

Hillsdale Community Newsletter



Hillsdale Community Association

Spring 2013

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

HILLSDALE WEBSITE:
www.hillsdalecommunity.org

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
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Management Company SFMC:
www.sfmc.com
(HOA documents)

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

Fairfax County Web Site
www.fairfaxcounty.gov

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

From the Board....



Home Owner Association fees are due on April 1, 2013. The quarterly rate is \$242.

Important reminder! **Inspections** will start up in late March, weather permitting. So do try to make sure all those little details are done so your property is in top shape! Dirty/moldy siding, and wooden porches and steps in need of painting are the two most common problems, closely followed by wood-root.

Please help us spring into warmer weather by keeping the neighborhood in good order for our residents and visitors looking to move here. Part of keeping the neighborhood in good order is to make sure your **porch** is free of clutter. Remember, you **CANNOT** store trashcans and recycle bins on the front porch or in the front yard. Front porches are also not storage areas for tools, clothing, shoes, rugs, or boxes of "stuff"; **only decorative items and furniture are permitted.**

The **Hillsdale Community annual meeting** is tentatively scheduled for June 1, 2013 at 10AM. The location will be the tot-lot on Pierrpont Street. The rain date would be June 8, 2013, same time and location. Homeowners will receive official notification by mail at least thirty days prior to the meeting. Your nominations to serve on the Board of Directors are due to Nancy Landson, mlandson@hillsdalecommunity.org by March 31. It takes a village to maintain a village – we need you!

Upcoming 2013 Board of Directors' Meetings:

March 18, April 16 and May 21.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER: *Our management company, SFMC, only handles the association's financials, whereas the Board of Directors has direct responsibility for the overall management of our common areas. You should contact board members (via information in the upper left-hand side of this page) with your questions or problems pertaining to the community at large, and SFMC with financial related questions.*

SAFETY FIRST: Yellow painted curbs identify **NO-PARKING** areas reserved for **fire lanes** to ensure emergency vehicles have adequate clearance to get where they need to go, quite possibly your house! Vehicles parked in fire lanes are subject to immediate ticketing and towing.

PERMIT PARKING LIMITS: *Parking in permit spots is limited to a maximum of two weeks. Additional parking is available across Guinea Rd.*

Crime Prevention Suggestions from the West Springfield District Police Station
Crime Prevention Unit
(703) 644-5026 or jt.frey@fairfaxcounty.gov

VEHICLE SECURITY:

- Lock all vehicle doors.
- Remove valuables from vehicle.
- Absolutely never leave a GPS device affixed to the windshield when not in use. Remove it and store in console, glove box, or better yet inside a home.
- If your vehicle has an alarm, please activate when vehicle not in use.
- If you have an alarm service, please keep current on monthly fees.
- Be familiar with your vehicle information—the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), Registration number, and insurance carrier—should an incident occur.
- Never leave your vehicle idling without someone in the vehicle.
- Never leave a spare key hidden within the vehicle.
- Never leave a key in the ignition when the vehicle is unattended.

HOME SECURITY:

- Lock all doors and windows to the home when away, and at night when you are sleeping.
- If the home has an alarm system, please use it. Be sure it's registered with the County.
- Change your alarm code every once in a while.
- Use exterior lighting. Floodlights, motion detectors and lampposts are essential to deterrence.
- Trim bushes around windows.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view of a window, such as a purse or wallet visible on a table next to a door or window.
- If you "hide" a door key on the exterior of the home, be sure it's well hidden. It's better to give the key to a neighbor.
- Secure all extension ladders and tool sheds with a lock.
- Be cautious with open second story windows, decks or other means criminals may use to climb to a second story window.
- Make sure deadbolts are installed on exterior doors (single key, double key).
- Consider enhanced locking devices (pins) for sliding windows.
- Get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood, and watch out for each other.
- **If you notice suspicious persons or activity, call the non-emergency police number, 703 691-2131, and report it.**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2013
DON'T FORGET TO "SPRING" FORWARD!
*THIS IS ALSO A GOOD TIME TO CHANGE THE BATTERIES
IN YOUR SMOKE ALARMS*