

The Hillandale Bulletin

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March Community Meeting

We invite all Hillandale residents to our next Meeting on March 25, 2020 from 7:30 to 9 PM at the CHI Center on New Hampshire Ave. Aside from our regular business, we have invited administrators and staff from our local schools to attend and talk about their schools and then take questions. From Springbrook we will have Dr. Arthur Williams (principal) and John Weinshel-coordinator of the International Baccalaureate Program. We will also have Ms. Sherri Gordon, Principal of Cresthaven ES. We are excited to have our principals come to the meeting and urge all of you to come out and meet them.

Light refreshments will be served and we encourage you to come early to meet and greet your neighbors.

Hillandale's Priceless Past

As a decades-old neighborhood organization, the Hillandale Citizens Association (HCA) should be mindful of its history and achievements. In order to document these achievements, we would like to call for any and all records that any of you possess, whether you are past HCA officers or residents, to give to us to create a legacy archive of our neighborhood. Questions? Please email Paul Rood, HCA Archivist vprood@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Hillandale Community Pools

Community pools are growing scarce these days. However, we consider this community very fortunate because we have two community pools with a long history of serving the community. As we ease into spring it is time for you to think about summer activities for your families. We encourage you to look into joining one of our community pools. Both offer a ton of activities for adults and kids all through the summer season. Founded in 1957, the **Hillandale Swim and Tennis Association** is located at 10116 Green Forest Drive and can be contacted by phone: 301-434-4782 or via email at: HSTAmembership@gmail.com You can visit their website at (hillandalepool.com).

The **West Hillandale Swim Club**, located at 915 Schindler Dr. offers similar amenities. (No tennis but some fine barbecues) The club was founded in 1959. You can visit the club's web site at: (whscpool.org) For direct contact you can call: 301-439-4208 or email them at whscmember@gmail.com. We have been guests at both pools many times over the years and can highly recommend them.

Highlights of the Second Public Meeting February 12, 2020

The presenter was Ms. Sara Jensen, a licensed arborist from Savatree, who spoke for over an hour and answered numerous questions.

In particular, she spoke to the current, alarming dying-off of many local white oak trees, which she attributed in part to last year's extremes of weather: excessive rain followed by drought.

Ms. Jensen closed by urging local residents to be vigilant about their trees, and recommended we plant new native trees. Consult a licensed arborist if you have concerns about the trees in your yard. **Savatree** is a tree shrub and lawn care company that specializes in tree care. You can visit their website at: savatree.com

Hillandale Park Renovations

The wheels of government are slowly turning but it is our hope that we will see the scheduled renovations to Hillandale Park begin soon. The park has been long overdue for upgrading and with the support of Councilman Tom Hucker and the County Council, funding has been allocated. We look to see improvements to parking and street access to the park, as well as a new modern tot play area, soccer field, basketball courts, and public bathrooms. It is difficult to say when the work will begin but we will keep you informed. We think the remodeled park will be something the community will benefit from for many more years to come.

We are still continuing our membership drive for 2020. If you wish to pay your 2020 dues then take a look at the form on the back page.

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