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NOVEMBER HCC MEETING

**The next HCC meeting is on
Monday, November 26th, 2018.**

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

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

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

Neighbors,

With November upon us, it's election season again. No matter who you plan to vote for, make sure you get out there and vote! Hampden is split between three different state legislative districts and has multiple polling locations. You can verify your registration information, find your polling place, and view your sample ballot at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov.

Elsewhere there is plenty going on in the neighborhood. On November 5th, the HCC will host a Paint Night at Blue Pit BBQ. Tickets are \$45 and include painting supplies, instruction, and a glass of wine. Come support the community while making some fine (or not-so-fine) art.

November 12th, Café Hon is hosting a karaoke fundraiser to benefit the Mayor's Christmas Parade. Despite the name, the parade is actually not a city-sponsored event and everything is organized and paid for by a team of dedicated volunteers, led by Mr. Tom Kerr. This will be a great opportunity to sing some of your favorite tunes with some of your favorite people for a good cause.

Then, on Sunday, December 2nd, the 46th Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade returns to the neighborhood! This time-honored tradition is always a favorite for all ages.

Throughout the Summer months the Hampden community saw an uptick in crime. The HCC is leading several efforts to tackle some of the factors that contribute to petty crime, and we need your help. First, we encourage all neighbors to help out with our neighborhood lighting survey. Go to www.hampdenhappenings.org and fill out the Lighting Survey form for your block. Well-lit streets feel safer and deter criminal activity. To that end, we are also encouraging neighbors to keep on their porch/stoop lights, if they have one. We are also putting together more crime & grime walks for the Fall. Check our Facebook page for dates and times.

Finally, November comes to a close with Thanksgiving, so I want to take a moment to share what I'm thankful for. I'm thankful for all of the community members who volunteer their time to improve our neighborhood. From members of the HCC board, to the volunteers who deliver this newsletter, to neighbors who participate in our neighborhood cleanups, thank you to everyone who helps make Hampden a great place to live.

Matt Stegman
HCC President

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Paint Nite at Blue Pit BBQ

1601 Union Avenue
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November 5, 2018
7pm 'til 9pm

\$45 | Glass of wine included w/ cost

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Hampden Homecookin': Thai-Style Fish with Cucumber Relish

By Jon Kmetz

I love fried fish... who doesn't? But let's face it, most recipes are fairly plain-jane: Breadcrumbs, or flour maybe with seasoning, dressed up with a squeeze of lemon, or some tartar sauce. Comforting, but let's turn it up to 11: Crispy bright golden-hued fish with emerald patches of cilantro peeking out, crowned with a spicy, savory jalapeño & cucumber relish, umami courtesy of fish sauce and vinegar.

If using basil, use only Thai: its piquancy is unmatched by its Italian cousins. Tweak the relish to your taste. Served with hot jasmine rice, this dish will always delight.

Happy Homecookin'!

Ingredients:

Relish:

2-3 large garlic cloves

2 small jalapeño chilies split & seeded
(or to taste)

1 large cucumber, peeled, seeded,
roughly diced

3 scallions sliced

3 tablespoons Asian rice vinegar

1-2 tablespoons Thai *nam pla* fish sauce

2 tablespoons peanut / safflower oil

¼ teaspoon each salt and sugar

Fish:

4 orange roughy fillets / firm white fish
(tilapia, snapper, etc.) 4-5 oz. each

½ C. flour, sifted

1 teaspoon ground cumin

½ teaspoon each kosher salt & turmeric

5 tablespoons roughly chopped cilantro
(or Thai basil, or flat Italian parsley if you
hate cilantro)

Peanut / Safflower oil for frying

Optional: extra cilantro or Thai basil

(or both) to serve

Mince or process garlic and chilies to fine mince. Mix with diced cucumber & sliced scallions. Dissolve salt & sugar in rice vinegar. Add vinegar mixture, fish sauce & oil to veggies. Combine well. Taste & adjust for seasoning. Set aside for at least an hour, or chill in refrigerator for up to a day, mixing occasionally. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Using a blender or whisk, thoroughly mix flour, cumin, salt & turmeric. Add chopped cilantro to flour dredge and spoon-mix well. Pour flour mixture on a plate. Leave fillets wet and coat on both sides. Heat a heavy skillet to medium-high heat, and add enough oil to coat the bottom. When the oil is shimmering, add fish. Don't overcrowd the pan. Fry until golden-brown on the edges, about 2 minutes per side. If fried in batches, keep done fish warm on paper towels in the oven. Plate fillets on a bed of hot rice & top with cucumber relish. If desired, each diner can tear some fresh cilantro and/or Thai basil over fish before eating. Serves 4.

www.hampdenhappenings.org

This is the HCC website. Here you will find the HCC membership forms, a Newsletter advertising rate/request form, and information about the Community Grant program (due date Nov. 30, 2018).

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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

Taste of Hampden: Huge Success!

Hampden Family Center extends a huge thank you for a wonderfully successful Taste of Hampden 2018! We celebrated the community's culinary scene at Union Craft Brewing at Union Collective. Union Craft was the quintessential host – donating and serving their signature brews and space for our event. More than 350 guests, a record number for Taste of Hampden, enjoyed Hampden's incredible restaurants. The silent auction featured the community's unique boutiques, restaurants and businesses. The event raised more than \$27,000 in support of the Center's programs and services. We are grateful to everyone for their generous donation of time, talent and treasure. Thank you to the following for participating this year!

The restaurants: 13.5% wine Bar/ Asian Taste/Blue Pit BBQ & Whiskey Bar/Café Hon/ Chuck's Trading Post/ Common Ground/ Dylan's Oyster Cellar/ Five & Dime Ale House/ Frazier's on the Avenue/Harmony Bakery/Holy Frijoles/Luigi's Italian Deli/ Ma Petite Shoe/Rocket to Venus/Royal Farms/Sweet Side Café/The Charmery/The Food Market/The Wine Source/ Vent Coffee Roasters/Waffle Waffle/Well Crafted Kitchen and Wicked Sisters.

The sponsors: Anonymous/ Symphony Manor/ Mill #1 & Whitehall Mill/Gutiérrez Studios/ Port Networks/ The Fox Building and The Mill Centre.

The merchants and friends: Adamento Studios/Atomic Books/Anonymous/Baltimore in a Box/Baltimore Chef/Baltimore Spirits Company/Baltimore Yoga Tree/ Barks & Blooms/The Bottom Drawer/ Broken Plate/Charm City Skin/Cloud 9 Clothing/Crafted Hair Studio/Double Dutch Boutique/Earth Treks/Frazier's on the Avenue/Hampden Family Center/In Watermelon Sugar/Loft Body Collective/ Ma Petite Shoe & Sock Company/ Meadowmill/Stephanie Murdock/Paulie Gee's Hampden/Sachs Photography/Souvlaki/Sugar/Sweet Side Café/ TROHV/ Vu Skateboard Shop/Dorothy Wolman/Zensations and Zissimos Bar.

WIC

For women with children five years and younger and/or if you are pregnant or six months postpartum, you can apply for WIC, by appointment, at the Center.

Call: 410-614-4848

Date: Thursday, November 8th (every second Thursday of the month)

Schedule: Second Thursdays 9am – 5pm

Seedco Earn Benefits

Assists in attaining benefits such as food stamps, utilities support, a government issued cell phone and tax credits.

Call for Appointments with Ashley: 410-467-8710.

Schedule: Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Fitness for 50+

An exercise class for those 50 and older! Led by a trained professional from MedStar Union Memorial Hospital features low-impact aerobics and strength training.

Schedule: Tuesdays at 10am-11am

Life Balance/Weight Management

This FREE 16-week, one-hour class, focuses on helping participants to make healthy lifestyle choices to decrease the risk of diseases such as type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease. The program is facilitated by a registered nurse. Topics include: Effective ways to lose and maintain weight loss, healthy eating, fitness and exercise, coping skills, problem solving, and ways to manage stress. Call the Center for more information.

Schedule: Tuesday at 11am

Yoga for Beginners

Yoga Path's Kerry Martinez, a certified yoga instructor, will teach a one-hour beginner's class for 8 weeks.

Date: Monday, September 17th – November 5th

Schedule: 11am – 12pm

After School Enrichment Program

The After-School Enrichment Program provides daily positive youth development activities to children in grades 1 through 5. Focuses on strengthening and improving skills through applied learning and enrichment activities such as art, music, science, and athletics. Children are picked

up from Hampden Elementary/Middle School each day.

Schedule: Monday - Friday, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per child, per month

Study Buddy offers one-on-one, free, tutoring for students in grades K-12. Students are matched with volunteers for one-on-one tutoring. Call Adam at 410-467-8710 to discuss your child's needs.

Schedule: Thursday 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Adult Literacy/GED to help you brush up on the skills you need to earn your General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Registration for classes is by appointment only. For more information and a Registration Appointment, please call Strong City Baltimore at 410-261-0022.

Schedule: Every Tuesday and Thursday, January 15 - June 6, 2019, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Calling All Christmas Angels... be an angel this holiday season and adopt a Hampden child for Christmas. The Family Center sponsors the Christmas Angel Program for children in need ages 0-12. Call 410-467-8710 or stop by the center for more information.

Annual Christmas Party Needs Toy Donations... we welcome donated toys for children 12 and under to be distributed at our annual Christmas party. You will put a smile on the face of a child!

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Hampden Family Christmas Party on December 8th from 11:00am - 1:00pm. Enjoy 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!

The Family Center would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support of the Center. It is truly an honor to serve the folks in our neighborhood and we are very grateful for that privilege. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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 ages 3-12

Build with Lego Classics, Lego Duplos, and Bristle Blocks.

Enviro Drum Performance

Friday, November 2 at 3:30pm to 4:30pm, For 'twins, teens, and families with kids

"ENVIRO DRUM of MARYLAND USA": Upbeat, Creative, Captivating! "Enviro Drum" is a professional percussion band that performs using ordinary household items as percussion instruments. Their regular theme—"reduce, reuse, recycle"—will be broadened to incorporate themes of peace and anti-gun violence during the Baltimore Ceasefire / One Book weekend. The performance will be followed by a "Peace-a-party!" (pizza!)

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 ages
- + Events, including weekly baby and toddler interactive lap programs

- + Computer printers - 5 free prints per day
- + Photocopying machine
- + DVDs and audiobooks
- + Materials can be sent here for local pickup and returned here or to any branch
- + Applying for a job online
- + On-street parking

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? This street intersects the Avenue
? Of the best ice cream, it has a hilltop view
? It shares its name with a tree
? Or a roasted Christmas treat-- so tasty
? And toilet racers steer down it with their crew

Do you know which neighborhood location this limerick is about? Email your answer to annie@coremaryland.com this week for a chance to win a gift from Milagro.

Last month's answer:
Mural on the side of M&T Bank on the Avenue
Kudos to last month's winner, Kathy Schott!



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Volunteer with Thread

By Arshia Sethi / Volunteer and Student Enrollment Manager at Thread / www.thread.org

Are you open to meeting new people? Do you have a special skill or talent and want to share it with others? Thread is weaving a new social fabric in Baltimore, and we are looking for volunteers to join our movement. Thread disrupts the pattern of social isolation by enrolling 9th grade students who rank in the lowest 25 percent of their class academically and who face additional challenges outside of the classroom. These students and volunteers form Thread families (3-4 volunteers per student) where they build reciprocal and transformative relationships to help each other through the ups and downs of life.

Our students consistently defy the odds: 87% of our students have graduated from high school within six years, and 83% of our students have completed a college degree or certificate program.

ACCE is one of Thread's four partner sites, and we have over 70 current ACCE students and alumni in our program. We have seen the benefit of community members being involved with students in their area, and we are looking for more Hampden community members to volunteer with us as we prepare to welcome the new cohort of 16 ACCE Thread students in

January! Since ACCE recently moved back to Hampden, we are excited for the opportunity to strengthen relationships between community members and ACCE students, but we need your help to do that. We are looking for volunteers to work with ACCE students, lead a team of volunteers, or support our organization as a resource team member based on your skills and expertise. If you have a lot of time or just a little, we can find a place for you in our community. Email volunteer@thread.org to find out more and get started on your Thread journey!

Clean and Green Committee Updates

By Daniel Ewald

At the last Clean and Green Committee meeting, Chief Cason and our DPW Rep. Terrance were able to attend. They covered Baltimore recent deployment of public solar powered trash compactors. Sadly, while the hyped option of the trash cans providing free public WiFi won't happen, the new units will be able to communicate with DPW when they are full. This should allow for more targeted clean up efforts and planning. New cans for recycling will also be coming out, but they won't be compactable.

The first phase will be along Washington Boulevard, Ridgely's Delight, Cherry Hill and Westport, and then Light, Charles, and Hanover streets in South Baltimore. The cans should be easy to find; decorated with bold City seals and messaging on the side panels. Hampden, and other "commercial hubs", will be in the second phase, about a year from now. Bus and other transit stations will be the third phase.

The Clean and Green Committee also discussed trash can issues along Falls Road and Roosevelt Park. The main issues being a lack of can or overfilling of them, of which DPW said they would look into issuing more trash cans. The absence of street sweeping along Falls, 36th, and Chestnut was also brought up. We reminded DPW that a majority of cars are gone early to midday for easier cleaning. Chief Cason said DPW can use the "golf cart" cleaners for Hampden to help out. Regarding residential street sweeping, the committee is still negotiating on a survey form with DPW.

Hampden Holidays at Family Center

By Hampden Community Council / Photo courtesy of United Way of Greater St. Louis

The Hampden Community Council will be collecting toys for the Family Center to give to neighborhood children for the holiday season. Please donate an unwrapped toy valued at \$10.00 or less for either a boy or girl who is in need. HCC will collect these toys at the October and November General Meetings held on the last Monday of each month. Collected toys will be delivered to the Hampden Family Center to be given to the children. Make a child's holiday special this year.



Zoning & Land Use Committee Updates

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

3550 and 3600 Ash St

A proposal for five townhomes at the intersection of West 36th and Ash Streets has received City approval. The HCC has previously worked with neighbors to provide input and feedback to the developer in an effort to improve the plans. Concerns include the impact of plans for garages with curb cuts and driveways on the character of the street.

The Baltimore City Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) heard appeals for variances of the lot coverage and side yard setback requirements related to the proposal on September 4. The BMZA approved the variances, despite the written opposition of the HCC.

On October 18, the Baltimore City Planning Commission held a hearing to consider the proposal to subdivide the properties at 3550 and 3600 Ash Street into five parcels

and the proposed site plan. Despite the vigorous opposition of the HCC in a letter to the Planning Commission and the efforts of neighbors and community members at the hearing, the Planning Commission voted to approve the proposed subdivision and plans.

The HCC will continue to monitor this development project and will keep neighbors and community members informed of significant news.

3509 Chestnut Ave

A local developer is proposing a two-story rear addition to this rowhouse and partial demolition of a detached garage at the rear of the property. The plans are very similar to, and the developer is the same as for, 3447 and 3449 Chestnut Avenue. The proposed addition would span the width of the lot, rather than the cut-in for air and light of the original design.

The plans require an appeal for variances before the BMZA, and a hearing is scheduled for October 30. The variances for the developer's other houses on Chestnut Avenue were denied by the BMZA. The HCC is working with the developer on soliciting neighbor input on the current BMZA appeal.

3827 Falls Rd (Coffeecake)

The BMZA recently approved an appeal for a conditional use of "indoor recreation" in this commercial property. The use is for a video arcade that would be an accessory to a coffee shop next door. The building was previously the location of Sirkis Hardware. The concept for Coffeecake is a family-friendly location for entertainment and coffee.

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