

Hillsdale Community Newsletter

Hillsdale Community Association

Fall 2014

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AAA Recycling and Trash Removal Services

<http://www.aaatrash.com>

703-818-8222

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Home Owner Assessments are due on October 1, 2014
The quarterly rate is \$265**

Upcoming 2014 Board of Directors' Meetings:

September 16, October 21 and November 10

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

From the Board...

- The new Hillsdale website is expected to debut in September, providing a new look, greater ease of use and maintenance, and more information. Additional features may include links to service providers, bulletins about weather alerts, and news about community services such as cancellation of garbage pickups.
- Heidi Vestre has once again volunteered to organize a Halloween parade, tentatively set for Saturday, October 25, at 2PM. Please call Heidi at 571-527-9001 if you want to help with ideas or the event.
- 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. If you need a new permit, please contact Christie Loveless of SFMC or her Administrative Assistant, Cynthia Wilkinson (contact info at left).
- Please remember to recycle items on **Friday only**. 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. And please, pick up the recycle bins and place them in your back yard as you come in at the end of the day!
- This summer has been busy with big projects such as new roofs - good for you! Big projects mean noise, a bit of mess and contractor trucks. Remember your parking space is assigned to you, not owned by you - it is common area. If a contractor is parked in your space, temporarily park nearby - you might locate a worker or the homeowner to check on the time they are leaving. Yes, it's a little inconvenient, but work needs to get done and remember **YOU** may need something done soon and inconvenience someone else, so a little cooperation can be repaid down the road.
- Maintenance work scheduled for completion in the community this fall includes painting of light poles and mailboxes, pruning of trees, sidewalk repair, and reseeded of curbside strips damaged by street light repair and asphalt trail removal.

Winter Tips

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.



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.

And while we're on the subject:

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!

If you see an exposed cable, you need to know that the

Fairfax County Communications Policy & Regulation Division will:

- Investigate cable-related reception and signal problems.
- Handle consumers' cable complaints.
- Work with cable providers to resolve service and regulatory issues.
- Review cable providers' performance in meeting county and federal customer service standards.
- Inspect cable construction site locations.
- Enforce cable construction and safety codes and other related standards.
- Dispatch inspectors to construction locations with safety, property damage or restoration issues.
- Provide owners with information regarding easement issues and cable construction on private property.
- Answer county residents' questions about the availability of cable service.
- Track new cable, wireless, broadband and Internet-based communications proposals and technologies.
- Support community access to local PEG (public, educational and governmental) television programming.
- Make presentations about cable issues to groups at HOAs, schools, senior and community centers.

If you see a problem, call
703-324-5902, TTY 711

Further information also is available at
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOV. 2, 2014
DON'T FORGET TO "FALL" BACK!