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MAY HCC MEETING

The next HCC meeting is on May 20th, 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.

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Summer’s Almost Here!
By Matt Stegman / HCC President / hccpresident@gmail.com

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Enjoy the warmer weather!
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By Mary Rose Cook

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If you have electronics that you want to donate, you can take them to the Maryland Zoo or deliver to HCC Secretary, Mary Rose E. Cook at an upcoming meeting. She volunteers at the Zoo and will deliver the cell phones for you.

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**Zoning & Land Use Committee Updates**

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

3326 Elm Ave
(Lot next to 3318 Elm Ave)

Ms. Cheryl Wilson presented plans to the HOC ZLUC to construct a detached house with two apartments on a vacant lot on Elm Ave. She purchased the lot located between 3318 Elm Ave and the corner of Harding PI which had outstanding tax liens. Her plans call for a three-story house with a similar design to the neighboring houses on the same side of the street, with two two-bedroom apartments—one on two levels and one on the top level. Two single-car garages with a driveway and space for two additional off-street parking spaces is planned in the rear (facing Falls Cliff Rd). The front of the building will have a porch placed in line with the frontage of neighboring houses, and the overall building will be deeper with the frontage of neighboring houses, built to the side property line. The owner is also considering building a fence near the street along Harding Pl and Falls Cliff Rd.

The proposal requires an appeal for several variances from the Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) related to setbacks from the property lines, amount of the lot covered by impervious surface, and minimum lot size per dwelling unit. A hearing has been scheduled for April 23rd at 1pm.

The HOC ZLUC facilitated a meeting between the owner and the immediately affected neighbors on the block, including Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke. Topics of discussion included size of the building, blocking views from neighbors’ rear yards, vehicular safety of the driveway at the intersection of Falls Cliff Rd, Harding PI and Roland Ave, disruption during construction, and parking. A compromise solution was not reached. The HCC is working to confirm neighbor support for the plans.

**New Wayfinding Signs Tell the Story of Hampden’s Industrial History**

By Nathan Donnici

With grant funding from the Baltimore National Heritage Area, Hampden residents and Greater Hampden Heritage Alliance members Nathan Donnici and Paula Bogert worked with Preservation Maryland to complete a two-year project to illustrate the labor history of the Jones Falls Valley by researching, designing, and installing eight new interpretive signs at historic factory sites.

The Jones Falls provided the power that fueled manufacturing in Baltimore in the 19th and 20th centuries. The string of mills built in the valley along the river had an indelible economic and social impact on the surrounding areas. Each of these signs, installed in pedestrian-friendly and active areas, helps tell the stories of the people who worked in the mills and provides context for the neighborhood’s sustained redevelopment. Each sign includes a multiple access points for information via a map, architectural diagrams, and historic photographs.

**Enoch Pratt President Heidi Daniel’s Presidential Letter**

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**News from the Hampden Library**

By Deven Ellis / Enoch Pratt Free Library Branch Manager

**Baby and Toddler Storytime**

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 – 11:00 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, ages 3-5, with their caregivers

Preschoolers can enjoy stories and early literacy activities, such as songs, fingerplays, a craft, games, and poetry.

**Adult Book Conversation Group**


Location: Keswick’s “Wise & Well Center for Healthy Living” 700 West 40th Street, Baltimore, MD 21211.

We will discuss: “The Kinship of Secrets by Eugenia Kim.” (2018, 322 pages), is a work of fiction that tells the story of two sisters, one raised in the United States, and the other raised in South Korea. The sisters were bound together by family ties, even as they were kept apart by the Korean War—a riveting tale.

The HCC has contacted the proprietors of the Thai restaurant Bodhi Corner to have a hearing scheduled for April 23rd. The owner is working to confirm neighbor support for the plans.

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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

Hats Off to Hampden Gala, which was held on March 30th at Preston Hall, was a fantastic night full of support for the Center. Paul and Dorothy Wolman were stellar co-chairs—thank you both and to their amazing committee. New this year was a hat making station where guests could create their own hat under the direction of volunteers from Art with A Heart. The hat contest was judged by Tim Williams, Jenni Mann, and Christopher Schafer and showcased the best of the best. Congratulations to winners: Hugh Bethell, Joan Cox and Danielle Nekimken!

Thank you to The Wine Source for their incredible generosity—always ensuring guests have a wide selection of beverages from which to choose. Thank you to Chef Chad Gauss of The Food Market and to Danielle Nekimken for preparing wonderful food and desserts. Flowers and centerpieces were beautifully created by Libby Francis of the Modest Florist. We continue to be in awe of her flower magic! A huge thank you to Tim Williams of WJZ TV for serving as the emcee, and to Dorothy Fuchs Yeager of Purple Dot PR.

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.

Hampden Woodberry Medfield Livable Neighborhoods Grant

Deadline for Application: July 15, 2019
Grant Winners will be Announced: September 1, 2019

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Hampden Community Council \n**SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1976** \nBaltimore, Maryland

| HCC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION | \n| --- | --- |
| \n| Name(s) \n| Street Address \n| Phone \n| Business Name (if registering for a business membership) \n| Phone Fax Email \n
**□ NEW MEMBER   □ RENEWING MEMBER**

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**□ BUSINESS ($50)   □ FAMILY ($30)   □ INDIVIDUAL ($20)   □ SENIOR/STUDENT ($10)   □ $______ ADDT’L DONATION**

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

- Zoning
- Crime & Safety
- Membership
- Education
- Fundraising
- Newsletter Distribution
- Clean & Green

Please make checks payable to Hampden Community Council. The HCC is a non-profit 501(c)3 Organization. All dues and additional donations are 100% tax deductible.

Please fill out this application and mail it, along with your check, to:

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