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Highland Day Saturday October 6: 11:00 – 4:00

President's Message

GHCA's main task is to provide volunteers <u>before</u>, <u>during and after</u> the event. We might still need volunteers; please contact Georgianna Meagher, <u>gdgmeagher@gmail.com</u> or 410-802-3385

Go to the website for all the details http://www.highlandmd.org/Highland Day/Highland Day 2012.html

- The Shoppe of Horrors at the Highland Groomery
- A hay ride down a country lane
- A Halloween costume parade
- Games and activities at the Kids' Zone
- § Pie Eating & Costume Contests
- § Dance & Fashion demos
- A visit from the Howard County Fire Department
- Over 80 exhibitors, artists and artisans

- Specials and promos from the Heart of Highland Merchants
- And more surprises in store!

But most important, click here for The Parking Map. With good weather parking will be challenge if you don't know where to find it.

GHCA Website

Webmaster Chuck Gait, whose column appears in the Howard County Times, continues to improve the GHCA site. Visit the site, http://www.highlandmd.org/ and send your comments or suggestions to Chuck at: Chuck.Gait@gmail.com

!!! THE SCOOP -- SIGHTINGS - RUMORS - BARGAINS

- Work continues on the Highland Inn building itself Final approval of the site plan is stalling progress on installing the parking and exterior improvements.
- Traffic Update: Ed Shinner of the Highland Lake Board has been successful in suggesting the MD SHA to consider left-turn signals on the east/west axis of the Crossroads. The study was conducted on 9/13 between 6AM and 7PM. The idea is to break the rush hour jams created by left turns.
- Howard County is developing its first Bicycle Transportation Master Plan. The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) is the lead agency. The next public workshop is October 3.
 For details go to: http://bikehoward.com/
- BG&E, The Untold Story: Why is no explanation forthcoming about why whole systems
 and areas went down? Power came back at the Crossroads about 8:00 AM Sunday. At
 6:00 AM I spoke to a BG&E truck driver who said he would bring the sub-station on line in
 a couple hours. I speculate they had to check for down lines, and then throw a switch.
 There must be a better way.

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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THE GHCA CANNOT SUCCEED WITHOUT MEMBERS AND WITHOUT THE GHCA WE'RE ALL ON OUR OWN!!!!!

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Activity Sponsors:

- * APL Federal Credit Union Costume Contest
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* Twist & Turn Tavern – Pie-Eating Contest