



## ASSOCIATION NEWS

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### A Warm Welcome

Mary Beth Sitrick - HTCA President

I hope that as you read this, the flowers are in bloom and the temperatures are pleasant. Currently there is snow on the ground but I know the days of hibernation will soon be over and we'll be strolling the neighborhood, tending our gardens, enjoying the laughter of children at play and the smell of eager outdoor grills.

With this edition comes the introduction of our 2014 Board of Directors:

Ed Rock, Keary Cope and Mary Beth Sitrick are 2<sup>nd</sup> year veterans while Leon Nisenfeld, Brian Gould and Steven Ottenstein were voted in at our February 27<sup>th</sup> annual meeting (see last page for officer status & contact info).

*One board position remains open.* Please contact any board member if you are interested.

We've given March Madness a new meaning and I want to send sincere thanks to this team for their dedication this past month. We hope to foster a great sense of community and communication to enhance the neighborhood experience. We also strive to make this volunteer organization run as efficiently as possible.

Another quick thanks to all of the volunteers (newly-established and firmly in place) who help make the efforts of HTCA possible (see the list of names on the last page). As you can see from the work of the Board and volunteers, we have a lot going on – social activities, new online resources, an increasingly up-to-date directory and more. In addition to the volunteers, membership in the Association is a large part of what makes these things possible. The \$20 per household dues provide financial support for our active community. If you haven't already joined, a membership form is on the last page. It's not too late to contribute. Please join and get involved!

Read on to see what we've been up to...

## Bylaw Revision

Keary Cope - HTCA Secretary

The HTCA Board has undertaken a revision of the Bylaws of Huntington Terrace Citizens' Association (which was last undertaken February 28, 2001). The changes were in essence made to simplify language and clarify membership voting procedures, committee roles, and responsibilities of Board members. We will vote on a motion to approve the new version of the by-laws at a regular meeting scheduled to be held Monday, May 5 at Bradley Hills Elementary School all-purpose room from 7pm – 9pm. HTCA members will receive copies of the old and revised versions of the bylaws at least 10 days prior to the meeting for review. So, join the HTCA today and engage in this important community function.

### Committees

We've organized two new committees and revamped an old one:

#### *Welcome Committee (new)*

Mary Beth Sitrick – HTCA President

It's just as it sounds. When new residents move into our neighborhood, a welcome basket will be delivered. The basket will contain a Welcome Letter, our most recent newsletter, print directory, HT personalized key chain, recycle info, maps/guides of Bethesda and a goodie or two. Thank you to Rachel Svec who will coordinate the effort this year and the current 14 others in the neighborhood who have volunteered to help. We hope to go 'live' with this initiative in mid-April. If you are interested in volunteering for this committee, send an email to [HTCAWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:HTCAWelcome@gmail.com)

#### *Social Committee (restructured)*

Mary Beth Sitrick – HTCA President

Our social events encourage camaraderie and help build a strong community. We have restructured this group in an attempt to revitalize creativity and remove the burden of one or two persons coordinating all events. We hope this new structure promotes more activities and stimulates volunteering.

Thank you to Nicole Morgan, Alex Mislin and Jodi Arlen for volunteering as organizers. We are looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> organizer, so please email [HTCABethesda@gmail.com](mailto:HTCABethesda@gmail.com) if you are interested. We now have documented steps for our regular events that should ease the coordination effort. 11 additional volunteers round out the committee. They will 'opt into' duties as needed and when

they can. Email [HTCASocial@gmail.com](mailto:HTCASocial@gmail.com) to join the team of social volunteers.

Want to start a book club? Poker night? Progressive dinner? Send an email to [HTCABethesda@gmail.com](mailto:HTCABethesda@gmail.com) and we'll help you get your initiative started.

### ***Hospital Committee (new)***

Ed Rock – HTCA SLC Chair

A Suburban Liaison Committee (SLC) has formed in response to the recently approved hospital expansion. Dual SLC missions are:

- 1) to facilitate communication between Huntington Terrace (HT) residents and Suburban Hospital (SH), and
- 2) to nurture a collaborative, neighborly relationship between HT and SH.

Initial SLC members include Brian Gould, Leon Nisenfeld, Edwin Rock, and Mary Beth Sitrick. On April 8, HTCA immediate past President Allan Gold will introduce SLC members to SH President Gene Green. The SLC will attend Suburban's quarterly community liaison committee meetings. Going forward HT residents can communicate with HTCA SLC via [HTCASuburban@gmail.com](mailto:HTCASuburban@gmail.com)

## **Neighborhood Directory**

Leon Nisenfeld – HTCA Communications Chair

In February we began working with [AtoZ Directories](#) to establish an online community directory. You should have received an email with your login id and password. Please contact [HTCABethesdaNews@gmail.com](mailto:HTCABethesdaNews@gmail.com) if you did not receive one.

The data in this online directory will be used to create our print directory, which we anticipate distributing in May. Please take a moment to log in and make sure the information about your household is correct. You have an option in the software to "hide" your dwelling from both the online and/or print directory if you'd like.

The AtoZ Directory will contain the official list of email addresses used for future HTCA correspondence. Please make sure your email addresses is listed correctly.

## **Solar Mowing**

HTCA – Neighbor Highlight

No emissions. Little noise. Beautiful lawns

Local entrepreneur Lyn DeWitt, lives in our neighboring Greenwich Forest Subdivision. A longtime clean energy advocate, she fell in love with her battery-powered mower and started her business after realizing she could use a photovoltaic panel on the top of her truck to charge mower batteries and Voila!

Solar Mowing was born ([solarmowing.com](http://solarmowing.com)). She advertises by word of mouth and has some happy customers on Roosevelt St. (Thank you Chris Weber for notifying us about her business).

Lyn and her family lean green in other ways — a solar hot water panel sits on their roof, recycled plastic serves as lawn furniture and a countertop, reclaimed lumber lies on the floor of their family room, and their cat is a rescue! Lyn also maintains a largely native, totally organic yard and garden. She regularly blogs about eco-friendly topics so if interested, you can subscribe from her web site.

If you know of someone who may want to be featured in our Summer issue, send an email to [HTCABethesda@gmail.com](mailto:HTCABethesda@gmail.com).

## **Bradmoor/Huntington Terrace Senior Village Initiative**

Charlene Belsom Zellmer – HT Resident

### ***It Takes A Village***

HTCA and the Bradmoor Neighborhood Association are in conversation about the development of a "Village" in our community. The concept originated in Beacon Hill, Boston, MA in 2001 as an effort for more people to age in place in the homes and locations they love. Our exploratory group is using the Montgomery County Village Blueprint as a guide ([PDF is available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov)) and interviews with other Villages as potential models for establishing this intergenerational system of mutual support and social activity in our neighborhoods. Stay tuned! We'll have a large information meeting in the next few months. If you'd like more in-depth information call Charlene Belsom Zellmer, (301) 530-8923 or Melissa Crown, (301) 897-8747.



## Mark Your Calendar

**April 12**

*Beautification Committee*



**SPRING CLEAN-UP AT TRIANGLE GARDEN  
9:00 AM - NOON**

Come join your neighbors at the triangle (corner of Roosevelt and Garfield Streets) for an invigorating and fun spring beautification of our award-winning community garden. Gardeners and non-gardeners alike are welcome. Bring tools and gloves if you have them. We'll be deadheading perennials, pulling weeds, and putting down mulch. We could also use a few volunteers who can handle lifting bags of soil & mulch. Refreshments will be provided. Rain date will be Sunday, April 13th.

If you're not able to attend the clean up, but wish to participate in some fashion, we're always looking for donations for upkeep and materials. Checks can be sent to the HTCA treasurer (Brian Gould, 5629 Madison St.). Big or small, all contributions are welcome ☺. Looking forward to seeing everyone...

**April 13**

*Smith/Gluck Home*

**ROY ZIMMERMAN HOUSE CONCERT  
7:00 PM**

Roy is a guitarist / singer / songwriter who does political and social satire with clever rhymes and tunes evoking and skewering all the musical clichés of folk and pop music. We've offered our home (8800 Garfield St) as a venue and will provide light refreshments. A donation of

\$18/person is encouraged (or pay what you can) - all proceeds will go directly to Roy. Please RSVP to [michelle.a.gluck@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.a.gluck@gmail.com).

**May 5**

*HTCA Membership*

**HTCA REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

At this meeting, all active members of HTCA will vote on the By-Law revisions. If you are unable to attend, you may provide your proxy to another HTCA member to vote on your behalf. For details on the proxy process, please email Keary Cope ([kearycope@gmail.com](mailto:kearycope@gmail.com)). The meeting will be held at Bradley Hills Elementary School.

**May 18**

*Social Committee*



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

HTCA will be taking over Lincoln St. (between Jefferson and Garfield) for this big event. Make your own ice cream sundae, hop on the **moon bounce**, visit with your neighbors, enjoy music and more! For all ages!

## HTCA Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Mary Beth Sitrick ( <a href="mailto:bsitrick@aol.com">bsitrick@aol.com</a> )
<b>Vice President</b>	Leon Nisenfeld ( <a href="mailto:leon@gadgetcoma.com">leon@gadgetcoma.com</a> )
<b>Treasurer</b>	Brian Gould ( <a href="mailto:brian.gould@yahoo.com">brian.gould@yahoo.com</a> )
<b>Secretary</b>	Keary Cope ( <a href="mailto:kearycope@gmail.com">kearycope@gmail.com</a> )
<b>Director</b>	Ed Rock ( <a href="mailto:edwinrock@hotmail.com">edwinrock@hotmail.com</a> )
<b>Director</b>	Steve Ottenstein ( <a href="mailto:mgi.steven@gmx.com">mgi.steven@gmx.com</a> )

## Committee Organizers / Volunteers

<b>Beautification</b>	<i>Terese Bernstein</i> ( <a href="mailto:tfbernstein@gmail.com">tfbernstein@gmail.com</a> ), Deborah Perry
<b>Communication</b> ( <a href="mailto:HTCABethesdaNews@gmail.com">HTCABethesdaNews@gmail.com</a> )	<i>Leon Nisenfeld</i> , Dona Patrick, Mary Beth Sitrick
<b>Social</b> ( <a href="mailto:HTCASocial@gmail.com">HTCASocial@gmail.com</a> )	<i>Nicole Morgan, Alex Mislin, Jodi Arlen, Mary Beth Sitrick, Jenny Rock, Robin Rice, Tara McFeely, Keary Cope, Steven Ottenstein, Brian Gould, Ed Rock, Leon Nisenfeld, Lisa Tippins, Amy Royden-Bloom</i>
<b>Suburban Liaison</b> ( <a href="mailto:HTCASuburban@gmail.com">HTCASuburban@gmail.com</a> )	<i>Ed Rock, Leon Nisenfeld, Mary Beth Sitrick, Brian Gould</i>

## Digital HTCA

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"

## HTCA 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.