



Association News

Fall Edition – 2014

Home Sweet Home

Mary Beth Sitrick - HTCA President

*Home, the spot of earth supremely blest,
A dearer, sweeter spot than all the rest*

~ Robert Montgomery

As we publish our fall newsletter (what will be our final edition of the year) I want to take a moment to thank the 2014 board members for volunteering their time on behalf of Huntington Terrace and making our community a little sweeter (board members are listed on the top of the back page). We began this term by revising the HTCA By-laws adding clarity and increasing allowed proxy votes. We migrated to a new member management and email system, which not only gave us a single interface to manage data but also allowed us to print directories on an annual basis (We incurred no expense to do this. AtoZ makes their revenue from the advertising in our directory). We similarly added efficiencies to our treasury by automating transactions. We hosted an Ice Cream social, 4th of July Parade, Fall BBQ and Halloween Parade, establishing written procedures for these events so that future social coordinators may jump right in to begin planning; we established a Welcome Committee to welcome new residents to the neighborhood (10 so far) and a Hospital Committee to open the lines of communication between Suburban and Huntington Terrace in preparation for the expansion project. We're at the beginning stages of forming a traffic committee that will assist the neighborhood with potential issues caused by the closing of Lincoln St. and the expansion in general. And finally, we've communicated necessary information (and some less vital) to our members and residents via our AtoZ email list and seasonal printed newsletter. We are also pleased to note the 2014 HTCA membership has increased to more than 80 members. It is a significant increase from the previous year although it still only represents about one third of our households – room for improvement in 2015!

My motivation for writing this is two-fold. I'm proud of what has been accomplished by the board and the team of volunteers this year but also want to give a glimpse of what the association does as we come into a New Year and board elections.

Three of seven board member terms will expire in January

(Ed Rock, Keary Cope and Mary Beth Sitrick). If you have not yet served on the HTCA board (or even if you have) please consider running. It is a two-year term with board meetings estimated every other month. It's cliché but true; our neighborhood is as strong as those that actively support it.

If you would like to discuss in more detail before you decide, please don't hesitate to contact me (301.581.0446 or bsitrick@aol.com).

Committee News

Welcome Committee

Welcome Basket Deliveries -This past spring we created The Huntington Terrace welcoming committee and they have been busy! To date, we have delivered 10 welcome baskets with another pending soon. We've welcomed a new family on Greentree, four on Hoover, two on McKinley, one on Roosevelt, one on Garfield and one on Southwick. – Welcome all to the neighborhood!

New Chair - We are glad to announce that Celeste Murphy (Garfield St.) will be our new welcome committee chair. When you learn of a new resident moving in, please contact Celeste at HTCAWelcome@gmail.com.

Thank you to Rachel Svec (who remains on the committee) but requested removal as chair due to a new work schedule.

Social Committee

HTCA BBQ - This event is always a favorite and we are still hearing rave reviews. Our grillers worked their magic while the kids had their faces painted with balloon animals in tow. Adults pulled up a hay bale and delighted in the live music provided by The King Street Bluegrass band.

Thank you to the organizers: Alex Mislin, Nicole Morgan and Mary Beth Sitrick and the volunteers who hung flyers, donated grills, set up, cleaned up, manned the grills: Keary Cope, Jenny Rock, Ted Rock, Parker Rock, Emma Rock, Linda Epstein, Julie Baranoff, Steve Godwin, David Filbeck, Howard Sokolove, Ari Baranoff, Bob Sitrick, Jodi Arlen, Ania Gold, Junko Oikawa, Celeste Murphy, Roman Puttkammer, Rebecca Millin + all of those that jumped in whose names aren't on the sign up genius list!

Special thanks to: Rachel Svec for the use of her yard even though she wasn't home, Kurt Denchfield for lending the hay bales (and referring the band), Eve Gold and Emma Sitrick for their steadfast face-painting efforts and to all of the neighbors who contributed a side dish.

Halloween Parade - Tigers, Super Heros, Pipi Longstocking...+ more came out for the annual Halloween parade and party. To see some adorable pics, sign on to our HT Exchange listserv or open the Oct. 29th issue of the Gazette (Page A-7) that featured a partygoer dressed as Buzz Lightyear.

Hospital Committee

September 4th Meeting - Suburban Hospital held a meeting with HT residents to review timelines and answer questions about their Campus Enhancement Project. You can see the meeting notes in their entirety on our website htca.net/About HTCA/Suburban Hospital Expansion Case Archive. Some Highlights:

- Ceremonial Ground Breaking began Oct. 28th, 2014
- They estimated the closure of Lincoln St. to happen around Jan-Mar 2015
- They will not be using the vacated houses on McKinley and Grant as offices for contractors or to store materials.
- In Spring/Summer 2015 they will evaluate the status of construction to determine when they can again rent the homes.
- With the start of the hospital construction and the closing of Lincoln St., HT residents are concerned about impacts to traffic beyond the Suburban campus. The HTCA board is forming a traffic committee to work with Montgomery County to evaluate options. Leon Nisenfeld kindly volunteered to lead this effort. Please contact Leon (leon@gadgetcoma.com) to help with this effort.

Hospital Construction Communications Details – How will Suburban communicate to HTCA and residents during the construction process?

For timely construction updates Suburban is providing options to receive information online:

- On Twitter: @suburbanfuture (<https://twitter.com/suburbanfuture>)
- On the hospital website (http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/suburban_hospital) where you will find news about the Enhancement Project
- Via email which you can sign up for on the website listed above. This is estimated to be available mid-November.
- Through quarterly meetings with HT Residents – specific dates TBD.

Communications Committee

There is always something going on in and around Huntington Terrace – social activities, community meetings, school events, and much more. The community has a number of ways to help you keep up with the goings-on.

- *HTCA emails* provide official communications for the Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association including notice of and minutes from community meetings, Board nominations, and other news of interest to all residents of including social activities and important county news.
- The HT Exchange online discussion group is a forum for neighbors to share information including

school activities, service and vendor recommendations, lost and found, etc.

- HTCA's Facebook and Twitter accounts provide a variety of information about local activities, Bethesda news, weather alerts, along with fun and interesting facts and history.

More details on how to access these resources may be found on page 4.

If you would like to get the word out to the community about something and aren't sure which communication tool to use, please contact the Communications Committee at HTCABethesdaNews@gmail.com.

Traffic Committee

As a result of a number of concerns about speeding, parking violations, and changes to traffic patterns resulting from the Suburban Hospital expansion, HTCA has started a Traffic Committee to seek help from the county. Our Bradmoor neighbors recently completed discussions with the county on their concerns and an action plan is being developed to implement changes. We have reached out to the Bradmoor traffic committee and the county to learn the best way to approach the issue for Huntington Terrace. We'll soon be looking for volunteers to help gather data on streets and intersections that need attention.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact me via email at leon@gadgetcoma.com

Safety and Security News

Unfortunately, the Bethesda area has seen a number of crimes that residents should be aware of.

- Thefts from cars at gas stations. Personal items and even cars have been stolen while the owner gets gas.
- Tire and wheel thefts at Bethesda garages.
- Carjacking on Hampden Lane.

Police Commander David Facinelli indicated that increased marked patrols have been ordered in and around the neighborhood. He asked that residents help by keeping outside lights on and reporting suspicious activity to (301) 279-8000.

You can also help maintain neighborhood safety by reporting street light outages online at <http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-streetlight/Index.aspx>.

There has also been a new phone scam making the rounds with callers claiming to be from the IRS calling about overdue tax payments. Per the IRS, they will NEVER call you about tax issues. They always send postal mail only.

For more information on these issues and how to protect yourself, visit the Montgomery County Police web site (<http://mycmcpnews.com>) or the county Office of Consumer Protection (montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp).

Mark Your Calendar



January 14
HTCA

HTCA ANNUAL MEETING
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 14, from 7 pm to 9 pm at the multi-purpose room of the Bradley Hills Elementary School. All Huntington Terrace Residents are invited. This is an opportunity to join the association or renew your membership for 2015 in person (just \$20). We will be voting on 3 open board positions.

Have you joined the Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association yet? If not, please use this form to submit your membership dues and support our many activities.

Did you know? You can also pay membership dues online using PayPal? You don't even need to have a PayPal account. PayPal is a secure way to pay by credit card with or without an account. To pay online, go to the HTCA Online Directory site (<https://atozdirectories.com/home>), click on the Purchases tab, and follow the instructions on the screen to submit your payment.

(Please note: payments received through 12/31/2014 apply to 2014 membership. Payments received starting 1/1/2015 will apply to 2015 membership. If you wish to pay for 2015 before the end of the year, please provide this information with your payment.)

HTCA 2014 Membership Form

(Open to anyone residing in Huntington Terrace)

I'd like to join the Neighborhood Association. Enclosed are my household dues of \$20.

(Please complete all fields)

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Email:

Please make checks payable to HTCA and mail or drop to:
Brian Gould, Treasurer, 5629 Madison St.

HTCA Board of Directors

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HTCA Web Site: <http://htca.net>
HTCA Online Directory: <https://atozdirectories.com/home>

Find us on Facebook: Huntington Terrace, Bethesda, Maryland
Follow us on Twitter: @HTCABethesda

Join the HT Exchange Online Discussion group. It's a useful way to 'talk' to neighbors:
Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/htcanet> and click the button that says "Join this Group"