

# The Hillandale Bulletin

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**Ross Sutton, Editor**

**HCA General Meeting Thursday, May 26th,  
7:30 to 9:00 PM at CHI, 10501 New Hampshire  
Come early at 7:00 for light refreshments!**

Please plan to join us at the May monthly meeting of the HCA. As of yet a speaker has not been announced but we should have a full slate of business to attend to and we expect to have a guest speaker lined up.

The HCA business agenda includes nominations and election of HCA Officers for 2015-2016. See the slate on the next page. Nominations can be placed at the meeting.

### **Hillandale Community Pools**

We are indeed fortunate two have to private community pools in Hillandale to serve our community. Both are gearing up for summer of 2016 and are actively seeking new members. Take a look at the middle pages of the Bulletin for more information on both pools-and get swimming!

### **BINGO? YES, BINGO**

#### **at CHI in Hillandale every Tuesday and Saturday**

CHI Inc is a non-profit serving the developmentally disabled community and is headquartered in Hillandale at 10501 New Hampshire Avenue. As a community-serving group, CHI also graciously provides meeting space for HCA meetings!

And, on Tuesday and Saturday nights, Bingo is the game. Yes! Bingo. It is one of the many ways that CHI raises money to fund the programs offered to the disabled community. But, it not only is a fundraiser for CHI, it also pays real cash to players. So BINGO is fun and can be rewarding, too. For more information go to <http://www.chicenters.org/bingo.html>

### **Single-Night Room Rental Legislation: Still Pending**

The Montgomery County Council has sent the overnight room rental legislation, which would allow single-night room rentals in all Montgomery County zones, including single-family homes, to the Planning

Department for additional public outreach and revision. Council has requested that recommendations be returned to Council in September. The Planning Department is hoping to hold public forums on the issue, including presentations by on-line reservation providers (AirBnB), later in May or June.



### **WARNING:**

With more residents and children using the paths in Hillandale Local Park, everyone should be aware that poison ivy is a common plant in the area. If you are not familiar, or if your

children have not yet learned about this plant, take a few minutes to learn the admonition...”leaves of three, let it be!” For more info:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Identify-Poison-Ivy>

### **New County Radon Law for Homeowners**

Montgomery County has passed new regulations for radon that will require all sellers of “single family” homes to have a mandatory radon test done in order to complete the sale. In the past this test was not mandatory. This radon test can be paid for the seller or the buyer and is negotiated in the contract. Under state law the seller has always been required to disclose to a buyer if there was a known radon problem in a home. However, radon testing is not mandatory in Maryland. The new law in Montgomery County has a few exceptions, but most single-family homes will have to have a test done either before placing a home on the market or during the process. This new county law will go into effect in October 2016.

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## **Hillandale Citizens Association 2016 Nominating Committee Report**

Shana Davis-Cook, Margie Goergen-Rood and Heather Thomas were appointed to serve as the 2016 Nominating Committee in accordance with the Hillandale Citizens Association's Bylaws.

The Committee contacted the existing Executive Committee Members by email and posted open calls for nominations via the Hillandale Bulletin Yahoo! Listserv and on the NextDoor site for the Hillandale community. The Committee recommends the following slate of candidates, which will be presented to the HCA membership at its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 26:

### **HCA Executive Committee Officers**

**President:** Margie Goergen-Rood (West Hillandale)  
**Executive Vice-President:** Shana Davis-Cook (Hillandale Forest)  
**Vice-President for Programs:** Andrew Harris (West Hillandale)  
**Secretary:** Heather Thomas (West Hillandale)  
**Treasurer:** Ken Harringer (Old Hillandale)

### **Members At-Large**

**At-Large 1:** Jeff McNeil (Old Hillandale)  
**At-Large 2:** Virgil Tudor (West Hillandale)  
**At-Large 3:** Tom Helfand (West Hillandale)  
**At-Large 4:** Ava Penny (Hillandale Forest)

According to Chapter By-Laws, at the Annual Meeting, after the slate of officers and at-large members has been presented formally for election, nominations may be made from the floor.

Elected officers of the Executive Committee shall be elected and take office at the end of the Annual Meeting in spring of each year, and shall serve for a one-year term or until a successor is duly elected.

Submitted by the 2016 HCA Nominating Committee:  
*Shana Davis-Cook, Margie Goergen-Rood, and Heather Thomas*