

Hillsdale Community Newsletter

Hillsdale Community Association

Fall 2013

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***PLEASE DO NOT CALL
BOARD MEMBERS
AFTER 8:00 pm.***

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

**AAA Recycling and Trash
Removal Services**
<http://www.aaatrash.com>
703-818-8222

King Towing
703-352-5288

Mailing Address for HOA Dues:
Hillsdale Community Association
C/O SFMC
P.O. Box 66571
Phoenix, AZ 85082-6571

Management Company SFMC:
www.sfmc.com

**Fairfax County
Dispatch/Animal Control**
703-691-2131

Fairfax County Web Site
www.fairfaxcounty.gov

VDOT
1-800-367-7623
www.virginiadot.org



**Home Owner Assessments are due on October 1, 2013
The quarterly rate is \$242**

Upcoming 2013 Board of Directors' Meetings:

September 17, October 15 and November 5*

Meetings are at the Kings Park Library - 9000 Burke Lake Road at 7PM

*Contact a Board member for the November 5th meeting location

From the Board...

- Zoe Lloyd stepped down from the Board in August. We would like to thank her for her service to Hillsdale, including several years as President. If you are interested in joining the Board, either to fill our current vacancy or to seek election in June, please contact Josh Brady. His contact information is to the left.
- Mark the date! **On January 1, 2014**, we begin full-service (including home inspections) with our management company (SFMC). More details as the time gets closer. In the mean time, continue to contact a Board member for non-financial related questions and concerns.
- If you requested an extension to fix discrepancies noted during the 2013 inspection, make sure you contact ACC Chair Debbie Schultz when repairs are finished. It really helps her out. Her contact information is to the left.
- If you attended the annual meeting this past June, you may recall us mentioning the need to replace our street light heads, and all of the underground electric wiring. This task is proving quite complicated and is taking much longer than expected. We may need to defer this work to 2014 and have SFMC take on the logistics. Regardless of when we do the major work, we still plan to replace the malfunctioning light head on Pierrpont Street this year.
- Heidi Vestre has volunteered to organize a Halloween parade, tentatively set for Saturday, October 26, at 2PM. Please call Heidi at 571-527-9001 if you want to help with ideas or the event.

Halloween Safety Tips

- ▶ Walk on sidewalks.
- ▶ Look both ways before crossing the street.
- ▶ Cross only at corners or in crosswalks, and never between parked cars.
- ▶ Do not talk to strangers, go into homes of people you don't know, or accept rides from strangers.
- ▶ Adults should accompany children, and only visit homes with porch lights on
- ▶ Have flashlights and glow sticks for children and the accompanying adult.
- ▶ Inspect your children's candy before they eat it.
- ▶ Provide a costume that uses bright color and reflective tape so trick or treaters can be seen by drivers.
- ▶ Consider using makeup instead of a mask. This will allow for better visibility.



PARKING PERMITS

If you are renting, please be sure to return your parking permit to your landlord or management company before moving out. If you are selling, please leave the permit for the new owners. A replacement permit will cost \$25 via a check made out to the Hillsdale Community Association. Contact Board member Heidi Vestre (telephone above) if you need a new permit.

PLEASE, PLEASE
. . . recycle items on **Friday only** -- on Tuesdays there appear to be lots of cardboard boxes and other items that are recyclable. It is Fairfax County law to recycle, and for the sake of our environment it is a prudent thing to do. Please break down (flatten) cardboard boxes (if possible) but leave them on Fridays. You can find a list of recyclable items on the AAA website <http://www.aaatrash.com>. AAA will pick up larger furniture or electronic items on Friday, but you **MUST** call them at 703-818-8222 first. There is no charge. Please, pick up the recycle bins and place them in your back yard as you come in at the end of the day!

LEASH LAW

Our community's bylaws require pet owners to remove their dog or cat's waste from common areas and from property other than their own. The Fairfax County Health Department has the authority to assess fines in the event of violations. So please remember to keep your pets in your own yard or on a leash for the comfort and safety of all concerned.

Winter Tips

Preparing for the cold and snow of winter may not be the first thing on your mind, but cold and snow **will** arrive! To prepare, it's a good idea to:

- Buy sand, salt and shovels early--before they vanish from store shelves.
- Turn off outside water, front and back. Drain the hoses and take them inside.
- Consider putting insulation around basement pipes to keep them warm.

To prevent water pipes from freezing during extremely cold temperatures, open cabinet doors and allow the tap to drip. If you plan on traveling for an extended period of time, and you cannot find a "house-sitter," consider turning off your water and draining your pipes to prevent freezing.

Snow Removal

Hillsdale contracts with Blade Runners, our landscapers, to remove snow from our streets. Blade Runners only ploughs our streets—not the parking spaces, mailboxes, fire hydrants, sidewalks or storm drains. In addition to clearing your parking spots and sidewalk, consider clearing a fire hydrant, mailbox or storm drain—and help your neighbors if possible, as an act of kindness goes a long way!