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JUNE HCC MEETING

**The next HCC meeting is on
June 24th, 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

Celebrating Summer: HonFest & Pride return to Hampden

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

Friends,

Baltimore Pride has run for nearly 40 years, making it one of the oldest Pride festivals in the country. This year, Baltimore Pride runs June 15th and 16th. In addition to the officially-sanctioned events in Station North and Druid Hill Park, there will be plenty of events to celebrate right here in Hampden. The HCC is getting in on the fun by sponsoring a showing of Bohemian Rhapsody at SweetSide Café on June 21st. Keep an eye on Facebook, NextDoor, and *HampdenHappenings.org* for information about other Pride-themed events around the neighborhood.

Mary Pat Clarke has been a tireless advocate for Hampden since her earliest days on the City Council and she let us know at our April meeting that she will not be running for reelection in 2020. You can read her letter to the community in this issue. While she may be retiring, be sure that Mary Pat will still be working hard for us over the remaining year and a half of her term and in the years ahead she'll still be a presence in the community. Please join me in thanking Mary Pat for everything she does for Hampden.

HonFest returns on June 8th and 9th for its 26th year. Come on out to the Avenue to enjoy food, music, family fun, and, of course, dozens of hons! You can find more information about events, traffic changes, and more at *www.honfest.net*.

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If you're out and about Sunday the 9th, stop by the HCC's beer tent to grab a cold one while supporting the community council.

Finally, a public safety note: as you may have noticed, the Northern Police District has launched a campaign to remind neighbors to complete their "9pm routine" each evening. The routine includes locking your doors and windows, making sure you've removed valuables from your vehicle, and turning on exterior lights. As we move into the summertime and the weather gets warmer, we often see an uptick in property crimes. Protect yourself and your property by following the "9pm routine."

See you around the neighborhood!

Matt Stegman, HCC President

Hampden Homecookin': Kimchi

By Jon Kmetz

What's old is new again - Lacto-bacillic fermentation, a.k.a a fancy way of saying 'pickles made in brine.' It's about time: popular in many parts of the world, homemade fermented pickles were once a hallmark of American homemaking, particularly among German immigrants who brought sauerkraut with them. They're easy to make, very gut-healthy, and allow all sorts of experimentation. Korean cabbage kimchi is well-known, but "kimchi" is an umbrella term for a variety of pickled items. My friend, Jae-Kyoung Berting, gave me a recipe described as 'housewife kimchi', easy to make at home, and never fails. Two critical things: During fermentation, the solid items must be submerged under liquid and not exposed to air; and make sure that all equipment is scrupulously clean. Finally, if you don't like spicy food, leave out the chili pepper powder for a 'white' kimchi. There's lots of stuff online about fermenting foods at home. Check it out! Happy Homecookin'!

Kimchi

- Napa cabbage, 1½ – 2 lbs
- 4-5 Tablespoons kosher salt (do not use iodized salt – it kills the ferment)
- 3-5 Scallions, cut in ½" lengths
- 1-2 tablespoons fresh peeled minced ginger
- ½ teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons red chili pepper powder: cayenne or Thai
- 2-3 tablespoons fish sauce

- 1) Cut the cabbage into bite-sized chunks.
- 2) In a large, clean bowl, sprinkle 1T. of salt.
- 3) Place a layer of cabbage on top of salt; continue to alternate layers of cabbage and salt, ending with a layer of salt.

- 4) Allow cabbage to stand for 3 hours. Mix thoroughly hourly to distribute brine (the cabbage releases water). Drain in a colander and taste. If too salty, rinse and drain well.
- 5) In another bowl, mix scallion chunks, minced garlic & ginger, sugar, chili powder, fish sauce. Mix well with cabbage, preferably by hand.
- 6) Scrape down the bowl sides with a spatula. Place a clean plate large enough to press down on the kimchi (a small layer of liquid should appear, if not add a small amount of filtered water). Add a weight on top of the plate; a clean, sealed plastic container of water is great. Cover the bowl with foil.
- 7) Place outside for 2-5 days to ferment. Check occasionally to assure the solids are submerged. When it's to your taste, store in a clean, sealed container and refrigerate.

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Zoning & Land Use Committee Updates

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

905 W 36th St (Ideal Theatre)

The proposed revitalization of the Ideal Theatre into a live music and performing arts space is moving forward. After a presentation by the proprietors to the HCC general meeting last fall, the HCC finalized a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the combined Ideal and Five and Dime Ale House. The MOU provides for certain terms and conditions to protect the community, including provisions for off-street parking, in exchange for HCC support of the zoning and liquor board approvals.

The proprietors are requesting approval to add "live entertainment" as a conditional use to the current approved uses for the space. A hearing before the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) is scheduled for May 21 at 1pm. The associated plans call for a seating/dining area in the

upper portion of the main level, with a bar on the side and restrooms toward the front if the building. The lower portion and stage remain largely unchanged except for 12 seats added on one side. The proprietors currently expect to complete renovations this winter.

3320 Elm Ave (Lot next to 3318 Elm Ave)

The owner of this unimproved lot appealed to the BMZA for numerous variances to allow the construction of a detached three-story house with two apartments and two single-car garages and a parking pad at the rear. Neighbors objected to the size of the proposed building, particularly the depth of the house on the lot, as compared to the existing homes. Despite in-person testimony of neighbors, the opposition of Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and a letter of opposition from the HCC, the BMZA approved the variances.

3500 Chestnut Ave (Bodhi Corner)

The hearing on the request for outdoor seating from the BMZA was postponed.

3437 Hickory Ave

The BMZA approved the homeowner's request to construct a first- and second-floor rear addition on this rowhouse.

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 (EXCEPTION: will NOT meet on June 12)

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

Summer Challenge

The Summer Reading program for ALL AGES starts on Wednesday, June 12 and runs through August 14. Sign up at the library. All ages can participate, from babies in the "Read to Me" level, school age kids, teens, and grownup readers. The theme is "A Universe of Stories!" You get to pick the books to read, then keep a record of the amount of time spent reading, to win fun prizes. Grownup readers log the number of titles they read, and for every title they read they can enter to win a \$100 gift card to Barnes & Noble! Happy Summer Reading!

Adult Book Conversation Group

Thursday, July 18, 2019. Time: 4 – 5 pm. Location: Keswick's Wise + Well Center for Healthy Living, 700 West 40th Street, Baltimore, MD, 21211

Gone With the Wind by Margaret Mitchell, c1935. In this eminently readable and discussable classic historical novel, Scarlet O'Hara sets about to salvage her plantation home after the Civil War sweeps away the genteel life to which she had become accustomed.

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

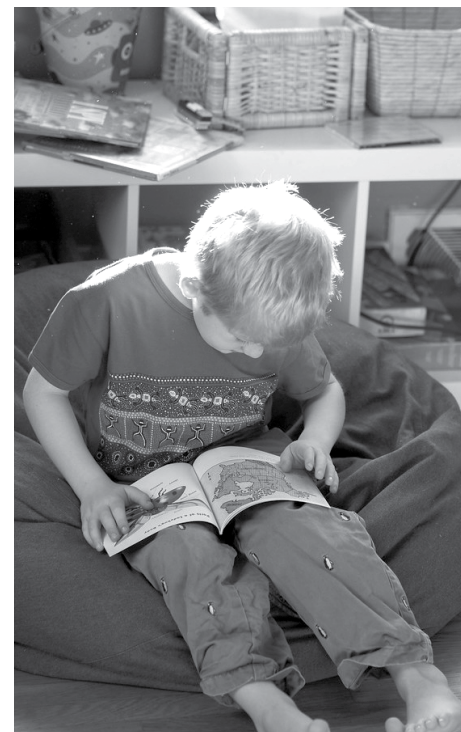
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Mary Pat Clarke Retirement

By Mary Pat Clarke / Baltimore City Council, District 14 / May 6, 2019



Dear 14th District Leaders and Friends,

For the past 15 years, I have had the honor and joy of representing our diverse and dynamic 14th District. Now it's time for a new generation of City Council leadership for our district. So I am writing to let you know that I will not be seeking re-election for the City Council term beginning on December 8, 2020, a year and a half from now.

Please be assured that in these troubling and transitional times, I will continue to work as diligently as possible for 14th District neighborhoods and individuals and to see Baltimore City through to the stability, violence reduction, and educational achievement now evolving on Baltimore City's horizon.

I regard the people of the great 14th as my extended and beloved family — and

always will. But the time is right for a new generation to assume leadership and responsibility in our crucial corner of the City. The person we elect will contribute ideas and talents to the most progressive and diligent City Council I have ever had the honor to work with. The time is right to make the coming transition of 2020 the most promising possible.

I write now, because the Primary Election for Mayor and City Council — and President of the United States — is just one year away, on April 28, 2020. And in Baltimore, that Primary determines the General Election outcomes in November.

Our 14th District voters and potential candidates deserve this intervening year to get to know each other. May God bless us all and continue to guide our paths.

Mary Pat Clarke

What's New at St. Mary's Outreach Center

By Tasha Cornish / 3900 Roland Avenue / Baltimore, MD 21211 / 410-366-3106 / www.smocbaltimore.org

Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit

There is still time to sign up for the Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit. If you've applied for the Credits before, you likely received an application in the mail; to receive the Credit, you have to re-apply every year and the deadline this year is September 3. Both programs are statewide and administered through the Department of Assessment and Taxation.

If you are a homeowner and your 2018 household income was \$60,000 or below, you are encouraged to apply for the Homeowners' Tax Credit. You are eligible for the credit if your property taxes exceed a fixed percentage of your income.

If you are a renter, part of your rent goes to pay your landlord's property taxes. You may be eligible for the Renters' Tax Credit if you are 60 or older, 100% disabled, or under 60 with at least one dependent. Eligibility is calculated based on your annual income and your monthly rent.

You can find more information and applications for both programs at <https://dat.maryland.gov/Pages/Tax-Credit-Programs.aspx>. If you are 55 and older and would like more information, call SMOC at 410-366-3106.

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UPCOMING AT SMOC

Choosing Over-the-Counter Medicines Wisely with University of Maryland at St. Mary's Outreach Center: Thursday, June 13, Time TBD—Call for Info

Do you or a loved one use over-the-counter (OTC) medicines? Would you like to know more about choosing and using OTC medicines safely? The University of Maryland is developing an interactive, educational outreach workshop focused on choosing and using OTC wisely. The program is sponsored by the Peter Lamy Center for Drug Therapy and Aging at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. The workshop leaders will give voluntary short pre- and post-surveys to help them improve the workshop; you don't have to take the surveys to participate. Please RSVP to the event by calling SMOC at 410-366-3106. If you would like more information about the event, call Dr. Chanel Whittaker at 410-706-5535.

Hampden Family Center: News & Events

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

The Pratt Library's Hampden branch will undergo major renovations starting on May 20. In order to provide library services to the community during the construction period, the Pratt has partnered with the Hampden Family Center. Pratt staff will provide weekly storytimes, a place for customers to browse collections and pick up books on hold, computer assistance, adult programming, and more.

"It's important to Hampden residents and our clients of all ages that there continues to be a library presence and services available in the neighborhood during the branch renovation," says Lisa Ghinger, Executive Director of the Hampden Family Center. *"We are happy to provide the space and look forward to this innovative partnership."*

Schedule

Check our website for program details and dates.

Tuesdays: 10am – 5:30 pm

Wednesdays: 10 am – 5:30 pm

Thursdays: 12 pm – 8 pm

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, June 13

Schedule: Second Thursdays, 9 am – 5 pm

Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheons are free, but advance registration is required. Call 410-467-8710 to register.

Date: Friday, June 21

Schedule: Third Fridays, 11 am – 1 pm

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