

# The Council Report

JUNE/JULY 2003

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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## The Future of Friendship Heights



Geico site

Hecht's site

Chevy Chase Center site

Source: MD-National Capital Park & Planning Commission

Thanks to the computer rendering shown above, given to us by Park & Planning staff, we are able to see how the Friendship Heights area will look when all three major projects—Chevy Chase Center, Hecht's and Geico—are built.

The Geico site (subject to final approval) will have three office buildings on Friendship Boulevard, two low-rise apartment buildings on Willard (across the street from the Willoughby), and townhouses internally.

The Chevy Chase Center site will have the new Giant, two new retail buildings on Wisconsin

Avenue, and an office building above the retail strip.

See the reverse side for a rendering and information on the Hecht's site.

### Humphrey Park Work Progresses in Spite of Rain

As was noted last year when the Council discussed plans to renovate Hubert Humphrey Park, the brick walkways had become dangerously uneven, the fountain was leaking and had electrical problems, and the lighting was inadequate.

Now, despite our rainy spring,

the end of construction is in sight. As this issue goes to press, the final phase is set to begin, which involves removing the remaining bricks up to the Village Center. The main entrance to the building will then be closed until the new pavers are installed.

Access to the Center will be from the patio door through the gate on Friendship Boulevard and the side door (by the soda machine).

We look forward to seeing and enjoying the finished product, and we appreciate your continued patience throughout this process.

—Melanie Rose White  
Mayor

**MVA Mobile Office—Monday, August 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The Council took the following actions at the June 9, 2003, meeting:

- Accepted proposal from Bond Beebe to perform 2003 audit at a cost range of \$7,250 to \$7,750;
- Appointed Gertrude Slifkin to serve on the Program Advisory Committee;
- Approved continuation of the extended shuttle bus hours indefinitely;
- Selected Marilyn Goldwater to receive Elizabeth Scull Outstanding Community Service Award; selected the following Community Service Award recipients: Marianne Cook, Ruth Goodspeed, Ron Irion, Alix Robinson, and Nancy White;

The Council took the following actions at the July 14, 2003, meeting:

- Renewed membership in the Maryland Municipal League;
- Approved an increase in the contract with MVM security to provide raises for security guards;
- Approved the assignment of the landscape maintenance contract from Grandiflora to Green Gardens.



*A rendering of the Hecht's project by New England Development, as seen from Wisconsin Avenue. The new Hecht's store will be at the corner of Western Avenue and Friendship Boulevard. The site also will feature a high-rise residential building, a new park on the corner of Friendship Boulevard and Willard Avenue, office and retail on Wisconsin Avenue, a community center, and pedestrian plazas throughout.*

Source: [www.nedevelopment.com/portfolio/wisconsinplace/index.html](http://www.nedevelopment.com/portfolio/wisconsinplace/index.html)

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