

NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY AUGUST

17

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

HARBEL BUILDING
5807 Harford Rd. 21214

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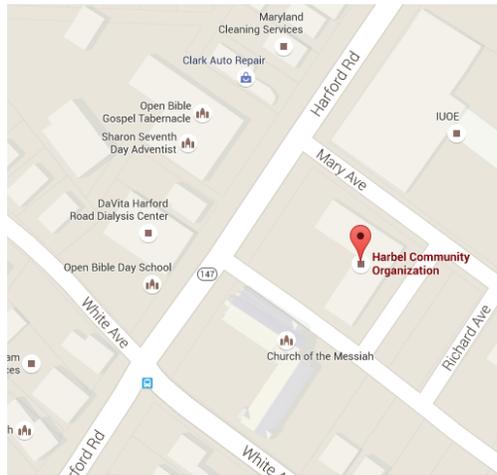
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Starting this August, our meetings will move to the **HARBEL** building at 5807 Harford Road and we will start 30 minutes later. This location allows us to schedule association meetings with greater regularity. Also, our block captains already meet at **HARBEL** on the second Wednesday of the month, as do 3 of our neighboring community associations.

This month's guests are HARBEL's John Godwin, Waltherson Improvement Association's Rob Walshe and Main Street's Regina Lansinger. John will take questions and answers about HARBEL, and explain what his organization does for our community; Rob will give an update on the MTA bus link proposal, and Regina will share news from Hamilton-Lauraville Main Street.

Additionally, Major Richard Worley will join us to give his good byes and answer any questions about the transfer of power in our police district. We will talk about the City's Sustainability and Green Network Plan, Hamilton's greening grant with Parks & People, and choose which block receives a dumpster in the Fall.

Bring your questions, concerns and let us know what matters to *you!*

Hamilton Festival
Saturday July 30, 11 - 7

Enjoy Hamilton Fest's 23rd year with two blocks of food, community, and live music on three stages.

Swing by the Hamilton Hills tent for a chat. Check out and share our new welcome letters and bumper stickers (\$5) created by our treasurer, Tori Longo.

Scavenger Hunt
Friday August 5, 5 - 8pm

Join Creative Arts of Maryland gallery at 5424 Harford road and search for neighborhood goodies — like *free cupcakes!* It's a fun for all ages! First friday and 20 main street businesses are participating, including Hamilton Bakery, Silver Queen Café, TruAx Frames, Mutt Mart and the Hamilton Gallery!

September Meeting
Wednesday Sept 21, 7:30 - 8:30

Guests Ellis Brown will talk about the Morgan Community Mile's sustainability project. Updates will also be available for Hamilton's Halloween party and 2016 Harford Downhill Derby.

Meet at The HARBEL building
5807 Harford Rd.

NEIGHBORHOOD & SERVICES

Recently, the Association's Board joined opposition to the City Liquor Board's decision to block written testimony from being recorded during their hearings. Hamilton Hills has 4 liquor licenses active within its area and it is very challenging to attend day-time hearings. Thankfully, the Liquor Board reversed its decision.

Along with the Association Board's opposition of Council Ordinance 16-0667, and representing our neighborhood at Baltimore RENEW, the Department of Planning and Office of Sustainability Green Network Plan and the Harford CRP, our Board's members must regularly make decisions between meeting dates. These decisions can have big impacts on our area, which is why it is so important for you to nominate and vote for Board members each December.

Humps, bumps and speeding

Many of our streets are narrow, full of parked cars and plagued with speeding. After months of delays, new bumps will be installed on the 5300 block Tramore.

Before you write to the city for your own block, here are 3 challenges your block must overcome: First, and it is best to do this first, you need signatures and approval from 70% of the block. (1 signature per property) Then DOT will launch a traffic study. If you know when speeding is at its worst, tell us, or the time DOT chooses may not witness any speeding. Last, and sadly the part we can do nothing about, the Fire Department has final say.

Looking for a simpler solution? Ask your block captain about setting up speed trap days with our district police.

Housing Upgrades to Benefit Seniors (HUBS)

If you are 65 or older and have limited income, you may be eligible for home safety improvements (grab bars, handrails), home rehab services, energy efficiency modifications and weatherization services.

To get started, contact HUBS coordinator Chelsea Hayman at 443-470-9871

MTA Bus Link meeting in Hamilton

We will be giving updates on this project over the next few association meetings. However, if you would like to attend an MTA Bus Link meeting in person, the Hamilton Library is hosting a session Thursday September 8 from 5 - 7pm.

MAIN STREET

Strand Theatre opening

The Strand Theater Company, a Baltimore troupe devoted to spotlighting women's voices, has been without a fixed address for two years -- *until now!* The company purchased the venue previously occupied by Performance Workshop Theatre at 5426 Harford Road.

The Strand's first event is **Baby Beats!** With Max and Root, an interactive musical experience for families with young children! Bring your shakers and prepare to have fun on Sunday, July 24th, 10:00 am. (Admission: \$5)

Their second event will be Frank Talk by Sharon Goldner, which is a "Book-In-Hand" production by the Strand Theater Company and Baltimore Playwrights Festival on July 27 -31. (Admission: \$10)

For tickets & information: www.strand-theater.org

5501 Harford Update

HHNA's board joined Glenham Belhar, Waltherson, Hamilton Business Association, Main Street, HARBEL and the City Planning Department in opposition to the amendment that would allow 5501 to be used as a banquet hall. Letters were sent to the planning commission and the city council members on the land use committee and president Gavin Schmitt joined representatives from each of our neighboring communities to testify at the hearing.

Following the Commission's opposition of the bill, and a final meeting with Glenham Belhar's membership, Councilman Curran has agreed to remove the bill. At this time, Hamilton Beauty, which is moving from across the street, will be 5501's primary commercial occupant.

A secure place to receive packages

Consider Harford Dollar & Discount at 5428 Harford Rd. As an Access Point your packages will can be shipped to the store via UPS and be available for pickup with a valid ID during store hours Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

At the Farmers' Market...

Ask a Master Gardener™ plant clinic joins the Main Street Market every 2nd and 4th Tuesday, with additional youth focused projects and crafts on the 2nd Tuesdays.



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
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An Annual Celebration on National Night Out Against Crime

Come out Tuesday, August 2nd, 6:30 pm, On the South Shore of Lake Montebello for FREE food, entertainment, community crime prevention information and school back pack give away. Meet your police officers and firefighters and see the Baltimore Police helicopter and more!

NED Police leadership changing

After 3 years as our district commander, Major Richard Worley will move to the Officer of the Chief of Patrol to assist Chief Osborne Robinson with overseeing all 9 police districts. Captain Milton Snead will be coming to the NED as the Acting Major and Captain Deanna Effland will be his Executive Officer.

Please join us in thanking the Major for his excellent service and in welcoming Captain Snead back from his time at Homicide.

What is a Block Captain?

They are our neighbors who deliver newsletters, observe and document neighborhood concerns, and assist with association projects. Their work on Hamilton’s Troubled Property Database has been crucial in focusing the efforts of the Housing and Planning departments, as well as coordinating public safety.

They make our neighborhood a great place to live, work, and play and it is our goal to meet and welcome 9 new captains by the end of the year. Do you live on on Bayonne, Beechland, Birchwood, Fair Oaks, Glenmore, Grindon, Hemlock, Pilgrim or Westfield? Or have you seen a problem elsewhere in the neighborhood and thought “Maybe I could fix that”? Contact: **SecretaryHHNA@gmail.com**

How to address your neighborhood concerns

We monitor the Hamilton Hills Facebook page, Hamilton Hills Facebook Group, and Nextdoor and broadcast local activity. However, In almost all cases, it is much more effective to share your concerns and requests by emailing

ContactHHNA@gmail.com. This allows us to put you in touch with the city officials and services you need, directly and privately.

Attending meetings is another great way to alert the community to your concerns and connect with services. This is particularly helpful if many neighbors have the same questions or concerns, *like water billing issues*.

You can also find your board members representing Hamilton Hills at citywide meetings, other communities’ meetings and at local businesses. While they may not be able to help you right at that moment, exchange contact information and please, they are your neighbors, you should always feel free to reach out and ask them questions, share knowledge and passion.

Renew your **2016 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**

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Little Library Projects

Created to build community and to promote literacy and the love of reading, Little Free Libraries are popping up all around Hamilton. Some are registered with littlefreelibrary.org while others remain hidden local gems. Our newest Little Library will be unveiled in early August in the 5300 block of Catalpha. Keep an eye on our social media feed or your email box for the unveiling date.

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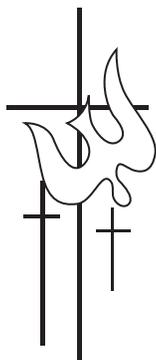
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