



APRIL MEETING - Losing your home to foreclosure is a disaster to anyone. Vacant, foreclosed houses have been a blight in our neighborhood and while we have spent a lot of time and effort trying to make sure these homes are maintained and re-occupied, we want to try to reduce the initial number of homes that actually go into foreclosure. While you may not be personally at risk, you may get information that you can share with friends and neighbors. Regina Buker of Harbel will discuss how to avoid potential foreclosure. Shalik Fulton of St Ambrose Housing Center will explain the foreclosure process and what to do if you get a foreclosure notice.

■ PHOTO: Newly constructed home in Hamilton Hills

WEDNESDAY APRIL

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7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

HARBEL BUILDING

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MAY MEETING

Wednesday 5/17 7:30-8:30 at TBD

In partnership with Glenham Belhar and Waltherson, we have invited Mayor Catherine Pugh to join us for an evening of Q&A in Hamilton. However, due to the Mayor's schedule, we are not able to confirm all the details in time for the printing of our quarterly newsletter. We will send updates over the Hamilton Hills' email list and on our facebook page.

If you are not on the Hamilton Hills' email list, which we use once a month for meeting announcements, please send an email to: MembershipHHNA@gmail.com

JUNE MEETING

Wednesday 6/21 7:30-8:30 at HARBEL

Our summer meeting is all about community building, with guests Krista Cushman from the Hamilton Business Association, mediator Joe Chamberlin, and tentative guest Wes Moore.

Hamilton Elementary Middle School - Garden Cleanup

Saturday 4/26 10:00 am at Hamilton Elementary

Join Professor Scott Hartman for coffee, donuts, and garden cleanup!

Mayor's Spring Cleanup April 29 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

This is your chance to clear out that pesky basement, garage, or help cleanup your street. Our neighborhood pickup and drop off locations are 2401 Gibbons, 2812 Christopher, and 2819 White.

Harford Road Community Collective (facebook)

www.facebook.com/groups/harfordroad

This public facebook group has more than 3,200 members who post about local businesses, community events and issues along the Harford road corridor.

Northeast Baltimore History Roundtable (facebook)

www.facebook.com/groups/northeastbaltimorehistory

This public facebook group is a place where close to 1,000 people interested in the history of NE Baltimore City share resources and ideas.

HAMILTON... GOING TO THE DOGS?

Your neighborhood dog walkers, porch sitters, and evening strollers are helping develop a new version of citizens on patrol. There's just one big problem... the program needs a name! Got a one? Send it to SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com or bring it to our next meeting. The winner will receive his or her choice of doggie treat from Mutt Mart or human-friendly cookies from the Green Onion Market.

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

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Block Captains meetings Wednesday 5/10 & 6/14

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

Hamilton Elementary-Middle School

If the budget crisis facing all city public schools wasn't concerning enough, Hamilton is also losing its Title One status. This removes an additional 10% from the school's budget. While it is good news that income is improving for many Hamilton families, this cut eliminates all after school programs, all academic intervention programs, and much of the arts. If you are able to help, as a volunteer or a sponsor, please contact PTOhems@gmail.com

SCAM ALERT

Baltimore City Department of Public Works is advising water customers to be aware that individuals are making the rounds to either scam the public, or to sell them unnecessary water filtration systems.

Postcards and telephone calls have been sent to area residents asking for them to make an appointment to discuss their water quality. These are not from the Department of Public Works and should be ignored. The name of the company is not on these postcards, some of which are entitled "WATER UPDATE".

In the past, Public Works impostors, posing as employees, have mislead citizens into letting them inside their homes by saying that they are checking on low water pressure, leaks or other water-related problems. Once inside a home, they distract the resident, steal items of opportunity and then flee. Citizens should be aware that impostors often wear what appears to be "official looking" clothing. These cards and calls may also be a way to gain entry into homes in order to steal.

Citizens should remember the following:

No Public Works employee will ever come to your home unless you have requested assistance and an appointment has been made.

Department of Public Works employees are not authorized to enter your home without your permission.

Always ask to see a Baltimore City employee identification card which includes a photograph.

Report any and all suspicious activity to the Police Department by dialing 911 immediately.

For non-emergency questions about water related work, Baltimore City residents may call 311. Outside the City, or if 311 is down, please call 410-396-5352.

FIRST FRIDAY IN HAMILTON

Rain or shine, Mutt Mart is hosting a free summer concert series on first Fridays at 2904 Hamilton Ave. Music runs from 5-8pm and friendly leashed dogs are welcome to attend.



ARTS & CULTURE



Sally McCoy by Alice Stanley

April 21-23 Friday-Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 2:00pm

In the midst of the first gruesomely violent event of the legendary Hatfield and McCoy feud, one woman does what she must to save her family. Sally tells a harrowing and deeply personal story about women's role in history.

The A Word by Rosemary Frisino Toohey

May 17-21 Wednesday-Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 2:00pm

THE A WORD explores the pressures of love, family, career, religion and society on four young women. A high school senior in a single parent household, the wife of a wealthy businessman in India, a young black woman struggling to make her name in an all-white office, and a happily-married mom who's told her unborn baby has big problems.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Plsek family has lived in Hamilton for 39 years but never became members of the neighborhood association. That all changed this year, with a generous donation covering all the years they missed. On behalf of the board, we thank them very much for their support!

STREET NEWS

For many years, a short row of parking meters have been located along the 2900 blk of Evergreen Ave., just across from Hamilton Bank. Of the few residents who noticed they were there, no one could remember why they'd been installed in the first place. To our surprise, when HHNA contacted the Baltimore Parking Authority, they didn't know why either. Just like that, with a simple question from residents, the meters should be no more by summer.



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Mechanical street sweeping

The Bureau of Solid Waste asks Hamilton residents to please move their cars on the 3rd wednesday of the month (odd side of the street) and 4th wednesdays (even side of the street) to ensure the street sweepers can keep our Hamilton clean.

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!**



WORSHIP & PRAISE

Please join us on Sundays
Faith Community worship 10:00 AM
Eastern worship 11:30 AM

Weekly Bible Study
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Thursdays at 12:00 PM

Faith Community UMC
Eastern UMC
5315 Harford Road
All are welcome!



WHAT & WHY OF MEDIATION (by Joseph Chamberlin)

Cal Ripken is one of Baltimore's best known personalities. He is known as the "Iron Man" for his successful streak of baseball games started. Another success of his is choice of people who helped him along the way. One was Ron Shapiro. Ron negotiated for Cal. Another word for negotiated is mediated. Ron was in the middle of some of Cal's most famous deals. He asked the questions to help Cal get what he deserved.

Ron tell a story of two chefs. Both chefs needed an orange. There was only one orange. One chef suggested cutting the orange in two. The other wanted to flip a coin. Before things got out of hand a third person offered to meet with them. He asked the chefs to sit down and tell him, quietly, why they wanted the orange.

"I need the juice of the orange for my recipe," said the first chef. The other chef explained, "I need the rine of the orange." There was the answer, two distinct purposes separate and compatible.

This is an example of mediation. Two parties each with a separate goal. The key was the discovery of the separate goals. The discovery was made in the questions.

Mediation is a collaborative process. Parties experiencing conflict are in mediation to clarify the issues within the conflict and to collaboratively explore, determine and decide upon acceptable solutions.

The role of the mediator is to facilitate a conversation between the parties participate in the collaborative process with the assistance of a mediator.

Joseph Chamberlin mediates here in Hamilton. He has more than twenty years experience mediating neighborhood conflicts, parenting plans for separating partners who want to preserve the well being of their children and other disputes where asking the right questions increases the likelihood of a successful solution to what might appear to be an irresolvable conflict.

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

Name _____ Phone _____
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 affairs410-396-5819
- Homeless shelters410-361-4677
- Lead paint abatement410-396-5716
- Illegal drug activity410-666-DRUG
- Potholes443-324-6926
- Energy assistance410-396-5555
- Recycling schedule410-396-5916

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