



# Greater Highland Crossroads Association

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## Membership Meeting February 19 at 7:00 PM St. Marks Church

### President's Message

**New leadership:** I am very pleased to announce that a new slate of officers and directors will be placed in nomination at the meeting. Elections will be held the following month on March 12 at **St Marks**. Nominations, properly seconded, will be accepted from the floor on February 19. The slate of officers to be nominated by the **Nominating Committee** is as follows:

**Directors:** Charlotte Williams, Lizanne Davis, Alan Schneider, Dan O'Leary, Susan Scheidt, Mike Fennessy, John Lehman, John McDaniel, Paul Collison

**Officers:** President, Susan Scheidt; 2nd. Vice President, Hilda Mathieu; Treasurer, Mike Fennessy; Secretary, Sherrie Zabriskie.

Our first meeting of the year will concentrate on recent events and feature those involved as well as comments by the new leadership. Please plan to arrive at 6:45 to sign in and pay your dues so we may begin the meeting at 7:00.

**Hi-Land Farm and Firefighters Museum.** Scott Shearer's efforts to restore and preserve the farm and the buildings on the site known as **Hi-Land Farm** on Highland Road are a continuing process. Last year Scott gained the approval of a conditional use and the

necessary variances from the **Hearing Examiner**. This year he was served by **DPZ** with a list of dubious violations that lack specificity and evidence. He has been given 30 days to cure these so-called violations. **Greg Fox's Office** has been assisting in lifting this cloud. Scott and others will update and thank you who supported him during this bout with DPZ enforcement.

**The Right of Petition thwarted by the Howard County Board of Elections, the Courts and Legal Ploys. Judge Tisdale , HC Circuit Court and the MD Court of Appeals, (COA):** all ruled against the petition signed by almost 7000 citizens. Literally adding insult to injury, the pro-bono attorneys representing the petition have been fined and threatened with sanctions. We hope to have one or both of them speak about their situation.

### Highland Post Office

The efforts of member **Steve Thomas** and others resulting in the meeting with the regional supervisor, **Edward Williamson** have yielded minimal success. The, PO official in charge has been changed; lack of a snow-plowing contract produced the "Ice Bowl;" and upkeep has been minimal. Steve continues to prod the PO by email.

### 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](mailto:Chuck.Gait@gmail.com)

**Membership Special Appeal:** I ask every current member to bring encourage at least one neighbor to attend **the membership meetings.** and bring your dues to become a **2015.** Please join or rejoin GHCA. **New Dues Schedule: The GHCA Board has set the annual membership fee at \$25 for the calendar year.** Now more than ever your participation and membership is needed to support the continued efforts of GHCA preserve our Highland way of life.

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