

Hi Neighbors,

It's been a while since we were able to bring newsletters directly to your door. Over the past year, we have been practicing socially-distanced virtual general and special meetings and have made our quarterly newsletter available on our website to keep community volunteers and neighbors safe. Even through quarantine, the uncertainty of a pandemic, and the reduction of city services to communities, the association has been completing projects with the help of our volunteer board and community volunteers.

In March, we started **conflict management training** led by Baltimore Community Mediation Center. This virtual multi-session training (held on March 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 19) was made possible through grant funding, and was the first training in association history made available to the entire neighborhood, as well as leaders of neighboring communities. The association has seen an increase both in referrals to mediation services and requests for law enforcement intervention; we will host additional conflict management training in the near future to provide an overview of alternatives to try before calling 911. Look for future virtual training this fall on a variety of topics that impact daily life in our neighborhood!

This spring we were able to complete our long-awaited **neighbor welcome program** with the help of a committee who created the Hamilton One Pager Welcome document and FAQ you can find on the association website, **HamiltonHillsMD.org**. The association will mail our new welcome letter to all addresses in our catchment for homes purchased from March 2020 to June 2021, and we will continue to welcome neighbors on a quarterly basis. We know that with new neighbors, there's so much to share and learn about! A big thank you to our neighbors Robin Redding, Josh Morgan, Emily Servant, Julie Lin, and Dian Combs for helping the association complete this project goal! You can download and print the Welcome documents and FAQ from our website any time you want to welcome a new neighbor to your street.

Our **Wiedorfer Park Garden Committee** has been hard at work creating a community garden plan that will include street art, traffic calming measures, native plants, and a community gathering space. We have applied for grants for this project and are working with city agencies to create a project implementation timeline that will be on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.

In April, the association held a special meeting to discuss **traffic calming on Evergreen Avenue**. This street, which runs from Harford Road to McClean Blvd., is often used as a high speed cut through that parallels Hamilton Avenue. Neighbors experience unsafe speeds and dangerous driving behaviors close to a daycare center and young neighbors that walk and play in the area. If you have ever placed a request for traffic calming near your home, you know that the process can take a long time--years in many cases--as it goes through the Department of Transportation (DOT) approval process.

HAMILTON HILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETINGS
(ONLINE / CALL-IN)

SAVE THE DATE
SPECIAL TOPIC MEETING ABOUT
HAMILTON BAR AND GRILL
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21
6:00 PM
(JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST FOR
ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 15
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:30 PM TO 8:30 PM



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The association will host another Special Meeting in August (date to be determined) to discuss next steps in this project and other traffic calming concerns. We have heard from neighbors who support and neighbors who oppose potential closures on Evergreen, and we want to ensure that everyone is aware of the project, process, and scope of work, and that our entire neighborhood has an opportunity for a traffic calming review. With recent changes in traffic patterns on local roads and a national issue with increasing speeds, the association has seen an increase in traffic calming requests throughout our neighborhood. If you have placed a request for traffic calming in the past and have a question about the status of your request, the Special Meeting in August is a meeting you need to attend.

This spring, we published a **policy manual for the association** that documents how we operate as an organization and provides additional transparency into our processes and procedures. The policy document is available on our website.

Finally, the association has participated in city agency meetings and hearings on matters that impact our neighborhood. There are ongoing **zoning and code enforcement concerns** in our community including the Fayette House/CMDS substance abuse residential treatment center on Harford Road, the proposed Royal Farms gas station and convenience store at the corner of Glenmore Avenue and Harford Road, continued unpermitted work on residential and commercial properties, continued lack of code enforcement on unoccupied properties, and an ever-growing list of traffic issues.

For updates on projects, learn more at our **monthly General Meetings** held at **7:30 pm** on the **third Wednesday of each month** (with the exception of July). To receive information on special meetings and association updates, join our mailing list by visiting our website.

Hope you have a great summer,

Mia Blom
President

HHNA Board of Directors

Our association is run by an all-volunteer group of people living in our neighborhood. 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 for the city.

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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, and sanitation enforcement. For the latest updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impacts on city services, visit: **coronavirus.baltimorecity.gov**

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