



March 2013

Welcome

Hi, friends and neighbors. We hope everyone is off to a great 2013.

With the new year comes a refreshed HTCA board of directors and new officers. We're looking forward to serving the neighborhood, and contributing to the special sense of community that we all enjoy. We're hoping to be in closer touch with the neighborhood through increased publication of this newsletter and more active use of digital channels (see below).

First, let's give a round of applause to Bob Deans and Howard Sokolove, who have left the board after serving the community so ably for many years. (Howard has volunteered to continue as a liaison for Suburban Hospital legal matters.) We also thank Geetha Pai, who resigned from the board at the end of 2012. Geetha was instrumental in planning and carrying out our social events last year.

We would also like to acknowledge the help of our HTCA block workers, led by Kate Stern, without whom this newsletter would not reach your mailboxes. They are (as of 2012): Sheryl Andrews, Sylvia Arthur, Terese Bernstein, Diana Chimes, Connie Cissel, Caterina Earle, Penny Fovall, Mary Garofalo, Barry Hauptman, Thu Hoang, Pam Janssen, Marta Legeckis, Greg Ludlow, Dave Mangurian, Kathleen Marsh, Marjorie Spitz Nagrotsky, Deborah Perry, Carol Ann Rudolph, Maddy Rudd, Steve Sabol, Bob Sievers, Ruthie Sokolove, and Charlene Belsom Zellmer and Bill Zellmer.

Here are the 2013 HTCA board of directors and officers:

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Committees:

Social -- Amy Royden-Bloom (chair)
Communications – Stephen Brown (chair), Allan Gold

Please note that one board position remains open. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the board members.

A May Ice Cream Social

We are planning our 2013 spring social event – an ice cream social on Sunday, May 19, between 2 pm and 4 pm, on Lincoln Street between Jefferson and Garfield streets. We're looking for volunteers to help set up, run games, play music, do face painting, or otherwise add to the amusement. If you're interested or have any ideas, please contact Amy at amyroyden@hotmail.com.

Suburban Hospital Expansion

In mid-September 2012, the HTCA's attorney, Norman Knopf, appeared before the Court of Special Appeals (COSA) in Annapolis, MD. About a dozen HT residents and board members also attended. This was our community's second appeal of the October 2010 opinion of the Montgomery County Board of Appeals' (BOA) approval of Suburban Hospital's proposed expansion plan. The COSA is composed of a rotating three-judge bench. Decisions by them are often rendered slowly, sometimes taking six months or longer.

As of this writing, no decision has yet been announced. Our appeal was based on three matters of law challenging the actions and legal standard used by the BOA in reaching their 2010 Opinion and the subsequent negative impact on Huntington Terrace. When COSA renders its decision, if the finding either fully or partially supports HTCA's appeal, the case might possibly be remanded back to the BOA.

As always, when at a new legal crossroads, the HTCA board will present the current status in a community forum for discussion, input, and a formal vote on our community's next step. Please stay tuned.

Paying Our (Membership) Dues

Any Huntington Terrace resident may join the HTCA. When there is an issue that requires a community vote, only paid-up members are entitled to vote. However, all residents are welcome and are encouraged to participate in these meetings. The annual dues, \$20, also cover expenses related to newsletter publication, renting community meeting space, the Triangle Garden, and social events such as the July 4th and Halloween parades and block parties.

It's a bargain, and it's optional but joining feels better; just ask someone who has!

Annual dues can be paid by:

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

Upgrading HTCA Digital Communications

A key to bringing our community together more closely is communications. It's not just a matter of exchanging recommendations about plumbers, although that is not an insignificant service. More and more, it's about security, and looking after one another in the aftermath of storms. Our print newsletter has an important role to play but is unable to offer the immediacy of digital channels.

With that in mind, we are moving in these ways to enhance HTCA's digital presence:

HTCA Web site – Dona Patrick, our Web master, is updating the site, which can be found at <http://htca.net>. (Thank you, Dona! Dona's email address is waxwing@gmail.com.) We'll continue to offer community news as well as basic neighborhood information. You will also be able to pay membership dues on the site through access to Paypal.

HTCA email address – HTCABethesda@gmail.com. This is a new address and will be available on the Web site. Our board officers will monitor the in-box.

Facebook – Our HTCA Facebook page is [Huntington Terrace, Bethesda Maryland](#). (Please ignore the Facebook page called Huntington Terrace Maryland.)

Twitter – We are now [@htcabethesda](#). We will be posting real-time information about the neighborhood. If you do Twitter, we encourage you to "follow" us and post as you see fit.

It may be that none of the above methods interest you, but there are other great ways to stay in touch. We urge you to subscribe to our two neighborhood email groups:

- ✓ To subscribe to our official announcements-only HTCAnet email list, please visit the Web site and look for [email lists page](#). Fill in the form on that page.
- ✓ To subscribe to HT Exchange, our community discussion email group, email Stu Borman at sab2d47@yahoo.com or visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/htcanet/> and click the button that says "Join this Group."

Kids' Corner

The HTCA board would like to get the neighborhood children more involved in the community. We're trying to come up with some fun – and useful – activities. They could be part of HTCA's regular events (like the May ice cream social) or scheduled at any time during the year. For example, kids could paint signs promoting the May social. We'd also like to develop some community service-style activities for kids, such as helping neighbors with spring and fall yard cleanup. If you have any ideas or interest in leading an activity, please contact Keary (kearycope@gmail.com) or any of the board members.