

Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association



NEWSLETTER • January 2012

A PROUD MEMBER OF HARBEL

Next General Meeting

January 18
7:30 p.m.

Faith Community United
Methodist Church

(formerly St. John's) Lower Level
5315 Harford Road, Baltimore,
MD 21214-1910

AGENDA:

- Honoring Our Necop Volunteers
- Election of HHNA Officers
- Police Report

Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for future
Hamilton Hills meetings!!!

March 21, 2012

3rd Wednesday—every other month

Steering Committee

OFFICERS:

Jason Sullivan, *President*
Dian Combs & Charlene Tyler,
Co-Vice Presidents
Stanley Harris, *Treasurer*
Secretary – Need Volunteer
John Rhodes, *NOGLI Rep.*
Main Street Rep.—Need Volunteer
• Jean Baer • Sonia Green
• Tom Green • Joe Stolkovich
• Sandy Young

COMMITTEES:

- Residential Concerns:
John Rhodes, Stanley Harris,
Tom Green
- Newsletter: Jean Baer
- Special Events:
Dian Combs, Charlene Tyler,
Brad Royuk
- Development: Carol Hartwell
- Web Site: Sam Younkin

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Future Events:

meetup.com/Hamilton-Hills-
Neighborhood-Association

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS
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NEWSLETTERS!!**

Our January 18th Meeting:

There are 7 persons in the Hamilton area who consistently volunteer for Citizens on Patrol. Hamilton Hills will honor these dedicated volunteers for the many hours they have spent in making their rounds in our neighborhood to assure the safety of its citizens. Andrea Curley from the mayor's office will be on hand to further show the City's appreciation. Come to meet these respected members of our community, and find out how you can get involved in this worthwhile cause, and how it works.

Election of Officers

Officers for the Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association will be elected at our January 18th meeting. The scheduling committee has selected the following: **President:** John Rhodes. **Co-Vice Presidents:** Dian Combs and Charlene Tyler, **Treasurer:** Stanley Harris, **Secretary:** *Volunteer Needed!* Also, new committee members could make a difference in the community. Duties require very little effort, with great results. Please contact Dian Combs, 410-294-3440 if you can volunteer . . . and thanks! We do need your help!

“Urban Culture” Tour Sunday, April 1 from 10 to 2

The "Urban Agriculture" tour will take place on Sunday, April 1st from 10-2. This is in connection to the National Main Street Conference to be held in downtown Baltimore from April 1-4. For further information, check out their link: <http://www.preservationnation.org/mainstreet/training/conference/2012baltimore/program-and-schedule/schedule-at-a-glance.html>

The HLMS tour is Cultivating Main Street: Implementing Urban Agriculture in Baltimore. A tour bus will include locations around Hamilton & Lauraville: Hamilton Elementary Middle School (with Arthur Morgan of Hamilton Crop Circle & Darin Crew from Baltimore Blue Water), Hamilton Tavern, Green Onion, Hamilton Bakery, Clementine, a local bee-keeper on Hamilton Avenue, and The Chameleon, and finish at 4500 Harford Road to observe the hoop tent & garden. The hoop tent is like the one at Hamilton Elementary Middle School. There is already a produce garden at 4500, and Arthur is prepping the space to erect the plastic tent that allows for year around gardening. By the end of January, the site will be ready. Later in February, he will be installing the plastic. Hamilton/Lauraville will also discuss the Tuesday Market in Lauraville. This should be a big deal for our neighborhood. It's not often we get this kind of National attention.

Yes, the Green Onion will be open before April 1st. And four additional flower pots will be installed in early spring to finish the "art pots" project.

A Safer Hamilton

Later this month, 16 security cameras (no blue lights) will be installed throughout the Hamilton business district. Signage will display a message like "Smile; You're in Hamilton." We hope this initiative will continue to enhance the safety of the Hamilton business district, discourage loitering, and aid in reducing crime in our area.

Identity Sought for Armed Robbery Suspect

Detectives from the Baltimore Police Department's Citywide Robbery Unit need your help at identifying an armed robbery suspect. On November 26, 2011 at approximately 1:48 PM, the individual robbed the Family Dollar Store located at 5330 Frankford Avenue, at gunpoint. The same individual attempted to rob, at gunpoint, the CVS store located at 6910 Harford Road on December 19, 2011. In both cases, the suspect was dressed in all black. He is described as a black male with a bald head



who looks to be in his mid to late 30's, stands approx. 6'1" tall and weighs approximately 210 lbs. Anyone who knows the identity of the suspect is asked to give detectives a call at 410-366-6341.

COPS (Citizens on Patrol)

Volunteer to help us at the next HHNA meeting or write to: COPS, c/o Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 24643, Baltimore, MD 21214. Email president@hamilton-hills.org for residential issues.

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Membership Reminder:

Remember to renew your annual dues! And, if you can, volunteer to help the association grow! Please bring your annual dues of \$10 per household to the next meeting, or mail to
P.O. Box 24643, Baltimore, MD 21214.

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I'd like to volunteer: Newsletter Distribution COPS Crime Prevention Housing NeighborhoodCleanUp Other _____

Community Resources:

Numbers to call for Citizens' Services

Rodent problem	311
Community Affairs	410-396-5819
Gangs	443-984-7351
Homeless Shelters	410-361-4677
Clogged storm drains, opened fire hydrants, flooding, etc.	311
Lead paint abatement	410-396-8576
Housing violations, vacant blgs	311
Abandoned vehicles	311
Traffic signals & signs	311
Park maintenance	311
Illegal drug activity	410-685-DRUG
Bulk trash collection, street & alley cleaning	311
Graffiti removal	311
Sanitation enforcement	311
Reporting potholes	311
Energy assistance	410-396-5555
Recycling schedule	410-396-5916

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The student show in March, 2011.

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blog: <http://hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.blogspot.com/>
web: www.BmoreMainStreet.com

In March, the Hamilton Gallery, 5502 Harford Road, will again host the local "Student Show" with an opening on First Friday March 2. The participating schools will be Hamilton Elementary Middle, Arts & Ideas, City Neighbors Raspe Avenue, City Neighbors Hamilton & St. Francis of Assisi. They would love to have neighborhood support for local students to give them a sense of pride in their work. They also want to encourage cohesive activities for our neighborhood to blend schools, residents and businesses together.

Mayor Rawlings-Blake and Fire Chief Clack Urge Citizens to Check Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms available and delivered free-of-charge to City Residents by calling 311.

In the wake of a recent fatal fire, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and City Fire Chief James Clack urge all City residents to check and test household smoke alarms, and, if needed, call 311 to obtain a smoke alarm from the Baltimore City Fire Department free of charge. "The single most important life-saving device in a home is a smoke alarm," said Mayor Rawlings-Blake. "We also ask our citizens to check on elderly friends and neighbors to ensure they have working smoke alarms in the home and to help us get the word out about our free smoke alarm program." "If you or someone you love is in need of a smoke alarm, call 311. Within two hours, our firefighters will be at your front door to install your smoke alarm," said Fire Chief James Clack. "Our goal is to achieve zero fire deaths in the City of Baltimore." In August, the Fire Department leveraged a federal grant to purchase 10,000 new smoke alarms with lithium batteries, which will last for ten years. Now, any resident can call 311 to request a smoke alarm for their residence. Upon receiving a call from city residents, 311 Call Center agents will complete a Smoke Alarm Installation Request form. The installation request form will be immediately forwarded to the Fire Communications Bureau. At that time, a fire suppression company will be dispatched to the respective resident's home to install a ten-year lithium, tamper resistant smoke alarm.

Harbel Volunteer Needed

HARBEL is looking for a volunteer willing to act as an evening receptionist from 4:30 – 8:30 PM on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. If you would be interested in serving your community in this fashion, please contact either: Sharon Crist at: 410-444-2100 or scrist@harbel.org or Naomi Benyowitz at: 410-444-2100 or Naomi@harbel.org

City Launches Citizen Budget-Balancing Website

Residents are offered the opportunity to balance the City's budget with a combination of spending cuts and revenue enhancement. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake is soliciting insight from residents to develop the budget for Fiscal Year 2013. This week, Mayor Rawlings-Blake launched a website that allows citizens to review options for spending cuts, revenue enhancements, and spending increases to close the estimated \$52 million budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year. "Hearing citizen input is a vital component as I draft the budget," said Mayor Rawlings-Blake. "I encourage citizens to share their priorities through this exercise. By doing so, they can help develop a responsible budget that will let our city grow." You can access the budget exercise by visiting <http://balancedbudget.baltimorecity.gov>. The site is available until January 31, 2012. For additional information, contact the Bureau of Budget Management & Research: 410-396-5944.



Santa & Elf arriving in Hamilton on December 10th for Holidays on Harford.

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