

The Hillandale Bulletin

October 2003

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October Association Meeting

HCA will hold its second Fall Public Meeting on October 22nd at the CHI Center (10501 New Hampshire Ave.) at 8 pm. This meeting will focus on the local public school situation, especially funding for the proposed new elementary school and renovations for Cresthaven ES.

Cresthaven ES is one of the most overcrowded elementary schools in the county and has never been completely renovated since it was built. The need is critical and funding for education projects is very limited in these times of budget crunches. Come find out the County's plans and priorities for our schools and discuss how we can participate. PTA representatives will also be in attendance to participate in the discussion.

West Hillandale Woman's Club

Invites all to come to the meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at Cresthaven Elementary School at 7:30 P.M. Dana Wilson, a new club member, will talk about "How to Handle The Hectic Holidays." Dana is a personal trainer, nutrition consultant and medical technician. All attendees are invited to bring their favorite recipes and holiday tips to share with one another. Please make copies of your recipes for distribution.

There is no meeting in December. The next meeting is in January. More information on that will be posted.

For further information call May Savage at 301-445-1630.

Car Thefts

At the last HCA General Meeting, Commander Mitch Cunningham of the Silver Spring Police District pointed out that car thefts are a rising problem. From the local perspective, we live in an "attractive" area for car theft which provides relatively rapid access to good, fast exits on New Hampshire Ave., Colesville Rd., and the Beltway. The police have increased their efforts in this area and apprehensions for car theft have increased by more than 50% in the last eight months.

Nevertheless, the problem remains. Members of our association can help by assuring that their cars are locked at all times and by reporting suspicious behavior to the police as soon as it is noted.

Just Moved in?

New to the neighborhood this year? Still trying out the hills from the dales-as well as such important details as leaf removal, local parks and community organizations?

The Hillandale Citizens Association would like to deliver its just-off-the-presses welcome book and phone directory. The book is filled with useful numbers and information for settling in day to day. Just call Susan Levine (301-439-3822) to request your own copy.

And welcome to the community!

Volunteers Needed

HCA needs resident volunteers to mow the public-right-away triangle at Riggs Rd and Powder Mill Rd., which welcomes drivers to the Hillandale Community. Volunteer gardeners for this and the other two Hillandale sign areas (New Hampshire Ave and McCeney and on the CHI grounds) are needed to trim and garden around the signs. Interested? Call Hall Crannell at: 301-434-4600.

A Reminder

The Cresthaven ES Book Fair will take place in the Media Center on:
Wednesday and Thursday 11/12 and 11/13 from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm as well as Friday 11/14 from 8:30am to 8:30 pm. It is a great opportunity to start your December holiday shopping early.

Neighbors of Northwest Branch

A non-profit environmental outdoor recreational organization with this name is being formed in a partnership between communities, interested individuals and the local governments that border the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River. Portions of Hillandale border the Northwest Branch. The organization will be modeled on similar groups such as the Friends of Sligo Creek, and The Eyes of the Paint Branch.

The Northwest Branch is a major tributary to the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. The stream is also bordered by the Northwest Trail, which provides a link with the trail systems in those watersheds.

The inauguration and first public event of the new organization will take place on October 25 at the Adelphi Mill, 8402 Riggs Rd., Adelphi, Maryland. The Washington D.C. Council of Governments (COG) and the Summit Fund of Washington, D.C are sponsoring the workshop. The workshop will feature presentations on the history and importance of the Northwest Branch, a free lunch, and a guided stream walk in the afternoon. Persons interested in attending the workshop should RSVP by October 15 to Christine Vatovec at the COG: 202-296-3233 or email at: cvatovec@mwkog.org.

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At the next general meeting of the Hillandale Citizens Association, the Executive Committee will present for approval the following proposed budget for the year October 1, 2003 – September 30, 2004

Income		Expenses	
Membership Dues	\$7000	Hillandale Bulletin	\$4100
Interest: Checking & Savings	455	Membership Directory	1600
Directory Carry-Over	800	Crime Watch	450
		Holiday Party	400
		Administration/Postage	400
		School/Citizenship Program	300
		Web Site Fee	300
		Maintenance/Signs, lawns	200
		Refreshments at meetings	150
		Bulk Mailing Permit	150
		WSSC water bill	140
		Civic Group Dues	65
Income Total	\$8255	Expense Total	\$8255

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