

# *The Hillandale Bulletin*

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## **HCA General Meeting Zoning Change for National Labor College Weds., January 27, 7:30-9:00 p.m., CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Ave.**

The National Labor College (also called the AFL-CIO George Meany Center for Labor Studies) is preparing to request Montgomery County Council's approval of a new zoning category for the College's 40 plus-acre property in Hillandale. As proposed, the change would eliminate Special Exception requirement and establish a new Development Plan zone. This new zone will also provide the opportunity for additional non-academic development on the College's campus.

College representatives have indicated that this zoning change is needed "for the future of the College." They are unsure of the timing of any development, but want to have the new zoning approved as soon as possible following the introduction in March 2010.

Initial development concepts for the "front side" (New Hampshire Avenue area) of the of the property includes: 1) multi-family housing (up to 855 units) with a small amount of ground level retail; 2) a mid-grade, 11-story hotel and 3) two parking garages. Plans for the 20-acre back (Hillandale Heights) portion of the property have yet to be defined.

The envisioned 243-room hotel would provide synergy with the Lane Kirkland Building to reinforce the use of the campus as a conference center. The College has been promoting the rental use of their conference center since the opening of the new building.

College representatives and their land-use attorney will provide an overview of the proposal and answer questions regarding the project. This portion of the meeting will be concluded at 8:30.

Following the informational portion of the meeting, HCA will have a business meeting from 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. The HCA Board will provide an update to the community on research into changing HCA's legal status and seek approval to expend funds on legal fees to do so, if needed. Other pending business will be covered. Community members are encouraged to bring questions and comments for this portion of the meeting. regarding the future of Hillandale.

## **Crime Watch Meeting: Jan. 27, 7:00 p.m. Interested in the Neighborhood Watch?**

Please come and meet with the Crime Watch Chair, Lynda Williams and others organizing to make our community safe and secure. This is a short meeting prior to the General Meeting and will end at 7:30.

The CHI Center is at 10501 New Hampshire.

## **Changes to Hillandale Bus Services Planned**

Montgomery Ride-On has announced proposed cuts to the Route 22 Service:

- Rush hour trips will be reduced
- Green Forest/Elton loop will be discontinued

For those wishing to have input to these decisions, a public forum is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. at the County Executive Building, Rockville. Comments can also be made to the Division of Transit Services at 240-777-5800 by January 29.

Metro Bus has also announced reductions in service to the K-6 line. Approval is pending.

## **Army Laboratory Center (ALC)**

The ALC is located off Powder Mill Road and shares a property line with homes in the Old Hillandale area east of New Hampshire Avenue. Recently the Army released two Environmental Assessment (EA) documents for changes at the facility. Here is the latest information on these plans:

The Army has withdrawn the Master Plan EA. A number of new and replacement buildings were proposed in the plan, but traffic impacts were not included as required. The Army anticipates reissuing the revised Master Plan later in 2010

The Co-Generation Plant EA has not been withdrawn. Plans are continuing to install two natural gas fired generators with heat recovery in the existing boiler building. The Maryland Department of the Environment will be holding a public comment/informational meeting for the community in February. An announcement of this meeting will be made on the Hillandale Bulletin Yahoo Group.

## **Please, Save These Dates:**

### **Future HCA Meetings:**

Weds., January 27 (see details on front)

Weds., March 24

Weds., June 23

### **Future HCA Events:**

#### **Community Dinner: Thurs., May 6:**

Bring the whole family and enjoy dinner with neighbors and friends. More information to come in future Bulletins.

#### **National Night Out: Tues., August 3**

#### **HCA's Holiday Party: Sunday, Dec 5**

## **Please join the Hillandale Bulletin Yahoo Group**

The Hillandale Citizens Association mails this HCA Bulletin to every one of the 1300 homes in Hillandale five times a year. But there are announcements and information of interest to the community beyond those few issues. So, HCA also has an "occasional announcement only" e-list to get information to Hillandale via e-mail. Announcements are made once or twice a month as needed. Please join by sending an e-mail with your name & address to:

*Hillandale-Bulletin-subscribe@  
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## **A Crime Watch Tip:**

What happens if, despite all your prevention efforts, you still become a victim of a burglary, or other property related crime? First, try not to panic. Get to the nearest phone, and immediately call the Police Emergency 911. It is important for you to remain calm so you can effectively communicate with both dispatchers and officers when they arrive.

If you come home to find your home has been vandalized or burglarized, do not go inside or disturb anything on the premises. If you went inside before realizing a crime had been committed, leave immediately and try to remember anything you may have touched or moved inside, and inform the police of it when they arrive.

What if you come home to find a burglar inside the house? The basic rule when confronting a burglar is: cooperate. A burglar frequently lives in fear—of the police, of others, and of himself. Despite the tough-guy role he plays, he's tense, desperate, dangerous and could be high on illicit drugs.

Don't confront him and don't try to stop him. Assume he is armed and potentially violent. A crowbar, a knife, a screwdriver—typical burglar tools can be very dangerous.

- Don't excite him, threaten him or argue with him. Cooperate in any way you can.
- Stay calm and memorize what he or she looks like.
- When the burglar leaves the house, try to see his or her direction of travel. Get details if there is a vehicle.
- Then, call 911 immediately.

Some people might say this is the coward's way out. Remember, a burglar is often armed, young and strong, and may be desperate. By following the above strategy, you stand a good chance of getting out of the situation unscathed. If you resist, you stand a very good chance of being seriously harmed. Property is just not worth it!

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