



September 2016

WELCOME and HTCA Community Meeting

Welcome to all new neighbors in the community. We hope every household joins HTCA, but whether or not you do, we hope you will attend community meetings and events. HTCA members can vote in neighborhood elections, and dues (extra contributions appreciated) help to cover rental of the meeting room, neighborhood advocacy, July 4th and Halloween festivities, newsletter publication, and the neighborhood's beautiful Triangle Garden.

HTCA will have a community meeting Monday, **October 10, 2016, 7:30 p.m.**, at Bradley Hills Elementary School, multi-purpose room, and all neighbors are welcome to attend (you need not be an HTCA member). If you would like to join HTCA, membership is \$20. per household, payable in advance or at the meeting by check (made out to HTCA) or online at www.HTCA.net (see "Paying our (membership) dues" on right side of screen and use a credit card or PayPal account). Checks may also be sent or dropped off to Stephen Brown, HTCA Treasurer, 5504 Hoover St., Bethesda MD 20817.

HTCA.net and Legal Fund Contributions

Contributions to the legal fund may be made online at HTCA.net (on HTCA Home page, www.htca.net, under Paying our (membership) Dues, click on "please follow this link to the legal fund Web page"), or by check, made out to HTCA and mailed or dropped off to Stephen Brown, HTCA Treasurer, 5504 Hoover St., Bethesda, MD 20817. Many thanks to Dona Patrick and Stephen Brown for their work on the website, including setting up the system to make it easier for households to join HTCA and make contributions.

We are fortunate that board members and neighbors do a great deal of the legal legwork and that Norman Knopf, the neighborhood's longtime legal counsel, has been so helpful (and generous

with his time) to us. Nonetheless, there are legal costs, and we hope each of the 300+ households in the neighborhood will contribute to HTCA's legal fund. Residents of Huntington Terrace have always wanted to protect the integrity, quiet, and beauty of the neighborhood, and at times this has required legal action. Keeping Huntington Terrace residential—with all the protections that designation affords in law and regulation—is also part of what maintains the monetary value of homes in the neighborhood. The purpose of HTCA filings in recent years has been to maintain the residential nature of the homes on the perimeter of Suburban Hospital, as required by the special exception (S-277-D) under which the hospital operates in a residential area.

Please donate to the legal fund.

Suburban Hospital meeting about construction

If you would like to hear about Suburban Hospital construction updates or have questions or comments about the hospital's construction and other activities, please attend the **Oct. 19, 7 pm** meeting in the Suburban Hospital auditorium (lower level).

Halloween Potluck for All Ages, on Sun., October 30, 4 p.m.

Come to the Halloween potluck on Sunday, October 30, 4 p.m., on the 5600 block of Lincoln Street (between Garfield and Jefferson Streets). Costumes or not, all ages are welcome for this neighborhood get-together. Bring a dish or drinks to share or just come. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Lorraine Driscoll at LorraineDris@gmail.com.

Triangle Garden Fall Clean-Up

The beautiful neighborhood Triangle Garden will have its Fall clean-up in November—date to be announced. Endless thanks to Terese Bernstein and Deborah Perry for creating and maintaining this beautiful garden, and to all those who help to maintain it (honestly, Terese and Deborah do almost ALL the work).

Updates on Suburban Hospital

1. Two houses on the south side of 5400 block of McKinley are being renovated and returned to residential use, following a complaint made by HTCA that their use was in violation of residential zoning. A third house on the same block, which contains a medical practice on part of its ground floor, is also being renovated and we

hope its upper floor will be returned to residential use, as required, following HTCA's complaint. The Montgomery County Board of Appeals had planned to hold a hearing about Suburban Hospital's use of these properties (5410, 5418, and 5422 McKinley St.); however, the law firm representing Suburban Hospital has filed with the Circuit Court, in an attempt to prevent the Board of Appeals' hearing from taking place. The County Attorney has filed in support of HTCA, and we will let you know as matters develop.

2. An HTCA board member and neighbors met with Montgomery County Planning Board staff to discuss Minor Site Plan Amendments (signs referring to these are posted in the neighborhood), and subsequently Suburban Hospital agreed with the request to keep the approved spandrel glass (rather than substituting clear glass) in hospital windows, in order to prevent an increase in light spilling out into the neighborhood at night.

3. HTCA board members, neighbors, and civil engineer Vince Berg met with Suburban Hospital and heads of the construction project's engineering team to discuss improving storm water management during and after construction of the Suburban Hospital addition and garage. It was agreed that additional pipes and drainage would be installed, based on recommendations by Mr. Berg and discussions with the engineering team.

4. All homes on the immediate perimeter of Suburban Hospital are now occupied by neighbors, as required by the terms of the special exception – under which Suburban Hospital is allowed to operate in a residential community. Unfortunately, over the past few years the community has had to take legal action to ensure that Suburban complies with this condition. We are delighted to have the homes now once again all lived in by neighbors! We hope the same situation occurs with regards to homes on the south side of McKinley Street (the medical practice at 5410 McKinley occupying part of the ground floor is allowed and will remain) and will keep you posted.

5. HTCA board member Jonna Stoycos has been active in trying to ensure that SH construction meets sedimentation standards, as mud and water run-off had been a problem in certain parts of the neighborhood.

Washington Gas Update

Neighbors on the 5600 block of Madison Street (between Grant and Garfield) will have the gas main replaced this Fall on an expedited basis, thanks to the persistence of Madison Street

residents and HTCA's request for assistance from Marc Elrich, County Council At-Large member and Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Complaints had been made over a lengthy period, and we are very glad to report that once brought to the attention of Councilmember Marc Elrich and his staff, we were able to gain a commitment within a week that the repairs and replacement of gas main would be done this month. Work commenced September 7. Other sections of the neighborhood will have gas lines replaced in 2017, pending approval of these Washington Gas plans by the Public Service Commission.

Digital HTCA

- HTCA Web site – <http://htca.net>
- HTCA Facebook page – Huntington Terrace, Bethesda Maryland
- Nextdoor Huntington Terrace (registration required) – https://huntingtonterrace.nextdoor.com/news_feed/
- To subscribe to our official announcements-only HTCANet email list, please visit the Web site and look for email lists 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."

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