



University Hills Area Civic Association

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UHCA Live!!!

Resuscitation

This is *old news* but it is also *good news*, at least the viability of the University Hills Area Civic Association (UHCA) in its present incarnation is good news.

Spurred on by the prospect of being annexed again to the City of Hyattsville, a number of people began attempts in January 2006 to revive the University Hills Civic Association. UHCA had played a prominent role in community affairs – both socially and governmentally – affecting residents of University Hills and the Ashland subdivision for several decades. But, as a functioning organization, UHCA fell into a deep slumber in 1997, when no residents would step forward and become elected officers.

Now, about a year and a half after resuscitation attempts started, UHCA is back on its feet with permanent officers – well, permanent for at least a year – chosen at the June 2007 UHCA meeting. The revived UHCA is already very actively involved in governmental affairs and is planning community social events for the near future.

One big change in the UHCA make-up is causing a slight change in the organization's name. The awakened body has grown: in addition to the two jurisdictions of its former incarnation, UHCA now includes the residents of Rosemary Terrace, adjacent to the Ashland subdivision, hence the addition of 'Area' to its formal name.

Actively Affecting our Lives

Current UHCA officers and various other UHCA members have been taking an active role in establishing and maintaining connections with the Hyattsville City government and other public organizations.

The University Hills area, as part of Hyattsville's Ward 3, has two representatives to the City Council, one the current City Council President, the other a resident of this area. Both have been attending UHCA meetings and following up on residents' concerns expressed there.

Many UHCA members have been concerned about and active in stating opposition in various forums to the development of a large apartment complex adjacent to the area. Some have been especially concerned about the possible personal effects of such development in two domains: traffic congestion and increased local school enrollment.

A recent fire that destroyed a local family's home spurred one UHCA member to organize what has become a successful drive to help the family find a temporary home and receive some immediate monetary support.

Currently underway is a plan to restore a UHCA social tradition, a Halloween parade/party in University Hills Park.

In addition, UHCA members have been discussing these and other community issues in a semi-public forum.

Now Live on the Internet

While the UHCA was slumbering, one of its very active former officers maintained an internet website he had established before the long sleep set in. In the last several months it has become a very active forum for discussion of UHCA concerns.

Beginning already in February, members have discussed at length the effect of the Landy property development on the

edge of Rosemary Terrace and other plans for development along Route 1 near College Park, University Park, and Riverdale Park. To date, approximately 70 messages have been posted discussing development, notifying the time and place of public hearings, and organizing plans for UHCA action

In addition, notices have been posted about the grand opening of the refurbished University Hills Park playground and some other social events sponsored by the City of Hyattsville -- Family Fun Night, a Teddy Bear Parade, and Summer Jams musical events.

The message board has also been used to draw attention to concerns about some County library changes that might affect easy availability of certain materials. The appeal for help for the family whose house burned down was first posted on a most timely basis on the UHCA website. A computer recycling event at the UMCP campus was pointed out via the message board. The announcement of a University Hills column forthcoming in the Hyattsville Life and Times newspaper, along with an appeal for ideas and copy for publication, was made on line.

Have you been in on these discussions and/or received this information?

Stay Tuned or Get Tuned In

To get an idea of what the UHCA website looks like, flip over the page you are now reading. There you will see images of two website subsections.

The first image shows official UHCA files that can be accessed, including the Constitution and By-laws, Meeting Minutes, Current Newsletters – available on line before the paper copy is delivered and always accessible there, even when the paper one has been recycled – plus archived copies of some pre-slumber Newsletters. In addition, documents relating to the Landy property development are contained there.

The second image shows the message board as it appears on line. Members can write messages for all other members to read.

To have timely access to all this relevant information, you must become a member of the UHCA Yahoo group. To do so, go on line to the link cited at the bottom of this sheet. There you will find the procedure for becoming a member free of charge. Your membership will subsequently be approved by the group manager, John Scott. If you prefer, you can contact John directly about joining by sending him an e-mail to jpsdgs@yahoo.com

Technical advice will also be available at most times from Tom Eichman, phone 301-422-6953 or 240-351-1657 and via e-mail at tleichman@chesapeake.net

Q: But what if ...

I don't have internet access and don't want to pay what I would have to in order to get it?

A: You should be able to find out much about what UHCA is currently doing by talking to your Block Captain.

Q: Who's that?

A: Usually the person who delivers the paper copy of the Newsletter to your doorstep.

A very good way to keep up to date on UHCA activities is to attend the monthly meetings announced in the Newsletter.

Join your UHCA neighbors on line at
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UHCA/>

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Newsletter Archive Collected and scanned copies of past newsletters		jpdqgs	Nov 25, 2004	
Civic Association Constitution.pdf University Hills Civic Association Constitution and Bylaws	562 KB	jpdqgs	Nov 25, 2004	
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131 UHCA Meeting Just a reminder to those with web access: Our next UHCA meeting is at the Duck Pond at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 8. If you have any items for the...	Timothy Scanlon timparcial	Sep 6, 2007 11:55 pm
130 Re: Fwd: Summer Jam! Neighbors, I've been to a few of the Summer Jams this year and they have been a lot of fun. It does start at 6:30 and continues until 8:30. I usually park in...	timkarenhunt	Sep 6, 2007 5:29 pm
129 Fwd: Summer Jam! Note: forwarded message attached. Yahoo! oneSearch: Finally, mobile search...	Thomas Slezak tslezak34	Sep 6, 2007 9:08 am
128 Re: more development/more traffic on Adelphi Road? On this topic I just uploaded a letter into the "Files" "Development" subfolder that was sent to UMUC President from the Mayors of College Park, Hyattsville...	kristaaltberry	Sep 4, 2007 11:00 am
127 Re: more development/more traffic on Adelphi Road? Tom, Chris Borkowski forwarded me the long range plan for the University of Maryland which I haven't even gotten all the way through yet. By the way, what you...	Tim Scanlon timparcial	Sep 3, 2007 12:07 pm
126 more development/more traffic on Adelphi Road? Hello Friends and Neighbors: If you think the Lundy Property is the only 800 pound gorilla loose in the neighborhood we should be concerned with, think again. ...	Thomas Slezak tslezak34	Aug 31, 2007 8:34 am
125 September 2007 Newsletter The UHCA Newsletter announcing the September 8th meeting in the park is currently available on the group website at ...	tleichman	Aug 30, 2007 2:25 pm

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