

Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association



NEWSLETTER • July 2011

A P R O U D M E M B E R O F H A R B E L & N O G L I

Next General Meeting

July 20
7:30 p.m.

Faith Community United
Methodist Church

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

AGENDA:

- Mayoral Candidates
Jody Landers
& Otis Rolley

Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for future
Hamilton Hills meetings!!!

September 21, 2011

3rd Wednesday—every other month

Steering Committee

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Future Events:

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At Our July 20th Meeting:

Baltimore City Elections

On Tuesday, September 13th, Baltimore City residents will go to the polls to elect their mayor, City Council president, comptroller, and members of the City Council. There are 6 Democratic and 2 Republican candidates for mayor, and 5 Democratic and 2 Republican candidates for City Council president. The comptroller, Joan Pratt, is the only incumbent running unopposed. In the Third Councilmanic District, incumbent Bob Curran has 2 Democratic opponents (Jerome Bivens and George Vanhook, Jr.) and 1 Republican opponent. You'll meet two of the mayoral candidates at our Hamilton Hills meeting on July 20th. To meet the Third District candidates for City Council, there's a forum at 7 PM on Thursday, August 25th in the Parker Room at Good Samaritan Hospital run by the League of Women Voters of Baltimore City. The League is also conducting a mayoral forum on Tuesday, August 30th and a City Council president forum on Tuesday, August 23rd. Both of these forums will be held at 7PM in the 3rd floor Wheeler Auditorium of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street. These forums are co-sponsored by WYPR and the Baltimore Sun.

Because of results of the 2010 census, all Baltimore City election districts have been slightly altered to represent the changes in population. If you do not receive a new voters card prior to this year's elections, go to your old election polling place to vote in the Primary Election on September 13.

18th Annual Hamilton Street Festival

On Saturday, July 30th, from 11AM to 7PM, the 5400 & 5500 blocks of Harford Road will be closed for the ever bigger and better **Hamilton Street Festival & Car Show**. Art, food, crafts, beer and live music will make this a not-to-be-missed event! Taking advantage of the road closing, the folks at Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street will be painting a sunflower in the intersection of Hamilton Avenue & Harford Road through the night. The mural should be dry by the time everyone starts to arrive.

Tuesday Farmers' Market in Lauraville:

It's open every Tuesday, from 4 to 8 PM across from Safeway. There are many more vendors, like Hamilton Bakery & Clementine, so picking up dinner is definitely an option!



Operation Blue Thunder

Major DeSousa, the Commanding Officer of the Northeast Police District, initiated Operation Blue Thunder on July 3, 2011. The initiative will run through July 27, 2011. It will involve the dedication of 1 Lieutenant, 1 Sergeant, and 14 officers to three designated zones in the Northeast District. One of those zones takes in the boundaries of the Lauraville Improvement Association from E. Coldspring Lane north to Echodale Ave. and all of the Hamilton Hills Community Association.

He is asking that the involved communities organize walks with the police officers from 9 AM–12 PM, which is the time frame they are sustaining burglaries in the area. Please let me know if you would like to organize community walks during that time frame to assist the police in this initiative.

Craig's List Robberies

Baltimore Police detectives are investigating 3 incidents where suspects go on Craig's List searching for individuals selling dirt bikes. Once a perspective seller has been located, the suspect makes arrangements for the seller to bring the dirt bike to Baltimore where the sale can take place. Once here, the suspect robs the seller of the dirt bike. In one case, the suspect implied that he was armed and assaulted the victim.

COPS (Citizens on Patrol)

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

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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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Message from Hamilton Hills President . . .

Hi everyone,

I hope you are enjoying this great summer weather we are having. This is a very exciting time for Hamilton Hills and many great things are happening, with other changes afoot.

Our next meeting of Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association is Wednesday July 20th, 7:30 pm. We usually take the summer off from meetings, but due to this year's election races we decided to hold a meeting. Special guests at July's meeting include Otis Rolley and Jody Landers, two of the candidates for this year's mayoral race. We had a great turnout at the last meeting with Mayor Rawlings-Blake. We'll follow a similar format for asking questions, so please arrive early, and make sure to write down your questions for the candidates ahead of time.

Speaking of elections, don't forget: Baltimore's primaries are coming up on September 13. Not only is the Mayor's race up for grabs, so are each of the City Council seats. For a complete list of both Mayoral and City Council candidates, please visit www.elections.state.md.us, and on the left side of the page click on "2011 Baltimore City Candidate List". There should be information elsewhere in this newsletter about upcoming debates later this summer.

We have been having some great events over the past few months. The Downhill Derby was well attended; the relocated Tuesday Market Connection is once again a hit and is even up for being one of the best farmer's markets in the country! Hamilton Festival and classic car show in its 18th year, keeps getting bigger and better each year. This year it is on Saturday, July 30th from 11am to 7pm; make sure to stop by the HHNA table, say hello and renew your membership.

We are very happy to have received a small grant from HARBEL through the Baltimore Community Foundation with which our steering committee is working to modernize our method of communicating with the neighborhood. While we will still continue with the hard copy newsletter format, we will very shortly be introducing a professional email distribution list, updating our HHNA website, and continue to post upcoming meetings, events, and other important items on our HHNA meetup page.

Finally, I'm very excited that many years overdue, Hamilton Hills will finally become a recognized neighborhood by Baltimore City. By the end of July when the city releases its new city map, Hamilton Hills will replace the old HEPP and Christopher neighborhoods.

There's much more going on than this, but I hope the next time we will be communicating with you via email.

Thanks and have a great summer . . . Jason Sullivan

The Hamilton Garden . . . Part III

by Joe Stolkovich

Gardening season is now in full swing. While some lucky gardeners may be picking their first tomatoes, the rest of us are dealing with the first of seasonal pests and the effects of a dry start to the growing year. Uninvited guests lurking among your veggies have not had enough time yet to really cause havoc, but ignoring any problems now is a sure route to heartache in the coming months. That said here are a few suggestions:

- Yellow coffee can lids coated with Vaseline and hung throughout your garden make effective home-made sticky traps that can control early whitefly infestations on your cruciferous crops.
- Slugs can be stopped with copper bands wrapped around the base of your plants, or try drowning them in the old saucer of beer standby.
- A good insecticidal soap spray and a sprinkling of diatomaceous earth will control pretty much any soft bodied insect, especially aphids. For best results when spraying, remember to coat the underside of leaves where many insects lay their egg masses.
- Having a clean garden, free of debris not only is more visually pleasing, it robs ground dwellers like slugs and crickets of housing options.

Critters covered, the next biggest issue gardeners run into is blossom end rot. Tomatoes that don't completely develop, that pit and blacken on the terminal end of the fruit are the result of inconsistent watering. When plants receive adequate water, the fruit will grow in proportion to the vegetation. If soil moisture suddenly drops mid fruit, water soluble calcium gets drawn into the leaves depriving the developing fruit of nourishment and leading to that ugly rotten end. Consistent watering will save subsequent tomatoes, not the ones currently on the plant. Not to worry, blemished fruit is edible if you remove the damaged area of the fruit. Good luck! Email me with any plant/ gardening questions you may have at planthamilton@gmail.com

The Green Onion . . .

This long-awaited venue is expected to open its doors before the Hamilton Festival on July 30th! The signage is in place . . . and we'll be there!





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