



Greater Highland  
**Crossroads**  
Association

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*Picnic in the Park" &  
Summer Concert*

Schooley Mill Park, Hall Shop Road, Highland  
Friday -- July 24, 2015

**GHCA Members' Picnic:** starts at 6:00 PM  
in the Community Room \*\*

**HC Rec & Parks' Concert** is 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
on the Lawn, bring own chairs or blankets

*featuring*  
**"Big Fancy Car" band**

*playing stuff that is fun to play, fun to listen and dance to, and that is creative and different - Bass, Drums, Latin Percussion, Guitars, Trumpet, Sax, Trombone*

**\*\*In order to make the evening a success we need your participation. So it is important that you please respond to this email announcement and let us know how many will be in your party. We will provide the grilled meats, and ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

RSVP no later than Tuesday 21 July  
[hildon.mathieu@starpower.net](mailto:hildon.mathieu@starpower.net)

Please provide names of attendees  
(*we will have name tags for admittance*),  
and whether you are bringing a side dish or dessert

**Guidance for those planning to attend the Picnic:**

While the concert is open to the public, the GHCA picnic is limited to GHCA members' families and guests (Limit: 2 guests, please). If you are not yet a member, see the membership form below. Please provide names of all attendees so we can prepare the name tags for admittance to the private party room and service at the outdoor grill.

GHCA will provide grilled hamburgers, hotdogs, and sausages; and the rolls, chips, and condiments; as well as water, sodas and ice.

Please let us know what you will be bringing to the pot luck so we can adjust if necessary. Quantity-wise, we suggest servings for about 6 persons. Also, please bring serving utensils for your dish.

Alcoholic beverages (BYOB) are allowed inside the General Purpose Building at the Park, however under County requirements alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the Park/Concert area.

The General Purpose Building at the Park is reserved for GHCA from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Dining will start at 6:00 p.m. Dining is either indoors or “al fresco” at tables near the barbeque grill.

We need about a dozen volunteers to help set up the room (5 – 5:30 p.m.) and clean up at the end of the evening (after the concert 8:30 – 9). If you can help with either, please let us know, we will be most grateful.

In the event of inclement weather we will still carry on with the picnic, since we will be able to be indoors.

**The GHCA Board's Message:** Many thanks to all Highland area residents who came out June 24, 2015 for the meeting with the County Council to discuss the adverse effects of BRX zoning on Highland. Attendance was overwhelming and it was heartwarming to see that we all rally around the preservation of Highland as a Crossroads community. President Scheidt has written the Council thanking them for their visit and requesting that Highland be removed from the BRX designation in the zoning code. The text of her letter is below.

We commit to keep you informed of progress with the Council on this issue. Again, your support is very much appreciated and the heart of our efforts.

"Susan Scheidt  
Highland, MD 20777

June 30, 2015

George Howard Building  
3430 Court House Drive  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-4392

Dear County Council Members,

*We thank you for including Highland in your Village Listening Tours. An incredible number of Highland residents attended the meeting last Wednesday evening, June 24. People turned out to request that the County Council remove Highland from BRX District Zoning. We heard neighbor after neighbor talk of how they value the rural character of Highland's Historic Crossroad Community. The community is unified in our position to remove Highland from BRX Zoning as we did not hear a single person voice an opposing position. We believe good commercial projects can move ahead in the future with commercial developers, DPZ, and the Highland Community working together under traditional zoning regulations.*

*Removing Highland from BRX Zoning is such an important issue to Highland's identity that the Greater Highland Crossroads Association, GHCA, determined we should focus Highland's Village Listening Tour on this issue alone. **Please sponsor a legislative petition to remove Highland from BRX Zoning.***

*Furthermore, the GHCA Board will be reviewing the "Highland Crossroads Design Guidelines, Architectural and Site Development Guideline" created in 2006 with Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning, Mina Hilsenrath and Steve Johns, and developers, Donald Souder and Kevin Bell. We would be delighted to have DPZ review our updated document and to establish a plan for future periodic review of these important guidelines for Highland. **We request that these documents be guidelines for future development in Highland.***

*Highland thanks you for your time and attention! Please, don't hesitate to call if you have any questions/concerns (301-854-2439 – psscheidt@verizon.net). Since I will be traveling to Ireland with friends, July 4th to July 20<sup>th</sup>, please call Dan O'Leary, GHCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, while I am away (301-854-9424 – [danielol@aol.com](mailto:danielol@aol.com)).  
Sincerely,*

Susan Scheidt  
President GHCA"

**Highland Day October 3, 2015:** As usual planning and meetings began last year, and as usual we need volunteers for the event. PLEASE contact Georgianna Meagher at [gdgmeagher@gmail.com](mailto:gdgmeagher@gmail.com) to join the team, get a tee shirt and community service certificate for qualifying volunteers.

### **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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (very important! Save postage, and keep informed)

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