



WEDNESDAY JANUARY

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7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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**JANUARY MEETING** - Come out and welcome the New Year with this month's guests *Major Snead* and *Captain Shorter*, who will talk about activity in the northeastern police district and their plans for 2017. *Councilman Ryan Dorsey* and Bikemore's *Liz Cornish* will talk about pedestrian and cyclist-friendly developments in the Harford Road corridor.

*Allie Busching* will also join us to talk about programs that lower weather proofing cost to your home. Come with questions, come with suggestions, return home with more knowledge about your community!

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### Hamilton Elementary Middle School - Garden Cleanup

**Saturday 1/21 10:00 am at Hamilton Elementary**

Volunteers are needed to join local Master Gardeners in a Winter cleanup of the student gardens at Hamilton Elementary. Please bring your own tools and gardening questions. Questions? Contact Joe Stolkovich at [planthamilton@gmail.com](mailto:planthamilton@gmail.com).

### Baltimore RENEW meeting

**Tuesday 1/24 7:30 pm at HARBEL**

Join our multi-neighborhood coalition to fight vacant properties for a night of information and networking in northeast. Learn how residents are addressing our city's problems, and how you, too, can make a difference.

### Light City Baltimore Hamilton Community Meeting

**Wednesday 1/25 6:30 pm at Maggie's Farm**

Hamilton-Lauraville will come aglow March 31 - April 8 as one of eight neighborhoods selected for the creation of an illuminated public art project. This community outreach meeting is your chance to review two mural designs, contribute your ideas and hear about the activities we have planned for our Neighborhood Lights project. (continued on page 4)

## FEBRUARY MEETING

**Wednesday 2/15 7:30-8:30 at HARBEL**

We will host Baltimore Fire Department's Engine 56 and share fire safety tips and statistics from last year; Chris King will make a presentation and answer your questions about Zip Car in Baltimore and Elena Kostakis from the Strand Theatre will talk about programming coming to Hamilton Main Street.

## MARCH MEETING

**Wednesday 3/15 7:30-8:30 at HARBEL**

Maria DeChellis from Baltimore City Public Works will join us for a night dedicated to water bills, meters and answering your questions. Bring your water bills, bring a friend and your neighborly patience too!

## HOW'S YOUR BLOCK?

Does your street have tall grass? Do you live near a troubled property? We want to know! Tell us at our next monthly meeting or email [secretaryhhna@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhhna@gmail.com)

## FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

**YouthWorks** matches thousands of city youth to summer jobs with for profit businesses, nonprofits and government employers throughout the region. They develop workplace skills, learn how to meet employers' expectations, gain exposure to career opportunities in high growth industries, and feel the pride of earning a paycheck. YouthWorks summer jobs will operate two five-week sessions, the first beginning June 26 and the second on July 10.

Baltimore City residents between the ages of 14 and 21 can begin the 2017 **YouthWorks** summer jobs registration process by applying online at: [youthworks.oedworks.com](http://youthworks.oedworks.com)

The online application is the first step of the **YouthWorks** summer jobs registration and will remain available for Baltimore City residents through Friday, March 10, 2017. Everyone who applies will be required to attend an in-person certification appointment in order to be eligible for a **YouthWorks** job. These certification appointments will be conducted after school and on Saturdays from late January through March.

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The **Baltimore City Office of Promotion and Arts** has established a Youth Arts Council and is now seeking applications from creative young people ages 14 to 19 across the city to serve on the Council. This is a paid opportunity to learn about arts policy, work on collaborative projects and events with artists, and build leadership and teamwork skills. If you know a young person who should apply, please encourage them to do so! [www.promotionandarts.org/arts-council/bopa-youth-arts-council](http://www.promotionandarts.org/arts-council/bopa-youth-arts-council)

Baltimore's sanitation workers often leave **small bags** at the bottom of our trash cans. Please do not drop your dog's poop into your neighbors' cans. Spread Hamilton spirit, **not poop!**

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Block Captains meetings Wednesday 2/8 and 3/8

Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7 - 8pm at HARBEL, Hamilton's Captains review the status of troubled property and public safety concerns. If you live on Bayonne, Birchwood, Echodale, Fair Oaks, Glenmore, Grindon, Hemlock, Pilgrim, Pioneer or Westfield, you may not have a Captain. To volunteer, or for more info, contact: [SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com)

### Targeting Seniors Citizens

Hamilton has seen a rise in financial crimes targeting seniors over the past months. Many of these crimes happen over the phone, where these frauds attempt to confuse or bully seniors out of their money. So please:

If someone calls you on the phone demanding payment for a service or product you did not purchase, write down their number, hang up the phone, and tell your block captain.

If someone claims to need money to help one of your family members, contact your family before sharing your private information.

If you receive letters claiming Baltimore City is charging you a special fee, or requiring you to pay a private contractor to do something to your property, or if you feel the sender is bullying you to sell your home, please ask your neighbors or our City Councilman's staff about it.

### Are you a Dog Walker with a Heart of Gold?

It's a simple truth that neighborhoods with active Citizen on Patrol programs see lower crime than neighborhoods without them. Here in Hamilton, where few residents are able to participate in a traditional COP, we are trying something new: one or two nights a week, registered dog walkers will receive phone numbers for the patrol cars in our immediate area, which will allow much quicker and precise response to suspicious activity. Want to learn more? Send Gavin Schmitt an email at: [PresidentHHNA@Gmail.com](mailto:PresidentHHNA@Gmail.com)

### A Secure Place to Receive Packages

Consider Harford Dollar & Discount at 5428 Harford Rd. as an access point your packages can be shipped to via UPS. They will be available for pickup with a valid ID during store hours, Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.



## ARTS & CULTURE



**SHE SPEAKS** is an on-going series at The Strand Theatre comprised of play readings, workshops, concerts, poetry nights, musical events, and more. The goal of the series is to provide opportunities for women artists and to showcase a wide variety of women's diverse voices and perspectives.

**Exit Pluto** by Amy Bernstein features Betty, a baker running a bakery like a fortress constantly under siege. But change is a hungry beast, knocking at the door, and not even the fortress can withstand the pounding. January 12th thru 29th, Thursdays-Saturdays at 8:00 pm.

**Portraits in Song**, a concert created and performed by Ellen Cherry, presents the roles women have played throughout history. March 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 8:00 pm and March 5th at 2:00 pm.

## THE HAMILTON GREEN THUMB

The Hamilton Lauraville Gardeners' Corner will be hosting a seed swap Saturday 1/28 from 6:00 - 9:00pm at the HARBEL building. You can join their Facebook group to learn more, including Hamilton's upcoming garden tour.

## 2016 ANNUAL MEETING RE-CAP

At our annual meeting, Gavin Schmitt, Dian Combs, Mia Blom and Tori Longo were each re-elected to their positions on the association's Board of Directors. Long time Hamilton resident George Vanhook was also elected to the Board as a member at large, with a focus on regional youth activity and connection with our public schools.

After a description of the Board's 2016 activities, we proposed goals and projects for the near year.



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Investing in a larger Hamilton Festival & Derby, developing Hamilton's Dog Walker COP, and hosting Coffee with a Cop and Block Walks were proposed. However, getting a sculpture and plantings for Paul Joseph Wiedorfer park received the most discussion. A guests wish list was also discussed, including a visit from the Mayor in the Spring or Summer.

If you have any additions, come on out to a meeting and let your voice be heard!

## First Friday in the City!

A high energy, JOYFUL, uplifting worship encounter that's full of Praise for an AWESOME SAVIOR!



Every First Friday  
 Eastern UMC at  
**Faith Community Church**  
 5315 Harford Rd  
 7 to 8:04 pm  
 Free Food served from 6-7 pm

**This will be the most JOYFUL encounter with God you've ever had!**  
 All are welcome - see you there!

### LIGHT CITY HAMILTON (continued from page 1)

Light City is a free festival that transforms Baltimore with large-scale light installations, performances, music and innovation. Launched by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts in 2016, Light City Baltimore is the first large-scale, international light festival in the United States. In its first year, Light City welcomed more than 400,000 people over seven nights. Neighborhood Lights is an immersive community artist-in-residency program that extends the magic of Light City beyond the Inner Harbor by allowing artists to work collaboratively with the neighborhood of their artist residency.

With many visitors traveling to our district to enjoy this cultural experience, HLMS is coordinating efforts to draw visitors beyond the project site and "shine a light" on all our neighborhood has to offer. Working together in a cohesive theme will have the biggest impact. We invite all HLMS business owners to develop an event or promotion inspired by our artist-in-resident, Maura Dwyer's, project:

"A collaborative mural project with interactive light additions by local lighting experts Carl and Steve Byrne, and design input from neighborhood artists and community members. The mural will be installed at the 4500 Harford Rd lot, a gathering spot that hosts neighborhood markets and events. A kick-off party on April 1st will feature an interactive light keyboard to "play" the lights dancing across the wall, art work projections from local students created during workshops, a "Food Village", and craft activities for families under tents lined with UV LED lights, coordinated by the HLMS planning team and supported by local artists and businesses."

Renew your **2017 Membership!** Please pay your \$10 dues at your next meeting, on our website [HamiltonHillsMD.org](http://HamiltonHillsMD.org) or mail "attn HHNA" at **5807 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214**

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Volunteer:**  Block Captain  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Community Resources

Rodent problems, clogged storm drains, open fire hydrants, flooding, housing violations, abandoned vehicles, traffic signals & signs, park maintenance, bulk trash collection, street & alley cleaning, graffiti removal and sanitation enforcement call: **311**

- Community affairs .....410-396-5819
- Homeless shelters .....410-361-4677
- Lead paint abatement ....410-396-5716
- Illegal drug activity .....410-666-DRUG
- Potholes .....443-324-6926
- Energy assistance .....410-396-5555
- Recycling schedule .....410-396-5916

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## HAMILTON SCHOOL CORNER

Giving is a year-round theme at Hamilton Elementary-Middle School, and the current theme is UNDERWEARE! From January to February, Mrs. Myers and the front office staff will collect new underpants in all sizes to be used for students who may need a change during the school day. Accidents happen! Thank you for helping to keep our students clean, dry, and in class all day.

### Hamilton PTO meetings 2/14 and 3/14

Parents and community members can learn about our community school's schedule of events, including the upcoming robotics qualifier. Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6:30 - 7:30pm in the school library.

## MAIN STREET

While construction is underway for the new South Hamilton complex just down the road, many residents have noticed interior work going on at 5501 Harford road. (next to Hopkin's Beauty Supply). Unfortunately, HL Main Street informs there isn't a tenant on the way yet. Fingers crossed that these renovations attract some attention soon.

## 2016 ANNUAL AWARDS

The Board records and collects your feedback on city workers and officials throughout the year. At the end of the year, we issue awards to the most praised among them, as well as write letters of thanks to civil servants and regional partners that make running the association easier. 2016 recipients included:

Hamilton Elementary's Antonio Forcellese, a reliable community partner, who's participation allowed us to host 5 of last year's meetings in the school library.

Code Enforcement's Isis Tutman, who ensures our hard work has consequences on the city side, but is also fair and flexible with residents, especially seniors, with housing challenges.

Baltimore City Police Officer Steven Angelini, who is regularly called out by residents for his friendly nature and dedication to safety and community service.



## HHNA BOARD & STAFF

Our association is run by an all volunteer group of people living in our neighborhood. Members of the Board of Directors help neighbors connect with our city government and public partners, keep in touch with neighboring communities, and serve as points of contact when the city has questions for Hamilton at large. The Board is elected at our annual meeting in December.

Block Captains are the association's most local eyes and ears. They help track vacant and nuisance properties, public safety concerns, street and sidewalk damage, as well as deliver our quarterly newsletter by hand. Block Captains are not elected but may join at any time, either by contacting Mia Blom or by attending the monthly Block Captains' meeting.

### Gavin Schmitt - President

Manages housing concerns, public safety, the association's licensing and legal relations, as well as regional partnerships and politics. He is an HEMS PTO member and on the Boards of BaltimoreRENEW and NFC Hamilton. [presidenthhna@gmail.com](mailto:presidenthhna@gmail.com)

### Dian Combs - Vice President

Represents Hamilton on the Lauraville Community Review Panel and is a Board member of the Strand Theatre.

### Mia Blom - Secretary

Manages the block captains, greening initiatives, family friendly community development and is a Master Gardener and Board member of Hamilton Lauraville main street and HARBEL. [secretaryhhna@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryhhna@gmail.com)

### Tori Longo - Treasurer

Manages the association's finances, member rolls and contracts. [membershiphhna@gmail.com](mailto:membershiphhna@gmail.com)

### George Vanhook - Board Member

Developing youth programming in our region.

### Robin Redding - Housing Chair

Hamilton's official voting representative for Baltimore RENEW.