

# The Hillandale Bulletin

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## **Hillandale General Meeting October 17, 7:30-9:00 PM CHI, 10501 New Hampshire Ave.**

HCA's October meeting will cover a number of topics. Please plan to attend and take this opportunity to participate in the civic aspects of our community. All Hillandale residents are welcome.

A short presentation on how to make your trees "English ivy free" will be provided by Hillandaler (and volunteer "Weed Warrior") Larry Hush. You may not be aware that English ivy can damage and even kill the mightiest of oaks. Be it a tree in your yard, or in the nearby park, controlling ivy is worth your effort. Removing the ivy without causing harm to the tree is the trick.

We will also have a presentation on the pending zoning code rewrite and take the pulse of the community on some of the hot-button issues, such as changing the standards for having backyard chickens, loosening the standards for drive-in restaurants, reducing the parking minimums, and more. Although the zoning code may seem dry, many of the fine points contained in the county's land-use laws affect our neighborhood and may impact you. Additionally, there will be updates on the Bus Rapid Transit Master Plan, the White Oak Science Gateway Plan.

Action to approve the HCA 2013-14 Budget (included in this issue) is also scheduled.

## **Volunteer Gardeners Wanted**

The planting bed in front of the Hillandale wall at the corner of New Hampshire and Powder Mill is in need of some loving attention. If you would like to help with the bed's renovation this fall and pruning of the hedge (to reveal the full size of the Hillandale letters) in March, please give Eileen Finnegan a call (301-439-2263) or e-mail [finnegan20903@yahoo.com](mailto:finnegan20903@yahoo.com)

## **Get Connected via Bulletin Yahoo Group**

Our Hillandale "announcement only" Yahoo Group is open to all residents. We only send out a couple of e-mails per month, and these are limited to announcements of Hillandale-centric topics or advisories. If you have changed your e-address recently, or if you'd like to be added, please send your request (with your name and street) to [finnegan20903@yahoo.com](mailto:finnegan20903@yahoo.com) and an invitation to join will be sent to you. You must "click to join" on that invitation to be added to the group. This is the way to keep up to date on the latest happenings in Hillandale.

## **Hillandale Garden Awards**

Our esteemed judges have once again scoured Hillandale to find the award winning homes for our summer garden awards. The awards were for this late summer with the judging taking place in late August. Since there was no September Bulletin we are announcing the winners now. In no particular order they are:

10205 Lariston Lane  
10204 McGovern Drive  
1786 Overlook Drive

It was a tough one this year as there are always so many beautiful summer gardens to pick from. We would like to congratulate our winners, and thank our judges.

## **Neighborhood Watch News**

As far as crime goes Hillandale has always been a fairly safe and crime free neighborhood. However, we have had a recent spate of minor break-ins of cars and sheds. On many occasions the vehicles and sheds were not locked. A reminder to lock your cars and do not leave valuables in them. While you are at it, lock up that shed too.

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### HCA Budget for 2013-2014

HCA operates on the fiscal year of October 1 through September 30. The Board publishes and presents the budget for approval at the HCA's Fall General Meeting. Here are the details:

#### HCA 2013-2014 Budget

##### Income

Membership (450)	9,000
Account Interest	150
Other Donations	000
From Reserves	1,565

**Total Income     \$10,715**

##### Expenses

<b>Publications</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>Beautification</b>	<b>600</b>
HCA Bulletin (6 issues)	4,500	WSSC Bill	100
USPS Bulk Mail Fee	200	Community Entrances	500
Directory Allocation	800		
<b>HCA Sponsored Events</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>Membership Drive</b>	<b>750</b>
Annual Holiday Party	800	Crime Watch	50
National Night Out	150	Welcome Committee	100
Site Fees	500	School Community Support	600
Meeting Refreshments	100	Mo Co Civic Fed. Fee	65
		Slow-Down Signs	500
<b>HCA Board Expense</b>	<b>1000</b>		
Web Site	150		
Treasurer Supplies	75		
Misc. copies, phone	100		
PayPal Fees	25		
Tax Return Filing	300		
Insurance	350		
		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$10,715</b>