



NEXT MEETING

**AUGUST
19**

**Hamilton Hills
Neighborhood Association**

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday September 16

HOSTED BY:



5512 Harford Road, Baltimore 21214

Join your neighbors on **Wednesday, August 19 from 6-8 pm** at Lost in the 50's Diner for Hamilton's Back to School casual! Chat with your elected officials and representatives from Baltimore City Schools or just share news and eat good food.

Our host is offering a special menu with \$3.99 chicken tenders, hot dogs, and grilled cheeses for kids, Meatloaf Dinner with mashed potatoes and veggies \$9.99, House or Cesar Salad-Dinner portion \$5.00 (add grilled chicken for \$2.50), Veggie Omelet \$6.99, Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich \$6.99, 1/4 lb Burger with fries \$6.99, and 2 Pancakes and 2 Eggs \$5.00 (add meat option for \$2.00). BYOB is welcome. Capacity is limited to 60 and our host asks that we keep it one-check-per-table.

Questions and RSVPs contact: SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com

Between welcoming a new high school to our area, working with the city to create a Hamilton dog park, developing plans for the North Harford Rec Center & play fields, and, yes, even updating the associations bylaws, so much is happening in our neighborhood! Flag down a committee member and learn how it all works. You may be surprised how a little help can make a big difference.

Invited guests include: Cory McCray (45th District Delegate), Hassan Charles (Executive Director Community Engagemen Baltimore City School Board), Mike Hilliard (HARBEL), our BCPD Community Liaison, Antione Freeman (Eastside Red Raiders Football), and Ronisha Moore (NE Youth Opportunities Initiative Community Leader).

What's a Casual? Our most powerful asset, as residents, is knowing our neighbors and being connected with out local businesses. Casual meetings make that a little easier with their friendly environment and food.

What's happening to our General Meetings? We will continue to host the agenda-focused meetings residents know and love on a quarterly basis. Join our email list and receive updates and details.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

Between Hamilton Elementary-Middle's status as a top 5 Baltimore City School and Community Play School, which hosts the hottest early child program in the north east, Hamilton's young family population is understandably growing. Additionally, Achievement Academy joins Reginald Lewis and Friendship Academy as our third neighborhood high school this fall.

To reach these new residents and Hamilton's slice of the 30,000 city school students living in north east, the association will explore opportunities to host our meetings at, or in partnership with, our local schools. Excited? Questions? Contact PresidentHHNA@gmail.com

HAMILTON HILLS DOG PARK

While local efforts to redevelop North Harford Park Rec & Play Fields get all the press, everyone knows Hamilton is in desperate need of a dog park. Unfortunately, this is a big challenge and we need your help to find a solution. Catch Heather Riley or Chrystal Norton at the August meeting for more details.

RESIDENTS SCORE VICTORY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

On June 22nd, residents captured an illegal dumper dumping at an abandoned property. Fortunately, the criminal and his truck were caught in the act, on camera and, within hours, identified with the help of **nextdoor.com** and other regional community networks.

While this is a sad event in it's own right, it highlights the power and importance of staying connected with your neighbors and taking advantage of the resources available to our community. Reach out to your neighbors and your **Block Captain**, exchange information, and be in touch. No block captain on your block? Contact **SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com** and *Volunteer!*

JOIN COP and keep your neighborhood safe! Volunteer at our next meeting!

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Sponsor this newsletter and reach ~2,000 households through Hamilton Hills' official bi-monthly publication! Costs of ads are: **1/8 page (business card size)** \$120 for one year. **1/2 page** \$100 per issue. **Full page** \$150 per issue. Mail your donation and a business card, or typewritten ad copy to: Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association, **P.O. Box 24643**, Baltimore, MD, 21214. Make checks payable to Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association.

Renew your annual dues! Please bring \$10 per household to the next meeting or mail to **P.O. Box 24643**, Baltimore, MD 21214

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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
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BYLAWS (JUNE 2, 2015 DRAFT)

The association's bylaws are an important document that tells us what the association can do, and how to do it. They are a dry legal-language document and most members would rather not spend time reading them. However, since HHNA hasn't ratified its bylaws since 2001, when the association wasn't even called HHNA, it's long past time to do so. The following are excerpts from the proposed 5 page document, which is based on a state-standardized template, and represent the most significant additions or alterations to the 2001 document. If you wish to read the full bylaws, please contact presidentHHNA@gmail.com for an electronic copy.

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association (association).

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. All persons 18 years of age or older who are residents, property owners, households, or individuals who hold a business license located within the boundaries as defined by these bylaws are eligible to be a member of the association.

Section 4. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. There shall be one class of members of this association.

Section 5. Member Powers. Each member is eligible to vote for election of board directors, bylaws amendments, and dissolution or merger.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4. Removal. Any elected or appointed director may be removed, with or without cause, by majority vote of the members at a membership meeting called by the board for that purpose OR by a majority vote of the directors at a board meeting called for that purpose. A director who has missed three consecutive board meetings shall no longer be a member of the board.

Section 6. Powers and Duties of Board. The board shall be responsible for managing the affairs of the association, and for assuring the members are informed of business that affects them through reasonable means of notification. The board must act in the best interest of the association but is not bound specifically to act according to the desire of the majority of Members attending a particular meeting. Elected and appointed directors have the same powers and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section 3. Duties of Board Officers

a) President: The president shall be the chief officer of the association and shall act as the chair of the board. The president shall: prepare the agenda for board and membership meetings, preside at all board and membership meetings; enforce the by-laws; establish and oversee all committees; represent the position of the board and the interests of the association; act as spokesperson for the association; attend community meetings such as HARBEL, city and/or community events; or coordinate another officer's attendance, and disseminate this information; serve as the public contact for the association and to disseminate information received that is pertinent to the neighborhood; To take care of all matters of correspondence coming before the association; write follow-up letters to current business on active issues, as necessary; *and to identify and prepare members for leadership roles in the association for the purposes of replenishment.*

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Section 2. Advisory Committees.

The board may establish advisory committees as standing or ad hoc committees. Membership on these committees is open to any interested member or non-member of the community. The board appoints the committee members. Advisory committees are not required to comply with open meeting, notice, quorum, or public records requirements. Advisory committees may make recommendations to the board but cannot implement recommendations or projects without board approval.

Section 3. Committees with Board Authority. Any committee that exercises any of the authority of the board shall...

be composed of two or more directors, elected by majority vote of all directors. All members of a committee with board authority shall be members of the association. Committees with board authority must abide by the requirements of the board regarding open meetings, notification, public records, and quorum.

Section 4. Limitations on Committees.

Any committee action outside the approved guidelines shall be null and void. All decisions of a committee with board authority must be reviewed by the board at the next general meeting. The board may reverse a committee's decisions in full or in part or may remand the decision back to the original committee by a majority vote. No committee may authorize payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of the association to its directors or officers; may approve dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the association's assets; may elect appoint, or remove directors or fill vacancies on the board or on any of its committees; nor may adopt, amend or repeal the articles of incorporation, bylaws, or any resolution by the board.

ARTICLE X: GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Section 1. Other Forms of Conflict Resolution are Encouraged. All parties are encouraged to resolve disagreements and disputes through one-on-one dialogue, discussions with directors and members, and/or formal mediation whenever possible.



