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President's Message

The window is open: Comprehensive Rezoning has begun. On or before December 14, 2012, property owners may submit text and/or map amendments to **DPZ** using the forms created for this purpose. The forms are available on the Comprehensive Zoning website: www.howardcountymd.gov/compzoning. After the window closes, only revisions proposed by DPZ or accepted by 2/3 of the County Council will be considered for final review and vote. **GHCA** has been active in the process over the last 2 years in. In June we testified before Council in support of the **General Plan**, but cautioned that new **MD** septic regulations will require expanding the use of **Density Exchange** in the remainder of the County to take the pressure off the **RR Zone** which includes all of the **Highland** area. We reinforced this view before the **Planning Board** in October, and added a proposal to further reduce the number of units per original acre. This would produce 3-acre zoning in place of the current average of 1 unit per 2 acres in DEO subdivisions. In the next few months there will be numerous hearings and the **GHCA** will be testifying before the **Planning Board** and the **Council**. The zoning process should be completed in 2013, and will probably be in place for about 10 years.

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

Highland Day 2012: By all measures, was the most successful yet. Estimated attendance was in the range of 3500-4000. 1000 thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who made it a success. **Twist& Turn Tavern (Kevin and Don)** graciously hosted the committee and volunteers on Monday night past to tasty food and fortifying drinks.

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- Work continues on the **Highland Inn building itself** Final approval of the site plan is stalling progress on installing the parking and exterior improvements.
- **Hickory Ridge Farm: John Mc Daniel** has stated there are no immediate plans to develop the property. The recent signs are a result of the latest regulations that require posting when a subdivision plan is in process.
- **Pre-submission meeting: Thursday, November 15th**. at 7:00 PM at Good Hope Presbyterian Church. The application is for a conditional use for a beauty shop at 12345 Scaggsville Rd

- **Crime Report:** Residents of the area close to Mink Hollow and Deer Valley have reported burglaries of unlocked cars, home break-ins and aggressive solicitors on foot. These occurred from July through October. In previous meetings with HCPD they have stressed the need to lock garages and cars. Please let me know if you think this is a trend, and should we have a meeting with HCPD? Dan: danielol@aol.com or 301-854-9424
- **Junk Yard for Sale: Wise Junkyard** for sale 7.6 acres, Hall Shop Rd, \$900K

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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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