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### DECEMBER HCC MEETING

**There is no December meeting. The next HCC meeting is next year 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

### Holidays in Hampden

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

It's the holiday season, and Hampden does it up bigger than just about anywhere else in Baltimore. Holidays in Hampden are not just a great time for us locals, but a cherished tradition for families throughout the Baltimore region. Welcoming so many guests can sometimes make parking a challenge. Please be patient with our visitors and do your best to maintain your holiday cheer.

The Mayor's Christmas Parade returns on Sunday, December 2nd, beginning at 1pm. The parade begins at Poly High School, proceeds down Falls Rd. then turns down The Avenue before ending at Chestnut. The name of the parade is actually somewhat misleading, as it is not an event organized by Baltimore City. Tom Kerr and a dedicated group of volunteers have organized the parade – which has been recognized as one of the best in the entire country - themselves for the past 46 years! Featured in the parade will be the winners of the annual Ms. Yuletide and Junior Ms. Yuletide contests. Congratulations to Ms. Yuletide Michaela Smith and Junior Ms. Yuletide Penelope Tsendeas!

The "Miracle on 34th Street" also returns this month. Neighbors have been working hard for weeks in anticipation of the annual lighting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The lights are generally on 6p-11p nightly between Nov. 24th and January 1st. Thanks

to Bob and Darlene Hosier and all of the 34th Street neighbors who put on these fantastic displays.

Along with holiday cheer, the season brings with it an increase in crimes, especially robberies and package theft. As you are out and about in the neighborhood be aware of your surroundings. There has been an increase in armed robberies across the city, and Hampden has unfortunately seen a few. If possible, protect your holiday packages by having them sent to a neighbor, a business, or other secure location.

You can help the HCC close out the year on a positive note by paying your annual dues now. Dues will increase in January, and your financial support allows us to publish the Hampden Happenings, sponsor events like the Christmas Parade, and do other things to make Hampden a better place to live.

Finally, please note that the HCC does not have a general meeting in December. We'll reconvene in the new year! Our board is hard at work finalizing details for our annual holiday party. Please check out Facebook, NextDoor, or hampdenhappenings.org for more details!

Happy Holidays!

*Matt Stegman*  
HCC President

HAMPDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## 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:

Mary Rose: (410) 986-0844

## Successful "Paint Night"

By Mary Rose Cook



On November 5, 2018 Hampden residents and their family and friends joined together at the Blue Pit BBQ (1601 Union Avenue) for a paint night to benefit the Hampden Community. Teresa Grant of Happy Mediums led us in the painting of the iconic Hampden Pink Flamingo. While each painting had the same basic design, every painter added their own unique touches. See the photograph of our group displaying our masterpieces. Each of the painters was treated to a free glass of wine. In addition, many in attendance



enjoyed a barbecue dinner from the Blue Pit BBQ. All in all, everyone in attendance had a great night, especially, Amber Hope who won a free paint night for her friends which was offered by Teresa as a door prize. Thanks Cara Bruce of Blue Pit BBQ for hosting the HCC Paint Nite. The funds raised from this paint night will be used by the Hampden Community Council to benefit the residents of Hampden. Look for additional fun, fundraisers in upcoming months, including a Happy Hour and bingo night at Blue Pit BBQ.

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## Celebrating City Lights Win

By Kathy Krampien

On Thursday October 25th, the HCC hosted a festive Halloween happening at the Sweetside Cafe. In accordance with winning the Baltimore City's Lights Festival Neighborhood contest, the HCC was required to give back to the neighborhood. We did so by sponsoring a showing of the original "Ghostbusters" movie on the deck of the Sweetside Cafe. The intrepid souls that braved the chilly temps were treated to free popcorn, cookies and scrumptious donuts.

Many thanks to Pamela and her staff for the wonderful evening and we look forward to hosting more events with our Sweetside friends.



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## Hampden Family Center: News and Events

By Lisa Ghinger / 1104 West 36th Street / Baltimore, MD 21211 / 410-467-8710 / [www.hampdenfamilycenter.org](http://www.hampdenfamilycenter.org)

### Christmas Angels – Wishes Can Happen

We are hosting Christmas Angels this season, and it's not too late to 'be an angel' and provide gifts to children in our community who need them. If you are interested in being a Christmas Angel for a child in our community, please contact Pam Viel who will give you a child's age, gender and toy wish list. You can make a child's wish come true this Christmas.

If you are in need of a Christmas Angel for a child 12 and under, stop by the Center to sign up for your child. Children 12 and under may request three toys as a wish from their Christmas Angel. Children's wishes can come true!

### Annual Holiday Party

Saturday December 8th from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Enjoy holiday carols, craft activities and yummy treats while visiting with Santa! Families must pre-register their children 12 and under to receive a

small wrapped gift. If you are planning to attend please call 410-467-8710 to register and receive your ticket. Space is limited so please don't wait!

### WIC

If you have children 5 years and younger and/or pregnant or 6 months postpartum, please visit our new location and speak with Rhonda from WIC. By appointment only – please call 410-614-4848. WIC is on site the second Thursday of the each month: Thursday, December 13th 9:00am – 5:00pm

### Senior Luncheon

Friday, December 21st from 11:00 am – 1:00pm. Get into the holiday spirit and join us for lunch and festivities. In addition to sharing a hot meal with friends you can play a few rounds of Bingo. Senior Lunches are free, but advance registration is required as seating is limited.

### GE Class

Don't forget you can earn your General Equivalency Diploma with the Hampden Family Center. The Winter/Spring semester starts on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 and will meet every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Registration for classes is by appointment only and will be held January 9th, 10th & 11th at Strong City Baltimore - 3503 North Charles Street. For more information and to register for classes, please call Strong City Baltimore at 410-261-0022.

The Family Center would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. We thank you for your support over this past year and wish you a very Happy New Year! May 2018 bring you only the very best.

## News from the Hampden Library

By Devon Ellis

### 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 ages 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)
- + Photocopying machine
- + DVDs and audiobooks
- + Materials can be sent here for local pickup and returned here or to any Pratt location
- + Applying for a job online
- + On-street parking

Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday season and a peaceful New Year! Stock up on plenty of holiday reading and viewing from the Hampden Library!

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Sundays: closed

### Hampden Holidays at Family Center

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the Center will host the Annual Holiday Party. This festive event is a special time for families who may not otherwise have the resources to celebrate the holidays. And that's where YOU come in!

The Center is accepting donations of toys and gifts less than \$15 for children ages 0-12. **Drop off your unwrapped gifts to the Center by Monday, Dec. 3.** A simple gift makes a big difference!

## Community Concerts at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

Chamber Music concert featuring Swiatoslaw Kuznik, violin; Dr. Aneta Otreba, cello; Christina Rahardjo, piano; performing Clara Schumann Piano Trio and others on **Sunday, 12/9/18 at 2 pm.**

This concert is open to the public and free.

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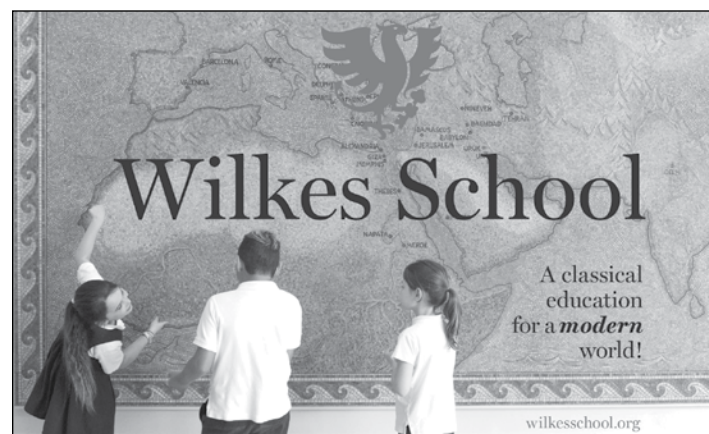
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## What's New at St. Mary's Outreach Center

By Tasha Cornish / 3900 Roland Avenue / Baltimore, MD 21211 / 410-366-3106 / [www.smocbaltimore.org](http://www.smocbaltimore.org)

### Hampden Historic Churches Open House Tour

On December 8, from 12 PM to 3 PM, you will have the opportunity to explore eight historic churches right in our neighborhood. The Greater Hampden Heritage Alliance is organizing this event and we are proud to collaborate with them to serve as the information hub. Stop by St. Mary's to get your physical copy of the site list and information from the Greater Hampden Heritage Alliance organizers. We will partner with our fellow building-mates, the Baltimore Shakespeare Factory, to have refreshments and activities. Come join the (free) fun!

### Handling the Holidays

This time of year can remind us of those we have lost and who we miss, even when we think we have "gotten over" the feelings of sadness. For many of us, there can be ongoing family conflicts and wounds that have not yet healed. When we are around

family, we can fear that these conflicts will continue and the wounds will reopen.

Last December, our Clinical Director, Elizabeth Smith, LCSW-C, shared some of these tips with attendees of her workshop, Handling the Holidays. If you would like to explore any of these further, give Liz a call at 410-366-3106:

1. *Know yourself well:* Pay attention to the things that are stressors for you. Identify strategies to decrease that stress.
2. *Seek support:* Talk with trusted friends and family members. Counselors can help identify ways to cope with the stress and grief.
3. *Know your limits:* This applies to time, energy, and finances. Seek to find a balance in how you spend these valuable resources.
4. *Honor your grief:* Explore how to remember the loved ones you have lost. There are creative ways to help us continue to feel connected to them.

5. *Balance is the key:* Seek ways to enjoy the food, people, and giving that characterizes these holidays, but in ways that neither deprive nor overindulge.

6. *Be realistic:* Check your expectations. We are not able to change others, but we can change our expectations and how we respond to others. It is ok to say 'no' and to speak up.

7. *Maintain self-care:* Make sure to maintain habits such as exercise, healthy eating, prayer, and whatever else nurtures you. The additional holiday activities can be scheduled and managed around the typical habits.

## Fair Trade Rug Event

By Kristin Wiebe

From December 5 – 8, the North Baltimore Mennonite Church will turn itself into a fair trade rug bazaar, bringing in fair trade Bunyaad rugs from their year-round location at Ten Thousand Villages in Ephrata, PA.

All of the rugs available come from 850 families in over 100 villages across Pakistan. "Bunyaad," meaning "building foundations," provides artisans with training, a loom and raw materials to work on in their village homes. Over half of the artisans are women. Men and women are paid an equal and fair wage for their work, and each artisan chooses the colors and designs they work with.

"Fair trade isn't just about paying people fairly," explains Jenni Leister, Bunyaad Director of Operations. "It's about treating artisans with respect and dignity. Every rug in our collection is unique." Everything is done by hand, from dyeing

the wool to tying the fringes. Many of the rugs are made with natural dyes collected in the region. Made with high-quality, lanolin-rich wool, these rugs are naturally very durable and stain-resistant. They are made to last for generations.

In 2006, northwest Pakistan experienced a devastating earthquake. Homes were destroyed, lives were lost, and many were without jobs. Bunyaad has recently set up a training facility for women who, ten years earlier, were children without homes. These women are now able to learn a trade, and when they complete the program, they take a loom back to their home and teach other family members.

Each artisan work at his or her own pace, because their looms are in their own homes. Working at home means they can weave and take care of household tasks as needed. Some of the pieces, such as a 9x12' room-sized rug with 500 knots per square

inch, take five artisans working side-by-side, roughly six hours a day, approximately one year to produce.

"It really makes the world a more peaceful and just place," Leister says. "Every day we vote with our economic dollar. This Baltimore community has realized that if they want to be the change they wish to see in the world, they shop fair trade."

Stop in to see and learn more about these gorgeous, hand-knotted rugs December 5 – 8, 2018 at the North Baltimore Mennonite Church, 4615 Roland Avenue. More information at [rugs.tentousandvillages.com](http://rugs.tentousandvillages.com).

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<b>How To Decorate A Festive Holiday Table</b> Wednesday, 11am - 12:30pm • December 19, 2018	<b>New Year's Recipe Exchange</b> Thursday, 10:30am - 12pm • December 27, 2018

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