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### MAY HCC MEETING

**The next HCC meeting is on  
May 20th, 2019.**

Plan to join us at 7:00 pm at the Roosevelt Park Recreation Center on West 36th Street. The agenda will include committee updates and discussions of the most important issues of the day for business owners and residents of Hampden.

7:00-7:05 pm: Welcome

7:05-7:30 pm: Committee updates

7:30-8:00 pm: New business

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Summer's Almost Here!

By Matt Stegman / HCC President / hccpresident@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Mayor's Spring Clean-Up at Roosevelt Park on April 27th. Once again, neighbors were joined by faculty, staff, parents, and students from ACCE. There was also a group from the Skatepark of Baltimore tidying up around there. Overall, it was a great time for folks to beautify a gem of our shared community.

As we move into the late Spring and the Summer months, social calendars fill up fast. We have several events coming up where you can have some fun and support the HCC. On May 14th at 6 pm we'll be hosting a yoga class at the Hampden Family Center (1104 W 36th St.) taught by Hampden's own Amanda Eby. It'll be a great class for experienced yogis and newbies alike, and tickets are just \$10.

If popcorn flicks and board games are more your thing, you can join us Friday, May 17th for a game day and movie night at Sweetside Café (3543 Chestnut Ave). We'll be showing Guardians of the Galaxy. Also at Sweetside, the HCC will be hosting a showing of Bohemian Rhapsody on June 21st to coincide with the annual Baltimore Pride Festival. Keep an eye out for more Pride-themed events coming up soon.

Finally, the dates for HonFest 2019 have been announced. Mark your calendars for June 8th and 9th as the popular street fair returns to the Avenue. If you're a real early planner,

### Cell Phones for Chimps!

By Mary Rose Cook

The Maryland Zoo is collecting old cell phones, iPads, iPods and their chargers for recycling. The cell phones contain columbite tantalite or "coltan" which is mined in the forests of the Congo. Mining this ore destroys the habitat of the chimpanzees. By recycling the cell phones, the Coltan can be recovered and reused without continuing destruction of the Chimp habitat.

you can also note that HampdenFest is set to return on September 21st.

The HCC, along with our sibling organizations in Woodberry and Medfield, administer an annual grant of \$5,000 for projects that contribute to improved liveability in the three neighborhoods. This year, we are proud to announce that we've awarded funding to the Woodberry Clean & Green Committee to repair the community sign at 41st and Hooper St., to Hampden Small Fry Baseball, and to the Friends of Hampden Elementary/Middle School to install a "green wall" for to promote environmental education and improve air quality in the school.

If you or an organization you are a part of have a great idea for a project and could use some funding check out this newsletter for more information on how to apply for this year's grant awards. Applications are due by July 15th.

Finally, take note that the May HCC meeting, which would normally fall on Memorial Day, has been moved up one week. We'll gather together one week early, on May 20th, for another productive and informative general meeting.

Enjoy the warmer weather!

*Matt Stegman, HCC President*

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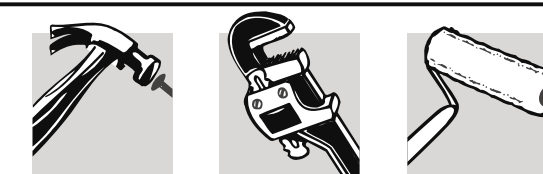
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## Zoning & Land Use Committee Updates

By Martin Burian / Zoning and Land Use Committee Chair / hcczoning@gmail.com

### 3320 Elm Ave (Lot next to 3318 Elm Ave)

Ms. Cheryle Wilson presented plans to the HCC ZLUC to construct a detached house with two apartments on a vacant lot on Elm Ave. She purchased the lot located between 3318 Elm Ave and the corner of Harding Pl which had outstanding tax liens. Her plans call for a three-story house with a similar design to the neighboring houses on the same side of the street, with two two-bedroom apartments—one on two levels and one on the top level. Two single-car garages with a driveway and space for two additional off-street parking spaces is planned in the rear (facing Falls Cliff Rd). The front of the building will have a porch placed in line with the frontage of neighboring houses, and the overall building will be deeper and wider than neighboring homes, built to the side property line. The owner is also considering building a fence near the street along Harding Pl and Falls Cliff Rd.

The proposal requires an appeal for several variances from the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) related to setbacks from the property lines, amount of the lot covered by impervious surface, and minimum lot size per dwelling unit. A hearing has been scheduled for April 23 at 1pm.

The HCC ZLUC facilitated a meeting between the owner and the immediately affected neighbors on the block, including Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke. Topics of discussion included size of the building, blocking views from neighbors' rear yards, vehicular safety of the driveway at the intersection of Falls Cliff Rd, Harding Pl and Roland Ave, disruption during construction, and parking. A compromise solution was not reached. The HCC is working with neighbors and the Councilwoman to advocate for the interests of current residents before the BMZA.

### 3500 Chestnut Ave (Bodhi Corner)

The proprietors of the Thai restaurant Bodhi Corner have a hearing before the BMZA requesting to allow outdoor seating for 9 tables and 18 chairs for the premises. According to the plans, one table would be on Chestnut Ave and the remaining eight tables would be on W 35th St. The HCC has contacted the proprietors to have a presentation at the April HCC general meeting. The hearing is scheduled for May 7 at 1pm.

### 3437 Hickory Ave

The owner of this rowhouse presented to the ZLUC on plans for a first- and second-floor rear addition. The proposal requires a BMZA appeal for variances to be heard in a hearing scheduled for April 23. The owner is working to confirm neighbor support for the plans.

## New Wayfinding Signs Tell the Story of Hampden's Industrial History

By Nathan Dennies

With grant funding from the Baltimore National Heritage Area, Hampden residents and Greater Hampden Heritage Alliance members Nathan Dennies and Paula Bogert worked with Preservation Maryland to complete a two-year project to illustrate the labor history of the Jones Falls Valley by researching, designing, and installing eight new interpretative signs at historic factory sites.

The Jones Falls provided the power that fueled manufacturing in Baltimore in the 19th and 20th centuries. The string of mills built in the valley along the river had an indelible economic and social impact on the surrounding areas. Each of these signs, installed in pedestrian-friendly and active areas, helps tell the stories of the people who worked in the mills and provides context for the neighborhood's sustained redevelopment. Each sign includes a multiple access points for information via a map, architectural diagrams, and historic photographs.

The signs are located at:

- Mt. Washington Mill
- Tribute Home Care
- Clipper Mill
- Meadow Mill
- Enoch Pratt Free Library Branch No. 7 (to be installed later)
- Whitehall Mill
- Mill No. 1
- Mill Center

Additional support for many of the signs came from the generosity of the current property owners including Clipper Mill Property Owners Association, Himmelrich Associates, Remington Properties, and Terra Nova Ventures, who will own and maintain the signs. The Baltimore Architecture Foundation also served as a partner.

These signs offer the opportunity for the public to experience a self-guided tour of the Jones Falls Valley, but that experience does not stop at the signs.



## News from the Hampden Library

By Devon Ellis / 3641 Falls Road / Baltimore, MD 21211 / 410-396-6043 / hmp@prattlibrary.org / www.prattlibrary.org

### Baby and Toddler Storytime

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 – 11:10 am, birth to 36 months, with their caregivers

Bring Babies and Toddlers to the library to enjoy our lap program, with music, rhythm, songs, fingerplays, nursery rhymes, a story, and movement.

### Preschool Storytime

Thursday evenings at 6:30 – 7 pm, for ages 3-5, with their caregivers

Preschoolers can enjoy stories and early literacy activities, such as songs, fingerplays, a craft, games, and poetry.

### Adult Book Conversation Group

Thursday, May 16, 2019. Time: 4 – 5 pm. Location: Keswick's "Wise + Well Center for Healthy Living" 700 West 40th Street, Baltimore, MD, 21211

We will discuss: "The Kinship of Secrets by Eugenia Kim," c2018, (292 pages), is a work of fiction that tells the story of two sisters, one raised in the United States, and the other raised in South Korea. The sisters were bound together by family ties, even as they were kept apart by the Korean War—a riveting tale.

All are welcome to participate in the book conversation group, even if you haven't read the book!

Hampden Branch  
Enoch Pratt Free Library

Mondays + Thursdays: 10 am – 8 pm  
Tuesdays + Wednesdays: 10 am – 5:30 pm  
Fridays + Saturdays: 10 am – 5 pm  
Sundays: closed

## Enoch Pratt President Heidi Daniel's Presidential Letter

Reprinted from the "Enoch Pratt Free Library Compass," with permission

Summer is a season for change. And we're excited to announce some big changes to the Pratt Library's Hampden branch. The 119-year old branch on Falls Road is getting a modern day makeover which also keeps the historic features the community loves. The full renovation will double the usable space of the community library by making the basement usable for the public and staff. When the branch reopens, customers will be able to utilize a beautiful new meeting room outfitted with the latest technology. Public restrooms will also be available downstairs.

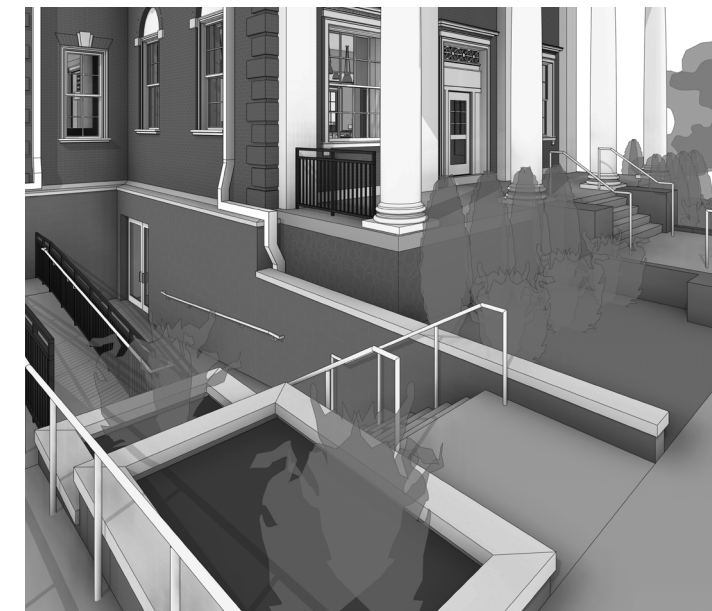
The Hampden branch, once known as Branch Number 7, opened in 1900 thanks to a donation from local industrialist Robert Poole. The renovation will maintain the historic charm of both the library's main floor and the exterior architecture of the building. A new ramp system will be built outside, as well as a lift inside, to make the library accessible to all.

The renovation project at Hampden is expected to take about two years. But, we want to continue library service to that community. So, we're partnering with

the Hampden Family Center to provide weekly storytimes, a place to browse and pick-up books on hold, computer training & assistance, and library programming.

I believe this project will have a great impact on the community, so customers can keep using the Hampden branch for the next century to come.

Heidi Daniel, President & CEO



## Hampden Family Center: News and Events

By Ashley Wilkes / 1104 West 36th Street / Baltimore, MD 21211 / 410-467-8710 / www.hampdenfamilycenter.org

Hats Off to Hampden Gala, which was held on March 30th at Preston Hall, was a fantastic night full of support for the Center. Paul and Dorothy Wolman were stellar co-chairs—thank you both and to their amazing committee. New this year was a hat making station where guests could create their own hat under the direction of volunteers from Art with A Heart. The hat contest was judged by Tim Williams, Jenni Mann, and Christopher Schafer and showcased the best of the best. Congrats to winners: Hugh Bethell, Joan Cox and Danielle Nekimken!

Thank you to The Wine Source for their incredible generosity – always ensuring guests have a wide selection of beverages from which to choose. Thank you to Chef Chad Gauss of The Food Market and to SweetSide Café for preparing wonderful

food and desserts. Flowers and centerpieces were beautifully created by Libby Francis of the Modest Florist. We continue to be in awe of her flower magic! A huge thank you to Tim Williams of WJZ-TV for serving as the emcee, and to Dorothy Fuchs Yeager of Purple Dot PR.

### Individual and Family Counseling

Family & Children's Services of Central Maryland offers counseling on-site every Thursday.

Please call the Center at 410-467-8710 for an appointment to complete a referral form.

### Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

WIC is a supplemental nutrition program serving women who have children five years and younger and/or are pregnant or six months postpartum.

Call 410-614-4848 for an appointment.

Date: Thursday, May 9

Schedule: Second Thursdays, 9 am – 5 pm

### Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheons are free, but advance registration is required. Reservations open the first weekday of each month. Call 410-467-8710 to register.

Date: Friday, May 17

Schedule: Third Fridays, 11 am – 1 pm

### Seedco EarnBenefits

Need assistance in applying for benefits such as food stamps, utility support or tax credits? Call 410-467-8710 to make an appointment.

Through a collaborative effort, the communities of Hampden, Woodberry, and Medfield have obtained a \$5,000 grant that is to be used to improve the livability of and contribute to the betterment of our communities. We are currently seeking applicants to request to utilize these funds for 2018/19. Below is a copy of the application that can be used to make a request.

## Hampden Woodberry Medfield Livable Neighborhoods Grant

Deadline for Application: July 15, 2019 Grant Winners will be Announced: September 1, 2019

Cover Letter (1 page) should contain the following information:

1. The purpose of the project and the exact dollar amount requested (up to \$5,000).
2. How the proposal fits with the goals of Hampden, Woodberry, and Medfield to improve the livability of and contribute to the betterment of our communities.
3. History and brief description of sponsoring organization. If you are an individual, please describe your background and motivation for applying.
4. Title and physical address of the project.
5. Contact Information: name, title, telephone number, E-mail address, fax number, social media URLs and mailing address of the organization or individual.

Additionally:

6. Should your proposal include construction, landscaping or workshop supplies, please supply additional documentation with budget, quotes, timeline, drawings and/or pictures.
7. If you are partnering with other organizations and/or volunteer groups, please indicate those groups on a second page as well as their URLs.

### SUBMISSIONS:

Applications should be submitted on standard (8x11), white paper and mailed to:

Hampden Community Council  
P.O. Box 19957  
Baltimore, MD 21211

Application may also be emailed to [hccpresident@gmail.com](mailto:hccpresident@gmail.com).

### RULES & AGREEMENT:

By submitting an application, applicant agrees to the following conditions:

1. Grants will only be awarded for projects located in Hampden, Woodberry or Medfield.
2. All applications may be made public.
3. Applicants must provide an itemized project budget, with quotes with their application.
4. Successful Applicants must provide receipts once the project is completed, no more than 6 months after receiving their funding.
5. Successful Applicants must provide photos of the completed project with a 1000-word (approx) narrative, describing said project, no more than 6 months after receiving their funding.

## Ooga-chaka, Ooga-ooga! Ooga-chaka, Ooga-ooga!

Can't stop the feeling! Join the Hampden Community and the Sweetside Café for a night of games and The Guardians of the Galaxy.

When: Friday May 17

Where: Sweetside Café | 3543 Chestnut St.

### Fun! Fun! Fun!

Games start at 6:30PM

Movie on the porch starts at dusk

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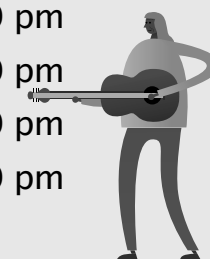
Samuel Farthing Quartet  
Chance Plays the Classics  
N-Chat Drum Rhythms  
Rita Curtis Fine Art Paintings

### Dates:

Thursday, May 30  
Thursday, June 20  
Thursday, July 18  
Thursday, August 29

### Times:

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
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### HCC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

**NEW MEMBER**       **RENEWING MEMBER**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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- \_\_\_\_\_ Crime & Safety
- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter Distribution
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean & Green

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