



NOVEMBER MEETING

11/16/2017 7:30 - 8:30pm at HARBEL - 5807 Harford Rd 21214

Join us at this month's membership meeting for an informative presentation on the Baltimore Police consent decree. What is a consent decree? How does it impact the community or you personally? How will it be implemented? How can you be a part of the process? Guest speaker Community Program Coordinator Kim Stevenson from the Compliance, Accountability, and External Affairs Division is here with your answers.

We'll also hear from the new owner of Emma's Teas, which is opening at 5500 Harford road this season; we'll collection nominations from super star members willing to serve as Officers of the association, and Mike Hilliard will share our monthly crime stats.

Got questions or items you want added to the agenda? Email Gavin Schmitt at PresidentHHNA@gmail.com

DECEMBER MEETING

12/20/2017 7:30 - 9:00pm at HARBEL - 5807 Harford Rd 21214

Come on out and join us for hot chocolate and snacks at our final meeting of the calendar year! We'll start the night by recognizing city employees and officials who go above and beyond the call of duty to make life better for us in Hamilton. Then each Officer will give his or her annual report, which is your chance to learn about all of HHNA's activities during the year.

These reports became incredibly important in 2015, when the new Officers discovered taxes had not been filed for 6 years, and that HHNA had lost its tax exempt status. Has each Officer completed his or her duties? Do they attend meetings or participate in Board votes? Listen, ask questions, and ensure our association is accountable.

Finally, there will be an election of Officers. These are the brave neighborhood volunteers we make responsible for HHNA's day to day operation.

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Fall Calendar

- 11/8 - Block Captains' meeting from 7-8pm at HARBEL
- 11/10 - Veterans Day
- 11/15 - Daylight savings time!
- 12/13 - Block Captains' annual meeting from 7-8pm at HARBEL.



*Become an HHNA Member and make your voice heard! Please pay your \$10 dues at your next meeting, or on our web site, or by mail this tag to:
"Attn. HHNA Treasurer"
5807 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214*

My Name

Phone

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I want to join the...

- Block Captains
- Public Safety Committee
- Communications Committee

HAMILTON'S LAST NEWSLETTER

Printed newsletters are time consuming and expensive to make. This past year HHNA experimented by only printing them quarterly, which was less expensive but still too time consuming.

Starting in 2018, you will receive your HHNA meeting reminders in a different way. From bulk mailers to yard signs and year calendars, many exciting options are being discussed. Want to join that conversation? Join the communications committee by emailing PresidentHHNA@gmail.com

2018 HHNA ELECTIONS

Each December, our association holds an election of Officers to the Board. These Officers run our monthly meetings, make sure our organization's legal paperwork is properly stored, file the taxes, and much much more.

If you have paid your 2017 HHNA membership dues and have the will to organize, the patience to lead and the energy to advocate for our neighborhood, please consider running for a position. Your last chance to be on the ballot will be at our November meeting.

After many fantastic years of valuable service, Dian Combs has decided not to run for the Vice President position. However, each of 2017's other Officers have agreed to return and are currently running unopposed. The current nominees include:

President - Gavin Schmitt (4th year)
Vice President - Joe Talaivet
Secretary - Mia Blom (3rd year)
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Your neighborhood needs you! Now that we are a 501c3 organization, we are eligible for grants that can fund activities in our neighborhood.

If anyone is experienced in grant-writing, or knows of grants that might apply to us, and would like to help, please contact any of the officers. We could use your help.

MARYLAND Rx CARD

MedChi (The Maryland State Medical Society) is expanding support for Maryland's free discount drug card program. The Maryland Rx Card provides savings of up to 75% on prescription drugs at local pharmacies. This program has no restrictions to membership, no income requirements, no age limitations and there are no applications to fill out.

Maryland Rx Card was launched to help the uninsured and underinsured residents afford their prescription medications. However, the program can also be used by people who have health insurance coverage with no prescription benefits. Additionally, people who have prescription coverage can use this program for non-formulary or non-covered drugs.

To download a free card see:

<http://www.marylandrxcard.com/index.php>

MARYLAND HEALTH CONNECTION

With the headlines out of Washington, you may have questions about what the latest developments mean for you and your coverage.

If you have a 2017 qualified health plan through Maryland Health Connection, there is an important deadline coming up. You have from November 1 to December 15, 2017, to update your information and change plans for 2018.

Open enrollment is November 1 to December 15, 2017 to see if you qualify for financial help and shop for a new plan for 2018. Each year 9 out of 10 people who enroll with us qualify for lower costs.

For more information go to:

www.marylandhealthconnection.gov

MYSTERY OF THE GUTTER PORK CHOPS

As Fall joins us, it's time to get out there and clean the leaves out of our gutters. Sure, the occasional kids ball or missing sock may be up there, or maybe unexplained shiny bits of metal too... but pork chops?

Before you go yelling at the neighborhood kids or blaming the dog, a contractor had this to say: "We see a lot of crows in Hamilton. Usually we pay them no mind but on trash day we see them getting into bags and fighting over scraps. I saw one snatch a whole pork chop, fly up to the next door roof, and drop it down the owner's down spout when the rest of the birds chased him."

Let this be a reminder to us all: even if you have the heavy city cans, you gotta keep the lids closed!

NEW STORMWATER RULES

New rules are now in place for Baltimore's storm water fee and credit regulations. The new regulations make it easier to earn credits, and provide opportunities for some organizations to be exempt from paying the fee.

The number of volunteer hours needed to receive a \$10 Participation Event credit has been reduced to 4 hours from 8 hours. And households that plant trees now can receive credit of \$5 per tree, up from \$3, for a minimum of two trees with a 1-inch diameter.

Other key changes to the regulations include the following:

- ★ Tax-exempt veterans' organizations are exempt from paying the storm water fee.
- ★ Charitable, nonprofit organizations may be eligible for a hardship exemption if they can show a financial hardship and have an approved Alternative Compliance Plan.
- ★ Streets in cemeteries that are privately maintained and open to the public are exempt.
- ★ Rain barrels with a volume of at least 50 gallons are eligible for a one-time \$25 credit

These updates are the first since Baltimore City established the storm water fee in 2013.

The storm water fee helps the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) keep neighborhoods cleaner and healthier by controlling polluted runoff, by rebuilding and restoring our underground storm sewers, and restoring eroded streams.

For more information on the new storm water fee regulations, along with exemptions and credits, visit DPW's storm water fee page at:

<https://publicworks.baltimorecity.gov/stormwater-fee>

Eastern UMC & Faith Community UMC 5315 Harford Road



*Worship time remains
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*Eastern UMC worships
Sundays at 11:30 AM*



All are welcome – see you there!



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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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