



May 2013

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County Council Meeting

June 24 at 6:00

Banneker Room, Howard Building

The Crossroads: Substantially Altered or Sustained?

President's Message

The headline remains the same because the Council makes the final decision this year, probably before the August recess.

Seven properties within the Highland Crossroads have applied for commercial status. This would represent a substantial increase to the Highland commercial zone – endangering Highland's status as a rural crossroads.

We testified on behalf of GHCA before the **Planning Board** against the granting of B-1 status for these properties; but, in favor of the alternative plan of a limited **BRX**. This would require specific proposals and public hearings. The **PB** has yet to publish its recommendations

We will testify on the 24th, and urge others to do so. Your attendance would have a positive influence and would at least encourage me in representation of **GHCA** positions. This round of zoning will likely have a profound upon the face of Highland for the next 10, maybe 20, years because the County planners try to look 20 years ahead.

GHCA Website

Chuck Gait, whose column appears in the **Howard County Times**, loyally continues as **GHCA Webmaster**. 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



- **Wanda Mayhew of the Groomery** reports that **Kenny** the cat went missing at the **Crossroads** around May 14. For details and a pic go to: <https://www.facebook.com/highlandgroomery> Call Cecilia at 443-677-9741
- **Broken Recycling Can? Alicia Moore, Recycling Coordinator, HC** emailed me that you can “call 410-313-6444 and our inspector will come out and fix broken lids, wheels, etc and if need be... replace the entire cart.”
- **SHA** will close **Ten Oaks Rd. south of W. Linden Church Rd** this summer for at least 6 weeks. A meeting to explain this project will be held at **Dayton Oaks Elementary** on May 28 at 7:00 PM.
- **Impervious Surface Fees:** You are probably curious and apprehensive about these fees to be added to your property tax bill? Go here to view the info they have and lodge objections to their calculations. PS: gravel driveways are impervious! <http://data.howardcountymd.gov/GImperviousCalculation/GImperviousCalculation.asp>
- **Postmaster Bill:** He is moving and **Terri Westerlund, La Rev Real Estate** is organizing a “*surprise*” potluck dinner May 31 from 6-10 PM. For details call 301-854-2155 or email: rsvp@lereverestate.com
- **Traffic Study: The MD SHA** tells member **Ed Schinner** that their traffic study of the traffic signals at the **Crossroads** Indicates no changes are warranted at this time.
- **State Farm: Sara Shultz** is moving across **108 to Highland Crossing** and is **planning an open house in June. Call 301-924-1702**

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 2013. 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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