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October 23rd – Community Meeting

Topic: Emergency Preparedness

Our next community meeting is on Wednesday, October 23rd at the CHI Center 10501 New Hampshire Avenue.

7:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Meet and Greet

7:30 to 9:00 p.m. – Program

The Highlight of the program will be an hour-long presentation by Mr. Joe Corona, CEM, on the subject of Emergency Preparedness. Chiefly, he will speak on what we can do to prepare for natural or man-made disasters. Considering the state of the world, we think this is a timely matter for all of us.

This meeting will also give you an opportunity to meet the new president-elect of the HCA, Andrew Harris, as well as other newly-elected officers of the HCA.

Light refreshments will be served.

Refurbishing the Hillandale Sign

You may have noticed the large, brick Hillandale sign at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Powder Mill Road. Recently, it appeared to need a clean-up, and into the breach stepped our own Virgil Tudor (At-Large Board Member), who re-painted the cupola, trimmed the hedge, and power-washed the brick.

Virgil reports that the manager of the Shell station behind the sign, Mr. Mark Ceny, let Virgil use freely electricity from the station to power the hedge trimmer and power washer. In gratitude, Virgil then re-painted the sign for the Hillandale Shell.

The HCA wishes to express its heartfelt thanks to Mr. Ceny of the Hillandale Shell station, and to Virgil

“National Night Out” in Hillandale – Tuesday, August 6, 2019

“National Night Out” (NNO) is a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and a sense of community. It is held each year on the first Tuesday of August. The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. This year’s NNO involved 38 million neighbors in 16,000 communities.

Hillandale’s NNO was held as usual at the West Hillandale Pool at 915 Schindler Drive. Well over 100 people participated, mainly families with children. In celebration of the event, the West Hillandale Pool allowed non-members to swim free. Two food trucks showed up that served far better than ordinary fast food. The HCA coordinated the event and also dished out about seven gallons of free ice cream to the large crowd.

The Hillandale Volunteer Fire Department sent two trucks, including its treasured antique fire truck. Children and adults alike enjoyed this “touch-the-truck” experience.

The Police ArriveThen about 5:45 p.m., a caravan of police cars, led by a motorcycle policeman, came roaring up, their sirens blasting. Tom Hucker, our local councilmember, who has been a strong advocate for the east county in the County Council, spent an hour at the Hillandale NNO. Huge thanks especially to Andrew Harris, the former HCA Vice President for Programs and current HCA president for helping to organize this event!

Hillandale Citizens Association (HCA) Benefits of Membership

The HCA Board would like to thank all of you who have supported our community by becoming a member of the Hillandale Citizens Association.

Mission of HCA

The main goal of the HCA is to help make Hillandale a better, safer, and more enriching environment for you and your families. The HCA is also your public forum for learning about developments in the community and for speaking out on neighborhood issues that concern you.

HCA as a Forum

In pursuit of the above aims, the HCA holds informative and lively public meetings several times each year. Most meetings feature a speaker of consequence who talks about issues affecting our community. For example, our upcoming meeting will feature a presentation on Emergency Preparedness by a speaker from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security.

Advocacy by HCA

The advocacy work of the HCA involves lobbying for the interests of the neighborhood before the County Council and other venues.. As an example of this, please look at the article in this issue titled: "Coming Soon: Renovation of Hillandale Park." As you will see in this article, members of the HCA lobbied diligently and effectively in securing County approval and \$5 million in funds to renovate the Hillandale Park on New Hampshire Avenue.

HCA's Social Events

The HCA also hosts social events, chiefly the National Night Out (in August) and the Christmas Party (in December). These events are highly anticipated and well-attended. This past summer, the HCA also sponsored successfully its first community picnic (in June).

Please Support

Our modest budget supports all of the above-listed advocacy and community-building activities, as well as this Hillandale Bulletin, which is mailed to all Hillandale households. Your membership dues are virtually our sole source of income.

Our budget for the year 2019-2020 anticipates a shortfall that would be erased if we added about 125 new members.

Membership in the HCA is voluntary, and the annual dues are only \$20. Please join today by mailing a check to the below-listed address. You may also pay your dues in person at the October meeting. Thank you!

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Dues for a "Household" membership in HCA are \$20 per year or \$40 for two years

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Your membership support funds the printing and mailing of the HCA Bulletin to all Hillandale households, hosting of general meetings with topics of community interest, HCA's Annual Holiday Party, and participation in National Night Out. All paid members receive the HCA Directory, whenever it is issued. The Directory provides a handy address/phone/e-mail listing of all Hillandale homes.

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Reserve the date!

Hillandale's Annual Holiday Party

**Sunday, December 8 / 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
At the CHI Center / 10501 New Hampshire Avenue**

All Hillandale residents are welcome to attend the annual Hillandale Holiday Party. This is mainly a pot luck event at which we invite you, the community, to bring your favorite main course, salad, side dish, or dessert. The HCA will provide turkey and barbecue entrees, and beverages.

Children will find a group craft project to entertain them while their parents can get to know their neighbors. To top it off, St. Nick himself will arrive on a fire truck lit up for the season. Your little ones will not want to miss him! We will need volunteers to help with set up, the children's activities, work the serving line, and clean up. If you would like to help, please contact Paul Rood at: vprood@hotmail.com

Hope to see you there!