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Looking Back and Looking Forward
By Matt Stegman / HCC President / hccpresident@gmail.com

It’s the New Year, a great time to look back and look forward. December was a great month for us Hampdenites. This year’s Mayor’s Christmas Parade was great, with many old favorites returning and some great new sights to see. I had the honor and pleasure to co-emcee the parade alongside the incomparable Rev. Bonnie McCubbin. A huge shout out goes to Mr. Tom Kerr and his amazing team of volunteers who put on another great show.

The HCC did not have a general meeting last month, but neighbors did gather at Five and Dime Alehouse for our annual Holiday Party. A great time was had by all attendees, and we raised funds to support this newsletter and other community projects put on by the HCC. If you missed the party – or just want to see your neighbors out and about again – we will be hosting a Happy Hour at Blue Pit BBQ on January 14th. More details on our Facebook page, hampdenhappenings.org, or in this newsletter.

As the calendar rolls over to another new year, it once again becomes time to renew HCC membership. See the back page of this newsletter, our website (again, hampdenhappenings.org), or stop by our next meeting to renew your membership today!

We are also looking for new volunteers on our committees in the New Year. Joining a committee is a great way to get more involved in projects you are passionate about and that make Hampden a great place to live. If you have an idea for something the HCC should be doing, let us know! We can connect you with resources and other neighbors ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work.

Finally, on a completely different note, as we head into colder winter temperatures remember to do simple things you can to protect your pipes from freezing. Following a few simple tips can keep you from having a real headache on your hands.

Follow these tips:
• Open your cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
• Let the cold water drip from a faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe helps prevent pipes from freezing.
• Keep your thermostat working! Don’t drop the temperature too low at night and if you plan to be away keep the temperature in your home no lower than 55°F.
• Insulate pipes in basements, attics, and crawl spaces.

Have a Happy New Year from HCC!

Matt Stegman
HCC President

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

2900 Chestnut Ave
The new owner of this property at the intersection of Chestnut Avenue and Falls Road (between Mill Centre and Mount Vernon Mill N. 1) is requesting permission to use the space as professional office space under the “Neighborhood Commercial” conditional use. Although zoned residential, the building has historically been used for commercial purposes, such as studio space, and design and light manufacturing. The building has off-street parking spaces. A hearing before the Baltimore City Board of Municipal Zoning Appeals (BMZA) was scheduled for December 11.

Buena Vista Ave and Delwood Ave
Stonewall Development and Green Door Properties are continuing preparation on the project to construct six townhomes on this vacant property. The developer was granted preliminary BMZA approval for their request to subdivide the property. In order to proceed, the developer will also need approval of a subdivision plan and design plans from the Planning Commission. The HCC continues to work with immediate neighbors and the developer on the plans for this project.

Baltimore City Updates
City Council voted in favor of final passage of a bill to regulate short-term rentals, such as “Airbnb” and similar websites. The bill limits owners to renting space in one residence at a time, requires licensing and certain regulation and oversight of operators, and requires owners to pay City hotel tax on rentals. The City’s Department of Finance estimated that the license limitations would decrease short-term rentals in Baltimore from 2,100 to fewer than 500, and that the increased tax revenue could be up to $1 million per year.

Also, Mayor Catherine Pugh signed a “Complete Streets” ordinance into law recently. The law provides high-level policy and design specifications that reflect best practices in transportation infrastructure. Complete Streets is an approach to transportation design and policy to enable safe and convenient access to streets by all users, including motorists, bicyclists, pedestrians and transit riders of all ages and all abilities. Proponents emphasize improved safety and health as well as positive economic impacts of Complete Streets.

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**Woodstock On My Mind**

By Denny Lynch

Now please indulge me for a spell as I want to take a moment to reflect and thank all of those who made this season festive and bright for so many in our neighborhood. When Hendrix began to play it was as if the inhabitants of the nation had departed.

The deluge accompanied by the Rain Chant, a beautiful thought. It was Monday August 18th and at the risk of losing my summer job, I decided to stay to see Jimi Hendrix who was closing the Festival. Hendrix performed after Sha Na Na, what a juxtaposition that was. By the time he took to the stage most of the inhabitants of the nation had departed. When Hendrix began to play it was as though he was performing for himself, communicating with himself on some other plane beyond this dairy farm. And I was fortunate enough to be directly down in front with my camera to document some of his mysticism. This all brings me back to one final thought about the original Festival of 1969. Although I remember being there and listening to all that fabulous music, I don’t have a clue how I got back home to Baltimore once the Festival was over. Hmm...perhaps part of me never completely returned. Now that’s a beautiful thought.

Peace and love to everyone, Denny Lynch © August 2009.
Hampden Homeookin’: Pork Chops
By Jon Kmetz
Happy 2019, Hampden Homeookers! For many, the New Year conjures up visions of lucky pork and sauerkraut dishes to herald in success and health. But how about pork and apples? No, not the kiddie version with applesauce: in this dish, apples and onions play their sweetness off each other while rosemary and a touch of red pepper give them their own punch. Serve the chops atop mashed potatoes, garnished with a generous spoonful of the apples, and you’ll have a presentation worthy of any fine restaurant! Bonus recipe: Fresh cranberry relish. Serve in canned. Happy Homecookin’! anytime of the year, and wonder what you saw in canned. Happy Homeookin’! Pork Chops with Apples
Ingredients:
1 medium Vidalia or sweet onion, halved
1 crisp, sweet apple, cut in ¾ inch pieces
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoon canola oil, divided use
2 bone-in pork chops, at least ¾” thick.

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350°. Salt and pepper both sides of chops. Cover and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes.
2. Heat a heavy skillet with 1 tablespoon of oil. When oil shimmers, add chops and sear for 2-3 minutes on each side. Remove to a sheet pan and place in oven. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven, tent with foil and let rest for 10 minutes.
3. In another pan, heat remaining 1 tablespoon of oil over medium heat and melt butter. Don’t allow to brown.
4. Add onions & red pepper, sauté until translucent. Add apple pieces and sauté an additional 5 minutes.
5. Add vinegar, salt, salt, sugar, rosemary, and cinnamon. Mix well, cover and simmer over low heat until the apples have softened (still retaining their shape) and the sauce has thickened. Taste and adjust seasonings. There should be a balance between sweet and tart.
6. Serve chops with mashed potatoes and top with apple mixture.
Jo-Mama’s Cranberry Relish
Ingredients:
1 lb. fresh cranberries, rinsed
1 large orange, skin on, cut into pieces, deseeded
1 lemon, skin on, cut into pieces, deseeded
¼ cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon chopped rosemary
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch of red pepper flakes
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoon canola oil, divided use
2 bone-in pork chops, at least ¾” thick.

Directions:
1. Roughly blend or process all ingredients to blend flavors. Freezes great!
2. In a blender, combine cranberries, orange pieces, lemon pieces, sugar, salt, rosemary, and cinnamon. Blend until smooth. Pour into a medium saucepan and let rest for 10 minutes.
3. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Once the mixture begins to thicken, reduce heat and let simmer for 2-3 minutes.
4. Remove from heat and let cool completely. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to one month.

News from the Hampden Library
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Happy New Year to all of our Hampden community users and beyond! Renovations are coming to the Hampden Library early in 2019! The start date for the renovations is still being determined, and during the renovations the Library will be closed to the public, in order to expedite the completion as much as possible. Renovations are anticipated to take up to 18+ months, and will include the installation of two ramps, three ADA-compliant restrooms, a meeting room, an enhanced reading area, enhanced lighting, a stairwell to the lower level, a relocated kitchen, a relocated workplace, and an elevator between levels. Stay tuned for much more info to come!

The following programs will be offered until closing for renovations.

Baby and Toddler Storytime
Wednesday mornings at 10:30 - 11:30 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 3-7, 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 age 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)

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

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