

WEDNESDAY JANUARY

# 20<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

## Hamilton Elementary Middle School (Library)

6101 Old Harford rd. 21214

If you arrive after 7:00, please go to the front door of the school building. The side door closest to the parking lot may be locked.

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### Annual member sign up and dues collection

Join us for the first meeting of the year, the best time to become a new member of the association or renew. Anyone living in Hamilton Hills may become a member and dues are just \$10. (Paying dues gives you a vote at meetings and pays for our newsletters and table at Hamilton Festival)

### Election of Officers

At December's meeting, the following members were nominated to retain their current positions on our board of directors: Gavin Schmitt (president), Dian Combs (vice president), Mia Blom (secretary)

Taronda Wagstaff volunteered and was nominated as Board Coordinator for 45th District. Tori Longo volunteered and was nominated to run for Treasurer, which is currently held by Stan Harris, who was also nominated. Jean Baer, who will resume leadership of newsletter production later this year, was nominated to the board at large following the meeting.

Mia Blom and Gavin Schmitt will alternately preside over voting, which will be quick and easy.

### Introduction of Los Amigos' New Ownership

Los Amigos is changing ownership and has asked to meet with the community, talk about their business plans and take questions from the community. A call for questions will be sent to HHNA's email list ahead of time and, if members are in favor, we can discuss making a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

If time remains, the Board will give updates on current business (MTA Buslink, Hamilton Traffic Study) and/or talk about projects for 2016. (Dumpster days, Hamilton Halloween, etc.)

## WINTER QUARTER

Block Captains meet on 2nd wednesdays at HARBEL to advise the Board on the agenda, plan clean up days, circulate the newsletters and track troubled properties. Email [SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com) for info.

## WED FEBRUARY 17

Next month's meeting will be at Hamilton Elementary from 7-8. The agenda will focus on the status of NoRoFo, troubled housing, Block Captain projects and HHNA's plans for summer/fall 2016.

## WED MARCH 16

In partnership with Glenham Belhar, HARBEL, Main Street and Waltherson, Hamilton will host a mayoral candidate forum instead of a meeting. Join our email list or facebook page and get updates as we have them.

## WHAT DO BOARD MEMBERS DO?

(from HHNA BYLAWS ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS, Section 3. Duties of Board Officers)

**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.*

**Vice-President:** *The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in his/her absence and when requested.*

**Secretary:** *The secretary shall record and maintain minutes of board and membership meetings, assist the president with correspondence of the association; maintain the non-financial files of the association; provide notice of all membership and board meetings; maintain current and accurate board and membership lists; and to assume the duties of the vice president in his/her absence and when requested.*

**Treasurer:** *The treasurer shall have overall responsibility for all the association's funds. The treasurer shall: maintain full and accurate accounts of all financial records and present financial reports at the annual meeting, and as directed by the board. All Association monies are to be deposited in a bank within the boundaries of the Association. The Bank Resolution shall require two (2) signatures to withdraw funds or sign checks. Authorized signers shall be the Treasurer and one (1) other officer. The treasurer shall endeavor to secure and maintain the association's corporate and tax exempt status.*

Any member of the association can be on the Board of Directors and the Bylaws allow for up to 9 Directors to be on the Board, which lets us adapt to new challenges and opportunities in our community. There are no term limits and each Director gets a single vote, when the Board votes.

The Board votes on HHNA policy like the cost of membership dues, to choose the most important agenda items and guests to invite to our meetings, and how to answer zoning/permit requests that are too short notice to wait for a general meeting.

Board members also represent — and project influence for — our neighborhood throughout the district, city and state.

## December Meeting Recap

7:06 46 attendees called to order

The MTA representative called at 5:50pm prior to the meeting to cancel their attendance.

The President recapped HHNA activity since he took office in March: redesigned the newsletter, used more meeting locations to engage more of our neighbors, hosted the City Council Candidate Forum (Dems), setup a database of vacant and problem properties and began a weekly Presidential Log on Facebook to document the weekly progress.

Officers Nominations made

Rob Walshe, President of Waltherson and Christopher Brown, Project Manager from DOT updated us on the Harford Rd Bridge project. It will take 30-36 months and now includes a safer bicycle path. The bus will be diverted at 32nd street to Argonne. The potential start date for the project is Fall 2016.

A Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association Awards were presented to Mike Hilliard, HARBEL Community Services Director. Awards for Officer Monica Cooper, NED and Officer Joe Banks, NED and Andrea Curly, Mayor's office and Tony Savage, Council President's office, were delayed until Jan due to civil unrest.

Crime Stats were presented by Mike Hilliard for 11/15/2015 - 12/15/2015 28 total crimes occurred.

8:18 Meeting was adjourned

## GOT LOCAL NEWS?

Contact [PresidentHHNA@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentHHNA@gmail.com) for article submission details.

## MAKING HHNA EASY IN 2016

Starting at January's meeting, we are making things easier. New or renewing members will now receive a voting card when they pay dues and sign in. Guests wishing to join our mailing list will sign in on a separate sheet, which makes sign-in, email list updates and voting quick and easy.

Also new in January, newsletters will be printed quarterly and will be sorted at the Block Captains' meeting.

Please join us to thank **Dian Combs**, who sorted 1,500 newsletters for the volunteers and delivered 500 more herself, 4 or 5 times each year, for the past decade. Her dedication to Hamilton is truly incredible!

## NEWS ON MAIN STREET

Hamilton Liquor Store has changed! Visit 5418 Harford rd for a pleasant surprise. If they don't have what you are looking for, they may be able to order it. Main Street, a better experience one business at a time.

## PLUGGING THE HOLES IN YOUR WALLET

Join HARBEL at the Hamilton Library Thursday, Jan 14 at 5:30 for free tips and strategies to keep more money in your wallet. For more information or to register, contact: [jgodwin@harbel.org](mailto:jgodwin@harbel.org)

## PROJECTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

2016 will see the completion of Hamilton's traffic study, more Dumpster Days, continued pressure on our vacant properties and another Hamilton Festival. With your help, we will host a new Halloween and/or Winter Holiday Festival, engage dog walkers with a public safety program, setup a land trust, and beautify our streets with murals. It will be an exciting year to share with you!

## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

Sponsor this newsletter and reach ~2,000 households through Hamilton Hills' official quarterly 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 membership to the next meeting or mail to **P.O. Box 24643**, 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 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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