

Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association



NEWSLETTER • September 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

**September 21
7:30 p.m.**

**Faith Community United
Methodist Church**

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

AGENDA:

- Laurie Feinberg
Baltimore City
Planning Department

Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for future
Hamilton Hills meetings!!!

November 16, 2011

3rd Wednesday—every other month

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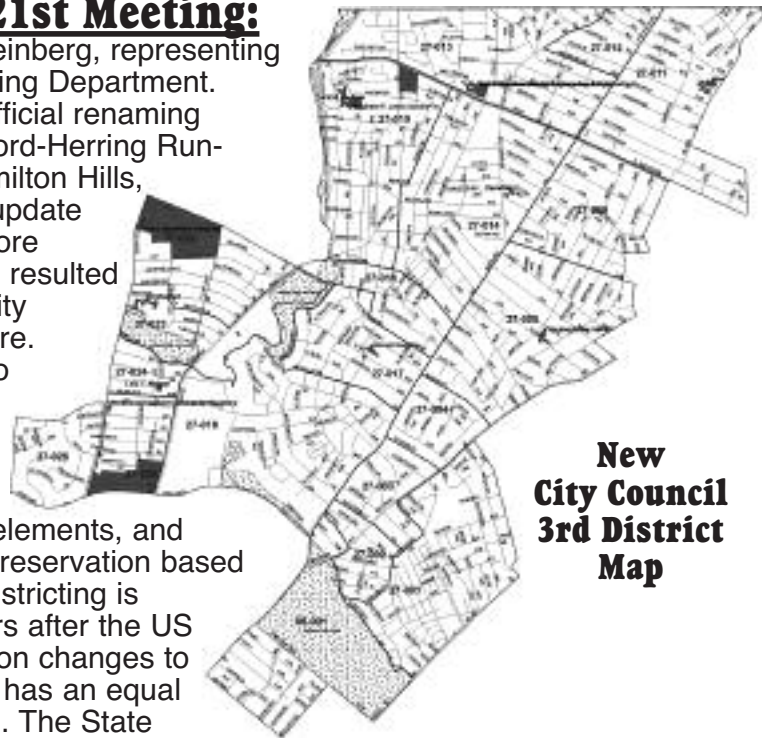
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Our September 21st Meeting:

Our speaker is Laurie Feinberg, representing the Baltimore City Planning Department. She will talk about the official renaming of HEPP (originally Harford-Herring Run-Perring Parkway) to Hamilton Hills, and she will give us an update on the Transform Baltimore rezoning initiative, which resulted in the new 3rd District City Council map pictured here. Transform Baltimore also developed a new zoning code, including an updated use structure, new modern use categories, form-based elements, and tools for neighborhood preservation based on public input. This redistricting is necessary every 10 years after the US Census reflects population changes to ensure that each district has an equal number of City residents. The State Legislature will go through the same process to equalize Maryland Legislative districts in the near future.



**New
City Council
3rd District
Map**

Hamilton-Lauraville Open Studio Tour Kick-Off: September 19th . . . 6:30pm

Artists across the city will open their studios to the public on Saturday 10/22 & Sunday 10/23. This year, HLMS will kick off the event with a Gallery Walk.

6:00 **Wine & Cheese Reception** at Performance Workshop Theatre
5426 Harford Road, 410-659-7830

6:30 **Dance Demonstration** at Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts
5543 Harford Road, 443-438-4525

7:00 **Gallery Walk** begins . . . visit several art events at:

- Studio 55 - 5529 Harford Road - 410-444-0022
 - Hamilton Gallery - 5502 Harford Road
 - Hamilton Arts Collective - 5440 Harford Road (entrance on Hamilton Avenue)
 - Hamilton Bakery - 5414 Harford Road - 410-254-0797
 - Charmed Life Studio - 4505 Harford Road - 443-962-4634
- Live music at 4500 Harford Road

For dinner, please make reservations prior to October 21st:

- Koco's Pub, 4301 Harford Road, 410-426-3519
- The Chameleon, 4341 Harford Road, 410-254-2376
- Clementine, 5402 Harford Road, 410-444-1497

Free Lunch with NE District's Midnight Shift

On September 16, 2011 from noon–2 PM the Police Department will host a catered lunch with all officers of the NE District's midnight shift at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5701 Loch Raven Blvd. This is an opportunity for citizens and business owners to get to know and interact with the officers that patrol their streets. If you would like to know the officers who protect you while you are asleep, Email Officer David Blumberg at: David.Blumberg@BaltimorePolice.org.

Join Our Online Email List

Send an email to the president@hamilton-hills.org to be added to the Hamilton Hills email list. You'll receive your newsletter by email in the future, plus updates on what's happening in your neighborhood..

Vote on Tuesday, September 13

Election day is Tuesday, September 13. Exercise your right to vote. Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Tables, Chairs, Books for Sale!

St. Anthony's Church is selling the contents of Mother Mary Lange School. Included are: 100s of tables, chairs, and books. If interested, call Ron McDonald at 410-426-9001 for info & appointment.

Holidays on Harford

Mark December 10, 12:00 pm, on your calendar! It's almost time for Christmas to return to Harford Road! HLMA will again bring Santa to Hamilton & Lauraville on a motorcycle with a side car. Visits will include **Mid-Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts**, 5543 Harford Road for milk & cookies; **The Hamilton Gallery**, 5502 Harford Road; **Future Care**, 4700 Harford Road; and **Red Canoe Bookstore Cafe**, 4337 Harford Road.

Baltimore Book Festival

The best place to pick up slightly-used books on every topic imaginable is at Baltimore Book Festival held in Mt. Vernon Place September 23 to 25. Admission is FREE!

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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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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Tuesday Farmers' Market in Lauraville

The Tuesday Market in Lauraville, at 4500 Harford Road, continues through Tuesday, October 25th. The hours are 4-8 pm. Seven farms are represented each week, offering meats, produce, fruits, jellies, honey and much more. There are eight choices for a great prepared dinner, coffee, drinks, desserts & preserves to sit down & enjoy, or take home. Music is featured as often as possible, with a pretty solid line up through the fall. There are some very nice hand-crafted items, as well as natural skin care products.

Lauraville Fair: Saturday, September 24, 12 to 6 PM

The **Lauraville Fair** this year will be held on Saturday September 24th, 12-6, at the same location at Heinz Park. There's always family friendly fun, great local food, vendors, and music. Plan to be there! Take the kids! Anyone who would like to be a vendor, may call 443-562-7918.

Hamilton Happenings

The Harford Dollar at 5428 Harford Road is open for business. They have done a great job at cleaning up the exterior and getting a nice sign on the building. The interior is very neat & clean. The neighborhood welcomes this establishment. It's a venue that has really been missed in the neighborhood!

A new convenience store has opened at 5523 Harford Road. See what **Nick's Lottery Depot** has to offer.

Boo Fest welcomes you at 4500 Harford Road. Join in on some Halloween fun on October 29, from 2 to 5 pm. Bring the kids in costume for games, treats, dancing & fun!

HLMS is preparing for the **Annual Meeting** to report their progress for FY2010-2011. Please join them on Monday, September 19, 6:30 pm at Clementine, 5402 Harford Road.

GreenOnion is getting closer to opening their doors this fall!

Baltimore Flute Choir is having a free concert at Hamilton Presbyterian on October 29. For more details: Baltimoreflutechoir.com

Bike Lanes Coming to Walther Avenue

Bike lanes will be installed on Walther Avenue between Parkside & Moravia within two months. Harford Road will have bike lanes through Mayfield, but are not feasible beyond Mayfield due to the streetscape in Lauraville. The median utilized roadway space for bike lanes. Other projects in the works that will bring bike facilities to Hamilton/Lauraville are sharrows to be installed on Echodale Avenue this year, bike lanes on Walther Avenue from Moravia to Eastern Parkway next year. (Sharrows are bike symbols painted on the road.)

Mobile Apps to Request City Services

Citizens can now send pictures of potholes, graffiti, or trash from a smartphone. Mayor Rawlings-Blake has announced the official launch of Baltimore's new 311 Mobile App. The app allows citizens to report service requests from an iPhone or Android smartphone. The mobile app has over fifty service requests, including complaints about malfunctioning traffic signs. The new 311 Mobile App allows citizens to have collaboration with their government. The free smartphone application automatically pinpoints the location of the reported problem by using Global Positioning Satellite technology, giving the City-dispatched crew a better idea of what equipment and tools to bring. Reports can be anonymous. Download apps from the Apple Store at:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/baltimore-311/id455865821?mt=8>. Apps for Android phones at:

<https://market.android.com/details?id=gov.baltimorecity.baltimore311>

A web version is available at <http://311.baltimorecity.gov>. Also follow @Baltimore311(External Link) on Twitter.

Hamilton AARP

Hamilton's AARP invites you to join them at their meetings at Faith Community United Methodist Church, 5317 Harford Road on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM. They have interesting speakers and entertainers. The group also takes one day bus trips to interesting sites and destinations with gourmet meals. This is a great opportunity for seniors to network with their fellow seniors in the Hamilton area.

The Hamilton Garden . . . Part IV

As fall approaches our gardens are at their most productive; unfortunately, seasonal change robs us of the daylight necessary to keep on top of the harvest and senescence of our summer plantings. Don't let the shorter days keep you from your garden! Now is the time to enjoy the rewards of a summer of watering and weeding, to plant a winter bed, and prepare for next season.

- Enjoy your tomatoes, but pull dying vines early. Now is not the time to get sentimental over plants past their prime. Weakened plants are an incubator for pests and disease that manifest in the cool damp weather.

- It is a little late to start cool weather seedlings such as cabbage and broccoli, but a great time to pick up a couple from a friend to plant for a November harvest.

- * Get rid of well cured compost by turning it into spent areas of your bed. Broadcast seed leaf lettuce and mesclun greens over the tilled areas to crowd out weeds and provide for salads well into the winter.

- * Plant your garlic. Garlic needs a specific chill period to clove. Planting garlic now allows it to sprout and build enough energy until January cold sets in and the cloves begin to grow until they're ready next June.

- Begin to plan for next year. A thought out planting scheme with varieties suitable for your situation will give you better results. There are many seed catalogues that offer a wide variety of seed choice, and most offer good descriptions as well as photographs. If something has worked well in a neighbor's garden, chances are that variety will be a good fit for you as well. Keep your fingers crossed that this rain stops and email me with any plant/ gardening questions you may have at planthamilton@gmail.com

-Joe Stolkovich



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