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## Suburban Hospital expansion update

There have been several developments on the Suburban legal front since the Oct. 3 community meeting. You will recall that members of the Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association (HTCA) voted 41-23 to appeal the decision of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals (COSA). Our lawyer, Norman Knopf, was authorized to proceed with the appropriate court filings. There was also support to renew negotiations with the hospital (although no specific vote was taken on that point).

- COSA rejected the motion to reconsider on Oct. 31.
- On Nov. 14, our lawyer filed a writ of certiorari with the Maryland Court of Appeals. This action requests that the court hear the HTCA case. It's not clear how long the court will take to decide whether it will accept the case. Suburban says the court has 60 days from November 26, the date the hospital filed a response to the HTCA petition; our lawyer says he is unaware of any limit but that action within 60 days is likely.
- Allan Gold, HTCA's president, met with Dr. Gene Green, Suburban's president, on Nov. 11, and asked about the possibility of further negotiations. Dr. Green said the hospital would decline the invitation to re-open negotiations. Dr. Green said the hospital expects to break ground on the project in fall 2014, assuming that the Court of Appeals doesn't accept the HTCA case.

Relevant filings can be found on the HTCA Web site at <http://htca.net/about-2/suburban-hospital->

[expansion-case-archive/](#). (Look for the items marked NEW)

## HTCA online address/telephone directory

We have created an online neighborhood address/telephone directory in HT Exchange, our HT Yahoo listserv group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/htcanet/info>). It is a searchable, updatable, password-protected database accessible only if you are registered on the exchange. To subscribe, email Stu Borman at [sab2d47@yahoo.com](mailto:sab2d47@yahoo.com) or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/htcanet/> and click the button that says "Join this Group." We currently have 137 members.

Once registered and on the HT Exchange page, click on "More" and then "Database" to find the directory and enter your information. Our last community directory was a print version completed in 2010.

The online directory is only as useful as the information provided, so please log in and add your information. Many thanks to MaryBeth Sitrick for shepherding the start-up process. She is available to help if you are having trouble adding or editing a record in the database, and will be sending around more detailed access information in the coming days. Her email is [bsitrick@aol.com](mailto:bsitrick@aol.com).

## Halloween parade

The annual HTCA children's Halloween parade on Sunday, Oct. 27, attracted dozens of costumed little neighbors, and even some bigger ones. By all accounts, it was a great success. Many thanks to MaryBeth Sitrick, who organized the event; Jenny and Ed Rock, for their across-the-board contributions; and Jodi Arlen, for her food donations.

## Fall 2013 Triangle clean-up

The fall clean-up of the community garden was a great success, thanks to the hard work of our master gardeners Therese Bernstein and Deborah Perry, plus the efforts of Reet Jukkum, Robert Margolies, Anne Pemberton, Amy Shiman, and Howard Sokolove. We would also like to thank two individuals who do not even live in Huntington Terrace but were willing to give us a

hand -- Alec Delacot and Richard Wilkinson. We always appreciate any donations that Huntington Terrace neighbors make toward garden maintenance. Checks can be made payable to HTCA (put Triangle Garden in the memo portion) and submit to the HTCA treasurer, Stephen Brown, at 5504 Hoover Street.

## **Consider Joining the HTCA Board of Directors**

The two-year terms of four of the seven members of the HTCA board of directors will expire in January 2014. Please consider running for election to the board. A vote will be taken at the HTCA annual meeting (late January or early February).

The current board also hopes to circulate a draft of revised HTCA bylaws ahead of the annual meeting. The bylaws have not been revised in many years. Dues-paying members will be able to vote on the revised bylaws.

## **Other news:**

-- The HTCA and Bradmoor Neighborhood Association have asked the Montgomery County Department of Parks to install two water fountains in Bradley Park. The parks department will be making a new playground in the park, closer to Madison Street than in the past.

-- The HTCA has asked the Montgomery County Department of Transportation to explore installing stop signs on Garfield Street, at the corner of Southwick Street, or other traffic-calming measures on Garfield Street.

-- The county's Bikeshare program has come to Huntington Terrace. The county has installed 19 docks at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Southwick Street. For more information on the program, see [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=12876](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=12876).

-- Some residents may have noticed more late mail deliveries than normal. If you have delivery issues, the supervisor for the 20817 zip code is Ms. Frierson at the Westlake Post Office and can be reached at 301 767 1742.

-- Several homes are under construction in Huntington Terrace, and some neighbors have

been disturbed by supply deliveries at very early hours. It's clear that some contractors and subcontractors don't follow "best practice" or adhere to the county noise regulations. When all else fails, there's compliance through inspections and fines. Residents can call the Department of Environmental Protection at 240-777-7700 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Stan Edwards is the county division chief of environmental policy and compliance, reachable at [stan.edwards@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:stan.edwards@montgomerycountymd.gov), and Steve Martin is the environmental compliance supervisor, reachable at [steve.martin@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:steve.martin@montgomerycountymd.gov).

## **Annual dues**

We're still collecting dues, which pay for events such as the ice cream social. Annual dues can be paid by:

- sending a check for \$20, payable to "HTCA" to HTCA Treasurer Stephen Brown at 5504 Hoover Street
- sending funds via Paypal to [HTCABethesda@gmail.com](mailto:HTCABethesda@gmail.com)
- use a credit card with the link on the Web site <http://htca.net/about-2/htca-membership/>

## **Digital HTCA**

- HTCA Web site – <http://htca.net>
- HTCA email address – [HTCABethesda@gmail.com](mailto:HTCABethesda@gmail.com)
- HTCA Facebook page – Huntington Terrace, Bethesda Maryland
- HTCA Twitter – [@htcabethesda](https://twitter.com/htcabethesda)
- Nextdoor Huntington Terrace (registration required) – [https://huntingtonterrace.nextdoor.com/news\\_feed/](https://huntingtonterrace.nextdoor.com/news_feed/)
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- To subscribe to HT Exchange, our community discussion email group, email Stu Borman at [sab2d47@yahoo.com](mailto:sab2d47@yahoo.com) or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/htcanet/> and click the button that says "Join this Group."