

The Hillandale Bulletin

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Hillandale Community Meeting Wednesday, January 29, 7:30-9:00 PM CHI, 10501 New Hampshire Ave.

January's HCA general meeting will be focused on planning for our area's future. The White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan is entering the final approval process with County Council, and there have been recent changes to the plan. The Plan has many different aspects, so please attend to understand the latest changes, review the plan and provide your input to HCA on this important effort.

In addition to the Master Plan, updates on the status of the Labor College, HOC's Holly Hall redevelopment effort plan and the BRT system will be provided. The latest from the Parks Department on the thinking for Hillandale Local Park will be discussed.

Following the program, there will be a HCA business meeting with approval of contributions to our local MCPS schools, and other updates including the zoning re-write.

The meeting is open to all Hillandale residents and is held at the CHI facility at 10501 New Hampshire Ave, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Please attend and participate with your friends and neighbors.

White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan: Where to get information:

Digital Edition On-Line:

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/wosg/>

Hard Copy Edition:

Printed copies of the "Planning Board Draft Plan" are available from the M-NCPPC Public Information Desk, 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. Call 301-495-4610

Did you get your 2013 HCA Directory?

Every other year, HCA publishes a handy directory of all Hillandale residents. The HCA Directory is a benefit of being a paid association member. The latest issue was published and distributed to members this past fall.

We have some copies available for those paying their 2014 dues now! For more information or to report a missed directory, please call Eileen at 301-439-2263 or e-mail: finnegan20903@yahoo.com

PLEASE, GET THE IVY OFF THE TREES

Last fall Hillandaler Larry Hush provided the simple directions to remove, or kill, English Ivy and other vines that threaten our valuable trees. Ivy, although pretty, actually kills trees by sending roots into and under the bark, eventually overwhelming the tree..

The best way to remove ivy is to cut the vine's stems at the lower part of the tree and let the vines die naturally. Don't pull the vines, you can damage the tree's bark and encourage insects to further damage the tree. The unsupported vines will wither and fall off the tree over time. If possible, remove the plant roots from the area at the base of the tree.

For details on the why and how of removing ivy from your trees, see: <http://www.fosc.org/EI-Removing.htm>

SLOW DOWN ON OUR STREETS

The speed limit on our residential streets is 25 miles per hour! Even if you think you are being careful and will not cause an accident, your speeding is problematic for those walking along and on our roads. It is a problem for residents who live along our streets, especially those with children at play. Thanks for obeying the 25 mph speed limit.

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PANHANDLING

It's not safe. It doesn't help.

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A message from Montgomery County Government...

We've all experienced it -- men and women and sometimes children soliciting money alongside busy streets, standing in medians, and wading into traffic. Everyone has a story, usually scribbled on a battered sign. Sometimes the stories are true. Sometimes they are not. And none of the stories tell you how the money collected will be spent. Most panhandlers are not homeless. Many come from outside Montgomery County. For some, panhandling is a profession.

We want to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We want to do something to help someone who seems in need. We all want to help. The question isn't whether to help – it's how. **That's why Montgomery County government is joining together with homeless advocates and social service providers throughout the County to urge you to give a hand up, not a handout.**

The simple truth is that giving cash to panhandlers doesn't help. Those who work daily with panhandlers in homeless advocacy and other social service groups know that most panhandlers use the money they collect to support their addictions – drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.

Panhandling can cause distracted drivers and more dangerous intersections. Last May, known panhandler Mary Josephine Fish, 52, was in the median of Veirs Mill Road in Wheaton when a car that jumped the curb killed her.

People panhandle at intersections, along roads, and even in shopping centers because other people give them cash. If people didn't give them cash – and instead gave in a way that would REALLY help them – they wouldn't be panhandling.

BUT, you can help: Don't give cash to panhandlers, **Text "SHARE" on your cell phone to 80077** to contribute \$5 to the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, a non-profit, non-government organization that will distribute the proceeds to grassroots efforts in Montgomery County to REALLY help folks in need.

Or, if you prefer, send contributions to the Community Foundation for Montgomery County, 8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 202, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Or give to the community or faith-based agency of your choice.