

The Hillandale Bulletin

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November HCA General Meeting

November 20, 7:30-9:00 p.m., at CHI

Over the past year, a County Executive Task Force has been reviewing Montgomery's housing/zoning/parking laws, enforcement policies and county procedures with the goal of improving the process. The group's work is now complete and Council will soon be considering changes to our zoning laws.

Please come to hear about the recommendations from the Task Force leader, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer Tom Street, along with Director of Housing and Community Affairs, Rick Nelson, and representatives from the county's Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Permitting Services and Police.

Some possible legislative changes include restricting parking of certain vehicles "on property"; capping impervious surfaces on a property; requiring final inspection of building permits; and creating a new vehicle category, "light commercial." Procedural changes recommended include cross training of inspectors, management of repeat offenders and increased use of the between-department referral system known as e-Referral.

Since enforcement—residential overcrowding, commercial vehicles/activities, solid waste and unkempt properties—is a community issue, it is important that you attend this briefing and provide your input, experiences and comments. Having a system that truly works for our community is important for our neighborhood's quality of life.

The meeting will be held at CHI Centers, 10501 New Hampshire Avenue.

Crime Watch

We have had a spate of crime in the area lately. Over a recent two week period we had five break ins and four stolen cars. We ask you all to please be vigilant and make sure your cars and homes are secure.

If you see or suspect a crime is occurring call 911 or call the police non-emergency numbers if you want to

report suspicious activity or have information:

Montgomery County: 301-279-8000

Prince George's County: 301-333-4000

Program these numbers in your auto-dial or cell phone for easy use.

New Rec Center

The East County Region Recreation Advisory Board of the Montgomery County Department of Recreation will host a Public Forum regarding the upcoming White Oak Community Recreation Center on November 12, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The forum will be held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

The White Oak Center is scheduled to be built near the intersection of April Lane and Stewart Lane in White Oak. You are encouraged to attend to provide comments, preview design and receive answers to your questions. For directions to the forum at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center call 240-777-4980.

Farewell to Cresthaven

On Sunday, November 16, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Cresthaven Elementary School will open its doors for a farewell celebration. This event will be a chance for everyone to reconnect and relive memories with former classmates, friends, teachers, and staff before the move during Winter Break to the holding facility at Fairland.

In anticipation of a beautiful new building, the current structure will be demolished in early 2009. The new "green" school building will be constructed to meet the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver standard. The school is scheduled to reopen on Cresthaven Drive in August, 2010.

Please join us and enjoy the memory boards, old yearbooks, hundreds of photographs, tours of the building, and refreshments. We also hope to display the construction plans for the new building.

Beautiful Hillandale Fall Winners

We have selected the winners of this fall's Beautiful Hillandale awards. Our judges were looking both at fall colors and Halloween displays. The winners are listed below. Considering that most of the Halloween displays have been removed, you can visit the Hillandale web page to view photos of the winners in their full glory. A special thanks to the judges. The winners are:

10601 Kinloch Rd. (great display)

1011 Nolcrest Dr. (nice and neat)

10106 Green Forest Dr. (fall garden)

1015 Robroy Rd. (another nice display)

Congratulations to our winners.

FDA Update Meeting

Labquest Partnership is holding a Community/Public Meeting on Wednesday November 12, 2008 from 7-9 PM. The meeting will be held at the CHI Centers, located on New Hampshire Ave. All are invited to come and hear the latest skinny on local developments and the FDA. There is a lot going on at FDA these days and the number of employees locating there is increasing daily. Many of these employees are now Hillandale residents.

You Better Get Ready!

The annual Hillandale Holiday Party will be held on Sunday Dec 7 at CHI Centers, New Hampshire Avenue 5 to 8 pm. Join your neighbors to celebrate the holiday season with dinner and desserts provided by Sara Croke and Pam Reid. Rumor has it that there will be Sara's ginger bread cookies for the kids to decorate, musical entertainment provided by Emily Reid on the Celtic Harp and possibly a visit from the North Pole. Festivities will include the lighting of the Shaw Tree.

Volunteers are needed to help make the night a success. Please call Pamela Reid if you can help out. 301-439-5362.

We hate to bring it up

We have gotten a number of complaints lately about unleashed dogs running through neighbors' yards. A reminder that Montgomery County does have a "leash law" and it is not proper for your dog to run through other people's property. It is time to be considerate of your neighbors' feelings about your mutt. Remember, not all Hillandalers love dogs and their rights need to be respected.

And, while we are at it, county law requires that dog owners clean up after their animals. Apparently some of you are not doing so and need to "clean up your act"-so to speak....

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