



January 2019

HTCA Annual Meeting and Elections, Thursday, January 31, 2019, 7:30-8:30, Bradley Hills Elementary School – multipurpose room

We have three positions open on the HTCA Board (in alternate years we have four openings). If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Lorraine Driscoll at lorrainedris@gmail.com. At present, Lorraine Driscoll and Stephen Brown are running for their third terms, and Johnny Bree has been nominated to fill the seat vacated by Lori Fish Bard. Many thanks to Lori for her years of service to the community through two terms on the HTCA board. Board members will be elected at the annual meeting. We strongly encourage residents to nominate neighbors – or themselves – if interested in serving on the HTCA board.

In order to vote, you must be a current member of HTCA. The dues are \$20. per household, per year, and memberships begin each January. You may join by mailing or dropping off a check payable to HTCA to HTCA Treasurer Stephen Brown at 5504 Hoover St., or use a credit card or Paypal on our website, htca.net.

Extra funds are always appreciated, as the newsletter, meeting room space, seasonal parties, legal and professional fund, and Triangle Garden all require funding. Please donate generously by check or via the website.

If you would like to vote but are unable to attend the meeting, please use the proxy form on htca.net and give your proxy to a neighbor attending (each HTCA member can carry up to 3 proxies). A neighbor may also carry your membership dues, or you can pay these at htca.net.

Fall and Halloween Neighborhood Gathering

Many community members of all ages enjoyed conversation, outdoor games, and refreshments (potluck style). Some came in masks and costumes, and there were some delightful ones. Many thanks to all – including our neighbors along Lincoln Street between Jefferson and Garfield, where the outdoor gatherings are often held.

Should HTCA Switch to an Online Newsletter?

The HTCA board members are wondering if the community would prefer a switch to a primarily online newsletter, sent to the neighborhood listserv and posted on htca.net, with paper copies printed for those neighbors who would prefer not to receive theirs via computer. The benefits would be to the environment (we print about 350), the savings in HTCA funds, and the time and effort of distribution by our hardy and amazing block workers.

Bethesda Community Store Update

HTCA board members and Sonoma Citizens' Association board members met with the owner of the Bethesda Community Store property and a potential buyer of the property. However, shortly after this meeting, the potential buyer decided to withdraw from discussions with the owner.

HTCA board members have also had several discussions with Rebeccah Balloh of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Board. She met with the owner of the Bethesda Community Store (as well as the potential buyer) and issued a report, which cited maintenance that was required on the historic structure and which has been completed. Department of Permitting Services also disallowed several uses of the lot (e.g., commercial private parking). In the meantime, the owner would be happy to have community use of the land as a community garden or individual gardens. We hope someone will purchase or lease the property and use it as it has been used for approximately 130 years: as a general market or market/café. This use is allowed – grandfathered in – while the property remains zoned R-60 (residential). In fact, Old Georgetown Rd. from Wildwood shopping center down to the Bethesda urban area is zoned residential, with a special exception (now called 'conditional use') allowed for Suburban Hospital.

Community Liaison Committee (CLC) and Neighborhood Meetings with Suburban Hospital

The next neighborhood meeting with the Suburban Hospital construction team will be May 15, 2019, at 7 pm in the lower level auditorium of Suburban Hospital. (The subsequent general meeting is scheduled for Nov. 14th, 2019.) The upcoming CLC meetings will be Feb. 20th, followed by meetings the third Wednesday of April, July, and October, at 7 pm.

Construction on the Suburban Hospital addition should be completed by September 2019, followed by installation of IT, furniture, and interior work. Suburban

officials expect that the walking and biking path through the hospital grounds will be open to neighbors by Fall 2020, following additional tree planting and landscaping. Storm water management has been discussed extensively at each meeting and continues to be a problem. Once construction is complete, a fob system will be introduced for SH employees, in order to reduce prohibited use of the Southwick entrance and exit. In the meantime, the situation of cut-through traffic seems to have improved, following repeated discussion with hospital officials and the construction team and resultant changes in signage and procedures.

Annual dues

We're still collecting dues, which pay items such as newsletters, school hall rentals, and events such as the Halloween and ice cream social. Annual dues can be paid by:

sending a check for \$20, payable to "HTCA" to HTCA Treasurer Stephen Brown at 5504 Hoover Street

sending funds via Paypal to HTCABethesda@gmail.com

use a credit card with the link on the Web site: <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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