



# Greater Highland Crossroads Association

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## Traffic Safety at the Crossroads

Plan To Attend To Voice Concern and Get Real Change On Our Roads

**Meeting Notice: November 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM**

**St. Marks Church**

### President's Message

Just before **Highland Day** two serious accidents occurred at the Crossroads – one involving a dump truck and a minivan! Later that same week, the **HC Times** reported that on October 10 at 7:16 PM a woman traveling southbound toward Highland on 108 below Guilford Rd. was rear-ended so hard she lost control, hit a pole and was killed. Despite the many improvements and traffic-calming features adopted on 108 by the MD SHA, it appears that traffic approaching and through our intersection is reckless and dangerous. **George Miller, Chief SHA Engineer** for our SHA District has agreed to describe the steps taken so far and discuss possible improvements.

**Captain Ellsworth Jones** of the Howard County Police Southeast District has also agreed to attend to discuss the related issue of enforcement of traffic laws. Captain Jones will also give us an update of his February appearance on crime and police protection in our area.

**GHCA** and others have appealed the decision of the **Hearing Examiner** to permit a **16-bed assisted living/nursing home** of about **9500 square feet** on the **1-Acre residential lot** just north of **Highland Crossing** on 108. We will discuss efforts to win this appeal. **But please, mark your calendar to attend the hearing before the Board of Appeals and sign up to testify in opposition on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** at the **HC Temporary Offices** located at 8930 Stamford Dr. in Columbia off McGaw Drive/Snowden River Parkway.

### Highland Crossing Update

The **Highlander Pub** begins the build-out this week.

**Dunkin Donuts** moved into their corporate offices last week.

The **Little Builders Daycare** will begin construction in about two weeks

**5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parties and Rentals** will open in about 2 months.

### Highland Restaurant Update

The **Highland Inn** on Highland Rd beyond Boarman's is scheduled to go before the **Planning Board** this month. An opening in spring 2010 is planned.

### !!! The Scoop -- Sightings – Rumors -- the buzz!!!

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- **Break-ins:** We heard that a woman who lives in White Oak Estates had her car window broken, her purse stolen from the car and charges on the credit cards by 4:00 AM. The Howard County Police told her that they had put out a warning in River Hill about a rash of burglaries there.
- Welcome to the ladies of **Serendipity** which opened officially on **Highland Day** in the old **Butterfields** building – they've got great stuff!!!
- **Boarman's** sold an incredible 275 Lbs of pork barbecue on **Highland Day**.
- Please keep an eye out for any suspicious activities in your neighborhood and around the Crossroads, and **don't hesitate to dial 911**.

*If you have an item or correction, please contact Dan at [danielol@aol.com](mailto:danielol@aol.com).*

### Highland Day 250 Plus

Hats off to **Charlotte Williams** and the **Highland Day Steering Committee** who worked so hard to make **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** a very special day. Every possible space was sold out and the expanded food and beverage offering was a great success. **Ken Ulman** and his wife attended along with their daughter Lilly who greeted the parade led by the **Mount Hebron Marching Band, organized by Olenka School of Music's Susan Borchers**. This year was certainly the biggest and best ever. A minimum of 2200 attended, with over 285 people enjoying the hayride thanks to **Hilda Matthieu**. At the **Highland Groomery**, **Wanda Mayhew's Little Shoppe of Horrors** was mobbed. **Boarman's** was mobbed as well and a beautiful sight! Many thanks to all and to all of you who stopped by the **GHCA** booth to chat about our activities and to renew your membership.

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**Highland's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Hilda Mathieu** has agreed to head the **Historic Committee** that is tasked with generating ideas and themes. The celebration is intended to stretch through 2010. She would appreciate assistance from anyone interested in this effort.

Contact: [hildon.mathieu@starpower.net](mailto:hildon.mathieu@starpower.net)

### **GHCA Web Site – Webmaster Needed!!!**

Eric Kirksey has done terrific work in the last couple years establishing the website as a working vehicle for Highland Day. Now it's time to take the site to the next level. We urgently need someone to work with a couple of us to do an expansion. If you have the expertise and the time to make this happen, contact Dan at [danielol@al.com](mailto:danielol@al.com)

### **GHCA Membership**

Please rejoin/join GHCA. Membership is **\$50** for the calendar year and your dues support the continued efforts of GHCA to represent your interests before Maryland/Howard County government, development interests, and community events. We strongly encourage you to join -- and this year membership also includes a free copy of the "Highland Directory" for your use and enjoyment! If you did not pick one up on Highland Day, we keep a stock at the Post Office for your convenience.

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