

The Hillandale Bulletin

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FDA "Public Scoping" Meeting

There will be no HCA general members' meeting for this month. Instead residents are invited to attend the FDA Public Scoping meeting on Thursday March 27th at the CHI Centers on New Hampshire Avenue.

Recently and over the past year there have been approximately 2,000 FDA employees on the new campus, with another 1,000 currently moving in. The last FDA master plan was approved for 7,720 employees on site. The FDA now proposes to increase that total to 8,889.

The meeting held in the CHI Multipurpose room from 6:30 until 8:30 will be an informal open house along with a brief presentation where visitors may come, receive information, and give comments. GSA will prepare a scoping report that will be available to the public as well.

We encourage all interested Hillandale residents to come to this important meeting.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

After a heavy gypsy moth season in 2007 the Maryland Department of Agriculture surveyed the area and found two areas with heavy concentrations of egg masses in Hillandale. These two areas will be sprayed this spring.

Spraying will begin in late April or early May. The insecticide will be applied by airplane or helicopter using GPS technology to ensure accurate application.

Applications begin at dawn on days when the conditions are favorable and take 15-30 minutes. The insecticide usually dries in about 30 minutes. Residents living in or near the areas to be sprayed have been contacted by mail.

Gypsy moths favor oak trees and the areas to be sprayed contain large stands of mature oaks. For more information, you can contact the MDA at their web site at www.mda.state.md.us

Hillandale Bulletin-Yahoo Group

Do you want to stay informed about community events and news? You can subscribe to our Hillandale Bulletin-Yahoo group and receive emails about Hillandale. You can subscribe by going to Hillandale-Bulletin-subscribe@yahogroups.com or you can fill out your email address in the membership dues form on the back page of this Bulletin and check the box next to it to have your email added to the group. By subscribing you will only receive email from the group and your email address will not be available for others to see and use.

Crime Reports for Hillandale

If you have an interest in tracking crime activity in the community you can go to www.crimereports.com to get a map over view and brief description of crime activity for the area. All you need to do is go to the site and type in your address and zip code and you will get an area map with your home in the center. The map will show locations of any recent crime reports as well as a brief description of the event.

Membership Drive

It is time for the HCA to solicit dues contributions from area residents. Look on the back page of this bulletin to find our membership form. The HCA has raised its dues to \$20 this year from \$15. This is the first increase in many years.

Your voluntary dues help support the HCA and the many services and activities that it provides, and we need your support. In addition, dues-paying members will get a copy of the Hillandale community phone book when it comes out.

Please take the time to fill out and mail back the form. Not only does it help us update contact information for the phone book' but your \$20 contribution will ensure that Hillandale has an active community association for many years to come.

The **Hillandale Citizens Association** exists to protect our property values when impacted by government or private development plans. In addition it works to improve our neighborhood by taking action to assure a safe and friendly community. Your membership dues of \$20 per year support these activities. **Have you paid your dues for this year?** Look at the label on this copy of the Hillandale Bulletin. The number following your name indicates the year through which our records indicate you are paid up. For example, a number 2008 indicates you are already paid up for this year; the number 2009 indicates you have already paid up for next year, 2009, *etc.* No number following your name indicates that you have not yet paid dues for this year. In that case, please fill out and return the form below.

Hillandale Citizens Association Membership Form

Please print clearly; it helps us keep our records straight

Last Name _____ Do NOT list my name in the Directory

First Name(s) - _____

Street Address _____

Please add a listing for the additional name (No additional cost for this service)

Additional Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Do NOT list my phone number in the Directory

E-Mail Address _____ Place my email on the Hillandale list serve for community announcements.

- Dues for membership in the Association are \$20 per year or \$40 for two years
- Enclosed \$20 for dues for the year 2008
- Enclosed \$40 for dues for the years 2008 and 2009.

Please make checks payable to **Hillandale Citizens Association** and return to Hillandale Citizens Association Membership, c/o Hall Crannell, 10000 Branch View Court, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1617

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