delay for the center must not be accepted.
- b. Make site selection and property acquisition a priority.

5. Provide An Additional Inspector for Permitting Services:

Zoning/sign inspection and enforcement are needed, difficult, and time consuming in our area. The additional inspector proposed by Permitting Services (and not included in the County Executive's Budget) is requested. The quality of our neighborhood is at stake, please fund this position.

6. Fund Bus Stop/Pedestrian Improvements in the New Hampshire Corridor:

The White Oak Transit Center Citizen's Advisory Study concluded that "better bus stops" and pedestrian improvements at Lockwood Drive and New Hampshire Avenue would be beneficial for the area. Please fund the proposed improvements, add similar treatment to the east side of Lockwood Drive, and provide the bus shelter needed at New Hampshire Avenue and 495.

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