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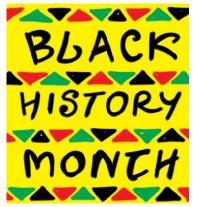
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, My fellow association officers and members,

Let me first apologize for the late cancellation notice of the January meeting. Listening to the weather forecast of the impending weather prior to the meeting in the best interest of each of you and our guest for the meeting decided to cancel out of an abundance of caution. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this last-minute change may have caused. The membership committee and officers tried their best to inform everyone about the cancellation and we are sorry if we missed notifying everyone. I am again appealing to each of you to please help us with growing our membership, which is the lifeblood of our association.

Currently as of February, our membership is just slightly over one hundred. This is not a good sign as each year we are losing member due to sickness, and unfortunately even death. I am alarmed that if we do not build up the membership, we will not be able sustain the good works that we are known for. Make every effort to encourage your neighbor and community residents to please rejoin if they have fallen away. The membership team would be happy to contact a prospective new or old member if you provide us with the contact information.

We will be circulating a petition to have Prince George's County Council rescind the plastic bag ban and/or charge for paper bags. Providing bags is the cost of a business establishment during business. We ask each of you to please share the petition with all your family, friends, and neighbors. We want to let the feelings of the community be known as this is just another revenue stream for the merchants and an unauthorized tax which the county will not admit is such.



At the meeting of February 17th, we will be celebrating Black History Month. Our invited guests are:

the Potomac High School choir, band, along with the dance squad and the Honorable John Carr, Prince County Sheriff.

Please mark your calendar and I will see you at the general meeting.

Respectfully, *Mr. George Hanna*, President Hillcrest-Marlow Heights Civic Association(HMHCA) Message from the President continues...

Oppose the Ban on Plastic Bags and Charges for Paper Bags in Prince George's County

Why this petition matters???

We, the members of the Hillcrest Marlow Heights Civic Association and like many of you, are deeply concerned about our county's recent decision to ban plastic bags and the imposition of charges for paper bags. This issue is personal to all of us who call Prince George's County and the Hillcrest Marlow Heights community home.

The ban was implemented with good intentions – to reduce plastic waste. However, it has inadvertently burdened us with additional cost while shopping. The charge for paper bags is an unexpected expense that many families in our community cannot afford or should not have to pay, as bags are part of the cost of doing business.

Moreover, according to a study by the Danish Environment Protection Agency (2018), plastic bags have less environmental Impact than cotton or paper alternatives when considering their entire life cycle from production to disposal. This suggests that banning them may not be the most effective solution for environmental conservation.

We need a more balanced approach that considers both environmental concerns and financial implications for residents.

We urge our local and state government to rescind this policy immediately – perhaps by promoting better recycling programs or dispensing the charge for paper bags. In addition, reuseable bags carry the risk of promoting bacteria harm if they are not cleaned after use.

Please join us in voicing your concerns by signing this petition. Let's work together towards a solution that benefits both our environment and our wallets.

Mr. George Hanna, President Hillcrest Marlow Heights Civic Association

PETITION TO RESCIND THE PLASTIC BAGS POLICY

Please show your support by signing this petition. THANK YOU!!!

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Happy Black History Month, District 7! In honor of this month, I am launching the first edition of the Green Book. This guide to <u>#EVERYTHINGBLACK</u> was a pivotal tool during the Jim Crow era, and I'm excited to reintroduce this with a modern twist. From restaurants, to movies, even books, and music, this list has it all! To read more of this interactive Green Book visit my County webpage at <u>https://pgccouncil.us/KOGreenBook.</u>

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HMHCA-DS asks Association members and friends to continue their support of the scholarship program and encourage students to apply for scholarships. HMHCA-DS information is located at: www.hillcrest-marlowheights.dollarsforscholars.org

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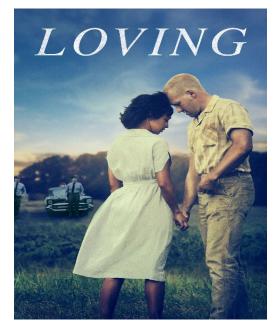
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In honor of Black History Month and Valentine's Day, Join the Hillcrest Heights Branch Library for an American biographical romantic drama film which tells the story of Richard and Mildred Loving, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court (the Warren Court) decision Loving v. Virginia, which invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage.

Cannabis Zoning Bill Public Hearing Interest Form

A bill seeking to regulate the cannabis industry (CB-70-2023), including limiting new recreational marijuana shops to industrial zones, failed last session during a final Council vote. Former Chair Tom Dernoga, and former Vice Chair Wala Blegay and Council Members Krystal Oriadha, Eric Olson and Edward Burroughs voted in favor of the bill; Council Member Wanika Fisher voted no; and Council Members Mel Franklin and Jolene Ivey abstained.

Council Members Oriadha and Blegay will reintroduce this bill this session and would like your support by tesifying at our next public hearing. We will inform you with updates on this bill including the date on the next public hearing. To testify, please fill out our form below.

An email from Mr. Kenneth C. Warren ...

Good Morning, All,

I trust all is well. Below is the link to the Cannabis Zoning Bill Public Hearing Interest Form. Please share the link with residents and constituents in your community who are planning to testify and make their voices heard. Thank you, much appreciation.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6z1NN0XT8AmInrlkhE3q630TW2sgu8e7UIcX-I a Kzs8hw/viewform

> Kind Regards, Kenneth C. Warren (He/Him/His) Constituent Service Director Councilmember Krystal Oriadha 1301 McCormick Drive Largo, Maryland 20774 (O) 301-952-3690 (C) 443-584-6857



Membership Application

Welcome to the Community. Our Civic year is from September 1st-June 30th. We have a monthly General Meeting, open to the public, every third Thursday in the Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Temple Hills MD 20748 at 6:45pm.

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We hope you will be an active member, participating in efforts to raise standards of living in our Community. Listed below are the Committees through which the work of the Association is accomplished. Please check below, the areas you are willing to help us all achieve the goals that make us proud to live in Hillcrest Heights and Marlow Heights.

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