

The Hillandale Bulletin

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Swim Time

Yes, it is time to start planning on ways get outside and exercise this summer. We are fortunate to have two community pools in Hillandale and they both are accepting applications for membership for this summer. Below is a promotional blurb provided by each of the pools.

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Relax after work, enjoy great family time, and get fit this summer at **West Hillandale Swim Club** located at 915 Schindler Drive, across from Key Middle School. West Hillandale offers a large main pool with diving boards and 2 dedicated lap lanes, baby pool, toddler play area, basketball, sand volleyball, ping pong, and dining patio all on a large shady lot surrounded by a forest of mature trees. West Hillandale provides kids a fun way to learn swimming skills by offering several sessions of swim lessons and a swim team that competes in the Montgomery County Swim League. Bring this newsletter to the pool anytime and swim one day for free. For more information, call 301-593-8280. Pool opens Memorial Day Weekend. We hope to see you there!

Hillandale Swim and Tennis Association ("HSTA"), nestled in the woods off Green Forest Drive, offers: a 25-meter "L" shaped pool of glittering blue water; a thrilling high-dive for kids and daring adults; a separate, fenced-in wading pool for children under five; swim lessons; a growing MCSL swim team coached by former Olympian, Boris Cicmil; two, lighted tennis courts on the premises, featuring a kids' summer tennis camp, with tennis pro, Ray Pitts, and a practice wall; picnicking facilities with brick grill; basketball and volleyball courts; and a well-stocked snack bar. Open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. To find out about our many other fun-inspired HSTA summer activities and how to join this welcoming pool community, call Martha Moore, 301-445-0566, or view <http://www.freewebs.com/hsta>

Events at Blair

Here are three upcoming events at Blair HS for this month. I hope this Bulletin is mailed before they occur about a 50-50 chance these days. So here goes.

This month, the Blair HS thespians are performing **The Pirates of Penzance**. The shows are on March 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th at 7:30 p.m. and on March 18th at 2:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door. I am not sure of the price, but I doubt that they will ruin your budget.

On April 20, Blair will hold a **Silent Auction**. The event takes place from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. and offers free music, performances, activities and food. The silent auction offers many items such as jewelry, food, entertainment, weekend getaways and more. Bidding starts at 5:30 p.m. so bring all that money you have been hiding in your old boots!

If that is not enough action, you can attend the **Spring Fling Dance** to be held on Saturday, April 28 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Here is an opportunity to waltz, tango or cha cha your cares away with the hot, hot BHS Jazz band. You can win prizes and support your local musicians. Tickets are \$25. Contact Michelle Roberts at 301-649-2839 or email at, michelle_Roberts@mcpsmd.org

Montgomery Blair HS is located at 51 University Blvd. East, on the corner of Colesville Rd. and University in Silver Spring.

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The Nix/Cresthaven PTA wants everyone in the community to know that registration and orientation for 2007-08 Montgomery County Kindergarten students is beginning now.

If you want your child to begin Kindergarten this fall, you must call Nix Elementary to secure an appointment for the May 10/May 11 orientation dates now. A registration packet will be sent to those scheduled to attend an orientation session. Call the school at 301-422-5070 to get an appointment and the packet.

Association Meeting
March 28, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Ave.

Over the past several months, HCA has heard from residents on many issues--often having to do with zoning or housing code issues and police matters. Questions include: When is a building permit required? Are rental licenses needed? What businesses can be run from a home? How does the county handle enforcement problems? Is there a crime alert?

So, to answer your questions, our March meeting will provide a forum for residents to learn and ask question of Montgomery County housing/zoning investigators, and from the Silver Spring's Third District police.

The speakers include front-line personal that are tasked at providing the services we rely upon to make our neighborhoods strong. Housing Code Enforcement will discuss homeowners' responsibilities and rental licensing requirements. Zoning Code Enforcement will provide information on what is permissible in our R-90 zoned area, and what can be done to achieve compliance with county code. Our police speaker will be Lt. Robert McCullagh, Deputy Commander for the Silver Spring Police District, responsible for the H2 "beat" which includes most of Hillandale, Oakview and Long Branch. He will be able to discuss what's happening in our neighborhood and the surrounding areas.

The meeting will include reports on other HCA activities and provide ample opportunity for residents to discuss old and new business. Please attend, provide input and support for HCA activities.

Related Links:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/DHCA/housing/code_E/pdf/Guide_To_Code_Enforcement.PDF

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltml.asp?url=/content/pol/ask/silverspring/index.asp>

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