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HRIA February 2024 Newsletter



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President's Corner

As we enter the second month of 2024, I look forward to working with members of the community to address your needs and concerns as it relates to improving the quality of life in our community. HRIA is also in need of adding members to our Environmental and Activity Committees. If you are interested in becoming more involved in working with HRIA please contact us at (443-824-1637) or hria3@yahoo.com.

I look forward to hearing from you and would welcome your willingness to serve the Hillen community.

-Keith

Join us online, in person, or via telephone in our “Hybrid” Community Meeting on February 24th @ 10 am

Online: tinyurl.com/HRIACommMtg

Meeting ID: 831 6601 3342

Passcode: hria2022

In Person: Northwood Library 4420 Loch Raven Blvd

Dial in: (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 831 6601 3342

Pass Code: 01148434

Community & Committee Updates

Activity

The Activity Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 13th at 6 pm. ***Volunteering to assist and/or provide new ideas about the types of activities that will appeal to various age groups within the Hillen Community will be greatly appreciated.*** Please contact us at 443-824-1637 or hria3@yahoo.com to let us know of your interest and also get the Zoom link information. ~

Housing/Environmental

The Housing/Environmental Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Currently, ***the Committee will be focused on recruiting HRIA residents to participate in the Northeast Citizens on Patrol (NECOP).*** The recruitment effort will be to encourage residents who walk their pets, sit outside or even as you drive to work or to a social activity—contact our Northeast Community Police representatives if suspicious or negative activities are happening. Your participation will remain anonymous. Training will be provided to persons interested in volunteering. Please contact HRIA if you are interested or have questions about NECOP.

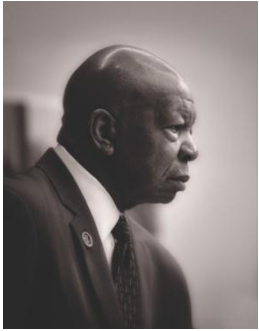
DPW Water Pipe Replacement Work



(1500 Block of Sheffield Road)

Several streets in the Hillen Community are experiencing work being done by DPW that involves digging up the street. The current work being done has impacted the 4000 block of Loch Raven Blvd, 1500 & 1600 blocks of E. Cold Spring Lane and the 1500 block of Sheffield Road. Several residents raised concerns regarding lack of adequate notification about parking restrictions, water services being temporarily shut off and possibly hitting the gas line. Contact HRIA at 443-824-1637 or hria3@yahoo.com if you have any concerns as future work will be scheduled throughout the Hillen Community. ~

Morgan State University Acquires the Papers of Late Congressman Elijah E. Cummings



Humanitarian, Legislator, and HBCU Alumnus Bequeaths Select Belongings to University to be Showcased as Part of Library's Beulah M. Davis Special Collection

Furthering a long-standing connection between Maryland's largest Historically Black College and/or University

(HBCU) and the late [Congressman Elijah E. Cummings](#), Morgan State University has acquired a 200 linear-foot personal collection of papers, framed artwork, photographs, numbered pieces, and a small cache of curated Maryland belongings from the Cummings estate. After a year of coordination and working exclusively with the estate's attorney to transfer the bequeathed items, Morgan officially acquired the rare collection in October. The collection will be housed in the [Earl S. Richardson Library's Beulah M. Davis Research Room](#), where the University maintains its archives, manuscripts, and rare books. Cummings, a celebrated, influential, and well-respected member of the House of Representatives, served for 23 years in the U.S. Congress advocating for policies to help improve working-class Americans' lives, especially Baltimore's citizens.

The collection is a rich textual, visual, and artifactual testament to the humanitarian, legislator, HBCU alumnus, and native Baltimorean's decades-long career as a champion for the city.

First elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1982, Cummings was known as a compassionate advocate who cared about people and saw politics as a way to improve the lives of others. For 14 years, he represented District 44, a predominantly Black district in southwestern Baltimore, and served as vice chairman of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee and the Economic Matters Committee. While serving in the Maryland State Legislature, Cummings became the first African American in Maryland history to be named speaker pro tempore —the House of Delegates' second-highest position. As a Delegate, he fought for investments in Baltimore, sought ways to increase economic opportunities for Maryland families, advocated for disadvantaged minority businesses, and created policies to reform health disparities and quality of life issues in the Black community.

Cummings was born in Baltimore City and graduated from Baltimore City College, a selective Baltimore high school. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Howard University with a bachelor's degree in political science

and earned a law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. After graduating, he founded a law firm in Baltimore and worked at his practice until his election to Congress. Cummings died on October 17, 2019, after longstanding health challenges. He was the first Black member of Congress to lay in state in the Capitol's National Statuary Hall. In February 2020, House Democratic leadership honored Cummings by renaming the Oversight and Reform Committee hearing room in the Rayburn House Office Building the Elijah E. Cummings Room. Cummings served on Morgan's Board of Regents from 1999 until his death and held an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the university for his significant impacts on politics. ~ by Morgan State U /1-9-2024 – (Excerpts from www.morgan.edu/news)

Northwood Library



Al-Anon Support Group: If you or someone you know has been affected by someone else's drinking, you are welcome to join the Northwood Al-Anon Support Group. **Tuesdays @ 11am -12pm: 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/5**



Preschool Storytime: Stories, movement, songs, and play activities that prepare your child for lifelong learning. For ages 3-5 with a favorite adult. All abilities are welcome.

Wednesdays @ 10:30am: 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7



Line Dancing: Enjoy learning the newest line dance moves with Mr. Lamont that you can share at your next event! **Wednesdays 1 -2pm: 2/14, 2/21, 1/28, 3/6**



Dungeons & Dragons Hangout: Looking for a new D&D group? Maybe you haven't ever played, but want to try the game? Come to Northwood's Dungeons and Dragons Hangout! Teens and Adults are welcome. We will have some D&D supplies available. You are welcome to bring your own as well. **Thursdays on 3/21, 4/18 (5:30 -7:30pm)**



Anime Hangout: Do you enjoy anime? Want to share your favorites with others? Hangout with us as while sharing, watch and snack on all things anime at the Northwood Branch. **Thursday 3/7, 4-5 pm**



Game Board Night: Teens and tweens come out and have fun playing board game with your friends. There will be several different type of board games something for everyone. There will also be light refreshment just in case you need a snack to hold you over. **Tuesday, 3/12, 3:30 – 5:30 pm**

Community Focus: Newsletter Distribution

Volunteers needed to assist in delivering newsletters to:
1400 block of Northgate
1600 block of Northgate
1500 block of Cold Spring Lane
1600 block of Cold Spring Lane
1600 block of Ralworth Road
4200 - 4400 blocks of Loch Raven Blvd

Sage Health to Open in Waverly

Sage Health representative, Mickey Bowie, provided information in our January 27th Community Meeting.



A new chain of health clinics aimed specifically at seniors has opened 2 of 3 sites in the Baltimore area.

Sage Health announced they will be providing high-performance primary care, cardiology, and wellness services at 3541 Washington Boulevard (Halethorpe); 6660 Security Boulevard (Woodlawn); and **1100 E. 33rd Street (Waverly opening in mid-February)**.

At Sage Health, each patient gets a multi-disciplinary care team that specializes in senior care, a health concierge to arrange their healthcare needs, and their doctor's cell phone number.

Sage Health doctors have 400 patients or less, and the centers have activity rooms, fitness programs, nutrition programs, mental health services and community service opportunities, as well as cooking classes and social gatherings on site.

In May, the Halethorpe and Woodlawn centers began accepting Medicare Advantage into its concierge model. Aetna, Cigna, CareFirst, Alterwood, and Humana cover Sage Health's full concierge primary care and wellness offerings. ~

43rd Legislative District Delegate Regina Boyce – Bills to Be Filed



Delegate Boyce will be filing the following bills by the February 9th deadline.

Real Property - Residential Leases - Fee in Lieu of Deposit authorizes a landlord to offer the payment of a fee in lieu of a security deposit in a residential lease and requires the landlord to purchase insurance coverage with the fee.

Wasted Food Reduction and Diversion establishes the Maryland Wasted Food Reduction and Diversion and the On-Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Programs.

Baltimore City - Unpaid Water and Sewer Charges - Tax Sales of Non-Owner-Occupied Residential Property authorizes the Mayor and the City of Baltimore to sell at a tax sale a residential property to enforce a lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer service to the property if the property is not owner-occupied.

Motor Vehicles - Off-the-Road Motorcycles - Local Regulation and Enforcement authorizes a municipal corporation to regulate the operation of and register off-the-road motorcycles; and authorizing a county or municipal corporation to enforce the Maryland Vehicle Law for violations involving off-the-road motorcycles and to enact and implement legislation governing impoundment.

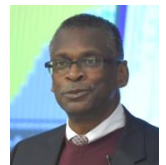
3rd District Councilman's Office Hours

Our 3rd District Councilman, Ryan Dorsey has community hours one day each week at The Cube Cowork (4709 Harford Road). To make scheduling a bit easier, he's decided to consistently meet every Thursday. If you'd like to schedule a one-on-one meeting, please [sign up here](#) or at <https://calendly.com/rvandorsey> --or feel free to drop by! He can be reached at: Councilman Ryan Dorsey, 410-396-4812, District3@baltimorecity.gov

Black History Facts: Did You Know?



Inventor of Super Soaker: Lonnie Johnson



Lonnie Johnson first conceived the [Super Soaker](#) while doing work with the [U.S. Air Force](#). Initially called the "Power Drencher" when it first appeared in toy shops in 1990, it eventually got its trademark name after some tweaks and remarketing. Selling between \$10 and \$60 depending on the model, the Super Soaker took off, generating \$200 million in sales in 1991. Shortly after making the deal for the Super Soaker with the [Larami Corporation](#), Larami became a subsidiary of [Hasbro Inc.](#) in February 1995.

Johnson tweaked the design of the water gun, replacing the water in the Super Soaker with a "toy [Nerf] projectile."

In February 2013 Johnson filed suit against Hasbro after he discovered that he was being underpaid royalties for the Super Soaker and several Nerf toys. In November 2013, Johnson was awarded nearly \$73 million in royalties from Hasbro Inc. in arbitration. According to Hasbro, the Super Soaker is approaching sales of \$1 billion. ~ *Information from wikipedia.org*



Hats off to: Residents whose payment of HRIA voluntary dues for the period of June 2023 – May 2024 was deposited in January 2024: W. **Blaylock** and T. **DiBella**. **Thanks for your support!**

14th District Councilwoman's "Tip of the Week"

Councilwoman Odette Ramos Warns Residents to Be Aware of VBNs on fully rehabbed houses

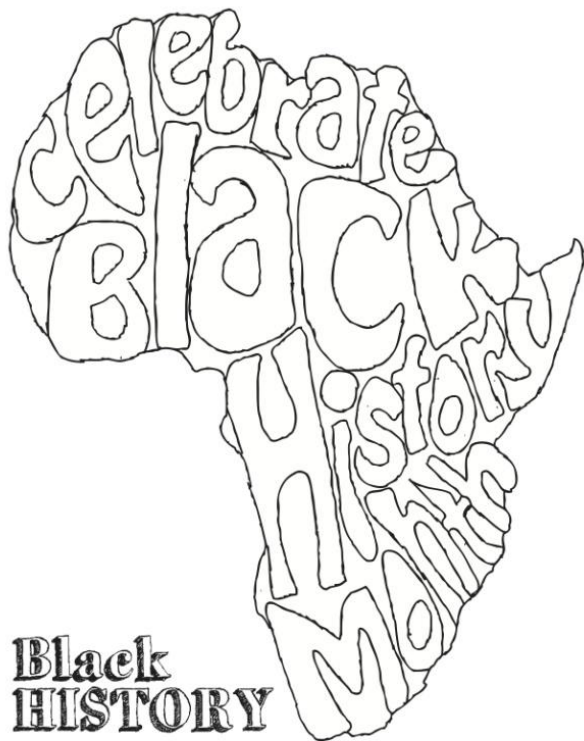
This week's Housing Tip of the Week is a reminder about our campaign to make potential homeowner's aware there may be a Vacant Building Notice on that home. Homebuyers should always check Codemap here to see if a home they are about to purchase has a vacant building notice.

We want people to purchase properties here, we also want contractors to follow the law and get all the permits they are supposed to get. When a fully rehabbed house has a vacant building notice on it, the contractor was negligent in getting the permits. The new owner would end up being responsible.

Quote of the Month: "Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

– Barack Obama, US President

Black History Month – Color Me



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Doodles: When I Grow Up Coloring Fun - Available on Amazon.com
www.doodlesava.com • www.doodlingfun.com

NE District Commander's Monthly Crime and Community Meeting

Join NE Police Commander Swinton on:

4th Thursday at 7 pm - NE District Roll Call Room (1900 Argonne Drive) or Virtual on Zoom

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86713597447>

Meeting ID: 867 1359 7447

Passcode: BPDNED

Phone Number: 1-301-715-8592

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NE District Police Report: Sgt. Harty indicated there have been 40 stolen autos within the NE Police District over the past month. *None has occurred in the Hillen Community.* To keep your car safe, please:

- *Do not leave your car running unattended at anytime. That includes: while at home, at the gas station, or picking up or dropping something off quickly.*
- *Lock your car, close windows, take your keys.*

Be A Dues Paying Member of HRIA

TO PAY THE VOLUNTARY \$20 DUES, PLEASE SEND TO: HRIA, P.O. BOX 33201, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21218-0401.

To Contact: 443-824-1637 or hria3@yahoo.com

Website: <https://hillenroad.org>

Facebook: facebook.com/hillen.road

To pay \$20 annual dues, make check payable to: HRIA

(If resident of 5 years or less, please check here:)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Interested in being HRIA VOLUNTEER:

Please check box if you want to assist with planning or helping HRIA.

I will VOLUNTEER to help:

Deliver Newsletters on my block:

I am interested in Committee Activities below:

Housing/Environmental Issues

Activities

Welcome

Concerns/Ideas/Suggestions: _____

