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**Next Membership Meeting  
July 12 at 7:00 PM  
St. Marks Church  
Comprehensive Re-Zoning Review**

**President's Message**

*The County Council* will discuss *PlanHoward 2030* at the public hearing scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Banneker Room. If you can't make the hearing, but would like to send written testimony, please send it to [councilmail@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:councilmail@howardcountymd.gov). **GHCA** will testify in favor of the plan. The plan can be found on the Council's [legislative webpage](#) by scrolling to CB26-2012. A Bill to improve the following comprehensive zoning process will also be introduced and supported by GHCA. This is the first step to begin the comprehensive zoning process. **GHCA** has been active for the last 18 months in joining with others, such as **Concerned Citizens for Western Howard County, CCWHC**, participating on committees, and in meetings with **County DPZ officials** who prepared the **General Plan** and will prepare the zoning proposals.

**The Circuit Court** has made an interim ruling on the 16-bed assisted living appeal. The Court remanded the case to the **Board of Appeals** for clarification on two points: the finding of inadequate parking and an apparent typo in their ruling. The Board is likely to take this up at their next work session. We follow this closely, and you will be kept informed of their actions.

**Highland Day, October 6, 2012**

As always, planning meetings have already been held under the leadership of the **Highland Business Association, HBA**. **GHCA's** main task is to provide volunteers before and after the event. To volunteer, please contact **Georgianna Meagher**, [gdgmeagher@gmail.com](mailto:gdgmeagher@gmail.com)

**Summer Picnic and Concert at Schooley Mill Park**

If we want to plan this again, we are almost too late. Please let me know your level of interest and whether you can help in the planning and execution. [danielol@aol.com](mailto:danielol@aol.com) or 301-854-9424

# **GHCA Website**

**Webmaster Chuck Gait**, whose column appears in the **Howard County Times**, has been making changes to the **GHCA site**. Visit the site, <http://www.highlandmd.org/> and send your comments or suggestions to **Chuck** at: [Chuck.Gait@gmail.com](mailto:Chuck.Gait@gmail.com)

## **!!! THE SCOOP -- SIGHTINGS - RUMORS - BARGAINS**

- The sign is up and work continues on the **Highland Inn**, on Highland Rd. west of Boarman's, following the groundbreaking ceremony attended by many County officials including **Greg Fox** and **Ken Ulman** who wielded a shovel along with chef/owner **Brian Boston** and **Dan O'Leary**. Local architect and **GHCA** board member **John Lehman** is the architect for the building. Principal, **Greg Philips** informs me that they expect final County approvals soon and are proceeding under interim permits. For more details see the article in the [Howard County Times](#).
- Speaking of **John Lehman**, his wife **Kathy** and he are proud of their daughter **Lauren** who graduated from **Towson University** with her degree in Environmental Science.
- **Funeral Home Round Two:** The neighboring residents of the second **Donaldson Funeral Home** on Clarksville Pike continue to oppose it at the **Board of Appeals**. A hearing was scheduled for June 14.
- The **Highland Sign** on 216: After a neighbor informed me that she had seen a MD SHA truck remove the sign, I contacted SHA and they responded they had no record of such an event. We will respond with a claim to the TORT Division for damages. If you have more info, contact: [danielol@aol.com](mailto:danielol@aol.com). Or 301-854-9424

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**Membership Special Appeal:** Shortly, we will be representing GHCA's position on **Comprehensive Rezoning.** I ask every current member to bring at least one neighbor to our next meeting and to join, we need double our numbers and clout in 2012. Please join or rejoin GHCA. The Membership is **\$50** for the calendar year. **Now more than ever your participation and membership is needed to support the continued efforts of GHCA to represent your interests before Maryland/Howard County government, development interests, and community events.**

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