

The Council Report

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News from the Friendship Heights Village Council—the elected governing body of the Special Tax District of the Village of Friendship Heights



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New Condominiums Proposed for 5500 Wisconsin Avenue

At the Village Council's public meeting on **Tuesday, October 11**, Grosvenor USA Limited (owner of the Holiday Inn complex) will present a proposal for a new project at 5500 Wisconsin Avenue, the corner of South Park Avenue and Wisconsin Avenue. The project would redevelop the site that includes Tiffany, Brooks Brothers, Sylene and Bank of America. Saks Jandel and the Holiday Inn will remain in place.

The new structure would have retail on the ground floor with 70 condominium units above. The building would be 90 feet tall, with the two existing underground levels of parking **under the proposed residential building** replaced with four to five levels. The main entrance to the building would be on The Hills Plaza at the corner of South Park Avenue, with a small park next to it (currently the site of a large concrete wall).

According to the developer, construction is not presently scheduled to begin until at least 2015 (when the current retail leases begin to expire) and would take about two years to complete.

Grosvenor will be filing a Project Plan application with the Planning Board in late August. Public hearings at the Planning Board will be scheduled 90 days after the filing date. Following Project Plan approval by the Planning Board, the owner will need Site Plan approval from the Planning Board.

The presentation on **October 11** will be open to the public, and there will be opportunity for community input.



A rendering of the project proposed for 5500 Wisconsin Avenue, as seen from South Park Avenue.



View from Wisconsin Avenue

View from The Hills Plaza

CPR Courses to be offered at the Center

Beginning in October, the Council will be offering Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses at the Village Center. The courses will include training in the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

Look for full details and course schedule in the September issue of the *Village News*.

—Melanie Rose White
Mayor

The Council took the following actions at the August 8, 2005, public session:

- Approved proposal from Steve Richter (utility consultant) to prepare conduit plans and coordinate with Pepco on installation of Village streetlights on Friendship Boulevard and the Hills Plaza;
- Approved renewal of membership in Maryland Municipal League for 2005-2006 at a total cost of \$11,644.33;
- Adopted resolution in memory of Dr. Clay Huntley.

County Prescription Drug Program

The County has developed a new program, Montgomery Rx, which can save money on prescription medications. The card is free and is available to all County residents regardless of age, income or existing health insurance. If you did not receive a card in the mail, you can pick one up **at the Village Center** or any County library, service center, or by calling 240-777-1245.



**Friendship Boulevard and North Park Ave.
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Monday, Aug. 22 Monday, Oct. 31
Monday, Sep. 26 Monday, Nov. 21**



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