

# Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association



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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

November 16  
7:30 p.m.

Faith Community United  
Methodist Church

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

### AGENDA:

- City Concilman  
Bob Curran
- Performance  
Workshop Theatre
- Enjoy Homemade  
Pies, Tea & Coffee

## Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for future  
Hamilton Hills meetings!!!

January 18, 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 Hartwill
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### Future Events:

[meetup.com/Hamilton-Hills-Neighborhood-Association](http://meetup.com/Hamilton-Hills-Neighborhood-Association)

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## Our November 16th Meeting:

City Councilman Bob Curran will bring us up to date about significant issues in NE Baltimore. We can ask him questions about such issues as recent violence in the past year and the increase in code violations, possibly due to vacancies caused by foreclosures.

Find out about the Performance Workshop Theatre. It's right in the center of Hamilton. Theatre goes from all parts of the City know what a great experience they provide, but Hamilton residents have not yet discovered this gem we have in our neighborhood! Marc Horwitz or Marlyn Robinson will bring us their story at Wednesday's meeting.

Also, at our November 16th meeting, you and your neighbors can partake of homemade pies, tea, and coffee while enjoying some interesting and remarkable guest speakers.

## Join Our Online Email List

Email [hhna@hamilton-hills.org](mailto:hhna@hamilton-hills.org) to be added to the Hamilton Hills email list. You'll receive your newsletter by email and be added to our date base for updates on what's happening in your neighborhood.

## Holidays on Harford — December 10

*Santa arrives on Harford Road to kick off the holiday season!*

Details for the Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street event are almost complete, though times are NOT yet confirmed.

- 11:00 Milk & Cookies with Santa at Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts (MCPA), 5543 Harford Road
- 11:30 Ballet Performance follows at MCPA, 5543 Harford Road
- 12:00 Milk & Cookies repeats at MCPA
- 12:30 Ballet Performance repeats at MCPA
- 1:00 Milk & Cookies repeats at MCPA
- 1:30 Ballet performance repeats at MCPA
- 2:00 Milk & Cookies repeats at MCPA (final event at MCPA)
- 1:00 Santa & Elf visit Future Care Cold Spring with the Red Canoe Singers, 4700 Harford Road (all welcome)
- 2:30 Santa & Elf stop at Red Canoe Bookstore Cafe to read childrens' letters 4339 Harford Road - cider, Red Canoe Singers
- 3:00 Santa & Elf visit shops in Lauraville
- 5:00 Santa & Elf warm up by the fire at 4500 Harford Road

Please call for reservations for free events at MCPA — 443-438-4525 or at Performance Workshop Theatre — 410-659-7830

The galleries & Hamilton Arts Collective may join in the holiday festivities. Check: [www.BmoreMainStreet.com](http://www.BmoreMainStreet.com) for more details.

## First Fridays

In January, February & March, look for a campfire at 4500 Harford Road during each First Friday event! Check: [www.BmoreMainStreet.com](http://www.BmoreMainStreet.com) for more details.

## 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!

## President's Message . . .

As the leaves start changing colors and falling, there are also changes afoot in our neighborhood.

First, I'd like to mention the exciting news that HGTV will be filming this winter in Baltimore and are looking for first time homebuyers for their show My First Place. Please look for information in this newsletter on how to apply to be on the show, and let's highlight what a great neighborhood Hamilton Hills is!

Winter means it is time for our HHNA elections; we are always looking for enthusiastic new board members to compliment our esteemed veterans. If you are interested, please make sure you contact us via the email address in this newsletter or stop by our next general meeting on November 16th at 7:30 pm. One of our invited guests at our upcoming meeting will be Councilman Curran, who will update us on significant issues in northeast Baltimore. We hope you can make it.

Baltimore City has just released the updated version of the new zoning code, entitled Zoning 2.0. Included is a map showing recommended zoning changes and new zoning categories to reflect a 21st Baltimore. Visit [www.rewritebaltimore.org](http://www.rewritebaltimore.org) for more information.

Finally, I want to remind you to sign up for our email list, via Constant Contact, as we continue to move to a more electronic format in an effort to not only save costs, but get information out to you in a speedier way. You can also find out about upcoming meetings via the Hamilton Hills meetup.com page.

Thanks, and we hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings!

— Jason Sullivan

## 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](mailto: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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## 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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Department of Public Works' offices and yards will be closed Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 25.

**Thanksgiving Day** – Thursday, November 24:

- Trash and recycling WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. Saturday, November 26, 2011, will be the makeup collection day.
- There WILL BE NO BULK TRASH collection scheduled.
- Parking meters WILL NOT be in effect.

**Mandatory Furlough Day** – Friday, November 25:

- Trash and recycling WILL BE COLLECTED as regularly scheduled.
- There WILL BE NO BULK TRASH collection.
- Police Headquarters will be open.
- Some bills can be paid online; visit [www.baltimorecity.gov](http://www.baltimorecity.gov).

## Increase in Stolen Autos in Northeast Baltimore

Here are some tips that might prevent the loss of your car. Please note that as the weather becomes chillier, it is illegal to start your car and leave it unattended to warm it up when you leave your home. • **Always lock your car** • **Do not**

**leave your keys in your car** • **Do not leave your car running and unattended.** If you report your car as stolen to the Baltimore City Police and you left it unattended and running, you will more than likely receive a moving citation. • **Use a steering wheel locking device such as the "Club"** • **Consider having a "kill switch" installed.** This is a switch that is placed somewhere in the interior of the car that, when in the off position, does not permit your car to be started by turning of the key or the forcing of the ignition switch.

**Watch Your Car Program** is provided as a public service, free of charge, to Maryland carowners.

To register your vehicle(s) set your internet browser to: <http://www.mdautotheft.org/wyc/wycapplication.cfm>



The winner of the basket at the Hamilton Fair is Rashawn Robinson, who has lived in Hamilton Hills since 2004. Stanley Harris, treasurer of HHNA, presents the basket.

## The Hamilton Garden . . . Part V

Living in the City we are blessed to have several extra growing weeks compared to our neighbors in the Counties, due to the "heat island" effect of denser construction downtown. This, however, did not spare us the unseasonable snow we had last week that sent residents scrambling to save less hardy potted plants from a chilly, premature end. When possible, an orderly transition from outdoor to houseplant spares the plant lighting and temperature shock as well as minimizes the risk of transporting in pests that may have an unsettling population boom midwinter. Here are a couple tips.

• Sanitation is key! Clean off any moldy terra cotta with a 10% bleach solution and clean any plant detritus or weeds sprouting up at the soil surface. Pests will not only hide under fallen leaves, some annoying critters will thrive off of them. • Treat your plants to eliminate or keep unwanted insect populations under control. Insecticidal soap may be purchased or homemade and is effective at contact killing soft bodied insects like scale. Soaps are temporary and most insects have several varied life stages including subsoil residence. These soil harbored insects will move out of the soil to feed on the foliar portions of the plants as they mature. Systemic insecticides may be used for longer effect, but may be hazardous to pets or children. A non-poisonous plant may in fact become a hazard after a systemic has been applied, and fallen leaves are inevitable. Read the label for any application to see if your plant will be harmed by the chosen product. • Insects like scale and spider mites can also be removed manually. A cotton ball soaked in 70% rubbing alcohol kills and removes these unsightly freeloaders. • The topic of placement is plant and house specific but, generally speaking, make sure your plants receive adequate air circulation and plenty of sunlight. South facing windows provide the best light and should be used if possible.

Remember, the benefit of preemptively treating your plants outside before there is a problem is not having to deal with the mess and constraints of treating them inside when you notice one. Good luck! Email me with any plant/ gardening questions you may have at [planthamilton@gmail.com](mailto:planthamilton@gmail.com)  
–Joe Stolkovich

## First-Time Home Buyer? HGTV is looking for you!

*MY FIRST PLACE*, HGTV's hit series, is coming back for a eleventh season and they're looking for first-time homebuyers (and their agents!) in the Baltimore area, including Hamilton Hills, RIGHT NOW! They want fun, high-energy people who are just starting the home-buying process for their first place who would like to share their story with Home and Garden Television (HGTV). The goal is to capture all the trials and tribulations of looking for, bidding on and buying your first place. Taping takes place this fall and winter. Ideal candidates will be enthusiastic buyers with a unique story to tell and a desire to share their experiences! Singles, couples and families are all invited to apply! Candidates who complete taping will receive a monetary gift as part of the show and also a DVD copy of their episode to document their first home- buying experience for all time!

Request an application by emailing: [lmiles@highnoontv.com](mailto:lmiles@highnoontv.com) . . . or call Lauren miles at (303) 872-8745.



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