

HCA meeting notes: April 15, 2024

Board members in attendance: John, Kirk, Brian, Nick, Sean, BJ, Anne, Keith, Sharon, Kat

Opening remarks

- HCA meets on the third Monday of each month except for July and August
- Please email Highlandtown21224@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or requests
- Next meeting will be at 3402 Arts on May 20, 7 p.m.

Treasurer report

- HCA has \$16,500 to spend on community projects (tree pits, café lights, etc.)
- If you have an idea for a project, please email HCAreasurer21224@gmail.com or Highlandtown21224@gmail.com
- HCA reimburses neighbors for Café lights after installation

From the floor

- First time attendee introduced himself - welcome!
- We're looking for volunteers for Highlandtown Wine Fest! Volunteers get a free ticket
- HCA is considering restarting COP walks, possibly rebranding the walks
- City council candidate Q&A – Thursday 6:30-8 p.m.
 - More information & register here: <https://highlandtown.com/candidate-forum>
- Eric, owner of SkyLofts, welcomes everyone!
- Adult Easter Egg Hunt made \$700!

Presentation - Sgt. Johnson, Officer Jones, Officer Cabreja – community policing unit

- Help problem solve issues like 311, neighborhood disputes, abandoned autos, trash, nuisance issues, etc.
- Would love to be part of events, engage with youth, seniors, etc.
- Stolen auto outreach – clubs (wheel locks) available for Kias
- They suggested quarterly COP walks
- For crime tips, contact Metro Crime Stoppers: <https://metrocrimestoppers.org/>

Announcements

- Saturday June 1 -- 16th annual Blockenstein, a monster community yard sale
 - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Bank St. between East & Ellwood
 - 80 vendors
 - To sell, reserve a table on EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/blockenstein-2024-a-monster-community-yard-sale-and-block-party-tickets-866843641667>
 - American Veterans pick up items that don't sell
 - The day ends with a neighborly BBQ!
- Community liquor board liaison - Matt Achhammer

- Complaints on licensed liquor establishments – call 311 or go online
 - Inspectors will get out within 3 hours
- DPW district 1 liaison - Haydee Batista
 - Illegal dumping, flooding, other water issues -- call 311, send your SR number to expedite service requests
 - haydee.batista@baltimorecity.gov, 443-721-0028 (cell), 410-545-6541 (office)
- School family community counselor from Patterson
 - Spring play – Aladdin, 7 p.m. on April 25th & 26th, tickets are \$5
 - https://www.pattersonclippers.org/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=907166&id=0
- Highlandtown Wine Festival – April 28, 1-6 p.m.
 - Don't miss it!!
 - Buy tickets here! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/18th-annual-highlandtown-wine-festival-tickets-853140455067?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>
 - Music includes Sweet Leda with special guest Michael McHenry