

H!GHLANDTOWN

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2024 7:00 – 8:00 PM

IN PERSON: BREATH OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
141 S. CLINTON STREET AT E. PRATT STREET

VIRTUAL LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88002390457>

HOT TOPICS! -

- **H!GHLANDTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – BOARD ELECTIONS**

PRESENTER -

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HCA BOARD ELECTION NOMINEE'S - 2024

- HCA PRESIDENT: BOBBI JO SYMS
- ACTING VICE PRESIDENT: KIRK WIGGINS (1 YEAR APPOINTMENT)
- BOARD MEMBER: KAT KLOSEK
- BOARD MEMBER: SEAN ARNOLD
- BOARD MEMBER: JOHN EDDY
- BOARD MEMBER: KEITH GIBSON
- BOARD MEMBER: ANNE SAWYER
- BOARD MEMBER: BRIAN SWEENEY

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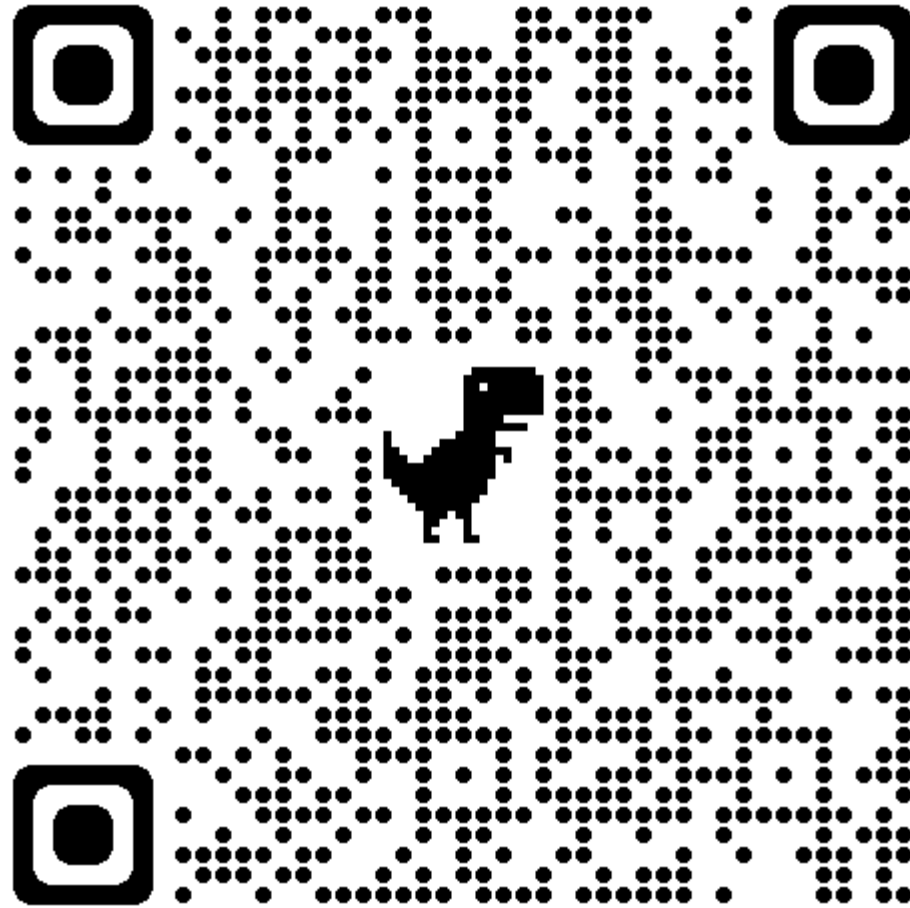
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Please use the QR code to sign in, to let us know that you have attended the HCA meeting.

Or go to

<https://forms.gle/bHytLQXjgyeoC6hk8>



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2023 HCA BOARD MEMBERS & TASKS

President	Brian Sweeney (2022)	Safety, trash & housing code issues
Vice President	Bobbi Jo Syms (2023)	Events
Secretary	Katherine “Kat” Klosek (2022)	Traffic & Parking
Treasurer	Sharon Reynolds (2023)	
Board member	Sean Arnold (2022)	Sgt. At Arms
Board Member	Nick Frisone (2023)	Social Media
Board member	John Eddy (2022)	Website
Board Member	Keith Gibson (2022)	Basement Bar Tour
Board Member	Mark Parker (2023)	
Board Member	Anne Sawyer (2022)	Meeting Tech Support
Board Member	Kirk Wiggins (2022)	Highlandtown Business Asso. relations

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HCA MEETING NORMS OF ENGAGEMENT

- *Listen as much as you speak.*
- *Yield the floor to those whose viewpoints may be underrepresented.*
- *Use welcoming language.*
- *Accept critique graciously and offer it constructively.*
- *Give credit where credit is due.*
- *Stay attuned to the welfare of those around you.*

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COMING EVENTS



**HIGHLANDTOWN WINE
FESTIVAL 2024
TENTATIVE DATE:
SUNDAY MAY 19TH**



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PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY MAY 14, 2024

ELECTION JUDGES ARE NEEDED

QUALIFICATIONS:

16 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

REGISTERED MARYLAND VOTER

ABLE TO SPEAK, READ & WRITE ENGLISH

ABLE TO WORK A MINIMUM 15-HOUR DAY

WILLING TO WORK OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME PRECINCT

ABLE TO STAND FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD

COMPENSATION:

\$250.00 PER DAY FOR MOST POSITIONS

\$50.00 FOR MANDATORY TRAINING

MORE INFO: - BOE.BALTIMORECITY.GOV/BOE-ELECTION-JUDGES

APPLY AT: - BIT.LY/BOEJUDGE24

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Baltimore City Needs YOU!

CALL FOR 2024 ELECTION JUDGES

Upcoming Presidential Primary Election



★ **ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024** ★

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. 16 years old or older
2. A registered voter in the State of Maryland
3. Able to speak, read, and write English
4. Physically and mentally able to work at least a 15-hour day
5. Willing to work outside your home precinct
6. Able to sit and/or stand for an extended period.

COMPENSATION:

Chief Judge: \$325 per day

Check-in, Provisional Ballot & Voting Area Judge: \$250 per day

Mandatory training class required — All will be paid \$50 for training.

For more info, visit: boe.baltimorecity.gov/boe-election-judges

Begin an online application here: bit.ly/boejudge24

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

IN HIGHLANDTOWN, EVERYDAY IS A POTENTIAL DAY OF SERVICE. PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OUR COMMUNITY BY:

- ORGANIZING BLOCK PROJECTS – CLEANING & GREENING, CAFÉ LIGHT INSTALLATIONS, YOUR PROPOSAL.
- HOSTING BLOCK PARTIES – THE HCA CAN HELP FUND EVENTS THAT ARE TIED TO PROJECTS.
- WATCHING OUT FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF NEIGHBORS.
- SERVING HIGHLANDTOWN AS AN HCA BOARD MEMBER
- DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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RESOURCES

**311 – USE 311 WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM RELATED TO A CITY FUNCTION
THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE EMERGENCY RESPONSE, SUCH AS:**

- POT HOLE, DAMAGED SIDEWALK OR OTHER RIGHT-OF-WAY PROBLEM
- DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST, SUCH AS A DAMAGED OR MISSING SIGN REPAIR
- STREET LIGHT NOT WORKING
- TRASH OR DUMPING ISSUES
- BUILDING CODE ISSUE, SUCH AS NO POSTED PERMITS OR IMPROPER PROPERTY USE
- VACANT BUILDINGS OR BUILDINGS WHICH ARE “OPEN TO CASUAL ENTRY”
- *Please forward the address, a detail summary & related 311 report numbers to highlandtown21224@gmail.com*
- NON-EMERGENCY POLICE ISSUES

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311 – USE 311 WHEN THERE IS A PROBLEM RELATED TO A CITY FUNCTION

- **ALWAYS RECORD YOUR 311 REPORT NUMBER**
 - REPORT NUMBERS CAN BE SHARED WITH GOV'T REPRESENTATIVES, IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT RESPONSE.

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- 311 CAN BE ACCESSED FOR FREE:
 - BY PHONE BY DIALING 311
 - ON THE WEB AT <https://balt311.baltimorecity.gov/citizen/servicetypes> *
 - VIA SMART PHONE APP, WHICH IS FREE AT APPLE STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY STORE *
- * INTERNET AND SMART PHONE APP SUBMISSIONS ARE AUTOMATICALLY SAVED TO YOUR ACCOUNT AND ARE EASILY TRACKED BY REGISTERED USERS.

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Sheriff Sam Cogen has announced that the ***Baltimore City Sheriff's Office*** will be stepping into the area of Traffic Enforcement. There is a new online form to report traffic violations. Categories include:

- Isolated incidences
- Recurring traffic violations, including hot spots for traffic signal & sign violations
- Parking violations, including blocking of alleys.

<https://baltimorecity.jotform.com/233066516825054>

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RESOURCES

- **The importance of filing crime reports**
 - More crime reporting creates enforcement hotspots.
 - More crime reporting focuses BPD attention on problem properties & ongoing criminal activities.

Local crime tips can be submitted to the SE District BPD via – sedtips@baltimorepolice.org

Metro Crime Stoppers hotline 866-7LOCKUP (756-2587) – 24/7
Or <https://metrocrimestoppers.org/submit-a-tip/>



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NEW!



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NEW!



RESOURCES

988 — IS A NEW HOT LINE TO CALL WHEN YOU OR SOMEONE IS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS. 988 OPERATORS WILL ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS AND RESPOND WITH A SMALL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAM. THIS IS PREFERRED TO CALLING 911 WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL CRISIS, AS CALLING 911 IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN AN ARMED RESPONSE. 988 OPERATORS WILL USE YOUR ANSWERS TO DETERMINE IF A POLICE OFFICER SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TEAM.

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT <https://988helpline.org/>

THIS SERVICE IS AVAILABLE 24/7

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Citizens can self-report crimes under the following circumstances:

1. The incident is not an emergency.
2. There are no known suspects.
3. There are no known witnesses.
4. The crime is not in progress or has not occurred within the last 30 minutes.
5. The incident occurred in Baltimore City.
6. There is no evidence to collect. *
7. The incident is not a hate / bias crime.
8. The incident did not occur on a state freeway.
9. The incident is domestic related. *
10. There was no injury or threat of bodily harm.

**In the event that there is video evidence with regards to the incident, the Telephone Reporting Unit officer will advise the complainant they will receive a text message with a website link, where they will be instructed to upload their video to the site.*

BPD's TRU can take non-emergency calls 7 days a week from 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

BPD Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) - 410-637-8849

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TELEPHONE CRIME REPORTING (TRU)

TELEPHONE REPORTING UNIT (TRU)



**WHAT TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS
CAN TRU INVESTIGATE?**



**AUTO ACCIDENTS | CIVIL MATTERS | DESTRUCTION OF
PROPERTY/VANDALISM TO VEHICLE OR
PROPERTY | LOST OR STOLEN
PROPERTY | LARCENY | LARCENY FROM
AUTO | ABANDONED VEHICLES | FALSE PRETENSE |
FOLLOW-UP | NUISANCE COMPLAINTS | STOLEN
AUTO | UNAUTHORIZED USE | 911 NO-VOICE**

WHAT KIND OF CALLS WILL TRU NOT HANDLE?

**DOMESTIC RELATED | IN-PROGRESS | INCIDENT JUST
OCCURRED | SUSPECT ON SCENE | TANGIBLE EVIDENCE
NEEDING COLLECTING | INJURY OR THREAT
PRESENT | CRIMES OF VIOLENCE | PEOPLE IN
IMMINENT DANGER**



MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT POLICE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HARRISON

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ONLINE CRIME REPORTING

ONLINE REPORTING

WHAT TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS CAN ONLINE REPORTING INVESTIGATE?

HIT & RUN | ILLEGAL DUMPING | LOST PROPERTY | THEFT | THEFT FROM VEHICLE | VANDALISM TO PROPERTY | VANDALISM TO VEHICLE



WHAT KIND OF INVESTIGATION WILL ONLINE REPORTING NOT HANDLE?

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE | PEOPLE IN IMMINENT DANGER | DOMESTIC RELATED | IN-PROGRESS | INCIDENT JUST OCCURRED | SUSPECT ON SCENE | TANGIBLE EVIDENCE NEEDING COLLECTING | INJURY OR THREAT PRESENT



MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

POLICE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HARRISON

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911

***USE 911 WHENEVER THERE IS AN
EMERGENCY CONDITION THAT REQUIRES
IMMEDIATE RESPONSE***

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HOT TOPICS!

SOUTHEAST BALTIMORE SAFETY NEWS

- SED BPD HAS A NEW COMMANDER
 - MAJOR ALBERTO COLON (COL-OHN)(COLOGNE)
- HCA SAFETY & POLICE WALKS ARE NOW BY REQUEST
 - REQUESTS CAN BE SENT TO highlandtown21224@gmail.com
 - BE SURE TO INCLUDE DETAILS ABOUT YOUR CONCERN

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THE HCA ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEMS, AND TO HAVE CAMERAS FACING ALL ADJACENT STREETS AND ALLEYS. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THESE CAMERAS BE REGISTERED WITH BALTIMORE'S

CITIWATCH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP.

REGISTRATION IS FREE AT <https://citivatch.baltimorecity.gov/Default.aspx>

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SEASONAL HOT TOPICS!

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR PROPERTIES THAT ARE
*“OPEN TO CASUAL ENTRY”***

- **PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS MAY SEEK SHELTER IN EASILY ACCESSIBLE & VACANT PROPERTIES. – *WE CAN HELP DIRECT SERVICES TO THEM.***
- **UNAUTHORIZED OCCUPANTS ARE LIKELY TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES, WHICH ENDANGERS OTHERS.**
- **PLEASE REPORT THESE PROPERTIES TO 311 AND SEND THE REPORT NUMBERS TO highlandtown21224@gmail.com. PLEASE USE THE WORD 311 IN THE HEADER.**

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NOVEMBERS PRESENTER CANCELLED, BUT
WILL LIKELY BE HERE NEXT MONTH.

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