



August 2018

HTCA NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, SEPT. 24th, 7:00 pm, Bradley Hills Elementary School.

We hope you can attend the meeting of HTCA! All HT neighbors welcome!

Halloween and Autumn Neighborhood Party, October 28, 4:00 pm

Come to meet and talk with neighbors of all ages, Sunday, October 28th at 4 pm. Bring a dish or drink to share and come as you are or in costume. We'll gather on Lincoln Street between Jefferson and Garfield Streets. If you can organize this or help out, please contact Lorraine Driscoll or any HTCA board member.

Meeting at Suburban Hospital, Wednesday, November 14, 7 pm, Lower Level Auditorium

All neighbors are welcome to attend the bi-annual meeting with officials from Suburban Hospital and the construction team. Bring any questions, concerns, or comments you may have. If there are matters you wish to have discussed and are unable to attend the meeting, feel free to contact an HTCA board member so your issue(s) can be raised.

New 2018 Neighborhood Directories

The new directory is available to all HT residents free-of-charge. If you have updates, please send them to Lorraine Driscoll and Kate Stern.

Update on Suburban Hospital Storm Water Management

New concerns have arisen about water pooling on McKinley Street at the foot of the new Suburban Hospital access road, which extends behind the hospital. During rains, water runs down the access road onto McKinley Street, creating a pool on McKinley St., and some of the water then runs down Grant Street to Roosevelt Street, where the excess water has become a problem.

Suburban Hospital's inadequate storm water management continues to cause problems on the northwest side of the Suburban Hospital campus. We have attempted to address this over the last few years but there has not yet been a satisfactory resolution. The HTCA board is working with SH, the Department of Permitting Services, and the Department of Transportation in order to get additional storm water management in place for the western side of their campus. It appears that storm water management put in

place for the east side of the Suburban Hospital campus closer to Old Georgetown Road is functioning well.

Water run-off on the southwest side of Suburban Hospital is a new problem and was brought up for the first time at the recent CLC meeting on July 18, 2018. Neighbors will have the opportunity to raise their concerns at the HTCA neighborhood meeting on Sept. 24 at Bradley Hills Elementary School and at the Fall Suburban Hospital-neighborhood meeting on Wed., Nov. 14th, 7 pm, in the hospital's lower level auditorium. In the meantime, please contact any HTCA board member if you are noticing storm water run-off or sediment run-off related to Suburban Hospital construction and we will work with SH to try and resolve this.

We would like to remind HT neighbors that when the inadequate storm water management issue first arose following the installation of the temporary parking lot a couple of years ago, the community consulted with civil engineer Vincent Berg. Vincent Berg was recommended by HTCA's lawyer, Norman Knopf, and was previously the head of storm water management at the Department of Permitting Services (DPS). Vincent Berg evaluated Suburban Hospital's plans and toured the site and neighboring streets, and at a meeting at DPS with HTCA board members and neighbors, along with Norman Knopf, explained that the system as designed would not be adequate. Subsequently, Vincent Berg, HTCA board members, and neighbors met at Suburban Hospital with Frank Bossong IV, head of the engineering design firm for SH, along with Leslie Weber, Joe Linstrom, and Whiting-Turner reps. At both meetings, we were told that the plans designed by Frank Bossong IV's firm met county regulations, which required that storm water management be sufficient to handle a once-in-ten-year storm. Since we were repeatedly having rainstorms that were called once-in-a-hundred year storms, this was not adequate, but the plans did meet county regulations and Suburban Hospital was not required to revise them. Unfortunately, Suburban Hospital chose not to improve the designs, even though they had been informed that the plans were inadequate by a seasoned and highly respected civil engineer. Nonetheless, all new construction projects must control storm water and sediment run-off onto neighboring properties, and we hope that Suburban Hospital will improve and re-engineer its systems to solve the problem.

Bethesda Community Store Update

The Bethesda Community Store at the corner of Old Georgetown and Greentree Roads is designated as an historic structure, dating from the late 1920s. There has been a café/market in that location since the 1890s. The store and site are zoned residential (R-60), as is all the land in our neighborhood, but the store's use as a café/market/food concern has been grandfathered in for decades. This R-60 zoning protects the residential character of the neighborhood, so neighbors cannot open a commercial enterprise in their home and owners cannot sell their home or land for commercial use. The

land on which Suburban Hospital sits is also zoned R-60, but the hospital operates under a special exception.

As an historic structure, it must be maintained and the Bethesda Community Store has now been painted and some other maintenance requested by Historic Preservation has also been completed. The owner of the Bethesda Community Store is Stan Smith—he also owns Strosnider’s hardware stores, among other concerns. HTCA board members have met with Stan Smith and are also in touch with the head of the Historic Preservation office for Montgomery County. We hope that a viable café/market/food concern will be established there, with certain expansions allowed, while maintaining the historic structure and the R-60 zoning, as required. We will keep you posted on developments. Please contact Maggie Bree, Kate Stern, or any other HTCA board member if you have questions, comments, or concerns about the Bethesda Community Store.

Calling all nature lovers

The community Triangle Garden is busting at the seams with beautiful Black-Eyed Susan. These lovely Maryland state flower natives are easy-to-grow perennials who love sun. Please feel free to come and dig out a few bunches for your own garden, preferably from areas where you see they are encroaching on the path or on other plants. Also, we are looking for volunteers to participate in the maintenance of the garden going forward. You can contact Deborah Perry at cntywoods@gmail.com for more details. Additionally, we’d like to thank Mary Garofalo and Jeff Kopp for their assistance with cutting the grass at the garden this past year– it’s very much appreciated! It does take a village to make Huntington Terrace the great neighborhood it is.

A Shout-out and Thank You to Our Block Workers

Many, many thanks to our loyal and intrepid block workers, who deliver newsletters and directories to each household as needed, often on short notice, and in all temps and conditions. We very much appreciate each of you: Terese Bernstein, Diana Chimes, Connie Cissel, Caterina Earle, Penny Fovall, Mary Garofalo, Barry Hauptman, Theo Hauptman, Linda King, Galina Knopman, Marta Legeckis, Kathleen Marsh, Jon Marsh, Deborah Perry, Maddy Rudd, Steven Sabol, Howard

Sokolove, and Ruthie Sokolove. If you would like to be a neighborhood block worker or the block worker captain (delivering newsletter packets to the block workers), please contact Kate Stern.

Annual dues

We’re still collecting dues, which help cover the costs of newsletters, school hall rentals, the Halloween social, and consultation with professionals as needed by the community. Annual dues can be paid by:

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

Digital HTCA

- HTCA Web site – htca.net
- HTCA Facebook page: www.facebook.com/HuntingtonTerraceMD
- Nextdoor Huntington Terrace (registration required) – 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: groups.yahoo.com/group/htcanet/ and click the button that says “Join this Group.”

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