

## **Highlandtown Community Association (HCA) May 15**

### **Announcements**

- 988 is the mental health crisis hotline. This is preferable to calling 911, which may generate an armed response
- 3927 Gough – 4 new tenants
  - Ovenbird Bakery opening by June (don't miss the everything bagel!)
  - Slate event space opening in June
  - Billy Baldwin Studios
  - DAP video & promotion production studio
- BGE "Operation Pipeline" requires installing piping and a regulator on the exterior of your home
  - Visit [highlandtown.com](http://highlandtown.com) to sign a petition asking elected leaders to pause the installation
- HCA to potentially apply to Baltimore City for pedestrian safety funds through Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art grant

### **Events**

- Highlandtown Wine Festival: May 21, 2023
  - Get tickets at [highlandtown.com](http://highlandtown.com)
  - Need more volunteers! Email [highlandtown21224@gmail.com](mailto:highlandtown21224@gmail.com)
- Blockenstein: June 3, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - Bank St. between S. East Ave. & S. Ellwood Ave.

### **From the floor**

- Concern about Gough St. development blocking new neighbors' view
  - Mark to help track down result of May 2 zoning hearing
- Question about vacant properties at Pratt & Conkling
  - 311 suggested
- Jordan Brown, Danielle McCray's Council Liaison
  - [Jordan.ibrown@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Jordan.ibrown@baltimorecity.gov); (410) 844-2876 or (410) 396-4808
  - Or email the Councilwoman directly at [Danielle.mccray@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Danielle.mccray@baltimorecity.gov)
  - Taxpayer's night May 25 at 6 p.m. – anyone can provide testimony
  - McCray introduced resolution on maternal health in Baltimore City

### **Presentations**

#### **Luke Clippinger, state delegate, district 46**

- [Luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us](mailto:Luke.clippinger@house.state.md.us)
- End of session letters cover committee/legislature actions
- Bench & Bar letter covers Judiciary Committee issues (Clippinger chairs Judiciary Committee)
- Community Solar program allows people to purchase solar power from a solar panel located elsewhere, have it charged it as a credit

- Baltimore City Police Dept. is considered a state agency; a 2022 amendment reverted it to a City agency, but the City solicitor's office raised additional issues. This session, a new bill to address these issues did not pass. Now, the State cannot act, and it's unclear what policy decisions the City can take.

**Shakia Colbert – CareFirst Engagement Center Service Navigator**

- [Shakia.colbert@carefirst.com](mailto:Shakia.colbert@carefirst.com)
- Visit CareFirst engagement center at 1501 South Clinton St. – register for free classes at [CareFirst.com/CEC](https://www.carefirst.com/CEC)
  - Examples of classes: Medicare Monday, Decoding Diabetes, Stretch & Balance, Wellness Wednesday
- Women's self-defense class June 13th 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Can also help with diapers, food, etc.