



Association News

Summer Edition – 2014

Summer Greetings

Mary Beth Sitrick - HTCA President

A time to enjoy the beach and baseball; picnics and playgrounds; and the recent heat and humidity!

Plenty has happened since our spring edition:

On May 5th, a revised version of the bylaws was approved by membership. It was long overdue and we appreciate the many volunteer hours that went into the revisions. You may view the bylaws on our web site – <http://htca.net>.

We are also happy to introduce our newest board member, Celeste Murphy, bringing us to a full 7-member board.

Celeste and her husband moved to Huntington Terrace in 2001 and are now raising 3 lovely children here. She is currently Legal Branch Chief in the Office of Telecommunications, Division of Corporation Finance at the SEC. Celeste has been an active participant in neighborhood association events – volunteering with welcome and social activities as well as beautification efforts. She is an avid organic gardener and one of the founders of the Bradley Hills Community Garden. Celeste has agreed to serve on the HTCA hospital committee where her legal experience will be valuable for evaluating strategic options regarding Suburban Hospital.

We all recall the snowstorms from this past winter and marveled each time the path between Garfield & Hempstead was magically cleared. The do-gooder has been at it again since the spring clearing over-growth and poison ivy from the pathway. His identity is revealed in this issue!

Also in this issue:

A review of our social events, The HT Print Directory, the launch of our Welcome Committee and some information regarding Suburban's expansion project.

As always, thank you to all of the volunteers who help make the efforts of HTCA possible (committee volunteers are listed at the back of the newsletter). Thanks also to those who've taken the time to become members. The \$20 per household dues provides financial support for our active community. If you haven't already joined, a membership

form is on page 3. It's not too late to contribute to 2014. Please join and get involved!

You may email the HTCA board at HTCABethesda@gmail.com with any neighborhood questions or concerns.

Committee News

Welcome Committee

Rachel Svec –Welcome Committee Chair

New Families LOVE Huntington Terrace - The Welcome Committee of HTCA has been very busy the past few months. At least five new families have moved in the neighborhood and members of the welcoming committee were ready for their arrival. Baskets of welcome goodies were delivered to families on Southwick, Roosevelt and Hoover Streets. Included in the basket is a one of a kind HTCA keychain and the brand new HTCA directory along with other Bethesda supplies including pamphlets on where to dine and how to recycle in Montgomery County. Thank you's go to Jodi Arlen, Keary Cope and Marysol Cummings for delivering the baskets. See a moving truck recently? Let us know!!! Email rachel.svec@gmail.com

Social Committee

May Ice Cream Social - Ice cream sundaes, face painting; crafts activities, a moonbounce, a lemonade stand and a Hawaiian Ice stand made for a fun-filled day for both kids and adults. Julie Baranoff (and family) ran the lemonade stand with proceeds going to Alex's Lemonade Stand (for children fighting cancer).

A big thanks to the volunteers who helped create and run this Fun event! To Nicole Morgan for leading the coordination effort, Alex Mislin, Jenny & Ed Rock, Jodi Arlen, Junko Oikawa, Julie Baranoff, David Filbeck, Allan Gold, Kate Stern, Sandra Cerrai, Amy Royden-Bloom, Marysol & Mark Cummings, Brian Gould, Keary Cope and Mary Beth Sitrick.

July 4th Parade & Picnic - Red, white and blue adorned residents marched down Madison Street to the steady marching beat provided by Ed Rock. The procession continued to Bradley Hills Park where they enjoyed snacks and games. Sack races, tug of war, three-legged races and the egg & spoon race were some of the classic festivities participants had fun with. Want to see pictures? Sign into the HT Exchange Yahoo Group and select 'Photos'.

Thank you to Keary Cope, Ed Rock, Linda Epstein and Christopher Root for their coordination efforts!

Hospital Committee

Complaints Filed - Earlier this summer, residents from four HT households filed a legal complaint against Suburban Hospital alleging it was in violation of terms and conditions of the Special Exception modification it received

from the county Board of Appeals in connection with the hospital's expansion plans. Specifically, the households took issue with hospital actions to vacate 9 of the homes along Grant Street and McKinley Street. The complaint further took issue with Suburban's intent to use those homes as offices and staging areas for its construction project.

While the HTCA did not join in the residents' complaint, it found that some of the language within the Special Exception Modification (S-274-D) and some of the conditions to its approval were vague as they relate to the prospective "use" and "condition" of the retained houses. As a result, Board Members wrote to the Board of Appeals for Montgomery County at the end of July requesting clarification of their ruling. (A copy of this letter can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/BoAltr>)

The Board of Appeals went on recess for the month of August so we anticipate a response forthcoming in September.

In response to the complaints filed, a July 29th report from the Department of Permitting Services concluded that Suburban Hospital was not in violation of its Special Exception modification. The report found: "that Suburban's actions to not renew leases for 8 of the 13 retained houses and instead allow short term occupancies in anticipation of construction on and around the properties is appropriate and reasonable to allow for efficient construction and to avoid disruptions to the habitability of occupied homes in the midst of an ongoing construction site". Also, "the houses in question are not currently being used as construction offices. Further, after reviewing its applications for use and occupancy permits, the Department reports that Suburban Hospital has not applied for any such permit. An intent, absent further action, is not a violation of the Special Exception." On the basis of the DPS findings, the Board of Appeals voted 5-0 to dismiss the HT neighbors' complaint at its meeting on July 30th. The residents who brought the original complaint disagree and are filing for a reconsideration.

Following a meeting with residents involved in the complaint on Aug. 4th and a separate meeting with the hospital on Aug. 7th, The DPS stated "it would not approve a temporary occupancy of any of the houses on Grant Street as construction offices without the Board of Appeals having made a determination on that use."

The DPS further stated that Suburban "indicated that it expects construction to take approximately one year and following completion of the first phase will then evaluate the feasibility of occupancy of the houses at that time." As a result, these HT residents and the HTCA Hospital Liaison Committee are working with Suburban to try to minimize the time during which the houses will be vacant.

Suburban Meeting for HT Residents - Sept. 4th - Representatives from the hospital and the construction management company (Whiting Turner) will provide an overview of the type of work and the locations in which work will be taking place over the next 12-18 months and will then be available to answer questions.

Suburban Groundbreaking - Oct. 28th - Suburban Hospital is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 28th. Recent news articles reference that the parking garage is expected to open in 2017 and the addition is estimated to open by the summer of 2019.

Communications Committee

Leon Nisenfeld – Communications Chair

For the first time in several years, Huntington Terrace has a fresh, new printed neighborhood directory. Thanks to AtoZ Directories and neighborhood business owners who have purchased advertising, this community resource is being provided at no cost. A special thank you to the Huntington Terrace block workers (listed on page 4) and additional volunteers Mary Beth Sitrick, Celeste Murphy, and Jenny Rock who distributed the directories.

Have you taken advantage of the digital resources available to our community? In addition to email from the HTCA, the HT website and the HT Exchange, we also have Facebook and Twitter accounts. Check them out for information about the neighborhood as well as Bethesda and across Montgomery County – curated by the Communications Committee for HT residents. Check out the Digital HTCA section on the last page for more information.

HTCA Thank You to Mark Ross

HTCA – Neighbor Highlight

The HTCA would like to extend our gratitude to Mark Ross (of 8630 Garfield St.) for the time and effort he has voluntarily put forth to make the path between Garfield and Hempstead safer and more enjoyable for residents.

This past winter he took it upon himself on multiple occasions to shovel a byway along the path and in the spring began work clearing the poison ivy-laden underbrush that has been neglected for years. He has also created a proposal for even more beautification of the path and welcomes anyone interested in volunteering to help.

Mark grew up in Huntington Terrace on McKinley St. and moved to his present home on Garfield St. in 1985. He and his wife Diane have raised their two children in the neighborhood.

Thank you Mark for your efforts that have benefited our community.

If you are interested in assisting Mark with future cleanup and maintenance efforts or the beautification plan for the path, please contact HTCABethesdaNews@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar



September 4

Suburban Hospital

OPEN HOUSE FOR HT RESIDENTS
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Representatives from the hospital and the construction management company will provide an overview of the type of work and the locations in which work will be taking place over the next 12-18 months and will then be available to answer questions.

The meeting will be held in Suburban Hospital Auditorium, which is on the lower level near the main lobby.

September 28

Social Committee

HTCA FALL BBQ
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM



We'll bring out the grills for this event! In addition to food, we'll have entertainment for both children and adults. You are welcome to contribute a side dish, and feel free to bring alternative beverages. Volunteers will be needed so please email HTCASocial@gmail.com if you'd like to help.

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.

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.

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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"