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Hillandale Citizens General Meeting

Thursday, November 20, 7:30-9:00 PM
Refreshments at 7:15 PM
at CHI, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue

Please come, bring your friends, family and neighbors to the Hillandale Citizens Association meeting. We will have two speakers and community updates. All residents of Hillandale are encouraged to attend and participate in the activities and program. Here's the agenda:

- o **7:15 --- Enjoy refreshments** and meet neighbors.
- o **7:30 --- Mike Durso**, our Member of the Board of Education will be our guest for a Q & A session. The election is over, and now is the time to determine what can be done to bolster our local schools. The Northeast Consortium including Hillandale's local schools are among those characterized as experiencing the "achievement gap." Because the quality of the schools serving a neighborhood is a major determinate factor for new homeowners, all residents should be eager to understand and press Mr. Durso about how the Board of Education is working to address this long-standing issue. Whether you have school-aged children or not, this is a community priority.
- o **8:00 --- Linda Komes** from M-NCPPC Parks Department will present the final CIP renovation plan for the Hillandale Local Park. This plan has been in the works for a long time, and will go before the Planning Board early next year. Additionally, the demolition of the old "rec" buildings will be proceeding shortly, and Parks has some interim plans to share with the community.
- o **8:30--- Community Discussion**
- o **9:00---End of Meeting—Absolutely, Positively!**

Montgomery's New ZONING CODE and MC ATLAS Now On-line

At the end of October, the recently adopted and much discussed code became law. The substance of the code changed minimally with a few changed uses, some modified approval procedures, and a totally new on-line look with "links." See: <http://www.amlegal.com/library/md/montgomeryco.shtml>

In addition to the new code, this process also rezoned many of the older commercial areas across the county. In accomplishing this task, the Planning Department designed a new easy web tool for public use. "MC Atlas" provides all the information you may ever want to know about a property from the details of the zone, to ownership, to lot lines, all at the click of a mouse. The right-of-way areas are shown along with dedicated-but-unbuilt roads (aka paper roads). You can take a virtual tour of the entire county with this easy to use site. See: <http://www.mcatlas.org/zoning/>

TIPS FROM CRIME WATCH

Watch Out for Parking Lot Scams

Recently, a neighbor was being a Good Samaritan and became a victim of a crime. As he helped to jump-start a vehicle at a local (Burtonsville) shopping center, envelopes to mail, which included checks, were stolen from his car. He was busy with the jumper cables and failed to see someone going into his car. As it turned out the vehicle did not need a jump. Later when he figured out what really happened, he cancelled the checks with his bank.

Lock Your Car When Pumping Gas

Thieves continue to steal purses, phones and other valuables from unlocked cars at gas stations. When pumping or paying remember to LOCK!!

Hillandale's Annual Holiday Party

When: **Sunday, December 7, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Where: **CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue**

This party is a neighborhood tradition with good food and great company. **The party is open to all residents, old, young, new, long-time, HCA member or not.** Just Come and Enjoy!! You will meet friends old and new.

Dinner, consisting of beef barbecue, hotdogs, beverages and a more traditional fare of turkey and trimmings, will be provided. Since this is a "pot-luck," please consider bringing a main dish, salad or a dessert to share.

A craft project will be provided to entertain the children while parents have a chance to catch up with neighbors.

And, that famous North Pole visitor has been invited and is expected to arrive with great fanfare and lights flashing. Make sure that your little ones are ready!

Volunteers are needed to help with planning, the set-up, monitor the children's activities, working on the serving line and clean up. To help out, please contact Andrew Harris at

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