

# Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association



NEWSLETTER • March 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

March 16  
7:30 p.m.

Faith Community United  
Methodist Church

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

### AGENDA:

- Surprise Guest
- N.E. District Police Report

## Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for future  
Hamilton Hills meetings!!!

May 18, 2011

3rd Wednesday—every other month  
(There is no meeting in July)

## 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 Hartwill

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### Future Events:

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## At Our March 16th Meeting:

The speaker for our March meeting is a “surprise guest”. . . someone in the neighborhood who has not yet committed, but will provide some new interesting information about happenings in our area. Spring is here, and there’s a lot going on in Hamilton! We’ll also have a representative from the North East Police Department to give us an update on crime in our area.

## Hamilton News

Some new murals are being planned. One will be on the street inside the intersection of Hamilton Avenue & Harford Road. This will be a sunflower theme. The other will be in front of Safeway; this will be a market mural. The plans are under way, but are not definite. As the plans progress, we will post information on the website & blog. Please check often to stay informed.

The **Hamilton Bakery** and the **Green Onion Market** expect to be open in time for the Art Crawl on May 5th, and maybe sooner.

On Sunday, June 5th, Harford Road will be closed from 9 to 3 to allow for the **2nd Indie 900' Downhill Derby Race**.

**Tuesday Farmers' Market in Lauraville** — Market opens Tuesday, June 7 from 4–8 pm at Montebello Terrace next to Safeway, In front of Zeke's Coffee roastery.

**18th Annual Hamilton Street Festival & Classic Car Show**—Saturday, July 30th from 11am to 7pm.

For further information, contact [www.hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.org](http://www.hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.org) or [www.hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.blogspot.com](http://www.hamiltonlauravillemainstreet.blogspot.com)

## Spring Cleanup

**Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 8 am to 1 pm**

This is a city-wide cleanup day. We'll meet by our neighborhood sign at Woodbourne & Perring Parkway, clean up that area together for a little bit (including trimming the bushes) then head to our own separate blocks. We would like to focus on streets and drainage areas. In the city tree/bush debris might be blocking drainage.

Also, the annual Herring Run cleanup is Saturday, April 2nd from 9am to 12pm. The watershed affects all of us.

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

A Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event will be held Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Polytechnic Institute parking lot at Falls Road and Cold Spring Lane. This is an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household materials like oil-based paints, pesticides, herbicides, car and household batteries, drain cleaners, gasoline, pool chemicals, and other items. Residents must show proof of city residency, telephone bill, or tax bill to drop off hazardous items, and also be able to identify the material. Materials that will **not** be collected include trash, acids, asbestos, ammunition, fire extinguishers, industrial and medical wastes, and radioactive materials like smoke alarms with a radioactive symbol. To find out more about proper disposal of household hazardous waste, go to [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov).

## City Council President Northeast Meet and Greet

Date: March 22, 2011

Day of Week: Tuesday

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Valentino's Diner, 6627 Harford Road

## Weathering the Storm in Tough Economic Times!

Hosted by Congressman Elijah Cummings

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

6 PM – 8 PM

Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral Street

Congressman Cummings invites you to come and find out how to access health care services; learn about foreclosure prevention; learn about financial literacy; learn about free tax preparation, and learn about Department of Social Services programs that provide cash assistance, food stamps, housing and energy assistance. Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to RSVP call 410-685-9199.

You do not have to RSVP to attend this event.

## 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 [COP@hamilton-hills.org](mailto:COP@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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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Worship 10:30 AM

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# **Hamilton Happenings**

## **5th Annual Art Crawl**

May 6th - starting at 5pm

Including the First Friday Art Gallery openings & Happy Hour specials along Harford Road

The Lauraville Business Association will host a Car Show on Saturday afternoon, May 7th at the Pep Boys parking lot, 4621 Harford Road . . . more details available soon

## **Evening on Main Street**

Saturday May 7th – after 5

Hosted by Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts

5543 Harford Road

Guests will enjoy signature dishes from top-rated Hamilton-Lauraville restaurants, including Chameleon, Clementine, Hamilton Tavern, Koko's Pub, Chef Mac's.

Big Bad Wolf BBQ, and Los Amigos.

Your \$99.00 donation includes a 5-course gourmet dinner, live music and entertainment, dancing, cash bar, silent auction, and more!

Tickets available after April 1 at Chameleon, Clementine, Mid-Atlantic Performing Arts, and the Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street office at 5500 Harford Road . . . or call 410-319-7150.

## **The Hamilton Garden**

*by Joe Stolkovich*

Spring is rapidly approaching, and many local gardeners are thoughtfully plotting this year's landscape from fluorescent lit cubicles around the state. Apart from planting locations, the decision as to where and how to obtain your seedlings will be of first order. Whether gardening for food or aesthetics, growing annual flowers and vegetables from seed offers significant savings and varietal choice over plantings from store bought seedlings. With the exception of constraint, starting your own seeds should be an easy endeavor when considering the following:

- Choice of plants- Choose plant types and varieties suited for our climate zone, 7B. Quality seed packets will list detailed descriptions of the growth habit and maturation schedules of the seed contained.
- Potting media- Use potting soil not garden soil. These are two different products with garden soil intended as a soil amendment for your garden and not for use in containers. Specific seedling soils are also available, although I recommend against their use.
- Sanitation- The greatest threats to the success of seedling survival are the various types of fungus that cause damping off. Damping off can be virtually eliminated with the use of clean, sterile potting media. Make sure re-used containers have adequate drainage, and sterilize in the dishwasher before using.
- Ventilation- Another important consideration to prevent damping off. Seedlings should be grown in a well ventilated location. Fungus loves a damp, stagnant target.
- Lighting- A bright, south facing window sill is adequate. Supplemental lighting is not necessary: however, if used, obtain better results by using both cool and hot tubes.
- Timing- The Maryland Cooperative Extension has a great publication available online at <http://www.hgic.umd.edu/documents/hg16.pdf> that lays out the optimum times for seedling transplant into your garden. The chart assumes 4-8 weeks of indoor growth if not direct seeding into your bed.

All that said, probably the most important diligence will be maintaining sufficient soil moisture in a dry, indoor winter environment. Good luck! Email me with any plant/ gardening questions you may have at [planthamilton@gmail.com](mailto:planthamilton@gmail.com)

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