

The Hillandale Bulletin

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March HCA Town Hall Meeting

Please come and participate in a traditional Town Hall Meeting on March 26. Get information on what's happening in the community, meet other area residents and give input to HCA on what's important to you and your family.

HCA Board Members will provide several status reports on pending community issues. A discussion of Hillandale's Crime Watch program and the goals of this program will be on the agenda, as will a report/recommendation on efforts to limit roadside solicitation. An update on the county's response to code enforcement problems will be provided. And, a final vote on whether Hillandale will be part of the MD mosquito program will also be taken.

Meet your neighbors and board members and get involved in your community by coming to Hillandale's Town Hall on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting is at CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue.

HCA Annual Dues for 2009

On the back page of this newsletter is the form for our annual dues drive. The Hillandale Citizen's Association relies on the voluntary dues payment of our residents to provide operating funds for the community. The money raised goes to cover the costs of running the Association and sponsoring events such as HCA's Holiday Party, the Crime Watch Ice Cream Social and regular general meetings. The funds also cover the cost of publishing and mailing this newsletter to every home in the HCA area.

The HCA works hard behind the scenes to protect the interests of those who live here. Your \$20 donation gives you membership for one year. You are welcome to pay for additional years as well. Please do your part to help HCA remain on sound financial footing.

New Regulations for On-Street Truck Parking

In January 2009, Montgomery County Council passed new legislation (effective July 1, 2009) prohibiting recreational vehicles from being parked on

county roadways and restricting commercial vehicles to parking in commercial zones only.

This has been a growing problem in the County for the past ten years as residents and businesses have over utilized a loophole in the old law.

The new law prohibits the parking in residential streets of any commercial vehicle over 10,000 lbs gross vehicle weight (still allowed are pick up trucks, vans and taxis of normal size). Also prohibited are recreational vehicles such as camper vans, mobile homes and trailers used to transport leisure equipment.

Citizens wishing to report a violation in Hillandale can call the Community Service Officer at 301-565-5762.

Trash Pickup in the Northwest Branch

The Neighbors of the Northwest Branch will be meeting at the Northwest Branch Creek on the upstream side of Route 29 (Colesville Rd.) on Saturday, April 4th from 9 AM until noon to pick up trash. Just look for the old dam.

The Northwest Branch Creek runs through Hillandale's back yard and is a valuable asset to our community. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile cause, or if you have a teenager needing to earn some community service hours, here is the chance. You will get to spend a nice morning outdoors and might catch some early wildflowers coming up through the leaves.

Senator Ben Cardin

The US Senator from Maryland will be the guest speaker at The Greater Silver Spring Democratic Club monthly meeting. The meeting will be held at the White Oak Middle School on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 and begins at 7:30 pm. The evening's topic is "The Nations Economic Crisis-A Congressional Perspective."

For more information, you can contact either Mark Woodard at 301-592-1811 or Donna Graham at 301-585-4759. Or, just email at silverspringdems@yahoo.com

The **Hillandale Citizens Association** exists to protect our property values when impacted by government or private development plans. In addition it works to improve our neighborhood by taking action to assure a safe and friendly community. Your membership dues of \$20 per year support these activities. **Have you paid your dues for this year?** Look at the label on this copy of the Hillandale Bulletin. The number above your name indicates the year through which our records indicate you are paid up. For example, a number 2009 indicates you are already paid up for this year; the number 2010 indicates you have already paid up for next year, 2010, etc. No number above your name indicates that you have not yet paid dues for this year. In that case, please fill out and return the form below.

Hillandale Citizens Association Membership Form

Please print clearly; it helps us keep our records straight

Last Name _____ Do NOT list my name in the Directory

First Name(s) - _____

Street Address _____

Please add a listing for the additional name _____ (No additional cost for this service)

Additional Name _____

Telephone Number _____ Do NOT list my phone number in the Directory

E-Mail Address _____ Place my email on the Hillandale list serve for community announcements.

- Dues for membership in the Association are \$20 per year or \$40 for two years
- Enclosed \$20 for dues for the year 2009
- Enclosed \$40 for dues for the years 2009 and 2010.

Please make checks payable to **Hillandale Citizens Association** and return to Hillandale Citizens Association Membership, c/o Hall Crannell, 10000 Branch View Court, Silver Spring, MD 20903-1617

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