Announcements

- HCA SUMMER BREAK JULY & AUGUST! Meetings will resume on September 18, 2023
 - The HCA Board will remain active and can be reached at highlandtown21224@gmail.com
 - First Friday will still go on!
- HCA has funds for block projects (tree pits, block party)
- Blockenstein was a success! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKjd8ENZGVc
- Highlandtown Wine Festival was a success as well!
- Residents seeking restraining order against BGE for gas regulator installation: https://www.thebaltimorebanner.com/community/local-news/bge-temporary-restraining-order-regulators-EXMMTK4ALFFCZBDTW2ARD53DZA/
- MOU approved for pedestrian safety mural on Eastern & Ellwood. Installation should occur in August or September. Keep an eye on highlandtown.com or Highlandtown Community Association on Facebook for volunteer opportunities!

Events

- Crabfeast September 16, 2-6 p.m.
 - Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors!
- Basement bar tour November 11, 2-6 p.m.
 - o Hosts needed contact <u>HighlandtownBasementBarTour@gmail.com</u>
- Follow <u>Highlandtown Neighbors</u> and <u>Highlandtown Stooping</u> groups on Facebook to keep up with events!

Presenter: Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC)

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 - Spanish translation available!
- BDC is the economic development entity for Baltimore City
- City economic development strategy linked here: https://www.baltimoretogether.com/
- BDC offers business & technical assistance (zoning, permits); financial assistance (façade improvement grants); State of Maryland enterprise zone program; Made in Baltimore program