

# Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association

NEWSLETTER • September 2006

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## Next General Meeting

September 20, 2006

7:00 p.m.

(today, only)

Faith Community United  
Methodist Church  
(formerly St. John's)  
5315 Harford Road,  
Baltimore, MD 21214-1910

### AGENDA:

**N.E. District  
Police Community  
Affairs Meeting  
and Alliance Fuel**

### Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for future  
Hamilton Hills meetings!!!

**November 15, 2006**

3rd Wednesday—  
every other month.

### Steering Committee Officers:

Julie Lin, *President*

Joseph Washington, *Vice President*

Stanley Harris, *Treasurer*

Volunteer Needed, *Secretary*

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## At Our September 20th Meeting:

### **Northeast District Police Community Affairs**

Monthly Northeast District Police Community Affairs Council Meeting will be held at our September 20th general meeting at 7pm. Please note time change for this day (our meetings usually start at 7:30). Guest speakers include the Fire Department Fire Prevention and Senior Program. Baltimore City Gang Intel Unit will also show pictures on gang symbols and how to recognize them. If there's time permitting, there will be questions and answers.

### **Need help with rising energy costs?**

At our September 20 meeting, Gregg Cote of Alliance Fuel will have a display table about energy assistance programs available to Marylanders. (HHNA does not endorse any company. Find out about other companies and options before making any decisions.)

### **DUMPSTER DAYS (9-2pm)**

September 21- Tramore & Letona

October 10- Fernbank & Pinewood

November 18-Perring, Pioneer & Corbin

December 14- Hemlock & Birchwood

### **An Essay Contest**

An essay contest was held at Hamilton Elementary/Middle School last spring. Here's two of the winning entries. More to come in the next newsletter.

#### *Hamilton Is The Best by Nasreen Vanoo*

I like living in the Hamilton neighborhood because it is the best. Hamilton is fun because there is always something exciting to do. I can play outside with my family and friends, go to the playground, or do activities at the recreation center. I also like living here because all of my neighbors are nice. My neighbors always ask me about my day, and that makes me feel happy. I also like my neighborhood because it is clean. Everyone likes to take care of their yards making sure it stays beautiful. Hamilton is the place to live because everyone cares about each other. (Grade 1)

#### *What I Like About My Community by Aurora Quezada*

I like my neighborhood. My neighbors have always been there for my family and me. The homes in my community have always been clean and nice. The schools have been teaching students and the students have been learning.

Firefighters protect people in our community. The postman is always coming and going and giving us our mail.

The best part is that you are never bored. There are tons of activities. I love swimming in the Recreation Centers. There are great sports to join. My community has fairs so that friends and family can meet to have a fun-filled day. These are some of the many reasons I love Hamilton, my community. (Grade 4)

## Letter from Hamilton Hills' President . . .

Dear residents,

This summer was a great time of the year for relaxing and reflection. Things slow down because school was out, on nice days people are out and about, and we enjoy summer vacations from work. When sitting on the porch or barbecuing in the yard, I see why Hamilton Hills is a great place to live and to raise a family.

The essays on page 1 by students at Hamilton Elementary /Middle School on Christopher Avenue remind us of what is special about where we live. Children are honest and you see their perspective on why people move here or why people stay. I hope you will enjoy reading these letters and future ones. I personally love the variety of life and to hear stories. I also invite you to attend our Annual Fall Picnic on September 30th to meet all of the wonderful residents and celebrate the uniqueness of living here. See you there!

Sincerely,

Julie Lin

President, Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association

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### COPS (Citizens on Patrol)

Volunteer to help us at the next Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association meeting or write to: COPS Coordinator, c/o Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 3502, Baltimore, MD 21214. Email [COP@hamilton-hills.org](mailto:COP@hamilton-hills.org)

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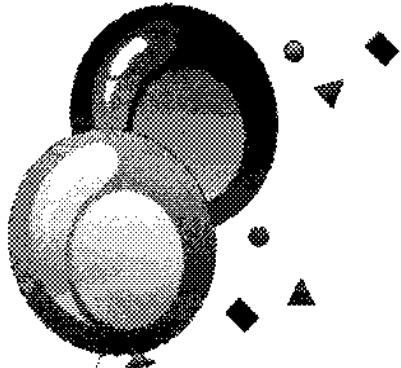
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| Community Affairs  | 410-396-5819 |
| Homeless Shelters  | 410-361-4677 |
| Clogged storm drains,<br>opened fire hydrants,<br>flooding, etc. | 311          |
| Lead paint abatement   | 410-396-8576 |
| Housing violations,<br>vacant blgs         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



# Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association

## Free Annual Fall Picnic

**Saturday, September 30, 2006**

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

2300 block of Pinewood Avenue (between McClean & Fernbank)

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## NEW: Calendar of Events

### Support local arts, culture, and music!

**September 30** - Free Annual Fall Picnic from 11-3pm, featuring DJ/KJ entertainment.  
2300 block of Pioneer, between McClean and Fernbank

**October 6** - Come to First Fridays in Hamilton! Special programs and art receptions will be held every First Friday of the month. Cooper's Camera Mart has a photography art show by Jane McManus and the reception is from 5-7pm.

**October 6** - Cellar Stage Series - Kickoff concert with Irish Fire.  
Faith Community United Methodist Church of Hamilton (Formerly St. John's) 5315 Harford Road, concerts are handicap accessible.  
For more info email: [uptownconcerts@aol.com](mailto:uptownconcerts@aol.com) or <http://www.charm.net/~dirtylin/stjohns.html>

**October 20** - Cellar Stage Series - The Kennedys - Tickets are \$16, doors open at 7pm, shows start 8pm.  
Faith Community United Methodist Church of Hamilton (Formerly St. John's) 5315 Harford Road.

**October 22** - Open House in conjunction with School 33 Open Studio Tour. 2-5pm - Herring Run Artist Network (HRAN) has now moved to the second floor of the building on the corner of Hamilton & Harford Roads.

**November 3** - Second Floor Gallery Grand Opening. Herring Run Artist Network Second Floor Gallery is having a Grand Opening. Please join them from 6-9pm for a reception.

**Save the date for November 3, First Fridays in Hamilton!**  
**Special programs and art receptions will be held every First Friday of the month.**

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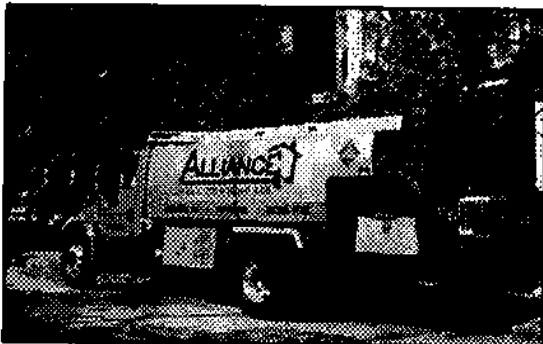
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# Hamilton Hills General Meeting Minutes . . . July 19, 2006:

At the July 19 meeting, it was hot but we had a large turnout and everyone enjoyed ice cream courtesy of HHNA. Nick D'Adamo from Maryland Transportation Authority discussed different ways to protect yourself from identity theft. Some of the tips he shared include: when you get your checks printed, put only the minimum amount of information necessary on it. For example, use your first name initial so that a criminal cannot fake the full name and gender. Also, invest in a paper shredder and do not throw bills and other personal papers out in the trash overnight. Mr. D'Adamo stressed that you should avoid using credit cards, as they are the best source for criminals to steal your information. If you don't use them, your personal information will not be floating out there in cyber space for someone to steal. Keep an eye on your credit card during store transactions. There have been reported cases where small stores employees will secretly swipe your card on another machine and steal all the information without your knowledge (and sometimes even the store owners do not know).

The meeting also discussed zoning issues pertaining to 2604 Evergreen Avenue. Lee Giroux represented the owner of said property, Jean Miller and Ms. Miller shared the plans to convert this commercially zoned property into two residential apartments. An insurance agency used to occupy the first floor and it has been vacant for years. Because this area is no longer a busy commercial area, Ms. Miller would like to convert this first floor into another apartment. The sec-

ond floor is currently rented out and Ms. Miller also talked about the good track record their rental company has in securing responsible renters. The residents asked about issues that would affect the quality of life due to this possible conversion. Residents asked about parking since there could potentially be four more cars on the street. Many residents also stressed that Hamilton Hills' strength is the large number of homeownerships and having more rental properties could ruin it. One resident said in rebuttal that leaving this vacant storefront could potentially bring down our area. Is it better to fill the space with an apartment or leave it vacant where it can attract criminal elements and make the area look bad?

The residents also inquired about potential commercial businesses for this space. The city has determined the types of businesses that can go there and this is something the owner will look into. Mike Hillard of HARBEL talked about the zoning process and how neighborhood associations can have an effect on the final decision. (At the time of printing, the hearing has been postponed, so please contact the President immediately if you have concerns or suggestions regarding this property. Look for the zoning hearing sign outside this property.)

HHNA is still looking for a secretary who can transcribe our future meetings!



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