

ROYAL FARMS UPDATE

A Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) hearing was held on Tuesday, January 28th to determine whether Royal Farms could begin developing the currently empty lot at 5901-5912 Harford Road. The board decided to delay any deliberations so a public hearing could be held to allow neighbors testimony. The hearing did not allow for any public input.

The zoning appeals board scheduled a "re-deliberation" of the case in the wake of a 2018 ruling by the Maryland Court of Special Appeals which sent the matter back to the city for further review. Residents of Hamilton, including HHNA, filed a lawsuit protesting the prior ruling by the zoning board that gave a special zoning exception allowing Royal Farms to move forward with building eight gas pumps and a large convenience store.

Since the Maryland Court of Special Appeals ruling in 2018 and the BMZA's prior approval of the special zoning nod for Royal Farms many changes have been made to the Harford Road corridor. Not only is the Harford Road bridge permanently closed and under construction for the next few years but the "road diet" has significantly changed the landscape. Harford Road is narrowed to one lane from White to Echodale avenues with additional crosswalks and floating bus stops now present in the Hamilton Business district corridor.

Due to these changes, the BMZA would like the Department of Transportation and Planning Department to provide input about the feasibility of a large gas station being erected in such an already jammed five way intersection. Community members are also concerned about it's proximity to the Hamilton Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Many children flock to the library for after school programs. The intersection already has issues with congestion due to improperly timed lights and malfunctioning crosswalks. To share your experience with the intersection or oppose the development, letters due to BMZA are due on March 6th.

Community members can find out information by attending our monthly HHNA general meeting and following the Hamilton Hills Neighborhood Association Facebook page. A group of community members opposed to the Royal Farms development have started a Facebook page entitled No RoFo Hamilton. More information can also be found on their website norofohamilton.com.

Information from this article was sourced from The Baltimore Business Journal and The Baltimore Sun.

HAMILTON HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEB 19
@ HARBEL
5807 HARFORD ROAD
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAR 18
@ HARBEL
5807 HARFORD ROAD
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
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CMDs RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC FORUM

A forum to discuss CMDs residential, LLC will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 4-6 p.m. at 5801 Harford Road (Church of the Messiah). CMDs Residential, LLC (Clinic Management and Development Services, Inc.) is preparing to open a substance abuse treatment center at 6040 Harford Road.

Community associations and school staff learned recently of the proposed treatment center, which Directo, Dr. Bilal Ali says will open in March 2020. While opioid treatment centers are allowed "by right" at any facility licensed for medical treatment, there has been discussion throughout Maryland about the possible need for zoning regulations to prohibit them from operating within 500 yards of a school or daycare facility. At this community forum, Dr. Bilal Ali, Councilman Ryan Dorsey and Senator Cory McCray will discuss CMDs Residential LLC's plans for this new facility, and address community concerns relating to its close proximity to Hamilton Elementary Middle School. This forum is co-hosted by HHNA and the Westfield Improvement Association.

MAYOR'S SPRING CLEAN UP

Save the date! Hamilton Hills will be participating in the Mayor's Spring Cleanup on April 18th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information will be available closer to the event. Please check the HHNA Facebook page for more details.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 15, 2020 | 1:00 – 3:00pm
3rd District Town Hall with Councilman Ryan Dorsey
 Function Coworking Community | 4709 Harford Rd

Saturday, February 15, 2020 | 4:00 – 6:00pm
Forum to Discuss CMDs Residential
 (Proposed substance abuse treatment center at 6040 Harford Road)
 Church of the Messiah | 5801 Harford Rd

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 | 6:00pm
45th District Night in Annapolis
 Miller Senate Office Building | Presidents Conference Center West for transportation, please RSVP with Delegate Smith's office at **(410) 841-3486**

THE BIG EVENT - TOWSON UNIVERSITY

HHNA has again registered to be a service site for Towson University's "The Big Event." On April 25, 2020 starting at 10am Towson University students, faculty and staff will descend on communities throughout north Baltimore as part of a scheduled day of community service. Cleanups and planting events will take place in Hamilton Hills and beyond. Be sure to check out the HHNA Facebook page for updates closer to the event. More information about "The Big Event" can be found at <http://bit.ly/2Uo71yp>.

Community Resources

Call 311 or use the 311 app for 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.

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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District 45 Legislators

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District 43 Legislators

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Visit Mgaleg.Maryland.gov for contact information of district legislators.

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2020 HHNA ELECTION RESULTS

In December the annual election of Officers of the Board was held. The results of the election are provided below. We are happy to announce John Fowler has been appointed as Vice President. John Fowler replaces our outgoing VEEP, Joe Talavie. Mr. Talavie tirelessly devoted time to the community in his already jam packed schedule. Not only did he update our current email system but provided great support for various HHNA initiatives.

President - Mia Blom
 Vice President - John Fowler
 Secretary - Shannon Chorba
 Treasurer - Tori Longo

BLOCK CAPTAINS

The Block Captains program serves a vital role between the Neighborhood Association and individual residents. Becoming a block captain can be a very rewarding experience. Not only will you become more acquainted with your neighbors but will serve the important function of reporting your block's happenings at monthly block captain's meetings. Block Captains are invaluable to the success of the community. They provide important information on neighborhood issues that may not be known by the rest of the community including the Neighborhood Association. Being a part of the block captains team is a great way to make our neighborhood safer and have your block specific concerns resolved. If you are interested in becoming a block captain or would like to obtain more information please email president@hamiltonhillsmd.org.

3-1-1 REMINDER

Did you know Baltimore City was the first U.S. city to deploy 3-1-1 as a non-emergency telephone number? 3-1-1 began in Baltimore City on October 2, 1996. 3-1-1 is used for all non-emergencies in Baltimore City. Do you have a bulk item you need removed? Is your street sign damaged? Is there a pot-hole that needs filling? Water-main break? Excessive trash on a public street? Salt Box? 3-1-1 will handle all of these requests and more. Neighbors can submit a request for service online, over the phone or through the Baltimore City 3-1-1 application for smart phones. It is recommended you keep track of your service request (SR) number. This will allow you to track and follow up on requests you submit. In addition, you can provide your SR number to HHNA if you are having issues with your requests being filled.



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HOMEOWNER'S PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

The State of Maryland has developed a program which allows credits against the homeowner's property tax bill if the property taxes exceed a fixed percentage of the person's gross income. In other words, it sets a limit on the amount of property taxes any homeowner must pay based upon his or her income.

You must meet four basic requirements:

- You must own or have a legal interest in the property.
- The dwelling on which you are seeking the tax credit must be your principal residence where you live at least six months of the year, including July 1, unless you are a recent home purchaser or unless you are unable to do so because of your health or need of special care.
- Your net worth, not including the value of the property on which you are seeking the credit or any qualified retirement savings or Individual Retirement Accounts, must be less than \$200,000.
- Your combined gross household income cannot exceed \$60,000.

When and How Do You Apply?

The Homeowners' Tax Credit is not automatically granted and each person must apply and disclose his or her income. You must apply every year by no later than September 1 on a standard application supplied by the Department of Assessments and Taxation. However, it is to your advantage to submit the application by May 1 so that any credit due you can be deducted beforehand from the initial July tax bill.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/datmaryland> for more information.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)

The Earned Income Tax Credit, EITC or EIC, is a benefit for working people with low to moderate income. To qualify, you must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if you do not owe any tax or are not required to file. EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and may give you a refund.

To qualify for EITC you must have earned income from working for someone or from running or owning a business or farm and meet basic rules. And, you must either meet additional rules for workers without a qualifying child or have a child that meets all the qualifying child rules for you. For more information please visit <http://bit.ly/EITChna>.

HHNA BOARD

Our association is run by an all-volunteer group of people living in our neighborhood. Members of the **Board of Directors** help neighbors connect with our city government and public partners; keep in touch with neighboring communities; and serve as points of contact when the city has questions for Hamilton at large. The Board is elected at our annual meeting in December.

HHNA board members: Mia Blom, Wayne Carson, Shannon Chorba, John Fowler, Tori Longo, Robin Redding, and Ndaneh Smart-Smith.

Block Captains are the association's most local eyes and ears. They help track vacant and nuisance properties, public safety concerns, street and sidewalk damage, as well as deliver our quarterly newsletter by hand. Block Captains are not elected but may join at any time, either by contacting Mia Blom or by attending the monthly Block Captains' meeting. The meeting is held at 7pm every second Wednesday of the month at Harbel.

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Please pay your \$10 dues at our next meeting, HamiltonHillsMD.org, or via mail: Attn HHNA, 5807 Harford Rd, Baltimore, MD 21214.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Volunteer: Block Captain Other _____