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# Wyman Park

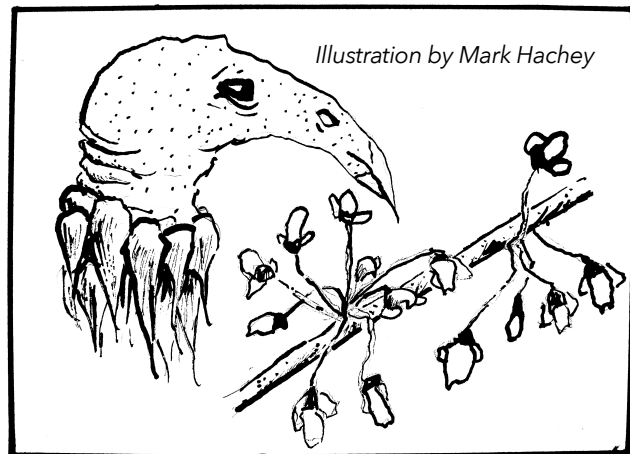
Community Association

## Neighborhood Noticings.

By Mark Hachey

Recently, walking north of Wyndhurst on the Stony Run trail, I caught motion out of the corner of my eye. Across the creek in a parking lot was a turkey vulture tearing at the stringy entrails of some long-past identifiable mammal. As I watched, a couple of well-athleisured women came down the path and I pointed out the gory scene. The carcass bobbed up and down as the vulture tugged on its innards. A nice shared moment.

You notice how large this bird is when it's occupying our space instead of soaring hundreds of feet overhead. 30 inches tall (toddler height) with 6 foot wingspan (adult height) puts them on a human scale. They have a featherless face (like us), an adaptation to avoid picking up diseased gunk as they dine. This amuses me - like ordering the carrion at your favorite



restaurant and requesting a bib to go with it. Its meal outlasted my attention. If you, too, are looking to eat something you find outdoors, familiarize yourself with the Eastern Redbud. Before it leafs, this early bloomer sprouts pretty little hot pink flowers in clumps. Tear off a clump and pop it in your mouth. They taste...flowery (I don't eat many vegetables so I don't have the words), but often you get a burst of nectar in your bite. Not always. Sometimes the bees get there first.

There is a Redbud near the SW corner of Craycombe and Beech, and one near the intersection of the Stony Run trail and the gravel path that descends from Craycombe (a few yards south of the junction). I'm sure there are others - keep your eyes open. They really stand out but don't confuse them with other pink trees (cherry blossoms, some dogwoods).

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello neighbors,  
and happy spring!

I want to give a huge shout-out to Johns Hopkins for opening their garage to our community this winter. It was an intense season of snow, ice, and parking stress, and the extra garage space made a real difference. I'm sure it helped many of us avoid at least a few parking disputes! Acts of generosity like this are a great reminder of the value of partnership and goodwill in a community. It's encouraging to see neighbors and local institutions step up for one another when the season throws us a challenge.

My family and I are looking forward to the warmer weather—especially the neighborhood happy hour, dinners on the porch, and the chance to once again greet neighbors while out and about. I'm also glad to be back walking the trails in the park with my dog.

See you around the neighborhood!



Warmly,  
*Andrea*

President,  
Wyman Park  
Community  
Association

### Upcoming WPCA General Association Meeting

7 pm via Zoom • April 7

# APRIL EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!



## Wyman Park Happy Hour House Tour

April 25<sup>th</sup> • 4 to 6 pm.

Join your neighbors to welcome Spring in Wyman Park!

Approximately 10 homes in Wyman Park will open their doors to offer a beverage, snacks, and the opportunity to socialize with others in our neighborhood.

Guests will be given a map/list of host households and will be free to drop in as they wish during the event.

We are asking for a suggested donation of \$20 per person in advance, both as a fundraiser for future programming in Wyman Park and to help hosts defray the cost of providing refreshments



Scan the code to register and donate.

Questions or not tech-savvy with a QR code? Email Amy Rial at [rialster@gmail.com](mailto:rialster@gmail.com) to register

See you on the Tour!

Mark Your Calendars!

## Mill Center Open Studio Event

Did you know that The Mill Centre on Chestnut Avenue in Hampden is home to a variety of artist studios? Several of these artists are your Wyman Park neighbors, including Hilary Hachey, Jennifer McBrien, and Ashley Kidner.

On Saturday, April 11th, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the Mill Centre Artists will open their studios to the public. You are invited to explore these creative spaces and purchase original works, including metalsmithing, painting, fiber art, and jewelry. The Goya Contemporary Gallery, also located within the Mill Centre, will be open for visitors as well.

We hope you'll take a stroll through the neighborhood and join us!

### Mill Centre Artists Open Studio

3000 Chestnut Avenue

Saturday, April 11 • 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

## HEMS News & Event!



The Friends of Hampden parent organization (FoH) proudly supports Hampden Elementary & Middle School (HEMS) teachers through small (but impactful) community-

funded grants. Awarded in October, this year's grants are already at work: third graders learning time with their own analog watches (supplied by a third-grade teacher grant), pre-K students enjoying weekly dance and music with a community instructor, new books brightening the library, and refreshed STEM bins and climbing wall holds in the gym. In short, another round of excellent teacher ideas, brought to life by FoH and this community.

None of it happens without the steady generosity and initiative of this community. Thank you to everyone who supports FoH and shows up for our events, you're making a real difference for our kids!

If you'd like to keep the momentum going and happen to enjoy excellent BBQ, join us for a **Restaurant Night with Blue Pit BBQ on April 16**. All dinner orders placed directly with Blue Pit that evening will benefit FoH. No code, no special mention required, all proceeds will benefit FoH automatically (no 3<sup>rd</sup> party orders, i.e., UberEats, etc).

With appreciation and thanks,

**Friends of Hampden  
& HEMS PTO**

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[www.hampden55pto.org](http://www.hampden55pto.org)

## Opportunity to organize against ICE and assist immigrant neighbors

As many of you know there is anticipated increase of ICE (immigration and customs enforcement) in our city. Verified sources have been tracking contracts for property, meals, and the arrival and movement of ICE vehicles around our city for the past several months.



Free bystander trainings are available (including virtually) through groups like Baltimore Rapid Response Network, and CASA Maryland. There are many ways to be involved in protecting our migrant neighbors. If you're interested in local organizing efforts, there is a signal group chat for our neighbors called Wyman Park ICE watch. You can join at the QR code here

## DSAI Update: Comment Period Extended to April 1

With the rain comes runoff issues on streets and elsewhere — including the JHU DSAI construction site. Sediment-rich runoff is a threat to Stony Run, which is already stressed according to a survey commissioned by JHU itself. The city has been considering a request from JHU for a stormwater waiver (BCNR# 11633).

Search "DSAI" on the mailing list for sample letters to submit, or check the substack of Hillary Gonzalez, in Remington, who has been following this issue closely and has an update in the Posts section of <https://bmoreagainstdsai.substack.com>

WPCA MONTHLY

## Neighborhood Happy Hour

**The March Happy Hour may just have passed, but no worries, 2026 has 9 more months!**

If you haven't been, come out sometime: Third Thursday every month, 5 PM, at Rocket to Venus.

**Next one: April 16, 2025.**

If you're a regular: Thank you! If you think you might be able to pinch-hit on hosting once in a while, reach out to Caitlin through the WPCA discussion group! (<https://groups.io/g/wymanpark>)

—Caitlin and Charles



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- 2) Mail a personal check made payable to "WPCA" along with your name, address, phone number, and mail to: Michael Siers, Treasurer, 608 W 33rd St. Baltimore MD 21211
- 3) NEW!! Scan the QR code to pay your WPCA Dues . \$15 per year



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