

The Hillandale Bulletin

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HILLANDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING NOV. 19 AT 8PM

HCA's general meeting will feature representatives from the Hillandale Shopping Center, and provide an opportunity for residents to speak with them about the future of the center, an important gateway to our community. Please make sure to attend on Wednesday, November 19, at 8:00 PM at CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue.

CRESTHAVEN'S TURKEY TROT

The Second Annual *Turkey Trot* will be held on November 22, at 1:30 PM, RAIN OR SHINE. All children from kindergarten to 5th grade are welcome to come run, walk, hop, skip or jump one-mile around the Cresthaven neighborhood to raise money for the PTA's After School Program. Once a child is registered, he/she will be given a pledge form to collect \$ pledges for completing the one-mile Trot.

In addition to sponsoring children, the Cresthaven PTA is asking businesses and residents to contribute goods, services, or a donation to help this worthy cause. Please call Melissa Rosenberg at (301) 434-4409 or Pat Diggs at (301) 408-388 to learn more about helping the PTA's After School Program

Vandalism Problems in Hillandale

During the past few months there have been a number of acts of vandalism that have occurred in the neighborhood of Cresthaven Elementary School. These include break-ins at the school, several neighboring houses, destruction of mail-boxes and the setting of two fires. There have been other acts reported in the Rodney-Parkman Road area as well.

A number of teenagers have been reported loitering in this area and it is suspected that these activities are related. If you do observe such a group, call the Montgomery County Police at 301 279-8000 to report the observation. The police will then investigate and determine an appropriate course of action.

HCA'S HOLIDAY PARTY DEC 7 YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The Hillandale Citizens Association will hold its annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 7, at 5:00 PM, at CHI Centers at 10501 New Hampshire Avenue. Please come, meet your neighbors and enjoy this community, kid-friendly party. Plans include a Pot Luck dinner, the traditional lighting of the Shaw Tree, a sing-along, and Sarah Crooke's famous gingerbread cookies for children to decorate.

Volunteers are needed to help organize, set-up, and clean-up. Ideas for entertainment/enlightenment are wanted. Please contact Pamela Reid at 301-439-5362.

NOTE: TO WALKERS AT MEANY

Construction will begin soon on the George Meany Center—National Labor College Campus where a number of Hillandalers walk recreationally. Starting in November, heavy equipment will arrive for the first phase of the project- a new dormitory. This building will be located behind the current "chapel" building and excavation will occur within a few feet of the "back" roadway—behind the buildings. Pedestrians will be restricted from this area for the duration of construction. The college asks walkers to please keep to the front driveway area until further notice.

George Meany Memorial Archives

¡Si, Se Puede! / *Yes, We Can!*

Janitor Strike in L.A.,

October 25 – February 6, 2003

The latest art exhibit is a celebration of workers' solidarity in Los Angeles. Written through the eyes of a janitor's son, Diane Cohn's book is brought to life through a series of vivid illustrations by Francisco Delgado.

The *¡Si, Se Puede!* exhibit coincided with 100,000 SEIU Justice for Janitors activists who began mobilizing for contract negotiations. In 20 cities across the country, janitors and their allies are rallying for better wages.

Exhibit Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM,

Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

SCHOOL FUNDING UP DATE

The Montgomery County Board of Education will take action on the MCPS school construction budget in November. The Cresthaven PTA is testifying at the Board's hearing on November 12/13 in support of several crucial projects for our neighborhood, including:

- * To relieve overcrowding, construction of the new elementary school at Brookview, complete with a gym, is needed. Funding is requested to keep the scheduled September '06 opening date.
- * Funding for additional classrooms for the new school to support the class-size reduction initiative and reduce/eliminate portable classrooms at the new school on opening day is sought.
- * Funds for Cresthaven's full modernization, including a much needed gym are requested. Cresthaven NEEDS to be modernized ! With this budget, a September '09 completion is now scheduled.

The modernization of Key Middle School is also contained in the budget request. MCPS anticipates that if funded, the modernization will be complete for a September '09 opening.

Your support for funding of these projects can be sent to boe@fc.mcps.k12.md.us Following the Board's action the budget goes on to the County Executive and County Council. Additional support will be needed when County Council decides final funding and scheduling for all County capital projects next year.

Hillandale Annual Member & Guest Dinner

All Hillandalers are invited to come to this wonderful event on Sunday November, 16th at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour. Musical entertainment will be provided by Hillandale's own Sam Rosenberg and his band "SPORK". Dinner begins at 6:30 PM and a business meeting will follow dinner.

Catering will be by BAJA FRESH Mexican Restaurant from Downtown Silver Spring. The menu includes: Tacos, Burritos (chicken and steak), green salads, guacamole, rice, beans chips, salsa, drinks and dessert. Price: \$8.00 per person, \$16 for two and \$30 for a family. **Bring your friends and family.**

RSVP for dinner by Saturday, November 15th by calling Claudia Donnelly at 301-431-1474 or: email to claudiad55@hotmail.com

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