

The Hillandale Bulletin

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March HCA General Meeting

Thursday, March 21, from 7:15 to 9 PM

Come join us on the first official day of spring, Thursday, March 21, at 7:15 PM, at CHI for an informative evening for all Hillandale residents. Our guest will be Mr. Sam Rivera, Principal of Springbrook High School, our community's "home" high school.

Mr. Rivera is very open and engaging. He will discuss the wonderful happenings at Springbrook as well answer your questions and address concerns. Whether you currently have a child at Springbrook or not, this meeting will be of interest because we are all stakeholders in our neighborhood schools. Quality schools not only prepare neighborhood children for the future, but a school's success and reputation affect the value and desirability of our homes.

This very special evening will begin at 7:15 with light refreshments—cookies and hot/cold drinks. Mr. Rivera's presentation will begin promptly at 7:30 with time for questions. The host for our speaker will be HCA's Vice President and Springbrook parent, Jeff McNeil. You may contact Jeff at: vp@hillandale-md.org if you would like to submit questions for Mr. Rivera in advance.

Following our speaker, there will be a short HCA business meeting with updates on local planning efforts and discussion of community concerns.

In honor of the first day of spring, there will be a door prize drawing at the end of our meeting for three lucky people in attendance. This will surely bring some spring cheer to

those who enjoy the offerings at Behnke's Nursery!

Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to come out to hear **Mr. Sam Rivera**, Principal of Springbrook High School.

Date: Thursday, March 21,

Time: 7:15 to 9:00 PM

Place: CHI, 10501 New Hampshire

A Reminder for Pet Owners

There have been recent complaints regarding dogs being allowed to run loose in the neighborhood, and pet waste not being properly picked up. Please be reminded that both Montgomery and Prince George's counties have leash laws requiring ALL animals (cats and dogs) to be leashed when "off-property." Also, proper disposal of pet waste is not only the law, it is a good practice---don't make your neighbors pick-up after your dog and think "healthy Bay." Thanks.

Kids in the Streets

And, now that we are coming into some warm weather it is time for a reminder to watch your speed when driving on our neighborhood streets. Warm weather brings out both kids on their bikes and pedestrian traffic. We do not have speed cameras or bumps in Hillandale so the responsibility for driving within the speed limit resides in each individual driver.

WSSC Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Work in Hillandale

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has been working in various parts of Hillandale for several years and has scheduled limited additional projects for this year. Projects cover both water and sewer, with each managed by different groups at WSSC. The work on water mains is designed to eliminate leaks, extend the life of existing pipes and reduce the number of “breaks” requiring emergency repairs. The sewer work is associated with a Court Ordered Consent Decree requiring WSSC to rework cracked/broken sewer lines and manholes by 2015. Here is a breakdown of what’s happening in different parts of Hillandale:

West Hillandale: The water main projects are complete in this part of Hillandale. Sewer line work is in the planning phase for small sections of Ruppert, Lariston and Naglee. A larger project of replacing and rehabilitating lines within Northwest Branch Park, accessed by Devere and Crest Park Court, is planned and work will begin soon. This project, once started, will take up to five months. WSSC has indicated that work within the Park will be done with care to limit the environmental disturbance during the construction work. Restoration of the area will be done when complete

Hillandale Forest: To date the only WSSC plans are for sewer line spot repair of cracks and relining of specific sections along Elton, Green Forest, Powder Mill and Riggs.

Old Hillandale east of NH: Water line repair and replacement is scheduled to begin in March and be completed by mid-November. See the map for specific streets with work planned. Here’s the schedule:

Phase 1 Gatewood Place/Terrace. 3/18/13 to 4/28/13

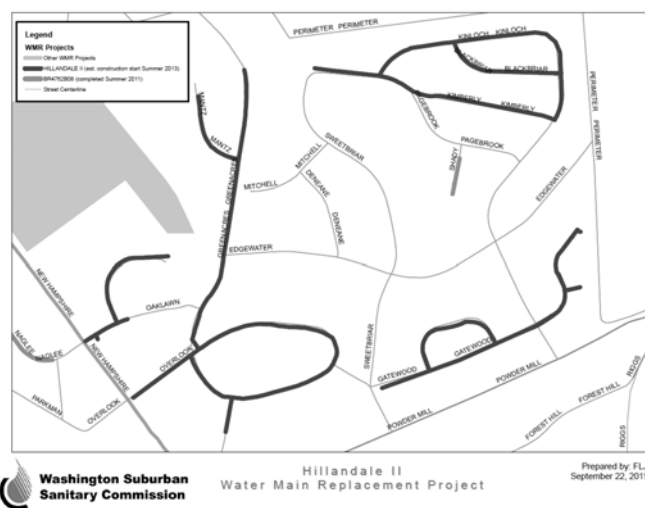
Phase 2 Overlook, New Hampshire, Greenacres, Mantz 4/29/13 to 7/7/13

Phase 3 Oaklawn Court 7/8/13 to 7/28/13

Phase 4 Kimberly, Kinloch, Blackbriar, Pagebrook 7/29/13 to 9/15/13

Permanent street restoration 6/16/13 to 11/17/13

Sewer work in this part of the community is also planned with crack sealing and insert linings to be done on Greenacres, Mantz, Kimberly, Blackbriar, Edgewater, Oaklawn, Sweetbriar.



WSSC has an on-line informational map “WSSC In Your Neighborhood” that provides street level details at the click of a mouse: <http://gisweb.wsscwater.com/InYourNeighborhood/> Additional information regarding waterline repairs are found in the WSSC video and downloadable brochure at <http://www.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/content/water-main-replace.faces> And, for more on the need for sewer repairs see: <http://www.wsscwater.com/home/jsp/content/sr3-program.faces>

HCA Nomination Committee Forming

Every spring, the Hillandale Citizens Association solicits nominations for the officers and at-large members of the HCA Executive Board. The positions include, President, Executive Vice President, Vice President for Programs, Secretary, Treasurer, and four at-large positions.

If you are interested in any of these positions, or if you would like to serve on the nomination committee, please contact Jeff McNeil at vp@hillandale-md.org

The committee will begin their work in March with the goal of having a slate for publication and election at the May HCA meeting.

HCA’s E-Mail Group for All Residents

Do you get community announcements and the occasional safety alert in your e-mail from HCA? Or, have you changed your e-mail address and forgot to update your membership in the Hillandale-Bulletin Yahoo Group? This e-mail group is an announcement only list serve, not a discussion group.

If you live in Hillandale, and want to join, just send an e-mail to: president@hillandale-md.org and provide the name of the street where you live, and you will be added to the group. Upon joining you’ll get an electronic welcome packet. You do not need to be an HCA member to join; you only need to be a Hillandale resident.

Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan



Montgomery County transportation planners are working on the task of further evaluating the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System that had been proposed by the Transit Task Force last year. This BRT System (also called the Rapid Transit Vehicle or RTV System) is seen as the mass transit solution to the mounting traffic congestion across the County. There are many details to this system yet to be defined, including timing of specific routes, treatments along the routes, operational details and funding sources for both construction and operation.

But for now, planning staff's mission is to refine the broad outline of the system and propose necessary changes to the right-of-way needed to build this new transit network. Once adopted by County Council, this functional master plan will provide the basis for the implementation of the BRT/RTV network. Staff presented preliminary recommendations to the Planning Board on February 21. These recommendations included a 79-mile network of six basic corridors, with two phases (stages) of development along each corridor to accommodate growing demand.

In our area, there are two proposed BRT routes, Route 29 and New Hampshire Avenue. Transit along 29 has been proposed for a number of years, and is now viewed as critical to proposed development in the corridor. Beginning in downtown Silver Spring and spanning the distance to Burtonsville, the 29 BRT proposal would have some more urban sections running in "mixed traffic" with other vehicles, some sections in rededicated bus-only curb lanes, and to the north, beyond the Paint Branch, a dedicated median dual busway. In order to avoid using the New Hampshire overpass and to service White Oak, the 29 BRT will travel on Lockwood Drive and Stewart Lane, initially in mixed traffic and later in dedicated curb lanes. For New Hampshire Ave, there is a mix of treatments. The Hillandale segment is proposed to have a single-lane median busway requiring vehicles in non-peak direction to be in mixed traffic.

The entire discussion of the BRT/RTV System is very fluid. Although this functional master plan will begin to finalize what may be built and what right-of-way will be needed, it is not the final plan of what specifically will be built. Some parts of the plan are highly controversial with communities not favoring the plan. Some routes do not have the building priority support of the County Executive. And the biggest issue is how this countywide system along with two other high priority transit projects (The Purple Line and the Corridor Cities Transitway) will be funded is unanswered. Over the coming weeks and months this will be an important discussion for Hillandale.

How to learn more and participate:

- A complete web site with background information is at: <http://montgomeryplanning.org/transportation/highways/brt.shtm>
- The March 18 presentation will be live streamed (check the agenda for the specific time) and available on video at http://www.montgomeryplanningboard.org/meetings_archive/
- Comments may be sent, or you can testify before to the Planning Board at their Public Hearing on May 2.
- Council to take up the plan during the fall of 2013

White Oak Science Gateway Master Plan

The Staff Draft of this Master Plan, which will rezone the commercial areas of White Oak and Hillandale along with rezoning of a portion of Labor College's property, will be presented to the Planning Board in March/April with a Public Hearing to follow. More information on dates will be sent to residents via the Hillandale-Bulletin Yahoo Group.

For details on the plan, including the Sept/Oct 2012 staff recommendations, see the WOSG web page at:

<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/wosg/#schedule>

For Those Interested in Hillandale History

Angelo Floria, a Rodney Road resident from 1942 to 1992, recently self-published a memoir of his years as a volunteer firefighter. Many of those years were spent at the HVFD. His reminiscences of the neighborhood before most all of us were here are wonderful. The story of how, as a young boy he wanted to be a HVFD firefighter and eventually becoming a valued leader of the group makes you wonder if boys of today are so inspired.

Angelo sent a copy for the Hillandale community. If you would like to borrow it for a quick read, please call Eileen Finnegan at 301-439-2263.

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HCA Membership Drive for 2013

The Hillandale Citizens Association exists to foster community/civic engagement, address neighborhood concerns, review development plans and protect our property values. Additionally, HCA holds regular meetings, mails the Bulletin newsletter to every home, welcomes new neighbors, and sponsors social events, Crime Watch and www.hillandale-md.org HCA maintains a reserve for legal, or extraordinary expenses. All residential households receiving this Bulletin are eligible and encouraged to become members. Your dues of \$20/year fund HCA activities.

Have you paid your dues for this year? Look at the label BELOW. The number above your name indicates the year through which our records indicate you are paid. For example, a number 2013 indicates you are already paid for this year; the number 2014 indicates you have paid for next year, etc. **No number indicates that your dues are not paid for this year, or future years. In that case, please fill out and return the form below with your check, or to pay by PayPal or credit card, visit our web site: <http://hillandale-md.org/membership.php>** For more information on your membership, please e-mail Membership Chair Hall Crannell at: membership@hillandale-md.org

Hillandale Citizens Association, Inc. Membership Form

Please print clearly; it helps us keep our records straight

Last Name _____

DO NOT list my name in the 2013 Directory

First Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

Please add an additional last name _____ (No additional cost for this service)

Telephone Number _____

DO NOT list my phone number in the Directory

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 ADD my E-mail to HCA's Yahoo Group

Enclosed \$20 for dues for the year 2013

Enclosed \$40 for dues for the years 2013 & 2014

Please make checks payable to: **Hillandale Citizens Association, Inc.** and return to

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