



Greater Highland Crossroads Association

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Membership Meeting Thursday, June 16 at 7:00PM St. Marks Church

Great News!!

Fearless warrior, Steve Thomas, who has single-handedly taken on the United States Postal Service on behalf of Highland, reports our temporary Postmaster, Ms Dawana Cook, has been named to the position permanently. Thank you to all who wrote on her behalf to help achieve this desired outcome. We are pretty sure the USPS now knows where Highland MD is!

This is great news for all of us, as Ms Cook has been a caring shepherd for this vital community resource. Please stop by to congratulate her. We hope to have her as a guest at our next membership meeting on June 16 to officially welcome her to our community.

Not So Great News

After joint discussions between GHCA and HBA (Highland Business Association) it was determined for 2016 Highland Day will be on hiatus. There are many reasons for making this tough decision, however two primary ones are **parking** and **insurance**. We plan to regroup this fall to brainstorm how Highland Day may be re-envisioned to continue to bring us together for a celebration of community. In the meantime, we welcome feedback from you regarding this event. Will you miss it? What would you like to see if it is “brought back by popular demand”?

BRX Zoning Update

On April 6 over 50 area citizens and business owners attended a BRX workshop hosted by DPZ to garner community input on the BRX overlay in Highland. Once again the Highland crossroads community voiced near-unanimous opposition to the massive commercial

expansion BRX would allow. Similar sessions were conducted in Lisbon, Glenwood and Dayton. We, especially those who attended, have until **May 28** to comment on BRX/BR zoning. To do so, go to: <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/BR-BRX>. This will be our final opportunity to make our thoughts and opinions known prior to the next steps in the DPZ decision process. They will come back to us with results in the fall. We will keep you posted.

HCCA MEETING

The annual meeting of [HCCA \(Howard County Citizens' Association\)](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/BR-BRX) will take place Wednesday May 11 at Hawthorne Center, 6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia. Refreshments at 6:30P. Meeting at 7:00P. County Executive Alan Kittleman and Steve Snelgrove, President of Howard County General Hospital, will be speakers. Register on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hcca-annual-meeting-tickets-24579000452>.

Slow Down!

Look for new 30mph speed limit signs as you pass through the crossroads traveling on Highland Road between Boarman's and the Post Office. The sign will be installed in the next month. Thank you, Liz Davis, for watching out for or safety. If you receive a citation, don't say we didn't warn you.

The Beat Goes On

Attorneys Allen Dyer and Susan Grey continue to battle to retain their law licenses and livelihood in a trial which continues in Anne Arundel Circuit Court. They were key pro-bono figures in the citizen referendum drive to get several zoning issues included on the 2014 election ballot. This trial is a direct result of this effort. A continued show of support for them will not go unnoticed. If you can, be at the court at 8 Church Circle, Annapolis, May 9, 10 (most important) or 11 at 9:30AM. Further, contributions to defray considerable legal expenses are gratefully accepted. For more information see [FixHOCO](#)

Membership Special Appeal: 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 2016. Please join or rejoin GHCA. The Membership is **\$25** for the calendar year. As always, 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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