



Greater Highland Crossroads Association

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Membership Meeting March 12 at 7:00 PM St. Marks Church

President's Message

New leadership: A new slate of officers and directors was nominated at the February 19 meeting. Elections will be held on March 12 at **St Marks**. **Dan O'Leary** was nominated from the floor by **Susan Scheidt**. The slate of officers offered 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 March meeting will focus on issues affecting all of Western Howard County. Please plan to arrive at 6:45 to sign in and pay your dues so we may begin the meeting at 7:00.

Western Howard County: is almost a world apart from the eastern portion. Highland occupies the eastern-most border forming a transition area between the true rural area and the denser suburban/urban area. As such, it has become a developmental battle ground, defending itself against the ever encroaching forces of expansion and development. Witness the latest expansion of the water and sewer area and subsequent re-zoning -- under

questionable procedures by the County Council -- south of Clarksville (90 acres) and south of 216 in Fulton (90 acres). **Ted Mariani, President of Concerned Citizens of Western Howard County, CCWHC**, will speak about his experience on the **Mulching Task Force**, and other issues affecting the west. **John Tegeris** of **The Dayton Rural Preservation Society** and a member of the **Task Force** will also speak. **Rob Long and Scott Shearer** will be available to shine a light on the **DPZs** zoning enforcement policy. Please attend in support of these volunteers' valuable contributions, and remember to bring a neighbor.

Highland Post Office

The persistent efforts of member **Steve Thomas** have yielded some success. The snow and ice removal has resumed, needed maintenance performed; the flag properly tended; The outside lights are to be repaired, and Oaklawn Landscaping is bidding on a new contract for maintenance and snow removal. Good luck Geoff.

Recycling/Trash Tips: Lids, caps and labels can stay on your recyclables. You don't need to rinse or wash, just make sure items are empty. Single-use alkaline batteries can be disposed in your regular trash.

Medicare 101: Learn about Original Medicare (Parts A and B) and Prescription Drug coverage (Part D). Presented by the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, Howard County Office on Aging. 3/17, 7-8:30 p.m. Free.

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

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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