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JANUARY HCC MEETING

**The next HCC meeting is on
January 28th, 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

Looking Back and Looking Forward

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

It's the New Year, a great time to look back and look forward. December was a great month for us Hampdenites. This year's Mayor's Christmas Parade was great, with many old favorite entrants returning and some great new sights to see. I had the honor and pleasure to co-emcee the parade alongside the incomparable Rev. Bonnie McCubbin. A huge shout out goes to Mr. Tom Kerr and his amazing team of volunteers who put on another great show.

The HCC did not have a general meeting last month, but neighbors did gather at Five and Dime Alehouse for our annual Holiday Party. A great time was had by all attendees, and we raised funds to support this newsletter and other community projects put on by the HCC. If you missed the party – or just want to see your neighbors out and about again – we'll be hosting a Happy Hour at Blue Pit BBQ on January 14th. More details on our Facebook page, hampdenhappenings.org, or in this newsletter.

As the calendar rolls over to another new year, it once again becomes time to renew HCC membership. See the back page of this newsletter, our website (again, hampdenhappenings.org), or stop by our next meeting to renew your membership today!

We are also looking for new volunteers on our committees in the New Year. Joining

a committee is a great way to get more involved in projects you are passionate about and that make Hampden a great place to live. If you have an idea for something the HCC should be doing, let us know! We can connect you with resources and other neighbors ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Finally, on a completely different note, as we head into colder winter temperatures remember to do simple things you can do to protect your pipes from freezing. Following a few simple tips can keep you from having a real headache on your hands.

Follow these tips:

- Open your cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Let the cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep your thermostat working! Don't drop the temperature too low at night and if you plan to be away keep the temperature in your home no lower than 55° F.
- Insulate pipes in basements, attics, and crawl spaces.

Have a Happy New Year from HCC!

Matt Stegman
HCC President

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Happy Hour at Blue Pit BBQ

1601 Union Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

January 14, 2019
7pm 'til 9pm

50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes

Proceeds from Blue Pit BBQ sales for the Happy Hour to Support the Hampden Community Council, Inc.

QUESTIONS:

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Zoning & Land Use Committee Updates

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

2900 Chestnut Ave

The new owner of this property at the intersection of Chestnut Avenue and Falls Road (between Mill Centre and Mount Vernon Mill No. 1) is requesting permission to use the space as professional office space under the "Neighborhood Commercial" conditional use. Although zoned residential, the building has historically been used for commercial purposes, such as studio space, and design and light manufacturing. The building has off-street parking spaces. A hearing before the Baltimore City Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) was scheduled for December 11.

Buena Vista Ave and Dellwood Ave

Stonewall Development and Green Door Properties are continuing preparation for the project to construct six townhomes on this vacant property. The developer was

granted preliminary BMZA approval for their request to subdivide the property. In order to proceed, the developer will also need approval of a subdivision plan and design plans from the Planning Commission. The HCC continues to work with immediate neighbors and the developer on the plans for this project.

Baltimore City Updates

City Council voted in favor of final passage of a bill to regulate short-term rentals, such as "Airbnb" and similar websites. The bill limits owners to renting space in one residence at a time, requires licensing and certain regulation and oversight of operators, and requires owners to pay City hotel tax on rentals. The City's Department of Finance estimated that the license limitations would decrease short-term rentals in Baltimore from 2,100 to fewer than 1,500 and that the increased tax revenue could be up to \$1 million per year.

Also, Mayor Catherine Pugh signed a "Complete Streets" ordinance into law recently. The law provides high-level policy and design specifications that reflect best practices in transportation infrastructure. Complete Streets is an approach to transportation design and policy to enable safe and convenient access to streets by all users, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders of all ages and all abilities. Proponents emphasize improved safety and health as well as positive economic impacts of Complete Streets.

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Hampden Family Center: News and Events

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

The holidays are always a whirlwind, so we want to take a moment to reflect and thank all of those who made this season festive and bright for so many in our neighborhood.

We started the cheer with the Mayor's Annual Christmas Parade and continued with the Center's annual Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 8th. 300 tickets were distributed for the party, and as always, it was a fantastic day filled with familiar faces and new friends. Santa stopped by for photos with the kids, and crafts and gifts were enjoyed by all. Children 12 and under received a gift. By the end of it, wrapping paper and toys covered the lobby! Thank you to American Legion, Calvert School, Clinical Advancement Committee - MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, Hampden Community Council, SkatePark of Baltimore, Roland Park Place, Vu Skate Shop and everyone else who donated gifts. And, thank you to the many people who wrapped gifts, volunteered at the party and helped to spread the holiday cheer! Your generosity goes a long way, especially this time of year.

Christmas Angel gifts were distributed the week before Christmas. This year more than 150 children were adopted! Sometimes Santa needs a little help, and we cannot express how thrilled we were to have so many people, including members of St. David's Episcopal Church and employees at MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, help make the wish lists of these children come true.

May your new year bring health and joy!

Adult Literacy/GED Have you enrolled in the winter session of Adult Literacy/GED classes at the Family Center? You must make an appointment at Strong City Baltimore (3503 North Charles Street) to register. Registration is a four-hour process where you will learn about the program, complete paperwork and take a computerized placement test. Please contact Ms. Davis at Strong City Baltimore (410-261-3517) to schedule your registration appointment.

Dates: Registration: January 7, 8, 9 / Classes: January 15 - June 6

Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30pm - 8:30pm

WIC If you have children five years and younger and/or if you are pregnant or six months postpartum, you can apply for WIC, which is hosted at the Center every second Thursday of the month. WIC is by appointment only. Call 410-614-4848 for more information.

Date: Thursday, January 10

Schedule: Second Thursdays, 9am - 5pm

Senior Luncheon Join us for lunch and share a hot meal with friends and play a few rounds of Bingo! Senior Luncheons are free, but advance registration is required as seating is limited.

Date: Friday, January 18

Schedule: Third Fridays, 11am - 1pm

Seedco EarnBenefits Need assistance in attaining benefits such as food stamps, utilities support, a government issued cell phone and tax credits? Call 410-467-8710 to make an appointment with Ashley.

Schedule: Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm

Fitness for 50+ Get into shape with an exercise class for those 50 and older! Led by a trained professional from MedStar Union Memorial Hospital, this one-hour, low-impact aerobics and strength training class is held every Tuesday.

Schedule: Tuesdays at 10am

Life Balance Weight Management This one-year program is based on the National Diabetes Prevention Program, designed for individuals who are at risk to develop type 2 diabetes and those who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes. With the help of a lifestyle coach, participants are supported in this journey toward making positive changes related to nutrition, exercise, problem-solving, and coping skills. The next session runs January 29th - December 3rd, 2019. Please call 410-274-0446 with questions.

Schedule: Tuesdays 11am - 12pm

NEW PROGRAMS

Individual and Family Counseling Are you looking for counseling, but not sure where to start? The Family Center is pleased to announce its partnership with Family & Children's Services of Central Maryland. A counselor will be on site to meet with clients weekly. Please call the Center at 410-467-8710 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Save the Date: The Fantastical Hats of Hampden! Saturday, March 30th at 7pm

Woodstock On My Mind

By Denny Lynch

Now please indulge me for a spell as I reminisce down Route 17B to Bethel New York and reflect on The Woodstock Music and Art Fair as it was then titled in '69. After hitchhiking most of the morning from Baltimore, I arrived at Monticello New York where I encountered the mother of all traffic/people jams. Since no cars were allowed to proceed on 17B, I walked

with an army of non-violent soldiers the last seven miles to Yasgur's farm. So, it was on the afternoon of Saturday August the 16th, the second day of Woodstock, that I actually reached the site of the Festival. I was sans billet. It didn't matter, for it had evolved into a free concert.

As I passed by the fence, which no longer fulfilled its purpose, I saw what could only

be described as a multitude. Initially, it was a bit intimidating to see the enormous population of that manufactured nation. It was like a whole generation stumbled into Brigadoon at the same time: one moment an alfalfa field in upstate New York and the next a paradise for the counter-culture. If my memory serves me well, the Incredible String Band was playing at the time of my

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entrance. After getting acquainted with my surroundings, I got ready for an evening of musical entertainment. And what an evening that was! I sat down on a piece of cardboard, cheek to cheek with 400,000 other people, and listened to the following groups: Janis Joplin and the Kozmic Blues Band, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Sly and the Family Stone and The Who. I tell ya folks, it was like being at Mount Olympus and watching the Greek gods and goddesses rock. Now I don't know if the ancient Greeks suffered from sleep deprivation, but I sure did. For me, sleep would not occur until after the Jefferson Airplane (who came on at the dawn of Sunday morning) finished their set.

Sunday was made even more rich by Max Yasgur's heartfelt speech and the funny announcements by Wavy Gravy and Chip Monck. This was also the day of that drop-dead wonderful performance by Joe Cocker, the deluge accompanied by the Rain Chant,

the FISH Cheer, and the incredible set by Alvin Lee. Ahhh the memories. At this point, it was decided that the thirsty audience needed to be furnished with beverages and suddenly we were showered with cans of soda lobbed from the stage like Scud missiles. Not being prepared for this benevolent gesture I ducked.

Now I must confess by Sunday evening I had a terrible urge to whine. Let's call it my Woodstock whine. I was wet, hungry, exhausted and in need of a hot bath. Though I did not emote, I kept thinking how good it would feel to sleep in a real bed...alone. But all that ceased once the music began. I mean extraordinary music, the likes of which I will never hear again. The lineup included: The Band, Crosby Stills Nash and Young, Blood Sweat and Tears, Johnny and Edgar Winter, and at daybreak Paul Butterfield.

It was Monday August 18th and at the risk of losing my summer job, I decided to

stay to see Jimi Hendrix who was closing the Festival. Hendrix performed after Sha Na Na; what a juxtaposition that was. By the time he took to the stage most of the inhabitants of the nation had departed. When Hendrix began to play it was as though he was performing for himself; communicating with himself on some other plane beyond this dairy farm. And I was fortunate enough to be directly down in front with my camera to document some of his mysticism.

This all brings me back to one final thought about the original Festival of 1969. Although I remember being there and listening to all that fabulous music, I don't have a clue how I got back home to Baltimore once the Festival was over. Hmmm...perhaps part of me never completely returned. Now that's a beautiful thought.

Peace and love to everyone, Denny Lynch © August 2009



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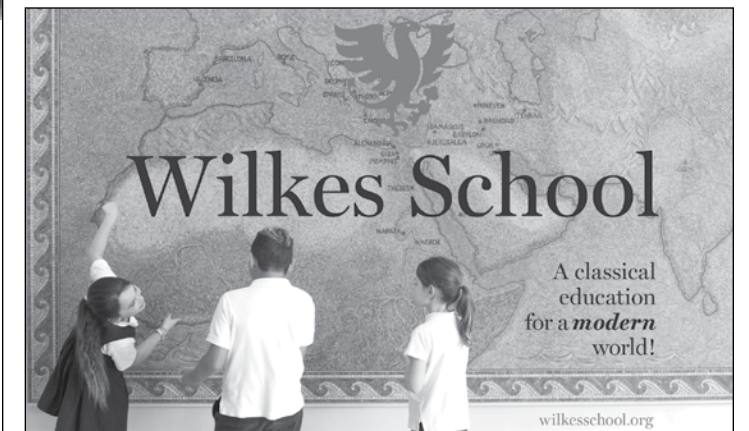
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W. 36th and Poole Streets
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HCC Supports Hampden Family Center for the Holidays

By Mary Rose Cook

Members of the Hampden Community Council donated toys at the November General Meeting to be distributed to Hampden children in need. Santa may have a sleigh full of toys, but the HCC had a trunk load to donate to the children. Thank you to all who donated toys through the Hampden Community Council and helped make a child's holiday a happy one. Hampden is awesome!! Happy New Year to everyone. We will see you at the January meeting.



Hampden Homecookin': Pork Chops

By Jon Kmetz

Happy 2019, Hampden Homecookers! For many, the New Year conjures up visions of lucky pork and sauerkraut dishes to herald in success and health. But how about pork and apples? No, not the kiddie version with applesauce: in this dish, apples and onions play their sweetness off each other while rosemary and a touch of red pepper give them their own punch. Serve the chops atop mashed potatoes, garnished with a generous spoonful of the apples, and you'll have a presentation worthy of any fine restaurant! Bonus recipe: Fresh cranberry relish. Serve anytime of the year, and wonder what you saw in canned. Happy Homecookin'!

Pork Chops with Apples

Ingredients:

2 bone-in pork chops, at least ¾" thick.
2 tablespoon canola oil, divided use
1 tablespoon butter
1 crisp, sweet apple, cut in ¾ inch pieces
1 medium Vidalia or sweet onion, halved / thinly sliced

¾ cup apple cider vinegar
½ teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon chopped rosemary
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch of red pepper flakes

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Salt and pepper both sides of chops. Cover and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes.
2. Heat a heavy skillet with 1 tablespoon of oil. When oil shimmers, add chops and sear for 2-3 minutes on each side. Remove to a sheet pan and place in oven. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven, tent with foil and let rest for 10 minutes.
3. In another pan, heat remaining 1 tablespoon of oil over medium heat and melt butter. Don't allow to brown.
4. Add onions & red pepper, sauté until translucent. Add apple pieces and sauté an additional 5 minutes.

5. Add vinegar, salt, sugar, rosemary, and cinnamon. Mix well, cover and simmer over low heat until the apples have softened (still retaining their shape) and the sauce has thickened. Taste and adjust seasonings. There should be a balance between sweet and tart.

6. Serve chops with mashed potatoes and top with apple mixture.

Jo-Mama's Cranberry Relish

Ingredients:

1 lb. fresh cranberries, rinsed
1 large orange, skin on, cut into pieces, deseeded
1 lemon, skin on, cut into pieces, deseeded
1 crisp, sweet apple, washed, cored & diced
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt

Roughly blend or process all ingredients to make a chunky relish – do not puree. Mix well. Let sit in fridge for 2 hours minimum to blend flavors. Freezes great!

News from the Hampden Library

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

Happy New Year to all of our Hampden community users and beyond! Renovations are coming to the Hampden Library early in 2019! The start date for the renovations is still being determined, and during the renovations the Library will be closed to the public, in order to expedite the completion as much as possible. Renovations are anticipated to take up to 18+ months, and will include the installation of two ramps, three ADA-compliant restrooms, a meeting room, an enhanced reading area, enhanced lighting, a stairwell to the lower level, a relocated kitchen, a relocated workroom, and an elevator between levels. Stay tuned for much more info to come!

The following programs will be offered until closing for renovations:

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 - 7:00 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.

Built By Imagination

Wednesdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm, for kids age 3-12
Build with Lego Classics, Lego Duplos, and Bristle Blocks.

Services at the Hampden Library :

- + Public computers with Internet access
- + Free Wi-Fi
- + A computer with children's programs
- + Graphic novels for kids, teens, and all adults
- + Events, including weekly baby and toddler, and preschool, programs
- + Computer printers, 5 free prints per day (additional copies only 10¢ each)

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- + Scanning capability
- + DVDs and audiobooks
- + Bestsellers, classics, fiction and non-fiction
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