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NOVEMBER HCC MEETING

**The next HCC meeting is
November 25, 2019**

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

- 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 LETTER

Welcome to a special holiday issue of Hampden Happenings. Some may have noticed that we have not produced the newsletter over the past several months. It will, unfortunately, continue to have an irregular schedule as we continue to assess how best to serve you, our neighbors.

The season change can only mean one thing here in Hampden - the **Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade** will soon be here! The parade will begin at **1 p.m. on Sunday, December 8**, leaving from the Poly/Western parking lot at Falls Rd. and Cold Spring, and will make its way south on Falls all the way to the Avenue, where it will turn to pass the judges' stand across from Frazier's.

Tom Kerr, Chairman, Christi Clash, Co-Chair, and the faithful group of volunteers, promise that this year's parade will be spectacular. It will include many high school bands, giant balloons, floats, equestrian groups, and (of course) Santa! This year's Ms. Yuletide, Grace Leone, and Jr. Ms. Yuletide, Lily Ann Humel, will be on a float, and the runners up, Mia Spikloser and Lillian Bahr will accompany Mrs. Claus on her float. Be sure to get your spot along the parade route early to catch a glimpse of all the amazing participants!

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend the parade in the past - this is really a must see! While the name might suggest that the parade is organized by the Mayor and/or Baltimore City, it is actually pulled together by our very own Tom Kerr, who works throughout the year to ensure an exciting and inclusive event that brings folks together from throughout the city and the region.

This newsletter is one important element of what a community association can be at its best - it supports a sense of community among residents, and gives us a voice to speak up, together, about our vision of this amazing neighborhood, and its place within Baltimore City. For us to function

at our best as **your neighborhood association**, we need **you, your friends, and your neighbors** to join us at our meetings, as members and board members, so that when our elected officials and government representatives, developers, non-profit coalitions, police, etc., come to us to support decisions and policies that shape our community, we can say that we truly speak for our residents. Our monthly general meetings are always open to the public, on the last Monday of the month, at 7 p.m., at the Roosevelt Recreation Center. To become a voting member, all that is required is to attend at least two meetings over the course of the year and to pay membership dues at a meeting, by sending in the form on the back of this newsletter, or by visiting our website.

Our upcoming meeting, on **Monday, November 25**, will be our Annual Meeting. This is when elections will take place for board members for 2020. On the following pages you can read about folks who have filed for candidacy in time for this publication, If you are a member of the HCC in good standing, **you too can run for a position** simply by attending the November meeting and declaring your intent.

Stepping into this role as President of our association was unexpected for me, but now that I am here, I am excited about what lies ahead for our organization, and our community. I am so grateful for the work of our team, and am looking forward to hopefully serving in this position for another year, if I have your support.

If you are unable to attend the meeting on the 25th, or our **holiday party on December 3rd at The Cafe Hon Bar**, Happy Holidays! We look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood in 2020!

Eli Lopatin
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Candidates for the 2020 HCC Board

Nicholas Blendy

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

I moved here in June of 2019 from living in Seton Hill for six years. My term as President of the Seton Hill Association expired in October, so I want to become more engaged in my new home neighborhood.

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

Walkability.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I love being able to play pickup soccer at Roosevelt Park.

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

The Falls & 36th intersection should be a diagonal crosswalk. Am open to learning about other needs in parts of the neighborhood I am less familiar with.

Martin Burian

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

Five years

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

Walkability is my favorite part about the neighborhood. It's great to have many amenities nearby.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I am a healthcare policy analyst for my day job. My family welcomed a little baby about a year ago. I am currently Chair of the HCC Zoning & Land Use Committee, and I would like to continue serving the community.

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

I would like the HCC to be a voice for the residents of Hampden, advocating for the overall best interests of the community.

What is one thing that the HCC can do to better serve the neighborhood this year?

The HCC can involve residents to help shape the future of our neighborhood.

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The HCC can continue to reach out to gain new members and raise funds to support bringing back an improved Newsletter for the community.

David Stysley

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

Seven years

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

The walkability

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I was the treasurer for the previous three years.

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

Specifically I intend to be a resource for the incoming treasurer.

What is one thing that the HCC can do to better serve the neighborhood this year?

You can keep doing a great job.

Daniel Ewald

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

I've lived in Hampden since May 2010, work downtown.

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

The walkability of this area is among the best in Baltimore. Everything is within a mile.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

Despite my ecological background, I'm not great at raising potted plants. Still trying though. Least I can compost them.

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The Hampden Community Council presents
 The 2nd Annual Ugly Christmas Attire and Karaoke Party
 Sing your favorite Holiday tune while rocking your ugliest Christmas attire
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Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

A reliable schedule for street sweeping along 36th and Falls. While DPW engages, it's inconsistent at best.

Aaron Feierstein

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

I have lived in Hampden with my wife, Sarah, and dog, Melo, since 2016. Our baby boy, Ethan, was recently born in October 2019.

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

What I love about Hampden is its walkability and green spaces, friendliness of neighbors, diverse restaurant/bar scene, and proximity to other parts of Baltimore.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I work for the corporate development arm of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield. My main passions include walking, running and biking around our numerous local parks, hanging out with my family, playing golf and tennis, traveling, and cheering on my Maryland Terrapins.

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

As a board member, I would like to revive the membership committee to grow membership and monthly meeting attendance and lead initiatives that support the ongoing viability of the Hampden Happenings newsletter.

What is one thing that the HCC can do to better serve the neighborhood this year?

I think the HCC does a great job managing local government, police and zoning matters and organizing events that enrich our community. I believe the HCC can do an even better job engaging and communicating with Hampden residents both new and old.

Kathy Krampien

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

As of 2020, I will have lived in Hampden for 20 years.

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

Hampden always reminds me of other places in the world. The small town I grew up in Michigan, a tree lined street in Paris. Every day is a new adventure.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I'm an artist, writer and filmmaker. I've had multiple pieces in Artscape, Light City, Sowebo, etc. I am also a project manager and a grant writer.

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

I would like to bring more cultural activities to Hampden. Projects in the works, include murals at Roosevelt Park, the Hampden Pet Show and a revised Newsletter.

What is one thing that the HCC can do to better serve the neighborhood this year?

Make people more aware of the HCC and what good works we have to offer.

Jeanne Davis

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

I've lived in Hampden for 14 years.

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

My favorite part about Hampden is the amazing neighbors.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I love to go to different neighborhood activities. You can find me at an alley clean up or a neighborhood bingo event. And, of course, Hon Fest and Hampdenfest!

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

I think the HCC needs more members. There are so many active neighbors who may love getting involved with the HCC

What is one thing that the HCC can do to better serve the neighborhood this year?

Find a way to get more trash cans in the streets.

Mary Rose E. Cook - Secretary

How long have you lived or worked in Hampden?

56 years

What is your favorite part about the neighborhood?

The feel of living in a small community yet being close to everything.

What is something your neighbors should know about you? What do you like to do?

I am an Estates and Trusts attorney. Love helping my clients plan for their future. I am a volunteer at the Maryland Zoo for the past six years where I educate children. Also, President of the Baltimore Ski Club and member of Ravens Roost. Love to be social and work together for common goals.

Describe an idea, project, or program to improve or promote Hampden or the HCC.

We need to promote the HCC by attracting more members to the Council. We have a small percentage of participation in the community. The HCC can influence what happens in the neighborhood. We need neighbors to participate in that process.

What is one thing that the HCC can do to better serve the neighborhood this year?

Better communicate what the HCC does and attract members.

Zoning & Land Use Committee Updates

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

3827 Falls Rd (Good Neighbor)

At the September HCC general meeting, Shawn Chopra presented his concept for a retail establishment mixing a café with artisan home goods and furnishings in the old Sirkis Hardware location. The café would be open for coffee and light meals. Many of the home furnishing vendors will be local. The proprietor also applied for a new Class “B” restaurant Beer Wine Liquor license. The liquor license will primarily be for weekends and events, featuring a small beverage menu. The establishment will have 75-80 seats (as required for the license). While café/retail hours can differ, alcohol sales will not start before 11am during the week and 9am for weekend brunch, and will end by 9pm during the week and 10pm on weekends. The HCC negotiated a memorandum of understanding with the proprietor to provide certain terms for the liquor license. At its October 24 hearing, the Board of Liquor License

Commissioners (BLLC) for Baltimore City approved the application for a new license. The establishment is under construction with anticipated opening in Winter 2020.

3500 Chestnut Ave (Bodhi Corner)

The proprietors of Bodhi Corner restaurant requested to transfer a Class “B” Beer Wine Liquor license from the former restaurant The Corner (now Nori Sushi). The proprietors met with the HCC ZLUC to discuss their plans. They emphasized having a limited, quality wine and beer selection with a local emphasis that would complement the food. Due to space constraints, very little liquor would be offered. The owner, Kevin Stevens, stated the restaurant would not provide table service and was not interested in delivering alcohol. The HCC completed an MOU with the proprietors. The BLLC approved the transfer at its October 24 hearing.

3602 Hickory Ave (De Kleine Duivel)

The owners of The Bluebird have taken over the downstairs Belgian beer bar, De Kleine Duivel. During this transition, the owners obtained a new Class “B” restaurant liquor license. The owners indicated to the HCC that they plan to maintain the beer bar and add a small menu of food from the attached kitchen. The original tavern license for De Kleine Duivel can be transferred to another location in the area in the future, after a hearing before the BLLC. The ZLUC continues to monitor for this activity.

West 33rd St and Falls Cliff Rd

Two residents petitioned the City for a traffic study of the 900 block of West 33rd Street and the 3300 block of Falls Cliff Road. They were concerned with vehicles traveling at high rates of speed and safety issues. The HCC endorsed the requests for a traffic study and to solicit professional recommendations for possible traffic mitigation efforts.

Editor’s Report

By Kathy Krampien/ Newsletter Committee Chair / hampdennewsletter@gmail.com

Art in the neighborhood

There was an art opening Friday, November 9, 2019 at the Fleckenstein Gallery at 3316 Keswick Road. The opening was for a show called “...and Your Bird Can Sing”. Primarily bird-related in context, it was quite possibly one of the most pleasing and consistently talented shows I’ve seen in a while. Small in scale but broad in vision, it offers something for everyone both in various viewpoints of our feathery friends and in affordability. Lovely art priced to be owned.

Curated by Terrie Fleckenstein and Deborah Donelson (also one of the artists), smart cheery pieces like the “Chirp Series” by Travis Bruce Black share a wall with the rich romantic pieces by Nancy Scheinman. The deep browns of Scheinman’s pieces cast a velvety magic, like sipping a fine madeira. Prosecco or fine wine, I could do either. Another mention would be Bridgette Guerzon Mills whose mixed media were polished and pleasing. And shout-out to

my friend Robert Hoffman whose sweet birdies glow in the dark. I know because I have one as a nightlite in my bedroom. The show runs through January 4th, 2020.

Hampdenfest

On September 21, during Hampdenfest, the HCC had another successful “fun in the sun-filled day with our annual dunking booth. As usual, it was staffed with a cast of characters from all over the globe. For dunkies, we had some smack talking politicians (Antonio Hayes, looking at you) and our city councilman Leon Pinkett, who attempted upstage Senator Hayes by removing his shirt (does your mother know you get that crazy?). And, of course, there was the mysterious “Gasman”. Who is that masked gasman? Is that gas used to power the toilet bowl races?

Yes, it was that wild. And with a support staff comprised of ball chasers from

Michigan farm country (shout out to Pam and Kayelynn), the Read Street retail goddess Muffy, assorted good friends and HCC board members; much fun was had and shiny coin earned. Thanks again to everyone.



7th District Councilman Leon Pinkett in the Fun Dunker!

Education/Neighborhood Schools News

Hampden Elementary/Middle School Updates

By Daphne Reinhart

Hampden Elementary/Middle School (HEMS) continues to focus on bringing green issues and environmental education to its students. HEMS is currently applying to become an officially designated Maryland Green School, which involves a rigorous application process through the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education.



Thanks to a community grant from the Hampden Community Council, Greenstreet Greenwalls is installing a living plant wall in the front hallway welcoming students, teachers, staff, and visitors to the school. This green installation will not only help clean the air inside the school, but will also offer the entire student body a hands-on environmental learning experience.

Students and teachers on the HEMS Green Team, with support from a grant from BGE and from the Friends of Hampden School, have been working to reclaim the back courtyard. Improvements include an extensive shade garden with native plants and edibles such as pawpaws, blueberries, and ferns, and also a pollinator garden and raised beds in the front of the schoolyard.

“The Green Team at HEMS is really proud of what we’ve accomplished so far teaming up with our community partners,” says Ms. McNamara, second grade teacher and Green Team lead, “together with parents and neighbors we can inspire students in environmental stewardship and have HEMS become a designated Maryland Green School.”

Stay tuned for Drag Queen Bingo at Golden West on February 11, 2020 to benefit the HEMS playground fund!

News From ACCE!

ACCE Senior Esmeralda Romero takes 3rd in State Cross Country Meet!



ACCE is extremely proud of senior Esmeralda Romero’s cross country accomplishments this year. In her second year with the team, Esmeralda set a goal to improve upon her first year and be competitive in the state competition. She improved her time in every meet and won top honors for the citywide cross country meet and the regional meet. On November 9th, Esmeralda ran in the Maryland State Cross Country Finals at Hereford High School and came in third place overall! Her time of 20 minutes and 47 seconds was a dramatic improvement from the previous year when she ran the same course in 25 minutes and 31 seconds! Congratulations to Esmeralda, we look forward to following your career in college!



FREE Clothing Giveaway and...

Second Saturday of the Month
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Woodberry Church of the Brethren
W. 36th and Poole Streets
(Please use basement door entrance.)

News from the Hampden Library

By Devon Ellis / hmp@prattlibrary.org / www.prattlibrary.org

The Hampden Library is now located at the Hampden Family Center, 1104 W. 36th Street, during the library building's renovation. Our phone number at the Hampden Family Center is : **443.473.6397**.

The Hampden Library is open three days a week at the Hampden Family Center :
 Tuesdays :10:00 am – 5:30 pm
 Wednesdays : 10:00 am – 5:30 pm
 Thursdays : 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm

At this location, we have a small browsing collection of bestsellers and DVDs that can be checked-out, holds can be picked-up, and computer classes.

Baby and Toddler Storytime at the Hampden Family Center

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 - 11:10 am, birth to 36 months, with their caregivers. Babies and toddlers enjoy a lap program with music, rhythm, songs, fingerplays, nursery rhymes, a story, and movement.

Exception: This program is NOT HELD on the SECOND Wednesday of each month, so we will NOT be meeting on December 11.

The Hampden Library presents two book discussions of “Long Way Down” by Jason Reynolds, to promote peace and reject gun violence.

First: *Tuesday, December 3 at 3:00pm to 5:00pm.*

Facilitator Maria Broom, a local actress and the author of “The Village Bully,” will lead a lively after-school discussion of “Long Way Down.” Light refreshments will be provided. Recommended for middle-school and up.

Second: *Thursday, December 5 at 6:00pm to 8:00pm*

Facilitator Gayle Danley, a national slam poetry champion, will lead another discussion of “Long Way Down” and will share her lively insights. “PEACE-a” (pizza!) will be served, so please call the Hampden Library to register, at 443.473.6397. Recommended for middle-school and up.

Join Us!

The Wise & Well Center for Healthy Living at Keswick is a place for adults over 50 to pursue their health & well-being goals.

Upcoming Event

Wise & Well Holiday Open House

Come mingle and share good cheer with members, friends, the Wise & Well team, and facilitators in a seasonal celebration and expression of gratitude for all things good! Please register for this event in advance.

Date: Tuesday, December 10
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Upcoming Event

Tea & Food Pairings

Find out how tea extends itself past the morning or afternoon cup! In this workshop we will explore health benefits, flavor qualities, flavonoids and tannins to see what is compatible and complementary. Join us for this multi-dimensional dive into all things tea!

Date: Thursday, December 19
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Fees: Member: \$20
 Non-Member: \$30



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IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF HAMPDEN, please consider joining the Hampden Community Council. The HCC is a voice for everyone in Hampden – homeowners, businesses, teenagers, seniors, newcomers and old-timers. The more members we have the farther your voice can reach. Your membership fee supports our newsletter and improves our community through education, clean & green and zoning committees, to name a few. Help Hampden continue to thrive.

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In addition to my HCC membership, I would like to serve on/learn about the following committee(s): **(OPTIONAL)**

- _____ Zoning
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- _____ Membership
- _____ Education
- _____ Fundraising
- _____ Newsletter Distribution
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